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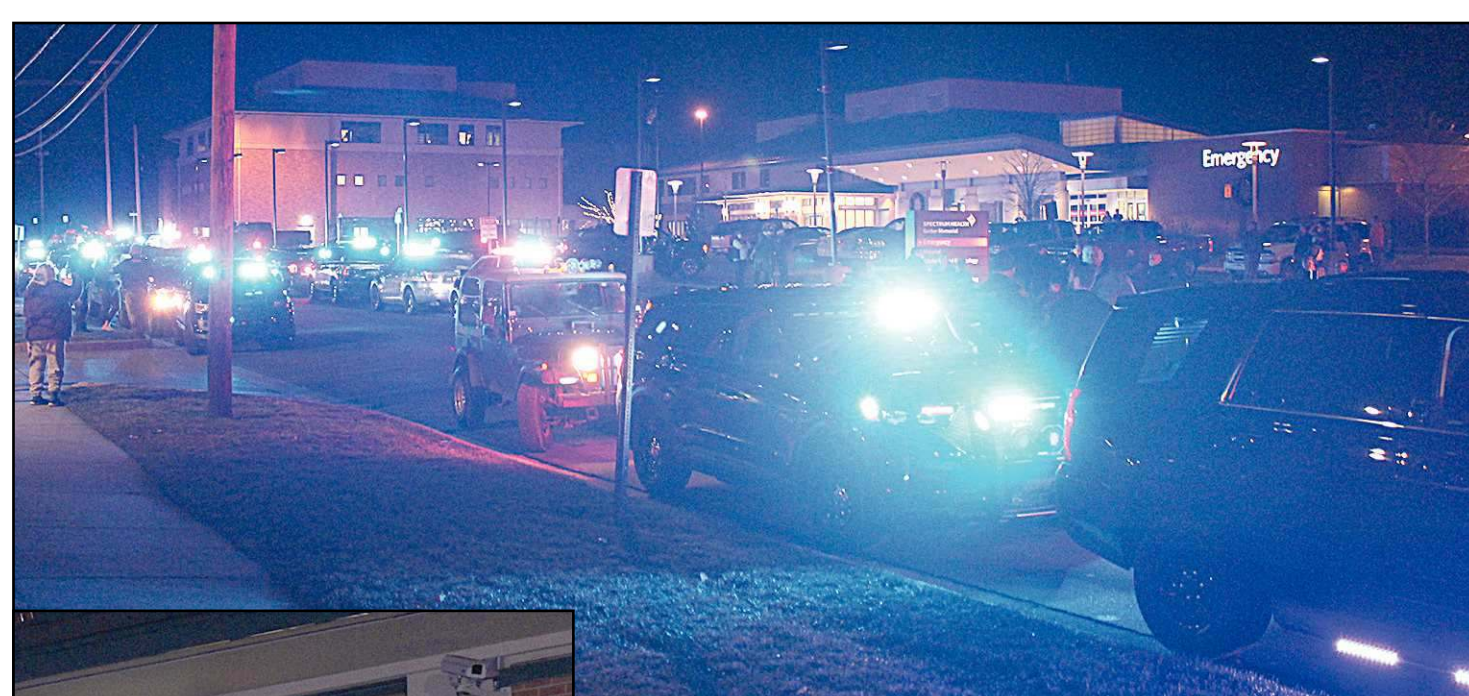
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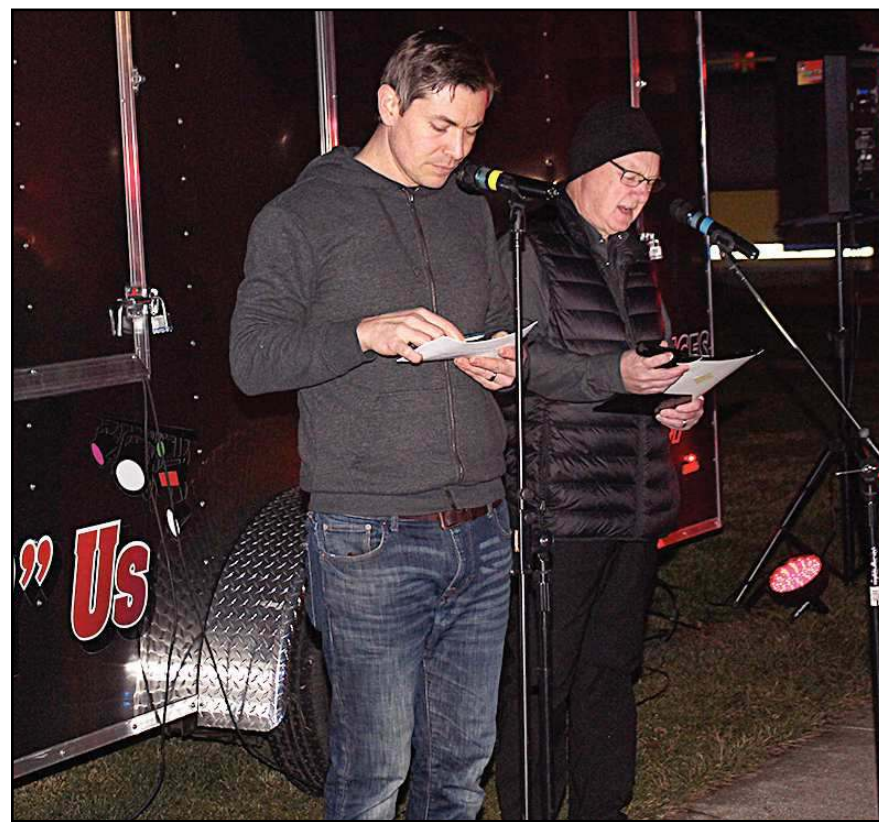
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**EARLY DEADLINE**

Deadline for news and advertising for the January 6, 2021 issue will be 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30. The office will close at noon on New Years Eve.



Hospital staff people could be seen enjoying the festivities from some of the windows. Organizers encouraged people to stay in their vehicles during the event.



Pastors Eric Klingel (left) of Harvest Fremont and Greg Johnson of Inspire Church led a time of prayer for medical workers and their families. A short-range FM transmitter helped carry their voices and Christmas music to the people surrounding the hospital.

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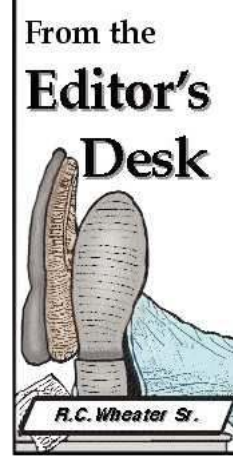


## “Lights On” expresses local support

Hundreds of local people surrounded Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Hospital on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, with flashing lights and blaring horns and sirens voicing Newaygo County's support for frontline medical workers.

Police vehicles, fire trucks, road maintenance trucks and tow trucks lined the streets on all sides of the hospital, with “civilian” vehicles filling the hospital's north parking lot and every other available space.

