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Council member wants to cut fire dept. ties

By Mark Haney | Reporter
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UNIONVILLE — Dave VanHove wants to limit village of Unionville residents to just one dip.

VanHove, the village’s representative on the Akron-Columbia-Wisner Unionville Fire Dept. board, proposed to the village council at its Dec. 20 session that the village withdraw from the ACW Unionville Fire Dept.

VanHove isn’t asking the council to abandon the fire department, nor is he proposing the fire department no longer protect the village. What he’s asking is for village taxpayers not to pay twice for fire protection.

Village residents pay the same 0.995 mills in property taxes charged to all Columbia Township residents to cover the cost of fire and ambulance services. At the same time, they are paying taxes to the village that the council uses to pay its portion of support for the fire department. For the 2021-22 fiscal year, the village paid $14,609 for fire protection. Columbia Township reimbursed the village $4,331, but that still leaves $9,278 coming out of the village’s general fund as the village’s share of being part of the ACW Unionville Fire Dept.

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*Firefighters monitor the rubble of a destroyed barn as part of an effort to keep fire from spreading from the rubble to nearby outbuildings owned by Eugene Schiefer, in Tuscola County’s Tuscola Township.*

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The council did not act on VanHove’s proposal, but the next fire board meeting is 7 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Columbia Township Library.

The council also:
- Appointed John Katnik as president pro-tempore.
- Approved a performance resolution for the Michigan Department of Transportation annual construction permit.
- Learned a seven-month Huntington National Bank certificate of deposit was cashed out on Dec. 6 for use in the general checking at Independent Bank.
- Continued to discuss blight in the downtown area after learning the police recently had issued two tickets for blight violations.
- Responded to a request by Ken Currey of the American Legion Post 421 for the “No Parking” signs on the east side of Merry Street be replaced so people attending events at the American Legion will not park on residents’ properties near the Legion hall. The current signs, he said, are small and no longer reflective. So Department of Public Works supervisor Dave Yoder will check on pricing for new signs and will assess what other signs need to be purchased throughout the village, including a few street signs that are missing. He will report back to the council at the January meeting.
- Discussed the possibility of changing how the village offers health, eye and dental insurance to its employees. VanHove will be working with village employees to find the best plans and costs to benefit both the village and the employees.
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“People are excited to see that hunting and fishing license sales kept pace with — and in some cases even surpassed — 2020 numbers,” said Nick Bugia, chair of the Michigan Wildlife Council. “The more people who enjoy hunting and fishing in Michigan, the better it is for our entire state.”

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 641,588 people purchased hunting licenses and 1.13 million purchased fishing licenses in 2021 through Nov. 30:

- Hunting license purchases were up 1.6 percent from 631,138 bought in 2019.
- Fishing license purchases were up 5.3 percent from 2019.
- Women purchasing hunting licenses and 215,700 (est.) fishing licenses in 2021: 244,347 women-
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“Trends spurred by the pandemic that brought an influx of people — especially women and youth — outdoors looking for socially distanced recreation. “The key takeaways in 2021 were the return of older hunters and anglers to the state’s woods and waters and a surge in out-of-state visitors seeking a unique Michigan experience with friends and family,” said Dustin Isenhoff, DNR marketing specialist.

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Gas prices drift lower in the face of economic uncertainty

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“We should learn more in the coming days about the extent of the damage to the refinery,” said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. “If it can be back up and running in a few weeks, the effect could be minimal. But if repairs take months, consumers could begin seeing higher prices again at the pump.”

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total consumers could begin seeing higher prices in the coming weeks, the effect could be minimal. But if repairs take months, consumers could begin seeing higher prices again at the pump.

Today’s national average of $3.28 is 11 cents less than a month ago and $0.03 more than a year ago.

Quick Stats

The nation’s top 10 largest weekly decreases: South Dakota (−6 cents), New Mexico (−5 cents), Michigan (−4 cents), Illinois (−4 cents), Utah (−4 cents), Arizona (−4 cents), Oklahoma (−4 cents), West Virginia (−4 cents) and Wyoming (−3 cents).

The nation’s top 10 most expensive markets: California ($4.66), Hawaii ($4.64), Washington ($3.83), Nevada ($3.83), Oregon ($3.76), Alaska ($3.69), Arizona ($3.65), Idaho ($3.58), Pennsylvania ($3.53) and Utah ($3.51).

