

Educationally Speaking

By Dr. Pamela Campbell • Superintendent **Columbia School District**

Appreciating our school board members

By Columbia School Superintendent Pamela Campbell

Recently I was reading about the duties and role of the school board. On one of the websites, they depicted the work of school board leaders as "helping kids soar to success." I had never heard that description, but it is perfect! Officially our school board members listen to the community, make policy and set the budget. However, the magic of our school board is their "helping kids soar to success" activities. Inevitably, you will see them at musicals, band concerts, and football and basketball games. They attend community meetings, parent teacher conferences and the Hope Run.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. This month gives us an opportunity to recognize the service and selfless time given by seven individuals in our community for the benefit of our schools. As the board members help kids soar to success, they continually imagine the future for our students. We all have hopes and dreams for each child in our community to have a successful future.

January is a great time to focus on the crucial and critical role the school board plays in the Columbia School District. Their focus on success for all of our students, takes dedication. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children. Their service to the community includes caring for students, parents, staff members and administrators. They carefully examine all sides of a policy or an issue prior to making a decision. Through their decisions, they are laying a pathway for the future of our school district.

School board members take their responsibility and public trust very seriously, dedicating an enormous number of hours to their work both in and outside of board meetings. Attending school functions, preparing for board meetings, reading financial reports, agendas and proposals, and making a host of difficult and challenging decisions are just a few of the regular activities board members participate in through their service.

Today, more than ever, school board leaders are faced with the overwhelming charge of providing a quality education at a time when financial constraints weigh heavily on the health of school district budgets. In an era of unprecedented choice in education, school boards are also tasked with charting a course that provides long-term, sustainable success for current and future students in all of Michigan's public schools.

This year much of the focus of our seven school board members will be collaborating with the teachers, administration, community and the superintendent to establish a Strategic Plan. They will spend countless hours working and focusing on increasing student achievement and planning for the future of the Columbia School District.

The 2021 School Board is made up of seven energetic, tenacious community members, who are: Bob Wahr, Garrick Zuver, Brian Knapp, Chris Holbert, Lindsey Schiel, Kyle Bamm, and Jennifer Steele. These seven fine individuals make up an efficient and effective board that has taken on the huge responsibility and challenge of working together to lead the way in the Columbia

I love people that have no idea how wonderful they are and just wander around making the world a better place.

As we look back on 2020, we are grateful to be a part of a community that continues to show a genuine commitment to our success through kindness, concern, and overwhelming support. We THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart and look forward to 2021. We wish you all blessings of peace, good health, happiness and much love. Happy

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School District. Their ability to work as a team will help increase the effectiveness of the district and give our students the optimum opportunity to succeed now and into the future.

As we go through the cold month of January, please join me as we celebrate the continued commitment of Columbia School Board members by telling them "Thank You!" for all of their hard work and determination.



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Obituaries

Diane Joyce Chatfield

Diane Joyce Chatfield, 75, of Onsted away peacefully in home Tuesday, January 5 following a courageous and graceful battle with cancer. In her final moments, she found herself surrounded by many loving family members and friends; a testament to the impact she had on all those in her life.



She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Robert Chatfield; son, Todd Chatfield; daughter, Debra Gentner and her husband Todd; four grandchildren, Zachary Gentner and his wife Maggie, Chelsea Hoffman and her husband Dakota, MacKenzie Gutt and her husband Raymond, and Connor Chatfield and his wife Madison; a great-grandchild, Johnathan Gutt; and a sister, Virginia Langenderfer and her husband

Diane was born on July 20,

1945 in Tecumseh, to John Kenneth MacKenzie and Alice Dierkens-MacKenzie, both of whom preceded her in death. During her childhood, she received an education at a one room schoolhouse in Wolf Creek. She later attended and graduated from Onsted Community School. She resided with her

family at the MacKenzie farm on Gilbert Highway until her marriage to Robert on February 6, 1965.

Together, they spent many happy years farming in Onsted and operating a small business in Jackson. She often said the secret to their strong marriage was her favorite saying, "always kiss me goodnight". Robert and Diane shared a love that was something to aspire to.

Diane loved Elvis Presley, playing the casino slot machines, and attending auctions to find antiques, but most of all, she loved her family. There was nothing dearer to her than simple conversation with those she cherished most. She never failed to bring a smile to our faces and warmth to our hearts with her reassuring wink.

