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## ROMEO

# Annexation moving forward

BY STACY SOBOTKA

The annexation of portions of Ray Township to the village of Romeo has moved forward after spending several months in limbo with one change.

The Romeo Village Board of Trustees approved the submission of documents for properties belonging to Chester Zochowski, excluding Proctor Cemetery, at their meeting July 15.

Zochowski requested the annexation to Romeo for the purpose of obtaining water and sewer services for his parcels of land located on the north side of 32 Mile and east of Powell roads.

The last time the annexation was discussed by the board was in February of this year. Ray Township Supervisor Joseph Jarzyna said at that time that if Proctor Cemetery was not in the annexation the deal would not go through.

Zochowski's attorney Larry Scott was at the meeting and explained the litigation process along with new developments.

"Mr. Zochowski sold the furthest most east parcel to MDOT. We're at the closing of that process right now. We again amended the petition to not include the cemetery and simply include Zochowski's properties," he said. "We've had correspondence with Ray Township and we (See ANNEXATION, page 2)



**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.** The tiny Village of Leonard in Addison Township held its 68th Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday. Evelyn Jackson, in the top photo, proudly shows off her unicorn balloon bike which she entered into the bike decoration contest and rode in the parade at noon. Leading the parade in the bottom left photo are Grand Marshals Gene and Marlene Mallia of Leonard. The bottom right photo shows the long line of parade participants on East Elmwood Street. (Photos by Mike Nicley)

## RAY TOWNSHIP

# Open house shows off natural gas project

BY STACY SOBOKTA

An open house will take place 2-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2 at the Ray Township Hall in order for the public to get details on a major project being proposed by Bluewater Gas Storage.

Bluewater Gas Storage has proposed a compressor project designed to increase operating pressure for its system.

Some details of the proposal were discussed at the Ray Township Board of Trustee meeting on July 16.

Township officials explained that Bluewater's current interconnection with Vector Pipeline does not allow direct delivery of the required amount of customers' natural gas needs due to the varying pressures between the Bluewater and Vector systems.

This has required rerouting the natural gas to other third-party pipelines for delivery, which results in additional costs, officials said.

According to documents submitted to the township and The Record, a new compressor would increase Bluewater's operating pressure, taking full advantage of the Vector Pipeline interconnection and eliminating excess costs for rerouting the contracted amount of natural gas.

Pending Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and state review and approval, construction is expected to start in mid-2020 with

completion in 2021.

The compressor will be located on Omo Road between 31 and 32 Mile Road.

"They just want to keep people informed on what the sub will look like. There's been a lot of confusion; a lot of folks aren't happy about it, in close proximity to their homes with the obvious problem (in June 2014) on 29 Mile Road and the problem at Consumer Energy this (past) winter. It's a much smaller system," said Ray Township Supervisor Joseph Jarzyna.

A fire broke out in January at Consumer's Energy's natural gas facility on Omo Road north of 32 Mile Road which disrupted natural gas distribution throughout the state prompting Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to declare a state of emergency.

The board also heard from Kevin Brown of the Ray Township Lions Club, who thanked the board for inviting them to Ray Day and to Jarzyna for a generous donation of sausages.

He also explained the money the Lions raise during Ray Day and other events helps out deserving students in the township.

"We give out four scholarships every year to people in Ray Township for all four school systems. We're kind of proud of it," he said.

In other business, the Board of Trustees: (See NATURAL GAS, page 9)

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

# O'Leary gives shocking corruption details

BY LARRY SOBCHAK  
EDITOR

Washington Township Supervisor Dan O'Leary went into detail at the July 17 board of trustees meeting about his involvement in a federal corruption probe that led to the conviction of an engineer for bribing public officials.

O'Leary gave a 35 minute presentation that went step-by-step of his involvement from 2008 to present-day.

On July 12, a federal jury found civil engineer Fazullah Khan, president of Sterling Heights-based engineering firm Khan & Associates, guilty of attempting to bribe Washington Township Supervisor Dan O'Leary with \$10,000 cash and bribing the late Washington Township Department of Public Works Superintendent Steven Hohensee with \$1,000 in cash, a fishing trip and an interest in real estate in the township.

O'Leary testified in the trial and he is largely credited with alerting the feds to corruption and kicking off the probe by the FBI which has led to arrest and conviction of 22 individuals.

"For three or four years there have been tons of questions about the investigation and the inability of myself to talk about it...has led to people filling in their own gaps, particularly politically-minded people that made stuff up," O'Leary said.

"There are still some things I can't talk about because those people have not been charged yet and I might be called to testify."

O'Leary said that when he was elected into office in 2008 he heard rumors of corruption within the township but had told the township staff that they had a "clean slate" — he was not going to pursue the rumors if there was no future evidence of wrongdoing.

By 2013, O'Leary said he started hearing more rumors that the late township public works director, Steven Hohensee, was taking bribes as well as intimidating people and businesses that had projects before him.

"I don't think he could help himself," O'Leary said. "He was doing a lot of stuff wrong."

Instead of firing Hohensee, O'Leary chose to take the evidence to the FBI which advised him to keep him on staff in order to catch more people involved in the racket.

O'Leary said that in December 2013 a developer had told O'Leary that he had been "shaken him down by Steve" and that he was forced to plant \$1,000 worth of trees on property Hohensee owned or risk not having a project approved.

O'Leary said that shakedown evolved into cutting Hohensee on a land deal in the township.

The developer, who O'Leary (See CORRUPTION, page 9)

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## Obituaries...

### DOUGLAS OLEJNICZAK

Douglas Olejniczak, 72, of Romeo, passed away Friday, July 12, 2019 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was born on April 17, 1947 in Detroit to Edmund and Irene Olejniczak.



Douglas Olejniczak

Sweet and loving husband of Denise. Loving father of Anne. Dear brother of Robert (Florence) Olejniczak and the late Edmond (the late Carolyn) Olejniczak. Loving uncle to several nieces and nephews. Proud companion on Binx.

A funeral mass was held Saturday, July 20, at Ss. John and Paul Catholic Church, Washington Township.

Arrangements were made by Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., Shelby Township. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [www.wasik-funeralhome.com](http://www.wasik-funeralhome.com).

## Death notices...

**Mary “Betty” Elizabeth Rettell**, 90, of Armada, died Saturday, July 13, 2019. She was born May 10, 1929, the daughter of William and Claudia (Huhs) Dick in Bad Axe.

**Salvatore Castiglione**, 76, of Washington Township, died Monday, July 15, 2019. He was born Jan. 20, 1943.

**Leone Giulianelli**, 73, of Washington Township, died Monday, July 15, 2019. He was born July 18, 1945.

**Robert Philip Goodrich**, 78, of Bruce Township, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019. He was born Oct. 28, 1940.

**Bernice Osborne**, 91, of Armada, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019. She was born July 9, 1928.

**Billie J. Stewart**, 81, of Washington Township, died Thursday, July 18, 2019. He was born Sept. 16, 1937.

**Joseph P. Murray**, 75, of northern Macomb County, died Friday, July 19, 2019 at his daughter’s home. He was born on Aug. 26, 1943, the son of Clement and Mary (Mulligan) Murray.

**Siegfried Reschke**, 89, of Washington Township, died Saturday, July 20, 2019 in Richmond. He was born Feb. 1, 1930, the son of Rudolph and Alma Reschke.

## ANNEXATION

(Continued from page 1)

went back and forth with them about including the cemetery. They were all in favor of it and would like us to take the cemetery. But they wanted to get rid of the maintenance of the cemetery.”

Scott had correspondence with Ray Township Attorney Christine Anderson, and mentioned seeing a copy of a letter Anderson sent to Romeo’s attorney Mark Clark.

“Ray Township is not opposing it,

but certainly not going to go along with it if we don’t agree to take care of the cemetery,” he said.

Romeo Village President Christine Malzahn said the costs of maintaining the cemetery is the main reason the village is reluctant to accept it.

“It’s a small amount for grass and weed whacking but the bigger liability comes into when you look at professional care of the headstones; if someone damages it, if a foundation sinks,” she said.

The Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society have already spent close to \$20,000 restoring headstones, and only a third of the cemetery has been completed.

“From the village standpoint, I don’t think we want to take on that liability. We have a big enough workload with the current cemetery that we do have. So I suggested that Chester and Ray Township sit down and negotiate out the cemetery since it was his request. Now he has changed that request to exclude the property directly to the north of it but it hasn’t changed Ray Township’s position,” said Malzahn.

Malzahn also said they are working on a water and sewer district with Armada and FEMA floodplains.

“We need to consider both of those things before we make a decision,” she said.

