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Lions' Cub

Brenda Adsmoed (left) and Evie Reed put some final touches on Simba, the Fremont Lions Club's hay art entry, on Friday morning at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Fremont. Lion Steve Adsmoed was also part of the creative process. Details about voting for favorite entries is inside on page 2.

Gerber to expand and add jobs here

Gerber Products officials announced last week that the company has chosen Fremont as the location for millions of dollars in investments and new jobs.

State, county and city officials worked together to make the decision easier with the establishment of a Michigan Strategic Fund Renaissance Zone for the Gerber plant area.

Company officials said that the retention and subsequent expanding of the Fremont plant will keep 605 jobs in the plant, research and development and administrative departments in Fremont. The company plans to invest \$36 million to fund changes at the plant and create approximately 50 more jobs by the end of 2024.

The world's largest producer of babyfood products, Gerber Products was founded in 1927 in Fremont by Daniel Gerber, owner of the Fremont Canning Company, which produced canned fruit and vegetables. Today, Gerber produces nearly 190 food products labeled in 16 languages and distributed to 80 countries around the world.

City of Fremont and Newaygo County officials worked with Gerber Products and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to help ensure that the company chose Fremont for this new investment. The Right Place also connected the company to workforce development resources at Michigan Works! West Central to assist with workforce recruitment and training.

At its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Michigan Strategic Fund authorized a 10-year Renaissance Zone in support of the project. The Newaygo County Board of Commissioners and the Fremont City Council had already passed resolutions of support for establishment of a Renaissance Zone for the manufacturing plant area.

"As stated in our original Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone agreement in 2008," said Fremont Mayor James Rynberg, "the City of Fremont is fortunate to acknowledge Gerber Products' beginnings here in Fremont and their continued commitment to our community. Our city council unanimously endorses the application for this new Michigan Strategic Fund Renaissance Zone and enthusiastically supports these continuing policies promoting sustainability and partnership."

"We are pleased Gerber has chosen to continue investing in Newaygo County," said Newaygo County Administrator Christopher Wren. "They

provide quality jobs for local residents and we look forward to seeing their continued growth in our community."

"Gerber has been a critical piece of the Newaygo County economy for decades," said Julie Burrell, Newaygo County Business Development Coordinator with The Right Place. "The company provides hundreds of quality advanced manufacturing jobs with competitive wages, and Gerber also supports the area's agribusiness industry. This expansion strengthens Gerber's presence in Newaygo County and will positively impact the local economy for years to come."

"Gerber is an important employer in west Michigan," said MEDC CEP Mark A. Burton, "and the company's decision to expand in Fremont means good jobs for area residents and underscores the strength of the state's manufacturing talent," said MEDC CEO Mark A. Burton. "We're pleased to work with our local partners and support this investment, and we look forward to working with this longstanding Michigan company as it continues to grow and add jobs for Michiganders."

Consumers Energy also helped with ways to reduce energy costs and promote clean energy practices.

"Consumers Energy is excited to help Gerber Products make investments to create jobs here in west Michigan," said Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, Consumers Energy's vice president of customer experience. "We have made a Triple Bottom Line commitment to people, the planet and Michigan's prosperity, which our collaboration with Gerber Products illustrates perfectly in Fremont. When Michigan wins, we all win."

2 Grant schools go remote amid COVID19 outbreak

With four "non-instructional" school staff members and seven students testing positive for COVID19 last week, Grant High School and Grant Middle School closed on Friday.

In a written statement, school Superintendent Brett Zuver said that the schools will switch to only remote learning for 14 days, returning to in-person instruction on Friday, Oct. 9.

"Grant's Primary Center and elementary school have not had any reported cases or quarantines up to this point," Zuver stated. Those schools are still conducting face-to-face instruction.

In compliance with the governor's Executive Order 2020-185, students in the elementary grades are now required to wear face coverings in classrooms and common areas.

Bus service has been halted for at least this week.

Zuver said that school officials have been in communication with District Health Department 10, families and others.

With contact tracing being studied, nearly 100 middle and high school students and a few staff members have been quarantined for 14 days. The superintendent noted that the quarantine is a "precautionary protocol" and does not mean that all of those people are sick.

"These are not decisions that we take lightly or want to make without careful and thoughtful consideration," Zuver said. "We looked at multiple scenarios and wanted to implement the best plan possible where students could still be served where feasible and we could also move forward with halting the spread of illness."

Judge omitted from ballot; New ballots on the way

By R.C.Wheater Sr.
Newaygo County Clerk Jason VanderStelt said that he learned on Saturday afternoon that Newaygo County's election ballots did not include the 78th District Court Judge position.

Somehow, the judicial election list from the state had omitted the judgeship, although incumbent Judge Kevin Drake had indeed filed for re-election.

By then, approximately 6,145 absent voter ballots had been sent out to Newaygo County voters who had previously submitted applications for the Nov. 3 general election. VanderStelt said that 41 of those ballots had been returned to local township or city clerks.

"The Newaygo County Clerk's office has been in contact with the ballot printers and the correction has been made," VanderStelt said in a written statement released on Monday morning. "New ballots are being printed at the time of this statement and shall arrive on Thursday, Oct. 1 to the local clerks."

"Upon arrival of these new ballots," VanderStelt added, "our clerks will be diligently working to reissue new absent voter ballots to all voters who have already been sent a ballot. These new ballots will be accompanied by a letter explaining the error and the voter's options."

Voters who have not already returned their original ballots

are being asked to use the replacement ballot and destroy the original.

Voters who have already sent those original ballots in are asked to vote again with the replacement ballots and return them. The original ballots will not be counted. If people do not use the replacement ballots, their original ballots will be counted but will have no vote recorded for the district court race.

"Every voter will have their vote counted," the county clerk stated. "Newaygo County has procedures in place that will ensure only one ballot for each voter will be counted per state election laws, policies and procedures."

Family Health Care see page 3 for more information

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2020 Newaygo County High School Football Schedule

This week's games are listed on page 6

Mosquito treatment completed

The state's aerial attack on mosquitoes, intended to help prevent the spread of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), was completed on Wednesday, Sept. 23, with more than 462,000 acres treated.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services officials announced it on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Officials said that no additional treatment

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State of Michigan

Order allows more venues to reopen

On Friday, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive orders allowing for the reopening of movie theaters and performance venues.

The governor also signed Order 185, which requires face coverings for students in grades kindergarten through five.

“Michigan took some of the most aggressive action against COVID-19 in the country,” the governor said, “and as a result, the health of our families and our economy are faring better than our neighbors in other states. As a result, we are now able to reopen movie theaters and performance venues with strict safety measures in place.”

Beginning Oct. 9, a number of previously closed businesses are slated to reopen statewide, including indoor theaters, cinemas, performance venues, arcades, bingo halls, bowling centers, indoor climbing facilities, trampoline parks and more.

Under Executive Order 2020-183, instead of being limited to

10 people, non-residential indoor gatherings and events now must limit attendance to 20 people per 1,000 square feet or 20 percent of fixed seating capacity, with a maximum of 500 people in Michigan’s largest venues. Non-residential indoor venues must require face coverings. Instead of being limited to 100 people, non-residential outdoor gatherings and events now must limit attendance to 30 people per 1,000 square feet or 30 percent of fixed seating capacity, with a maximum of 1,000 people. Regions 6 and 8 are subject to the same rules covered in the revised MI Safe Start order, except non-residential indoor venues may allow up to 25 people per 1,000 square feet or 25 percent of fixed seating capacity, with a maximum of 500 people in the regions’ largest venues.

Executive Order 2020-185 requires all students in grades kindergarten and higher in regions 1 through 5 and 7 to wear face coverings in classrooms. Prior

orders had recommended, but not required, face coverings for children up to grade five.

“With the 2020-2021 flu season approaching, we are in a precarious moment in our fight against COVID-19,” said Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. “This new mask requirement is so important to protect students and educators and to keep our schools open. This year, it’s more important than ever that Michiganders across the state get their flu vaccine as soon as possible, mask up, and maintain at least six feet of physical distancing.”

The executive director of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association said that Order 183 will benefit bereaved families.

“Increasing the number of people able to attend a funeral is the right thing to do,” said Phil Douma, “and grieving families across our state can now more properly mourn their losses and honor those they love.”

