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You could, based on its timing, call it a Christmas Miracle, but reality is, the dedicated supporters of the Krasl

Art Center in St. Joseph simply put the power of their love behind their center and most notably behind their Executive Director who provided the vision to dramatically reimagine and renovate the center's grounds and wrapped up several years of fundraising in grand style to complete the project in full. And, they did it just in time to put a Christmas bow on it all. The concept of Sculpting Community ultimately has led the Krasl Art Center (KAC) to not only reimagine and renovate the grounds, it has rejuvenated the entire spirit of the center and brought the community together in great ways. Through that placemaking initiative, the Krasl transformed the green space into a destination where everyone knows they are welcome and can enjoy the arts in a way that feels comfortable to them. Construction for the \$1.8M project was completed in the fall of 2018 with final adjustments made in the spring of 2019. The summer of 2019 welcomed an unprecedented increase in the volume of visitors to the center, as patrons enjoyed the newly redeveloped outdoor space including the interactive sculpture in the East Garden in Memory of Maria G. "Lupe" Hopp; Rising Crossing Tides, a monumental sculpture by artist Richard Hunt; a shaded plaza with casual outdoor seating; and an engaging greenspace. The Krasl entered 2019 with three successful years of fundraising behind them, thanks in large part to matching gift grants from the 1st Source Bank Foundation and the Frederick S. Upton Foundation, plus donations from more than 400 individual donors throughout the community. However, the goal to fully fund the project faced a gap in excess of \$200,000 at the start of the year. In the spring of 2019, an anonymous donor made a pledge to match each dollar given until the campaign goal was achieved. This fall, inspired by that anonymous donor's challenge, Steve Wessell, retired Executive Vice President of 1st Source Bank and former treasurer of the Krasl Board, issued a challenge of his own. Wessell challenged the KAC board, staff, volunteers and community partners to make individual final gifts to the campaign in honor of Executive Director, Julia Gourley Donohue. Those gifts would also serve to fully-fund all Sculpting Community expenses. Wessell says, "Julia understood the impor-

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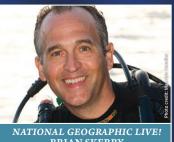


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Hello! A very Happy New Year to all, that they will remain hot in 2020. and I hope you have had a wonderful start to 2020! It's going to be a great year, filled with a lot to do. It is also going to be a year with a ton of innovation in the beverage industry. We all know that the seltzer category was hot in 2019, and the prediction is

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Bud Light Seltzer

You may recall a few articles ago, we talked about the launch of Bud Light **Seltzer**. This is the most anticipated launch of 2020, and you can pick yourself up a vari-Continued on page 2

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ety pack starting Monday, January 13th! That is this coming Monday! The Bud Light Seltzer Variety pack includes: Lemon Lime, Strawberry, Black Cherry, and Mango. Coming in at only 100 calories, 2 carbs, and less than 1 gram of sugar, this drink is great for those of you whose New Year resolution was to live a healthier lifestyle. This tasty beverage is weighing in at 5% ABV (alcohol by volume). There will also be 25 oz cans in each flavor, as well 12 pks of each individual flavor. Pick yours up Monday!!!

Other Innovation

Budweiser is launching a few extensions this year as well. Budweiser Zero, a non-alcoholic Budweiser. I have heard great things about this beer in the interna-



tional market, and it has booming sales. I am excited to try this. Stay tuned for more information on that. Budweiser Nitro is also set to launch in this quarter. A delicious Budweiser that is nitro infused for a delicious, creamy body. In the last quarter of the year, the market will also see a Budweiser Nitro Black. Bud Light Lemonade will launch this spring, and has also received positive feedback where it has been tested. I have had the opportunity to sample the Bud Light Lemonade, and I feel like people are going to be loving this product in the beautiful southwest Michigan sunshine! The Ritas are getting a makeover with the addition of Rita Cosmo Fizz. Ritas Cosmo Fizz Passion Fruit is a malt beverage with natural flavors and artificial color added. This "sparkling cocktail" will hit 10%-ABV. There will be additional flavors to follow as well.

