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## Parents charged in baby's death

The parents of a 10-month-old child who died Thursday, August 2, in Solon Township have been charged with homicide-felony murder and first-degree child abuse.

Seth Michael Welch, 27, and Tatiana Elena Fusari, 27, found their infant daughter Mary unresponsive Thursday and called authorities at 12:06 p.m. to their home at 16509 Algoma Avenue, known by many in the community as Blackacre Farm. The baby was pronounced dead at the scene.

An officer at the scene reported that the baby's eyes and cheeks were sunken into her head.

Deputies executed a



Seth Michael Welch

search warrant for evidence of child abuse/neglect causing the child's death. The couple told police that they noticed their daughter's skinny appearance the month prior. Fusari reportedly told police they did not seek medical help because they did not want Child Protective Services called,



Tatiana Elena Fusari

had a lack of faith and trust in medical services and cited religious reasons.

The parents were taken into custody August 3, after an autopsy revealed the cause of death was ruled as malnutrition/dehydration due to neglect on the part of the adult caregivers. The baby's death was ruled

a homicide, and the Kent County Prosecutor authorized charges on August 5.

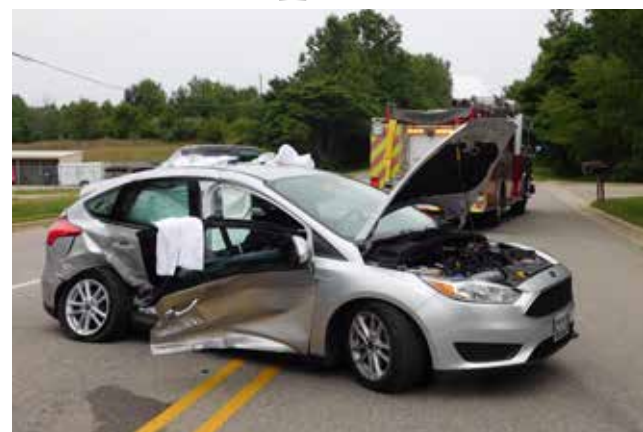
Welch and Fusari were arraigned on Monday, August 6. Bail was denied for both, and they have a probable cause hearing set for August 20 at 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court at 8:45 a.m.

The couple's other two children were placed with family members.

The Kent County Sheriff's Office said they had only responded to the home once before on a matter unrelated to child welfare.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff's Office at 616-632-6357 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

## Crash sends elderly couple to hospital



Post photos by J. Reed.

By Judy Reed

An elderly Grand Rapids couple was injured Wednesday after their vehicle ran a stop sign and was hit by another vehicle at Edgerton and 14 Mile Road.

According to the Kent County Sheriff Department, they were called to the scene of the crash at 5:20 p.m. August 8.

The investigation showed that a Ford Focus, driven by an 83-year-old Grand Rapids woman, was traveling northbound on Edgerton and failed to stop at the sign at 14 Mile Road. A Ford Taurus, occupied by a

Cedar Springs couple, was traveling westbound on 14 Mile Rd, and hit the Focus in the passenger side.

Both the 83-year-old woman and her passenger, a 90-year-old male, were transported to Spectrum Butterworth Hospital by Rockford Ambulance with possible internal injuries.

The male driver of the Taurus complained of a wrist injury, and his wife complained of a possible ankle injury. They went to Spectrum United Hospital in Greenville by private transport to be checked out.

Algoma Fire and Rescue assisted at the scene.

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## Firefighter discovers fire at local business



Firefighters work to put out a fire at RMS Refrigeration last Friday, August 3. Post photo by J. Reed.

By Judy Reed

The last thing Lt. Jason Clauser of the Algoma Fire Department expected to see when he crested the hill on White Creek Avenue between Russell Road and 14 Mile about 6:30 p.m. last Friday, August 3, was smoke and flames from a business there.

"It was kind of a unique situation," he explained. "I was driving by and saw some black smoke and then saw flames from the east side of the building," he said, referring to a stor-

age facility used by RMS Refrigeration, an HVAC contractor at 11800 White Creek Avenue.

Clauser called it in, and was in charge at the scene when other units arrived. There were seven fire departments at the scene. Assisting Algoma was Cedar Springs Fire, Rockford Fire, Solon Fire, Grattan Fire, Courtland Fire, and Sparta Fire. Rockford Ambulance was also on scene if needed.

Clauser said the fire started on the east side and got up into the roof and rafters. "When it got into the ceil-

ing it got into the insulation so we had to pull the ceiling down because the tiniest spark could cause it to rekindle," he explained. They also had to tear off some of the siding from the outside.

The cause of the fire was undetermined.

After first arriving, Clauser said they cut open the door and were able to back out a work truck from the facility. "The owner was super grateful for that because it enabled his business to keep functioning," he said.

Clauser said they cleared the scene by about 10 p.m.

## Supervisors run close race

By Judy Reed



One local township voted to retain their Supervisor in Tuesday's August primary, while another township voted a new leader to take the helm.

In Nelson Township, current Supervisor Robyn Britton won with 449 votes to Tom Norton's 343. There are 3,487 registered voters in Nelson Township, and 1,136 ballots were cast, for a turn out of 32 percent. Both Britton and Norton were registered as Republicans, which meant most all of the parties (except for 53 Democratic write ins) had to vote Republican since you couldn't split your ticket. Some were happy to do it if it meant voting for the candidate they thought should win the Supervisor race, while others weren't happy about it.

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# The Post travels to the Netherlands and Germany



Recently the Post traveled to the Netherlands and Germany with Carl and Fran Hoitenga of Cedar Springs; Dave and Beth Hutchings of Rockford; Howard and Maryanne Wilson, Rick and Lorie Fahner, and Brenda Chafee all of Howard City; plus friends from other areas around the country.

The group traveled aboard Avalon Cruise Line's "Felicity." The cruise was described as an "active discovery experience" featuring walking and biking excursions in many ports along the Rhine River. At each port, passengers could choose from among many tours according to their own interests. The tours consisted of both historical and contemporary points of interest up close.

The cruise started in Amsterdam, Netherlands with stops at the German ports of Xantem, Duisberg, Dusseldorf, Cologne, Engers, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Eltville, and Mainz.

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# Summer reading ends with a splash

By Judy Reed



Above: Bounce houses and water slides were a big hit at the summer reading celebration last week. Post photo by J. Reed.



Left: Kids loved the sno cones supplied by the Green family at the summer reading celebration. Photo by Donna Clark.

Last Thursday, August 2, was a great day for the celebration that ended this year's summer reading program for the Cedar Springs Library.

Over 1300 people turned out for the event, which was held in Morley Park, from 1-3 p.m. Included in the celebration was a lot of fun stuff for kids to do—bounce houses, water slides, carnival games by the Green family, a petting zoo with Animal Junction and Double K Farms, the Kent County Sheriff mounted police, face painting, and more.

There were long lines for sno cones supplied by the Green family, and Mayor Gerald Hall and his wife, Amy, popped 12 pounds of popcorn! Lots of great prizes were also given away at the event.

Librarian Donna Clark and her staff sure know how to put on a great party. Hope to see you all there next year!

# Garden Club celebrates new community flower garden



The Cedar Springs Garden Club is celebrating the completion of the newly designed Community Flower Garden. Located in the center of town, it brightens the daily trip to the Post Office for many citizens.

The garden renovation started last fall after Kristin Perez of Shaner Avenue

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# We've been "Hawked!"