State of Michigan

MDOT to hold virtual career fair

The Michigan Department of Transportation is hosting a virtual career on Tuesday evening, Oct. 6 in an effort to help fill some seasonal and permanent positions.

The virtual event is scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

MDOT has partnered with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity to give prospective candidates a chance to engage with MDOT staff members, ask questions and learn about current and future

career opportunities through chat and video conversations.

The department is currently in need of more than 100 limited-term, winter maintenance workers in all regions of the state. The minimum requirement for these positions is a valid Michigan Class B CDL. All other training will be provided.

Other available positions include electricians, internships (including veterans, engineering, and Transportation Diversity

Recruitment Program positions), transportation engineers, transportation maintenance workers (seasonal and full-time), transportation planners, transportation technicians, and other skilled trades and professional positions.

New job openings are being posted each day online at www.Michigan.gov/MDOTJobs. The virtual career fair is open to people of all experience levels. Hiring requirements are based on the individual positions.

Mosquito...

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is planned, adding that treatment zones could be added if new cases are found and aerial treatment would be deemed effective in reducing the risk of exposure.

At press time, confirmed cases of EEE included one human resident of Barry County and a total of 32 animals (30 equines and two deer). A Montcalm County resident is suspected to have EEE after preliminary testing by the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories.

Aerial treatment covered an area in the southeast corner of Newaygo County and an area west of Fremont. Other impacted counties included Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Clare, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Livingston, Mecosta, Montcalm and Oakland. “Aerial treatment was

important to protect the health and safety of Michiganders,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. “We continue to urge communities and residents to take precautions against mosquito bites as the risk of EEE remains until the first hard frost.”

EEE is said to be one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 33 percent fatality rate in people who become ill. People can be infected with EEE from one bite of a mosquito carrying the virus. Persons younger than age 15 and over age 50 are at greatest risk of severe disease following infection.

More information about EEE is available online at Michigan.gov/EEE.

Confirmed COVID19 Cases in Newaygo County and surrounding counties (as of 3 p.m. on Sept. 26)

County	Cases	Deaths
Newaygo	347	2
Kent	9048	172
Lake	31	
Mason	118	
Mecosta	195	3
Montcalm	287	6
Muskegon	1453	69
Oceana	491	6
Osceola	83	
Ottawa	3247	61

Up-to-date COVID19 case information can be found online at Michigan.gov/coronavirus or locally on the District Health Department website at dhd10.org.

Fire Reports

Fremont Fire Department

- 09/17, 11:08 p.m., medical emergency at 9109 W. 24th St.
- 09/18, 7:34 a.m., unknown accident at Stone and 24th St.
- 09/18, 2:38 p.m., wires down at Sullivan/Sheridan
- 09/19, 11:27 a.m., smoke investigation at 64th and Wilcox
- 09/20, 8:57 p.m., smoke investigation at 502 N. Division
- 09/20, 9:35 p.m., medical emergency at 4935 S. Lordon Lane
- 09/21, 2:28 p.m., odor investigation at 6555 W. 24th St.
- 09/21, 8:31 p.m., structure fire at 1364 W. Golden Poppy
- 09/22, 1:48 p.m., tractor fire at Maple Island and 80th St.
- 09/22, 4:26 p.m., medical emergency at 8811 S. Dickinson
- 09/23, 3:13 a.m., medical emergency at 3750 W. 48th St.
- 09/23, 4:23 a.m., smoke investigation at 601 E. Oak
- 09/23, 8:11 a.m., medical emergency at 5421 S.

- Warner
- 9/23, 8:44 p.m., personal injury accident at Maple Island and 60th
- 09/24, 3:55 p.m., medical emergency at 4370 S. Sherman
- 09/24, 6:55 p.m., medical emergency at 3841 S. Sherman

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Fremont

Voters asked to rank Hay Art

The 2020 Fremont Harvest Festival Committee invites people to use food to vote for their favorite hay art creations.

Votes in the form of donated canned goods can be brought to the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is at 7 E. Main in downtown Fremont.

Some of the participants will also collect “votes” at their locations.

The chamber office also offers maps showing the locations of the entries.

The canned goods will all be donated to the TrueNorth Community Services food pantry.

The hay art creation with the greatest tonnage of food will win top honors.

The annual competition has amassed a total of more than 46,000 lbs. of donated food over the years

Dessert contest

The festival committee is also inviting people to submit their favorite recipes for the Apple and Pumpkin Dessert Contest.

Entries must be dropped-off at the chamber office by 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Winners will be announced on the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce’s Facebook page. For more information, call the chamber office at 924-0770 or email info@fremontcommerce.com.

Briefly...

Nathaniel Hoffman

Nathaniel T. Hoffman of Fremont was named to the spring/summer Dean’s List at Grand Valley State University.

Porch decorating

Gerber Federal Credit Union, Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce and Fremont Harvest Festival are presenting the Porch Decorating Contest which will be held from Thursday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 23.

Fremont area residents and businesses are invited to decorate their porches, patios or front entrances and send pictures to the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce page on Facebook.

The contest winner will be determined on the basis of the number of “likes.”

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60th Anniversary



MR. and MRS. ARNIE ROTTMAN

Please join in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Jane Ann (Nadeau) and Arnie Rottman of Fremont. According to their family, since their wedding on Sept. 24, 1960, they have worked hard and always put family first. We are grateful for the love, faith, and commitment they have shown to each other and to us."

Arnie and Jane Ann are the proud parents of Dody and Greg Miller of Fremont, Michelle and Robert Williams of Ada, Heidi Rottman and Kara Johnson of Douglas, Marcy Comden of Zeeland, Krista and Jon Haveman of Holland, and two



daughters who passed away as infants. They are the proud grandparents of Laynie, Calvin, and Chace Miller, Aubrey, Braeden, and Claire Williams, Kianna, Kaden, Brecken, and Tucker Rottman-Johnson, Riley and Jed Comden, Natalie and Libby Haveman, and Jack Henry Williams (deceased).



Photo by R.C.Wheater Sr.

"Hole in the Woods" launches in Fremont

With Bob Siders by her side, author Jennifer Graeser Dornbush read a portion of "Hole in the Woods," the new novel inspired by the 1989 murder of Siders' daughter, Shannon Siders. The Fremont Area District Library hosted the outdoor book launch party on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22. The writer, who grew up east of Fremont, spoke about the

writing process, answered questions and autographed copies of the book. Bob Siders also spoke and signed books. The event also included investigators Adam Mercer and Scott Rios, two members of the cold case team effort that led to the convictions of two brothers in the Shannon Siders case.

American Red Cross

Blood donors can help with COVID19

Plasma from whole blood and platelet donations that test positive for COVID19 antibodies may now help current coronavirus patients who are in need of convalescent plasma transfusions.

The American Red Cross is encouraging donors to make appointments to give blood or platelets now to help ensure that coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

In April, the Red Cross began collecting COVID19 convalescent plasma from previously diagnosed individuals, who could only give at one of approximately 170 Red Cross blood donation centers across the country. Red Cross experts say that convalescent plasma contains COVID19 antibodies that may help the most critical patients actively fighting the virus. Now, whole blood and platelet donations made at any Red Cross blood drive or blood donation center could be helpful in this effort.

"Donations that come back positive for COVID19 antibodies now undergo secondary testing to confirm antibody results, and that enables the Red Cross to then potentially use the plasma from those donations for COVID19 patients," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. "With approximately 2 percent of the US population testing positive for COVID19 antibodies, every donation is important to ensure patients

with coronavirus have access to every treatment option available to them."

The Red Cross encourages eligible individuals to schedule appointments, download the free Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org online, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In thanks, the Red Cross is offering a \$1,000 Amazon.com Gift Card to five lucky winners who come to donate in October. Details are available online at rcblood.org/unite.

Additionally, people who come to give by the end of September will receive free haircut coupons by email, usable at participating Sport Clips Haircuts locations. More information is available online at RedCrossBlood.org/Sport-Clips.

Antibody testing may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual experienced COVID19 symptoms. Donations are tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they also undergo routine infectious disease testing.

COVID19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not conducting diag-

nostic tests.