Oil Market Dynamics

At the close of last week’s formal trading session, WTI increased by $0.89 to settle at $73.79. Despite demand concerns over the omicron variant of COVID-19, crude prices increased after the EIA reported that total domestic crude stocks decreased by 4.7 million bbl last week to 423.6 million bbl. The current stock level is 15.2 percent lower than in December 2020, contributing to pressure on domestic crude prices. For this week, prices could continue to climb if EIA’s next weekly report shows another decrease in total stocks.
The best I saw: 2021’s top sports moments

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This year marked a return to normalcy for local athletes, but the beginning of 2021 started with anything but that feel. The new year started with indoor football—and not at Ford Field—although Frankenmuth did make it there. It ended with live crowds cheering on a local team to its first title in program history after a remarkable rally.

Safeguarded between those months, there was exciting basketball, cross-country races on Goose Lake, and a softball dynasty adding more hardware to an already loaded trophy case.

I covered as many events as I could and took in as many state-final events as I could, just to soak it all in and not take it for granted ever again, after what happened in 2020.

Some of the events I still talk about today, and will continue to talk about through the season until I see my next favorite event.

There is one thing that The Advertiser area doesn’t lack, and that’s exciting sports moments.

In chronological order, here are the top 10 sporting events I covered in 2021:

1. Football, Jan. 9, Ithaca vs. Cass City, Div. 7 regional final

This game, which had been scheduled for mid-November, pitted two top-10 Division 7 squads fighting for a regional crown.

It occurred, however, almost two months after the football season was halted due to a spike in COVID-19 cases.

When play resumed in January, the matchup took on a new twist, as it moved indoors to The Legacy Centre in Brighton.

Heading into the game the No. 1 Ithaca Yellowjackets had an extended layoff after not playing a district championship game. They defeated Ravenna in the district semifinal contest on Nov. 6 before Pewamo-Westphalia was forced to forfeit the Nov. 13 district championship game to Ithaca.

The game was a battle-tested heading into the game, with postseason wins over Reese (36-22), Sandusky (14-12) and Hemlock (36-22). Jordan Mester led Cass City with 167 yards rushing on 14 carries. The Red Hawks totaled 471 yards rushing as a team and three rushing touchdowns.

They went on to host Traverse City St.

Francis in the semifinal game, falling to the Gladiators in a 13-12 battle. St. Francis would win in the finals to New Lothrop, 42-35.

Boys’ basketball, March 30, Bad Axe at Reese, Division 3 regional semifinal

Entering the game, the Greater Thumb Conference West Division rivals split the regular season showdowns. Reese won the first meeting at home 65-53, but dropped a high-scoring rematch on March 8 at Bad Axe, 82-80.

The third meeting was win-or-go-home for both squads in the regional semifinals at Reese. The Rockets prevailed to keep their season alive with a 57-53 victory.

Reese held a 13-point lead at one point, but Reese Sticker added 10 points, to lead the Rockets to their first regional win since 2016.

Hatchets’ star Aaron Sowles tallied a game-high 19 points in the loss.

Reese moved on to play Flint Beecher and fell in the regional final 89-58, closing out the season with a 15-2 record.

Softball, April 8, Millington at Unionville-Sebewaing Area

Two of the four reigning state champions battled from The Advertiser coverage area, and those two teams met to open the 2021 regular season.

Millington, the defending Division 3 champion, traveled to defending Division 4 champion Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School in what was to be a double-header to open the season. It turned into a nine-inning pitchers’ duel.

The Patrons sent their senior ace Bryan Polega to the circle. Polega guided USA to the state championship in 2019.

Millington tagged Polega for a run in the first inning on a Emma Dickie single that scored Ashley Ziel, but no players crossed home plate until USA got on the board with a run in the fourth inning on a Gabby Cramton blast that scored a run after an error by the Cardinals.

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Baseball, May 27, Sandusky vs. Marlette

It took a few weeks to finish this game between longtime rivals, but it was well worth every moment for Marlette.

The Red Raiders and Sandusky met earlier in the month of May for a doubleheader, with the second game postponed due to rain. The remainder of that game took place May 27 at Sandusky, and featured a walk-off win for the Marlette boys.

Marlette trailed 3-2 entering the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs. They scored two runs, using a Josiah Hager game-winning hit to secure the victory.

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Track and Field, June 5, Division 4 state championship

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THIS WEEK’S BOWL GAMES

Saturday, January 1st

Outback Bowl (Noon - ESPN)
Citrus Bowl (1 p.m. - ABC)
Fiesta Bowl (1 p.m. - ESPN)
Rose Bowl (5 p.m. - ESPN)
Sugar Bowl (8:45 p.m. - ESPN)

Tuesday, January 4th

Texas Bowl (9 p.m. - ESPN)

Winner of Alabama/Cincinnati vs.
Winner of Michigan/Georgia

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2. LANGUAGE: What does “Auld Lang Syne” mean?