She has chosen to be cremated and will later hold a small and intimate burial ceremony with immediate family in Maple Shade Cemetery in Onsted. There will be no visitation services. It is following this burial rite that she will finally come to her eternal resting place, adjacent to her mother and father.

We would like to thank all those that were in her company through her final moments. A special thank you is also due to Hospice, CareLine, Anderson-Marry funeral homes for the care and compassion they provided in the moments proceeding her passing. Online condolences may be given to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to Careline Hospice, 113 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 102, Jackson, MI 49201.

Cyril 'Tinker' Forest Frolich



died

Cyril "Tinker" Forest Frolich, 92, of Brooklyn Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Provincial House in

Adrian. He was born August 29, 1928 in Tecumseh, the son of late Alfred the Theodore and

Dorothy Elizabeth (Clark) Frolich.

Cyril graduated from Clinton High School in 1946. He proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard. After serving in the Coast Guard, he continued his education receiving his bachelor's degree from Ferris State University and retired after many years as an engineer. He was raised in the Catholic Church. Cyril enjoyed fishing, hunting, garage sales and



Cyril Frolich

Cyril is survived by his sisters, Dorothy Schultz of Clinton and Patricia Smith of Britton and nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Theodore, Raymond, Leo,

antiques.

Wilfred and Richard Frolich, and two nieces.

Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements are under the care of the Clinton Chapel of Handler Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be offered to the family at

handlerfuneralhomes.com.

Joan Lee (Linderman) Cark

died peacefully on January 8, 2021 at age 84. She was the daughter of William H and July 16, 1936 in Dayton, Ohio and is preceded in death by her parents, spouse Gerard Cark

She attended Roosevelt High School in Dayton, Ohio and went on to attend Bowling she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education. After graduation she taught at Fremont Elementary School in Fremont, Ohio where she met and married her husband of 51 years.

They went on to have five

children and raised them in the Irish Hills of Michigan. She traveled the country with her husband and could be found enjoying bluegrass music everywhere they went. After Gerard's death in 2010, she resided in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., until February 2020 when she moved back to Ann Arbor, Mich.

She is survived by sisters, Linda Diers of St. Marys, Ohio and Debra Parker of Franklin, Ohio; daughters, Kathryn Cark of Rockledge, Fla.; Lisa (Mike) MacDonald of Hersey, Mich.; Brenda (William) Tucker of Manitou Beach, Mich.; Patricia (Frank Vincent) Cark of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and son, Michael (Kerri) Cark of Eureka, Calif. She had great fun and shared

joy with grandchildren, Millicent and Matthew MacDonald and Morgan and Michael Cark and they will miss her dearly. There are many nieces and nephews that she loved and enjoyed spending time with. She was a kind and giving woman and we were all blessed to know her.

Cremation has taken place and she will be buried alongside her husband at St. Joseph Shrine in the Irish Hills. A memorial service is being planned for the Spring of 2021.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Fresenius Kidney Care East Ann Arbor, 4949 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or St. Josephs Shrine 8743, U.S.-12 Onsted, MI 49265.

Joan Lee (Linderman) Cark

Marjorie L. Linderman born on and sister, Doris Jean (Jeannie) Campbell.

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Death notices

Amanda L. Kirkpatrick, Jackson County clerk, reports the following recently recorded deaths:

Virginia Lea Ackerman, 73, Parma Frieda Louise Blackwood, 102, Jackson Dennis Edwin Pollock, 70, Jackson Christine Baumann, 68, Jackson Donald Bruno Sadowski, 72, Grass Lake Paul Romain Bradley, 83, Horton Dennis Lee Garbarczyk, 74, Brooklyn Edward Stanley Harook, 87, Munith James Richard Burwell, 66, Jackson Donald Arthur Dielman, 88, Jackson Beulah M. White, 89, Rives Junction Christopher Paul Gibson, 35, Parma Gordon James Davidson, 88, Albion Kenneth Gillen, 76, Brooklyn B. Lois Burke, 93, Jackson Darrell Love, 61, Jackson Philip Charles Widmayer, 76, Jackson June Francis Bayler, 98, Jackson Joseph George Miskovich, 75, Wakefield Iven P. Norris Jr., 95, Onondaga Bertha L. Maxon, 97, Jackson Gerard Thomas Miller, 86, Jackson Willard Gatiss Putman Jr., 83, Battle Creek Rudolph Thomas Senia, 93, Brooklyn Virgie Lee Whitehead, 91, Adrian CayDee Myers, 83, Jackson

