

Bridge Walk Garage Sale

By Nancy Simonelli

This year we will be having a garage sale during Bridge Walk with all proceeds going to our Fire & EMS. We are looking for donations of saleable items with a minimum value of \$20. Please no clothing or electronics. To donate items bring them to the township office during business hours where there will be a form to fill out with your name, phone number, item being donated, suggested selling price and whether you would like the item returned to you if it doesn't sell. All other items not sold will be given to charity. If you are unable to get to the office during business hours, call the township office to arrange for a volunteer to pick up your donation.

Lovells Bridge Walk

30th Anniversary

8.21.2021

The "Famous" Lovells Bridge Walk idea was born in 1991 by residents at the local tavern. Join us in the celebration on the Lovells Township grounds

- **Firemen's Pancake Breakfast begins at 8 AM; Sponsored by Kellogg's Bridge Grocery**
- **11:30 AM-Buses shuttle walkers from the Township Hall to "downtown" Lovells for the Parade and Bridge Walk**
- **Luncheon provided by Dead Bear Brewing Co. after the Walk**
- **50/50 Raffles**
- **Huge "Garage Sale" and Book Sale**
(See Nancy Simonelli's article for details)
- **DJ and Music**



All Proceeds benefit the Lovells Fire & EMS Department

(See Randy Long's article for details)

The Lovells EMS/FIRE Dept Needs A Fire Dog House!

There's no room in the House!

Per the Fire Chief all available space for any additional equipment has been used up! The chief has requested that we build a 30' x 60' pole barn with 3 Bays to be used as a Fire Barn Expansion.

The department has access to some Covid Grant Money (\$30,000 to \$60,000) which will help towards the project, but our goal for this year's **30th Bridge Walk** is to collect the additional funds needed as well as purchase these items for Fire Safety and Rescue.

- ⇒ A Brush Truck, Special Pick-up All Season
- ⇒ Snowmobile Rescue Unit Winter Equipment
- ⇒ Water Rescue Equipment

Our first responders have always had the community's safety in their hearts. Adding this additional equipment will enhance their rescue efforts. Some of the equipment has been offered free to our department, but the bigger problem is there is no space to store it.

Please, help us reach our goal of \$100,000 for the pole barn addition and any equipment that the grant funding will not cover. We hope you can join us for the 30th Year Annual Lovells Bridge Walk for Fun!

Any and All Donations are Welcome!

Please contact Lovells Twp Clerk for more information.

Randy Long

Lovells Township Bridge Walk Multi Media Chairperson 2021

LOVELLS BRIDGE ACCESS SITE UPDATE

By Gary Neumann, Supervisor

Construction of the access site on the state owned/township leased land at the County Road 612 bridge over the North Branch of the Au Sable commenced late last fall. In early January of this year, with winter weather firmly established, construction was paused until this past April. By May trees and vegetation had been removed from the area that will become the parking lot, and removal of trees and vegetation commenced to create the 160' long pathway that will connect the parking lot to the river. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused some delay, due primarily to the strict protocols the DNR's construction crew must work under. We're hopeful of a 2021 completion, with the grant's required completion date being well into 2022.

Inside Lovells Township

From the Clerk's Desk

Almost ten years ago after a nearly weeklong power outage in Lovells, Martha Eberly approached me with the idea of establishing an **Emergency Community Center** in the Township Hall. The idea was "kicked around" by the Board for some time. Recently, after the huge power outages in Texas, the Emergency Community Center was discussed again. I am happy to report that the Board approved two Generac Generators to power the Township Hall and Fire Barn. In the event of an emergency, the two buildings will serve as a gathering place where you can warm up, charge a cell phone, meet up with family members and quite possibly the Lovells Cheerful Givers would have coffee or a pot of soup on the stove. **Thank you, Martha, for planting the seed!**

Recently the Township purchased, using generous donations from Township Residents, the parcel at the **Crossroads of F-97 and C.R. 612**. The corner parcel will become a **public park**. This will be a wonderful addition to our community directly across from the **new Lovells Access Site**. Thank you to our **generous** donors without whom this would not have been possible!

At our last Board Meeting, Ron Larson, Crawford County Road Commissioner, reported that the **Twin Bridge Road Repaving Project will commence this Summer 2021!** Also, he stated that our US House Representative Jack Bergman is working with several people in Washington to repave County Road 612!

Several members of our Fire & EMS Department have asked me to remind you **NOT** to call their cell phones in the event of an emergency. All personnel dispatch **only** after your call has been received by 911 Central Dispatch. **Please always call 911 FIRST!**

Looking forward to seeing you at the 30th Anniversary of the Lovells Bridge Walk,

Cynthia Infante-Inman
Lovells Township Clerk

NATURAL VEGETATION STRIP REVIEW

Gary Neumann, Supervisor

Late last year a significant unauthorized removal of trees from within the natural vegetative strip occurred at a water-front parcel in the township. The remediation of this unauthorized removal is underway, and it is being done at the expense of the parcel owner

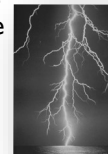
Along the North Branch of the Au Sable the strip extends seventy five feet landward from the ordinary high water mark. Along all other streams and all lakes it extends landward fifty feet from the ordinary high water mark. Within the strip trees and shrubs may be selectively pruned to achieve a filtered view of the water from the principal structure and for reasonable private access to the water. Dead, diseased, unsafe or fallen trees, and noxious plants and shrubs such as poison ivy and other plants regarded as a common nuisance may be removed from the vegetation strip. Planting of perennial native species in the strip is encouraged, especially where exposed soil and steep slopes exist and in reforestation efforts.

Automatic Generators Are Coming!

By Gary Neumann, Supervisor



At their April 13, 2021 meeting the Lovells Township Board voted unanimously to install an automatic Generac standby generator at the Township Hall and at the Township Fire Barn. The installation of standby electrical power has been discussed by the board a number of times over the years. With substantial 4/1/2021 carryover balances in the General and Fire Funds the board decided it was the right time to execute this option. The major benefit, in the board's opinion, is that in the event of a wide-spread and lengthy power outage residents would have a warm and well-lit place to charge cell phones, get drinking water, or heat up a meal. Because of the location of existing electrical power and propane entry points into the hall and barn it was cheaper to install two smaller generators versus a single large one.



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**FOR EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911 FIRST!!!**

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