Tim Bitson of Sounds R Us played Christmas music over loudspeakers and over a low-powered FM transmitter, allowing people to hear the



R.C. Wheeler Sr.

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## 2020 A Year in the Life of Newaygo County

January

A glance through a year's collection of weekly issues of the TimesIndicator yields our annual look at some of the people and events that made local news and local history in the year 2020. These events formed another year in the life of Newaygo County. Here is a review of the first six months of the year. The stories appear under the months in which they were originally published.

### January

The first baby born in 2020 at Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial, baby Gabriel, was welcomed by his parents Cassie Moore and Mark Golliver on Jan. 2.

The Fremont Community Recreation Center announced that renovations were being made to add event space to the facility.

Former Fremont resident Jennifer Graesser Dornbush returned home to promote her newly released book.

Fremont High School wrestler Chase Knudsen won his 100th high school

match.

The Fremont City Council hired Tim Rodwell as Fremont's new chief of police.

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development announced that three deer from a Newaygo County deer farm were found to have chronic wasting disease.

The Fremont High School boys cross country team received its state championship banner.

Fremont Lions Club member Lynn Mast was inducted into the Lions' Michigan Hall of Fame.

White Cloud Public Schools unveiled

an aluminum sign and plaque from the now vacant Jack D. Jones Elementary School that was relocated to the library at White Cloud Elementary School.

The Newaygo County Board of Commissioners honored retiring Newaygo County Road Commission director Kelly Smith.

The Western Michigan Christian High School boys soccer team raised its seventh state championship banner.

Grant High School basketball player Carter Chase celebrated as he passed the 1,000-point career scoring mark.

Fremont High School wrestler Trey

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Breuker celebrated his 100th career win.

## February

Hesperia Community Schools and White Cloud Public Schools both closed for several days due to illness. Gaetano Tom Russo of Newaygo was charged with several felonies after firing shots at his neighbor's home. Former Fremont High School graduate and Hope College women's basketball coach Brian Morehouse was recognized as the college basketball coach who reached 600 victories in the fewest career games. Visionaries proposed a pedestrian bridge that would span the Muskegon River between downtown Newaygo and Henning Park. Newaygo County Sheriff deputies David Israel and Dennis Stapler were honored as the county's Deputies of the Year.

The Newaygo County Trail Association put its historic former Birch Grove Schoolhouse up for sale. Dollar General opened its newest store on Evergreen Drive south of White Cloud. Fremont Regional Digester officials held public tours and a "town hall" meeting to explain how the facility operates and to discuss its efforts to control odor.

## March

Max Carle was arrested and later charged with first degree murder in the stabbing death of his father in a home in Croton Township. Newaygo County Compassion Home's new facility in Fremont held an open house for the public to view the project in progress. Emergency nurse Amy Smith

received the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses at Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial. New owners took over Jerkie's Jerky Factory in downtown Newaygo. Newaygo County reacted to the outbreak of COVID19 with the cancellation of activities and closing of businesses and schools. Nearly 37 years after 25-year-old Richard Atwood of White Cloud disappeared, Roy Leando Snell was charged with his murder. Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a "stay at home" order due to the COVID19 pandemic. The Fremont Area Community Foundation established local Community Response Funds to help organizations serving vulnerable people during the COVID19 outbreak. Abby Reeg was named the new director of the Newaygo County Community Collaborative.

## April

Newaygo County recorded its second confirmed case of COVID19. TrueNorth Community Services stepped up its services to help local households who were struggling during the pandemic. Spectrum Health opened several drop-off donation sites for much needed medical supplies. A 10-year-old child died after being struck by a pickup truck on April 3 in Bridgeton Township. A Howard City man died when his car collided head-on with a garbage truck on Bingham Ave. near 80th Street. School leaders began making plans for distance learning as the governor ordered all schools to remain closed. The Fremont Area Community Foundation awarded the first grants

from the new Community Response Fund.

The First Reformed Church of Fremont held a drive-in service for Easter, with Pastor Joel Zuidema preaching from a hay wagon, his voice carried to vehicles via a short-range FM radio transmitter.

Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial began treating COVID19 patients with blood plasma obtained from people who had recovered from the disease. Governor Whitmer extended the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order through May 15.


## May

Hesperia Area Chamber of Commerce announced the cancellation of the Hesperia Fun Fest due to COVID19. Voters in the City of Grant approved a Headlee Amendment override proposal. Gov. Whitmer extended the "Stay at Home" order until May 28, but allowed manufacturing workers to resume work on May 11. The Newaygo City Council approved a resolution declaring May 10 through 16 as Police Week Newaygo each year from now on. County Treasurer Holly Moon announced her intention to retire at the end of the year. Tractor Supply Company opened new store in Newaygo in the building previously occupied by Shopko. Memorial Day services throughout the county were modified or canceled this year due to COVID19. Fremont High School seniors celebrated graduation with a rain-soaked vehicle parade. A Stand Up Michigan rally was held in Newaygo to protest the governor's shut-down orders. Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced that all registered voters in Michigan would receive applications to vote by mail in the

August and November elections.

## June

Fremont's newest public art piece, "Inspired Hands," was mounted on the east side of a building at Main and Division in downtown Fremont. The Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce announced the cancellation of the National Baby Food Festival due to COVID19. Gov. Whitmer rescinded her "Safer at Home" order and began allowing more businesses to open. District Health Department 10 reported that COVID19 case numbers were spiking in Newaygo and Oceana counties and urged residents to take precautions. FHS graduate Dr. Dennis Scott was inducted into the National Christian College Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Newaygo High School's Class of 2020 held a rolling graduation celebration at the school parking lot. Several firefighting vehicles led a funeral procession to honor longtime Hesperia firefighter Billy Rumsey Sr. White Cloud High School graduates celebrated with a parade through town. A suspect was arrested for breaking into the Fremont Animal Hospital. Two suspects were arrested for breaking into a residence northeast of Hesperia. A new website was launched to share the progress of Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam trail project.