James Martyn Hartwick, 74, Jackson George Thomas Husak, 83, Jackson Glen M. Patterson 84. Pittsford Ricky Newell, 68, Adrian Angelo Wise, 50, Jackson John Workman, 67, Ionia Raymond Alar Yager Sr., 61, Jackson Sylvia Dawn Bienz, 73, Marshall Charles Ray Lampley Jr., 63, Jackson Eleanora Marie McMaster, 85, Concord Charles Dell Myers, 93, Rives Junction Lloyd Stephen Finkell, 90, Jackson Carol Jane LaFond, 69, Jackson Marilyn Jean Kelly, 73, Jackson Robert L. Britten, 87, Jackson Beverly Ann Burch, 84, Jackson Phyllis Virginia McClain, 93, Jackson Cathleen Mars, 77, Jackson Dennis James Dayton, 60, Jackson Thomas E. Farthing, 68, Jackson Sandra Mae Fuller, 78, Jackson Kenny Glen Hills, 58, Jackson Bill Glen Lippmann, 57, Cement City Kristi Kay Tange, 35, Jackson Matthew Scott Underhill, 52, Lyndon Township

Irvin L. Merrill, 86, Jackson



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Sidewalk snow removal addressed in Brooklyn

Council discusses giving residents 24 hours to clean walks

By Matt Schepeler

Few things tick off some residents than getting a ticket—or even a "friendly" warning—from village officials for failing to shovel their sidewalk, especially if they feel they never had time, or extenuating circumstances prevented them from keeping the walkway cleaned in the first place.

On the other hand, few things irritate, or even endanger, people who enjoy walking through the village more than having to slip and slide over an icy, snowcovered sidewalk.

Caught in the middle are village officials, who have a duty to ensure public safety for walkers, and fair enforcement of ordinances for village property own-

The issue came to a head in Brooklyn late last winter, when the council received complaints from residents claiming unfair, and even ridiculous enforcing of sidewalk ordinances. Council planned to address it then, but then COVID hit and warm weather arrived. Now, the issue is back on the table. Last month code enforcement official Rick Nicholson issued seven courtesy notices for snow removal from sidewalks, and Village Manager Jae Guetschow placed the issue on the agenda for discussion.

Council had a lengthy discussion on the issue at their January 11 meeting, and seemed to reach a consensus to altar the ordinances to allow residents 24 hours to clean their

walks after snowfalls, and to treat offenders in a similar fashion to those who do not mow their lawns. This would give the village the power to clean property owner's sidewalks via the DPW after giving fair warning, then charging the property owner increasingly stiffer penalties if they continue to fail to

No official action was taken in the matter, but Guetschow is going to put language together for the council to consider at their next meeting.

We will have more information on the January 11 meeting in next week's edition.



At least one resident is anxious to shovel snow! Eva Lang submitted this fun shot of a snowman preparing to

New scam in Jackson County

The Jackson County sheriff's office is warning of a new scam going around Jackson County.

"We have been receiving phone calls stating that someone is pretending to be the Jackson County Office of the Sheriff and asking for payments," the department's Facebook page states. "The Jackson County Office of the Sheriff does not and will not ask for payment information by telephone."

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6:00 p.m. Wednesday mid-week

Abundant Life Assembly of God* • 130 S. Main St. • alaog.org (Irish Hills Centre - main entrance)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Refreshments 8:45 a.m. Celebration Service 10:30 a.m. Refreshments 10:45 Worship Service Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

All Saints Episcopal Church* • 151 N. Main St. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Cornerstone Community Church* • 201 Constitution Ave. Visit our website at cccbrooklyn.com for current services hours and information.

Nursery & Children's Ministries: both services 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. Sun. - Step Student Ministries (Jr./Sr. High) www.CornerstoneBrooklyn.org

First Baptist Church* • 402 S. Mill St. • fbcbrooklyn.org www.facebook.com/BaptistBrooklyn Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Church (Nursery provided) Service on Facebook Live @ First Baptist Church of Brooklyn

5:30 p.m. Youth Group (7th - 12th grade) Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. AWANA Clubs for boys & girls 6:30 p.m. MOP (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) Both meet every other wednesday thru April

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Pickleball open to community - Mon. - Fri. 9a.m. - 12 noon

Heart O' Lakes United Brethren Church* • 7031 Jefferson www.mylakeschurch.com 9:15 a.m. Adult Classes and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Children's Program and Worship

Presbyterian Church* • 160 N. Main St. 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Worship (child care provided) Sunday School During 10:30 a.m. Worship Ecumenical Community Prayer Group 3rd Thursday of each month 10:00-11:30 a.m.