This was the sight when we arrived at the office last Thursday morning, August 2. Post photo by J. Reed.

By Judy Reed

Have you seen the red flamingoes (or are they hawks) gracing the yards of your neighbors recently? They might be coming to your yard soon, too!

The Post was one of several places in the area that was recently "hawked." Accompanying the hawks was a note explaining that the red flamingoes (painted red like a hawk) is a fundraiser for the Cedar Springs Senior All-Night Party. The hawks will be in your yard for 24 hours and will then be picked up. For a minimum \$10 donation, you can specify where they will go next. For \$20, you can buy insurance that guarantees they won't show back up in your yard. You put the money in the envelope, along with the slip that specifies where they go next, and you are all set.

What a fun way to help out the Senior All-Night Party so that our kids are guaranteed a great evening. We hope that you can soon say you've been hawked, too!

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# Trailer flips while making turn

By Judy Reed

Monday did not start out well for this driver.

According to the Michigan State Police Post Rockford, a truck driver was heading westbound on Belding Road while hauling a trailer shortly before 9:40 a.m. Monday, August 6, when he turned south on Wolverine Blvd (Northland Drive) and the trailer overturned and broke free from the truck.

No one was injured in the crash.

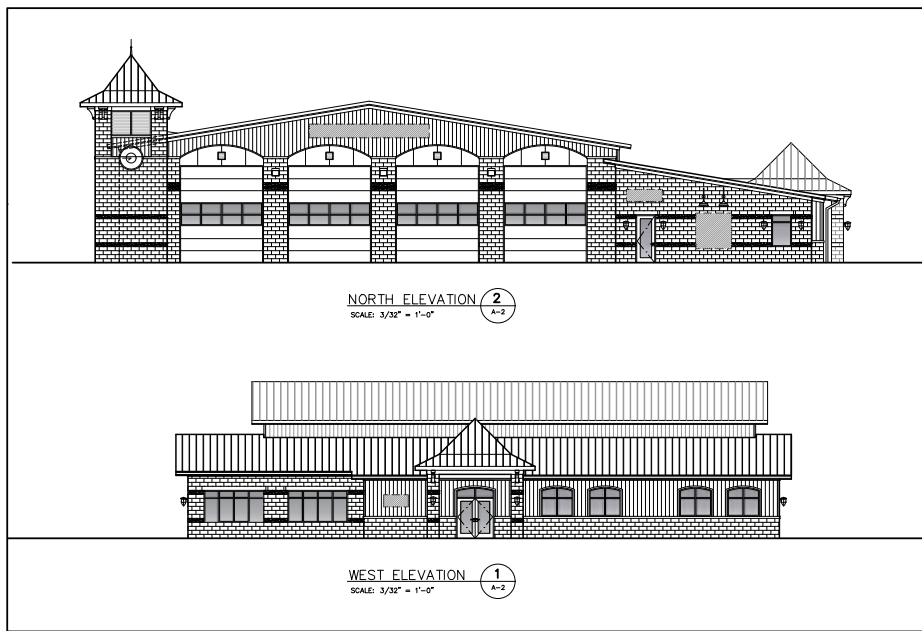
Thanks to Steven Reed for sending us this photo!



Photo credit: Steven C. Reed

# City to choose ballot proposal for new fire station

By Judy Reed



These renderings show the North and West sides of the proposed fire station.

Residents of the City of Cedar Springs will vote in November on whether to approve a bond issue for a new fire station, and the City Council will decide Thursday evening which proposal to put before the voters.

“The City Council would appreciate any comments regarding what proposal to put in front of the voters at the November election,” said City Manager Mike Womack.

Finding a spot to build a new fire station has been in the plans for several years. The department has out-

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# PFAS not detected in City of Cedar Springs water



The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has begun a statewide initiative to test drinking water from all schools that use well water and community water supplies. The test is looking for a group of man-made chemicals called per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). MDEQ is taking this precautionary step of testing these drinking water sources to determine if public health actions are needed.

The City of Cedar Springs tested its water earlier this year and PFAS was not detected. Not long after, it was tested again as part of the MDEQ initiative, and the results were the same—PFAS was not detected.

It is not uncommon to find low levels of PFAS in drinking water supplies, as PFAS can be found in fire-fighting foams, stain repellants, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, food wrappers, and many other household products. They do not break down in the environment and move easily into water.

The City of Cedar Springs was tested by AECOM, MDEQ’s contractor. The results show that of the PFOA and PFOS tested, none were found in the water. The level is below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) lifetime health advisory (LHA) of 70 parts per trillion.

# Tri County School tests positive for PFAS

Tri County County Area Schools received testing results from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality last week that showed Tri County Middle School tested positive for PFAS.

According to Superintendent Allen Cumings, the Middle School tested at 62 parts per trillion (ppt), which is slightly below the EPA required limit of 70 ppt. Tri County High School was negative for PFAS, and the elementary schools are on municipal water, which is currently being tested.

“Tri County Area Schools is committed to providing our students, staff and community with quality drinking water,” said Superintendent Al Cumings. “We are working closely with MDEQ and are taking immediate steps to provide bottled water while investigating the source of the PFAS issue.”

Cumings went on to say that even though the test results at the Tri County Middle School are below federal limits, the district is taking the following measures to ensure safe drink-

ing water is available:

1. Providing bottled water for drinking and meal preparation (immediately drinking fountains will not be available for use)
2. Retaining an independent Environmental Engineering firm
3. Working with the MDEQ to identify a plan with a timeline to address this issue
4. Working with MDEQ to evaluate alternative water sources
5. Cooperating with the MDEQ with regard to additional water testing and its investigation

District officials noted that with safe drinking water an issue of concern across the state, they had been cooperating on an initiative with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to test drinking water from schools using well water and community water supplies. The initiative is designed to determine if public health action is needed.

The testing process identifies man-made chemicals called per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Since PFAS break down slowly and move easily into water, it is not uncommon to find low levels of PFAS in drinking water. They are also found in stain repellants, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, food wrappers, and other household products.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has suggested limits for two PFAS in drinking water, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). The EPA has not set health advisory levels for other PFAS compounds. All Tri County Area



Schools are being tested by AECOM, the MDEQ’s contractor.

“We will keep our community updated as we work with MDEQ to resolve this issue. Look for a Frequently Asked Questions document soon to come,” said Superintendent Cumings. “The health and safety of our students and staff members remains our number one priority.”

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## From the Pulpit



**Pastor David Vander Meer**  
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### Forgiveness

When the Lord Jesus Christ taught his disciples how to pray, in Matthew 6: 9-15, he guided them through what we have come to call the Lord's Prayer. Every phrase is rich in meaning, every sentence is personal and relative to our lives, and every sentence is God centered and Christ exalting.

Note the prayer again:

*9 Pray then like this:*

*"Our Father in heaven,*

*hallowed be your name.*

*10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*11 Give us this day our daily bread,*

*12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (ESV)*

But the sentence that shocks us like jumping through a frozen Michi-

gan pond is the sentence: *"12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."*

Oh, we want forgiveness, and desperately need it... but we do not want our forgiveness compared to how we forgive others. And, as if that is not enough, the Lord immediately follows up the prayer with a comment directed specifically at this petition for forgiveness by adding this comment:

*"14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (ESV)*

We are like a boxer reeling on the ropes after being hit by not just one punch, but by a volley of punches. We reel on the ropes, not just theologically, but also experientially.