There is your sneak peek at some of the many new brands that will be entering the market in 2020. Make sure to stay tuned for many more! As always, please enjoy responsibly.

Wishing you the best for 2020!

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6 Things New Gym Members Should Do

the newbie in any situation, and although you may not believe it, there's no greater environment than a gym when it comes to integrating yourself into a new situation. If you're reading this and vou've just signed up for a new

gym membership, I congratulate you for taking that step. I'm also here to help

Gyms are all a bit different, but most are wellequipped to help new members get started. If this is true, you'll notice a camaraderie among the old members, all sharing in a warm and welcoming environment. They've all been in your shoes at one point, so you can take their confidence navigating the place as a positive form of inspiration. But still, what should you do with those first few days at the gym? Start with these six things:

1) Ask about equipment orientations or free fitness consultations. Free orientations will, at the very least, introduce you to the fitness floor and its equipment. You should walk away feeling prepped to navigate the machines. Consultations can help you assess your specific needs. Plus, one-on-one time with a qualified fitness professional gives you the chance to ask all the questions

2) Speak with a group fitness instructor. Group fit schedules can be overwhelming. Class descriptions are great, but don't always indicate whether the class is right for you...but a group fitness instructor can help.

3) Ask for a tour of the facilities. If this didn't happen when you stopped in for membership information, ask the staff to take you around. Get to know where everything is so you can take advantage of all the membership benefits.

4) Seek out like-minded individuals. If you're a triathlete, find out who the triathletes are. If you like yoga and see a woman with a yoga mat, introduce vourself and ask her about the classes she enjoys! Don't

It's not easy being be afraid to make friends. In doing so, you'll become part of a social environment that buzzes with activity and inspiration

> 5) Read through all of the membership materials. From policies to parent-tot classes and pool times, you might find something within that resonates with your fitness goals. And, trust me, your experience will be a lot better if you know all of the rules and regulations up front.

> 6) Be confident. Gyms can be intimidating, but when you get to know the environment, you'll have no problem owning your place within it. So start off confident. Believe me when I say that you won't get laughed at for not knowing how to use a machine. Everyone was a newbie at one point. Own your newbieness and get after your fitness goals! Remember, you're a paying customer, too. And if someone does laugh at you? Find a staff member right away. Most gyms don't have room for that kind of behavior.

> Now, if you're not a new gym member, remember that you play a huge role in the new member's experience. Remember what it felt like when you were new? Be the person you needed to meet. Or be that one person who really helped you.

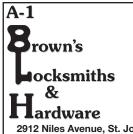
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> By: Tara Sabo (Fitness Director, ACE-CPT and Group Fit Instructor at South Shore Health & Racquet Club)

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As longtime readers know, I'm the kind of person who doesn't really mind, as the wise philosopher Poombah once said, "putting my behind in the past."

This palest of pale rationales is all you're gonna get as I give myself permission to climb into my Way-Way-Back Machine and regale you with yet more tidbits from the journey No. 4 son, the wife and I took to deposit him back at Way WAY-Away University in Washington.

When last we left this story, we were putting Yellowstone National Park in our rear view mirror. And I should mention, before my wife takes over the column and mentions for me, that we almost had a fender bender thanks to that rear view mirror.

You see, as we worked our way north out of the Park's Mammoth Springs attractions, what to our wondering eyes should appear but large numbers of elk, hanging out at the edge of the tourist area. I had never seen wild elk so close, and in fact, had been kvetching about not seeing them throughout the day in the park. So I contributed to – although I didn't cause! -- the wildlife traffic jam by slowing, stopping, and otherwise creeping through Mammoth to ogle them.