Along with the usual safety and infection control standards, Red Cross blood drive and donation centers are also following stringent COVID19 prevention protocols.

People who are 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must also meet certain height and weight requirements.

Briefly...

"Metal Detecting Our History"

The Newaygo Area District Library will host "Metal Detecting Our History," an in-person learning opportunity for as many as eight youngsters, on Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. Students will learn about local history, archaeological methods and the use of tools, including metal detectors. Registration is required. Contact the library to register.

Corey Crotser

Corey Crotser of Newaygo graduated from Ferris State University this summer with an associate degree in Applied Science in HVAR-HVACR Technology.

Funding awarded for adult ed and literacy programs

State officials announced that 97 Michigan organizations, including Fremont Public Schools, have been awarded Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funding.

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity awarded the funding, a total of more than \$13.6 million for the 2020-21 program year, with the money coming from funds awarded to state agencies by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Fremont school district was awarded nearly \$65,000.

Kent Intermediate School District received the biggest grant, nearly \$400,000.


Births

MOORE - Alexandria and Chad of Fremont, a boy, William Vernon Moore, on Sept. 12 at Spectrum Gerber.

LOOY - Nicole and Derek of Fremont, a girl, Harmony Marie Looy on Sept. 19 at Spectrum Gerber.

GARDNER - Heather of Newaygo, a boy, Nicholas Charles Gardner on Sept. 21 at Spectrum Gerber.


CONVEY - Brianna and Daniel Dubridge of White Cloud, a girl, Ellie Grace Marie Dubridge on Sept. 23 at Spectrum Gerber.



Pet of Week

Meet Mulan! Though I was named after a tough warrior, I can be quite timid and shy. I love playing with my brother but I am the submissive one and also enjoy some alone time. Once I get to know a person I'm okay with them, and will even purr! I would like a family that would play with me but also let me hang out on my own. Call the shelter or go to our website to fill out an adoption application today!

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Obituaries



EDITH MAASSEN

Edith Marjorie (Herlein) Maassen was born in Muskegon on Sept. 5, 1924, youngest of eight siblings. Her upbringing taught her compassion, faith, and perseverance. She graduated from Muskegon Community College and Hope College, earning her master's degree from the University of Michigan later in life. At Hope, she studied music and organ performance and met her future husband, Pierce Maassen.

Teaching elementary school until Pierce's seminary graduation, Edith then worked by his side, playing the organ and piano and directing choirs in churches he pastored. After his 1967 death, she taught fifth grade and music in Fremont until her retirement. She had by then moved to the edge of Manistee National Forest, expressing her fierce independence and love of nature. She was the organist for Fremont United Methodist Church and remained active in her community and local government.

Edith relocated to Zeeland in 2002 to be closer to family. She found a new church home at Second Reformed, where she served as an elder and literacy volunteer. She continued her life-long loves of reading, especially history; knitting, sewing, and other needlework; and gardening, bird-watching, and observing nature. She followed politics closely, saving the Time magazine announcing President Obama's historic election with her library of books on Lincoln.

Edith's spirit is carried forward by her children, Ruth, Peter, and Lois; their partners, Tom Tamlyn, Kay Gouwens, and Chris Wiers; her grandchildren, Dmitri Brown, Emily Powers Souza, Paxton Wiers, Avril Wiers, and Lillian Maassen; and her great-grandchildren, Eleanor, June, Hazel, and Bennett.

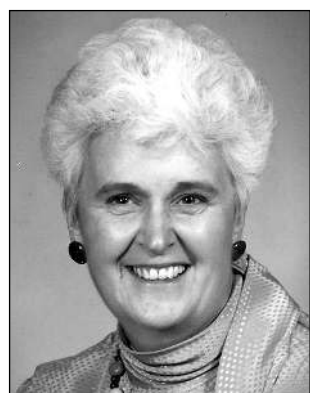
and she preceded him in death on April 20, 2013. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Josephine Breedlove and Wilma Hadorn. Paul truly enjoyed riding motorcycles, snowmobiling, and being with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Dianne (Dale) Johnson and Greg Hadorn; grandchildren: Christy (Jimmy) Parker, Karen (Jeff) Frankhouser, and Scott (Rachel) Johnson; and great-grandchildren: Reese Frankhouser, Lucas, Andrea and Noel Parker and Ryleigh Johnson.

A private family graveside service was held at East Hesperia Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 25, with Pastor Greg Johnson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to a charity of your choice. You can sign the online guest book at www.kroeze-wolffis.com.

Arrangements are by Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home, Inc. of Fremont.



MURIEL "Jackie" CRUZAN

Muriel Elizabeth (Munro) Cruzan, "Jackie," on Sept. 15, 2020, after 91 years of life, with her children at her side quietly cast off her earthly moorings to take up her Heavenly residence.

Born on August 18, 1929, in London, England to Maitland and Muriel (Robinson) Munro, she survived the horrific bombing of London which sent her on a life journey of overcoming challenges.

Her determination to survive put her in many interesting employment experiences in England including farm hand, filling station attendant, nanny, service in the Royal Air Force, and telephone operator. Jackie met Marvin Cruzan of White Cloud, while he was stationed in England serving with the Army Air Corps. He would eventually become her husband for 65 years until his death in 2019.

After relocating from London to Michigan in 1954, Jackie continued employment commitments to help build a family, support her husband's college teaching degree program, and serve the communities in each place she called home, the longest being Pickford. She worked as a telephone operator for Michigan Bell, and as the Chippewa County MSU Cooperative Extension 4-H Program Coordinator in the 1980s-1990s. She helped rebuild the program to include activities for hundreds of children and teens. She especially enjoyed encourage-

ing and inspiring teens, starting and facilitating a teen club and events. She led students on trips to Washington DC, New York City, Lansing, and England. She enjoyed serving as a Girlguiding Leader in London, and Girl Scouts leader in White Cloud.

Jackie became a woman of faith in Christ by God's grace. Placed into foster care as a child, she was introduced to the Bible and God by foster parents. But the War's pain and hurt turned her away. God drew her to Himself in a hospital room after losing an infant son through the words she read from John 3:16 in a Gideon Bible found in a bedside drawer. She gave her life to service in churches throughout her years as Sunday School teacher, Youth Group leader, Lay Witness speaker, and in later years hosted a Prayer Shawl Ministry in her home. She loved the Prison Letter Ministry she faithfully shared through CrossRoads Bible Institute, touching countless lives behind bars.

Jackie pursued a variety of interests and was a life-long learner. She was well-known for her beautiful and intricate knitting. Her green thumb was obvious in her flower gardens. She was an avid reader up to her loss of sight. She loved hosting Teas, soaking up classical music, and catching the annual Christmas Message by the Queen. Out of the loneliness and hardships of her past grew a special heart for the newcomers, the downtrodden and lonely. She loved to reach out and invite them into her home, and was quietly generous to many in need through the years. She broke the chains of her past leaving a fresh legacy for those in her footsteps. Independent, strong, and loyal, she loved her children, grandchildren and great-grands irrepressibly.

Jackie retired to White Cloud with her husband, Marvin D. Cruzan, until his death in 2019. Their last year was spent together at The Brook in Newaygo. She was also predeceased by a brother, John Munro, in 1932, an infant son, Michael, in 1963, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Marian and Ruth Cruzan; Don and Shirley Cruzan, Irvin and Aida Cruzan, and Norm and Joyce Shick.

She will be deeply missed by her survivors: her children, Gayle (Pastor David) Sims of Lowell; Deborah (Steve) Larsen of Cedar Springs; Paul (Julie) Cruzan of Brownsburg, Indiana; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, David (Bekah) Sims and Loughton Sims; Elizabeth Sims; Sarah (Aaron) Venturini and their children, Eleanor and Emerson Venturini; Allison (Daniel) Freiburger; Olivia Larsen; Hunter Larsen; Benjamin Cruzan; William Cruzan; Rose Cruzan; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Doris Peck of Colorado; Harvey (Carol)

Cruzan of North Carolina; Marvel Pamroze of Georgia; along with many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the White Cloud United Methodist Church with interment in the White Cloud Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Spring Hill Camp Scholarship Fund.

Friends may send a condolence or share a memory with the Cruzan family online at www.crandellfh.com.