Theologically we know that we are forgiven on the basis of the righteous life and death of Jesus Christ. His work is acceptable to God, and not mine. So clearly the action of forgiveness on our part towards others is proof of salvation, not the achievement of salvation. But that being said, how vital is this proof for without it we may indeed stand condemned, and not saved.

Forgiving each other is not an option.

The requirement of forgiveness towards each other is not removed due to any excuses I may draft up.

But we might as well as admit it. We cannot forgive without God's help. Our hurts, too often, run too deep. Our tendency to carry a grudge is so strong. Our memory of what was said calls up the damaging event over and over through the night. Releasing the offender is not in our nature.

And so the Lord teaches us in this text to pray. We pray, and plead, and petition our God to help us. And

when the joy of forgiveness comes through the resurrecting power of Christ, we worship him for the release it brings us of evil. To not forgive is evil. We know that. And Christ has the power to break the grip of evil in our lives. How wonderful it is to come to our Lord and ask of Him to do that which He has done for us. As Jesus said, pray then like this.

## Humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles



*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*  
 Proverbs 17:22



**It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy, it's your disposition.**



*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*  
 I Timothy 6:6,7

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## Obituary

### JACK C. AVERILL

Jack C. Averill, age, 86, of Cedar Springs, crossed over into Heaven Sunday, July 29, 2018 at his home. Jack was born November 20, 1931 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the son of John and Beatrice (Lewitt) Averill. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the Midway from 1950 – 1954. He worked for Kelvinator for 25 years and enjoyed woodworking, music and playing the piano and fishing. He was a very kind and friendly person who loved people and his family. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Mary; children, Jeff Averill, Colleen Connolly, Michelle (Nace) Emmorey; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson; brother, Ray (Pat) Averill; sister, Patricia (Vince) Jeluso. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 grandchildren and 1 sister. Private family services will be held. Interment Coral Cemetery. Military honors by the U.S. Navy and the Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard.



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## Obituary

### NANCY A. MILLER

Nancy A. Miller, age 79, of Cedar Springs, died Friday, August 3, 2018 at Spectrum Health – Butterworth Campus. Nancy was born August 17, 1938 in Pontiac, Michigan the daughter of Norbert and Annie (Cristine) Beckwith. She had been a member of the Red Hat Society, Cedar Springs American Legion and the Tri-County Eagles. Surviving are her children, Deborah Wood, Ronnie Seabolt (Tammy), April Seabolt; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; sister, Norma Hansel. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerome Miller; daughter, Lynn Doyle; sister, Sharon Beckwith; granddaughter, Mandy; great-grandson, Leighton. The family greeted friends Tuesday, August 7 at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs where the service was held Wednesday, August 8. Interment Solon Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice.



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### SALLY A. HAYNES

Sally A. Haynes, age 57, of Cedar Springs, passed away Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Spectrum Health – Butterworth Campus. Sally was born September 12, 1960 in Grand Rapids, Michigan the daughter of Winston and Shirley (Smith) Boehm. She had managed the Family Dollar in Cedar Springs for 15 years. She loved her grandkids and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed camping, gardening and landscaping. Surviving are her husband, Chuck; children, Nathan (Lynette) Wolfe, Jessica (Johnny) Castellanos, April (Aaron) DeGraaf, Michael (Crystal) Haynes, Katie Haynes; grandchildren, Anthony, Jonathon, Ali, Carter, Brynn, Adalyn, Ezra; father, Winston Boehm; sisters, Debbie (Allan) Lehman, Tina (Tom) Tiethoff; brothers, Gene (Gayle) Boehm, Joe (Jill) Boehm, Gil (Denise) Boehm, Tim (Teresa) Boehm; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and a sister, Tammy. The family greeted friends Wednesday, August 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs where the service will be held Thursday 2:00 p.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Cedar Springs. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cedar Springs Schools Athletic Boosters or to help with expenses.



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## Obituary

### DWIGHT C. JAMISON

Dwight C. "Ike" Jamison, age 90, of Cedar Springs, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Faith Hospice Trillium Woods on Sunday, August 5, 2018. Ike was born February 15, 1928 in Big Rapids, Michigan the son of Hugh and Nina (Oldfield) Jamison. He attended what was then called Ferris State Institute. At eighteen, Ike enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at the 161<sup>st</sup> Station Hospital in Japan for five years during the Korean War. Upon his return to the states, he was stationed in New York City where he met and married his bride of 66 years, Josephine "Jo" (Valdez) in 1952. After a year of living in Manhattan, they returned to West Michigan and settled in Cedar Springs where they have resided for 53 years. Ike worked in millwright and retired from General Motors Plant #2 in Grand Rapids where he made many life-long friends and was an active member of the UAW, Region 1D. Lovingly remembering his constant dedication to family and friends are his wife, Jo; brother, Hugh Jamison; children, Archie Jamison, Judson (Kim Vu) Jamison, Carla (Bjorn) Hansen; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews and countless friends. The family will greet friends Thursday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Cedar Springs. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice.



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## Obituary

### DALE E. MARKHAM

Dale E. Markham, age 77, of Cedar Springs, died Thursday, August 2, 2018 at Mercy Health St. Mary's, Grand Rapids. Mr. Markham was born June 25, 1941 in Cedar Springs, Michigan, the son of Earl and Thelma (Sipple) Markham. He worked at the Sparta Foundry for 30 years and enjoyed building models and was a train buff. He was a loving and caring father and grandfather. Surviving are his children, Kevin Markham, Cynthia Markham, Jamie (Jing) Markham; 3 grandchildren, Amanda (Jeff) Crouch, Nicole Martin, Meeka Markham; brothers, Harry (Evelyn) Markham, Jerry (Judy) Markham; sisters, Vivian Toothman, Linda Mishler. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary in 2007; 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Private family services will be held with interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Cedar Springs.

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## HOMETOWN Happenings

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### Artists, Authors & YOU!

#### At CS Library

Aug. 11: Artists, Authors & YOU!, a continually-changing art exhibit sponsored by the Cedar Springs Public Library, will be reviewing potential entries on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am for its next quarterly installation. If you're an artist who's interested in participating in the program, or you own a piece of art you'd like to share with the community, please visit the library for your Request to Participate form and instructions about the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. #31,32p

#### Praise the Lord at Cowboy Church

Aug. 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance will be having Cowboy Church on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. It will be at 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance School at 810 - 17 Mile Rd. Cedar Springs (corner of 17 Mile and Olin Lakes Rd). Ron Lynnes and Company will share their message and their musical talents. Invite your family and friends. Cowboy Church will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Each service will have different people sharing God's word and music. Cowboy Church will introduce you to 2nd Chance and its vision. The school is in the building stage, which when completed, will teach troubled teens through God and the horse. If you have questions, call 616-293-2150. See you there! #32b

#### Alice in Wonderland Jr. at the Kent Theatre

Aug. 17-19: The Cedar Springs Community Players will perform Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR through arrangement with Music Theatre International at the Kent Theatre August 17 and 18 at 7 pm and August 19 at 2 pm. This production of Alice's "madcap adventures" is perfect for the whole family. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids and may be purchased at the door. #32,33b

#### Keeler Brass Picnic

Aug. 21: The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Keeler Brass Picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am. Sand Lake United Methodist Church, 65 W. Maple St. Please bring a dish to pass. #32,33p

#### Keepers of the Faith @ East Nelson UMC

Aug. 22: East Nelson Church presents internationally known touring group, "Keepers of the Faith" on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. The concert is free - Love offering will be taken. East Nelson Church, 9024 - 18 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs. 616-696-0661. #32,33p

## JOKE Of the Week

### Jungle adventure

A lost dog strays into the jungle. A lion sees him from a distance and thinks, "This guy looks edible, never seen one of his kind before!"

