

THE ADAVIEW

"There can be no happiness if what we believe differs from what we do."

Arts in Ada

- Saturday May 19th
- 9am – 4pm
- Fine Art and Crafters
- Music, dance and all day fun

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Tuesday May 8th, 2007

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Arts in Ada

Saturday May 19th, 2007

The annual "Arts in Ada" Festival, hosted by the Ada Council for the Arts, will be held in its original location on Bronson Street in front of the historic Ada Township Assembly Hall (formerly Ada Congregational Church). This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 9am – 4pm. The event features a variety of artists displaying and selling their quality wares along Bronson St. as well as continuous music and dance performances, all with no admission charge.

In addition to dancers from Ada Dance Academy, there will be a Juried Art Gallery and Distinct Craft Marketplace that will include Fiber arts, Painting, Sculpture, Wood, Photography, Jewelry, Pottery, Glass, mixed media, digital art & more. Also, included will be art activities for the children and food and refreshments.

Mark your calendars now for a great day of local eats, live entertainment and amazing art to feed both body and soul!

We are looking forward to a beautiful day and a wonderful turn out. This is a fun day for everyone and a celebration of local talent. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 19th, 2007 and join in the celebration of art and community of this wonderful event!

For further details please contact Marlene Kenneway (616) 676-2250.



Spring Clean Up!

The semi-annual Ada Township "Clean Up Your Act" day will be 8:00 AM-2:30 PM Saturday May 12th, 2007 at the Kent County Road Commission on Fase Street.

The Salvation Army will be at the Covered Bridge for your gently used items. Shred Doc will also be at the Covered Bridge to do "on-site" shredding of your sensitive documents.

Please remember; you must live within Ada or Cascade Township to drop off any trash, household items or yard waste. If you have any questions about items that are disposable on this day please contact

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A Note from the Ada Township Clerk

Spring has sprung and burning desire has begun!

Of course there are restrictions.

So here are a few quick reminders

- 1) If you reside south of Fulton St. you do live in the burn restriction area and are only allowed to burn yard debris through Sunday, April 30th.
- 2) If you live in the non-restricted area, you must first pick up a burning permit from the Clerk's office Monday-Friday 8:00am-5pm. All burn permits are issued for either Monday-Thursday or Friday-Sunday and must be applied for in person. There is no charge.
- 3) If you have any questions regarding recreational fires, please contact Fire Chief DuVall at 676-2376.

ALL BURNING REQUIRES A PERMIT at No Cost!

www.ada.mi.us

Ada Bridges

Written by : Nina Harrington museum curator & life long resident

The first bridge built in the area was a wooden structure across the Grand River near the foot of Honey Creek Road. Built in 1848 by Robert Hilton with state funds given the county for that purpose, the wooden bridge was not covered and within a few years was unstable and in need of repairs.

The county could not afford the necessary repairs so a group consisting of Rix Robinson, Randolphus Chaffee, Daniel Perkins, Orlander Odell and John Withey formed the Ada Bridge Company. They sold shares for \$25 each and after dismantling the old bridge in 1853, hired Jared Brasee to build a new bridge, which opened in 1857 at a cost of \$5,725.

The covered bridge across the Grand River was built with a design invented by Grand Rapids Alderman Harry Ives and displayed at an exposition at Fulton Street Park. For 20 years, the bridge required tolls which were:

One-horse vehicle	6 cents
Two-horse wagon	10 cents
Person on foot	1 cent
Farmers with stock	7 cents
Person on horseback	2 cents
One-year pass for "foot persons"	1 dollar
Church members	Free on Sundays
School teachers and children	Free
Funeral processions	Free

The company operated the bridge until 1877 when declining income forced the company to sell the bridge to Ada Township for



\$3,000.

In 1917, the wooden bridge was replaced by an 18-foot wide steel structure that would serve the increasing traffic.

In the 1950s, it was determined that the steel bridge could no longer accommodate the 3,400 cars passing over it daily so a new, four-lane, concrete bridge was constructed upstream and opened October 21, 1957.

Ada currently has a covered, wooden bridge over the Thornapple River. This bridge was built in 1867 by Will Holmes from a design patented by Josiah Brown. The bridge is 14-feet wide, 15-feet high, and 125-feet long. It was originally known as the Bradfield Bridge because of its proximity to the Bradfield Mill that was located where the Ada Dam is today.