Arrangements by Crandell Funeral Home - White Cloud Chapel 231-689-1492.



MARGARET "Peggy" GUNNELL White Cloud

Margaret "Peggy" L.P. Gunnell, 68, of White Cloud, passed peacefully at home on Sept. 21, 2020.

Born in Chester, Pennsylvania, she was the third child and second daughter of the late Theodore James and Claire Marie (nee Lavin) Pidgeon. She graduated from Farmington Hills High School, and she became a registered nurse after studying at Butterworth Nursing School. While working in Lansing as head nurse of Sparrow Hospital's emergency room, she met her husband, Dr. Robert Gunnell. Later, she received her Bachelor's degree in English Literature at Grand Valley State University.

Peggy was a resident of White Cloud for nearly 43 years and was an active member of her community. She was a member of St. Joseph's Parish, President of the school board for the White Cloud Public School System, Vice President of the Newaygo County Regional Education Service Agency, and Grants Supervisor for the Fremont Area Community Foundation. At the grassroots, she worked with the Athletic Booster Club for White Cloud Sports Teams, raised funds for the local library, and regularly helped at St. Joseph's Church functions.

Peggy was an avid reader, a bird watcher, and an adventurous traveler—her last international journey was taking the Orient Express from Paris to Venice with her husband, Rob. Despite her long list of accomplishments, Peggy's greatest fulfillment came from being a wife and mother.

Peggy is predeceased by her parents, her younger brother Thomas, and her elder brother James.

She will be sadly missed by her husband of 43 years; her daughter Mary (Bryan Brady) Gunnell; son, John (Emily Gray) Gunnell; stepdaughters,

Joanna (Scott) Springer and Stephanie (Art) Palacios; and her sister, Claire Marie (William) Scholl.

A Celebration of Peggy's Life was held on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Crandell Funeral Home - White Cloud Chapel with family and friends presiding.

Memorial contributions may be given in memory of Peggy to the American Cancer Society or the Dr. Robert and Peggy Gunnell Fund at the Fremont Area Community Foundation for the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Friends may send a condolence or share a memory with the Gunnell family online at www.crandellfh.com.

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LINDA RICHARDSON TAYLOR

Linda Sue (Peterson) Richardson Taylor, 76, of Wake Forest, North Carolina, passed away at home surrounded by family, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020.

She was born Oct. 24, 1943 in Grant, daughter of the late Lauren and Evelyn Peterson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Timothy Taylor of Newaygo, her brother, Peter H. Peterson, of Grand Rapids and granddaughter, Briley Ashlyn Moore of Raleigh, North Carolina.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Bullis Moore and husband Mark Alan Moore, Sr. of Wake Forest, North Carolina; her son, Stephan Michael Bullis of Butner, North Carolina; brother, Dennis Peterson and wife Bobbie Jo of Daleville, Alabama; and sister Jane Rudd of Grand Rapids. She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Mark Alan Moore, Jr. and Shannah Grace Moore both of Wake Forest, North Carolina.

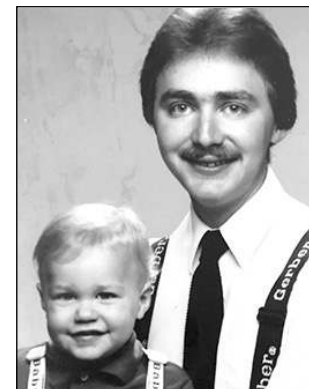
Linda spent 25 years working for the Department of Social Services in Michigan. After her retirement she became passionate about all issues pertaining to Veterans. She spent time at the VA Home in Grand Rapids volunteering. She also became active with the VFW in Newaygo and spent several years helping with various activities. Her favorite activity by far was her participation in the VFW's Honor Guard. In 2017, Linda moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina to spend the remainder of her retirement with her children and grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating Linda's life will be held in Newaygo to be advised at a future time.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that dona-

tions be made in her name to the VA Home in Grand Rapids, Mich. or the Disabled American Veterans Organization.

Bright Funeral Home, Wake Forest, NC is serving the Richardson family.



DAVID GRAY Easley, South Carolina

David Alan Gray, 57, loving and devoted husband to Jane Ann Gray, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.

David was born in Muskegon, the first born son of Arthur Leroy Gray of Sparta and Patricia Jean Gray of Fremont.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Ann Gray of Easley; sons Ryan Gray (Joanna) of Easley, South Carolina, Randy Gray (Melina) of Williamston, South Carolina, Jeremy (Charlie) Russo of New Port Richey, Florida, Jordan Gray of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, and Joseph Gray of Greenville, South Carolina; and his only daughter Olivia Gray of Greenville, South Carolina. He is also survived by his most precious first grandchild Alayna Grace Gray; his grandmother Iva Koehler of Salem, Oregon; his father Arthur Leroy Gray of Sparta; his mother Patricia Jean Gray of Fremont; his sister Marci Gray (Bill Preble) of Fremont; and his brother Jamie (RaChel) Gray of Sparta. Additionally he is survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as his in-laws in the Bushen family whom he loved dearly.

David served as a bi-vocational pastor who loved his Lord and family. He spent many years, from high school on, employed in the graphics and printing field, and was most recently employed by the Bob Jones University Press. He was known by his family to be a handyman and worked some in construction. Loving his family kept him very busy. His prayers were answered when he was able to hold his granddaughter at three days old and assist with bottle feedings, creating last memories the family will cherish. David was a member of Gideon Baptist Church and he loved his congregation there. David was also known by his friends to be a jokester.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home to the Gray Family. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Homestead Hospice at 109 Laurens Rd., Greenville, South Carolina 29607. Phone 864-363-3549.

Dillard Funeral Home is assisting the Gray Family. Online condolences may be sent to www.dillardfunerals.com

Briefly...

Paper wreaths

The Newaygo Area District Library will host a class teaching how to make rustic fall wreaths out of braided paper. Supplies will be provided. The class will meet in the library's Local History Room on Thursday, Oct. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call the library at 652-6723 to reserve a spot in the class.



Every Part is Important

By Pastor Matt Stoll, Holton United Methodist Church

I've heard it several times before, but as I was in conversation with someone in the community and invited them to join us for worship on Sunday I received the response, "I'm not really into the church thing." They identified as a Christian believer, but didn't feel like "institutional religion" was for them. Perhaps it was because they had a bad church experience in their past, or were discouraged by judgmental or hypocritical Christians, or maybe they're just not a "joiner". It is true that churches are not perfect places, and yet it is in our imperfection that God's grace works through us. One of the Biblical analogies of becoming a Christian is that we become a part of a body, the body of Christ.

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27

When we trust in Jesus by faith we become part of Christ's body (also called the Church), whether we acknowledge or accept it or not. God intentionally designed us to be uniquely who we are, and saved us, and put us into His body so that our specific part, with its unique combination of gifts, talents, abilities, and personality would complement and work in cooperation with all the other parts (that is other Christians) to do God's work.

"But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." 1 Corinthians 12:18

God intentionally put his body together (including our part) to work together with all the other parts so we would accomplish more together than we could individually. This way we would need to love each other, and rely on each other (and the grace of God), not just our own strength and abilities. When we choose not to be in fellowship with, or work with other Christians, we are like a hand off doing its own thing without the rest of parts of the body (no ears for hearing, no eyes for sight). Not only can we not fully accomplish God's work without the rest of the body (at least the way God designed it), but the rest of the body is missing the part it needs (us) to fully do God's work in the world as well, including supporting and caring for each other (1 Cor. 12:25-26).

Since God designed his body so all the parts would fit and work together, that means every part (Christian) is important and matters for his body to function properly the way he intended. So, no matter how gifted or not we may feel we are, how many abilities we think we have (or don't), no matter how big or small our function or role is, whether it is visible or behind the scenes, everyone is needed and matters in the body of Christ because everyone contributes something. There are no insignificant parts.

If you are a Christian, what part or role did God intend for you to play in Christ's body (the Church)? Are you living this out? If you are not connected to a local congregation, consider how God intended for you to be a part of and work together with the other parts of his body to fully live out God's purposes and mission. Take a step of faith, prayerfully follow God's lead to a local Christ centered faith community, don't just be a spectator, get involved, get to know people, care for each other, put your God given gifts to work with others.

