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A New Symbol for Genoa Township By Paulette A. Skolarus

A new symbol has been designed for Genoa Township by **David Keramidas**, a graphic design artist living in Genoa. David is a neighbor of mine who I consider a talented artist with an eye for natural beauty. Mike Archinal and I asked him to help us design a logo that would depict the character of the township as well as its wildlife. His response was to create a logo that said it all – "Naturally Spectacular". That is Genoa Township! What better choice than the sand-hill cranes that live on the 40-acre township hall site and in all of our back yards? I don't remember seeing this bird in Livingston County too many years ago, but am happy that it has taken up residence here now. The cranes on the symbol, both resting and in-flight, dramatically depict the beauty of this magnificent bird.



David's work encompasses everything from designing logos to brochures, newsletters to annual reports, and point-of-purchase to retail newspaper ads (including complete production and print services). There are many talented and generous people living in our community and our sincere thanks go out to David for offering his services to the Township at no charge to us. **Thank you, David!**

Lyle Herbst, Honored at Last By Paulette A. Skolarus

Genoa's own Lyle Herbst recently received long overdue medals that he earned nearly 60 years ago while serving in the U. S. Army in the Philippines during World War II. Herbst worked first in the infantry at Guadacanal, Beaugainville and Iwo Jima and then as a para-medic in the Philippines. "They had so many infantry that were wounded and they needed help caring for the wounded," he said. At that time Lyle was an amateur photographer and he shot and developed many pictures representing his time in the service. U.S. Representative Mike Rogers awarded the medals to Mr. Herbst saying, that this was the happiest day in his life because he could now tell his dad (John Rogers) that he had accomplished the goal set for him.

Herbst received the World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Bronze Star, the Honorable Service Lapel Button, the Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and Bronze Star. "I was over there for three years without a furlough, and saw a lot of action," Herbst said. **"It wasn't good. I had a work crew of eight native women and we buried the Japanese that were scattered all over the island. It was a hard job. We probably buried a hundred and fifty or so just in that battle."**

Polly's always-practical points

Do you know where you live?

By
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If you are receiving this newsletter, you would probably respond "Brighton" or "Howell". If you were among the 18,000 persons living in Genoa Township your answer would be wrong, just because your mail comes addressed with Brighton or Howell, it doesn't mean that you live in Brighton or Howell. That address on your personal mail just reflects the post office that your mail is sorted through. Genoa Township is a 36 square mile area that is part of Livingston County. It is the area that runs from the City of Brighton to the City of Howell. So next time someone asks you where you live tell them "Genoa Township."

Maps of Genoa Township and southeast Livingston County are available at the township hall at no charge to our residents. You may also view one of two large aerial photos of Genoa Township that were taken recently. Please come in and visit us.

Christmas Tree Collection

Mister Rubbish/ Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees on the three consecutive weeks following the Christmas holiday. Just place your trees at the curbside with your regular refuse for disposal.

Genoa Township Treasurer's Office:

Robin Hunt

Even though all payments made at the Genoa Township offices are received at the Treasurer's counter, separate checks are still needed for the different types of services. Ex: Taxes, special assessments, sewer/water utility payments, etc. Most of the different payments are either paid to different entities or deposited to different banks. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The 2004 Dog Licenses will be sold from December 1, 2003 thru February 29, 2004.

Dog License fees for 2004:	\$ 7.00 Spayed/Neutered
	\$25.00 Male/Female (not spayed or neutered)
After February 29, 2004	\$30.00

Dog License - FAQ's

Q: I live in Genoa Twp., where can I purchase a license for my dog?

A: Dog licenses may be purchased from the Genoa Twp. Treasurer's Office, the Livingston County Animal Shelter or the Livingston County Treasurer's Office.

Q: What documents do I need to get a dog license?

A: The documents needed to obtain a license are: current rabies certificate and proof of spay/neuter if applicable.

Q: Can I purchase a dog license by mail?

A: Yes, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope and the necessary documents, along with a check made payable to Genoa Township and mail to: Genoa Township Treasurer, 2911 Dorr Rd., Brighton, MI 48116. Your documents will be mailed back to you with the new license and tag.

Q: I just got a new dog. What do I do to get a license?

A: Just like a current license you will need the above documents, the delinquent fee will not be charged as long as you get the license within 30 days of the date you obtained the dog.

Q: I just moved to the Township, and its after February, should I license my dog?

A: Yes, new residents, just like new dogs will not have to pay the delinquent fee if purchased within 30 days.

Q: What will happen if a dog, that isn't licensed, is picked up by Animal Control?

A: Without the tag Animal Control may not be able to locate the owner. The Livingston County tag number can be referenced 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week to quickly find the owner. If a dog is taken to the shelter the owner will be responsible for all costs, including but not limited too, rabies shots, license fees, impound fees, boarding fees, etc.

Q: What do I do if my current dog tag gets lost?

A: Replacement tags can be purchased at the Township for \$1.00, please bring originally issued paperwork with you and new rabies certificate if expired.

Q: When should I license my puppy?

A: You should purchase your puppy's license after they receive their first rabies vaccination, which is usually given when they are between 4-6 months old.

Q: Will I receive a notice when I have to renew my dog license?

A: Yes, once you have licensed your dog the Livingston County Treasurer's Office will send you a notice, annually, in late November notifying you that it is time to renew the license.

Q: How many dogs can I license at my home?

A: In Genoa Township you can license up to 3 dogs at your residential home. If you have more than three dogs you should contact the Township about getting a kennel license.

