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**FALL 2010**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**WANTED:**

**Town Residents To  
Attend Regular Town  
Board Meetings,  
The 2nd Monday Of  
The Month At 7pm.**

## News From Russ Weichelt, McMillan Town Chairman

As the Town of McMillan governing body moves forward during this change of elected officials it is important that all civil servants are held politically accountable. This includes elected officials, appointed official's commission appointees, committee appointees and employees. The state statutes and local ordinances describe the responsibilities of elected and appointed officials. This is public information and we plan to have both state statutes and town ordinances posted on our web site for citizens to view.

Elected officials have their job performance reviewed every two years in the voting booth. During the interim the voters can contact their elected officials or attend meetings to voice their concerns. They also may attend the annual town meeting to voice and vote on their concerns. Appointed officials also have their official duties addressed in the statutes and ordinances but these positions may also have other duties that the town board may include. These duties are addressed by a job description, since appointed officials are not directly affected by the voting process their performance is transferred to the Town Board. If the Town Board does not hold appointed officials and appointed commission, committee members and employees accountable for their actions and responsibilities it will be the board members that will be affected in the election.

This spring I assigned certain responsibilities to each supervisor. This makes them accountable for that portion of town governance. In the performance of these tasks they are accountable for the committees and employees that are needed to carry out their goals.

We are presently reviewing job descriptions and committee goals and responsibilities. This is always an on going process and should not be considered threatening. We will continue to do the things that are working well and change the things that are not. Feedback from the residents will help us to determine if we are doing the right things right.

As the recession lingers on there are citizens that have far greater problems than the politics in Mc Millan. We need to get our house in order so we can spend our energy on the challenges that will be coming down the road.

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## Marshfield Public Library News

**TWICE SOLD TALES – FOMPL (Friends of Marshfield Public Library) Book Sale**  
**Great Finds! Great Prices!**

**Wednesday, September 22** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. FOMPL for members only. Yes, You may join as you walk in the door by paying \$5 for 2010 dues.

**Thursday, September 23** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open to everyone!

**Friday, September 24** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open to everyone!

**Saturday, September 25** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Open to everyone! Half price day.

**Sunday, September 26 –** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fill any size bag for \$3 Open to everyone!

## ***Building & Park News by Supervisor Robert Wegner***

Through the diligent efforts of the recently formed building committee we shall conquer the building needs of the community! First, the old garage, built in 1979, the committee will define its main purpose (usage), and then proceed with a recommendation to the Town Board how to best finish the project. Currently the committee is doing research on this project.

Plenty of discussion has circulated pertaining to the Town Hall. I have a copy of the Indoor Microbial Investigation (mold report). In my opinion the Town Hall does not have to be torn down. Inside the final report we have the conclusions/recommendations pages that offer some suggestions to remedy the mold situation. The heaviest concentration to be found in the south entryway. Other facts, the Town Hall was built in 1975 and remodeled in 1998. The building committee is researching how best to handle this situation.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the building committee for volunteering their time to the community.

"PARK NEWS" by Supervisor R. Wegner

This has been one challenging summer! Rain, rain, rain has increased the number of mowings needed and has also kept the volunteers from doing the maintenance work in the park. Hopefully this monsoon-like weather will subside so we can get to work on the projects in the park.

There have been about 15 pavilion rentals this past summer. Usage continues to grow each year! Contact the clerk or myself to reserve a date for rental in 2011.

Also, the tee-ball group led by Kevin Steines had a great summer!

There is some interest in forming a "friends of the park" group to help with maintenance, further development, and any activities associated with our community park. Give me a call if you may be interested! Community Involvement!

Thank You to all who volunteer their time in making this a great community!

## *Comments From Supervisor Rick Duerr*

First of all I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. After the April election, Town Chairman, Russ Weichelt handed out duties to the town supervisors. Russ assigned me to Policy & Procedures, Personnel, and all forms of communication. I am taking the assignments very seriously and am working hard to go through the vast amounts of documents required for this position.

To begin with I have found that the Town's Policy & Procedure manual has not been changed or updated since 1999. The ordinances, according to the Marathon County Sheriffs Dept and the Marathon County Planning and Zoning Dept, also need to be updated. I have read and noted some changes that need to be made to these documents.

I have also been assigned to updating employee records and information. I feel that it is important to make sure employees and citizens have the resources and protection they need and deserve. The Town of McMillan has 2 full-time employees and a combination of around 30 part-time employees and volunteers that are covered under the Town's liability insurance and workman's comp policies. Making sure these files are updated in a timely manner is not only important for the Town's records but also part of the Town of McMillan's Policy and Procedures.