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PAUL HADORN White Cloud

Paul S. Hadorn, 92, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids following an accident.

Paul was born on Dec. 25, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois to Paul and Ella (Toth) Hadorn. On August 12, 1950 he married Nellie Ruth (Peg) Johnson

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Thursday, October 1 - Saturday, October 3

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Football

MS wins at White Cloud

Morley Stanwood 48
White Cloud 8

The Indians lost to the visiting Mohawks on Friday night at White Cloud.

Morley Stanwood's defense controlled much of the action, returning three of four intercepted passes for touchdowns. On offense, the Mohawks ran for more than 200 yards.

"We had 6 or 7 plays that only game experience can teach," said Indians Coach Joe Gorman, "and some of our players hadn't been in those scenarios yet. Take those away and we have a respectable game on our hands."

Traveon Brunson caught passes for 86 yards, including a 74-yard touchdown pass. Taylor Bode caught the 2-point pass after the touchdown in the second quarter.

Austin Cook led the White Cloud defense with 8 tackles.

Ludington 41
Fremont 22
Head Coach Jason Carpenter

said that he did not have his team ready to go in the first half as the Packers played flat with lack of energy.

"The offense could not move the ball and did not have a first down until the second quarter," Carpenter said, "and the defense could not stop Ludington's outside running attack."

Scheduled to play at Grant on Friday, the Packers drove north to Ludington after Grant High School activities were canceled because of a COVID19 outbreak.

Things improved for the Packers in the second half at Ludington. The combination of quarterback Payton Mansfield and tightend Gabe VanVleet showed some promise, with VanVleet finishing with 7 catches for 71 yards and 2 touchdowns.

On defense, the Packers caused some turnovers in the



White Cloud's Traveon Brunson sprinted all the way to the campground on a 74-yard touchdown play after catching the pass from quarterback Mason Ruether.

Photo by R.C.Wheater Sr.

second half that led to 2 Packer touchdowns

The Packers plan to rebound this week when they host TriCounty in a CSAA battle on Friday night.

Kent City 10
Hesperia 8

Brandon Quinn scored on a long touchdown run and then caught the 2-point pass from Johnny Majersky. A Kent City interception ended the Panthers' final drive.

Holt 7
Lakeview 6

Austin Fowler and Austin Hawkins connected for a fourth quarter touchdown pass and Aidan Poling kicked the extra point. Lakeview scored its touchdown before the end of the game, but a 2-point attempt failed. Fowler passed for 156 yards, with Hawkins receiving for 119 of them.

TriCounty 26
Newaygo 7

Soccer

Packers win with late goals

Fremont 2
Newaygo 0

The Packers traveled to Newaygo on Tuesday afternoon for a showdown of unbeaten teams.

Both teams struggled to finish, but Fremont's David Wachter struck first on an assist from Grant Vissia. With less than 10 minutes left in the match, Conner Roesler scored the Packers' second goal.

Fremont outshot Newaygo by 15 to 2, with Joe Kortge making the 2 saves in net for Fremont. Newaygo's Matthew Richardson made 13 saves for the Lions.

The Packers improved to 5-0-1 overall and 5-0 in the conference, while Newaygo slipped to 4-1 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Fremont 8
Lakeview 0

The Packers netted 5 goals against Lakeview in the first half at Fremont on Thursday, making it 5-0 at the half. Thirteen minutes into the second half, the Packers ended the match early. Goal scorers included Marcus Klimek with 2, Braiden McDonald (2), Lane Converse (2), Grant Vissia (1) and Logan Nelson (1). Vissia also had two assists while David Wachter, Tee Ward and Joe Kortge had single assists. The Packers outshot Lakeview 16-2. Kortge, Carter Miller and McDonald all chipped in for the shutout. Lakeview's Hunter Debate made 8 saves in net. The Packers moved to 6-0-1 and 6-0 in the conference while Lakeview fell to 2-3 overall and 2-3 in the conference.

Girls Golf

Fremont loses to Sparta

The Fremont High School golf team traveled to Gracewill Golf Club on Wednesday to take-on the Sparta team on the Spartans' home course.

The Pack shot their best team score in 4 years but came up 6 shots short of a tough Spartan team.

Hailey Zerlaut shot a personal best round of 44, Lilly Schwartz improved her best by 10 strokes (49 from 59), Lena Hudson improved by 8 shots (54), and Amelia Foster cut 7 strokes, shooting a 64.

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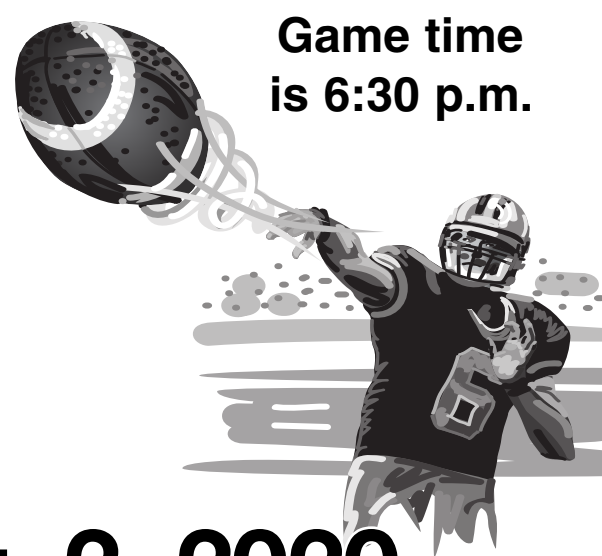
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Friday, Oct. 2, 2020

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vs.

Morley Stanwood
at Morley

Tri County
at Fremont

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vs.

vs.

Grant
at Newaygo

Kent City
at Kent City

WHITE CLOUD vs. Lakeview at Lakeview

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Young rider wins state title

Ellie Ouwinga and her nine-year-old quarterhorse Homer won the National Barrel Horse Association youth state final in Midland on Sept. 7, making Ellie the state champion in the sport of speed and precision.

Ellie, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Grant Christian School, also placed fifth in the state in the Open class barrel racing event, competing with riders of all ages, including adults.

Ellie, the daughter of Joe and Bunni Ouwinga, took-up barrel racing seven years ago, starting at the same time as her mother, who also races.

"We don't get that competitive with each other," Ellie said of her mother, explaining with a grin: "I usually beat her."

"I think my Mom would rather see me win than to win herself," Ellie added later.

Competition events and running their Sun Stables establishment east of

Grant provide plenty of togetherness for this family. Joe is not an avid rider, but his daughter said that he enjoys working with the horses and equipment and spending time with his two riders.

"He trailers us everywhere," Ellie said of her father. "I'm very blessed with my parents."

Ellie said that Homer proved his championship qualities with his performances at Midland. She said that he has a fun, quirky personality combined with plenty of determination and intelligence.

"He is one of the goofiest animals ever," she said, adding that he is well-trained and well-bred, with plenty of heart. Plus, he is "really smart."

"He is very good at his job," Ellie said.

As the other half of the partnership, Ellie said that her success depends on plenty of hard work, the ability to handle the pressure of competition, and the time management and discipline to balance school work, horse-related chores and competition.

She said that she enjoys hunting and fishing, and she noted that she got her first buck last year.

Ellie said that the best parts of barrel racing are the people involved and the sheer fun of competitive riding. She said that her goals for her riding career include qualifying for national finals and winning the Mid States Rodeo Association championship.

Her career goals include a desire to work with horses in some way.

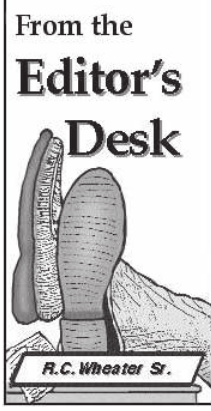


Photo by R.C.Wheeler Sr.

Homer and Ellie Ouwinga recently teamed-up to win a state championship in barrel racing. "He is one of the goofiest animals ever," Ellie said of Homer. "He is very good at his job."

TimesIndicator Viewpoints

State of Michigan

VanSingel says education remains top priority in tight budget year

State Rep. Scott VanSingel, who chairs the House Higher Education Budget Subcommittee, said that the state's education budget will not be cut despite the budgetary and economic impact of COVID19.