6:15 p.m. Wednesdays - AWANA (Sept-April)

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Solid Rock Church • 124 Julian St., 3:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Sunday School, ages 3-12 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Group Bible Study

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St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church* Cambridge Junction Website -- stmichaelaaa.com

Zoom Service -- 10 am Sundays St. Mark's Lutheran Church* • 11151 US-12 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Hour, Adult Bible Study Holy Communion - 2nd and 4th Sundays Crosspointe Church* • 13191 M-50 910:00 a.m Sunday Worship

CEMENT CITY

Cement City Baptist Church* • 16788 Cement City Rd. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 7:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Services and Youth Group

Fellowship Baptist Church • 3200 Reed Rd. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service

St. Rita Catholic Church* • 10516 Hayes Rd. 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. (5:30 p.m. Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day) 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Universalist Unitarian Church • 2231 Jefferson Rd. Sunday Services: 11:00AM

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St. Joseph's Catholic Shrine • 8743 US-12 Saturday — 5:00 p.m. Mass Sunday — 8:00 a.m. Mass 11 a.m. Mass

LIBERTY

Liberty Christian Fellowship • 101 W. Liberty Rd. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. Church Service

Skiff Lake Bible Church • 8277 S. Jackson Rd. 11:00 a.m. Sunday School • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

South Jackson Community Church • S. Jackson/Kimmel 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Day Star Pentecostal Church of God 6431 Devils Lake Hwy. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship Wed. 7:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible study

Lutheran Church of The Lakes* • 8800 N. Rollin Hwy. 8:15 • 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

9:40 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Bible Study and Catechism Manitou Road Baptist Church • 175 Manitou Rd.

10:45 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship St. Mary on the Lake Catholic Church* • 450 Manitou Rd. 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Children's Church

Faith Baptist Chapel* • Corner of Wheaton Rd. & M-50 9:30 a.m. Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening 6:30-8 p.m.Tuesday Team Kids K - 5th grade 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday THE REFUGE 6th - 12th grade 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Adult Prayer Bible Study

First Baptist Church • 108 East Ave 10:00 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Worship Wednesday — 7:00 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study • Teens Soldier 4 Christ

Napoleon United Methodist Church* • 210 NottawaSepee 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship (ground level) Love, eat, pray, first and third Tuesday 11 a.m.

New Life Worship Center • 4532 Brooklyn Rd. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Service

Norvell Community Baptist Church 204 E. Commercial Drive

10:00 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship Gateway Community Church* • 268 S. Main St. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School • 10:15 a.m. Worship

Irish Hills Community Church • 9734 Slee Rd.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Springville United Methodist Church 10341 Springville Hwy

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SOMERSET/SOMERSET CENTER Grace Baptist Church* 12240 US-12

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Somerset Beach Free Methodist Church* 9822 Brooklawn Ct. at Somerset Beach Campground off US-12 near Somerset Center 10:00 a.m. Worship (Field House)

New Jerusalem Christian Fellowship* Corner of US-127 & Harper Rd. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Fellowship • 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nursery, children's program, youth group & adult classes

Somerset Congregational Church* 10449 N. Somerset Rd. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Somerset Center United Methodist Church* 12095 E. Chicago Rd. (US-12) 9:00 a.m. Worship Service • 8:30 a.m. Sunday School

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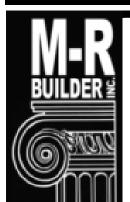
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Time: Jan 13, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting

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Annette Roesch Cambridge Township Clerk

Village of Grass Lake Synopsis of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Via Zoom*