**Pet of Week**  
Baxter was surrendered to animal control because his family didn't have the time to commit to him. He likes to pretend he is a lap dog but when he is excited he goes C R A Z Y. Baxter probably would do best in a home without small children. He loves to run, play fetch, and just be with my people! Call the shelter if you have questions about Wells or go to their website to fill out an adoption application today.  
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## Fremont

# Happening at your local library

The Fremont Area District Library is currently open for curbside service only, with printing and copying also available as a curbside service. Appointments for in-person browsing, computer use and other services will be available soon. Information about using curbside service, including hours and contact numbers, is available online at www.fremontlibrary.net. The library started a Children's Winter Reading Club this month, and it is scheduled to continue through Jan. 31. To register, call the library's Children's Department at 231-928-0249 to ask for a reading log for a child and arrange to pick it up curbside. Children can cross off or color in snowflakes on their logs each time they read (10 snowflakes total). When they are done, they can claim prizes. A winter reading program for adults is

music, audiobooks, ebooks and comics are available on the library website. Links to the services

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

County	Cases	Deaths
Newaygo	2117	30
Kent	40,123	492
Lake	280	8
Mason	892	18
Mecosta	1548	14
Montcalm	2707	61
Muskegon	9056	248
Oceana	1530	40
Osceola	718	17
Ottawa	17,189	237

*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**  
12/18, 7:02 a.m., medical emergency at 1421 W. Red Clover  
12/18, 12:51 p.m., medical emergency at 937 W. Lake  
12/18, 5:41 p.m., personal injury accident at 48th St. and Baldwin  
12/18, 9:18 p.m., medical emergency at 1101 W. Main  
12/19, 6:39 p.m., fire alarm at 1401 W. Main  
12/20, 5:32 p.m., medical emergency at 7098 S. Maple Island  
12/21, 11:42 a.m., medical emergency at 9248 W. Main St.  
12/21, 6:07 p.m., medical emergency at 1356 S. Golden Poppy  
12/22, 8:29 a.m., vehicle fire at 8619 S. Warner  
12/22, 11:55 p.m., medical emergency at 603 S. Weaver  
12/23, 9:21 a.m., medical emergency at 275 S. Sunflower  
12/25, 9:59 a.m., medical emergency at 3163 S. Finch  
12/25, 7:25 p.m., unknown accident at 112th St. and Warner

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**Fremont**

# Public Art Committee issues artist call

The Fremont Downtown Development Authority's Public Art Committee is seeking proposals for the next addition to the community's public art collection.

The committee's next public art project is being planned for

the north central greenspace area of Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Fremont. The community has added 15 new public art pieces over the last 15 years.

The committee has issued a "Call for Artists" for submission

of proposals that are community and family friendly, touchable and able to be appreciated by multiple generations of local people and visitors.

Guidelines for submissions are available online at [www.cityoffremont.net](http://www.cityoffremont.net) and at [www.ncca-artsplace.org](http://www.ncca-artsplace.org). To request a mailed copy of the guidelines, call city hall at 924-2101.

Proposals must be submitted by Monday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

Artists may submit more than one design to be considered by the Public Art Committee.



## NHS Citizens of the Month

Kyndall Knash and Ariana Hunt were named Newwaygo High School's October Citizens of the Month.

# TrueNorth promotes mentoring services during National Mentoring Month

National Mentoring Month is a campaign held each January to promote youth mentoring in the UDS. It began in 2002 and is led by the Harvard School of Public Health and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

TrueNorth Community Services has been offering adult to child mentoring services since the 1970's, initially through the Connections program, later through Big Brothers Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club, and currently through the TrueMentors programs.

According to information online at [Mentoring.org](http://Mentoring.org), mentoring can have a big positive impact on children. Young adults who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor. (The Mentoring Effect, 2014) Students who meet regularly

with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class. (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers Big Sisters)

In addition to better school attendance and a better chance of going on to higher education, mentored young people maintain better attitudes toward school. (The Role of Risk, 2013) They are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking. (Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters) and 81% more likely to participate regularly in sports or extracurricular activities than those who do not. (The Mentoring Effect, 2014)

A study showed that the strongest benefit from mentoring, and most consistent across risk groups, was a reduction in depressive symptoms. This is particularly

noteworthy given that almost one in four young people reported worrisome levels of these symptoms at baseline. (The Role of Risk, 2013)

Mentoring also promotes positive social attitudes and relationships. Mentored young people tend to trust their parents more and communicate better with them. (The Role of Risk, 2013).

Local youngster Riley, now 12, participated in TrueMentors' Parks in Focus program in August and overcame some of her fears and anxieties.

"I haven't been to the beach in years," Riley said. "I am truly happy, not just fake happy."

TrueMentors offers community-based mentoring throughout Newaygo County, Parks in Focus, TrueBlue Academy in Newaygo, and Afterschool Mentoring in conjunction with TrueNorth's Out-of-School-Time Program in

Hesperia, Engage!

Most of these programs are conducted virtually these days, but program coordinator Lisa Brown said that the hope is to move back to in-person programming in the future.

TrueMentors currently has five youngsters on the waiting list, looking for adult mentors to enrich their lives.

For more information, call Lisa Brown at 924-0641 extension 109 or email [lbrown@truenorthservices.org](mailto:lbrown@truenorthservices.org).



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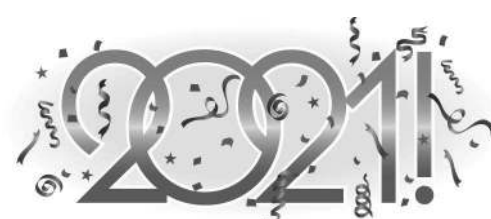
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# Obituaries



**PATSY RACE**  
Fremont

Patsy Ruth (Riffe) Race, 93, of Fremont passed away on Dec. 20, 2020 at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility.

Patsy was born on Dec. 11, 1927 in Houston, Texas to George Lee Riffe and Elsie Marie (Drinkwater) Riffe. She had many fond memories of spending summers at her grandparent's farm along the Trinity River near Crockett, Texas. Patsy moved to Kansas City, Missouri when she was 18 and attended art school. While there she met Erwin N. Race Jr. She and Erwin married on June 19, 1948. A year later they moved to Grand Rapids to start their family and lived in the area until retirement. After that they moved to Mench Lake near Baldwin. Patsy worked as a clerk at Wurzburgs in downtown Grand Rapids in the early 1950's. She left there to raise her children. When the children were grown she attended Davenport College and went to work for KV Printing which became Spectrum Graphics. There she worked her way up from bookkeeper to company management and remained in that role until her retirement. After moving north, Patsy worked for Webber Township in Lake County as zoning administrator. In her leisure time Patsy was involved in many activities including creating art, flower gardening, reading science fiction, ceramics, swimming, fishing, bowling, bird watching, rock collecting and, in the 1970's, disco dancing. She loved the outdoors and traveled with Erwin to visit many of the waterfalls in Michigan. She

also loved nature walks with her friend Marie.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Marie (Francis) Stankus of Fremont; grandchildren Kelly Bolen of Kalamazoo, Kimberlee (Bolen) Johnson of Santa Maria, California, Jason (Karin) Bolen of Arroyo Grande, California, Marilynn and Stephanie Race of Grand Rapids; great-grandchildren Keira and Ethan Johnson; and daughter-in-law Patricia (Price) Race of Grand Rapids and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin; her son Scott Lee Race; her sisters Helen Riffe, Alice (White) Riffe, Grace (Cobb) Riffe, and her brother James Riffe.

As per her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services. A celebration of her life will be held at a future date.

As a lasting memorial to Patsy, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Friends may send a condolence or share a memory with the Race family online at [www.crandellfh.com](http://www.crandellfh.com).