## Sheriff’s reports...

The Macomb County Sheriff’s Department reported or investigated the following incidents:

- Larceny from an automobile at the 57300 block of Ridgewood Drive, Washington Township, 5:54 a.m., Jul. 8;
- Larceny from an automobile at the 57500 block of Ridgewood Drive, Washington Township, 6:19 a.m., Jul. 8;
- Domestic violence and abuse at the 7600 block of Smale Street, Washington Township, 9:58 a.m., Jul. 8;
- Civil matter at the 2600 block of Dean Drive, Washington Township, 11:18 a.m., Jul. 8;
- Misdemeanor traffic at the intersection of 29 Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue, Washington Township, 2:22 p.m., Jul. 8;
- Civil matter at the 61200 block of Spring Circle Trail, Washington Township, 6:20 p.m., Jul. 8;
- Missing person at the 58600 block of Valley View Drive, Washington Township, 7:50 a.m., Jul. 9;
- Larceny at the 62700 block of Campground Road, Washington Township, 10:13 a.m., Jul. 9;
- Indecent exposure at the 6200 block of Dana Rose Drive, Washington Township, 11:03 a.m., Jul. 9;
- Driving while license suspended 2nd degree at the intersection of North Stony Drive and South Stony Drive, Washington Township, 1:25 p.m., Jul. 9;
- Mental incident at the 11700 block of Diamond Lane, Washington Township, 6:39 p.m., Jul. 9;
- Assist other agency at the 7500 block of 28 Mile Road, Washington Township, 8:18 p.m., Jul. 9;
- Operating while intoxicated at the 8400 block of 26 Mile Road, Washington Township, 12:55 a.m., Jul. 10;
- Neighbor trouble at the 11200 block of 29 Mile Road, Washington Township, 9:11 a.m., Jul. 10;
- Civil matter at the 62900 block of Tournament Drive, Washington Township, 10:28 a.m., Jul. 10;
- Harassment and threats at the 59000 block of Van Dyke Avenue, Washington Township, 11:27 a.m., Jul. 10;
- Damage to property at the 67300 block of Van Dyke Avenue, Washington Township, 12:09 p.m., Jul. 10;
- Abandoned automobile at the 12300 block of 30 Mile Road, Washington Township, 3:39 p.m., Jul. 10;
- Damage to property at the 61000 block of Pinehurst Drive, Washington Township, 4:42 p.m., Jul. 10;
- Larceny at the 5600 block of Crystal Creek Lane, Washington Township, 6:55 p.m., Jul. 10;
- Operating under the influence of drugs at the intersection of 32 Mile Road and M-53, Washington Township, 5:46 a.m., Jul. 11;
- Driving while license suspended 2nd degree at the intersection of Boulder Point Drive and West Road, Washington Township, 7:58 a.m., Jul. 11;
- Civil matter at the 8400 block of Frederick Drive, Washington Township, 6:19 p.m., Jul. 11;
- Threats at the 14200 block of Barton Drive, Washington Township, 10:58 p.m., Jul. 11;
- Driving while license suspended at the intersection of Bedford Boulevard and 26 Mile Road, Washington Township, 1:46 a.m., Jul. 12;
- Threats at the 59200 block of Van Dyke Avenue, Washington Township, 9:51 a.m., Jul. 12;
- Suspicious person at the 66600 block of Van Dyke Avenue, Washington Township, 11:41 a.m., Jul. 12;
- Civil matter at the 57400 block of Plymouth Road, Washington Township, 1:25 p.m., Jul. 12;
- Civil matter at the 11200 block of Manchester Road, Washington Township, 8:55 p.m., Jul. 12;
- Hit and run property damage at the 57400 block of Bedford Boulevard, Washington Township, 1:36 a.m., Jul. 13;
- Warrant pick up at the 64500 block of Van Dyke Avenue, Washington Township, 8:09 a.m., Jul. 13;
- Neighbor trouble at the 57300 block of Apple Creek Drive, Washington Township, 12:26 p.m., Jul. 13;
- Assist other agency at the 6200 block of Robin Hill Road, Washington Township, 3:48 p.m., Jul. 13;
- Personal injury accident at the intersection of Powell Road and 31 Mile Road, Washington Township, 5:21 p.m., Jul. 13;
- Operating while intoxicated at the intersection of 26 Mile Road and RJ Duncan Drive, Washington Township, 6:52 p.m., Jul. 13;
- Operating while intoxicated at the intersection of M-53 and 28 Mile Road, Washington Township, 2:04 a.m., Jul. 14;
- And family trouble at the 57800 block of Lancaster Road, Washington Township, 8:31 a.m., Jul. 14.

The final decision will be made by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Clark said Jarzyna would most likely appeal to the Commissioners.

“The process is going to be political no matter what. The County Board of Commissioners is going to have to weigh in if the village chooses to pursue it. You’re really not deciding ownership. Ray Township cannot force you to take ownership of the cemetery property. They can offer to give it to you, and you can accept the gift, but they can’t make you take that property,” he said to the board.

The board unanimously approved the motion to submit the second amendment request that excludes the cemetery to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

In other business, the Romeo Vil-

lage Board of Trustees:

- Approved hiring Steve Cassin as the Village Planner.
- Approved a recommendation to have Steve Cassin work on the village master plan updates.
- Approved a special event permit for Harvest Day on Oct. 12.
- Approved an event permit for a Thumb Wine Tour Event hosted by the Village Winery. The event will take place in the Village Park on September 1.
- Approved an update to the parade resolution. The Romeo High School Homecoming Parade changed the date of their parade to Oct. 23.
- Approved a request from Thee Office Pub to allow parking space for a refrigerated truck during the Peach Festival.

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# Powell Road to get temporary repairs

BY STACY SOBOTKA

Powell Road will be getting a major makeover--but not until 2022.

However, at a press conference Thursday, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel said that a temporary fix is set to take place thanks to some quick thinking by Macomb County Department of Roads Director Bryan Santo.

With abundant industrial businesses along Powell Road, the need to fix the road is urgent.

Normally a 50/50 cost is split between Macomb County and the municipality where the road is located. “Unfortunately sometimes it’s still too expensive for the locals,” Hackel said.

The Department of Roads along with former Rome Clerk Mike Lee did some digging and contacted the Federal Transit Administration’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

As a result, federal funding will be used to rebuild Powell Road, with 80 percent covered by the federal government, 10 percent by the county, and the remaining 10 percent split between Romeo and Armada Township.

“However, that’s not happening until 2022,” said Hackel.

The 2022 project is expected to cost \$1.2 to \$1.3 million, with the

county paying \$100,000 and Romeo and Armada Township pitching in approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000.

So what can be done until the funding comes in?

“(Santo and) I found a very creative and very unique way to try to figure out how to resolve this. (We found) some savings from 2018. We’re going to come up with a three year fix that we’re going to try to work on here that’s going to be taken here from the savings that the Department of Roads had available to do this at a cost of \$120,000,” Hackel said.

The short term fix project is expected to last one to two weeks.

Hackel talked about the need to work out funding for roads in Michigan.

“It’s not about fixing the roads. It’s about fixing the funding so we can fix the roads,” he said. “There isn’t a road in this county that we can’t fix if we don’t get the proper funding.”

Hackel mentioned Michigan Act 51 which covers all specific taxes imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon highways. It creates a fund into which specific transportation taxes are deposited and prescribes how the revenues are to be distributed and the purposes for which they are to be spent.

## BRUCE TOWNSHIP

# Zoning ordinance amendments approved

BY STACY SOBOTKA

The amendments to Ordinance 161, Bruce Township’s zoning ordinance, were approved at the Bruce Township Board of Trustees meeting July 17.

The board has been working on the amendments for the past few meetings. The last section of the ordinance to be updated had to do with sign regulations.

“There were some concerns about some of the updates that the Planning Commission had proposed. We have taken out completely all windblown devices out of the language. We’ve taken into consideration some of the board members’ feedback. We added in... allowing feather signs and that would be up to the board to approve,” said Bruce Township Trustee Paul Okoniewski.

Feather signs are flag signs shaped like feathers usually located outside of businesses for advertising purposes.

“A lot of these places are putting up a couple feather signs and they’re seasonal or they’re just for weekends. So we felt those are the least destructive in mind of the community,” Okoniewski said.

Okoniewski said the Planning Commission will continue to make adjustments to the ordinance on a regular basis.

“There’s going to be some more minor changes as we go along. One of them is the open space ordinance. This is the big package and this package

here takes out a lot of the redundancy and confusion; really cleans up. [It’s] the first time we’ve done that in the 20 years I’ve been on the Planning Commission. It was sorely needed,” he said.

Okoniewski also made a motion that elected township officials are not required to have a second elected official approve contacting the township attorney for township related business directly related to their role or delegated responsibility.

“Elected officials contacting the township attorney will not do so frivolously keeping in mind the cost to the township taxpayers,” he said. “We should have an amount of trust amongst the board members that they’re going to do the right thing for the township and I think if someone’s abusing it we could catch that rather quickly.”

Only Bruce Township Clerk Susan Brockmann opposed the motion.

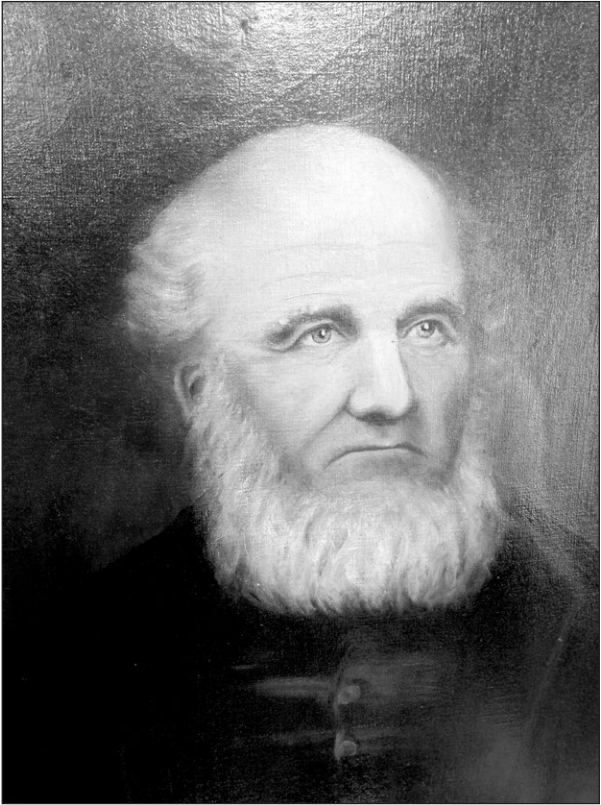
In other business, the board of trustees:

- Approved a request to authorize Supervisor Richard Cory to start offering a property on 34 Mile Road for sale with a starting price of \$50,000.
- Approved a Special Land Use request from Highland Hills, a proposed subdivision connected to The Meadows off of 33 Mile Road.
- Approved a Special Land Use request for a new digital sign at Three Oaks Golf Center.

## PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS: OUR PAST

BY THE ROMEO HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

The local museums in Washington, Bruce and Romeo area have many artifacts and photos that can be a mystery to describe and interpret. You can help your community museums by e-mailing your best description of these photos to [therecord.rhs@gmail.com](mailto:therecord.rhs@gmail.com). Your answer may be included in the next issue. The museum will use your answers to better RECORD your community’s past. Please give it a try.



### THE QUESTIONS

(photo to left): Who is this man? Why is his portrait hanging in the Romeo Archives Museum? What did he do that made him special in the past?

**JULY 10 ISSUE ANSWERS** (photo to right): Residents in Romeo are wondering why this photo was in a mirror image of the Eldred home on North Main Street. The home in the photo is in Armada on Fulton Street. The two houses are reverse clones of each other. Either they were kit homes or the builder used the same plans. Architectural plans were available to builders from various companies. A friend of mine has shown me catalogues of architectural drawings that could be copied by builders.



The Queen Anne style was popular between 1880 and 1900. It is known for its rich decorative features. The Queen Anne is almost always asymmetrical in shape. Looking at the facade, the left and right sides are different in form. Dramatic roof lines, wraparound porches, projecting pavilions, towers or lanterns are often included. A portion of the outside surfaces are covered with fish-scale shingles. Porch pillars are usually turned spindles. The new larger scale windows on the first floor often had colored glass sections above them. Decorative spindled areas below the porch roof were used. Colorful contrasting paint schemes decorated the homes.

—Romeo Historical Society



## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On **July 26, 1775**, the U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general. Franklin set up more efficient colonial routes and standardized delivery costs based on distance and weight.
- On **July 22, 1933**, American Wiley Post returns to Floyd Bennett Field in New York, becoming the first aviator to fly solo around the world. Piloting a Lockheed Vega monoplane named the Winnie May, he circled the globe in 7 days, 18 hours and 49 minutes.
- On **July 27, 1949**, the world’s first jet-propelled airliner, the British De Havilland Comet, makes its maiden test-flight in England. The jet engine would revolutionize the airline industry, shrinking air travel time in half.
- On **July 24, 1959**, during the grand opening ceremony of the American National Exhibition in Moscow, Vice

President Richard Nixon and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev engage in a heated debate in a model kitchen set up for the fair. The “kitchen debate” became one of the most famous episodes of the Cold War.

- On **July 25, 1965**, Bob Dylan went electric at the Newport Folk Festival, performing a rock-and-roll set publicly for the first time. The dismayed audience shouted and booed when he launched into an electrified version of “Maggie’s Farm.”
- On **July 28, 1976**, a nighttime earthquake measuring between 7.8 and 8.2 magnitude on the Richter scale flattens Tangshan, a Chinese industrial city with a population of 1 million. The 23-second temblor leveled 90 percent of Tangshan’s buildings, killing an estimated 242,000 people in the city and surrounding areas.
- On **July 23, 1996**, at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, the U.S. women’s gymnastics team wins its first-ever team gold. The American women’s best finish to that point had been a silver at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Average high: 83°F  
Record: 95°F (1965)  
Average low: 66°F  
Record: 52°F (1953)  
Sunrise: 6:15 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:02 p.m.  
Moonrise: 12:40 a.m.  
Moonset: 1:36 p.m.  
Last Qtr: 9:19 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 48m

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

Average high: 83°F  
Record: 94°F (1949)  
Average low: 66°F  
Record: 51°F (1953)  
Sunrise: 6:16 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:01 p.m.  
Moonrise: 1:05 a.m.  
Moonset: 2:38 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 46m

### FRIDAY, JULY 26

Average high: 82°F  
Record: 96°F (1953)  
Average low: 66°F  
Record: 55°F (1962)  
Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:00 p.m.  
Moonrise: 1:33 a.m.  
Moonset: 3:42 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 44m

### SATURDAY, JULY 27

Average high: 82°F  
Record: 100°F (1955)  
Average low: 65°F  
Record: 53°F (1962)  
Sunrise: 6:18 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:59 p.m.  
Moonrise: 2:05 a.m.  
Moonset: 4:49 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 42m

### SUNDAY, JULY 28

Average high: 82°F  
Record: 95°F (1988)  
Average low: 64°F  
Record: 44°F (2000)  
Sunrise: 6:19 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:58 p.m.  
Moonrise: 2:44 a.m.  
Moonset: 5:56 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 40m

### MONDAY, JULY 29

Average high: 82°F  
Record: 94°F (1988)  
Average low: 64°F  
Record: 54°F (1952)  
Sunrise: 6:20 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:57 p.m.  
Moonrise: 3:30 a.m.  
Moonset: 7:01 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 38m

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

Average high: 80°F  
Record: 96°F (1999)  
Average low: 64°F  
Record: 51°F (1965)  
Sunrise: 6:21 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:56 p.m.  
Moonrise: 4:27 a.m.  
Moonset: 8:01 p.m.  
Day length: 14h 36m



WEEKLY CALENDAR

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**150th Celebration of Crocker House Museum**

2 p.m., The Crocker House Museum, 15 Union Street, Mount Clemens. Upcoming event on Sunday, July 28. Join everyone in a celebration of the Crocker House turning 150 years old with a film premier about the Crocker House and a viewing of a film that was a hit 100 years ago: Male and Female. Period dress of any era welcomed Tickets cost \$12 each and includes a pizza buffet, a pop and popcorn and birthday cake. Cash bar will be available and we will be having a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be available at [www.TheEmeraldTheatre.com](http://www.TheEmeraldTheatre.com).

**Tai Chi Beginners**

6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Oakland Township. Upcoming event for Tuesdays, August 6 to September 24. Find peace and serenity from a busy, stressful day through Tai Chi. Tai Chi exercises the mind and body by increasing wellbeing and improving balance, coordination and strength. Students will learn the basic forms and elegant movements of the Yang Style Short Form Tai Chi. Students should be able to support their weight while standing or bring a chair if unable to stand. Students should wear loose and comfortable clothing and shoes. No flip flops or sandals. Traditional Tai Chi shoes are optional. Bring water bottle. Cost: \$40 for residents, \$80 for nonresidents. Register by July 30.

**Terrific Tadpoles and Friendly Frogs**

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Oakland Township. Upcoming event on Saturday, August 10. Nothing croaks summer fun quite like going out on a frog hunting safari. You will be celebrating the summer like our slimy pond-dwelling friends by participating in a polliwog party. You will be measuring how far you can leap compared to some of the strongest jumpers. Attempt to snatch treats up with some sticky tongues, meet and interact with a real frog, and go on a quick hike in the woods to see if you can find real frogs and tadpoles in the pond and scoop them up with dipping nets. You will even be putting together our own frog life cycle's to take home. Cost: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents. Register by August 2.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019**

**Weekly Bird Walks**

8 a.m., Draper Twin Lake Park, 1015 Inwood Road, Oakland Township. Come out every

Wednesday from June to August for weekly bird walks. They want to document the bird species using the parks so that they can work to improve the bird's habitat. Some extra binoculars are available.

**Pickleball**

12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo. This fast-growing and popular sport is a combination of tennis and badminton. Players need to bring their own paddles. Cost is \$2 at the door.

**Romeo Area Kiwanis**

12:15 p.m., Pamela's Catering, 66850 Van Dyke, Washington Township. Contact RomeoKiwanis@gmail.com for information about attendance.

**Wednesday Arts and Crafts**

2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Kezar Branch – Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. Looking for something to do this summer? Create awesome crafts and show your artistic talents at Wednesday Arts and Crafts. All children aged preschool through middle school are welcome. Questions? Call 586-752-2583.

**Starlab Planetarium**

2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Go on an adventure through space without leaving the comfort of the library. No need for a telescope or a space shuttle. Inside the Graubner Library there will be a walk-in Starlab Planetarium where you will learn about the stars and the solar system. There will be three different Starlab Planetarium sessions during the day, each running for 30 minutes (2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Please sign-up for only one session, as there are limited spaces available for each. For all ages. Registration is required for this event. Register online at [romeodistrictlibrary.org](http://romeodistrictlibrary.org), in person, or by phone at 586-752-0603.

**Romeo's Summer Learning Labs**

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Croswell Elementary, 175 Croswell Street, Romeo. Stop in anytime for a fun family event. Each week they will have a featured guest, Little Free Book Fair, writing activity and a guest reader. Contact Noël Kaczmarczyk at [Noel.kaczmarczyk@romeok12.org](mailto:Noel.kaczmarczyk@romeok12.org) with questions.

**Super Smash Bros Gaming Night**

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Drop in for some awesome gaming. You can play Super Smash Bros, Pokken Tournament

and Mario Kart. Snacks and refreshments will be available. They also have multiple controllers, but feel free to bring your Nintendo DS. Registration is not required. For teens in grades 6-12.

**Washington Lions Club Meeting**

7 p.m., Washington Lions Club and Banquet Center, 58000 Van Dyke Avenue, Washington.

**Armada Jams – Wayward Wind**

7 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, 74460 North Fulton Street, Armada. Long-standing favorite classic rock and roll band with a full repertoire of Beatles tunes. A perennial favorite based in Romeo for the last 40 years. Parking is allowed on the north side of Prospect Street only. Overflow parking is available at the school administration building at 74500 Burk Street. The park is available to rent for your parties. Come early and picnic in the park. For more info, contact Sam Boelke at 586-784-8593 or [sboelke@comcast.net](mailto:sboelke@comcast.net).