In 1930, the Kent County Road Commission built a concrete bridge just north of the covered bridge and planned to tear down the wooden bridge. However, the local Ladies Literary Club led a fight to save the old bridge for pedestrian traffic only.

In 1978, the roof the of covered bridge collapsed due to ice and snow but was repaired largely with funds raised by schoolchildren led by Imogene Vader, a fifth-grade teacher at Ada School. In 1979, the bridge was completely destroyed by a fire set by vandals causing heartache to the whole community. Fortunately, due to the generosity of Amway co-founders Richard DeVos and Jay VanAndel and builder Dan Vos, the bridge was reconstructed using the original building plans.

The beautiful bridge today is Ada's pride and joy.

A new display at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada features photos and information about Ada's bridges.

Some information for this article was derived from *A Snug Little Place*, a publication of the Ada Historical Society written by Jane Siegel.

Get Out Your Camera! Enter the Eastern Townships of Kent County Photo Show!



The six townships on the east side of Kent County announce a photography contest, to show from Sept. 24 - Oct. 19, 2007, with an Opening Reception planned at the Cascade Library's Wisner Center on Tuesday, Sept. 18,

2007. The show is intended to celebrate our beautiful local rural character through photography, and we hope for photos of ALL the seasons – so get outside now! The exhibition is sponsored by the Open Space Preservation Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County.

Photos must have been taken in Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes, Ada, Cascade, and/or Lowell Townships for this exhibition. Photographers may be of any age and address, but photos must be taken of natural features anywhere within the six townships. Township residents are encouraged to seek out those "unseen treasures" in your own back yard!

The Open Space Preservation Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County is a cross-jurisdictional volunteer citizen committee committed to preserving rural character on a regional level. Membership is open to residents of Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes, Ada, Cascade, and Lowell Townships. Our mission, as land protection advocates, is "to facilitate proactive measures to preserve private and public open space through cooperation between citizens and township leaders in the eastern townships of Kent County."

Entry forms and more information about the photography contest should be available through any of the township websites, at the township halls, in area photo shops and art galleries (where allowed), and schools and colleges. Prizes for 1st through 6th place will be awarded in two categories: adult, and youth under 18 yrs). Judges to be announced.

For more information, contact Betty Jo Crosby at 616-949-0417 or Bonnie Shupe Blackledge at 616-204-0085 or BonnieS@cannon-twp.org

News from the Parks Department

It took a long time for winter to arrive this year, but when it finally did, it sure hit with a wallop! We hope you were able to get out and enjoy the skating rink at Leonard Field during February.

We are all looking forward to Spring!

There are many programs and construction projects that will take place within the Parks Department this year. If you have questions regarding any of the projects or programs, call Wendy at the park office 676-0520.

Roselle Park Phase I Construction Underway

Construction of Phase I of the development of Roselle Park is starting this spring. The main trail loop that takes you back to the river will be paved to make it handicap accessible. There will also be a canoe landing located along the river and an overlook constructed on the riverbank to provide the opportunity for scenic views up the river. This work is being done with the assistance of grant monies from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Trust Fund. At times during construction on the trail it will be inaccessible for walking.

Construction of a wetland observation deck will also take place this spring. This deck will provide the opportunity for elevated views over the wetlands that were restored last fall. It will consist of two decks, one of which will be handicap accessible. Monies for this project were donated by Bob and Aleicia Woodrick, in memory of their son Rob who passed away in 2003.

Rob was a nature enthusiast and the observation deck is the perfect memorial for him as it will provide others the opportunity to view wildlife in their natural habitat. Thank you, Bob and Aleicia, for your very generous gift.

Work is also being done to convert one of the silos that remain from the Ada Beef Company into an observation deck. This will provide visitors the opportunity to view the park from 60' up in the air. A staircase is being constructed inside the silo and there will be windows installed at the top providing the chance to look out over the entire 247-acre park.

The trail at Roselle Park that goes straight back to the river is the south boundary line of the property. Please respect the neighbor's property and stay in the park. Also to keep the wildlife habitat undisturbed, please stay on trails and keep your dogs leashed. Running dogs will keep ground nesting birds from having young or make them move elsewhere. There is a law in Kent County that all dogs must be leashed. The neighbors have reported that dogs have even chased their

horses. If problems continue Kent County Animal Control will be advised.