Arrangements by Crandell Funeral Home - Fremont Chapel 231-924-0800.



**PHYLLIS (GAY) BEDGOOD**  
Muskegon

Phyllis (Gay) Bedgood, 78, passed away on Saturday morning, Dec. 19, 2020 at her residence.

She was born on March 29, 1942 in Fremont. Phyllis had been employed by Tubbergen Cleaners and Gerber Hospital, both in Fremont, and by Apparelmaster in Muskegon. She enjoyed sewing, playing euchre,

and spending time with her grandchildren.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, the father of her three children, Charles (Sandy) Bedgood. She was also preceded in death by her life partner who she enjoyed 26 years with, Donald Rademacher; by her parents, George and June (Ashcroft) Brown; and by her brother, Phillip Brown.

Phyllis is survived by three children: Sandra Atkin of Muskegon, Charles (Connie) Bedgood of Cedar Springs, and Steven (Sarah) Bedgood of Fremont; three grandchildren: Sarah Sprick, Paul Koski, and Morgan Bedgood; one great-granddaughter, Lilly Sprick; one brother, Gary (Kathy) Brown of Alpena; many nieces and nephews; two friends of over 50 years, Margie Speck of Muskegon and Ellen Hicks of Fremont; and by numerous other friends.

According to her wishes, there will be no service at this time. A small graveside service will be held in the Spring of 2021 at East Hesperia Cemetery.

Suggested memorial is Heartland Hospice of Newaygo County.

You can sign the online guest book at [www.kroeze-wolffis.com](http://www.kroeze-wolffis.com).

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



**JILL NAVITSKAS**  
Newaygo

Jill Marie Navitskas, 58, of Newaygo, passed away on Dec. 20, 2020 at Spectrum Health-Blodgett Hospital in East Grand Rapids.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1962 to Joseph and Beverly (Leibrook) Alder

in Hamilton, Ohio. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1980. She served in the US Navy from Feb. 8, 1982 to Feb. 7, 1986 when she was honorably discharged as an EM3.

On April 19, 1986 she married Charles Navitskas, Jr. in Hamilton, Ohio. Jill was a homemaker. She loved arts and crafts, spending time with the grandchildren, and spent a lot of time teaching youth groups at church.

Jill is survived by her husband Charles; three daughters: Misty (Joshua) Van Alstyne of Portland, Jessica (Joseph) Bates of Hart, and Hannah (Jason) Hysell of Fruitport; two sons: Jared Navitskas of Newaygo and Adam (Serena) Navitskas of Rochester, Minnesota; 10 grandchildren; two sisters: Robin (Joseph) Rosenhahn and Lorry (Randy) Staton; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by mother Beverly Alder, and sister Peggy Alder.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Grace Bible Church, 200 Mill St., Newaygo 49337 and/or Love INC, 11 W. 96th St., Grant, 49327.

Please share your memories of Jill online at [www.plaisierfuneral.com](http://www.plaisierfuneral.com).



**FRANCES RODRIGUEZ**  
Bailey

Frances Rodriguez, 90, of Bailey, passed away on Dec. 24, 2020 in Newaygo.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1930 to Pedro and Elisa Ortiz in Eagle Pass, Texas. She graduated from Eagle Pass High School and earned her associates degree at Michigan State University.

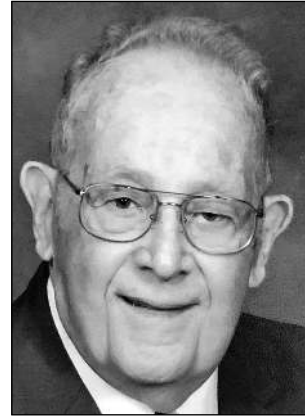
On May 29, 1954 she married Ephraim "Rudy" Rodriguez in Eagle Pass, Texas and he preceded her in death on June 7, 2009. Frances worked as a Parent/Teacher Coordinator for Newaygo County Headstart until her retirement.

Frances is survived by four daughters: Berkeley (Edward Oberheu) Pycz, Mary (Ron) Tubbs, Rachel (Jeffrey) Jones, and Sarah Rodriguez of Newaygo; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son Luis Ortiz Rodriguez, grandson David Rodriguez, and daughter Rebecca O. Rodriguez.

Graveside services were held on Dec. 28 at Parkview Cemetery in Grant.

Memorials are suggested to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD, 20852.

Please share your memories of Frances online at [www.fieldsmckinley.com](http://www.fieldsmckinley.com).



**ROBERT MAUGER**  
Formerly of Fremont

Robert (Bob) Edmund Mauger, a 25 year resident of Zephyrhills, Florida passed away peacefully at Rucke Hospice on Wednesday Dec. 23, 2020.

Bob was born on April 11, 1930 in East Chicago, Indiana to William J. and Grace E. (Olsen) Mauger. He grew up in Hammond, Indiana and went on to study chemistry and agriculture, earning a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois and a Master's Degree from Purdue University. Bob served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 3rd Class from 1954 to 1956.

Bob and his wife Carolyn raised their children in Fremont, where Bob worked in International Quality Assurance Management for Gerber Products Company. They enjoyed entertaining friends from church and Gerber, traveling the globe, and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

After retirement Bob and Carolyn moved to the Betmar community in Zephyrhills. He was a social butterfly, active in his church, avid player of golf and bridge, and never one to miss an ice cream social with his Betmar pals.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn and daughter Cheryl. He is survived by his sister Lois Luchene of Indiana, daughter Karen (Kevin) Moody of Michigan, son Rob Jr. of Florida, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Zephyrhills. Interment will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial to Bob at Our Savior Lutheran Church.



**SALLY GRASSMID**  
Fremont

Sally D. Grassmid, 87, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday morning, Dec. 23, 2020.

She was born on April 9, 1933 in Grand Rapids to Leon and Marveta (Faust) Dewey. Sally was a member of Church of the Living Christ in Fremont, and she was an artist. She had been employed by Keeler Brass in Grand Rapids until her retirement. Sally had been involved in His Hands Ministry, S.O.W.E.R.S Ministry, and Middle Man Ministry. On March 6, 1982 she married Bernard

"Bernie" Grassmid, and he preceded her in death on June 13, 2015. She was also preceded in death by her daughter Christine Bart, and by her grandson Brian Robbins.

Sally is survived by her children: Christine Robinson, Diana (Keith) Theis, Cheryl (Ty) Benson, Yvonne (Kevin) Homrich, Virginia (Chuck) Bernia, and Scott (Janie) Greenman; several step-children; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and one sister, Nan Bart.

A celebration of Sally's life was held on Monday afternoon, Dec. 28, at Church of the Living Christ in Fremont with Rev. Dr. Tom Jasperse officiating.

Suggested memorial is Middleman Ministries. You can sign the online guest book at [www.kroeze-wolffis.com](http://www.kroeze-wolffis.com).