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

**Family Storytime**

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Kezar Branch – Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. Fingerplays, music and stories to help young children develop an appreciation for and enjoyment of books and reading. No registration necessary, just drop in.

**Pickleball**

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo. This fast-growing and popular sport is a combination of tennis and badminton. Players need to bring their own paddles. Cost is \$2 at the door.

**Outdoor Galaxy Painting**

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Create your own galaxy splatter painting, make erupting moon rocks, and more. Please dress accordingly, as clothes may get dirty. This event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Registration is required. Call 586-752-0603.

**Community Swim**

1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Romeo High School, 11091 32 Mile Road, Romeo. Children under 48" must be accompanied by adult. Aqua diapers/plastic pants must be worn if not trained. \$3 at the door.

**Current Topics and Trends Discussion Group**

6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Kezar Branch – Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. This group will respectfully discuss current topics of the day, such as politics, social issues, popular culture, local events and more. This group may occasionally have a book or article discussion. We are open to all who are willing to learn and listen, read and discuss.

**Armada Lions Club**

7 p.m., Armada Lions Club, 23031 East Main Street, Armada.

**Detroit Flute Guild Concert**

7 p.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Need an evening of beautiful and relaxing music? Had a long week? Then throw away your worries and stop in and enjoy a wonderful concert presentation by the Detroit Flute Guild. Hear classical mixed with modern and played on flutes of many kinds. Don't miss this one. No registration required.

**Moves in the Park – Incredibles 2**

8 p.m., Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo. It's park parties and movies, what could be better? Enjoy outdoor movies on a giant movie screen. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray. Kids will enjoy playground fun and the bounce house. Free popcorn. Call 586-752-6543 ext. 6 after 5 p.m. if weather is questionable. Activities begin at 8 p.m. with the movie at dusk.

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

**Annual Camp Meeting at Simpson Park Camp**

Simpson Park Camp Meeting, 70199 Campground Road, Romeo. Share ten days of fellowship and inspiration or come for just one, two or three services. In its 154th year, Simpson Park Camp's rustic, back-to-nature setting invites families to pull away from hurried lives. The week offers programming for adults, youth and children with thought-provoking and motivational speakers for all ages. For more information, visit <https://simpsonparkcamp.org/family-camp/>, call the camp office at 586-752-3202, or email [spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org](mailto:spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org).

**Starkweather Open Mic Night**

7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Starkweather Arts Center, 219 North Main Street, Romeo. From up-and-coming bands and musicians to well established groups, Starkweather Arts Center strives to promote music and musicians in its community. Local musicians, poets, comedians, and even young performers come to share their talents. This is a family friendly event. Do you want to perform? Pay your admission and they'll take the performers in order of sign in. Cost: \$4 for non-members and \$3 for members.

**Friday Night Concert Series**

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Stony Creek Metropark Eastwood Beach, 4300 Main Park Road, Shelby Township. Joey Vee is an American Country Music artist. He has traveled to Nashville and performed at the CMA Festival for five consecutive years. He has opened for National Artists including Joe Nichols, Montgomery Gentry, Josh Gracin, Aaron Lewis, Lorrie Morgan, Ty Stone, and Lover Boy. He has been nominated for Detroit Music Awards for "Outstanding Country Vocalist" and "Outstanding Country Recording" and has also performed at the WYCD Downtown Hoedown.

**Friday Night Voyageur Canoe**

8 p.m., Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center, 4300 Main Park Road, Shelby Township. Travel back 300 years to the days of the fur trade on a 34-foot Voyageur canoe. They will guide you through the life of a Voyageur as you paddle the great canoe along the lakeshore. Learn history, enjoy seeing wildlife, and get a little exercise during this evening program. Program is weather dependent. Space is limited. Ages 7 and up. Please preregister, 586-781-9113. Cost: \$8.

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

**Annual Camp Meeting at Simpson Park Camp**

Simpson Park Camp Meeting, 70199 Campground Road, Romeo. Through Aug. 4, share ten days of fellowship and inspiration or come for just one, two or three services. In its 154th year, Simpson Park Camp's rustic, back-to-nature setting invites families to pull away from hurried lives. The week offers programming for adults, youth and children with thought-provoking and motivational speakers for all ages. For more information, visit <https://simpsonparkcamp.org/family-camp/>, call the camp office at 586-752-3202, or email [spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org](mailto:spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org).

**Shelby Township Farmer's Market**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Packard Proving Grounds, 49965 Van Dyke, Shelby Township. Open rain or shine.

**Invasive Shrub Workdays at Bear Creek Nature Park**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Oakland Township. You will be removing invasive shrubs such as buckthorn and autumn olive to help native species thrive in the northern marsh at Bear Creek Nature Park. Wear solid boots, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt and bring water and a snack. Tools and training will be provided. Meet at the Snell Road parking lot at 740 West Snell Road.

**Land Stewardship Help**

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Road, Dryden Township. You will spend our time working on non-native invasive plants. These days are great opportunities for community service hours and Master Gardener hours. Bring gloves and water. Call 810-796-3200 or go to sevenponds.org to register.

**Ladies Tea at Simpson Park Camp**

12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Simpson Park Camp Meeting, 70199 Campground Road, Romeo. Pastor Mary Ellen Chapman, of Omo Zion UMC in Lenox, Michigan will be the main speaker. The theme is Women Saying Yes To God. The ticket price is \$10, including girls age 9 and older. Reservations are due by Monday, July 22 for the discount price. Payment at the door on the day of the Tea will be \$15 per person. Call the camp office at 586-752-3202 or email [spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org](mailto:spcamp@simpsonparkcamp.org) for reservations.

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

**Wolcott Grist Mill Tour – Historic Center**

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# Peach Queen and Runner-Up host Music for Myeloma

**BY DANIELLE BLESSING**

The 2019 Romeo Peach Queen, Isabel “Izzy” Wallace, and Runner-Up, Brittany Ladson, will be hosting Music for Myeloma, a fundraising event benefiting cancer research, 2-6 p.m., Sunday, July 28.

The event will be held at Younger’s Irish Tavern at 120 South Main Street, in Romeo.

It will include kids’ activities and live music as well as raffle baskets donated by local businesses, a 50/50 raffle and a variety of vendors.

There is no cover charge, however, donations are encouraged.

The musical lineup includes Rocky Wallace, Adam Domorsky, J. Rose, Sarah Milano and a duet by Rebecca Hnatyk and Tyler Zalewski.

Izzy Wallace also plans to perform.

“I am a musician, so I perform at festivals...around town, but it’s really cool to be performing at an event that I’m putting on with the runner-up,” Izzy Wallace said.

Wallace, 19, will be performing “Grace’s Song,” a song she wrote for a family friend diagnosed with myeloma.

When Grace was diagnosed, Wallace witnessed firsthand all of the pain and suffering the family endured and knew she wanted to help.

The proceeds from each download or play of “Grace’s Song” on iTunes and Spotify will go directly to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Wallace also took it a step farther and interviewed doctors regarding various facts on myeloma. She then compiled the interviews into a documentary which will be shown at the event.

Wallace held a Music for Myeloma fundraiser for the first time in Troy back in 2017.

“Once I was crowned, I thought I’d love to do this (fundraiser) again and make it bigger and better,” Wallace said.

Each year the Peach Queen and runner-up choose an organization or platform to support.

“This year, Izzy came in with the amazing idea to continue her support through Music for Myeloma, and Brittany was absolutely on board,” Pageant Director Jessica Foltz-Goike said. “They have been working hard to prepare for the event...I hope that our community comes out to support all of their efforts.”



2019 Romeo Peach Queen, Isabel “Izzy” Wallace, and Runner-Up, Brittany Ladson (Submitted photo)

Both of the Music for Myeloma hosts have experience with cancer patients and cancer research that has led to their desire to be a part of this fundraiser.

“I’m a med student at MSU...so I’ve seen firsthand the effect fundraisers have had on cancer research and the cancer journey as a whole,” Ladson, 23, said. “I worked in a cancer lab where things like this (fundraiser) have really helped us.”

“(My favorite part is) being able to make a difference in my community. That’s something I’ve always had a passion for and my true love,” Wallace said.

All donations, as well as a por-

tion of the proceeds from each vendor, will go towards funding Multiple Myeloma research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

“It’s definitely been a lot of work,” Wallace said. “Between me and the runner-up and our director, we’ve been communicating non-stop and working as a team to make this all come together, so we’re all super excited.”

“I am immeasurably excited about the event coming up,” Ladson said. “We’ve worked very hard getting donations so I’m excited to see it all come to fruition.”

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iconic mill and the Wolcott family who lived here and maybe, even a ghost story or two. Cost: \$3 per child, \$5 per adult. Times are 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### Harness and Hitch

12 p.m., Wolcott Mill Metropark – Farm Center, 65775 Wolcott Road, Ray. Come out to the farm and join our teamsters in harnessing and hitching our draft horses, then enjoy a wagon ride through the farm fields. Ask questions and learn about these majestic equines. This program may be rescheduled due to inclement weather conditions. Dress for the weather, wearing closed toe shoes. Ages 6 and up. Please preregister, 586-752-5932. Cost: \$3 child, \$5 adult.

**Free Open House at Bear Creek Nature Park**  
12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road, Oakland Township. Parks and Rec will be taking over the Bear Creek pavilion for an afternoon of exciting adventure as you and they explore the beautiful biomes of one of their favorite parks. They will be lending out dipping nets and critter keepers for families to use to sweep the ponds of aquatic bugs, frogs, tadpoles and turtles. They will have a scavenger hunt set up across the trail system for treasure hunters to test their merits. There will even be a frog puppet craft happening beneath the sheltered pavilion. And of course, no open house would be complete without a free snack. All equipment provided. No registration required.