So the lion rushes toward the dog with menace. The dog notices and starts to panic, but as he's about to run he sees some bones next to him and gets an idea. He loudly says, "Mmm...that was some good lion meat!"

The lion abruptly stops and thinks, "Woah! This guy might be tougher than he looks, I better leave while I can."

In a nearby treetop, a monkey had witnessed everything. The monkey realizes the he can benefit from this situation by telling the lion and getting something in return. So the monkey goes after the lion and tells him what really happened.

The lion get angry and says, "Get on my back, we'll go get him together!"

So the lion starts rushing back to the dog with the monkey on his back. The dog sees them and realizes what happened and starts to panic even more. He then gets another idea and shouts, "Where the heck is that monkey? I told him to bring me another lion an hour ago!"

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## SafeChem event this Saturday

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The following products will be accepted: oil-based paint, gasoline, oil solvents, flammables, lawn chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, cleaning products, etc.

Not accepted: explosives, ammunition, latex paint, sharps, medications, business waste.

This is a residential program only. Business and non-profit waste is not accepted.

For more information, call 616-632-7920, email [safehomes@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:safehomes@kentcountymi.gov) or visit us at [www.reimagnetrash.org/safehomes](http://www.reimagnetrash.org/safehomes).



## Board game drive for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Those who donate new board games will be entered in a GrandCon giveaway

DeVos Place, Kent District Library and GrandCon Gaming Convention will host a board game drive at select locations throughout the month of August to benefit the children and families at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Community members can donate new board games for a chance to win three GrandCon badges and three GrandCon. There will be a registration box to enter the GrandCon giveaway at every drop-off location.

Community members can drop off new board games at the following locations:

- SMG administrative office located inside Van Andel Arena Monday through Friday, Aug. 13 to Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Kent District Library in Grandville on Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Kent District Library in Plainfield on Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Kent District Library in East Grand Rapids on Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In an effort to keep patients safe, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital requests that all donated board games be new and easy to sanitize. Suggested games include: Guess Who, Sorry, Connect 4, Trouble, Checkers & Chess, Battleship, Ticket to Ride, UNO, Skip-Bo, Phase 10, Monopoly Deal or regular decks of cards.

GrandCon and DeVos Place staff will personally deliver the donated board games to the children at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital on Sept. 13 for a kids' game day.

A portion of all GrandCon proceeds go directly to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. GrandCon Gaming Convention will take place at DeVos Place Sept. 14 to Sept. 16. For more information about GrandCon or to purchase GrandCon badges, visit [grand-con.com](http://grand-con.com).

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Let's Go Run the Spectrum Health Danish Dash 5K



Preparations for the Spectrum Health Danish Dash are well underway. Whatever one's fitness level, the Spectrum Health Danish Dash has something for everyone. It is a USA Track & Field certified 5K and also includes a 1-mile walk and a half-mile fun run for kids—and you don't have to be Danish to participate.

"The Danish Festival is proud to have the opportunity to partner with Spectrum Health and transition the Road Run into a 5K starting with the 2018 Danish Festival," said Kristen Griffes, Danish Festival Executive Director. "This would have been the 41st Danish Festival Road Run and we feel it is the perfect time to grow the run by transitioning to a 5K as well as offering the 1-mile walk, kids fun run and the Dress like a Dane costume contest. We are very excited to see the Danish costumes the participants come up with."

The Danish Dash will begin and end at Baldwin Heights Elementary School, 821 West Oak Street, Greenville, on Saturday, August 18. The race begins at 8:00 a.m. on Faber Street. The walk begins at 8:10 a.m., and the kids fun run will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The 5K participants will run through Tower Park, past historic Manoka Lake, and around Baldwin Lake. The course provides a scenic view of Taylor Hops and will conclude with a gradual hill up Marvel Drive.

"We are planning many fun and motivational surprises along the course," said Jill Plate, race director. "Spectrum Health is excited to partner with the YMCA to offer our

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## Canine influenza on the rise in Michigan

Since July 13, 2018, there have been 75 confirmed cases of canine influenza reported. The cases have occurred in Huron, Genesee, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Ottawa and Wayne counties. In all of 2017, there were nine reported cases of canine influenza.

Canine influenza, or dog flu, is a highly contagious respiratory infection in dogs caused by an influenza virus. Signs of canine influenza can include fever, lethargy, coughing, and nasal and/or eye discharge. Most cases of canine influenza are mild, and affected dogs usually recover within two to



three weeks. However, more severe cases can occur, so it is important to talk with your veterinarian if you think your dog has influenza.

"Any time dogs come together in groups, there is a risk for disease," said Michigan's State Veterinarian, James Averill, DVM, PhD. "It's important that dog owners work with their veterinarians to protect their dogs."

If your dog is ill, keep it home and/or be sure to prevent it from coming into contact with other dogs; and talk with your veterinarian about getting your dog vaccinated for influenza. Facilities where dogs are brought together for care, grooming, or other activities are advised to prevent the spread of influenza by keeping sick dogs away, cleaning and disinfecting thoroughly, and recommending that dogs are vaccinated before arrival.

If your dog is showing signs of canine influenza, contact your veterinarian. Canine influenza is reportable to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Confirmed cases should be reported to MDARD at 1-800-292-3939.

For more information and the current case count, visit [www.michigan.gov/animalprograms](http://www.michigan.gov/animalprograms).

## West Nile Virus found in mosquitoes

West Nile Virus is present in Kent County. People can take simple steps to protect themselves.

Through ongoing surveillance and testing the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) has discovered mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus in three zip codes 49548, 49507 and 49504. While these are the only three positive tests so far in 2018, the findings should serve as a reminder to all who live in West Michigan that the West Nile virus season is upon us and will remain until after the first frost.

"Given our experience, we fully expect to find West Nile virus every year through our surveillance," said Adam London, Administrative Health Officer at KCHD. "We then share this knowledge with the appropriate municipalities, so they can make more informed decisions about mosquito control."

West Nile Virus is spread primarily by infected Culex mosquitoes. Only about 20 percent of the people infected will notice symptoms that may include headache, body aches, joint pains and fatigue. Most people with this type of West Nile virus

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## Danish Festival Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8/10/2018	10:00am-2:00pm	Prinsesse for a Day	Flat River Community Library
8/11/2018	6:00PM-9:00pm	Miss Danish Festival Queens Pageant	GHS Auditorium

### Thursday, August 16th 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6:00 PM	Hot Air Balloon Demonstration	Baldwin Heights Elementary
6:00-8:00pm	Used Book/Bake Sale	Flat River Community Library
6:30pm	Flag Raising Ceremony	Heritage park
7:30 PM	Danish Festival Band	Tower Riverside Park