Permanent Restrooms for Leonard Field

As soon as Mother Nature makes it possible, construction on a permanent restroom facility at Leonard Field will begin. The new building will sit in the area that the portable restrooms are currently located. We hope to have the entire project completed before the 4th of July.

Openings Available in Softball Leagues



The regulation softball season will get underway the first week of May. Teams play a 12-week schedule and then start playoffs. There are still openings for additional teams. Men's slow-pitch is played on Tuesday and Thursday; Co-ed teams play on Wednesday and Men's fast-pitch is played on Thursday. If you are interested in getting a team together to play in the league, contact Rob McCormick at 676-0520.

Earth Day Activities



April 22 is Earth Day, which falls on a Sunday this year. We have a full slate of programs to help you celebrate Mother Nature. Registration for all programs is required. Call the park office at 676-0520 to register.

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 – Roselle Park Frog Adventure – spring is an excellent time to discover the amazing world of frogs. We'll meet at the orientation building at Roselle Park to discuss the nine frogs and two toads that call Michigan home. Then we'll head out onto the park trails to discover which of these amphibians call Roselle Park home. Please dress for the weather and wear supportive walking shoes/boots.
- 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21 – Create a Garden Stepping Stone – This program for teens (age 10 & up) and adults will give you the opportunity to create a stepping stone for your garden. All materials will be provided. Part of the class fee includes the plastic mold, which you will keep for future stepping stone fabrication. If you have something special you would like to inset into your stepping stone, bring it with you. Fee: \$8 for Ada Township residents; \$15 for non-residents.
- 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 21 – Creating a

Backyard Wildlife Habitat – This family program will inform you how you can transform your yard into a paradise for wildlife. There are many things to consider and planning that should be done prior to the actual work. This program is free to Ada Township residents and \$5 for non-residents.

- 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15 or April 22 – Camp Manitou-Lin by Horseback – Get out and enjoy nature's return to spring on horseback at Camp Manitou-Lin in Middleville. Ada Township has arranged special one-hour guided tours for our residents ages 8 & up. You must register through the Ada Twp. Parks Department for this special activity. Participant fee of \$15.

Amazon Travelogue

Join photographer Danford Richmond at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23rd at the Les Craig Learning Center located at Ada Park for a virtual trip down the Amazon. We'll start by riverboat from Peru and go fishing for piranha and see native people perform ceremonial dances. Space is limited so please register for this free program by calling 676-0520.

Celebrate Arbor Day

We will be holding a Tree Planting 101 class at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 (Arbor Day) at Ada Park. There are many things you can do to prepare your sapling for a long and happy life. You will learn all about planting trees in your yard and care of existing trees. This class is free to Ada Township residents and \$5 for non-residents. Register by calling 676-0520.



Fencing Lessons

We will be working with the West Michigan Fencing Academy (WMFA) again to bring you fencing classes for children and adults. The spring session for novice youth will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. beginning April 24. These are 6-week courses for children ages 8-14. The 6-week beginner adult (age 14 and older) classes will be held on Tuesdays from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. and begin April 17. The cost for the course is \$76. The classes will be held at the WMFA located at 1111 Godfrey SW in Grand Rapids. Contact the Ada Twp. park office to register.

Spring Program...



Spring Tennis Lessons

Saturday beginning tennis lessons will be scheduled again. The 5-week course will begin on Saturday, May 5. We will not hold lessons on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, so the last class will be on Saturday, June 9. These lessons are for children ages 5 – 14. The fee for the 5-week course is \$40 for Ada Township residents and \$50 for non-residents. The scheduled time for the one-hour classes are 9:00 a.m. for ages 5 & 6; 10:00 a.m. for ages 7 – 10; and 11:00 a.m. for ages 10 – 14. Children need to provide their own tennis racquet, tennis balls will be supplied. Students should bring a water bottle with their name on it to class. Payment is due 10 business days after registering. To register for the class, call the park office at 676-0520.



Spring Birding Opportunity

Spring is the perfect time to view birds that are just passing through Michigan on their way to summer grounds in Northern Michigan and Canada. On Saturday, May 5th anyone interested in seeing some of the spring migrants while they are here is asked to meet at the picnic shelter in Ada Park at 8:00 a.m. Wear good supportive walking shoes/boots and bring along binoculars and field guides if you have them. Our hike will take participants through the lagoon area of Ada Park and down the Grand River Nature Trail & Preserve while we look for warblers and other migrants. Hike will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

RIP Party

Ada Park is being over run by Garlic Mustard, an invasive plant that is crowding out the native wildflowers. We've been pulling garlic mustard for the past few years and have made head way in some areas, but are losing ground in others. To help to eradicate this obnoxious plant, we are having a Remove Invasive Plants Party. Anyone interested in joining the party is asked to meet at 1:00 p.m. at the maintenance garage at Ada Park (building behind the softball fields). With a concentrated effort and some able bodies, we hope to make a strong push to eradicate the plant from the park. The plant is edible and those persons joining in the party will receive recipes and all the free garlic mustard that they can carry!