### Hop, Run, Fly, Let’s See Jonathan Woods in July

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Road, Dryden Township. Jonathan Woods is one of Seven Ponds’ satellite properties and it’s always interesting to see what’s happening over there. Everyone will meet at Seven Ponds and carpool over to Jonathan Woods to enjoy a nice walk.

### Music for Myeloma

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Younger’s Irish Tavern, 120 South Main Street, Romeo. The 2019 Romeo Peach Queen of Michigan and Runner-Up are hosting this event in an effort to spread awareness and raise money for multiple myeloma. Come out for some live music, a prize raffle, and activities for kids. The event is free, but donations are suggested. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Karmanos Cancer Institute for cancer research.

### MONDAY, JULY 29

#### Sisters in Stitching

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo. Bring your embroidery or needle work and enjoy the company of others. This group, along with the facilitator Ginny Orlando, can help give encouragement and support.

### Celebrate Recovery

6:15 p.m., Stoney Church, 11711 26 Mile Road, Washington. This is help with any hurt, hang-up or habit you are facing. This is a faith-based community program open to adults. There is a complimentary dinner starting at 5:15 p.m. For more information, please call Barry Haupt at 586-781-2266.

### Free Outdoor Yoga w/ White Lotus

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Join White Lotus at Graubner Romeo District Library in Washington for a 60-minute Basic Yoga Class on the beautiful lawn (weather permitting) in a quiet, peaceful setting. All levels are welcome. Bring your Yoga mat, water bottle, and an optional blanket.

### End of Summer Reading Party

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Addison Township Public Library, 1400 Rochester Road, Leonard. Come to Addison Library’s End of Summer Reading Party. Inflatable fun, reading raffle prizes and awards.

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

#### Camp Seven Ponds Young Explorers

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crawford Road, Dryden Township. You will spend your days exploring nature through games, art, investigations, hikes, activities, and much more. Please bring a bag lunch, a snack, water, and clothes for any weather.

Cost: \$60 for members, \$70 for nonmembers. Register by calling 810-796-3200 or at sevenponds.org.

### Senior Exercise

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Ray Township Hall, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray. Come on out to exercise on Tuesday mornings. Most exercises can be done from a standing or sitting position and are suitable for most seniors. No registration, free.

### Family Storytime at Graubner

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Bring the whole family for a fun time of stories, songs, and crafts. No registration required.

### Senior Social Tuesday

11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Ray Township Hall, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray. Enjoy a potluck lunch and get to know your neighbors. Each week is a different theme and the first Tuesday of the month we have a birthday celebration. No registration, free.

### Chair Dancing

11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Washington Activity Center, 57880 Van Dyke, Washington. Chair exercise program is designed to help seniors and mobility challenged develop strength and flexibility, enhancing your ability to function in daily life.

### Baby and Me Storytime

11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Kezar Branch – Romeo District Library, 107 Church Street, Romeo. A special storytime for ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Lots of songs, rhymes, and interactive fun. Siblings welcome. No registration.

### Senior Bingo

12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Ray Township Hall, 64255 Wolcott Road, Ray. Bingo is played every Tuesday. There are prizes to win and good times to be had. No registration, free.

### Romeo Rotary Club

12:15 p.m., Four Corners Diner, 231 East St. Clair, Romeo.

### Pickleball

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo. This fast-growing and popular sport is a combination of tennis and badminton. Players need to bring their own paddles. Cost is \$2 at the door.

### Mini-Hydroponic Growing Class

7 p.m., Graubner Branch – Romeo District Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington. Kathleen Clinton from Wolcott Mill will be teaching this interesting class on the latest growing/gardening craze—hydroponics. Learn the basics of mini-hydroponics and take home your own plant to get you started. Soon you’ll discover your own green thumb. Supplies are provided, but class size is limited. Please stop in or call 586-752-0603 to register.

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Using what you already know might not be quite enough to get a proposed project off the ground. Look for any new information that might help tilt the scales in your favor.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news: While a changing workplace environment can be daunting for some, it could be the challenge you've been hoping for. If so, confront it with confidence and move on.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to recheck travel arrangements for any changes that could work to your advantage. Aspects also favor strengthening and restoring old, fraying relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Using your intuitive reasoning helps you cut right through the double-talk and go straight to what's really going on around you. Stay the course until all your questions are answered.

BORN THIS WEEK: You radiate light and warmth, and others love being close to you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty is, as always, admirable. But you might want to be more tactful in discussing a sensitive issue with a family member. Remember: You can give advice without giving offense.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected workplace snag should be handled quickly and efficiently so that it leaves you time for family get-togethers. Also, you might soon get that long-sought apology.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor family matters, especially where children might be involved. Spending time with loved ones helps restore some much-needed balance to your typically busy schedule.

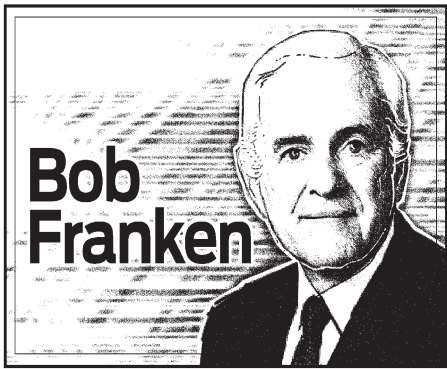
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That seemingly clear-cut agreement might not be quite so straightforward after all. Recheck for language that could make you liable for hidden costs and other unpleasant surprises.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Careful, Kitty. Better to deal with someone with proven reliability than with a big talker who promises much but can't confirm that he or she will deliver. Your social life really zings this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your matchmaking skills are at peak performance levels both in helping to staff workplace teams for upcoming projects and for bringing people together on a more personal basis.

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President Bunker

It’s obvious to many people that our president, Donald Trump, is really Archie Bunker in the age of social media. The problem is, we have to deal with President Bunker. He is our duly elected chief executive, after all.

So it’s essential that Congress reach an occasional accommodation with him, otherwise do-or-die measures like raising the debt ceiling will be left undone, and the country will continue to wither.

Amping up the limit is crucial, otherwise the “full faith and credit” of the United States will become meaningless. Our government won’t be able to borrow or finance basic services because, for the first time in history, we will have welched on our obligations. While that might have been a normal way of operating when Donald Trump was in the private sector, even he seems to comprehend that it would ruin the U.S.

Many congressional Democrats are well aware that they have no choice but to hold their noses and reach an agreement with this blatant bigot. Even with his frequent eruptions of his deep-seated prejudice that spew to the surface, usually flooding his Twitter sewer.

It has happened again. Referring to the four newbie Democratic members of the House — all women of color, all aggressively anti-establishment — he managed to unite their party behind them, even as their know-it-all attitudes had been causing hard feelings with the more realistic members.

But party squabbling was set aside after President Bunker tweeted the following from his White House bunker: “So interesting to see ‘Progressive’

Democrat Congresswomen, who originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe, the worst, most corrupt and inept anywhere in the world (if they even have a functioning government at all), now loudly and viciously telling the people of the United States, the greatest and most powerful Nation on earth, how our government is to be run,” he tweeted.

“Why don’t they go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came. Then come back and show us how it is done.”

“Why don’t you go back where you came from!”? Surely POTUS is aware that that is a rallying cry of the deeply prejudiced, whether they be racists, anti-Semites or other xenophobes.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi raced to their defense, reacting in horror to the tweets: Obviously this POTUS, she wrote, wants to “make America white again.”

Other Democrats expressed similar outrage, although, sadly, Republicans, for the most part, were silent.

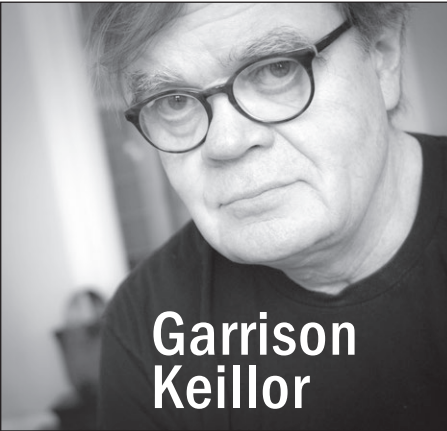
For the record, of the four members of “The Squad,” the rookie congresswomen who have been making such noise, three were born in the United States while one was a refugee from Somalia. It shouldn’t be necessary to point that out.

For these congressional neophytes, who possibly don’t even know who Archie Bunker is (he was before their time), occasionally the welfare of the country requires they sit in the same room as the bigot president and his enabling aides, and hash out vital agreements. That’s what Joe Biden was probably trying to say when he clumsily spoke of his Senate relationships with the hardcore segregationists of the past.

It was nothing to brag about, which he did, but the reality then was that you had to do business with the racists. With President Bunker, it still is.

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The Pleasure of Running Into Stan on Sunday

I stopped in a cafe on Sunday after church to get awakened from a feeling of blessedness and who should I run into but my Anoka High School gym teacher Stan Nelson, who is 99 years old and still talking and making sense. He looked at me and said, “Are you still having trouble with chin-ups and the rope climb?” I was 17 at the time and now I’m 76, and I told him that I’ve managed to stay out of situations that might require me to climb a rope or lift myself up by a horizontal bar, so the answer is, No, it’s no trouble at all.

“You’re looking good,” he said. He’s looking good too, hearty and keen, as if 99 is what he was aiming for all along. “You flunked the physical for football, didn’t you,” he said. I said, “Yes. Heart valve. They fixed it in 2001.” I opened my shirt and showed him the surgical scar on my sternum. He said he didn’t think I would’ve liked football anyway. I agreed with him about that.