### Friday, August 17th 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00am - 5:00pm	Used Book Sale & Bake Sale	Flat River Community Library
9:00am-8:00 pm	DF-WAN Marketplace and Food Court **LIVE music 9:30am-9:00pm	Veterans Park
10:00am-8:00pm	The Big Dane Settlement Exhibit	Danish Cultural Center
10:00am-8:00 pm	Downtown Street Fair with Food Court	Lafayette St
11:00am-6:00pm	Main Stage Performances	120 W Cass St
12:00 pm-7:00pm	Flat River Museum Tours	Flat River Museum
12:00pm-6:00pm	Hans Christian Andersen Park **FREE childrens event	Tower Riverside Park
1:00pm-4:00pm	Fighting Falcon Military Museum Tours	516 W Cass St
2:00pm-Midnight	Tivoli Beer Gardens **LIVE music by Sierra Shame at 8:30pm	120 W Cass St
6:00pm-6:30pm	Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tale Parade	Cass/Barry St
6:00pm-8:00pm	Greenville Area Corvette Club Car Show	Cass/Lafayette St
6:30pm	"Princess and the Pea" Bed Race	Cass/Barry St
6:30pm-7:30pm	Danish Festival Band Concert	Grove/Lafayette St
6:30pm-8:30pm	Fireman's Parade Meet & Greet	Greenville High School
7:00pm	Hot Air Balloon Flight	Klackles Orchard
8:00pm-9:30pm	Flat River Big Band Street Dance	Grove/Lafayette St
8:00pm-10:00pm	Middle School Teen Dance	Greenville Middle School
8:30pm	FIREMAN'S PARADE	Cass St

### Saturday, August 18th 2018

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00am	Hot Air Balloon Flight	Klackles Orchard
8:00am	Danish Dash 5k Run/1 Mile Walk/ Kids Fun Run	Baldwin Heights Elementary
8:00am-10:30am	Traditional Danish Breakfast	Danish Cultural Center
8:00am-10:30am	Flat River Antique Auto Show	Cass/Lafayette St
9:00am-4:00pm	Fighting Falcon Military Museum Tours **Closed during Grand Dansk Parade	516 W Cass St
9:00am-5:00pm	Used Book Sale & Bake Sale	Flat River Community Library
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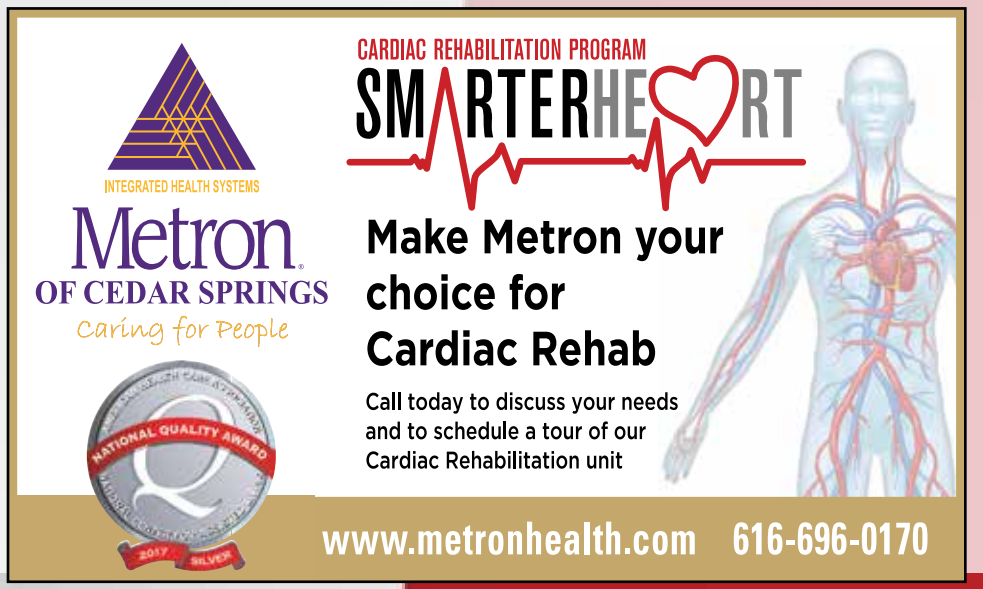
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5:00pm	<b>Talent Show</b>	120 W Cass St
7:00pm	<b>Hot Air Balloon Flight</b>	Klackles Orchard
9:00pm	<b>Greenville Glows</b>	Klackles Orchard
<b>Sunday, August 19th 2018</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:00am	<b>Hot Air Balloon Flight</b>	Klackles Orchard
10:30am-4:00pm	<b>DF-WAN Marketplace and Food Court</b> **LIVE music 11:30am-3:00pm	Veterans Park
11:30am-1:30pm	<b>Dannebrog Lutheran Church</b> ** Danish Church Service at 12:15pm	5501 W Muskrat Rd Sheridan
12:00pm-3:00pm	<b>Family Fun Day</b> **\$5 admission for all children	Baldwin Heights Elementary
1:00pm-4:00pm	<b>Fighting Falcon Military Museum Tours</b>	516 W Cass St
2:00pm-4:00pm	<b>The Big Dane Settlement Exhibit</b>	Danish Cultural Center
2:00pm-4:30pm	<b>Flat River Museum Tours</b>	Flat River Museum
4:30pm	<b>Ugly Duckling Race</b>	Jackson's Landing

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# OUTDOORS



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## Cloud jumping

Jumping from a plane into a puffy cumulus cloud was a sensation I wanted. My fear was how would I return to the ground. Would I be stuck forever drifting over the surface of Earth with no way home?

I was at age of discovery but do not recall my age. The story of Jack and the Beanstalk most likely aroused my interest in cloud jumping. I wondered what was really in clouds? How could I discover nature niche secrets in those moving works of art without jumping into the cottony fluffs?

Laying in the lawn, I watched clouds come and go. Each comprised uniquely shaped creatures and objects. One was a passing whale followed by an elephant, and then a dragon breathing fire. They weren't all animals. An ice cream cone was leaning to its side. Warm sunshine caused the ice cream to vaporize and disappear. At some point, I would learn clouds were water droplets that condensed from a gas to liquid on a speck of dust. Later liquid water would evaporate again as the sun's rays energized molecules back to an invisible gas.

A smaller group of passing clouds comprised of three birds with wings outstretched were making their way toward a larger cloud that must have been a tree canopy where they could take shelter and find rest. They were not gaining on the tree as they flew. Their wing feathers were vaporizing and disintegrated before my eyes. Each of the cloud birds disappeared one by one and never reached the shelter they sought.

If I jumped into a cloud, I feared not being able to get back to the Earth's surface. Had I managed to actually jump into a cloud, I would have discovered too late that I would pass through quickly and end my journey as a splat on terra firma. I would vanish as surely as the three vaporizing birds.

Using imagination to ponder the world while lying flat on my back develops a healthy mind. Our girls and I discussed creatures overhead. They would point out bears, penguins, houses, clumps of grapes, smiling faces, and dogs. Summer days on family vacations included skipping stones on still water lake surfaces, paddling a canoe across a lake to "turtle bay" where turtles quietly slid off logs, and watching the passing cloud parade.

Peace away from the hustle of life at home allowed us to become an element of nature. We replenished our spirits and souls. Wonderment surrounded us. Later in life, the na-

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## DNR firefighters help fight wildland blazes out west

More than a dozen wildland firefighters from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have been sent to California, Oregon, Washington and elsewhere to battle wildfires and to gain valuable firefighting experience.

A crew of three firefighters has taken a DNR fire engine to help fight the vast and still raging Carr fire in northern California, said Dan Laux, fire section manager for the DNR's Forest Resources Division. Laux just returned from a two-week fire assignment in Portland, Oregon, mobilizing resources to battle fires in Oregon, Washing-

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A DNR firefighter snapped this shot of a helicopter in action earlier this summer on assignment assisting firefighters in Colorado. DNR firefighters are currently helping fight wildland fires in several western states.

