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Twp. Board of Trustee meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 2160 Wadhams Road, Kimball, MI 48074

Monthly Meeting Dates —Open to the Public—

(Subject to Change)

Zoning Board of Appeals

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.
Meetings held at 2160 Wadhams Road

Kimball Township Board of Trustees

3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.
Meetings held at 2160 Wadhams Road

Planning Commission

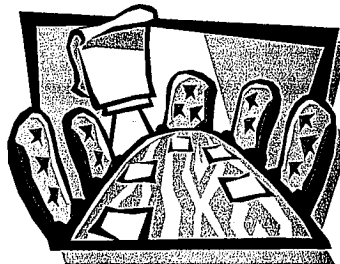
4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.
Meetings held at 2160 Wadhams Road

Fire Administrative Board

1st Wednesday of the month @ 7 p.m.
Meetings held at Fire Station # 1 or #2

Cemetery Advisory Board

2nd Wed. of the month @ 2:00 p.m.
Meetings held at 2160 Wadhams Road



Wishing Everyone a Wonderful New Year!

Let us encourage more and criticize less,
Give more and need less.

And whenever we can,
Let us create harmony and peace.
To new beginnings...

Let us start fresh, right now,
To make this the very best year ever.
A very Happy New Year to all of us!

...Best Wishes for 2009...

INSPECTORS for KIMBALL TOWNSHIP

- ✓ **Building Inspector & Ordinance Administrator:**
Neil Erickson, Cell Phone: 531-6445, Office: 810-987-9797, Ext 18
- ✓ **Mechanical Inspector:** Al Grabowski, Cell Phone: 650-2373
- ✓ **Plumbing Inspector:** Daniel Jex, Cell Phone: 531-3030
- ✓ **Electrical Inspector:** Mike Davenport, Cell Phone: 810-320-5941
- ✓ **Fire Chief:** John Gorski, Office: 982-9461
- ✓ **Assistant Fire Chief:** Ed Gratz, Office: 810-982-9461, Cell Phone: 531-2728



HAPPY 106th BIRTHDAY, JEAN McCORMICK



Jean McCormick, born Nov. 15, 1902, celebrated her 106th birthday on November 15th with family and friends at Medi Lodge of Port Huron where she now resides. She is the oldest resident. Jean was a life long resident of Sparlingville until July 2008. She had 13 children, 7 girls and 6 boys. She is a grandmother, great grandmother & great-great grandmother of 250 plus descendents. She worked at Ainsworth Manufacturing until her 80's and a field nurse until she was 95. Although her working days are over she still enjoys reminiscing with family and friends and occasionally going for rides to Sparlingville where her home still stands today. Jean offers up some advice, *"You can't go back and redo anything. Everything stands as is, so you have to live with your past whether you like it or whether you don't. The only thing you can do, from one breath to the next, is take it as it comes."*

Source: The Times Herald



Jean at about 12 years old.

Jean (Campbell) McCormick was born November 15, 1902, to John Henry Campbell and Helen (Bell) Campbell. Mr. Campbell homesteaded property in Kimball Township in the late 1800's. At one time he owned all the property along the north side of Griswold Road from Allen to Range Road and north to the railroad tracks. In 1908 the family house burned down and Jean remembers sitting of a feather tick in the front yard with a bowl of oatmeal and an umbrella, watching the neighbors help fight the house fire. The house was rebuilt and stood until about 14 years ago.

Jean attended Port Huron High School and met Bruce McCormick in 1918. They married February 5, 1921. Bruce bought just over 2 acres of property and built a four room house in 1923. As the family grew so did the house. In the early 1940's Jean began working in factories until the age of 83. She still wasn't ready to quit working, instead, she turned to home health aide nursing care. Jean often said she was *"taking care of old people."* At 95 years young, she was finally ready to retire for good. Mrs. McCormick remained in her own home until the age of 105. She is an indescribable woman and a delight to anyone who has ever met her.

Source: Helen Stroh, daughter of Mrs. McCormick

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN UP



WHERE: Kimball Township Hall
2160 Wadhams Road
Kimball, MI 48074

WHEN: February 21st 10 a.m. -1 p.m.
February 26th 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.
February 28th 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

BRING: Proof of Residency
Birth Certificate

QUESTIONS? For more information CALL:

Jim Halifax, President 987-2925
Robin Fenner, Secretary 987-4682

Pavilion Rental

You may now sign up for the rental of a township park pavilion.