December 15, 2020 Minutes

- 1. Call To Order President Joseph DeBoe called the regular meeting of the Grass Lake Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m. 2. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-Council present: J. DeBoe, J Fitzgerald, J. Grimm, D. Keener, G. Lammers, W. Shemwell, and N. Zinis. Public present: David Trent, Paul Lammers, Trudi Whitley, Tim Griffith, Jorge Acosta, Jennifer Keener, John Hummer, andChristina Breed. J. DeBoe led in the Pledge of
- 3. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by J. Grimm, second by D. Keener to adopt the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Minutes: Discussion. Motion by Grimm, second byLammers to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting as changed. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
- 5. Public Comment: Nothing at this time.
- 6. Disbursements-Clerk presented the bill list for the second part of December total of \$86,602.30. Motion by Keener to accept and pay the bills for the second part of December 2020 totaling \$86,602.30, second by Grimm. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
- 7. Treasurer's Report- Whitley reported that the billing went well this month; she had added snow removal stickers to the bill cards. Griffiths gave a full budget report.
- 8. Maintenance Report: Lammers reported on recent activity
- 9. Law Enforcement Report: Discussion. Motion by Grimm to accept the Law Enforcement Report, second by Keener to approve. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
- 10. Correspondence: DeBoe received a copy of the Region 2 planning packet and Pacer rating services came in mail.
- 11. Committee Reports. Lammers reported that Grass Lake School District stayed open longer than any other district in the county before they had to close.

12. Old Business.

A. Pedestrian Signs for School Crossing- Trent spoke with Dr. Kiser who is waiting to hear back on grant approval, which will be in mid-January. Grimm asked that D. Trent look at the cross walk by the Federated Church.

13. New Business.

A. Resolution to Adopt Intergovernmental Sewer/Water Contract- Discussion. Motion by Lammers to adopt Intergovernmental Sewer/Water contract, second Keener. Roll call vote, motion carried.

B. Resolution to Adopt Master Plan-Discussion. Motion by Keener to adopt the Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission, second Fitzgerald. Roll call vote, 6 yeas 1 nay (Grimm), motion carried.

C. SRI Settlement Agreement -Discussion. Motion by Lammers authorizing the Grass Lake Village Manager David Trent to vote in favor of the SRI Settlement Agreement, second by Keener. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

D. 2021 Village Council Meeting Schedule- Discussion. Motion by Grimm to approve 2021 Village Council Meeting Schedule, second by Lammers, all in favor, motion carried.

E. 2021 Holiday Closing Schedule. -Discussion. Motion by Grimm to approve 2021 Holiday Closing Schedule.second by Fitzgerald. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

F. New Committee Assignments- Committees were assigned to council members.

14. Village Manager's Report – Trent told Council that he met with Dave Thompson on quotes for road repairs.

15. Upcoming Events -Check out further upcoming events at www.villageofgrasslake.com or www.grasslakechamber.org.

16. Public Comment-Christina Breed thanked everyone for their hard work. Gina Lammers discussed road repair on Portage St. and the one-way sign behind Copper Nail, David Trent will look into that.

17. Presidential Perspectives- Discussion on proclamation for the sesquicentennial. Thank you to Sabrina Edgar, the Farmers Market, the coordinators of the 4th of July and all the other events that were put on this year.

18. Adjournment-Motion by Grimm, second by Keener to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. with unanimous approval. Next meeting is January 5, 2021via zoom. Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Keener, Deputy Village Clerk

*Notice of a Meeting of a Public Body- December 15, 2020 Minutes approved with minor corrections, January 5, 2021.

Complete copies of the minutes available at www.villageofgrasslake.com or from the village office.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING 24 TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY (via Zoom) **COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

To: The residents and property owners of Columbia Township, Jackson County, Michigan, and any other interested parties.

Please take notice that a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals for Columbia Township will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7 p.m. by electronic remote access.

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the amended Open Meetings Act, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. The public may participate in the hearing through Zoom access by computer and smart phone using the following link:

Topic: Zoning Board of Appeals

Time: Jan 28, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Re: 1) Request for a Variance to construct an attached

garage to existing structure a distance of 5' to the side yard property line on property known as 2700 Virginia Ct, Clark Lake, MI 49234.

ADP# 000-19-22-103-003-01

2) Request for a Variance to construct an attached garage to existing structure a distance of 12'

to the rear property line on property known as 582 S. Woodlands Drive, Clark Lake, MI 49234. ADP# 000-19-20-202-016-03

The Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, and the variance(s) documentation, may be examined by contacting the Zoning Administrator at the address and phone number stated below, during regular business hours on regular business days maintained by the Township offices.