Perennial Exchange

If your garden has been taken over by hostas or your lilies-of-the-valley have run amuck, dig up the excess and bring them to the maintenance garage at Ada Park on Saturday, May 19th. You will be able to exchange your plants with others from area gardeners from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Master Gardeners will be on hand to help with plant identification. Give your garden the ultimate makeover this spring, even if you are on a limited budget. Call the park office if you need additional information.

Summer Program Brochure

The brochure containing all the information on summer programs will be coming home the first part of May with children that attend Ada Elementary, Ada Vista, Ada Christian and Thornapple Elementary schools. Brochures will also be available at the Township Hall, the park office and at the Forest Hills Aquatic Center.

We're expanding our program offerings. Watch the local newspapers or postings at the Township Hall and Ada Park bulletin boards for additional program information.



A Note from the Treasurer



How are the taxes paid to Ada Township distributed?

Below you will find a breakdown of taxes that have been collected for the 2006 tax year and details as to the distributions that have been made by the Treasurer's office:

Taxes disbursed to schools	\$10,681,956.98
Taxes disbursed to Kent Intermediate Schools	\$3,818,525.85
Taxes disbursed to Grand Rapids Community College	\$1,454,431.05
Taxes disbursed to State for State Education Tax	\$98,464.14
Taxes disbursed to Kent County for State Education Tax	\$4,865,122.39
Taxes disbursed to Kent County (Other than SET)	\$4,374,605.62
Taxes disbursed to Kent District Library	\$704,402.90
Taxes disbursed to Ada Township	\$2,624,989.08
Total taxes collected for summer & winter 2006 taxes	\$28,622,498.01

If you have any questions regarding the above information or any tax information please contact the Treasurer's office at (616) 676-9191, ext 23 or 27.

Treasurer Diane Fase Pratt

pratt@ada.mi.us



A Citizen's Guide to Lawn Care

Using healthy lawn care practices is one step toward cleaner streams and lakes - even if you don't have waterfront property.

Tips for Mowing

Taller grass means a healthier lawn, and it's easier to maintain! Set your mower blade to leave about three inches of grass. Taller grass cools the soil, needs less water, and shades out weed growth. It's also more insect and disease resistant. Vary the direction of lawn mowing periodically to prevent wear patterns and soil compaction.



Tired of Raking Your Leaves? Mow 'em!

Mow tree leaves in the autumn instead of raking and bagging - just raise your mower height to accommodate! After a couple of passes with the mower, leaf pieces will slowly sift down through turf. It's an excellent way to return nutrients to the soil, and you can use them as mulch in your garden too!

Tips for Watering

Excessive watering is wasteful! Conserve water by using only what your lawn needs.

- 15-20 minutes of sprinkling daily is better than a few heavy waterings throughout the week, according to research by Michigan State University.
- If daily watering is impractical, 30-40 minutes of watering every other day is sufficient.
- Make sure your sprinkler is watering your lawn - not your driveway or sidewalk!

PATRIOTS WANTED! Happy Birthday America!

This year "Celebrate your Independence" for The 4th of July!

We are looking for Volunteers to participate in the parade with a neighborhood, family, organization, children and pets included!

Be the Leader of your own Kazoo Band, Expose your talent with a musical float, family float, church float etc...

Support your community and display your pride in the USA and Ada Township!

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Don't Guess...Soil Test!

Don't assume your yard needs fertilizer. Perform a soil test. You'll save money and reduce the chance of over-applying by only replacing the nutrients your soil needs. Michigan State University Extension offers soil nutrient testing for a nominal fee. To find out more, call the extension office in your area: 616-336-3265 (Kent County) or 616-846-8250 (Ottawa County).

Choose the Correct Fertilizer

Over-fertilizing can contribute excessive amounts of pollutants to streams and lakes through the storm sewer. Without realizing it, many landowners are applying fertilizers and pesticides when their lawns don't even need them!