## Fishing Tip: Fishing for bass at night is fun!

With summer in full swing fish can become quite lethargic. No need to fret! For certain species, such as bass, you just might want to tweak the time of day you set out to target them.

Some of the best bass fishing this time of year occurs during the first hour or so after dark. Dusk and dawn can still produce fish but that first hour or two after dark can be exceptional.

After dark, bass tend to move shallow in search of an easy meal. Target them near the same areas you would during other times of the day while also casting and targeting the shall-

ows. You'll want to change your technique though! Since after dark you can't see the weed line or other underwater structures, fishing subsurface lures is not recommended. It is time for surface presentations. After the cast, work them aggressively with a jerking motion making sure they pop and gurgle across the surface of the water during your retrieve. Pay close attention during the retrieve, watching and listening for the strike, which can be explosive.

If you're feeling adventurous, get on the water at 10:00 p.m. and fish the shall-



lows for bass until midnight or 1:00 a.m. The results can be spectacular!

For more information on fishing for bass in Michi-

gan, visit their page online! Go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and click on things to do, then fishing, then bass.

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# Proposal

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grown its current station, on W. Maple Street, and when the decision was made to build the new library next door, a committee was formed to plan the new fire station and find a site for it. The site for the new station is planned for the southeast corner of Elm and Second Street.

According to Womack, the Fire Station Relocation Committee (composed of various community members with an interest in investigating the needs of a new fire station building) worked diligently to develop plans for a building that would be able to operate 50 years into the future while being both attractive and functional. It will include a training room for the firefighters, which will also be made available to the public as a meeting room.

"The Fire Station Committee chose to be practical and pragmatic in their approach to designing the building to meet both current and future needs," he explained. "It is no secret that the City is growing and experiencing significant economic development. That and the coverage the fire department provides for Nelson Township led to the desire to provide the fire department a building that would better enhance their ability to continue their work, especially in regards to incoming bigger and taller buildings."

He said that the building is also being designed to serve as a rally point for emergency response teams in the instance that the City or the surrounding areas suffer a calamity.

The cost of the new fire station is estimated at \$2,991,741, and the City will be putting a proposal on the ballot so voters can authorize the city to purchase bonds to fund it. The City Council will look at three different proposals tonight (Thursday, August 9) and decide which one to have the public vote on.

The proposal will allow the city to borrow the principal amount not to exceed \$3,115,000 to pay the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new fire station, and acquisition and improvement of the site of the building, acquisition of fire equipment, apparatus and vehicles, and other related expenses and improvements.

The first proposal is a 15-year bond proposal. The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 3.455363 mills (\$3.455363) for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.4290 mills (\$3.4290 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

The second proposal is for a 20-year bond proposal. The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 2.852453 mills (\$2.852453) for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.8415 mills (\$2.8415 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

The third proposal is for a 25-year bond proposal. The estimated millage to be levied in the first year of levy is 2.491731 mills (\$2.491731) for each \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.4929 mills (\$2.4929 for each \$1,000 of taxable value).

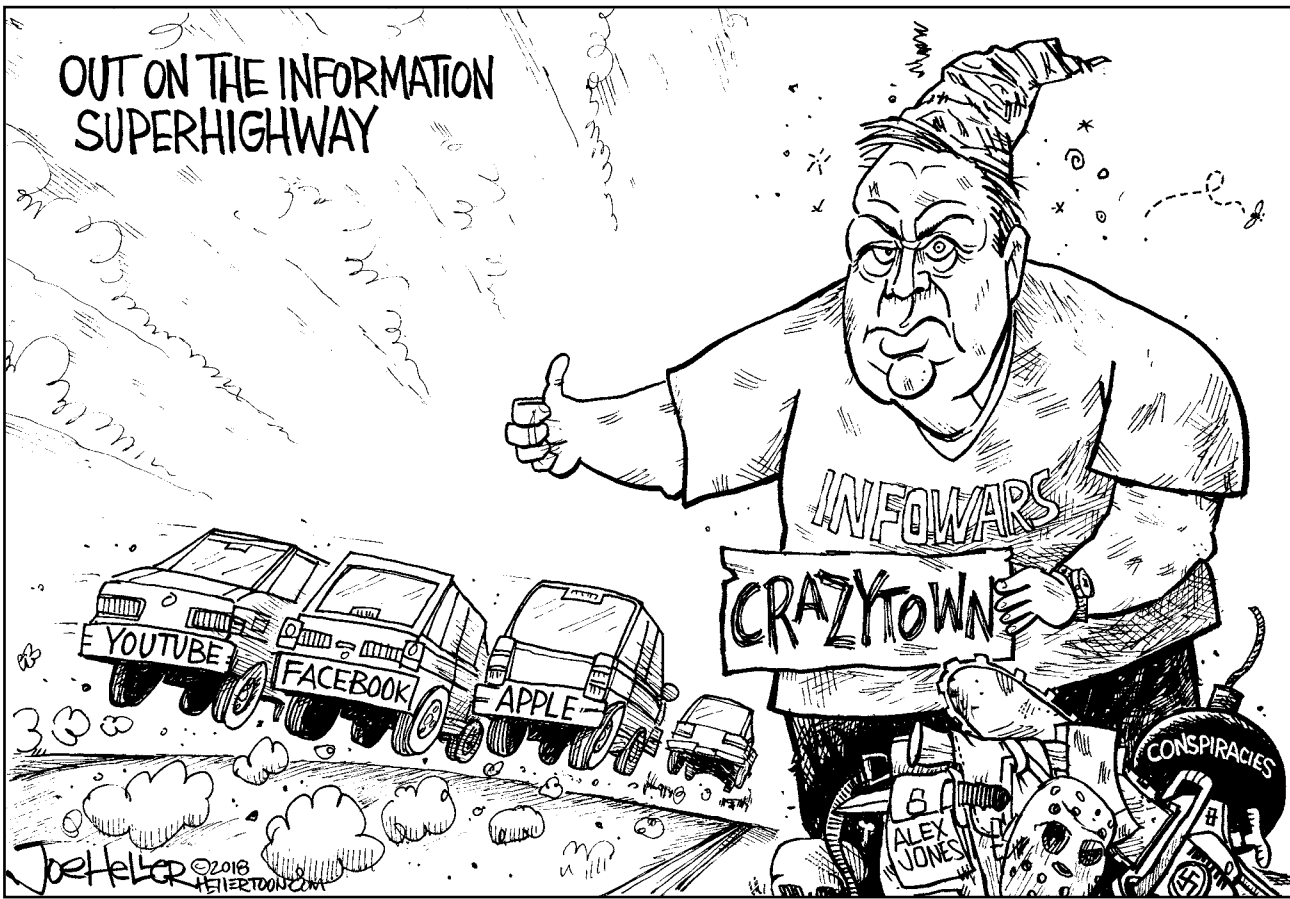
Womack said they could not yet say when the millage would go into effect if approved. "It depends on when you send the bonds out," he explained. "It might take a year to get construction going."

The City Council meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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# Danish

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Veggie Van experience. The Veggie Van is a pop-up farmers market that will be handing out free, locally-grown produce during the race, while supplies last.”