I unfortunately couldn't convince the wife to let me be one of those dumb tourists who leaves his vehicle and gets too close to wild creatures but lucks out and doesn't have anything bad happen to him. So we had to keep creeping past them, and, you know how it is, when you want just that one last eyeful of a majestic beast: I had my eye on the mirror rather than the road and —

As longtime readers know, I'm the kind brake in time to avoid hitting the ogler in front of of person who doesn't me

And man, you should've heard the massive tire SCREECHES from the oglers in back of me!

Our next big adventure was Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington state, a day spent in the pouring rain. Fortunately, we dodged the raindrops for a good part of the time, especially on a trail that led to the Grove of the Patriarchs, a section of the park that is home to a significant number of significantly gi-normous – and significantly ancient – trees. I'm talkin' the kind of trees that families take pictures of themselves "hugging" . . . and it takes an entire family to wrap all the way around even the smallest of them. [Note: your family has to consist of at least 16 people to accomplish this.]

The next day was the day No. 4 had been waiting for—we reached Bellingham, Washington, home to Way WAY-Away University! I'm not saying he was overly anxious to part ways with us, however, to borrow a phrase from the movie "A Christmas Story," he emptied his stuff out of our vehicle faster than a jackrabbit on a date. Plus he began saying, rapid-fire, "Thanksmomanddad! Haveasafetriphome!

Goodbye!Sayonara!Getlost!"

We wondered if maybe his roommates, who'd all spent the summer in Bellingham, had some big "welcome back" party in store for him. He said naw, but then "veri-signed" our hunch when he dropped us off at the airport and peeled away with a massive tire SCREECH!

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year filled with more fun and interesting things to do in Great Southwest! It's time for the Annual Chili Tour, January 24. Warm up in downtown St. Joe as St. Joseph Today hosts a Chili Tour! Participating locations or "Chili Stops" will play host as you have the opportunity to try their best reci-

pes. Get started at the Welcome Center. Day of registration and Chili Tour Map pick-up available on January 24 from 9am-8pm. It costs \$2 per participant (includes a Chili Tour Map). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. Participants vote for their favorite chili recipe. The winning location will host the People's Choice Chili Pepper trophy for the remainder of the year until the next contest. To vote, please turn in your Chili Map by noon on Saturday, January 25.

Our next event is also January 24, and takes place on the Mainstage at The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College. It's Abba Mania! The original from London's West End, ABBA's timeless songs were written to be enjoyed live and ABBA MANIA gives you exactly that – two hours of uplifting, dance inducing, and sometimes heartbreaking songs, fully live with fantastic staging, lighting, and effects! With hit after hit including "Dancing Queen," "Waterloo," "Mamma Mia," "The Winner Takes It All," and "Take a Chance on Me," this is your excuse to party, reminisce, and be entertained by the best music ever! So, dig out those platforms, dust down those flares, thank ABBA for the music, and get your tickets today.

Continuing on with the next January 24 event, is Dueling Pianos. Dueling Pianos can be summed up in a single word: fun. Combine two sharp-witted, incredibly talented musicians with two pianos on a stage, and add in a roomful of people. The result is an evening of fast, funny, unforgettable entertainment. Get ready for a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience that will have you laughing so hard you'll be doubled over gasping for breath! Go ahead, request your favorite song, loudly sing along, dance on stage or just bounce up and down in your seat.

After a Friday night full of fun, join the folks from St. Joseph Today for the 5th St. Joe Winter Beer Fest, January 25. Bundle up and join them from 12-4pm for the 5th Annual outdoor St. Joe Winter Beer Fest! Craft beer enthusiasts will enjoy sampling from local and regional Michigan breweries.

The Buchanan Art Center invites you to join them January 25, for Valentines for Vets. It's an annual workshop to create and decorate Valentines Day cards to send to our local and regional VA hospitals to be distributed. This event is free and great for families and groups of friends! All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be available along with cocoa and coffee. Materials generously donated by the family of Mary Ruth White who began this tradition in her home. As it grew, the event moved to the Buchanan Art Center and they are proud to carry on her efforts!