If you do choose to fertilize, use slow-release fertilizers that provide a slow, steady source of nutrients for plants. This also prevents the big spurt of growth common with synthetic fertilizers. Slow-release fertilizers come in a variety of types, including organic, time-release, and coated.

Avoid "weed-and-feed" mixtures, which contain herbicides to control weed growth and are often applied where they aren't needed. If healthy lawn care practices (correct mowing height and watering) are followed, weed control shouldn't be necessary. Be sure your mower is set to three inches to help shade out unwanted weeds.

Ada Township Board Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday
7:30 PM

April 9th	April 23rd	May 14th
May Tuesday 27th due to Memorial Day		June 11th
June 27th		

Ada Township Planning Commission

3rd Thursday
7:30 PM

April 19th	May 27th	June 21st
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Ada Township Zoning Board of Appeals

4:30PM

April 10th	May 8th	June 12th
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Ada Township Office's will be closed Monday May 28th in observance of Memorial Day

A Citizen's Guide to Household Hazardous Waste

The average U.S. household can have as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored throughout their house and garage. Improper disposal of these materials can contaminate drinking water, harm the environment, and create health hazards for you and your family. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. However, if you choose to use commercial products, make sure to dispose of them properly!

- Weed killers
- Insecticides & pesticides
- Cleaners
- Household batteries
- Gasoline & kerosene
- Mercury & acids
- Automobile liquids
- Solvents

Where Can I Take My Household Hazardous Waste?



To drop off your household hazardous waste, schedule an appointment with the Kent County Department of Public Works to participate in the free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Kent County residents. To schedule an appointment, or for additional information, call the Kent County Department of Public Works at 1-888-217-2850 or 616-336-2570. Appointments can be made at the South Kent Landfill or North Kent Recycling & Transfer Station.

Where Can I Take Recyclables?

In addition to disposal of hazardous waste, the North Kent Recycling & Transfer station also offers residential recycling of plastics, paper, glass, metals, and cardboard. The site is available to the public Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the station at 616 866-5070.

Septic System Maintenance



Does your septic tank need to be inspected or pumped out? If so, give a reputable septic tank service contractor a call this spring.

Your septic system should be inspected every 3 years and pumped out every 3 to 5 years to avoid a costly septic system failure.

South Kent Landfill
300 100th Street, Grand Rapids
Tuesday afternoon appointments available

North Kent Recycling & Transfer Station
2908 Ten Mile Road, Rockford
Friday morning appointments available

What Household Hazardous Waste Can I Dispose?

The Kent County Household Hazardous Waste Program accepts the following waste materials:

- Oil based paints and stains
- Paint thinner
- Pool chemicals

Neighborhood Watch

VOLUNTEER COURTESY PATROL JOB DESCRIPTION

NATURE OF WORK

Volunteers in this capacity will be responsible for patrolling the White Pine Trail, East Trails and South Kent Trails. Duties will include providing assistance to citizens on the on the trails, reporting acts of crime and trail damage. Volunteers prevent crime by being a visible representative of the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Volunteers will not intervene in any type of apprehension or dispute between individuals. They are to report to the Sheriff's Department via the provided cell phones and activity that needs immediate response.

QUALIFICATIONS

- . Must fill out a Sheriff's Department Volunteer Application
- . Must be eighteen years of age or older.
- . Must undergo a criminal history background check.
- . Volunteers will be required to attend an orientation program.
- . Must be able to understand rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Department.
- . Must have the ability to deal courteously and effectively with the general public.
- . A helmet is require if riding or rollerblading
- . Must be able and willing to testify in court if necessary.

DUTIES

- . Patrolling the Trails.
- . Be able to assist citizens in reporting crimes to the police or contacting police when necessary.
- . Provide medical attention if needed.
- . Assist children whom are lost from parents.
- . Volunteers will wear the Sheriff's Department issued vest and identification card.
- . Volunteers will be provided cell phones & first aide kits
- . Volunteers will be required to fill out patrol logs at the end of their shifts.

