

30th Anniversary
“Famous” Lovells Bridge Walk
8.21.2021



Hundreds walked the Lovells Bridge celebrating our 30th Anniversary and breaking all previous fundraising records with profits exceeding \$14,000.00!!

All proceeds benefit our exemplary volunteer Fire & EMS Department. This year’s funds will be applied towards our goal of raising \$100,000.00 for the Fire Barn Expansion project. Project plans include a new pole barn to house additional fire, safety, and rescue equipment. THANK YOU to all who donated to the Bridge Walk, especially those who donated in the name of local residents who recently passed away: Todd Harwood, Clay Inman, and Imilda Stahl.

We served 469 meals! A BIG thank you to Kellogg’s Bridge Grocery who provided the breakfast items for the Firemen’s Pancake Breakfast and Dead Bear Brewing Co. for providing lunch!



Our anniversary celebration included the sweet sounds of Bill Evo’s “coffeehouse” music. Bill played two sets during the Fireman’s Pancake Breakfast to rave reviews from attendees. Thank you Bill for your generosity and support of the Bridge Walk inspired by his love of the area!



The lunch crowd enjoyed the rock & roll music of Kevin B. Kline. If you missed their performances, Bill and Kevin both enjoyed the event and plan to play again next year. So mark your calendars now for August 20, 2022!

Signs for our two latest projects, Lovells Township “Crossroads Park” and Lovells Bridge Access Site “Neumann’s Landing”, were revealed at the event. Thank you to the generosity of residents



Tom & Marcy McKinney for creating the beautiful signs!
 Our heartfelt thanks to those who volunteered: Karen Arquette, Eric Bankhead, Sally Brand, Charlie & Sherri Cadeau, John & Chris D’Annunzio, Ann Duby, Dale & Charlene Gauthier, Grayling High School Viking Marching Band, Cheryl Hopp, Gloria Horner, Mary Pat Kissane, Donna Lindholm, Denise Long, Randy Long, Heather Lovell, Butch McWilliams, Jeanette Martin, Gary Neumann, John & Joan Petroff, Nancy Simonelli, Carol Ward, Rick & Terry Wright, and last, but not least the hardworking men and women of the Lovells Fire and EMS Department!!

Looking forward to seeing you at next year’s event,
Cynthia Infante-Inman
Denny Inman
Bridge Walk Co-Chairs



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Update on the Lovells Access Site
 By the time this newsletter is in the mail the access site at the CR 612 bridge will be essentially complete. A “Grand Opening” celebration will occur in 2022, likely in conjunction with Lovells Township Historical Society’s activities and the traditional MI trout season opener the last Saturday in April.



Hello Lovells Township!

A few thoughts for the upcoming winter months....



⇒ Per Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance Section 3.09 paragraph A2, all recreational vehicles must be removed from **unimproved** property in Lovells Township from December 1st through March 1st.

⇒ Looking forward to spring, be aware that there is a natural vegetation strip that extends 75 feet from the ordinary high watermark along the watershed of the AuSable River, to include Big Creek. Also all our lakes in the township have a natural vegetation strip that extends 50 feet from the ordinary high watermark.



⇒ Please be aware that any bank alteration on any rivers, streams or lakes in Lovells township requires permits from EGLE before work is done.

Thank you,
Dale Gauthier Jr.
 Zoning Administrator
 Lovells Township

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Have a safe, healthy and cozy winter!



Inside Lovells Township



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

### Commissions & Other Boards

#### Planning Commission

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### **Rental and Use of the Township Hall, Library, Playground and Pavilion**

As many of you know, the hall, library, pavilion and playground are often busy places. While the hall and library are only open for business on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, it is very common to have activities going on in the hall, playground or pavilion the other days of the week.

These activities could be hosted by local groups, such as Loose Threads, Cheerful Givers or the North Branch Area Foundation and they pay no usage fee. Other activities, particularly when they are hosted by a family or an individual for a private function, would require the payment of a rental fee.

The township board recently received two complaints from groups that were using the pavilion. One complainant had paid a usage fee while the other had not. Both groups indicated to the board that their activity had been interrupted by children (under the age of 12 in these cases) who appeared at the pavilion without being invited and who were reluctant to leave when asked to do so.

The intent of this note is to alert all residents of this issue in the hope that, by being aware of the issue, it will cease to be one. In the near future signage will be made available to users of the hall and pavilion that will clearly convey that the activity that is occurring is private in nature. We are hopeful that the addition of this signage will have the desired effect.

In closing, the board would like to encourage the use of the Douglas Park playground. The playground is designed for children age 2-12, and it is open during daylight hours seven days a week. As we do for children visiting the library, we ask for adult supervision of all children at the playground who are under the age of 12.

Sincerely ,

**The Lovells Township Board**

### **Lovells Township Historical Society News...**

Thank you to all who have supported us this year. Our museums are closed now for the season. Please plan to visit us next year. We have some exciting things in the works! In the mean time, our HOT STOVE series will return this winter, and all our PodCasts are available any time for you to listen to.

Watch our website or facebook for the upcoming schedule of Hot Stove speakers and dates!

**[www.lthsmuseums.org](http://www.lthsmuseums.org) or find us on facebook!**

### **Lovells Township -Crossroads Park**

As many of you know, we have a new park! Your Lovells Township Planning Commission would like your thoughts regarding what you might like the new Crossroads Park to look like. The Planning Commission held a public input session a few weeks ago and several great ideas were offered. We would like to hear from more of you. Please email, call or stop by with your thoughts. (Please use CROSSROADS PARK in subject line.)

Denny Inman-PC Chair

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### **Community Item of Interest!**

Great Lakes Energy would like to expand their new fiber network, Truestream, to our area. The first step has begun; engineering contractors have begun to examine our location, the next step will be budget consideration and finally approval by their Board of Directors. This begins the process which will eventually provide fast, reliable, and stable internet to our community with no data caps. If you haven't already signed up for this program and are interested in being notified please contact Great Lakes Energy by signing up at their website: [jointruestream.com](http://jointruestream.com) or call 888-485-2537. The more people who sign up from our area the better our chances are of seeing this happen sooner rather than later.