3. MOVIES: How many spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge in “A Christmas Carol”?

4. THEATER: On which opera is the rock musical “Rent” based?

5. FOOD & DRINK: What is marmite?

6. GAMES: How many weapons are available in the original board game “Clue”?

7. TELEVISION: What is Jean-Luc Picard’s catchphrase as captain in “Star Trek: The Next Generation”?

8. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie in the 1990s?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When was the first Times Square Ball Drop on New Year’s Eve?

10. SCIENCE: What is it called when a gas changes into a liquid?
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2. Highland
3. Streaker
12. Historic period
13. String
14. Tom load, for one
15. Bridgetown’s island
17. “It’s real!”
18. Intends
19. Tropical fruit
20. Jazz genre
22. Piece of work
24. Private’s garments
25. “Excellent work!”
29. Espionage org.
30. ESPN’s ben creator
31. Ms. Thurman
32. Wavering
34. Twain hero
35. Sharp tooth
36. Crystal gazer
37. Cream-filled pastries
40. At the beginning
46. Place to get a fruit smoothie
47. Hotel chain
48. School orgs.
50. Eye part
51. U.K. fliers

DOWN
5. Whom Pilate pardoned
9. Atlantic catches
6. Granada gold
7. QB stats
8. Heartly
9. furniture brand
10. Actor Schreiber
11. Sultry Home
16. Life stories
19. Site of Apra Harbor
20. “Coffee Can tata” composer
21. Writer Wiesel
22. Rubber gasket
23. Nuisance
25. Mom’s mom
26. Place to get a fruit smoothie
27. Hot chain
28. School orgs.
33. Not as certain
34. Seethe

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2. Mitigation
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36. Theater boxers
37. Campaign-funding gps.
38. Fonda’s beekeeper role
39. Lose color
40. 404, in Roman numerals
42. Calendar abbr.
43. Eg. and Syr., once
44. Oklahoma city
45. Ump
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• 2 T minced fresh dill
• 1 tsp dry mustard
• 1/4 cup vegetable oil

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Delia Lynn

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TOPS MI 2221 VASSAR meets Wednesday at Ivan Middleton Hall, 1007 Lane St. Veggie in from 8-9 a.m. meetings from 9-10 a.m. For more information, contact Shirley at 989-823-8607 or Diana at 989-225-2467.

TOPS CLUB 1627 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays at the Brentwood, Caro, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Cecilia at 989-673-6063 or Connie at 989-673-6414.

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The community calendar is available in full at: TuscolaToday.com/Calendar.
The weekly fishing report is no longer available by voice recording. If you know of an angler who uses the voice recording, please encourage them to view the weekly fishing report online and to sign up to receive the report by email, by visiting Michigan.gov/FishingReport.

All anglers 17 years of age and older are required to have a fishing license.

**Southeast Lower Peninsula**

**Lake Erie:** Anglers were catching walleye while trolling Bandits. The fish were pretty spread out, but the best catches were coming from deeper waters, 25 to 27 feet of water out of Sterling State Park and 24 to 25 feet of water out of Bolles Harbor.

**Lake St. Clair:** Anglers were catching smallmouth bass. The walleye bite was slow, but the perch were moving into the bays from St. Clair Shores to Selfridge Annex.

**Saginaw Bay:** Anglers trolling near the end of the old shipping channel near Buoy A had success catching walleye. In addition, out near the Spark Plug in 20 to 22 feet of water has been productive. Dark colored Bandits and Husky Jerks were working on overcast days. Try brighter colors like blue and chrome on sunny days.

**Caseville:** Lake trout were caught from the breakwall. Some ice had formed but the high winds and warm temperatures opened the area back up. Casting ¾ oz. Little Cleo spoons has been the most productive. Minnows on perch rigs has also worked well.

**Saginaw River:** Walleye reports have been spotty, but some fish were caught near the Zilwaukee Bridge and near the mouth by anglers jigging with minnows.

**Southwest Lower Peninsula**

**Kalamazoo River:** Anglers were having success with pike fishing on stretches of the Kalamazoo River near the Calhoun County line.

**Grand River near Grand Rapids:** Anglers were fishing up by 6th St. Dam with beads and/or drifting the holes downstream from the dam. Spawn and trolling plugs were also having some success.

**Manistee:** Some steelhead were entering the streams. Pier anglers in Manistee were having some success catching steelhead when the wind cooperated.

**Upper Peninsula**

**Little Bay de Noc:** Ice was forming in Little Bay de Noc north of Gladstone. Ice conditions were hazardous due to thin ice.