

Township Tidbits:

January 2012

As we welcome the New Year, the year of 2012, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that have worked with us as improvements /repairs were made at the Community Center. I will start by Thanking the Community Action Staff, here (Lisa, Brenda and Audrey) and in Escanaba (Sally, Pat and Bill Dubord). Without their support and cooperation during the upheaval and chaos, completing the jobs would not have gone as well as they did. **Thank You CAA Staff.**

Next I would like to thank those individuals that helped from painting the walls, tearing up the tiles, waxing, urinal removal, watering flowers, parks and cemetery cleaning and the list goes on. So that I do not forget even one individual or group, I will not list each person, but give a hearty **Thank You** to all that helped; you know who you are.

Once again we need to express our Thanks to the groups and/or organizations that contributed the money to pay for the improvements at the center. They are: Enbridge Corporation: \$5000.00 grant for the roof, Plum Creek Foundation: \$5000.00 grant for the roof, Community Action Agency: \$5000.00 contribution to be used as needed, Hannahville Indian Community: \$5080.44 in 2% grant monies-3080.44 for the roof and 2000.00 for the flooring, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians: \$2500.00 in 2% grant monies for the roof, Community Foundation of Delta County: \$1700.00 grant for the kitchen floor, Rock Senior Corporation: \$2500.00 donation for the roof and Maple Ridge Township: \$6460.69 toward roof replacement and new flooring, plus additional expenses to cover the wax, labor to wax the tile, and the tips for the furniture to protect the floor to name a few.

As many of you know, one of our projects started this past year was the installation of fencing at the cemetery. We have approximately 50 8' sections installed in the new section. Our plan is to install fencing around the whole cemetery, if it is humanly possible. A lot will depend on the root systems of many of the trees and bushes surrounding the old section plus the current placement of several headstones in the old section. We are still accepting donations of \$35.00 per 8' section or if you wish to purchase an 8' section in the memory of someone the cost is \$45.00 per 8' section. This will be an ongoing project. We need many more sections purchased to complete the job. I would like to **Thank** the Fence Installation Crew consisting of Jerry Vallier (boss), Brand Nummilien, Russell Nelson, Rod and Wally Trudell. They have done a marvelous job and I hope they will continue to install the rest of the fence as it becomes available. If you haven't seen the fence, take a ride and see what we have begun. Also, if you wish to make a donation, contact Barb Nummilien at 356-6119.

Thank you to the following people who have donated to date for the fence project:

Dean Althouse

Don and Dorothy Athanas

Toodie Carlson & Family

Dorothy Cherne

Carol Elie

Dean & Shelly Forslund

Pat Frackner

Joyce Hassler

Brenda Henning

Judy Johnson

Kathy Johnson

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Mike Lampinen
David Maki
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Linda Maki
Daniel & Ruth Niemi
Richard & Faye Norby
Vernon & Diana Norman

Joanne Pearson
Steve Rabideau
Jim Ranta
Rock American Auxiliary
559
Rock Bible Chapel
Delbert Seppanen
Arnie & Donna Sirtola

John & Kathy Stams
Lyle & Chris Trombly
Judy Trudell
Jerry & Maxine Vallier

Roads: If you have issues with the condition of your road please call the Road Commission and speak with Rob VanEffen. The phone number is 786-3200. I am more than happy to listen to your problem but it is better that Rob hears directly from the person with the problem and that came directly from Rob☺ so don't feel that you are bothering him. Call.

Street Lights: If you see that a street light is out, please give me a call so that I can let WE Energies know that it needs servicing. My phone number is 356-6003.

What's new with the Fire Department? Come and See!! Join the department on Saturday, January 7th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Turin Hall to view the new Tanker/Tender vehicle that has been purchased with the assistance of a grant from Homeland Security (also known as FEMA). The vehicle arrived December 16th. Visit with the firemen and see the new additions to the department: Vehicle, Jaws of Life and Generator. There will be cake and refreshments served.

As this year begins, the township board will be setting the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments, please give a board member a call. Our monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock Community Center. The meetings are open to the public.

Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy, safe and productive New Year.

Judy Trudell, Supervisor
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