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Special points of interest:

- *Spring cleanup 1st week in June. Contact the Twp Hall for scheduled pickup.*
- *Michigamme pickup will be in August. Residents notified by special mailer.*

MICHIGAMME BASIN AUTHORITY STARTING

Last fall the State Legislature created a new method for recapturing increases in tax values, to be used locally for upgrades. The new method, patterned after a Downtown Development Authority, allows an area to be designated, an oversight Board to be created, and all increases in taxes to be captured to use within that designated area.

The new Water Resource Improvement

Tax Increment Financing Authority was created by the legislature last fall, to provide funding for invasive species in identified water bodies. In addition, it can be used to upgrade shore structures, access sites, and infrastructure to support the entire identified area.

Since it is the Board's objective is to fund the upgrading and preservation of the Michigamme River basin, without increasing the



burden on for the river front owners, putting this Water Improvement Financing District (WIFD) in place, is necessary.

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RAINBOW PASSES THE BATON

Beginning the next leg in the relay race to rebuild the Republic area, the reactivated Republic EDC took the baton handoff from the Rainbow Group April 25th.

The Group handed the EDC a shopping list of potential projects, ranging from renewal energy to recycling.

The EDC has assigned several of the most promising concepts to several two-member teams for follow-up.

Their job is to turn the blue sky dreams into shovel-in-the-ground projects.

Stay tuned.

## Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp, LLC,

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a non-for profit organization, is pleased to announce its plan to develop and construct an "outdoors experience" camp facility in Republic Township. The facility is to be located in the Chief Lake area on property currently under sale negotiation with the current owner. The main focus of the camp is to provide youth with the opportunities that exist in the outdoors. Educational and instructional programs being offered will include fishing, boating, forestry stewardship, survival, team building and others, designed to build an appreciation of the outdoors as well as develop self esteem and sense of accomplishment. Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp, (CLWYC), will focus on youth in the 8 to 16 age bracket. In addition, venues will be designed for the

family unit as well as adult and senior interests. The camp will be available to everyone regardless of age, sex, race or religious belief. CLWYC is in current program development with many recognized organizations on national, regional and local levels. Most will also sponsor one or more youth. Although sponsor driven, youth participation is also anticipated from families wishing their children to

experience this opportunity. Although initially targeting the Great Lakes States, it is expected that much of the youth participation will come from within a 100 hundred mile radius as most camp statistics show. This percentage of local area youth will be higher during the school year when long or extended travel is limited.

Camp representative Steve Nesbitt notes that area interest and support has been very positive and CLWYC is looking forward to being an active participant in efforts to make Republic an attractive and desirable destination.

*A hearing on a Conditional Zoning Use Permit authorizing the project will be held May 18th, at the Township Hall. (editor insert)*



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### Community Rummage Sale

**When: Sat. June 27th 10 am-5pm**

**Where: Your yard**

**If you are interested in having a yard sale on this day please call April Radcliffe @ 376-2413. I would like to know the number of sales and locations so I can include this in the advertising.**

The School Walk for Diabetes was a great success. We raised \$1862.25. Thank you to everyone that helped and donated to this event.

Thank you, Tammy K,

### TRANSFER STATION CHANGES

Customers at the transfer station will now receive their bill, when they dump. The weight slip will say "This is a bill, which is due within 30 days". Payments will be accepted at the transfer station. A late fee will be charged if payment is not received within the time limit. Past due bills become a lien on the property taxes.

The hours are from 9am to 2pm

\$6.00 per 100 pounds

Dates: May 9 & 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

-Baccalaureate Sunday - Join us as we pray a blessing upon our graduates during worship on Sunday May 24. Special reception at 10:00am with worship to follow at 10:30am. All graduates and family and friends are welcome.

-Sr. Friendly - Worship 12 noon, Luncheon to follow. Freewill donation appreciated.

-Vacation Bible School June 15-19 Rome Underground from 9am - 12 noon

If registered by June 1st - \$15 for one child, \$25 for two, \$5 each additional

After June 1st - \$18 for one child, \$30 for two, \$5 each additional

-Bethany BBQ Bash - Welcome Summer, Celebrate Vacation Bible School, Have fun!

Sunday June 21, Worship at 10:30am with Potluck to follow. All are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Summer worship times: May: Sunday Worship at 10:30am with Sunday school at 9am

Monday evenings at 7:00pm. No worship Memorial Day Monday.

June - August: Sunday worship at 9:30am except BBQ Day June 21

it's at 10:30am

Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

**You are invited to**

## **BETHANY'S Big BBQ Bash**

**Sunday June 22 Worship at 10:30am**

**BBQ and Music to follow At Bethany Lutheran**

**~PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS**

**AND INVITE YOUR FAMILY & NEIGHBORS TO COME!!!**

R-M Fundraising Dinner

We are having a fundraising dinner on May 13, 2009. The money raised will go right to the school to help defray the cost of classroom supplies. Dinner menu: turkey, potatoes, stuffing, slaw, cranberries, gravy, rolls & desserts.