Register for the Danish Dash at [www.runsignup.com/spectrumhealthdanishdash](http://www.runsignup.com/spectrumhealthdanishdash). Registration will continue to be open at the regular price and t-shirts will be available while they last from August 2 through 7:30 a.m. on race day.

“To help you prepare for the race, please join Flo’s Pizzeria Ristorante & Sports Bar and Spectrum Health for packet pick up and the Eat Pasta... Run Fasta event on Friday, August 17 from 5 – 7:00 p.m. at Flo’s located at 107 S. Lafayette Street, Greenville,” said Davide Uccello, Flo’s Collection President. “We will be serving a dinner of spaghetti with meat or tomato sauce, a breadstick and salad, for \$5 for 5K participants and hosting a gathering after the race at 11:00 a.m.”

The Danish Dash is endorsed by The Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and part of the 2018 Michigan Fitness Foundation Challenge. The challenge encourages Michiganders to engage with events that promote physical activity, health and wellness

For more information, visit [www.runsignup.org/spectrumhealthdanishdash](http://www.runsignup.org/spectrumhealthdanishdash), email [danishfestival@charter.net](mailto:danishfestival@charter.net) or call 616.225.6420.

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## City of Cedar Springs Invitation to Bidders

### “Water Meter Replacement”

The City of Cedar Springs is currently soliciting bids to perform approximately 550 water meter replacements. The date and time of the bid opening is at 9:00 a.m. August 30, 2018 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall located at the address below. Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope mailed or delivered to Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk, and clearly marked “Water Meter Replacement”. This notice is being published August 9, 2018, posted on the City’s web page ([www.cityofcedarsprings.org](http://www.cityofcedarsprings.org)) and at City Hall. Prospective bidders may make an appointment to visit the facility and pick up a complete bid package by contacting Mr. Bill LaRose at 616.696.1330 Ext. 108, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 4 PM. The City of Cedar Springs reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities and nonconformities in bids, to accept and reject bids based on what the City Council deems is in the best interests of the City, to negotiate with the selected bidder and to make the bid award as the City Council deems is in the best interests of the City. The bid packet must also include the total cost, proof of insurance and a list of three (3) previous municipal or commercial/industrial clients as references with contact information.

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# West Nile

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completely recover, but fatigue may last for weeks or even months. About 1 in 150 people infected develop severe illness that can affect the central nervous system. Recovery from this type of West Nile virus may take several months. Some damage to the central nervous system can be permanent. In rare instances the disease can lead to death.

Since there is no vaccine or cure for West Nile the best treatment is prevention. KCHD recommends wearing a mosquito repellent that contains 10 – 35 percent DEET, wearing light colored clothing and staying indoors during dusk. You can help stop mosquitoes from breeding by removing or refreshing water in bird baths, children’s wading pools, and water bowls for your pets. Empty other small containers that can collect water in your yard and keep your lawn and shrubs trimmed. More information about prevention can be found at [https://www.accesskent.com/Health/CommDisease/pdfs/westnile\\_qa.pdf](https://www.accesskent.com/Health/CommDisease/pdfs/westnile_qa.pdf).

# DNR

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ton, California and Idaho.

“We’re mobilizing as many people as we can to assist wherever necessary,” Laux said. “It’s a great way for our folks to get experience, while providing their own skills and experiences to the situation at hand.”

Assistance agreements go both ways. If a significant fire occurs in Michigan, firefighters from other states and Canadian provinces can be tapped for help. Michigan’s largest recent fire was the Duck Lake blaze in the eastern Upper Peninsula, which burned more than 21,000 acres in 2012.

Since the beginning of the year, Michigan has sent firefighters to California, Colorado, Florida, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

The Carr fire in northern California has burned more than 100,000 acres to date, causing six deaths. Fire officials there put out a national request last week for wildland fire engines from across the nation, and a three-man crew took a Michigan truck from the DNR’s Gladwin unit to California.

The DNR always keeps enough firefighters in the state to respond to any fires that might occur, though fire activity has slowed after recent rains in the northern portion of the state. The DNR also is fully reimbursed for the cost of sending firefighters to assist elsewhere.

# Cloud

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ture of clouds would be transformed from imaginary creatures to water droplets and our fascination could dangerously evaporate like the three birds.

The enchantment of drifting clouds from my childhood has not vanished like vaporizing clouds before my eyes. Time with my kids allowed me to relive the passing parade many times over on vacations or on day outings. The girls have grown, moved away and begun families. They can relax and enjoy cloud discovery with their spouses and kids. New clouds and creatures arrive to greet every new generation. Don’t miss them.

Cloud creatures still enrapture my solitude adventures to wilderness locations where time stands still and my mind peacefully wanders. Despite an aging body, my consciousness retains the excitement revealed early in life. We all get lost among responsibilities of everyday demands. Time away from the routine of human-centered activities and technological inventions allows us opportunity to develop a real-world relationship.

I learned stratus clouds quietly drop rain for hours, high cirrus clouds are icy, and noisy cumulus thunderheads startle us with loud claps after jagged bolts of lightning cut the sky wide open. Understanding the science of clouds is important for a number reasons. One of those reasons is so we do not jump into them thinking we will get to explore a hidden world only to discover it will be our last living experience.

Savor the parading creatures. Take time to recline in wilderness areas alone, with family members or friends. Let your mind drift with the clouds. Rejuvenate your soul and spirit. It happens naturally in wild places away from the distractions imposed by daily demands. The values of wilderness are immense.

Natural history questions or topic suggestions can be directed to Ranger Steve (Mueller) at [odybrook@chartermi.net](mailto:odybrook@chartermi.net) - Ody Brook Nature Sanctuary, 13010 Northland Dr. Cedar Springs, MI 49319 or call 616-696-1753.



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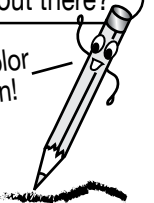
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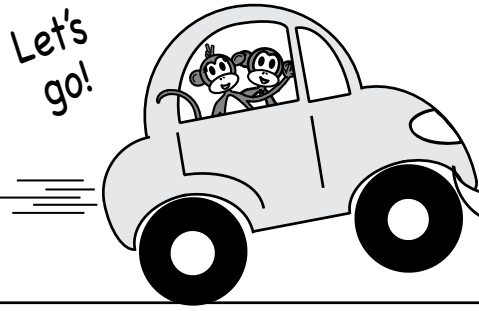
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Kids: color stuff in!

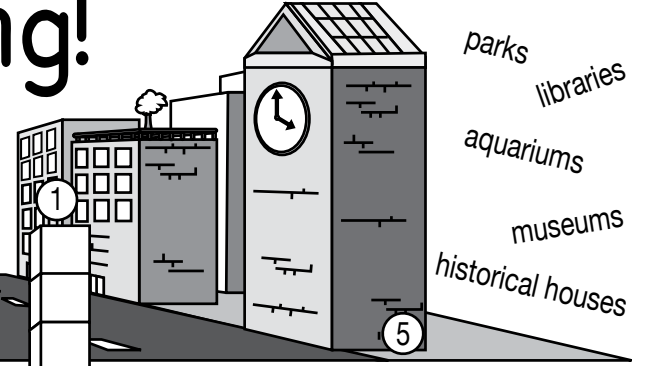


Let's go!



## Summer Upswing!

Is summer starting to feel too long? Are your friends all on vacation and are you feeling a bit of a slide into a summer slump? Well, here's a whole page of places to go and fun things to do. You'll be busy, having fun and seeing your summer on the upswing in no time!



