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The furnishings from the Oasis are being put up for sale, in preparation for the sale of the building. A silent auction will be held for all of the furniture, which will be displayed at the township hall for one week, starting December 3rd.. All pieces will be on display in the fire bay at the Twp Hall. Use the man door on the side, to enter. Please check in the office of the Township hall, for the pieces being sold, and where to register your bid, December 10th 9 a.m. thru December 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Some of the items include:

- Pool Table 50" X 90" good condition
- Brunswick pool table 60" x 9' good condition w/table tennis top
- Bumper pool table, 38" x 54", good condition.
- Foos ball table, 4' x 4'6". Carrom Sports, good condition
- Antique piano w/bench, Solo Concerto 28" deep 59" wide 56" high, H.G. Bay Co.
- Visio flat screen TV w/remote 31"
- RCA am/fm receiver & cd player—2 pieces, 5 cd changer
- Dream Case Sega
- Super Nintendo
- Magnavox DVD player
- SV 2000 VHS
- Image reader/scanner
- Chairs/Euro Pro Vacuum upright/GE Microwave/GE refrigerator/ Kenmore de-humidifier/ coffee table/end tables/TV stand/assorted Board games.



BALL FIELD DEDICATION

The Republic Township Board has voted unanimously to dedicate the ball field in South Republic to Clarence "Bum" Isaacson in honor of Bum's work in the community. When Bum came into office as the Township Clerk, the Township was in financial State Receivership, which he resolved within three years. His financial abilities extended into many grants that included putting in the present sewer system, and the ball field that will be named in his honor.

A dedication ceremony will be held in the spring, to commemorate his contributions to the community.

Hello Citizens of Republic Township,

I would like to express a sincere thank you to all of my family, friends, and other supporters this past election. I am happy to report I was sworn into office on November 20th, 2012 and have taken office.

Township office hours will be staying the same and I am excited to serve all of you.

I will be keeping Lori Burton on as my deputy and have much to learn. I am looking forward to this learning process in order to better serve all of you.

I will be attending two different classes on Monday November 26th and Monday, December 3rd to help get me started as Republic Treasurer and knowing some of my duties.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or comments. Your input would be greatly welcome!

Sincerely,

Kristina (Tina) Koski

THE LIBRARY CORNER

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

I am so in awe as I see all the coke rewards still coming. We have just placed another order. I hope to be placing one more magazine subscription.

Thanks to all that have donated via transferring points and dropping off rewards. Update, my Administrative Coke Rewards Account will be extended to the end of the school year. So, Please, keep those coke caps coming.

We had a great Scholastic Book Fair. We made more Scholastic dollars this year than the last. Which means, we got to buy more books for our library.

I appreciate all the volunteers that make this possible and thank everyone that visited and made purchases to make this a success.

We have taken the shelves down in the back corner and started my next project.

That is, the state of Michigan, on the wall. The state is there, and no, the Upper Peninsula is not bigger than the lower, and I will have to put the Mackinac Bridge on there. The next step is buy some blue paint to brush out the Great Lakes. Stop by and watch the progress. I am happy to say that we will be starting to replace some very old Non-Fiction books in the near future.

Just a reminder that the library is open when school is open and closed when school is closed. However, over Christmas break we will be open the 27th from 3 - 7pm and on the 28th from 9am - 1pm.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas. Nancy

STUBBORNNESS IS ADMIRABLE AT TIMES, BUT IT CAN BE COSTLY.

Some residents are refusing to allow a water meter to be installed. The meter is not our choice, it's mandated in the grant. Only residences and businesses with a meter in place can receive water through our system. Every residence and business within the water system boundary is affected and included.

This also includes anyone using a private well within our system boundaries, instead of available municipal water. A meter must be installed there, also.

If water has to be shut off to comply with the grant requirements, standard fees for water shut-off and turn on will have to be charged, while the meter installation is done.

Rural Development has stated that the meters are a requirement of the grant.

**\$1.00 bag sale at
St. Vincent de Paul !!!!!**

Huge selection of clothing, games, knick knacks, lights and too many other things to be mentioned.