Dinner time 4:30 to 6:00

Adults \$6.00 Kids under 13 \$4.00

Any student requesting money from Republic Community Services for help with the cost of summer camp must attend or have a letter in for our May meeting. No exceptions will be made. We will help with one camp (basketball, church etc...) per student. Meeting is May 21 R-M Library at 7:00p.m. (Note: meeting time has changed to 7:00). Thank You!

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How? By capturing increases in the taxes caused by new construction, uncapping of the property because of sales, and automatic raises in the area values caused by inflation.

Explanation:

The value of each parcel is set, at this year's level.

The property owner continues to pay normal taxes, as they stay the same, or increase from inflation or new construction.

If there is an increase in the amount being paid, the taxing units (Township, County and State) receive the same amount as if from this taxing year, and the WIFD keeps the increase to use within the district.

**Good points:**

No out of pocket difference for residents, NO increased taxes.

Dollars captured are the increases in value starting this year. Those captured from the Township, County and State each agreeing to give up the increased values for up to 20 years.

Schools are exempt.

**Bad point:**

The dam itself. It has to pass a safety exam in 2011.

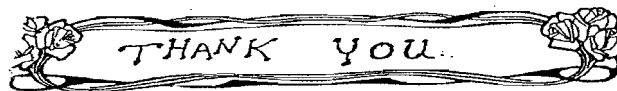
Eventually the WIFD will have enough money captured to be able to maintain the dam, but the initial money is not there. Our engineering firm has found that a grant is available to help in the rebuilding of the dam. Further, the potential is there to have a hydroelectric system operating. With this data available, the Board is looking at the implementation of the WIFD, believing it can be self sustaining.

For the Republic area to successfully rebuild itself, it must rely on the 3 legged Economic Development stool the EDC is working with:

1. Tourism, including scheduled events, the wetlands, Heritage Trail, Etc.
2. History
3. The River Basin.

The Board believes the stabilization of the River Basin is critical to the future re-development of this area. Having the WIFD in place will allow us to capture dollars that can be used to leverage grants to do projects such as: additional boat launch access sites, rebuild the beach house to an actual welcome center/bath house unit, and upgrade the roads that provide access to the river.

If the Board approves the implementation of the district, a public hearing will be held. The public is encouraged to attend, and learn first hand about the proposal.



*An invitation . . .*

*We are so grateful to all of you who have helped us with the St. Augustine Pasty Project this past year. We could not have made all those wonderful pasties without your help. We would like to thank all the Pasty workers by having a picnic (either indoors or outside depending on weather) at St. Augustine on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M.*

*We ask that you RSVP by calling the Sisters at 376-8475. The deadline for registering for the picnic is Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*We look forward to seeing you.*

*Sister Marge, Sister Lois and the people of St. Augustine*

# Republic Fire Department

At this time the Fire Department members would like to Thank all the members of the community that have ordered the Community Calendars. We also would like to let you know that we've extended the deadline for orders to May 15, 2009 to ensure that everyone who would like to order one and hasn't yet, still has time to do so.

To Order simply fill out the form at the bottom of this page. If you ordered last year and everything was correct, please circle "Same as Last Year" or complete the form with necessary changes and mail, with payment, to the address provided. Or drop off at Maki's Mini Mart, or give it to one of our fine firefighters.

Once again, Thank You for your Support.

Family Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### CALENDAR HOUSEHOLD ORDER SHEET

\*\*\*\*\*CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

(B)=Birthday (A)=Anniversary (E)=Meeting (S)=Military Service

DATE	TYPE B, A, E, S	LISTING INFORMATION
____/____/____	_____	_____
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"Same as Last Year"



Mail to Republic Fire Department c/o Kris LaForge, P.O. Box 131,  
 Republic MI 49679

Order

Community Calendars	Qty: _____	@ \$7.00 each = _____
Pocket Calendars	Qty: _____	@ \$5.00 each = _____
Cover for pocket calendar	Qty: _____	@ \$1.00 each = _____

Total: Make checks payable to Republic Fire Department  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE WELCOME TO A  
Special Program By

# Leo LaFond

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Retired Miner

An expert on Regional Mining History



Mr. LaFond is well versed in mining and regional history and has presented interesting programs to many historical societies, mining groups, organizations and school children.

**Where: Riverview Apartments Meeting Room  
in South Republic**

**When: 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 9th, 2009**

**Coffee & Refreshments after program.**

**Free will offering.**