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40th Pig Roast has been rescheduled for June 18 & 19, 2021

2019 Citizen of the Year

Pastor Chris Wallace graduated high school from East Washington JR/SR High School in Pekin, Indiana in 1988. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministries from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1993 then completed his Master's of Divinity from Wesley Seminary, Marion, Indiana in 2017. He took the helm at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church the first of August 1996 and has been serving this community and local churches for 23 years. This service has manifested itself through providing successful Harvest Festivals and Egg Hunts for the community, being on the founding team that gave birth to the Front Porch Café, serving on the Ellsworth Community School Board for 11 years, developing Infuse Breakfast for Jr/Sr High students during the school year [8 years and counting] , serving 15 years as the leader of the Pastoral Leadership Development team for the Grand Traverse Area of the Wesleyan Church, & organizing local pastors to meet weekly to pray for the community & support one another in ministry. He has not only made himself available to his congregation but to the community as a whole. It is obvious that he cares for this place and the people that live here. Congratulations & thank you for all you do for Banks Township.

Nominations for 2020.....

Are now being accepted! Please nominate a Banks Township Resident for this honor by describing his/her community involvement, civic contributions, and special contributions. Nominations must be written or typed, signed by the person or persons making the nomination and submitted to the Banks Township Clerk by May 31. Please join us in honoring the citizens who make things happen in Banks Township!



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Banks Township News



Elections in 2020

And lots of opportunities for people to run for office. There are 2 school board seats open, 5 township board seats, and 6 village council seats. The deadline to submit a nominating petition for township seats was April 21 if running with party affiliation and July 21 if running with no party affiliation. School board and village seats also have a filing deadline of July 21. Anyone interested in serving your community in any of these capacities can visit bankstownship.net for materials related to filing. The May 5th ISD & Charlevoix School District election is still scheduled but will be conducted by mail vote only. All Michigan voters have been sent an absentee ballot application in the mail. All voters are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot this year to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. We will keep you updated on the status of all elections via the township website. August 4th is the Michigan State Primary Election & the Michigan General Election is November 3rd.

IT'S TIME TO GET REAL

As of Oct. 1 the federal government will fully enforce the post-9/11 REAL ID Act, and standard state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards will no longer be accepted to board domestic flights, or when entering certain federal facilities, such as military bases or nuclear power plants. Many people already have a REAL ID document but those who don't can make their Michigan license or identification REAL ID-compliant by visiting a Secretary of State branch office and presenting the required documents. To get a REAL ID: Schedule an appointment by visiting Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments or calling 888-SOS-MICH. Bring your driver's license or state identification card, certified birth certificate, with a raised seal or stamp; your valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. (Faxes and photocopies won't be accepted.) If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed, such as marriage licenses or court orders. There's no additional fee to turn a license or state ID card into a standard REAL ID if it's done during your normal renewal time, However, a duplicate card fee of \$10 will be charged otherwise. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/RealID.

Census 2020

Data from the census informs a wide range of government, business, and nonprofit decision making.

The 2020 Census count impacts federal funds that communities receive each year that are critical for schools, students, and younger children, such as: Special education, Head Start, after-school programs, and classroom technology. Local government officials, real estate developers and city planners use the census to ensure public safety and plan new homes, schools and hospitals and improve neighborhoods. State population counts from the decennial census are used to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as to help redraw congressional, state, and local district boundaries & census totals help determine the amount of funding that state governments and local communities receive from the federal government for the next decade. **Our community will be hosting several events to assist those who need help completing the Census Survey.**

CANCELLED

The Township Clean Up Day Scheduled for May 9 has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. It will be re-scheduled for May 8, 2021. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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