Come in now while the selection is at it's best.

Our hours are Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 9am to 2pm

Wed. 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday and Monday closed

PASTY SALE

St. Augustine Pasty Sale will be held on Saturday, January 5th from 10 A.M. until 1 P.M.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER:

As we look forward to the holidays, our hearts at SVDP are full with gratitude to all of you who have helped make this one of our most successful years ever. Now remember, SVDP does not measure its success by our bank statements!! Our measurement of success comes by the amount of times a donation was given by you allowing us to pass this generosity on to our friends in need.

Our holiday open house was a huge success, not to mention a world of fun!!!

Thank you to everyone, individually and as a group, who 'adopted' a family for Christmas, which will assure for a wonderful Christmas that will bring smiles to the children and adults as well.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas.

Be ready for the after Christmas sale----
STARTING DECEMBER 26th

HERITAGE GARDEN

This has truly been an exciting season for Heritage Garden, with the acquisition and assembly of our Amish Country Garden Gazebo. We express heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed in any way toward this effort. Many of you have helped anonymously, including those who drank our coffee at Farmers Markets. We would be remiss not to give special public thanks to three individuals whose generosity of spirit made it possible to move the project forward in a timely fashion: M.J. Donnelly, Aaron Wixtrom and Dave Holsworth. How precious your selfless support is to us! We hope you take pride in your own part in a beautiful accomplishment when the total project (including surrounding landscaping) is finally complete. Stone has been delivered, so laying a patio to connect the gazebo with the potting shed and the main garden is next on the agenda. We had hoped to complete it before the end of the season but weather and other circumstances prevented us from doing that.

Township work on the water lines in North Republic provided landfill on the west end of the garden. It will take time, but the evergreens now planted along that edge should finally make the windbreak so badly needed on that side. We have begun hauling a few at a time, some of the rock unloaded there to create the rock pile/garden that will be part of our garden design. Don't laugh! You'll see—it's going to look great—eventually! By the way, another benefit from the Township landfill is expansion of our view of School lake. It's gorgeous. Check it out next spring—you'll see what I mean!

Olga Williams for Heritage Garden.

Christmas thoughts for next year

Several residents have asked about having a Christmas lighting contest next year. Ideas have included prizes or a ticket entry process, where those people who wanted to enter the contest would sign up and put in a deposit. Winner take all, or it be divided, 50%, 25%, 15%, 10%.

Without knowing how people would feel, it's hard to judge if something like this would work. And it's still in the thought process stage. If you would be interested, please let either a business owner know (if they would be willing to pass it on) or one of your elected officials.

The letter on page 5 is right, we have to get back to the meaning of Christmas. (Editor opinion)

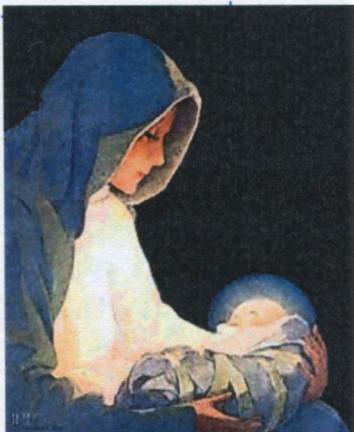
St. Augustine Parish will celebrate the feast of Christmas with Christmas eve Mass on Monday, December 24th at 7:30 P.M.

*Bethany Lutheran
Christmas Eve Wor-
ship*

December 24, 2012

*5:00 & 7:00 pm Candle
Light Services*

*Come and celebrate the
Birth of Jesus Christ our
Savior.*



Bethany Lutheran Church Activities.

Women's Ecumenical Dinner

December 2nd at 6:00 pm. Tickets are for sale for \$10.00 by each church. Come and enjoy a night of good food and a short program celebrating Christmas.

Coffee House

December 9th doors open at 6:00 pm, featuring a play presented by Bethany Youth Group entitled

"A Cricket County Christmas Wedding", good music, jokes, coffee, tea, smoothies and goodies. Everyone is welcome.