The assignment of communication has been a huge chore, but with the help of our fine citizens we are getting a handle on our website. We have the ability to make changes to our website on a daily basis. Everyone should be able to see considerable changes and updates to safety information, agendas, and minutes at no additional cost to the public. We have made changes to the home page already and in the near future watch for links to the Town of McMillan's Policy & Procedure Manual, Town Ordinances, updated versions of the boundary agreement with the city of Marshfield, up and coming events, and the newsletter will be posted to view online at your convenience. We also plan to make updates to the newsletter bi-weekly or monthly to help maintain the flow of communication to our citizens. Website: [www.townofmcmillan.com](http://www.townofmcmillan.com)

Quite a few people have volunteered to help with the website and newsletter. I greatly appreciate the time and effort they put in. Without communication with citizens, it is hard for the board to recognize the needs and concerns that affect us all.

Thank you for your support. Enjoy The Fall Festival on Sept. 11. Be safe and have a nice time!

# **McMillan Township Highway Dept. News From Supervisor Clarence (Butch) Oertel**

The highway department has been very busy this summer. With the excessive down pours it has created a lot of problems with our roads and ditches. Our highway employees are getting the work done and they will continue to catch up with problem areas.

We have added another member to the Highway Committee, Jim Herman, along with Paul Mancl, Jim Seehafer and Pat Weigel. With this committee we have put together a much better new construction of road standards that the town board has passed. This will make our future roads hold up and last much longer. The committee is also working on future road improvements and maintenance.

Winterberry Circle and Court was one of our major road projects and is near completion. Other road projects will involve Mann Street and McMillan Street. These two roads had severe break up in the spring and we will be repairing these problem areas this year.

Also, school starts on Sept. 1, please be aware of bus stops and children crossing roads.

Lastly, our annual Fall Festival is a very important event for our town. Please come and support our fire department and enjoy the activities. Please drive safely.

## **The Town Of McMillan Newsletter..**

**The McMillan newsletter is designed to inform the residents of the township on concerns and issues. All Town Supervisors and Department and Committee Chairmen/Chairwomen are requested to submit articles for the newsletter.**

**Recently suggestions have been made to possibly save costs by:**

- **Putting the newsletter on the town's web site.**
  - **Sending the newsletter e-mail to as many residents who have e-mail.**
  - **Handing the newsletter out rather than mailing it.**
- Residents who want a copy could pick one up at the Town Hall.**

**Questions or suggestions about the newsletter can be addressed to Co-Editors Rick Duerr at 384-8486, or Jim Kress at 384-3062.**

# ENERGIZING YOUR LIFE

## Town of McMillan

### Senior Wellness Initiative

Are you age 60 or older? If you answered this question by saying "YES" – congratulations! You are eligible to participate in a new initiative to provide wellness and health programs at the Town of McMillan Hall. If not for you – How about your PARENTS or GRANDPARENTS? There are no borders – all area residents are welcome.

### KICKOFF PROGRAM:

### STEPPING ON

The Aging & Disability Resource Center program that addresses mobility and teaches strength and balance exercises. It empowers adults to carry out health behaviors that reduce the risk of falling, improve self management and increase quality of life. It is a community workshop, once a week, starting October 1, 2010, for seven weeks on Friday from 11 am to 1pm with light lunch. Guest speakers include a pharmacist, an ophthalmologist, a police officer and a physical therapist. Advanced registration is required. Cost is \$10 for program and materials.

Visit the display at the McMillan Fall Festival on Saturday September 11 between 3 and 5:30 PM. There is a whole new world of educational opportunities to explore and experience. Your input is requested for educational programs which support a more balanced and healthy lifestyle. Stop by, fill out a survey, register for prizes and sign up for the Stepping On program.

For more information contact Barbara Tetzlaff at 715-384-5438 or email: [tetzlaff.barb@gmail.com](mailto:tetzlaff.barb@gmail.com)

Barb Tetzlaff is a member of the Town of McMillan Planning Committee

### McMillan Township SENIOR WELLNESS INITIATIVE Program Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Method of Contact: \_\_\_ Email \_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_  
(Other, Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you reference the Town of McMillan website ([www.townofmcmillan.com](http://www.townofmcmillan.com)) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Educational Interests (Please check or circle topics you would be interested in attending.)

- Blood Pressure & Glucose Screenings
- Care Giver Support Group
- Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy
- Podiatry Care
- Nutrition Support for Osteoporosis (Bone Health)
- Sleep Disorders
- Heart Health Classes
- How to Boost your Immune System Naturally
- Legal Services
- Computer Workshops
- Tai Chi (Easy)
- Internet Training (The Online World)
- NIA Fitness
- Pep Up Your Life With Exercise
- Bone Density Screening (Osteoporosis)
- Pilates Fitness Exercises
- Disaster Preparedness (Emergency plans)
- Yoga
- Estate Planning Matter (Trusts, Elder Law, Estate Tax, etc.)
- Hearing Problems
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return survey to Barb Tetzlaff, M331 County Road E, Marshfield, WI. 54449 or call 715-384-5438 with questions