As we come to the end of the month be sure to mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Magical Ice Fest, January 31-February 2. Join us in downtown St. Joseph. Enjoy Certified Ice Competitions, Fire & Ice Tower, Fire & Ice Party, 8th Annual ICE Wars! SnowBiz Scavenger Hunt, Frozen Fish Toss, Magical Ice Throne, Magical Tour, and Waikiki Weekend! It's fun for the entire family.

The folks at Twin City Players invite you to The Savannah Sipping Society, January 31-February 16. In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fateand an impromptu happy hour-and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures, and the occasional liquid refreshment, these women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together, they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment-and most importantly, realize it's never too late to make new old friends. So, raise your glass to these strong Southern women and their fierce embrace of life and say "Cheers!" to this joyful and surprisingly touching comedy!

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My wife and I will both turn 30 next month. We have two young children, and we make a little over \$85,000 combined. The problem is we have about \$70,000 in debt. Some of it is credit card debt, but nearly \$50,000 is in two car loans. Her mom and dad have offered to let us move in with them, so we can save up money and start getting a better handle on our finances, but we're not sure how we feel about this. What's your advice?

Justin

You've got a ridiculous amount of money wrapped up in those cars. I'd sell the stupid things, get into a couple of little beaters, and start living on a budget and paying down debt.

In your situation, the only scenario where I'd even consider taking the in-laws up on their offer is one where the stay is for a very short, agreed-upon period of time. They'd have to be absolutely wonderful people, too, and everyone involved would need to know their

But you guys can get out of debt pretty fast if you'll just lose the cars. You could even save a little money on the side while you were paying down debt, and buy a better car as soon as the debt was gone.

You might love your cars so much that you're unwilling to make the sacrifice. Not me. I'd rather keep my dignity intact, and work my way out of the mess I created!

-Dave

Dave Says Playing the lottery robs you of your future

I've been struggling financially for the past few months, so I've been playing the lottery once a week. To me, the chance to win millions is worth a few dollars a month, even if things are tight.

Dear Paula,

You've told me you're having money troubles, and at the same time you're throwing money out the window every week? Honestly, the small amount you're talking about doesn't make a difference. Even if it's just two or three bucks a week, that action represents a lot of financially irresponsible behavior in

I'm going to be very blunt with you. The lottery is a tax on the poor and people who can't do math. Your chances of winning are bleak at best. Did you know the odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are about 1 in 292,000,000? There are plenty of other very unusual things that are much more likely to happen to you than winning the lottery. Your chances of making a hole-inone on the golf course are about 1 in 12.500. Even your odds of having quadruplets are around 1 in 11 million.

When times are tough and you're strapped for cash, the last thing you need to do is spend what little you have on gimmicks. My advice is to focus on working hard, living on a tight budget that cuts out all unnecessary expenses, and saving every penny you can. Unlike the lottery, this is a plan that works every time. When you start living on a budget and get out of debt, it provides a little bit of breathing room in your life. You might even feel like you got a raise!

Don't let your finances-and your dreams-be hijacked by the lottery.

-Dave

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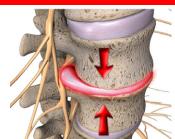
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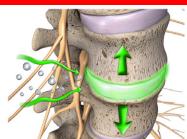
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Romans 15:13

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Have there been times in your life when you've felt as hopeless as a laboratory rat swimming around in a tub of water? Sin does that—your sin and mine. It pulls us into bad places from which we cannot escape. It isolates and surrounds us in despair. It makes life look dark and bleak.

But God did not abandon us to swim in the vat of our sins until we could swim no more. In fact, he did far more than he became one of us. Through his life and death on our behalf, Jesus removed our sins forever. As he did, he destroyed the despair that our sin brings and replaced it with hope as God defines it—a sure, confident certainty based upon what Jesus Christ has already done.

And so there it is. Regardless of walking on the solid ground of your Savior's promises. And through faith in him, you possess the sure hope that your journey ends in victory.