It made me happy to see a man of 99 enjoying his life. It puts everything else into perspective, all the mokey poetry I wrote in college, the long single-spaced anguished letters written to friends under the influence of Kafka and Kierkegaard. Self-conscious misery is for the young; old age is the time to cheer up.

I was brought up by people who went through the Great Depression and the war and who told me how hard life could be and I matriculated into prosperous times when I put myself through college working part-time in the scullery and could still have a beer now and then. I’ve been independent ever since. I never confided my problems to anybody; I just let them go unexpressed and eventually they blew away like dry leaves. Or they became quirks. I was lucky. I married well. I got my heart sewn up by a surgeon and now I’m older than most of my aunts and uncles. I went

to church and was forgiven and took Communion and now my old gym teacher is pleased to see me.

Minneapolis is near where I grew up on the Mississippi. The city has risen, spread, renovated, beautified itself since I was a boy — the old factories and warehouses are now expensive condos — and it’s lovely to walk around the old hometown, one foot in the past, while looking at the unimaginable present, the enormous towers, the male couples, the young women checking their cellphones, the ordinariness of being among people of color: that didn’t exist back then.

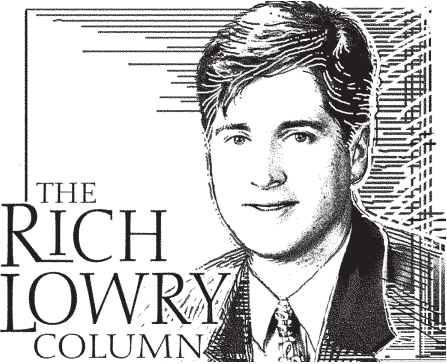
I’m at peace with all of it and a great deal more. The children of my friends are engaged in good works, trying to help people addicted to opioids and heroin whose lives have fallen apart, who live in ragged encampments, desperate families with small children, a scene of wretchedness out of Dickens’s Oliver Twist in the midst of my prospering city. I admire the doers of good works. I worry that they’ll forget to go to the state fair and ride the Ferris wheel in the dark and laugh and enjoy their cheese curds.

Life is good. Power and influence are illusory. Rich people often get lousy health care. Doctors don’t give thorough digital prostate exams to CEOs. Famous people are more likely to die in stupid accidents because their handlers are afraid to say, “Stop. That’s crazy.”

We live in treacherous times but so did Thomas Keillor who survived the five week voyage from Yorkshire in 1774 and my ancestor Prudence Crandall who got booted out of Connecticut in 1831 for admitting young women of color to her school and so she fled to Kansas where she campaigned for women’s suffrage. She was a Methodist. I like to imagine her sitting on a porch in Kansas, writing fierce polemics against male supremacy and the racist killjoys who blight the landscape, and at the same time enjoying the music of meadowlarks and the taste of tomatoes eaten off the vine and the pleasure of shade in the midst of brilliance. To change the world, you must start out by loving it. It’s fine to march but don’t forget to dance. The Lord is gracious. Come unto his gates with thanksgiving. In other words, get over yourself. It isn’t about you. Grab the rope and pull yourself up. Try. Try again.

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Middle-Class Joe Cashes In

The American middle class just got a lot richer.

Joe Biden, who invariably and tiresomely refers to himself as “Middle-Class Joe,” made \$15 million the first two years after the end of the Obama administration.

According to one estimate, it takes an annual income of \$420,000 to be in the top 1% of earners. Biden made 26 times that in 2017. He used to be remarkable among top politicians for not being very wealthy, but even in the old days of straitened circumstances, he and his wife were making about \$400,000 a year, enough to make the top 1% in Delaware.

This doesn’t discredit any particular Democratic policy proposal, but it shows that in inveighing against the 1%, many top Democrats are attacking a group they are happy to be part of.

The Bidens bought a \$2.7 million vacation house on the beach, a luxury far out of the reach of the vast majority of Americans. If Biden has felt any guilt, he has yet to show it.

We shouldn’t begrudge Biden, or anyone else, getting what the market is willing to pay him, and spending it on things he enjoys. But what’s true of Biden is as true of other denizens of the 1%, a category that includes people across all sorts of industries and professions.

What distinguishes the buck-raking of a politician like Biden is that he is simply cashing in on his fame, rather than adding any true value the way an entrepreneur does, or providing important services like a doctor or an accountant.

Writing books (often with the help of a ghostwriter) and showing up and giving speeches is perhaps the easiest money in America, and it is uniquely the path to wealth of politicians.

This road is so paved with gold that even Sandinista-friendly avowed socialists can make a bounty, as Bernie Sanders has without apology, indeed with a prickly defensiveness. “I didn’t know that it was a crime to write a good book, which turned out to be a bestseller,” he huffed at a community meeting.

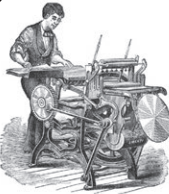
It’s also not a crime to use tax loopholes to keep from paying more than necessary to the IRS, as Biden can attest. The Wall Street Journal reports that the former vice president, a longtime critic of tax loopholes exploited by the rich, himself used a loophole that Democrats have long tried to eliminate to save about half a million on his tax bill.

Biden is by no means the lead scourge of the wealthy in the Democratic field. He’s been outflanked on this issue by Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, who herself made nearly a million dollars last year. At a recent fundraiser, he said that rich people shouldn’t be demonized. Of course, Biden was talking to a room of fellow rich people.

On CNN the other night, he was back as usual to calling himself Middle-Class Joe. It’s probably too much to ask him to give up that shopworn self-image. Still, he and many of his colleagues would be truer to how they live their own lives if they began to more fully embrace and promote the idea of their fellow Americans getting rich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Next time you see Supervisor Dan O’Leary, you might want to thank him for what he went through, and what he did for the Washington Township residents.

When is it ever easy to do the right thing? I’m sure there are examples around, but think about this: You are made aware of criminal behavior by those that work for you. What do you do: The right thing or the easy thing? Easy is turning a blind eye and moving on. The right thing is to report it to the proper authorities. So, which is best: Right or easy?

Imagine taking the right approach and enduring unexpected consequences? Over the ensuing years you will be wired, photographed, listened to, have your phone tapped, your office wired. You will be followed, forced to live a double life, accept a bribe, turn in friends, have friends become enemies, and by the way, you can’t tell anyone what you are doing, or why you are always stressed out. All this awaits you, for doing the right thing. You will be threatened, avoided, talked about, lied to, lied about, feel alone, your livelihood and personal safety jeopardized. Those who stand by you are harassed and you still do what you think is right.

Then, when it all comes together, you

get to admit in court what you did, have the defense team try to make you out to be crazy, crooked, a liar, self-serving, indignant, hot-headed, and anything else that may help refute your testimony. (Independent of the video and audio made of you by the authorities, proving otherwise.) Even after the Feds expressed their appreciation for his efforts, his enemies twist the truth to try to make him look like the problem, not the solution.

Still want to do the right thing?

Our township supervisor did all this. Not for himself, but for the residents. In fact, he had a relationship with the FBI that went back to his first week in office in 2008. He wore a wire with multiple people, multiple times. Corruption costs us all more money. Payoffs come from higher priced contracts, and usually lower quality service, with potentially higher taxes to pay for the corruption. There are lost hours at work, resources wasted, and diversions created, not to mention thousands in personal lawyer fees paid to get advice on doing the right thing.

Dan deserves our thanks for doing the right thing: Protecting the residents in Washington Township. Thanks Dan.

**Gary E. Kopp**  
**Washington Township Trustee**



NEWS

FROM OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

It appears a combination of alcohol consumption and late-night kayaking resulted in the death of a 33-year-old man on Lakeville Lake in Addison Township. At 9:21 a.m. on July 16, the body of Steven E. Giron was found in 7 feet of water about 200 yards from shore between Anandale Road and Peninsula Drive, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Sgt. Keith Weir, commander of the Addison substation. An autopsy was performed later that day by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office and the "preliminary indication" is the death was due to drowning, according to Sheriff's Sgt. Brent Jex, of the Marine Division.

— *The Oxford Leader*

Two big decisions were made during a July 8 special meeting of the Addison Township Library Board

of Trustees. One, officials selected the shape of the footprint for the new 5,000-square-foot facility they're working toward constructing. In a 4-1 vote, the board chose the Y-shaped concept, which includes an uncovered patio area, on a 3.8-acre vacant parcel along Rochester Road between Cantley Street and Milmine Road in Lakeville. The other option was a rectangular building. Based on a proposed budget submitted to the board its June 18 meeting, the Y-shaped building could cost an estimated \$1.284 million, which is approximately \$49,000 higher than a rectangular building. The board also voted not to attempt to sell, at this time, a small portion of the new building site in the hopes of generating some revenue for the project.

— *The Oxford Leader*

The Rochester Hills Public Library no longer plans to ask voters to approve a millage hike in November that officials previously said would help put the library on solid financial footing. Following a lengthy discussion about a ballot proposal at a special meeting June 12, the library board unanimously decided to hold off on placing an operating millage proposal request on the November ballot, but to continue the discussion on the topic. Library Director Christine Lind Hage said board members want more time to assess how changes in property values will affect the amount of a future millage proposal.

— *Rochester Post*

One of the area's oldest dairy operations, Lynn Island Farms, sold their herd of cattle July 17 at an on-farm auction. For the last 133 years,

members of the Stuever family have been caring for and milking Holsteins at their Turner Road homestead in Lynn Township. Duane Stuever, who oversees animal care at Lynn Island, admits it will likely be "a little strange" once the complete herd dispersal sale is over and there aren't cows and calves in the surrounding barns or pastures. The farm's milking herd stood at about 125 cows. Although dairy farmers are currently facing tough economic times, that's not the reason Lynn Island Farms is selling their cows. Instead it's a matter of not having a successor to assume the livestock end of operations. Duane's brother, Dale, has managed the farm's fieldwork and they'll continue to grow cash crops.