Kindergarten through 12th grade education, along with higher education, will be protected from state spending cuts. In fact, VanSingel said, school districts will even receive a roughly \$65 funding bump per-student across the board.

"I'm pleased that in spite of this tight budget year, lawmakers were able to come together to ensure schools were held harmless," VanSingel said. "Last year's funding levels were maintained, meaning the devastating cuts that were anticipated a couple months ago simply won't happen."

Under the plan, the state will dedicate approximately \$15.5 billion to K-12 schools in the new budget year, exceeding the \$15.3 billion originally established for the current fiscal year. Michigan's minimum per-pupil foundation allowance will also remain steady at \$8,111, with an additional one-time bonus investment expected to equal about \$65 per student, an overall boost of about \$95 million.

Highlights of the plan also include:

- A continued commitment to literacy programs. VanSingel explained that learning to read at an early age is a building block for future success.
- Making student mental health a priority given the many challenges and changes students have endured over the past year. The

plan invests in school-based health centers and programs at the intermediate school district level.

• Funding for districts to identify students who need additional help and parents who need help finding childcare.

• Resources for students who are engaged in virtual learning.

• Ensuring funding for vital programs like career/technical education, special education, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) competitions and First Robotics is held harmless.

• Protecting local control.

• Guaranteeing financial stability for school districts that are growing, ensuring they receive the full foundation amount for every student.

• Incentives to encourage new teachers to stay in the profession by offering a "new teacher" stipend of up to \$1,500.

The education budget proposal follows the August approval of the Return to Learn plan, which empowered local school districts to do what is best for their communities and students when it comes to COVID19 prevention and learning methods. Now, VanSingel said, lawmakers are ensuring that students, parents and teachers have the resources they need in order to succeed in their unique learning situations.

The plan invests \$1 billion more in K-12 schools this academic year than it did in the 2016-17 academic year, even though the number of students enrolled in public schools has declined statewide.

Approximately a quarter of the

annual state budget is devoted to K-12 education.

State Senator Jon Bumstead of Newaygo said that House Bill 5396, a general omnibus budget, increases local revenue sharing and includes \$20 million to ensure that nursing homes have adequate personal protective equipment to protect staff members and residents, \$7 million to graduate at least 50 new state troopers and maintain trooper strength, \$26 million for the Going Pro program to help train employees, and \$30 million for Michigan Reconnect to help people complete associate degrees or skills certificates.

It also invests \$15 million in the Pure Michigan tourism campaign, deposits \$35 million in the state's rainy day fund, and fully funds the 2015 plan to help fix the state's roads.

Rep. VanSingel said that legislators reached the budget agreement in negotiation with Governor Whitmer and that she is expected to sign the legislation into law.

Briefly...

Haunted trail in WC

The White Cloud Community Library will present its third annual Haunted House, actually a haunted trail, on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Storybook Forest site on Wilcox Ave. east of the campground in White Cloud. This year's theme is "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Letters

Politically Motivated Divisions

Dear Editor,
Editors in smaller towns often need to be careful in how political their citizen opinion submissions are.

So I will try to be careful in expressing my concerns - no, they are fears - as to how our politically motivated divisions are creating hatred, anger, violence and death in our country now. And it is escalating, perhaps to an end that we do not know now, but may regret had ever happened.

The political divide and vitriol is being felt and mirrored from the halls of our capital to the halls of our schools, and into our neighborhoods and streets. And although all hate and vitriol can either start or end with each of us individually, Our leaders of Our Nation can, should and do set a tone that says "Do like me. Follow me".

So I weep when I hear messaging from the highest level of the campaign trail that talks disparagingly about refugees from "dangerous" countries to a crowd of nearly all white European descendants, in a Midwest town that opened their doors to war torn refugees ("how did those refugees work out for you?"), surrounded by Native American tribes and their reservations. Then going on to say that the crowd has "good genes, you know that right? A lot of it is about the genes, isn't it? Don't you believe...the racehorse theory? You have good genes (here) in...". Historians liken this rhetoric to that which culminated in eugenics-theory led "cleansing" (murder and genocide) of people from "unwanted" racial and ethnic ancestry, and other "defects". It

begins with rhetoric and divisive talk, and can end with a following of dangerous power.

I weep when I see the raging, never before seen fires out west; the never before known numbers of hurricanes of intense force in one season; the loss of 2/3rds of our planet's wildlife in the past 50 years (catastrophic). Yet our country has rolled back environmental protections that had taken years to put in place; we have removed ourselves from the rest of the world's concerns and commitments by blatantly opting out of the Paris Climate Agreement; and we ignore science and citizen observations from around our globe that shows undeniable warming and destructive consequences to our earth and oceans. But the deepest moral sin we have created against the earth and our local environments is our religious, national and personal irresponsibility as stewards of God's Creation. And this is being led and exemplified by our leaders and their policies that put a higher value on cash and untethered capitalism over care of our only planet, and therefore of its people.

I weep when I hear and see our leaders of the Coronavirus Task Force putting forth the "official" policy of "social distancing, washing hands, wearing masks and not gathering in large crowds" in order to help slow the spread of the disease - yet do not publicly practice it themselves as positive examples for our citizens. And even worse, host major events with hundreds or thousands of people who must sign a disclaimer that they won't sue the organizers

if they get sick. When asked, the Chair of the Task Force says it is up to each state how to deal with the safety measures - as if the nature of the virus changes at their borders. In the mean time our country has 4% of the population of all nations, yet has 25% of the world's Covid cases. More cases lead to more deaths: over 200,000 of our family members and neighbors now (and growing). Yet I do not hear our leaders mourn them, nor attempt to mitigate the rising deaths through promotion of their own policies of safety.

Sometimes there is one very personal issue that we take to the polls with us as we vote. But there is no one political party or candidate that carries all of our own values in their platforms. Our voting decision must consider how our leaders in power will carry the tone and the moral compass of our nation and therefore of each of us as its citizens. We must consider the greater ramifications that will follow as policies are made, as laws are carried out, and as diplomacy or war are offered to our neighboring nations.

I am listening to the 489 generals, admirals and senior security officials as they take a public stand to halt these politically motivated divisions and the directions these divisions intend to take our nation.

In Peace,
Sally Wagoner

Recycle Responsibly

Dear editor and recyclers,
I was at the Fremont recycling center last Saturday to get rid of my clean Styrofoam. I was very distressed to have to remove armfuls of plastic bags which I put into the garbage and to see the many cardboard boxes that had not been broken down.

It says quite clearly on the sign, No plastic bags, break down your boxes. Well, maybe the woman who's name was on the boxes can't read or just ignores what is accepted in the containers that go to Grand Rapids. I wanted to include the name of the woman from Fremont who's name was on the packages and surrounded by the many plastic bags in this letter to the editor but was advised not to publicly shame her. Good idea. So I'll

probably just call her. It is disturbing to those of us who recycle responsibly to see unaccepted items in the container which then requires the recycle company to reject the entire container which includes so many items that have been carefully cleaned and separated

to be recycled. And hey, if your plastic bags go into the garbage, if you collect them all in another plastic bag, the unsightly look and contamination of plastic bags flying around, caught in trees and fences will be reduced as well. Also, many of those plastic bags are accepted by Meijer and Walmart. You can take grocery bags and all that have the recycle symbol there.

Please please recycle, but recycle responsibly. Be responsible for your trash! Do more than part of the job. Thank you.

