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Kinross Twp. Board approves plans for new fire hall

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KINROSS TWP. — The Kinross Township Board has approved plans to build a new fire hall for the Kinross Volunteer Fire Department.

After failed millage proposals, local input and much deliberation, plans for the new fire hall have been approved and Kinross residents can look forward to a new location for the department.

In 1979, Kinross Township established the volunteer fire department,

which has been serving the community and surrounding areas ever since. When the department was established, they began operating out of the most readily available space — an extra building at the local airport.

Recently, the airport has asked the fire department to leave the space as they need the room for vehicle storage following a planned expansion. The department was told they need to leave the building by November 2025.

The township has been reviewing proposed plans and blueprints for a new fire hall for months. They have

been in contact with two construction firms. Local firm AWC Construction did not charge for designing plans for the hall. The other firm is Sidock Group, Inc., which has locations in the Lower Peninsula.

At the Kinross Township Board meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, the township heard proposals from both groups. The Sidock proposal was for a 5,000-square-foot building that would cost an estimated \$2.11 million. Local contractor David Cowan and his company,

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The high-performance computing data center globe at the Foxconn facility in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin, is among many data centers that have popped up around the United States. MIKE DE SISTI/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Poll: Americans fear AI displacing workers

Other concerns include tech's power demand

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REUTERS

WASHINGTON — Americans are deeply concerned over the prospect that advances in artificial intelligence could put swaths of the country out of work permanently, according to a new Reuters/Ipsos poll.

The six-day poll, which concluded on Aug. 19, showed 71% of respondents

said they were concerned that AI will be "putting too many people out of work permanently."

The new technology burst into the national conversation in late 2022 when OpenAI's ChatGPT chatbot launched and became the fastest-growing application of all time, with tech heavyweights like Facebook owner Meta Platforms, Google owner Alphabet and Microsoft offering their own AI products.

While at present there are few signs of mass unemployment — the U.S. jobless rate was just 4.2% in July — artificial intelligence is stirring concerns as it re-

shapes jobs, industries and day-to-day life.

Some 77% of respondents to the Reuters/Ipsos poll said they worried the technology could be used to stir up political chaos, a sign of unease over the now-common use of AI technology to create realistic videos of imaginary events. President Donald Trump in July posted on social media an AI-generated video of former President Barack Obama being arrested, an event that never happened.

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Michigan apple crop expected to be big haul

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Hooray for Michigan apples.

Michigan's annual apple crop estimate is in, and around the state, the apple industry is expecting another big haul.

This season, Michigan apple growers are looking to harvest 30 million bushels.

1.26 billion pounds

According to the Michigan Apple Committee, those bushels equate to 1.26 billion pounds, with a "b," of apples.

The estimate was from the Friday, Aug. 15, USApple Outlook annual meeting in Chicago.

This year's estimate, like last year's 30.5-million-bushel estimate, is above average for Michigan's apple industry, according to the committee. It's the fourth in a row for a higher-than-average crop size.

"As growers continue to plant high-density orchards and adopt other innovative growing practices, Michigan's apple crop sizes will increase, and we will continue to see these larger crops," said Diane Smith, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee, in a news release.

The Michigan Apple Committee said contributing factors in producing a bushel-buster apple crop this season were favorable weather and ideal conditions. In the spring, there were no

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