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Dale Hemmila, Chair of the Cliffs Eagle Community Foundation presents a \$75,000 check to Tina Koski, Republic Township Treasurer, and Hillary Venn, Recreation Committee Chairperson. The Grant will be used for Republic Township's grant match for the new campground being constructed in place of the old Ethnic Days grounds.

A hypocrite is someone who is not themselves on Sunday morning.

Author unknown.

THE RECYCLING TRAILERS

Are coming back. For a trial.

In the last publication, we noted that the cost of recycling appeared to be far more than the financial benefit. The Board finally got the results, and the returns were minimal. We received just over \$300 for our efforts.

Wanting to keep the enthusiasm for the program going, we have agreed to a one year trial with GAD for two actual recycling units. We expect them to be 30 yd. containers. One for fibers (cardboard, etc.) and one for rigid (cans, etc.) These units will be positioned across from the township hall, and marked which is which. We are budgeting a cost of \$4,000 to run the program for one year. It is within possibility that the financial impact will be minimal, IF the public cooperates. Last year we had two trailer loads that were rejected because people put the wrong stuff in them. For instance Pizza boxes CAN'T go into the cardboard. If they are seen, the load is rejected. Plastic bags are a big NO in ANY trailer. Please use common sense. If an individual is going to go through the effort to recycle, don't then do something to waste that work, plus the other people's. If one of these trailers get rejected, it will be a lot bigger loss of income, and a much bigger cost to the Township as a rejected load. These are not small units, and can be filled to the top from each side.

We'll try it for one year. If it works, we can save space in the landfill, and do our part for the future. The Board is committed to recycling, but only if it's within financial reason, and with common sense in participation by the people.

Treasurers Corner

Greetings to everyone & Happy 4th of July

July 1st, 2014 is the beginning of the summer tax season. A reminder that I do accept payments on taxes. I will be accepting summer deferment applications until September 15th. Please feel free to stop in the office to see if you are eligible. The basic requirement is to be age 62 and over with a yearly income of \$40,000 or less, and if an individual is totally and permanently disabled. The deferment entitles a taxpayer to continue to pay on their summer tax bill with no interest or penalties applied until February 15th of the following year.

My summer hours are 9:00 to 1:00 Monday through Thursday

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Thank You,

Kristina Koski

COMMUNITY CALENDAR UPDATE

Just a reminder the deadline for the Community Birthday Calendar is July 11, 2014. Otherwise your calendar listings may not get on the 2015 calendar. If you need extra sign up sheets for friends or family there are some at the town hall, St. Vincent in Republic and the Summer Place Café. Or you can call me 906.376.8808. Thank you.

Pat Radcliffe



The Republic Area Historical Society is welcoming people to a picnic on the Museum grounds on Sunday, August 3rd. Posters will go up later in July with time, menu and price. Hope to see you there."

From LaVerne Antilla

SHEARS SALON

June 14, 2014, our salon in South Republic is officially closed. After 29 years, I decided to retire.

I would like to thank my loyal clients for their patronage and friendship

You will truly be missed

Chris and Marvin Koski.

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.
Mother Teresa

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Residents and Property Owners
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Greetings from the Republic Township Board,

Over the past months, we as a community have had many problems to deal with, frozen water lines, broken water mains, and delayed garbage pickups among other issues. One of the things we have been hearing from all of you is that it would have made these problems easier to handle if everyone could have been made aware. **"There has to be a way to notify everyone about important issues that affect all of us"**. We want you to know that we heard you and have found a way to do just that.

We take great pleasure in announcing a new system that has just been implemented. With a generous grant from the Smith Mountain Foundation we have been provided with a new service called **"Leader Alert"**. With this system, we can; in seconds; notify all participants of important official information you need to know. However, in order to do that, we need information from you. **Please know that the information provided will be maintained on a secure offsite server and will in no way be used for any other reason and will not be shared with any other party.**

We can send messages in several formats such as phone call, e-mail or even text messages. If you wish to participate please provide the information requested below. And mail it back or drop it off at the Township Office as soon as possible. **If you wish to receive text messages, additional steps need to be taken and you may contact the Township Office in order to receive instructions for text messaging.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

We are excited about this new service and look forward to all of you helping us to make it a success! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

The Republic Township Board

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

110 POPLAR ST, SOUTH REPUBLIC 906-376-8826

REV. KEVIN KASIER

Summer Worship Hours

Sundays - 9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee/Fellowship

Monday - 7:00 pm Worship

Bethany will have a coffee and goodies table at the Fishing Derby this year, please stop by for a cup of coffee.

August 17, is our Outside Worship at 10:30 am with a potluck luncheon following worship (the church supplies the hamburgers and hot dogs) please bring a dish to pass.

Republic Community

The Republic Lions Club sincerely thanks the community for your continuing support of our monthly pie social. As a reminder, the pie social is held the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Township Hall, 10:00 AM-2:00PM. All proceeds will be used in our community to assist in The Lions Club Sight and Hearing Care Program and Community Service Projects. A suggested donation of \$3.00 gets you a piece of homemade pie and coffee. You can enjoy it there or take it home.