\$25.00 deposit which is returned as long as there's no damage or clean up after your event.

First come, first serve basis. We cannot reserve a pavilion over the phone. We must have the registration form and the deposit at time of rental.

What's Happening Where?

■ **Planning Commission changed from 5 member to 7 member board:**

Kimball Township Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution changing the number of members on the Planning Commission.

■ **Noise Ordinance:**

Adopted Ordinance 160-A to regulate and prohibit certain noises and to provide a penalty for the violation of this ordinance. The ordinance covers noise made by construction, explosives, firearms, loudspeakers/public address systems, radios, televisions, any instrument creating sound, horns, signaling devices, yelling, shouting, etc., animals/birds, motor vehicles, motorcycles, motorized vehicles, and any motor-driven cycles.

■ **Dog Licenses:** Residents can purchase dog licenses at the Township Office, 2160 Wadhams Road, until the end of February 2009.

Male/Female: \$20.50
Altered: \$10.40

After March 1st: \$40, purchase at the St. Clair County Animal Control Office.

■ **Township Park Usage 2008:**

A survey has been mailed to people who reserved one of the park pavilions during the past summer. Results will be used to analyze park improvements, etc

■ **Weed Ordinance in the works:**

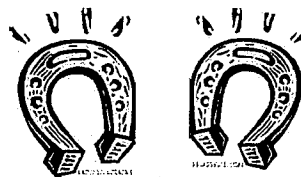
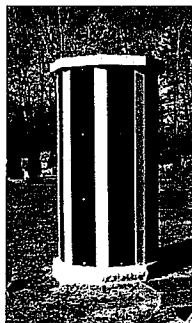
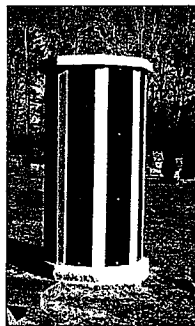
Planning Commission is working on the development of a weed ordinance. If they decide it should be adopted it will be sent to the Township Board for final decision.

■ **Garage Sales:**

Planning Commission proposing the amendments to ordinance. Will need to go to Township Board before being adopted.

■ **Columbarium Niches Available for Sale:**

Contact Clerk Joyce Shaffer to purchase a niche in the new columbariums in Caswell Cemetery.



26TH ANNUAL SNOW SHOE TOURNAMENT

Sign up for pitching horseshoes in the snow! All proceeds go to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, MI.

WHEN: January 31st

Starts at 1 p.m.

Registration from

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

WHERE: Pink Elephant Bar

340 Henry Street

Smiths Creek, MI

COST TO SIGN UP:

\$5 per person

64 players took part last year. A record high of donations was collected.

There'll be raffles, 50/50 drawings, food. Don't have to be present to win.

A donation can is set up at the Pink Elephant Bar for the month of January for those who would like to donate but can't attend.

Call Jill Hunter, 367-6311 for more information.

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERVISOR ROB USAKOWSKI

Thank you to each of our citizens that came out and voted at the November 4th General Election. We had a record turnout in Kimball Township. Our new board members have all been busy reviewing the many policies, procedures, finances, and audit reports of the township.

We have spent many hours reviewing our financial policies and procedures and have already begun to make changes. Expense reports will need documentation to support the expense. Expense reports for department heads will be paid after approved by the Board of Trustees. The board will be voting on a cell phone policy.

Treasurer George Jackson and members of his staff have put processes in place to improve financial procedures.

At our first board meeting held on December 16th, the board

adopted the "Transparency in Government" resolution to be more transparent in all of our financial dealings. Our website has been updated with new items, and we will continue to add additional information for everyone to see. The website is:

www.kimballtownship.org

There have been several hours spent in Emergency Management training. The need for emergency planning is important to our community. Our Emergency Management team meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the township office. We would love to have citizens volunteer to assist in this project.

As your new supervisor, I am here to serve the residents of our community. If you'd like to meet with me or discuss any issues or concerns, the best way to contact me is on my cell phone 1-810-531-8688. I look forward to serving you these next four years.

MITTEN TREE at TOWNSHIP OFFICE



Our sincere appreciation to all the residents and visitors to the Township Office who so generously decorated our Christmas Tree with donated new mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats for children in need.

Our tree was adorned with items that will keep many children just a wee bit warmer this winter. Given from the hearts of you dear people to the hearts of little children.

This year the donated "winter warmies" were divided amongst the schools in our community. Any item is available for a child who may need a little warmth.



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