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



**ROBERT CROFOOT**  
White Cloud

Robert "Bob" B. Crofoot, 80, of White Cloud, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2020 at his home.

Bob was born on Jan. 6, 1940 in White Cloud to Benjamin H. and Marzieanna (Dutton) Crofoot and graduated from White Cloud High School in 1958 and married his high school sweetheart, Janet Grose on August 20, 1960 in White Cloud. Bob has been a lifelong resident of the White Cloud area where he had been involved in real estate purchasing and sales for many years and had been a logger in his younger years as well. Bob enjoyed spending time in the upper peninsula of Michigan where he and Janet had a cabin in Seney for 20 years and enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and listening to gospel music. Bob was a member of the Amazing Grace Acres Church in Brohman. Bob's true love was spending time with his family - camping, reunions and family dinners and gatherings.

Bob is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet of White Cloud; his children, Patricia (O.D.) Freeman of White Cloud; Carol (Michael) Pierce of White Cloud; James (Lisa) Crofoot of Cedar Springs; Victoria (Luke) Cook of Grant; 23 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Arlene (Ray) Boucher of White Cloud; Linda (Gene) Atwood of White Cloud; Benjamin (Connie) Crofoot of Fremont. He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Carole and his infant brother, Benjamin Crofoot Jr.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 30 from 11 a.m. until noon at the Amazing Grace Acres Church, 762 Woodland Park Dr., in Brohman with the funeral service

to follow at noon with Pastor Lucky Fulton presiding. Interment on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Amazing Grace Acres Church in memory of Bob.

Friends may send a condolence or share a memory with the Crofoot family online at [www.crandellfh.com](http://www.crandellfh.com).

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



**Don't Be "Normal" Again**

By Pastor Matt Stoll  
Holton United Methodist Church

I can't think of any year in my lifetime that I have wanted to put behind me more than 2020, other than perhaps 2001 (with the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks). With COVID-19 disrupting our plans, forcing us home, kids having to do school virtually (and parents suddenly becoming their teachers), physical distancing from others, missing in person worship and family events, wearing masks in public, etc., etc., I think most of us are looking forward to a new year with open arms. Certainly 2021 has to be better than 2020, right? However, even as we look forward to a time to restart, reboot, or just get back to "normal," I think we need to take a moment to look back and consider why God allowed the events of 2020 to take place. I don't believe God allows events to happen without a reason (even if I don't know all the reasons). Have we learned anything through this pandemic? Maybe God doesn't want us to get back to "normal", if "normal" includes being too busy for God, being self-reliant (without seeking God), materialism, greed, injustice, inequities, hatred, divisiveness, immorality, or basically living as though God doesn't exist.

Hopefully, the challenges and inconveniences of the pandemic have changed some behaviors and taught us some things that we need to continue doing when life starts returning to "normal". For me, I realized I didn't miss a lot of the busyness of our pre-COVID life when it was gone because we have actually enjoyed more family time rather than running ourselves and the kids here, there, and everywhere thinking we had to do it all. It gave us more time to share with and invest in our kids, rather than just watching our kids from a sideline, or carting them everywhere. I want to continue our practice of eating meals together daily and having a weekly family night. With the tragic deaths of African Americans, such as Breonna Taylor and George Floyd (among several others), I was made aware of racial injustices in our country, including my own prejudices and privileges. This led me to have difficult conversations with my ethnic minority friends on how to help reduce ongoing racial and ethnic injustice and disparity in our country. In 2021, I want to continue being a part of the solution, rather than the problem. Another thing I learned is that I am not in control as much as I like to think I am. Too often when life is going well and things are comfortable, we think we are able to plan all our outcomes. Well, this year, I pretty much had to throw all my plans out the window, including sermon series, church and family events. But this has caused me to pray more, seeking God's wisdom and discernment because I have no idea what is coming next. This has been good because it has caused me to be even more reliant on God and His daily direction, which I need and want to continue into the future, so that I can move with God and His plans and not my own (consider what James writes in his letter 4:13-15).

Before trying to forget 2020 and put it behind you, take some time to reflect on what God has been teaching you and what you need to continue or start as we go into 2021. After all, the only wasted pain is a pain we don't reflect on and learn from. Identify and write down at least three things you've learned and desire to keep doing (or start) before "normal" takes over again (and it will eventually), because God doesn't want us to be normal or comfortable. God wants us to be faithful, to follow Him, and to reflect Him and His character, even if it means allowing us to go through difficult circumstances. Let's not waste this opportunity God has given us to learn, grow, and change to be who He wants us to be!

Some additional scriptures to reflect on: James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 5:3-5

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# Two local schools get Green School awards

Two Newaygo County schools received Michigan Green Schools certification this past school year and both plan to pursue the award again this year in spite of the current challenges being faced by teachers and students due to school closures and virtual classes.

Michigan Green Schools is a non-profit agency dedicated to helping all Michigan schools achieve environmental goals. These include protecting the air, land, water and animals of Michigan along with world outreach through good ecological practices and the teaching of educational stewardship.

Grant High School was awarded the "Green School Environmental Stewardship" designation by participating in a total of 10 activities from four categories. Some of the activities included paper recycling in the classrooms; hallway, classroom, and parking lot lights upgraded to LED bulbs; inserting a catch basin at a local lake near the school to prevent water run-off erosion; starting a Science Club that focuses on environmentally friendly practices at the school; and observing Earth Day with outdoor garbage collection and other activities.

Jacklyn Rodriguez is an 11th grade student and a member of the Science Club. She was asked why she participates in the Green School activities.

"A friend told me about pollution and the environment, so I became interested that way," Rodriguez said. "Last year we asked the teachers if they had recycling bins in their rooms. If they didn't, then we provided bins for them."

Science teachers Megan Cruzan, Nazar Kluchkovsky and Andy Starr support the activities, providing guidance while letting the students take the lead on ideas and projects.

"We sponsor a Science Club,"

Kluchkovsky said, "and let the students decide what projects they want to do. Michigan Green Schools was one option. Last year was the first year we pursued it."

"We have done other projects in the past," Starr added, "such as rain gardens behind the tennis courts, where run-off created erosion into the lake. We worked with Sarah Pregitzer from the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative."

The teachers and students have more plans for the future.

"We want to get reusable cafeteria trays and silverware instead of the disposable ones we have," Rodriguez said.

Fremont Middle School was awarded the "Emerald School Environmental Stewardship" designation for participating in 15 projects. Some of their activities included school-wide paper and cardboard recycling; kitchen metal and plastic recycling; hallways equipped with motion-sensor lights to save energy; bird feeders in the courtyard to provide an observation platform that allows students to participate in the Cornell Lab Ornithology Program; pre-pandemic field trips to the Amazon Rain Forest and to Beaver Island; raising salmon eggs to smolt phase and then releasing them into the White River.