We especially welcome pie donations from the community. Please help us out.

To donate a pie, contact Ann Came at 376-2580

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SAVES

- * Box Tops
- * Campbells labels
- * Econo food receipts
- * ink cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, gps units, laptops etc...

for Republic-Michigamme School. We really appreciate all the support. Remember to save ALL YEAR LONG. We received checks this school year for \$994 from our box tops submissions! Next years goal is \$1000. Please help make this happen. You can also go to the website and play games, watch videos, sign up for shopping and more which all adds to the RMS account. www.boxtops4education.com RMS lifetime box tops earnings is \$5287.68. We were able to get sports equipment, banquet tables, electric pencil sharpeners and more with our campbells labels. Items can be brought to school with students or can be dropped off at the RM Library, Peter's True Value, Republic Branch of the True North Federal Credit Union, Republic St. Vincent DePaul and Corner Cafe. Any questions call 376-8060

THANKS AGAIN!

“People see the world through their own eyes, “

“If someone says “everyone is a thief”, go look in their garage.

If someone keeps complaining about liars

Teddy Jarvi, Black River philosopher.

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Fishing Derby

ON THE MICHIGAMME RIVER IN REPUBLIC, MICHIGAN

—JULY 19 & 20, 2014—

Fishing begins at 6:00 am to 8:00 pm Saturday | 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday

There will be a **Float Parade** to kick off the derby **Friday at 6 pm.**

On **Saturday** there will be a **Beer Tent** and later in the day we will have

Live music by **"The Slamtones"**! And at dark, a fantastic **Fireworks Show!**

For info call 906-360-1110 or 906-371-0740 or 906-376-8860

Camping and Food Available

Republic Fire Department
will be holding a duck race
in the river on Sunday
following the Derby.

Walleye

1st place... \$1,000

2nd place\$400

Bass

1st place.....\$100

2nd place\$75

Bluegill

1st place.....\$100

2nd place\$75

Trout....\$100

Northern Pike

1st place.....\$500

2nd place\$250

Crappie

1st place.....\$100

2nd place\$75

Perch

1st place.....\$100

2nd place\$75

Rock Bass

1st place.....\$100

2nd place\$75



THERE WILL BE SEPARATE CASH PRIZES FOR THE KIDS CATEGORY

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 (17 & older) / \$5.00 (12 to 16 years) / Free (11 years and under)

Check the Michigan DNR website for fishing license fees. The boat requirements are that you follow state rules. And don't forget the flotation devices for each person!

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2013 Water Quality Report for REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP

This report covers the drinking water quality for Republic Township, for the calendar year 2013. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from wells located near the Michigamme River. The water is treated for iron removal.

The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. Our source susceptibility is rated moderately high for well #1, #3A, #4 & #5 and moderate for #2 and #6.

For more information about the report, contact Kim Naut at 376-2303

- Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
 - T Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - T Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
 - T Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
 - T Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 - T Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

STATEMENT ABOUT LEAD: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Republic Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2013 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2012. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **N/A:** Not applicable **ND:** not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	ND	8/13	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	ND	8/11	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	MRDL	MRDLG	0.18 (0.01-0.68)	Distribution sampling	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
	4	4				
Barium (ppb)	2000	2000	10	9/08	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Sample Date		
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	0	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant ¹			Level Detected	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Sodium (ppm)			10	8/13	Erosion of natural deposits.	
Sulfate (ppm)			58	8/13	Erosion of natural deposits.	
Contaminant Subject to an Action Level	Action Level	90% of Samples ≤ This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Copper (ppb)	1300	<1	2011	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.	
Lead (ppb)	15	90	2011	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.	

¹Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Special Sampling	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	n/a	10	8/13	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	n/a	17	8/13	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 positive monthly sample (5% of monthly samples positive)		2**	Yes**	Naturally present in the environment.

** Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. In July, we had 2 positive samples and increased our level of disinfectant we continuously add to the drinking water. Subsequent sampling has shown the system to be free of coliform bacteria.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Kim Nault at 376-2303 or Marilyn Bradshaw at 376-8827.

For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

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EARTH'S WELCOME

Olga Williams

Come watch the Changing of the Guard—killdeer parents taking turns to sit on speckled eggs laid on open ground for all to see or break or steal. Step too close and know you've stepped too close: fanning tail, a screech, a sudden broken wing—all to attract, distract.

Come snip the dark and deadened tips (from winter's deadly sting) of Dogwood, Ninebark and Hydrangea. Snip to heal, help bring to bud wee posies, summer snowballs, wreaths of brides. Come pull the weed that robs them of their food.

Come see the purple Lilac, Lily orange and Roses pink, Hollyhocks of every hue, winey Sedum sonorous with bees, yellow Bushes feeding butterflies: a rainbow of the land to match its likeness in the sky.

Come watch Burning Bushes burn, changing hues of Autumn Joy, golden cloak enwrapping all, with orange and purple patches here and there.

Come see, come watch the living artwork of a Hand Divine.
Come dig, come pull, come snip, come watch, come see.

COME AS YOU ARE.