*If you would like to be a part of this program please contact
Sandi Jones at 616-632-6221.*

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS



The warm weather is upon us and with that comes the need to remember important bicycle safety tips:

- Remember, a bike is not a toy. It is a vehicle on the road and is subject to traffic laws and rules of safe conduct.
- While riding in the street, go in the same direction as traffic, but stay far over to the right side of the road.
- Never ride two persons on one bicycle.
- Stop at every red light, just like a car. Always look to the left, right, and left again before proceeding into an intersection.
- It would be best not to ride after dark, but if you do for some reason, wear light colored clothes and by law you must have a headlight and rear reflectors on the bike.
- Have all major bicycle repairs done by a trained bicycle mechanic.
- Never carry any objects in your hands. Use a carrying rack or backpack.
- Be alert for road hazards such as: pot holes, manhole covers, storm sewer grates, and loose gravel.
- Use your head to ride safe...not to land on if you fall from your bike. The smart way to use your head is by putting a **safety helmet** on it. Make sure it fits correctly. If it's too loose it will not protect you. You can make it nice and snug with adjusting pads available at your local bike shop.
- Remember to share these safety tips with your children, practice them, and make sure your child puts a helmet on whenever he or she gets on their bike, even in your driveway.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding bicycle safety, or rules of the road feel free to contact me anytime.

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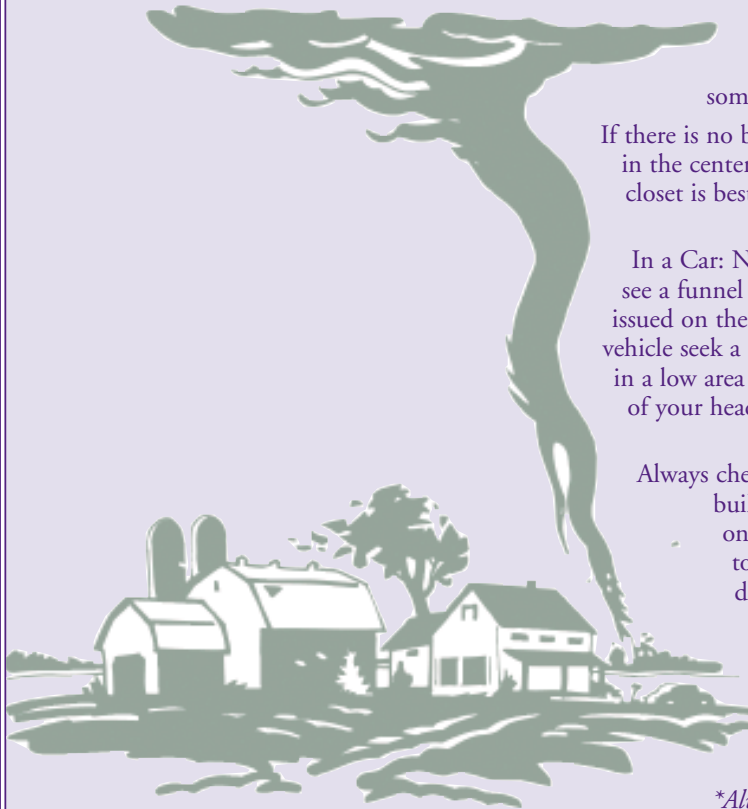
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Tornado: Plan to Survive!



The safest place to be in Tornado is underground, preferably under something sturdy such as a workbench.

If there is no basement in your home, a small room in the center of the home, such as a bathroom or closet is best.

In a Car: Never try to out run a tornado. If you see a funnel cloud or hear a tornado warning issued on the radio or by a siren, get out of your vehicle seek a safe structure or lie as flat as possible in a low area with your hands cover the back part of your head and neck.

Always check the emergency shelter plans of the building you enter. If you cannot locate one ask the establishment that you visit to please furnish one by the entry doors as a courtesy for their customers. If none are available always move to an interior hall or small room on the lowest floor of the building and lie flat.

Be Aware! Stay Alive!

**Always know where the emergency exits are where ever you are. Most public buildings have a diagram of emergency exits if not each exit should be lit.*

Be Weather Wise!

(Furnished by Chief Meteorologist George Lessens WZZM-13)



Spring: March-April

Warmest ... 52.6" ... 1977

Coldest ... 41.7" ... 1890

Average ... 46.3" ...

Last Year ... 48.4" (tied 18th warmest)

Average Precipitation... 10.50"

Last Year ... 10.45" (tied 18th wettest)

Most Snow ... 41.4" ... 1965

Least... trace... 1945

Average ... 11.8"

Last Year ... 3.3" (tied 14th lightest)

Average Sunshine ... 50.4%

Last Year ... 66.5%