Prayer: Dear Savior, forgive me for all the times I have given in to hopelessness and despair. Wash my sins away. By your Spirit, refresh my eyes to see the sure hope I possess in you. Amen.

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One of the coolest traditions ever concocted by the team at St. Joseph Today in partnership with The Buck Burgers & Brew is headed your way soon... especially for those looking to line up tickets. Coming January 25th, St. Joseph Today invites everyone 21 years and older to come out of hibernation and meet friends atop the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan during the 5th Annual Outdoor St. Joe Winter Beer Fest. The event takes place from noon to 4 pm, at the corner of Broad Street and Lake Boulevard, across from Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph. Southwest Michigan is a year-round craft beer destination, and Buck Burgers & Brew owner Ken Kozminski will be the first to tell you that, "January in Michigan is a perfect time to celebrate the craft brew industry." He notes, "There will be a great mix of both regional and local brewers — a total of 16 — bringing some outstanding specialty brews to this event. Expect to sample some of the best beers ever brewed and some never brewed before." With tickets limited to only 850 available, Amy Zapal, Executive Director of St. Joseph Today says, "This is one of the hottest tickets around. People come from all over the region to participate in this awesome fest." Tickets are \$35 in advance are now on sale. The ticket price includes: Admission, a Tasting cup, 12 tokens (one token per sample), entertainment courtesy of JellieFish Productions, winter camaraderie, and food will be available for purchase from Nosh Village and Twisted Dawg. Those planning to attend the Winter Beer Fest can order tickets online at the-



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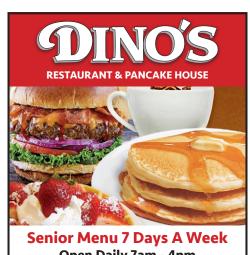




mendelcenter.com or purchase them at the St. Joseph Today Welcome Center located at 301 State Street in downtown St. Joseph. Zapal expects that beer fans will be excited about the lineup of Michigan breweries planned for the festival. Breweries include: Altes Beer...Bell's Brewery...Haymarket Brewing... MaplewoodBrewery...Mitten Brewing...North Pier Brewing...Perrin Brewing...Round Barn Brewery... Saugatuck Brewing...Silver Harbor Brewing...Sister Lakes Brewing...Tapistry Brewing...The Livery... Virtue Cider...Watermark Brewing...and Witch's Hat. Zapal and her crew are offering up thanks to event sponsors including: The Buck Burgers and Brew... Beaudoin Electrical Construction...KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship...Re/Max by the Lake...and SWMI Brew Tours. Out of towners are invited to stay the weekend in Michigan's Great Southwest that weekend, by heading into town a day early for the 8th Annual Downtown Chili Tour on Friday, January 24th. Whether you like your chili mild or fiery hot, your chili-inspired desserts simply sweet or sweet and spicy, or toasty hot beverages, you will find more than 25 ways to chase away the chill. To learn more about these and other winter events, you can contact St. Joseph Today, by visiting online at stjoetoday.com, on facebook.com/stjoetoday or by calling 269-985-1111. St. Joseph Today, a membership-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to developing and promoting events and businesses in St. Joseph and its surrounding

Jennifer Ziolkowski is the Vice President of Public Relations for Twin City Toastmasters and she has asked me to share with you that they are hosting their Annual Speech Contest this coming Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 pm at the Lincoln Township Library. The event is free and open to the public, and she and her colleagues would love to see you there. Toastmasters International is a non-profit organization that encourages people to become better leaders and public speakers. Twin Cities Toastmasters is a local chapter that meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 pm at the Lincoln Township Public Library. Every year local clubs host speech contests as a way for their members to qualify for the World Championship of Public Speaking, with the 2020 contest being held in Paris, France.