— *Tri-City Times*

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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MOST AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

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Super Crossword

SCRAPING FOR A MEAL

ACROSS

1 Letters with twists  
6 "For want of — the horse was lost"  
11 "Fernando" quartet  
15 Tax-deferred svgs. plans  
19 Not express, as a train  
20 Daring feat  
21 Briny expanses  
22 Roman historian  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Back talk  
26 Caustic compounds  
27 "Silkwood" star Meryl  
28 Hail, mostly  
29 Papier —  
30 iPod option  
31 Riddle, part 2  
35 700, to  
37 22-Across  
38 — Julie, Que.  
39 Morays and congers  
40 Lays away  
41 Momentous stretches  
43 "Silence!"  
46 Skinny  
48 Six-pt. scores

49 Riddle, part 3  
53 One of Isaac's twins  
57 Prenatal exam, briefly  
58 "I'm so hungry I could — horse!"  
59 J.D. Salinger title girl  
60 Old Russian overlords  
61 Movie house, in Spanish  
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65 Moo — pork  
67 Rural tract  
68 Riddle, part 4  
74 Jackie O's Onassis  
76 Feel lousy  
77 — Alto, California  
78 Old — (Disney dog)  
81 Ridge on a fingerprint  
83 — mater  
87 Gilbert of "Roseanne"  
89 Go away  
90 Individual  
91 Riddle, part 5  
94 Sothern of "Blind Date"  
96 "Nuts!"

97 "Scat, cat!"  
98 Email button  
99 Flashy keyboard composition  
103 Ruess of the band Fun  
105 German city where Einstein was born  
107 Real mess  
108 End of the riddle  
113 Prefix with presence  
114 Shutter parts  
115 — de plume  
116 Privy to the plot  
120 City in Texas  
121 El — (city in Texas)  
122 Riddle's answer  
124 "Son of —!"  
125 Kuwait, e.g.  
126 — Lodge  
127 Fashion's Oscar  
128 Deep wishes  
129 Parcel (out)  
130 Halt  
131 Bar seat

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2 Cushiony  
3 Injury vestige  
4 Loosens up  
5 Rains down cold pellets  
6 Stubborn quadruped  
7 Unemotional  
8 Intuitive feeling  
9 Cyclops' facial feature  
10 Sched. guess  
11 Lee Harvey Oswald and others  
12 Shore area  
13 Big parties  
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16 Capital of Saudi Arabia  
17 Broad road  
18 B-board admins  
24 Indifference  
29 "Thoroughly Modern —"  
32 Don't throw away, maybe  
33 Study fixture  
34 The old man  
35 Trim, as meat  
36 Perjury, e.g.  
37 Pink flower  
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47 "Get Shorty" studio  
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51 Roman orator  
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62 Far Eastern sash  
64 Gig gear  
66 "Over here!"  
69 Kingly name in Norway  
70 Oven for drying hops  
71 Weak spots  
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73 Butter alternatives  
74 Piercing tool  
75 Pi-sigma link  
79 Occurrence  
80 "Angie Baby" singer Helen  
82 Knee jerks, e.g.  
84 British "Inc." series, for short  
85 Destined  
86 Orderly groupings  
88 Nary — (no one)  
91 Serving to block junk email  
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101 Mexican resort on the Yucatán  
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104 One of JFK's sisters  
106 Coal diggers  
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110 Chocolate quaff  
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118 "... as — say ..."  
119 Popular cookware brand  
122 "Parks and —" (NBC series, for short)  
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## NATURAL GAS

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- Announced that State Representative Jeff Yaroch will be at the township hall from 6-7 p.m., Aug. 20 to discuss changes in the state’s no-fault automobike insurance laws.
- Announced that Romeo Commu-

## CORRUPTION

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said was not thrilled about the idea, was convinced to wear a wire for the FBI.

“Steve was caught on tape taking this ill-gotten gain,” O’Leary said. “He was notified and shown it on tape and he knew was going to jail for a really long time.”

O’Leary said that for a second time he had to decide against firing Hohensee because the FBI still wanted to use Hohensee to catch more criminals.

Hohensee was kept in his job for another year while the FBI made several audio and video tapes of crimes, some of which were shown during Khan’s trial according to O’Leary.

He said during that time the FBI dug deeper into Hohensee’s background they were able to verify the prior evidence of corruption that O’Leary had handed over to them.

“(Hohensee) also had \$80,000 in cash shrink wrapped and put into his drywall,” O’Leary said. “So he had apparently had some pretty good success doing this over the years.”

O’Leary said that Hohensee had tipped O’Leary and the FBI off that Khan was interested in the township’s \$1 million a year engineering contract and that Khan was willing to pay a bribe to win the contract.

By late 2014, the FBI wanted O’Leary to tape the bribe instead of Hohensee.

“I was not a criminal that turned state’s evidence. I was a volunteer,” he said. “I wore a wire in the past and I was comfortable doing so.”

In November 2014, O’Leary said that he took a bribe of \$10,000 from Khan while wearing a wire and video recording the incident in his office under the supervision of the FBI.

O’Leary was told by the FBI that it had hoped to have its case wrapped up before the end of 2016 but by that time word had leaked out among the racketeers that O’Leary was working with the federal government when some of the first people were indicted in 2016.

“I was told at least four times that I was going to get my comeuppance that they were coming after me,” O’Leary said. “I was told `we’re gonna take you out. We will isolate you. You won’t have a reputation when we are done with you. We will throw every dime we have against you. When we are done with you, no one will have anything to do with you.””

O’Leary said that the threats came from politically connected people in the county but would not name them because he feels they may soon face charges themselves.

He said that the group began spreading rumors about him including that he was responsible for two murders.

“Four people worked hard to spread that rumor including three people that are in the criminal justice system,” he said. “So when you have three people in the criminal justice system—that’s kind of scary if you are me.”

nity Schools will have a special election on Nov. 5 with a millage renewal on the ballot.

- Set a date for a special joint meeting between the Ray Township Board of Trustees and the Ray Township Library Board for 7 p.m., Monday, July 29 to discuss painting of the library exterior and other improvements.

He said that several social media groups were formed on websites such as Facebook to spread the rumors.

He said that the group created fake email accounts and sent fake emails to people that do business with the township.

He said the fake email accounts and emails are considered a form of identity theft and that he suspects there may be a future prosecution for identity theft.

“Businesses were intimidated,” he said.

He alluded to an incident in 2016 that took place at Westview Orchards which suddenly received six health violations complaints at the Michigan Department of Agriculture after decades of no complaints at all.

The owners, one of which is Trustee Abby Jacobson, said they had turned away a group of people that wanted their support in opposing O’Leary.

The violations, which were found to have no merit, began days after speaking to the group.

“Hey I’d hate to see your farm go out of business after all of these years,” O’Leary said paraphrasing the group organized against him.

He also alluded to an organized boycott of *The Record* in 2016 and 2017 led by members of the group that felt that the newspaper should not report on corruption, government contracts and drunken driving charges against Bruce Township Clerk Susan Brockmann.

“Hey don’t print those articles, I’ll make sure no one advertises in your paper,” he said.

He also said an insurance company and a landscaping company were threatened because they openly expressed support for him.

“Yeah, it happened. That’s RICO violation stuff,” O’Leary said referring to the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) which is used to stop organized crime.

O’Leary said that the group engaged in corporate espionage but would not go into further detail.

He said that a local unnamed charity was attacked by the group because he was involved in it.

“That one ticked me off because I was involved in it. I really valued that charity,” he said.

O’Leary said that another wave of indictments is probably around the corner after one of Khan’s former employees named on the witness stand several elected officials that had received bribes from Khan.

Khan faces 10 to 12 and a-half years in federal prison and up to a \$250,000 fine.

Hohensee died in October 2017, just days after being indicted by federal prosecutors for his part in the bribery scheme.

“Those are the results, 22 people convicted to date. I don’t think they are anywhere close to being done,” O’Leary said.