Teachers Rachel Jaunese and Tim Grabill provide the leadership for student participation in many of the projects, with support from Principal Wes Zerlaut.

"We do this because we have a passion for our environment, and so do many of our students," Jaunese said. "They just need some guidance, and projects that they can relate to in our local landscape."

Bringing environmental stewardship close to home is one goal of Michigan Green Schools. Thus Ms. Jaunese and



Ruth Hetherington (far left) and Sally Kane (far right) of the Newaygo County Environmental Coalition celebrated Grant High School's Green School Environmental Stewardship award with (left to right) teachers Nazar Kluchkovskiy and Andy Starr, GHS junior and Science Club member Jacklyn Rodriguez and teacher Megan Cruzan.



Fremont Middle School teacher Rachel Jaunese and Principal Wes Zerlaut displayed the school's new Emerald School Environmental Stewardship award.

Mr. Grabill's students honor Earth Day in conjunction with Packer Pride Day, where students participate in community yard work, city beautification, recycling and cleaning projects.

Michigan Green Schools also has a broader, global focus on good ecological practices.

Fremont Middle School's eighth grade science "Climate Change Unit" follows the new Michigan Science Curriculum. In this unit each student completes seven lessons. At the end, the students use what they have learned to create presentations in a format appropriate to a city council meeting or similar setting.

"Students have to be prepared to be the future leaders in caring for our environment," said Sally Wagoner, Newaygo County Coordinator for the Michigan Green Schools Program. "The Michigan Green Schools Program is a great way to inspire both students and teachers in working together for both local and global stewardship."

Although the COVID19 pandemic has taken students and teachers out of their

classrooms this year at various times, both Fremont Middle School and Grant High School still plan to pursue certification for 2020-21. Some qualifying projects are already in place at their schools, including recycling and energy saving lighting. Other projects can be done by students at home or virtually with their classmates. These may include students performing home energy audits; composting food waste at home as part of a teaching unit; establishing an eco-reading program; joining and participating in one of several teacher-approved, youth-oriented environmental education websites; and more.

Teachers, school administrators and students can learn more about Michigan Green Schools and how to pursue certification online at [www.michiangreenschools.us/](http://www.michiangreenschools.us/). For more information, email Sally Wagoner at [salwag.sw@gmail.com](mailto:salwag.sw@gmail.com).

Newaygo County Environmental Coalition (NCEC), formerly 3R Education, is the local supporting organization for Michigan Green Schools.

A 501c3 non-profit, NCEC's mission is to "promote the environmental health and sustainability of Newaygo County through information, education and advocacy."

NCEC is planning an official announcement and public unveiling of its new website and programs soon.

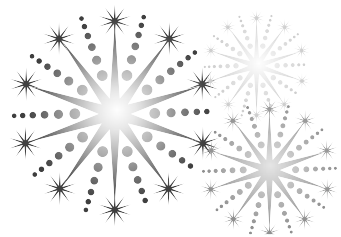
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### Fremont library to forgive fines

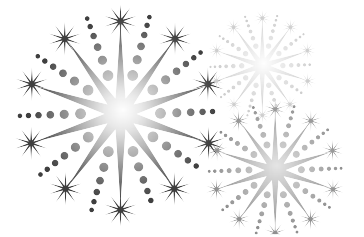
The Fremont Area District Library announced that if patrons return their overdue and billed items to the library before the end of this year, the fines on those items will not be added to their accounts.

### Florida picnic canceled

Due to COVID19, the annual Fremont Area Picnic held in Zephyrhills, Florida has been canceled. The next gathering is scheduled for Feb. 18, 2022.



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# Lights On

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music in their vehicles. The radio hookup also allowed people to hear the invitation to sound their horns and sirens at the appointed time.

People working at Bill's Shop N Save heard the noise of all the sirens and horns sounding together. One store employee thought that something terrible must be happening, but then remembered that "Lights On for Frontline Workers," something wonderful, was happening.

Near the center of the gathering, the effect of all that noise and light was overwhelming, making it difficult to know where to point a camera or focus one's attention.

The riotous horn and siren outburst was followed by a quieter time of reflection as Pastor Eric Klingel of Harvest Fremont and Pastor Greg Johnson of Inspire Church of Fremont took turns praying, seeking God's support and encouragement for the medical people and the community. As they prayed, they mentioned each of more than 300 medical workers by name.

Officer Matt Hendrie of the Fremont Police Department organized the event with help from Deputy Justin Visser of the Newaygo County Sheriff Department and others.

"I think it's awesome," Fremont Police Chief Tim Rodwell said as he watched the proceedings with Sheriff Bob Mendham and other law enforcement officers. "It's a great example for the people of Fremont and the area."

An assortment of police officials agreed that at least 500 vehicles were there.

"This says that we are here to support these people," added Sheriff Mendham. "We certainly

appreciate them." Near the hospital doors and in some of the windows, hospital staff people could be seen watching and listening. Some of them appeared to be capturing recordings.

Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial president Drew Dostal summed-up the feelings of the people who were the focus of all the lights, noise and prayer.

"Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial is grateful for our community's support," Dostal said, "and watching the heartfelt

response from first responders, law enforcement, small businesses and families was moving to all of us at

Gerber Memorial." "For more than 100 years, we have served this community and our team members are also members of this community, many with deep roots that go back generations. We are honored and blessed to be able to care for this community and work to improve health, inspire hope and save lives."

"We are thankful for a generous, loving community that continues to support us in so many different ways, from practicing safety habits like wearing masks and socially distancing, to donating food and beverages that helps sustain our team members."

"Our community shows us that we are truly stronger together."

## From the Editor's Desk



Sheriff Bob Mendham (left to right), Fremont Police Chief Tim Rodwell, Grant Police Department reserve Officer Chris Gort and GPD Sgt. Steve Paulsen enjoyed participating in the event.

## TimesIndicator Viewpoints

### Newaygo County Career-Tech Center

# Value of career and college readiness

By Bernard Brown  
Career-Tech Center Principal  
Director of Secondary Learning Services

It is no secret that there is a skills gap in our workforce.

Employers are concerned about the ability of graduates to think critically, communicate well, and perform basic tasks. High school graduates with no further education will be unprepared for the expectations that they face in today's highly technical entry-level jobs. At the same time, employers find themselves unable to fill open positions.

That is where the Newaygo County Career-Tech Center (NCCTC) training programs fill the gap and train our high school graduates for high-skill, high-wage careers.

The simple fact is that education matters, and a high school diploma is rarely enough to ensure access to 21st century jobs. Our high school graduates need to be prepared for the additional



training and education it will take to succeed. NCCTC provides academic and career technical skills to prepare students for life after high school with the readiness for employment, higher education, or a combination of both. NCCTC's ultimate goal is to empower students to become productive employees, citizens, and leaders within our community.

To meet these needs, NCCTC has a clear employability expectation framework to teach and reinforce the skills that employers want in a new employee.