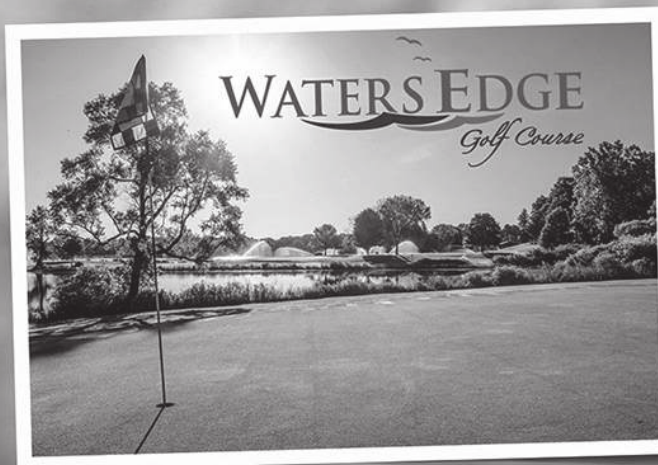
Valerie Deur

Letters

The TimesIndicator welcomes original expressions of opinion from readers. Letters to the Editor may deal with any topic, but letters will be published at the discretion of the Editor and may be edited for length. The Editor reserves the right to refuse to publish letters which the Editor may consider libelous, malicious or in poor taste, and to decline to publish letters endorsing or opposing political candidates. All letters must bear original, individual signatures, and only signed letters will be published. Telephone numbers should be included with the letters, but only so that authorship can be verified.

Schindy's K9 Golf Outing

October 4th, 2020 - \$100 per person



Waters Edge Golf Course - Fremont, MI
10:30 AM Shotgun - Call Diane (616) 502-6192

Fundraiser for Newaygo County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit



Schindy's K9
Advocacy & Training Academy



Fremont

Family Video to close local store

Family Video announced that it will close the local video store in Fremont. A liquidation sell-off has started and Family Video Fremont will close its doors at the store on W. Main Street on Friday, Oct. 16. "We are very thankful to have been able to provide entertainment for many family movie nights," said Highland Ventures CEO Keith Hoogland, "and want to thank the people of Fremont and our incredible staff for the many years of support and service."

Police Log

From Newaygo County Central Dispatch

Table with columns: Date / Time, Type of Call, Agency City /Twp. Lists various police incidents such as Suspicious Vehicle, Unknown Accident, Prop. Damage Acc., etc.

Table with columns: Date / Time, Type of Call, Agency City /Twp. Continues the list of police incidents from the previous table.

Table titled 'Abbreviations used in the Police Log:' listing agencies like NPD, NESH, FPD, MSP, WCPD and their corresponding townships.

Grant Christian School to host Harvest Festival

Grant Christian School is inviting the public to attend the school's 2020 Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the school. The free event will feature pumpkin painting, a children's tractor pull, table-to-table trick-or-treating, food, cider, coffee donuts and more. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and adults may also wear costumes. Organizers ask that participants refrain from costumes that are "too ghoulish."

Briefly...

Teresa VanDyke Teresa J. VanDyke of Newaygo graduated in May from Lake Superior State University with a BS degree in Fire Science and an Associates in Paramedic Technology with honors and Summa Cum Laude. Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanDyke.

Legals

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF NEWAYGO NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 20-8071-DE Estate of Albert E. Gorsky, deceased Date of birth: 11/02/1931 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Albert E. Gorsky, died 2/12/2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Alex Gorsky, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1092 Newell, White Cloud, MI 49349 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Dated: 9/22/2020 R. Benjamin Barkow P76582, Attorney, 2 E. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412, 231-924-6200 Alex Gorsky, Personal representative, 5650 Fox Valley Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901 *** 09/30/2020 *** STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO CASE NO. 20-20659-CK HON: ROBERT D. SPRINGSTEAD RICHARD M. WITTE and BONNIE M. WITTE, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, V MICHIGAN LAND & OUTING CO., Defendant Kevin B. Even (P38599), SMITH HAUGHEY RICE & ROEGGE, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, keven@shr.com, 900 Third St., Ste 204, Muskegon, MI 49440, 231-724-4320 ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION At a session of court held in the courthouse in Newaygo County, Michigan, on September 15, 2020 PRESENT: HONORABLE ROBERT D. SPRINGSTEAD, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE Plaintiffs filed an ex-parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the Court. After reading the verified motion and the accompanying exhibits, the Court finds that Plaintiffs have shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendant, Michigan Land &

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NOTICE OF VACANCY The Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency is seeking applications for a Housekeeper. Candidates must be a high school graduate, be prompt and dependable, physically capable of performing all assigned duties, including lifting 50 pounds, able to pass a physical exam, and possess a valid driver's license. The deadline for applying will remain open until this position is filled. Please send a cover letter, resume, and completed support staff application (available at www.ncresa.org under job postings) to Dr. Lori Tubbergen Clark, Superintendent, Newaygo County RESA, 4747 W. 48th Street, Fremont, MI 49412. It is the policy of the Newaygo County RESA that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, height, weight, marital status, or other trait or characteristic protected by federal or state employment discrimination statutes, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination during programs, activities, and employment.

GRANT TOWNSHIP NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN HILLSIDE CEMETERY Please note that all temporary and seasonal grave decorations, plant hooks, lights etc. must be removed and all urns emptied by Thursday, October 15, 2020 Respectfully submitted by Ray Berends, Hillside Cemetery Sexton

OPEN INTERVIEWS October 7th from 8-4 for RN's & LPN's. Transitional Health Services of Fremont 4554 W 48th St, Fremont, MI 49412

PUBLIC NOTICE DENVER TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 6:30P.M. he Election Committee for Denver Township will hold its next meeting at the Hesperia Village Hall at the above date and time. Kristin Smith, Denver Township Clerk

CIRCULATION LIBRARIAN WANTED White Cloud Community Library is taking applications for Circulation Librarian until October 9th at 5 pm. It will be a 24 hr per week schedule including a late night (7 pm) & 2 Saturdays a month (9:30 am to 1 pm) Applications are available at library or on-line on our Website: www.whitecloudlibrary.net. Questions, please call: 231-689-6631 during library hours.

CITY OF NEWAYGO NOTICE OF WATER MAIN FLUSHING The City of Newaygo will be flushing water mains from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm beginning October 5, 2020 and continuing through October 12, 2020. Customers should be aware that there may be some discoloration in their water supply and the washing of clothes is not recommended during this time. Questions regarding this procedure should be addressed to the City Office at 652-1657.

MERRILL TOWNSHIP, NEWAYGO COUNTY SNOW REMOVAL BIDS WANTED The Merrill Township Board is accepting bids for the 2020-2021 season for snow removal at the Community Complex, and transfer station. Plow specifications is as follows: 3 inches or more, shovel and salting of the entrance, not to be limited to either Supervisor or Clerk contacting you for special events. Bids must be received by October 12, 2020 and should be mailed to Merrill Township, 1585 W 11 Mile Rd, Bitley, MI 49309, or emailed to supervisor@merrilltownship.com. Merrill Township Clerk

Newaygo County Board of Commissioners OFFICIAL MINUTES September 9, 2020 9:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, & PLEDGE Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bryan Kolk, at 9:30 a.m., with Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Jason VanderStelt, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner James Maikie. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bryan Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, Brenda Bird, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER 20-307 Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruthoff, to approve the agenda for September 9, 2020 as amended to remove the Purchase of Property #62-15-05-180-004 motion. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO. 20-308 Motion by James Maikie, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Consent Agenda dated September 9, 2020 including: the regular meeting minutes dated August 26, 2020; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated September 2, 2020. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-309 Motion by Bur Cooper, second by Charles Trapp, to approve Resolution #09-015-2020 recognizing Diane Witkowski's years of service to Newaygo County. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT Finance Committee MOTION NUMBER 20-290-1 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Bylaws of the Newaygo County Veterans Affairs Committee dated September 9, 2020. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-295 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maikie, to authorize the following individuals to attend and vote during the MERS Annual Conference: County Administrator, Christopher Wren as the employer delegate and Human Resources Director, Jodie McGarry as the employer alternate. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-297 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maikie, to accept funding in the amount of \$362,962.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Local Government Grants (CRLGG) Program, and authorize the Board of Commissioners Chair to sign any and all necessary documents required to apply for and accept the funds. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-298 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve Resolution #09-014-20, accepting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Agreement for Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam project, to allocate \$180,100.00 of County Funds as a local match, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-299 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the FY 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Grant Agreement in the amount of \$35,029.00 and authorize the Board Chair, Finance Director, and Emergency Services Director to sign any and all necessary documentation. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-300 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruthoff, to accept Fremont Area Community Foundation Grants #34795 & #34796 for a total award of \$45,000.00 for the Commission on Aging's Bus Access Transportation Program for FY 2021, and authorize the Board of Commissioners Chair and the Commission on Aging Director to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-301 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maikie, to approve the submission of the FY 2021 MI Choice Waiver information to Reliance Community Care Partners, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to sign any necessary documents. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION NUMBER 20-302 Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruthoff, to approve the submission of the FY 2021 funding proposal to Reliance Community Care Partners for \$40,000.00 for Adult Day Health, Respite Care provided inside the home, and Transportation to be provided through the Commission on Aging, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to sign and submit any necessary documents. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MISC MOTION NUMBER 20-310 Motion by James Maikie, second by Mike Kruthoff, to ratify the submission of the FY 2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant Application to Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) in the amount of \$55,135, and authorize the Chairman of the Board and Veterans Service Officer Cain to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. MOTION - ADJOURNMENT 20-311 Motion by James Maikie, second by Bur Cooper, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Ayes - Bur Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruthoff, James Maikie, Bryan Kolk. Nays - none. Motion carried. COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION Bryan Kolk, Board Chair DATE CERTIFIED September 23, 2020

