



The Clay Connection

Drive Safe, School is Open, GO Muskrats!

October 2017

Leaving us this Winter

If you are leaving us in the cold this winter, you should do a couple things before you leave. Have the water dept shut off the water to your home at the road. Also, sign up with the Police Dept Property Protection Program. Do these things for your peace of mind, even if you are only going for a few weeks.

Shake Your Mailbox

Shake your mailbox to make sure it will withstand the pressure of the snow from the snow plow this winter. Hard to talk about snow but it is easier to fix them now instead of the dead of winter.

Safely Dispose of Drugs

Bring in unwanted prescriptions to our Police Dispatch-24/7. This will prevent them from being consumed or distributed accidentally or illegally. DO NOT FLUSH THE DRUGS, we need to keep them from our waterways. Call the police for information.

Lots of good things happening in Clay

Scarecrow Festival

October 28th 12-5 **Scarecrow contest** with cash prizes. Includes categories of **Muskrats All Sports, Family, Business, and Mechanical/Robotic** scarecrows with \$400 total cash prizes! **Make n Take scarecrows**, people can come and make their own scarecrows and take them home. **Interactive DJ by Steve. Dog Costume Contest** sponsored by **Algonac Pet Center** with gruesome pet supply bags for your pooches. **Face Painting** for free by **Chantel. Scarecrow photo ops** with **Brenda.** Concessions foods by **Kelli. Arts & Crafts and Scraps Mobile Activities.**

Zumba Fitness

Begins Wednesday, Sept 20th 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Millside Elementary School. 6 weeks for \$45/person

Hatha Yoga

6 week program starting Tuesday Sept 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Millside Elementary School. \$45.

Tennis Mixers

Organized Tennis mixers will be offered Tuesday and Saturday mornings 9 a.m. at the High School. No reservation required, just show up and play.

Fun for all ages, Contact Cindy Babisz at 810.794.9320 for additional information

North Channel Sturgeon Classic

Last year, the North Channel of Clay was recognized as the Sturgeon Angling capital of Michigan. Last week, the Sturgeons for Tomorrow and the Pearl Beach Lions club sponsored the North Channel Sturgeon Classic.

This is the only fishing tournament of this type in the Great Lakes. We had 28 boats and they caught and released 87 fish in one night. The largest was 70.5 inches and the smallest was 21 inches. Finn's Sport fishing won with a dozen fish.

Flamingo Bridge

The grant writing process has started to fund the replacement of the Flamingo bridge just as we did the Merrill St. Bridge. Normally, the replacement of these bridges would be up to the township, (\$580,000 cost for the Merrill Bridge). But that project was funded by Fed grants of \$456k, \$100k grants from the state, \$11,200 from the county leaving only \$3,200 for the township. We are seeking the same grants for the Flamingo Bridge. The Flamingo project has construction issues, we cannot cut the bridge in half and keep one lane open at a time. Looking at having the US Army Corps bring in a floating bridge for traffic while the construction is going on.

St John Dr. Paving

We will be putting the repaving of St John Dr. out for bid. I have received a County Rd grant to pay for half. Project should be done in summer of 2018.