From the Manager's Office - Genoa's Sewer and Water Systems

Genoa Township is served by a myriad of water and sewer systems. In the case of a water or sewer emergency it is important to know whom to call. This article will clarify service areas and the associated emergency numbers. This information is on the back of the utility bill you receive. If you do not know what district you are in please contact the Genoa Township Utility Department during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm at (810) 227-5225.

In March 2003, Genoa Township entered into an agreement with a company called Operations Management International (OMI) for water and sewer operations. This contract covers all of Genoa Township except for those specific areas served by the City of Brighton. If you are on the following municipal water or sewer systems, and you experience a water or sewer emergency, there may be a new telephone number for you to call. The Pine Creek Development receives City of Brighton water and sewer service through an intergovernmental agreement. If you live in Pine Creek and experience a water or sewer emergency your emergency phone numbers have not changed. Lake Edgewood, Brighton Village Mobile Home Park and Genoa Township businesses west of Bendix receive water service from the City of Brighton and sewer service from the Lake Edgewood Sewer District. Your emergency numbers are as follows:

Tri-Lakes/Oak Pointe/North shore Sewer	1-888-481-0439
Oak Pointe/North shore Water	1-888-481-0439
Marion/Howell/Oceola/Genoa MHOG Water	1-888-481-0439
Genoa/Oceola Sewer	1-888-481-0439
Pine Creek Water	(810) 227-2968
Pine Creek Sewer	(810) 227-9479
Lake Edgewood Water	(810) 227-2968
Lake Edgewood Sewer	1-888-481-0439

If you have questions related to individual well or septic please contact the Livingston County Health Department at (517) 546-9850. Emergencies never seem to happen at a convenient time. Knowing whom to call beforehand will assure that water and sewer responses are as quick as possible.

From the Assessor's Office: "Same old form – just a new name"

Many of you receive the Homestead Exemption on your tax bill every year; this has caused confusion with the Homestead Exemption that some people receive on their Michigan income tax forms. The name of the new form, used in relation to your tax exemption on your home, has been changed from "Homestead Exemption" to the "Primary Residence Exemption." This form will ONLY need to be filed if you are moving into a new home within the Township. If you currently have a Homestead Exemption on your home you do not need to file a new form. To be eligible for the "Primary Residence Exemption" you must own AND occupy your residence before December 31st, 2003 in order to receive the exemption for the 2004 tax bill.

Tax Bills

2003 Summer Tax Bills

The 2003 Summer Tax Bills were mailed out to all Genoa Township property owners July 1, 2003. If you did not receive a bill please contact the Treasurer's Office right away. The Summer Taxes were due September 14, 2003. You can still pay your summer bill at Genoa Township until February 29, 2004 however there are penalties now due. Please call the Genoa Township Treasurer's Office for the current amount due. If you defer your summer tax, we will insert a reminder notice in with your winter bill, a duplicate bill will not be sent. A delinquent notice will be enclosed with your winter tax bill if your summer bill is showing unpaid.

2003 Winter Tax Bills

The 2003 Winter Tax Bills will be mailed December 1, 2003 and are payable thru February 29, 2004. If you do not receive your bill please contact us, so that we can send you another copy. If you move or change your mailing address please notify the Genoa Township Assessor's Office in writing. Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive penalties and interest. Tax payments can be made at the Township Offices by cash or check, Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00 or by mail to 2911 Don Rd, Brighton, MI 48416. If paying by mail, please allow extra time for delivery, postmarks are not accepted. For your convenience there is a drop box located by the front door for after hour payments.

Robin Hunt, Township Treasurer

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From the Desk of the Supervisor...

Gary McCririe

You have probably noticed by now that the Genoa Township Newsletter has taken on a slightly new look. The Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor and Manager will now be contributing a page each. This should continue the tradition of providing you, our residents, with timely and informative information about the township in which you live.

First, I would like to welcome all the new residents who have recently moved to Genoa Township. I believe you have selected a quality place to live and that you will be pleased with your decision. As with any new move, you may have questions about your new community. Please feel free to contact the Township offices at 810-227-5225 and the appropriate person would be happy to assist you or direct you to those that can.

2003 has been a busy year in Genoa Township. In cooperation with the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, the Tri-Lakes Association (East Crooked, West Crooked, and Round Lake), and many concerned and dedicated citizens we were able to impound more water in the lake this year and thus had a more enjoyable year on the water. We are continuing the same spirit of cooperation in our efforts to identify and implement an action plan to address the unusually low water levels in Round Lake. As many of you know, we are in the midst of an extended drought that touches all of Michigan, but we are working with the groups identified above to look for measures we can do to make the best of the limited water resources we have. I welcome your comments and suggestions while we continue this important work.

The new Kohl's Department Store has now opened with many positive comments. Unfortunately, the opening coincided with the improvement of the on and off ramps of exit 141 (Chemung) which caused some traffic congestion. But, the end is in sight. The ramp should be completed shortly allowing easier movement of traffic through the area. You will also notice a new traffic light at the Kohl's entrance. We are happy with the cooperation we received from, MDOT, the Livingston County Road Commission, and the developer to help facilitate a streamlined installation schedule. Additionally, MDOT has installed a new light at the top of the exit 141 ramp to improve that intersection's performance.

The Township continues to look for parkland for passive and active recreation within our boundaries. We would welcome the donation of land by a property owner or would consider purchase as well. As time goes on we need to consider the legacy we leave for those generations that follow us. I would like to think that future residents would be able to look at many, many acres of land set-aside for them to enjoy. Not to mention, land that our current residents can use in the near future. Ideally, the property should be more than 20 acres in size. If you have land that you would consider donating, or would like to sell, please contact my office at 810-227-5225 and I would be happy to discuss it with you.



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