Seed Sower Concert on December 11th at 7:30 pm. This is a ecumenical vocal group, all proceeds go to local charities, goodies and coffee will be served following the program.

Parents Day Off

Saturday, December 15th from Noon to 2:00 pm, drop your PreK thru 6th grade child/children off and catch up on your Christmas lists, games and food will be provided. A minimal fee will be charged per child.

United Methodist Church

Christmas services, Christmas Eve at

4:00 P.m.

**Republic Community Services
Annual Children's Christmas Party**

Saturday December 15
At Republic-Michigamme School
multipurpose room

1:00 to 3:00

Games & prizes for Children 12 & under
Santa & Mrs. Claus, games, prizes, music,
cake walk, snacks
Public Welcome

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

Sunday School Christmas Play

Sunday, December 16th

at 10:30 am Worship,

"The Twelve Days

of Christmas"

Please come to enjoy this special time of the year with our children.

Middle School Fun Basketball Game

Boys against Girls

RM School

Friday, December 14

6:00pm

\$1.00 Admission

Bake Sale & Chinese Raffle

Concession stand will be open

If you would like to help or have anything
to donate contact Tammy or Shannon Ambuehl
at 376-2287.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SERVICE REMINDER TO MUNICIPAL**WATER CUSTOMERS**

We have had several occasions where, after water meters have been installed, customers have called to report leaks. We did have several bad fittings in the parts shipped.

However, we have also had customers with leaking hoses & pipes 5 feet away from the meter, try to blame the meter installation for their hose/pipe leak.

When reporting a water leak, please be sure it is right in the area the meter was installed. If they come out and it's not part of the meter installation, the reporting customer will have to pay the service call.

Republic-Michigamme School**Please Save**

Just a reminder that RM School gets money for used cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, GPS units, Ipods, etc... So when you get new gifts for Christmas remember to give the old items to the school. Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that donated pizzas, bakery, drinks & money for the pizza fundraiser dinner. Also A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that came to eat & the volunteers that were there to help. We really appreciate all the support, the class of 2019. Congratulations to Mrs. LaFreniere and the 2/3 grade class for winning Octobers Box Top Challenge.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

After the difficult times and uncomfortable feelings we have experienced in this country, state, and especially in Republic, in our families, and alone, it is now time to look forward to the upcoming Christmas season. I don't know about you, but I am tired of conflict in this town and in my life. I am tired of listening to negative comments and clashes between one another and toward elected officials. I am just as guilty of joining in when rumors are spread, but something has to change. Change can be good. We have a choice to either make something good happen with better attitudes and uplifted spirits, or keep things the way they are. We can look at things differently and fight against doom and gloom by joining together rather than fighting with one another. As a start, let us all PARTICIPATE, and decorate our homes and this town for Christmas to generate feelings of joy and much needed peace.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING. Wouldn't it be nice if surrounding communities could come to Republic and share in the Christmas spirit by viewing decorated homes and our township? Wouldn't it be nice if TV 6 or the Mining Journal could cover something wonderful and beautiful happening here rather than alerting the public to just another negative incident? Let's flip a switch in our minds and hearts and bring positive feelings and happenings back into this community rather than conflict and unrest.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, once again. Light some Christmas lights in your home and on your property to show you care and support the entire community. When people come to this town let's give them more than a few places to look at that are decorated with Christmas lights. Why not attract and invite people to this town by word of mouth to see an entire street, our neighborhoods; businesses and homes in North and South Republic, full of Christmas spirit. If someone needs help decorating, help a neighbor. It doesn't matter whose idea it is, it's Christmas. Search your heart and minds and let wonderful things and feelings make a positive change. Let's enjoy Christmas to the fullest and continue in that direction for 2013, all of us, together.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, and wishing you all PEACE and JOY.

Your neighbor,

Laura Maze



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Now and then it's good to pause in our
Pursuit of happiness and just be happy.*

May this Christmas find you surrounded by those you love and those that love you.

HOLIDAY WISHES FROM

Tina

Gary

Marilyn

Carol

Tom