The Region IV Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteer coaches to teach the Matter of Balance program classes. *Matter of Balance – Managing Concerns about Falls*, is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. What do you need to be a coach? Good communication and interpersonal skills; enthusiasm, dependability and a willingness to lead small groups of older adults; ability to lead low to moderate level exercise. If you would like more information about this opportunity, you can contact Julie Schwarz at (269) 982-7759 or julieschwarz@areaagencyonaging.org. An upcoming coaches training session is scheduled for



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If your plans include a visit to the renowned Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph this winter, the organization has delivered a heads-up notice regarding gallery hours from January through March. Officials at The Box Factory for the Arts have announced that they will host limited gallery hours effective January 2, 2020, as they continue to work to conserve resources during a time of more limited activity anyway. During January through March, the galleries will be open from 12 noon to 4 pm each Tuesday-through-Saturday, and will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. The Box Factory galleries, however, will also be open with extended hours during special events that are hosted on site. Access to the building's tenants, artist studios, and classes will be available through the Riverwalk entrance during normal business hours or by appointment. In the case of inclement weather, the Box Factory will be closed whenever the St. Joseph Public Schools are closed. For additional information, you can contact the Box by email at board@boxfactoryforthearts.org.

Berrien County State Rep. Brad Paquette encourages residents to take advantage of the appointhopes that angry Facebook posts and frustrated Tweets bemoaning the ridiculously long waits for service at the Secretary of State's Office for license tabs, plates and drivers licenses will become a thing of the past with the advent of the appointment process. Paquette dispatched a message late last week encouraging residents to avoid protracted delays by taking advantage of the new efficiency measures undertaken by the Secretary of State. Paquette says that his office received an email from the Michigan Department of State indicating that Berrien County residents can now make appointments at all Secretary of State Offices in a move designed to reduce wait times at the department of motor vehicles. That measure is part of the greater effort to improve efficiency at SOS branches across the state. Paquette says that previously, Berrien County residents were not able to schedule appointments with the SOS, although some have been successful in doing so in recent weeks. He adds, "There's nothing quite like the frustration that comes with waiting in an extremely long line at the Secretary of State's office. This is a step in the right direction but there's still more to be done to make things more efficient." He adds, "I hope Secretary Benson will continue to reinstate measures put into place by the prior administration." Paquette said he hears from constituents regularly who are fed up with the wait time at the Secretary of State office and

ment program to help cut down on lines and reduce frustrations. He suggests, "It's an opportunity to eliminate a lot of headaches when it comes to the mundane process of renewing a driver's license or transferring a vehicle title," and concludes, "I encourage everyone to give it a try and make an appointment next time they need to head to the SOS." Residents can log on to the link below or dial 888-SOS-MICH to make an appointment. www.Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments.

That's it for this week, folks. Have a great week, and we'll see you Saturday right here in MailMax, or online 24/7 at www.MoodyOnTheMarket.com

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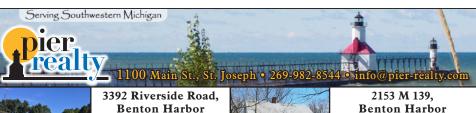
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SYNOPSIS OF LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP **BOARD MEETING** December 17, 2019

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Present: Gast, Payne, Clark, Mensinger, Wilk. Stine and Heyn absent.

Motion to approve November 21,2019 meeting minutes. Five ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve November 2019 bills in the amount of \$413,291.74. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve 2020 Budget. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution to amend 2019 budget. Five ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Christmas holiday bonuses

Five ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve extension of trash agreement with Republic Services. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to amend personnel policies to include paid Good Friday (Spring Holiday). Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve Supervisor Gast signing contract with Arrow for pest control. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to designate office staff to receive tax payments, after HB4209 was passed.

Five ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Supervisor's 3% pay increase for 2020. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve Clerk's 3% pay increase for 2020. Five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's 3% pay increase for 2020. Five ayes, motion carried. Motion to approve Trustees' 3% pay increase for

2020. Five ayes, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lake Charter Township next regular meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall.

Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall

Lake Charter Township Hall Offices are closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is December 24, 2019 and December 25, 2019. Lake Charter Township Hall Offices closed January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day. Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m.

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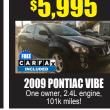
































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