Written comments regarding the above-referenced matters may be submitted at the Township Hall prior to thehearing/meeting at 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230 or by contacting Zoning Administrator Rick Church at (517) 592-2000, ext. 251 or by email at rchurch@twp.columbia.mi.us.

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. To provide for orderly public participation, a person wishing to speak must state their name and request to be recognized by the Chair of the Board. The Chair will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities for the meeting upon advance notice by contacting Clerk Marsh at (517) 592-2000, ext. 230 or by email at bmarsh@twp.columbia.mi.us)

More public notices appear on page 12

People who use selfie sticks really need to have a good, long look at themselves.

Village of Brooklyn NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services order effective November 18, 2020 imposed certain restrictions on indoor gatherings at non-residential venuesthrough March 31,2021.Legislative action has extended a provisionthe Open Meetings Act (Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended) allowing public meetings to be held by virtual means through March 31, 2021, for any reason. As such, the Planning Commission regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. will consist of a virtual meeting via Zoom hosted by the Village of Brooklyn. No in-person meeting will occur at the Village Office.

During the Planning Commission meeting, a virtual Public Hearingwill be conducted pertaining to the following:

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Oral or written comments, for or against granting of a Conditional Use Permit, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Written comments must be received by the Village Clerk by 12:00 p.m. (noon) EST on January 27, 2021. Members of the public requiring handicap accommodation must request such a minimum of 48 hours prior to this meeting by contacting the Village Clerk at (517) 592-2591.Participants requiring telecommunications relay services may receive free assistance by dial-

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The last hurrah!



By Steve Linenfelser

Every year I look forward to deer hunting season. I cherish each and every day that I am blessed to being in the outdoors in search of the elusive white tail deer. It gives me that eudaemonic state of being that one gets when you start a vacation. Each day is its own reward, regardless, if I actually harvest a deer. However, just like vacations, they eventually come to an end.

This story is about my one last chance to get a deer. It literally came down to the last day. This season I had a few misses, or deer that I let go because I wanted a big buck that I had seen twice during the season. I wanted that buck so bad I could taste it-literally.

Yes, I love every second of the hunting season, but I would be a tad bit disingenuous if I didn't admit I wanted to harvest that big buck or perhaps a doe. Venison is quite delicious and provides quality protein. Heck, it just plain tastes good! I usually harvest a buck or doe during either bow or rifle season, but not this year.

It's like in baseball – it's the bottom of the ninth with two outs and a 3/2 count, or it's like football where it's a fourth down with no time outs and a few seconds left on the clock. Yes, I had one last chance to harvest a deer and if I didn't succeed, I would have to wait several months before I got another chance. No pressure, right?

I arrived at hunting camp December 31. January 1 was the last day to harvest a buck with a bow/crossbow or a doe with a rifle. While many people would stay up late to watch the ball drop at time square and/or kiss their honey at midnight, I would spend it with my favorite hunting buddy Jim. It was cold that night in Breckenridge, so after we put away our hunting gear, we built a cozy fire in the pot-bellied stove. Jim asked, "Well, what are you going to try to do, shoot a buck or a doe?' The DNR's rules allow a hunter on January 1 to harvest a buck with a bow or crossbow or a doe with a rifle. I told him I wanted a buck, but deep down inside I knew at this time of the year the bucks were pretty much nocturnal. The other challenge was hunting with a bow or a crossbow and the buck had to be within forty yards or at best fifty yards away for a kill shot, but twenty to thirty yards was more realistic. I decided to use my rifle, any doe within three hundred yards I knew I could harvest it. Jim had already shot a nice sevenpoint buck earlier in the season, so he knew he was doe hunting, putting meat in the freezer. It didn't help that he kept giving me crap that I hadn't shot a buck that year. We were excited and stayed up late chatting and laughing like a couple of young schoolboys

on a sleep-over. Then Jim suddenly said, "Dude, its midnight! We have to get up in 4 ½ hours." I put two more logs in the pot-bellied stove, and we crawled into our sleeping bags. There was a full moon that night and it cast its ghostly light into our cabin like the glow of a campfire.