To help our learners, we have supports in place to assist students in the many challenges they may face. Through these supports, our hope is students will learn how to meet deadlines, have reliable attendance, and earn industry-recognized credentials. NCCTC students are held to the high standards our workforce needs to be a viable part of our county.

The NCCTC training center goes beyond a "voc" school, as it prepares students for skills that keep them viable in their chosen career fields.

# Start the year right by quitting

By Sally Wagoner  
BreatheWell Nicotine Reduction Coalition

You don't have to quit smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco on January 1. But you can make a great start by getting the information, nicotine replacement or medication, and the support that you need!

Here are some choices, all provided by trained Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS):

1. Free four-week online classes starting Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m.: [www.spectrumhealth.org/vaping/cessation/](http://www.spectrumhealth.org/vaping/cessation/); or call Libby Stern, TTS, 616-486-6503.
2. Phone coaching (until in-person appointments can begin again): Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial: Caitlin Mitchell-Schucker, TTS; [caitlin.mitchell-schucker@spectrumhealth.org](mailto:caitlin.mitchell-schucker@spectrumhealth.org), 231-924-7589.
3. District Health Department 10: Karen

Ripke, TTS: [kripke@dhd10.org](mailto:kripke@dhd10.org), 231-305-8659.

4. Michigan Quit Line: phone coaching with possible free nicotine patches: 1.800.quit.now (800-784-8669), [www.michigan.quitlogix.org](http://www.michigan.quitlogix.org).

Nicotine is addictive, so it is not easy to quit. A Tobacco Treatment Specialist can help find the best ways for you. They will help you choose the best nicotine replacement or medication for you to reduce urges, and give you tools to help break your nicotine routines.

Take your first step today! Call or email the Tobacco Treatment Specialist resources above. Get your breath back, get your life back. Be nicotine free in 2021.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: BreatheWell is the nicotine reduction taskforce of the Headway Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Newaygo County.*

## Letters

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# Police Log

## From Newaygo County Central Dispatch

Date/Time	Type of Call	Agency	City/Twp
12/13 19:15:07	Well-Being Check	MSP	Bridgeton
12/13 20:04:50	Unwanted Subject	FPD	Fremont
12/13 20:50:17	Crim. Sex. Conduct	NESH	BigPrairie
12/13 22:05:07	Well-Being Check	NESH	Everett
12/14 08:26:55	Threat Complaint	NESH	Brooks
12/14 09:14:41	Prop. Damage Acc.	NESH	Dayton
12/14 09:23:50	Suspicious Situation	MSP	Brooks
12/14 09:39:40	Runaway	NESH	BigPrairie
12/14 10:23:57	Fraud	MSP	Newaygo
12/14 11:03:11	Domestic	NESH	BigPrairie
12/14 11:05:57	Well-Being Check	MSP	Sheridan
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12/14 18:25:34	Civil Complaint	NESH	GrantTwp
12/14 19:09:54	Threat Complaint	MSP	GrantTwp
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12/14 20:20:22	Reckless Driver	GPD	Ashland
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12/16 19:59:33	Juvenile Complaint	NESH	Everett
12/16 20:18:51	Animal Complaint	FPD	Fremont
12/16 20:50:52	Car/Deer	NESH	Garfield
12/16 21:20:11	Overdose/Poisoning	NPD	Newaygo
12/16 21:42:51	Runaway	NESH	GrantTwp
12/16 21:51:21	Domestic	MSP	Grant
12/16 21:51:28	Noise Complaint	NPD	Newaygo
12/16 22:37:14	Harassment	WCPCD	WC
12/16 23:14:20	PPO Violation	NESH	Lincoln
12/16 23:32:41	Suspicious Situation	MSP	Ashland
12/17 00:30:11	Complaint	WCPCD	Bridgeton
12/17 01:20:40	Assist	WCPCD	WC
12/17 07:46:21	Car/Deer	NESH	Everett
12/17 07:57:16	Car/Deer	NESH	Denver
12/17 09:08:23	Civil Complaint	NESH	Lilley
12/17 10:32:43	Well-Being Check	NESH	Sheridan
12/17 11:45:42	Suspicious Situation	GPD	Ashland
12/17 11:57:16	Traffic/Road Hazard	FPD	Fremont
12/17 12:50:27	Alarm	NESH	BigPrairie
12/17 14:50:05	Stolen Vehicle	NESH	Croton
12/17 14:59:56	Civil Complaint	MSP	Lincoln
12/17 15:13:05	Harassment	NESH	Ashland
12/17 15:29:28	Animal Complaint	NESH	GrantTwp
12/17 16:44:35	Suspicious Situation	FPD	Fremont
12/17 17:21:08	Complaint	HESP	Hesperia
12/17 17:58:13	Reckless Driver	NESH	Bridgeton
12/17 18:30:51	Reckless Driver	NPD	Brooks
12/17 18:56:15	Breaking & Entering	NESH	Merrill
12/17 20:03:25	Juvenile Complaint	NPD	Newaygo
12/17 20:15:48	Well-Being Check	MSP	Sheridan
12/17 20:32:35	Car/Deer	MSP	Croton
12/17 21:21:10	Fraud	GPD	Grant
12/17 21:35:57	Car/Deer	MSP	Dayton
12/17 22:23:52	Domestic	MSP	BigPrairie
12/18 00:26:11	Assist	MSP	BigPrairie
12/18 01:03:06	MED2	NESH	Merrill
12/18 01:15:24	Assist	NESH	Wilcox
12/18 01:22:47	Assist	FPD	Fremont
12/18 02:06:03	Assist	NPD	Newaygo
12/18 02:32:31	Assault Not in Prog.	MSP	Croton
12/18 06:10:44	Reckless Driver	NESH	Brooks
12/18 07:45:50	Car/Deer	NESH	Ashland
12/18 08:16:39	Car/Deer	NESH	Lilley
12/18 09:07:19	Alarm	NESH	Croton
12/18 09:56:07	Animal Complaint	NESH	Lincoln
12/18 10:28:40	Animal Complaint	NESH	Lincoln
12/18 13:35:57	Fraud	WCPCD	WC
12/18 13:40:11	Prop. Damage Acc.	MSP	Dayton
12/18 15:22:50	Animal Complaint	NESH	Grant
12/18 15:50:13	Suspicious Situation	WCPCD	Everett
12/18 16:01:53	Suspicious Situation	GPD	Grant
12/18 16:02:12	Suspicious Situation	NESH	BigPrairie
12/18 16:02:35	Suspicious Situation	DNR	Bridgeton
12/18 16:02:57	Suspicious Situation	NPD	Brooks
12/18 16:05:03	Suspicious Situation	HESP	Hesperia
12/18 16:05:40	Suspicious Situation	NESH	Merrill
12/18 16:18:43	Well-Being Check	GPD	Grant
12/18 16:34:04	Prop. Damage Acc.	MSP	Garfield
12/18 17:18:19	Well-Being Check	MSP	Lincoln
12/18 17:27:47	Prop. Damage Acc.	NESH	Sherman
12/18 17:37:40	Well-Being Check	FPD	Fremont
12/18 17:39:54	Break & Enter	NPD	Newaygo
12/18 17:46:38	Car/Deer	HESP	Denver
12/18 18:14:12	Trespassing	NESH	Denver
12/18 18:31:18	Hit and Run	MSP	GrantTwp
12/18 19:28:26	Hit and Run	MSP	Sheridan
12/18 20:22:22	Abandoned Vehicle	NESH	Denver
12/18 20:43:23	Suicide	MSP	Croton
12/18 20:55:32	Car/Deer	NESH	Sheridan
12/18 21:01:02	Prop. Damage Acc.	NESH	Ashland
12/18 21:19:06	Assist	FPD	Fremont
12/18 21:51:16	PPO Violation	MSP	Lincoln
12/18 22:03:46	Car/Deer	NESH	Sheridan
12/19 00:01:47	Animal Complaint	MSP	Ashland
12/19 01:59:03	Domestic	NESH	Troy
12/19 03:31:19	Fire	NESH	Brooks
12/19 03:39:04	Well-Being Check	NESH	Ashland
12/19 07:03:43	Well-Being Check	NESH	BigPrairie
12/19 09:00:20	Assault Not in Prog.	FPD	Fremont
12/19 10:13:29	Malicious Dest. Prop.	FPD	Fremont
12/19 10:56:45	Prop. Damage Acc.	NESH	Merrill
12/19 11:22:09	Prop. Damage Acc.	NESH	Lilley
12/19 13:18:08	Prop. Damage Acc.	MSP	Dayton
12/19 13:21:30	Suspicious Situation	FPD	Fremont
12/19 14:58:42	Motorist Assist	FPD	Fremont
12/19 15:02:22	Assault Not in Prog.	NESH	WC
12/19 15:24:43	Threat Complaint	FPD	Fremont
12/19 15:39:58	Hit and Run	FPD	Fremont
12/19 16:37:46	Lost Property	NESH	Wilcox
12/19 17:16:40	Well-Being Check	NESH	Denver
12/19 17:24:19	Car/Deer	NPD	Newaygo
12/19 18:31:25	Fraud	FPD	Fremont
12/19 18:41:52	Assist	FPD	Fremont
12/19 20:21:56	Suicide	FPD	Fremont
12/19 20:57:41	Assault In Progress	NESH	Everett
12/19 21:03:18	Disturbance	MSP	Newaygo
12/19 21:26:53	911 Hangup	FPD	Fremont
12/19 23:12:06	Well-Being Check	NESH	BigPrairie
12/20 00:57:45	Runaway	NESH	Monroe
12/20 01:36:46	Suicide	FPD	Dayton
12/20 05:42:22	Alarm	NPD	Newaygo
12/20 07:35:40	Runaway	NESH	Goodwell
12/20 09:21:04	Domestic	NESH	Grant
12/20 09:33:38	Assist	FPD	Fremont
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12/20 13:49:50	Domestic	NESH	BigPrairie
12/20 13:50:40	Car/Deer	HESP	Denver
12/20 14:30:10	Found Property	FPD	Fremont
12/20 14:33:35	Animal Complaint	FPD	Denver
12/20 15:25:20	Alarm	MSP	Fremont
12/20 15:26:54	Domestic	MSP	Sheridan
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12/20 18:12:58	Domestic		