Are you looking for a break? Head to the city or country for fun things to **drive** summertime blues away! **Where will you be visiting when you are...**

1. finding a favorite painting or sculpture, trying a science experiment or asking a scientist about his display?
2. enjoying plays, movies or magic acts?
3. watching sea creatures, and touching and holding small sea animals?
4. going on rides, eating cotton candy and screaming in the fun house?
5. cheering ball players and eating hot dogs?
6. gliding on swings, playing tennis on courts or picnicking?
7. swimming, digging in the sand or boating?
8. reading up a storm or learning new computer programs?
9. "seeing" the past by visiting homes once owned by famous Americans?
10. learning about plants and animals in their surroundings; hiking in woods?

**Swing into action. Use these letters to fill in fun things to do at a playground:**

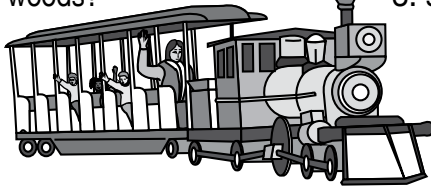
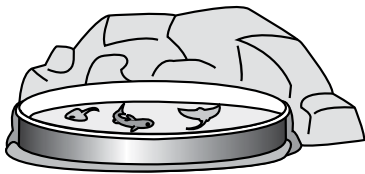
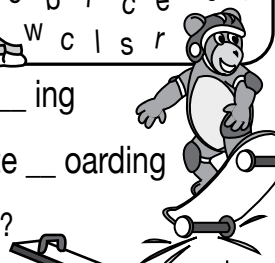
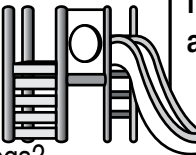
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Find and circle 15 words that start with the letter "s."

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I love aquariums! Wow! Look at that seahorse!

Tennis anyone?

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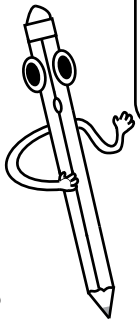
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Connect the dots to see an activity that you can put sparkle into your day.

Wheee!

### What Fun Can Bubble Up at Home?

Get out your colored pencils and color everything in!



### What Might You See at the Aquarium?

Follow the dots to see me!

Fill in the names of animals you may see at an aquarium:

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2. je \_ \_ ies
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5. sea \_ o \_ ses
6. f \_ o \_ s

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### Fun at Home!

If you're stuck at home for a few days you can make your own fun. Clean out that closet, garage or toy room at home to "rediscover" stuff that you haven't used all summer.

Spell out these fun summer activities by filling in the words with these letters:

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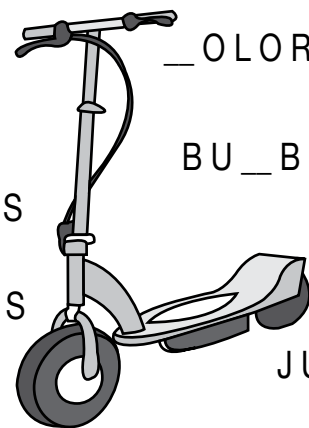
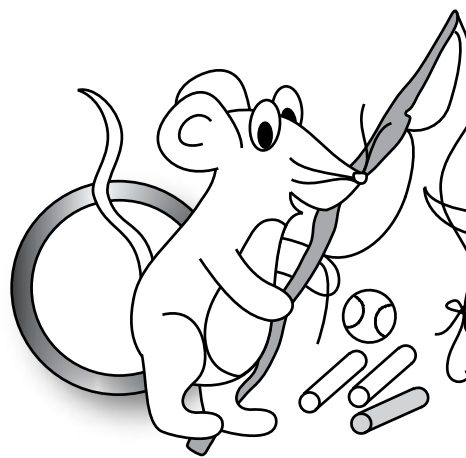
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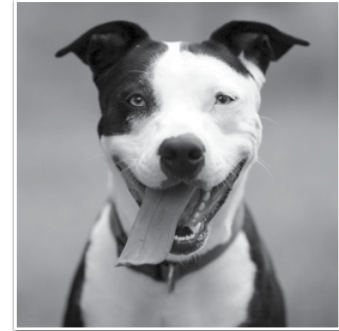
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Humane Society of West Michigan is open Tuesday-Friday 12pm-7pm and Saturday-Sunday 11am-4pm.

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**Action at the Park!**

1. sliding
2. skateboarding
3. seesawing
4. train ride
5. ice cream treat
6. bicycle ride

**What Might You See at the Aquarium?**

1. penguins
2. jellies
3. sea lions
4. turtles
5. sea horses
6. frogs

**What Fun Can Bubble Up at Home?**

1. JUMP ROPE
2. SCOOTER
3. FISHING POLE
4. INLINE SKATES
5. COLORED CHALK
6. BALL and JACKS
7. HULA HOOPS

**What Fun Can You See at the Park?**

1. BIKES
2. BUBBLE WANDS

**What Fun Can You See at the Park?**

1. Tennis anyone?

**I love aquariums! Wow! Look at that seahorse!**

**crossword puzzle:**

1. MUSEUM  
2. THEATRE  
3. HISTORICAL  
4. AMUSEMENT PARKS  
5. PARKS  
6. SEAHORSE  
7. LAKE  
8. LIBRARIES  
9. HISTORICAL HOUSES  
10. NATURE CENTERS

# Garden

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Nursery designed a new plan that was easier to maintain than the previous garden. The old plants were removed and offered to the public.

In April of this year, the dolomite path was installed around the Norway Spruce tree with the help of some great volunteers. Six men from the Men's Bible Study group of Marantha Baptist Church, plus Mark Millering, Dennis White, Fred White and Calvin Moore provided the muscle power that was needed along with a front end loader and a gas powered compactor. The job was done in less than three hours including snacks and lunch provided by the garden club ladies. It was a lot of work!

Next came the planting of shrubs and perennials in May with the whole garden club and some community volunteers participating. Another day was devoted to mulching which included preparing for the mulch with an underlayment of newspapers. The Cedar Springs Post helped out by providing some old newspapers for the job.

In June the annual beds were planted. Plants were chosen for color and durability. Mulch was recently added to retain moisture and prevent weeds.

Patricia Moore has been chairman of this beautification project and she expresses gratitude to all of the volunteers and donors. The volunteers include the above mentioned men, Abby Millering, Bev Lane, and Garden Club members Sandy McEwen, Cindy Litwinchuk, Sharon Nielson,



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Caroline Bartlett, Chris McFarlane, Rose Powell and Colleen White. Thank you to Kristin Perez and Shaner Avenue Nursery, Great Lakes Landscape Supply, City manager Mike Womack and Bill with DPW.

Donations came from individuals, businesses, and garden club members.

The City of Cedar Springs provided a water source and the dolomite material. Cedar Springs Garden Club donated over 25% of the total cost from it's own treasury and continue to volunteer their time to water and maintain the garden.

Thank you to all of the community who provided. We hope it is enjoyed by all.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned at the garden at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 13. Everyone from the community is invited.

# Race

...continued from front page

In an even closer race in Courtland Township, trustee Matt McConnon won the Supervisor job by just 36 votes. He took 457; current Supervisor Mike Krygier had 421; and challenger Eric Smith had 209. They also all ran on the Republican ticket, so voters in Courtland also had to vote Republican to vote for their Supervisor candidate. There are 6,358 registered voters in Courtland Township, and 2,118 cast ballots, for a turn out of 33 percent.

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