## College news...

**Central Michigan University announced the following students made the spring 2019 honors list:**

Alison Marie Angelucci, senior, of Washington Township

Brandon J Apley, junior, of Romeo

Madeline Grace Badke, senior, of Ray Township

Hannah N Barden, freshman, of Washington Township

Austin James Beaudet, senior, of Washington Township

Nicole Grace Bien, senior, of Oakland Township

Tawney Alexa Brooks, junior, of Romeo

Andrew Raymond Cate, sophomore, of Romeo

Emma Marie Delie, junior, of Washington Township

Alex Joseph Dusza, senior, of Ray Township

Micaela Ann Gonino, senior, of Washington Township

Mara Elyse Gottschling, sophomore, of Washington Township

Madison Kay Hubbard, junior, of Armada

Jordan Ann Jaklic, junior, of Washington Township

Michael John Jaroszynski, senior, of Bruce Township

Paul C LaBaere II, senior, of Washington Township

Jenna A Landa, senior, of Washington Township

Lizette Claire LeBoulch, sophomore, of Oakland Township

Andrew James Maiorana, junior, of Washington Township

Sydney Teagan Martin, senior, of Washington Township

Cassidy Jo Maslowsky, freshman, of Leonard

Anita Matharoo, senior, of Oakland Township

Nicholas Michael McKiernan, junior, of Bruce Township

Molly Rebecca Michaels, senior, of Romeo

Mikayla Nicole Miller, senior, of Armada

Spencer Hugh Perilloux, sophomore, of Romeo

Natalie Noel Perras, senior, of Washington Township

Sydney Lynn Raines, sophomore, of Washington Township

Grace Elena Rivard, sophomore, of Ray Township

Leah Katherine Simpson, senior, of Washington Township

Emily Nicole Stefanich,, sophomore, of Armada

Brendan David Sturmer, sophomore, of Armada

Sophia Katherine Thomas, senior, of Washington Township

Joseph A Vaglica, senior, of Washington Township

Felicia M Vitale, senior, of Bruce Township

Gracielle Marie Wilhelm, freshman, of Oakland Township

Rachel Zauel, sophomore, of Washington Township

**Central Michigan University announced the following students graduated in the spring semester:**

Gregory Aliotta II, BSBA, Washington Township

Alison Angelucci, BS, Washington Township

Kathryn Arcy, BAA, Washington Township

Amanda Arendts, BAA, Romeo

Madeline Badke, BSME, Ray Township

Austin Beaudet, BSBA, Washington Township

Julia Beccari, BAA, Washington Township

Michael Barnett, BAA, Romeo

Matthew Doan, BSBA, Romeo

Jeffrey Grundy, MSA, Washington Township

Sarah Hodder, BAA, Oakland Township

Paul LaBaere II, BSBA, Washington Township

Brendan Mantey, BS, Ray Township

Ryan Marasco, BSBA, Bruce Township

Katrina Marberger, BAA, Washington Township

Nina Matharoo, BS, Oakland Township

Dale Merza, BAA, Washington Township

Mikayla Miller, BSBA, Armada

Alec Omell, BSEE, Washington Township

Courtney Paver, BSME, Washington Township

Kaitlyn Roland, BS, Romeo

Andrew Smilnak, BAA, Romeo

Sophia Thomas, BA, Washington Township

Jordan VanIttersum, BS, Romeo

Alyssa Vinckier, DPT, Romeo

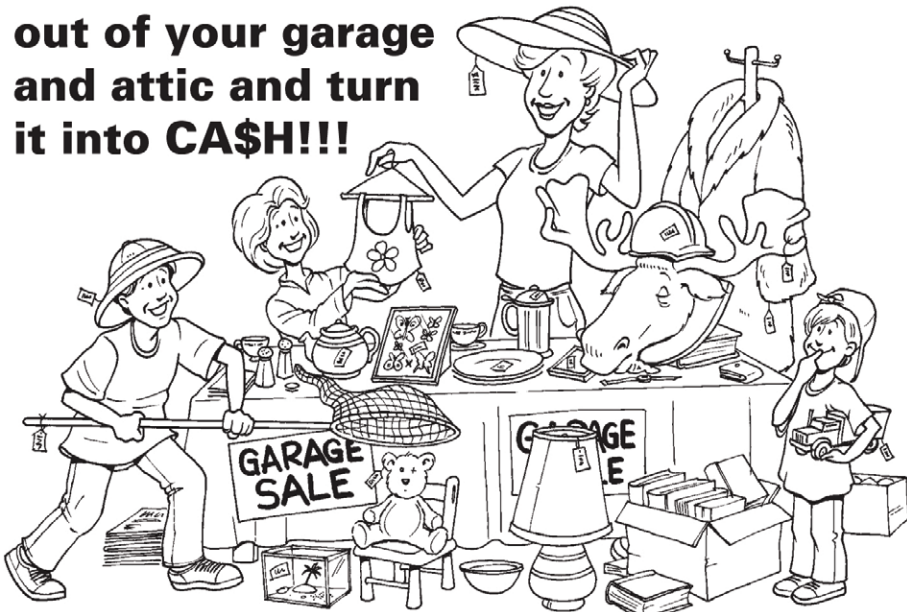
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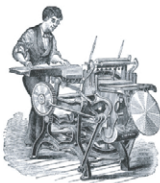
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**FISHING DERBY.** Above, families line the shores of Buhl Lake at Addison Oaks County Park. Below on the left is of the record catch of the day, a 11 ¾ bass, by Troy, 5, and Carter, 3, and their mom, Mariah Mokienko, from Macomb Township. Santino Agrusa, with is dad, Gasper, both from Washington Township, works on casting his line into the water in the photo below and on the right.



The annual Kids Fishing Derby was Saturday at Addison Oaks County Park in Addison Township in conjunction with the Romeo Kiwanis Club and Romeo Washington Bruce Parks and Recreation. Approximately 60 families from the area came out to enjoy the morning fishing. Bottom row, on the left, Giovanni Arboscello, of Macomb Township, tries to bait his line with a worm. Adison Harlow, 9, readies her net to catch any fish that ends up on her line in the photo on the right. (Photos by Mike Nicley)

## The Great Lost Lake Overnight Adventure

Prepare for a spectacularly unique adventure at Lost Lake Nature Park: an overnight camping extravaganza beginning at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9.

The event takes place at the Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail in Oakland Township.

Dinosaur Hill naturalists will lead you through an evening of nature-based escapades throughout the entirety of the park including time fishing off of the dock, glow-stick tag in the meadow, a scavenger hunt, hands-on flint-and-steel fire starting demonstrations, and nature based crafts all before the sun begins to set.

Once it gets dark everyone will gather around the campfire to cook a delicious dinner before heading inside to watch a movie with snacks.

Afterwards, everyone will take a flashlight led hike in the woods on an owl-prowl and learn a little bit about the many moths of the woods (while also learning what you can do at home

to attract them).

Afterwards the nature center will be open for crafts and activities until it's time to retire for the night to the tents outside.

In the morning everyone will gather around the fire one final time to cook breakfast before packing belongings up and bidding adieu to a wonderful night.

Participants are asked to bring their own tents, sleeping bags and flashlights, but the building will have bathrooms with running water and electricity. If you do not wish to spend the night, families may leave at any point but still participate in all activities.

Price per family: \$25 residents, \$30 nonresidents.

When registering through our website they will be collecting participant's allergy information and dietary restrictions. Register online today at [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org).

Registration closes a week before each class date.

### RAY TOWNSHIP

## Phase II of library renovations complete

The Ray Township Public Library has completed phase II of the “Renovations for Resourceful Spaces Project” which involves the renovation of the Children’s Room, renovations to the bathroom, new flooring in the rear entrance, and a custom archival cabinet according to library officials.

Ray Township Public Library Director Christy DeMeuleneare said that the \$33,600 project was possible with the support of the community and three grants.

She said the Library was awarded a grant of \$15,616 from the State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), \$5,302 from the Four County Community Foundation and \$500 from the TCF Bank Foundation.

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match funds with other public and private dollars. Local support of the project included the Township of Ray, the Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society and the Ray Township Firefighters.

“This second phase increased the shelfspace for the children’s collections

with two dedicated children’s computers, added a secure space to display and store Ray Township archives and genealogy resources, expanded storage space, as well as improved the overall comfort and welcoming environment,” DeMeuleneare said in a press release.

The MCACA grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process that allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals.

“This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts, educational, and cultural experiences,” she said.

The Ray Township Public Library is located at 64255 Wolcott Road.

It is open 1-8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The phone number is 586-749-7130 and the website is [www.raylibrary.org](http://www.raylibrary.org).

## Wild Kids of Lost Lake Summer Camp

Upcoming event on Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Township.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation in conjunction with Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve is holding a week-long day camp featuring five themed days inundated with fun.

The camp takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 5 through Friday, Aug. 9 at the Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Township.

Whether it’s casting a line out into the lake, wading through the swampland in search of frogs and snakes, concocting wacky experiments inside or simply learning how to climb a tree, there’s something for everyone in this adventure of a week,

according to organizers.

This camp will feature a large variety of scientific and educational activities.

Everyone will picnic outside whenever the weather permits so bring a bagged lunch to keep your little scientist fueled so they can continue inspecting insects beneath stereoscopes, dodging water balloons and enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Lost Lake.

The camp is for ages 5-8 and costs \$140 per child for residents of Oakland Township, \$170 per child for non-residents.

Register online today at [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org).

Registration closes a week before each class date.

## George Crocker and Katherine Dickinson Engagement Garden Party

Approximately 150 years ago Joshua Dickinson set out to build a wonderful Italianate home for his newly engaged daughter, Katherine in Mount Clemens.

Celebrate this anniversary in its beautiful garden with Joshua, Katherine, and George Crocker at 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 4.

The home he built for her is now The Crocker House Museum and is located at 15 Union Street, Mount Clemens.

Each attendee will be given a name with information about that person so you can role play.

It’s a great way to learn more about what was going on in Mount Clemens 150 years ago.

Ranka Mulkurn will delight the au-

dience with hammered dulcimer music from that era.

A full tea will be served to include our Three Wives Tea, a variety of scones, tea-sandwiches and desserts.

Organizers urge to not miss out on this once in a lifetime anniversary celebration.

As an extra fundraiser there will be items to raffle and there will be a cake walk.

Period dress welcome.

Tickets are limited, non-refundable and cost \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members of the Macomb County Historical Society.

Please call 586-465-2488 for tickets and information.

## AAUW used book drop-off locations

The Romeo Branch of the American Association of University Women will again sponsor the Used Book Sale during the Peach Festival at the Romeo Community Center. The branch is requesting donations of used books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and puzzles until Aug. 24.

Three drop-off locations in the Romeo and Washington Township area have been established:

- Washington United Methodist Church, 58430 Van Dyke Road (near West Road), Washington Township. A collection bin is un-

der the overhang on Pilgrim Street side of building.

- Romeo Community Center, 361 Morton Street, Romeo. The collection bin is inside.
- St. John Lutheran Church, 246 Benjamin, Romeo. Use the door under the overhang. Drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Please call 810-796-2153 if you have a question.

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