



News from the Bay County Executive

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Major Improvements for the Bay County Wastewater Treatment Plant

Sewage overflows into the Saginaw River will be nearly eliminated after a \$30 million construction project is complete.

Construction includes the installation of a new retention basin that is 15 times larger than the existing basin combining sewage, storm-water, and snowmelt. The upgrade will also include joining Hampton Township and Essexville to the Bay County plant through the construction of a new pump station in Essexville, and the installation of pipes connecting the two townships' operations to the Bay County plant.

The Bay County Road Commission hired a construction management company, Fleis & Vanderbring of Grand Rapids, to contract out the work to local companies from Au Gres, Essexville, and Saginaw.

The \$30 million improvements costs are being shared among Bay County, Hampton Township, and the City of Essexville. Funds were generated through low-interest loans and government grants. Payback costs will be produced from rates, and both Hampton Township and Essexville say costs should not exceed residents' previous rates when connected to the services received from the Bay City Wastewater Treatment plant.

Farmers' Markets Now Open

As of May 27, 2010, the farmers' market in downtown Bay City will be open every Thursday in June from 10AM to 3:30PM until July 1. Starting July 6, the market will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10AM to 3:30PM until the end of the season in the fall.

The Downtown Bay City Farmers Market offers healthy food options that includes Michigan grown fruits and vegetables along with other locally

Bay County Seeks Authorization for State Funding to Continue Community Corrections Plans and Services

Bay County is seeking authorization from the Board of Commissioners to apply for grant funding through Fiscal Year 2012 from the State Office of Michigan Department of Corrections/Office of Community Corrections. The funding would go towards the implementation of programs that will continue to help reduce prison admissions and manage jail populations. Bay County has received community corrections funding from the state for the past 18 years.

The total funding requested through September 30, 2012 for Community Corrections Plans and Services is \$154,820 for administration and pre-trial services and treatment services, and \$177,650 for residential services.

"Fun in the Sun" 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

The Bay County 4-H Youth program will host 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp. Cloverbud Day Camp will be held July 6-9, 2010, at MSU Extension - Bay County. Youth ages five to eight years old as of January 1, 2010, are invited to learn about animals, healthy lifestyles, and much more!

The theme for 2010 is "Fun in the Sun." Each day, campers will have fun and exciting topics to explore. Some of the events include: walking field trips to exciting places, science experiments, and tie-dyeing t-shirts.

Youth do not need to be registered 4-H members to attend. The cost is \$45 per youth, which includes a t-shirt, snacks, crafts, field trips, and a group photo. Campers must bring a sack lunch each day to camp.

produced items such as honey, baked goods, beef, pork, eggs, and cheese. Credit, debit, and bridge cards are accepted.

Vendors can participate in the market on a daily, weekly, or seasonal basis. Also, non-profit groups and community partners are welcome to exhibit their organizations.

The market is located in the parking lot at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Sixth Street. For additional information, please contact Jan Rise at 989-895-4026.

Chuck's Bay County Farmers' Market also opens on June 15, 2010 at 108 Adams Street in Bay City. Fresh produce and baked goods are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 12PM to 6PM until October 28.

Golf Outing Fundraiser at Bay County Golf Course

Benefit "Camp Forget-Me-Not" Children's Grief Camp

McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice is providing a camp for Bay area children in grades 1-7 who have experienced loss due to death of a loved one. All proceeds raised at the golf outing will go to camp costs.

The fundraiser will take place on July 17, 2010.

For additional information, please contact Beverly Theisen at 989-667-2370 or beverly.theisen@vnsm.org, or Jim McCarty at 989-280-2413.

The deadline to register is June 11, 2010, and there are a limited number of spots available. Contact MSU Extension - Bay County at (989) 895-4026 for any questions.

Michigan Blood Drive Give & Getaway

Date: Friday, July 9th, 2010

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Location: Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library, Community Room

Call Debbie Russell at 989-895-4133 to schedule a time OR go to www.miblood.org and set your own time.

Michigan Blood's Pure Michigan Summer sweepstakes gives you more good reasons to give. Anyone who attempts to give blood between May 24 and September 12 will be eligible to enter the sweepstakes. Visit www.miblood.org for more information.

Sincerely,

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