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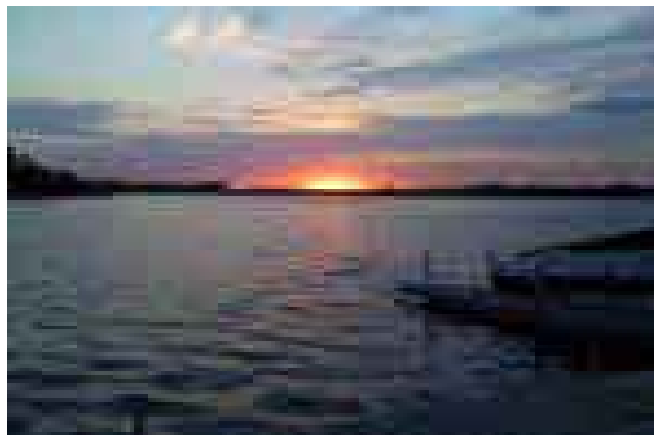
Happy Father's Day

Memorial Day and June Festivities

Thank a veteran for all they've done for our country and way of life.

DEXTER AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The 62nd annual Memorial Day parade for Dexter's American Legion Post #557 is May 31st. The parade starts at 10am on Main Street. To be in the parade, please go to the south end of Inverness Street. There is no registration to fill out. Just show up by 9:15. There will be a crew of 5 to 6 folks who will stage you in the line up for the parade. The American Legion has a set positioning for the parade. Please remember the day is to honor the American veterans and armed forces of the United States of America. Plan an American theme of red, white and blue. No political signage. Only one vehicle per business. If you have any more questions please contact the chamber office at 734-426-0887 or 734-426-0887.



Michigan Sunsets

The first of many wonderful sunsets is captured as the Memorial Day Weekend Begins over Whitmore Lake.

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Controversy Over Sale

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OK'S DECISION TO SELL OLD TOWNSHIP HALL / FIRESTATION

Gary Wellings, Chief Editor

In an unexpected move last week the Northfield Township Board of Trustees made a decision to sell the old township hall at 75 Barker Road in Whitmore Lake. The Board has had the building on the market for sale but most residents including some Board members felt and expected to sell the building to Northfield Human Services (NHS) so that the building could house community related programs including after school programs, Kiwanis and library related programs as well as housing the offices of People's Express and the NHS Food Bank. NHS and the township have been talking about a sale for almost 3 years and a transition committee of township residents and township personnel had made a recommendation to not sell the building at present. A verbal report of the recommendation was made at the May 25 Township Board Meeting. Supervisor Deb Mozurkewich and Trustee Sam Laquinto were not present at the meeting because of family obligations, both expected no action to be taken concerning the building but in a surprising move Trustee Dan Rowe made a motion to sell the building. Trustee Dan Smith supported the motion and Clerk Shelle Manning and Treasurer Cindy Wilson voted to sell the building against the recommendation. Trustee Wayne Dockett voted not to sell the building but the motion passed. In a separate motion the Board then voted to sell the building to a private company even though a higher bid had been offered on the building just recently. All five members present voted yes. Supervisor Mozurkewich was especially angry that the board ignored the explicit advice of their attorney. She made it clear to each individual board member before leaving town for a funeral that their attorney was advising us to keep the building or not sell at this time until further consideration had been given. "I was stunned. I could not believe these board members disregarded the advice of our attorney" He had said that the board needed more time to consider the sale and that if we sold he was certain that the board would later regret the decision to lose control over such a key downtown property that held so much potential. "I called each member before I left and shared the opinion of the attorney with them, namely that he felt we should wait or not sell at all" said Mozurkewich. Doug DeFavero who sits on the transition committee was extremely irritated at the decision. "I am very disappointed in the decision of those board members who were present, a decision as big as this should have waited for our written report and all seven board members" stated DeFavero. He felt the members ignored the committee's recommendation. "We worked long and hard on this process" He also said he waited at the podium to speak for almost 10 minutes and went unrecognized by Clerk Shelle Manning who chaired the meeting. "That was unprofessional in my opinion" stated DeFavero, "This is a big mistake for our township." Treasurer Cindy Wilson stated that the board has more information now and will be re-looking at the decision at the next regular board meeting. Trustee Dan Smith stated that he had made his decision based on written information available at the time of the meeting and that he was trying to not lose two bids on the building that were expiring immediately. Smith stated he felt that one of the prospective buyers has not been extremely forthcoming with a written offer or a written counter offer to the township and that has made the whole process more difficult.

LETTER TO EDITOR:

Why is the Church and its Leaders Silent in These Troubled Times?

I have a question. "Do our church pastors, priests, ministers, elders, deacons, and other leaders realize their duty in society? Especially in our so often referred to, Christian Nation.

Here is what prompted this writing. On January 23, 1996 a Pastor named, Joe Wright, was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate. Everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard him offer to God in prayer:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your word says, "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We confess we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism

We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem

We have abused power and called it politics

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, oh God, and know our hearts today, cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of your will. I ask it in the Name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN"

That was fourteen years ago. My question is "Why are there not thousands of church leaders coming together as one body and openly endorsing such a prayer as that of Joe Wright?" Perhaps we are too comfortable 'playing' church and afraid of 'Big Brother', or worse our congregations. If our leaders believe this, why not unite as a body using the internet as a tool to bring the people of faith together. Do our denominational boundaries preclude our union as a body of believers from coming together as one in prayer? Are we more interested in our differences, which we deem as a good excuse for not meeting as one? Can most denominations agree that the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer, might be a starting point for prayer?

If one gives clear thought, they will realize our Government is not the answer to our problems. Faith can restore this nation. Let us pray that our thousands of leaders will come together. I am simply asking for Christian people, people of faith, and more importantly Church leaders to pray for this country and all of its elected and appointed leaders. Are there pastoral leaders of this type today? I implore our leaders in faith to proclaim it as good Christians because millions of us need that guidance in these times of hardship.

BOB ROGALSKI

Salem Flag Day Parade

Saturday, June 5th -- 10:30 AM at Salem Elementary

Come march with Salem Area Historical Society SAHS in the Salem Flag Day Parade. Meet in the parking lot of Salem Elementary by 10:30 am for the 11am start.

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