Marriage Licenses

July 8 through Sept. 16 Sara Lynn Kiper of Newaygo and Jacob Howard Burkholder of White Cloud Savannah Joy Osborn and Brett Austin Slominski, both of White Cloud Sally Susanne Sovinski and Scott Gary Luchies, both of Fremont Michelle Elaine Hambrock and Richard Hart Beyer, both of Fremont Lynae Cay Lubbers of Fremont and Brandon Michael Klever of Bailey Maston Eugene Conley III and Brian James Fortune, both of Fremont Amanda Rinzema and Patrick Simmerson, both of Newaygo Cassie Luchies of Fremont and Christopher Dalton of New York Andrea Allen of Newaygo and Dillon Stilson of Morley Claire Seekely of Hartland and Trevor Rose of Cedar Springs Amanda Ranae Gaziinno and Brandon Neil Rone, both of Newaygo Candi Sue Scholten of Coral and David Shawn Behnke Jr. of Newaygo Theodasia Young of Three Oaks and Zackery Zmrzlik of Newaygo Jenna Flanery and Kenneth Brown, both of Fremont Sharon Smith and Christopher Twichell, both of White Cloud Amanda Gordon of Casnovia and Jacob Stover of Rockford Krystal Jacques of Lorain, Ohio and Christer Majors of Muskegon Johanna Herrington of Rockford and Eric Klein of Sparta Jessica Alvarado and Kyle Sutton, both of White Cloud Amy Gunnels and Brent Krueger, both of White Cloud Ashley Platt and Patrick Gunter, both of Newaygo Karla Whelan Tjapkes and Scott Shippy, both of Newaygo Elizabeth Lawson and Ryan Crandall, both of Grant Abigail Ekkel of Fremont and Logan Graff of Ontonagon Courtney Dupras and Randy Pekel, both of Fremont Amanda Haner of White Cloud and Mikey Rodriguez of Conroe, Texas Jackie Callender and Chaflic Hatell, both of Newaygo Candace Mayes and Charles Johnson, both of Reed City Elizabeth T. Bradley and Brian J. Kolk, both of Fremont Crystal Scytte and Corey Schmock, both of Fremont Rosella DeWitte and Alger Brown, both of Fremont



Photo by Jane Stroschin

A Bird In the Hand

A tiny female goldfinch crashed into the window of Jane Stroschin's Fremont area home. The bird was stunned and motionless, so Jane had the bird sit on her hand for a while to keep her safe from neighborhood cats. After a bit of a rest, the goldfinch flew away.

Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Dr. Tsai joins local cancer center team

Judy Tsai MD has joined the staff of the cancer center at Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial.

With the addition of Dr. Tsai (pronounced "tie"), the Cancer Center is welcoming Newaygo County patients to receive care and treatment locally.

"Our Cancer Center team is excited to have Dr. Judy Tsai join us and provide care close to home for patients and their families here in Newaygo County and nearby communities," said cancer center manager Brandi Miller. "Being able to provide cancer services during the COVID19 pandemic means people in Newaygo County don't have to drive far, and they'll be receiving care in a smaller setting where we can better manage social distancing."

"In addition to Dr. Tsai," Miller added, "Gerber Memorial's Cancer Center team includes registered nurses, a nurse practitioner, a registered dietitian, a financial counselor and

many other professionals. Our goal is to provide personalized care to every patient, and we're proud to provide such a wide range of specialized care for our neighbors."

Dr. Tsai received her medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago. She received a hematology and oncology fellowship from Vanderbilt University Medical Center and completed her internal medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas in 2012.

Gerber Memorial's Cancer Center is implementing numerous measures to maximize cleanliness in an effort to reduce infections during the COVID19 pandemic. Those measures include more frequent cleaning, temperature checks at the entrance to a clinic, and requirements for all staff and visitors to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Gerber Memorial's Cancer Center is at 230 W. Oak Street in the lower level, with entry on Pine Street.

For more information, call the cancer center at 924-1305.



Judy Tsai MD recently joined the team at Gerber Memorial's Cancer Center.

Young farmers donate \$6,000 to area food banks

Young farmers from almost a dozen western Michigan counties raised \$6,000 at a recent golf outing and promptly donated it to food banks across the region.

Almost 50 members active in Michigan Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Program participated recently at Waters Edge Golf Course in Fremont, representing the organization's District 4 (Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent and Ottawa counties) and District 7 (Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Osceola counties).

Before teeing it up, both groups also participated in district-level Discussion Meets, pitting members' public-speaking skills and industry knowledge against each other in a competition format that has been a hallmark of the Young Farmer program for more than half a century.

All funds raised for the event were split between the two districts for distribution to local food pantries.

District 4 donated its \$3,000 to Coopersville Cares, while District 7 split its \$3,000 share between the Sears Food Pantry in Osceola County, God's Helping Hands (Mecosta), Bread of Life (Oceana), Lakeview Ministerial Association (Montcalm), St. Thomas Parish (Muskegon) and True North Community Services in Newaygo County.

"I think we were all questioning whether we'd have an opportunity like this under the current circumstances, but we got creative and pulled off a great event," said Mike McKeown, who represents District 4 on MFB's State Young Farmer Committee. "It was great to see our Young Farmers come together to discuss issues and enjoy a round of golf with friends, all while raising money for a good cause."

Conklin-area apple grower Adam Dietrich chairs the State Young Farmer Committee.

"It was tremendous to bring district Young Farmer groups together safely and work with some great sponsors for a fun day on the golf course," Dietrich said. "I was thrilled we had great discussions and raised \$6,000 through Harvest for All, an effort that feels particularly important this year with everything happening."

Briefly...

Jessica E. Mitchel

Jessica E. Mitchel of Fremont was named to the spring/summer Dean's List at Grand Valley State University.



Roadside Lunch

Delores Moss captured this image of a bald eagle enjoying some lunch in the middle of Gordon Avenue near Camp Henry on Sept. 12.

November 3rd
Vote For

Sandy Clarke
Democratic Candidate
State Representative
100th District

Lake - Newaygo & Oceana Counties

In November vote for a candidate with real vision to make lives better for all residents living in the 100th State House District.

Paid for by: Committee to Elect Sandy Clarke, PO Box 30 Baldwin, MI 49304

Community Inclusion is a Human Right = Accessibility for All

Disability Network West Michigan is committed to accessibility, inclusion and diversity while being consumer directed and accountable.

Our mission is to advocate, educate, empower and provide resources for persons with disabilities. We promote inclusive communities, fulfilling our vision of ensuring that accessibility is an accepted civil right.

We want to thank our Community Partners for their continued support with the 2019-2020 transportation voucher program.

<p>Newaygo County Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) United Way of the Lakeshore Fremont Area Community Foundation</p>	<p>Oceana County Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) United Way of the Lakeshore</p>
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We were able to increase independence of over 200 consumers in Newaygo County and 100 consumers in Oceana County. The transportation voucher program allows those with a disability to live an independent life through accessible rides to work, daily activities such as shopping, medical appointments, social connections and spiritual events in areas where transit services are unavailable.

If you would like more information about our transportation voucher program, how to become a volunteer driver with offered mileage reimbursement opportunity or additional programs and services through Disability Network West Michigan please contact us at www.disabilitynetwork.org or contact us directly.

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