The alarm went off at 4:30 a.m. We had set up the coffee pot ready to go so all we had to do was turn it on and wait for that piping hot coffee to reach our sleepy faces. We both sat there for several minutes looking out at all the snow and then Jim informed me of the outside ambient temperature. It was a bone chilling ten degrees Fahrenheit. This was good we thought, as the deer will move more when it's cold in search of calories to fill their bellies. There was no baiting this year, so we knew we had to hunt in the woods where there were acorns or near fields to help increase our odds. I agonized on whether to try to hunt with my crossbow (I figured it gave me my best chance) but finally decided to use my trusty 30.06 rifle for a doe.

We were so excited that morning that we literally lost track of time. The wall's clock had dead batteries and we were charging our phones when Jim finally looked at the time. It was 7:30 a.m.! We were supposed to be walking in the woods at 6:30 a.m. when it was still dark. We both had to walk several hundred yards to our hunting spots. Jim was going to sit up against a tree and I was going to hunt in my pop-up blind at the edge of a field. Not only we were walking in with the sun coming up but with each step we took it created a crunching sound like stepping on a pile of balsa wood. The full moon shined on us when we walked, so we stood out like a marshmallow in a cup of hot chocolate. I texted Jim with this once I sat down: "Note to self: Heading into the woods at 7:45 a.m. is NOT the optimum time!" He replied, "Yeaaaah.'

Although we got out late, it was a perfect morning. The snow glistened like tiny specks of diamonds as the sun shined and the woods were eerily still. I saw a red-tailed hawk swoop down to snatch a mouse on the north side of the field and then twenty minutes later I saw a barred owl do the same. Jim texted me and said he saw what he thought was a doe about seven enty-five yards away but when he zoomed in with his rifle scope, he saw something he had never seen before. The "doe" was actually a buck that had lost its antlers. He said he could see remnants of where the antlers had once been. The law states you can shoot an antlered or antlerless deer. Although perfectly legal, he didn't want to shoot next year's buck. It was cold that day and I hadn't seen any deer. I figured because I got out late, I should probably get some breakfast and try again in the afternoon. There was one problem; the weather report stated we were going to get high winds and freezing rain that afternoon, so my chances would be pretty slim at that time. Jim decided to head in and get warm and left the woods about 10:20 a.m. I stayed until 11 a.m. and decided to head back in to get some coffee. I unzipped my pop-up and stepped outside. Just as I finished zipping it up

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 10, 2021

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- 1 "Well, _ was
- awkward ..."

 5 ___ Club
 (wholesaling chain)
- 9 Disappearing shopping
- venues

 14 Prefix for
- "nautical" **15** Be an
- accomplice to **16** Get out of
- bed 17 Earliest topping for
- fajitas?

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- to pull an all-nighter 25 "Phooey!"
- 27 Like a baker who works the graveyard shift?
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- 33 Toy dog with Chinese origins, familiarly
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- vodka
 41 Queue at a truck stop
- 42 One could keep you up ... or put you to sleep
- 44 Small Starbucks size

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- 46 Pull, as a
- water-skier
 47 What happens after a
 charity calls
 for handme-downs?
- 51 Region conquered by Caesar
- 52 Elsa's sister in "Frozen"
- 53 Prodder on a cowboy boot56 Some map
- lines: Abbr. 58 Indira who led India
- 62 Synchronized obstacle-course running?
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- 68 Flirt with, perhaps
- 69 Cedar or cypress

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- (map phrase)
 3 Like a cactus habitat
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- taking orders?
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- oak 9 Genius Bar computer

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Enjoy Our Puzzle! by Brad Wilber and Katja Brinck

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I had to turn to Google for help with a crossword puzzle.

The clue was "Dishonestly gaining a advantage," eight letters.

I immediately felt bad for looking it up. That was cheating.



The Back Page

Opinion By Matt Schepeler

Could what is happening nationally happen here?

I watched last year as two area newspapers closed.

The first was no surprise: The Grass Lake Times had struggled for years under a variety of owners, and COVID-19 was the final nail in its coffin.

The other loss is more alarming. The State Line Observer out of Morenci printed their final newspaper in December. That newspaper was a perennially award-winning publication that served the community for more than 150 years. David Green, a second generation publisher, kept it smart, informative, balanced, and an asset to the community. I think residents there will not truly appreciate what they lost until they realize that no one is covering local government, no one is researching both sides of complicated stories, and no one is sharing the news of the day in a remotely professional manner.

Like much of the country, Facebook and Instagram are now Morenci's news source.

The closing of the State Line Observer will leave Morenci and Fayette in what is being termed in the industry as a news desert. These news deserts are spreading across the country as community newspapers are less and less viable and are forced to close their doors.

But something eventually will fill the void. Nature, as they say, abhors a vacuum, and I wonder if the information war, which is happening nationally, will soon be fought more at the local level. I hope not. The thought of it makes me nauseous, but I am afraid that it is coming.

Like most of you, I watched wide eyed last week as people broke windows and entered the Capitol building. It was a sad day for the country, and an especially grim one for the Grand Old Party.

While I watched the coverage, I couldn't help but notice the righteous indignation from the members of the media. It seemed heartfelt and even angry, which is understandable. People died in this event. I was feeling some of the same emotions.

But where, I wondered, was that righteous indignation when our cities were being torn apart by rioters last summer? Why was this event moderated so very differently? Why the double standard?

In my opinion, the answer seems clear: Our national media is biased, and the hypocrisy is evident to anyone willing to see. If you don't see it, it is likely because you are setting on the grassy side of the fence, but if you are one of my left-leaning friends, don't get too comfortable. This enemy is yours, too. The info war is just getting cranked up, and it is going to get ugly, especially as it creeps closer and closer to home. Let me elaborate.

A recent story in NPR chronicles a website that traffics in misinformation that filled a void left by a struggling community newspaper in Stockton, Calif. The site, which happens to be left-leaning, has become the go-to

news source for the community. It is free, while the local newspaper sits behind a paywall. The site, it is worth noting, doesn't have the burden of paying a staff of professional journalists or the costs of newspaper production.

The website offers a mix of real news about local Little League games and crime, but sprinkles in hit pieces on local politicians — in this case, progressive politicians who are considered to be too moderate. The publisher of the site describes it as "guerilla activism to expose corrupt politicians and disrupt traditional media.

"We do have an agenda," says the website owner. "We tell everybody what our agenda is. We are biased. We are biased towards the truth."

Hmm

Could these "local warfare" sites start popping up here? Of course they could. In fact, it is

naïve to think that they won't, and it is no reach to see this happening with the political right, as well – and maybe even moreso, as mainstream media leaves conservatives feeling isolated and exasperated. The most accessible and logical way for them to fight back will be at the grassroots level.

The result of this polarization-come-home will be that our local news sources will no longer be interested in promoting "our community." Their business model, much like Fox News and CNN, will be anchored in "us verses them," or, since are talking about a hyper-local theater, in me verses you.

It is indeed guerilla warfare at its finest, and the most ironic aspect is that while both the far right and the far left will stake their claim as having the corner on absolute truth, it is the truth itself that is most likely to suffer.

Nature's Adventures continued

something caught the corner of me eye. I slowly turned my head and couldn't believe my eyes. There was a group of does walking north about 175 yards away! I was facing north and believed they hadn't spotted me. You see, deer have monocular vision. Just like birds, rabbits, and lizards this gives them the greatest field of view to scout for predators. However, in order to determine a threat, a deer needs to look with its nose directly towards you. They have 20/100 vision, meaning they can see at 100 feet what we see at 20 feet. It helps to detect movement, but have you ever looked through binoculars at something up close? If there are obstacles in front of you what you're looking at it looks like a bunch of pieces of puzzles on a glass table. So, if you remain still, they may not detect you. Also, when they look directly at you, it gives them only a fifty-degree arc of vision. kind of like zooming in with a rifle scope, it creates blind spots in its vision. This is where hunters see "the stare down" from deer. If you are still and the deer walk perpendicular to you,

they might not detect you unless you move, or they catch your scent. I was 175 yards away, they hadn't heard, scented or seen me, but I was out in the open. The does were trotting fast, so I needed them to stop. I slowly raised my rifle, let out half a breath, took off my safety and yelled "HEY!" The lead doe stopped, looked directly at me and must have caught my finger moving towards the trigger. It started to turn to run but I squeezed the trigger and hit the doe with a heart/lung shot. The doe jumped into the air and dropped dead into the snow. Although it was still very cold, I felt only warmth and happiness. I did it, I finally got a deer!

I went out that afternoon with my crossbow to try and harvest a buck, but I didn't see a damn thing. I sat against a fallen tree looking into some pines and felt high winds that stung my face with freezing rain that coated my crossbow and entire body, but I didn't care. I just smiled and thought how good that venison's backstraps were going to taste after being fried in butter and garlic.