**Spotlight on Volunteers**

**'20 has been busy for this retiree**

Since joining the Newaygo County Response Team and Medical Reserve Corps early this year, volunteer Joni Kopitzke has been very busy.

She recently retired from her job as Director of Advanced Practice Provider Professional Center/Nurse Practitioner in Minnesota and relocated to Fremont.

Kopitzke also volunteers for Minnesota DMA Minnesota I Disaster Medical Team. She was deployed to San Diego for two weeks to set-up a mobile hospital in response to an overwhelming number of COVID cases there. When she returned from that assignment, she self-quarantined for two weeks and then attended her first Newaygo County CERT/MRC meeting on Feb. 26.

In March, COVID became a serious local threat. A call for assistance was put out for logistics. This assignment involved assisting at a location in Grand Rapids where personal protective equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) was dropped by the State of Michigan.

Kopitzke immediately stepped-up. Volunteers drove to that location and assisted with receiving the PPE supplies, unboxing, organizing, tracking and repackaging to be distributed out to county health and safety agencies.

She worked in this role from March 20 until June 13 when the location was demobilized. Kopitzke put in more than 239 unpaid volunteer hours and amassed more than 2,160 miles of traveling between Fremont and Grand Rapids.

Joni Kopitzke brings a wealth of talent and experience to Newaygo County. She is an experienced medical practice director and family nurse



*Retirement is a busy time for local CERT/MRC volunteer Joni Kopitzke.*

practitioner who worked in hospital and healthcare settings, including emergency department, clinical research, nursing education, medical-surgical, patient education and disaster response.

She has a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree and is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, which is among the most prestigious organizations in the world.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

The Newaygo County Citizen Emergency Response Team and Medical Reserve Corps is always looking for volunteers. Information is available online at <http://countyofnewaygo.com/EmergencyServices.aspx>.

**TrueMentors** is in need of adult mentors age 18 years and older to share everyday activities and new adventures with local children. Scheduling is flexible and the time commitment is approximately eight hours per month with in-person and virtual meet-ups. For more information, call Lisa Brown at 924-0641 extension 109 or email [truementors@truenorthservices.org](mailto:truementors@truenorthservices.org). Information is also available online

at [www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors](http://www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors).

The **TrueBlue after-school program** partnering with Newaygo Middle School is seeking volunteers for small group mentoring. The program meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Newaygo Middle School or virtually. For more information, call Lisa Brown at 924-0641 extension 109 or email [truementors@truenorthservices.org](mailto:truementors@truenorthservices.org). Information is also available online at [www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors](http://www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors).

**Circles Newaygo County** is seeking volunteer Allies to help Circle Leaders to increase income and decrease debt while striving for self-sufficiency and a better quality of life. Allies share life experiences, emotional support and friendship with someone in need. This opportunity will be virtual on Thursday evenings throughout the remainder of 2020. For more information, call Circles Coordinator Michelle Marciniak at 924-0641 ext. 220 or email [mmarciniak@truenorthservices.org](mailto:mmarciniak@truenorthservices.org).

The **Newaygo County Commission on Aging** is in need of meal site volunteers at the Fremont and White Cloud sites. Duties include greeting participants, assisting with serving lunch, doing dishes and cleaning up as needed. Volunteers must be either 18 years old or accompanied by adults. For more information, call Allison Maat at 689-2100 ext. 9.

**Love INC** is looking for volunteers to help in the receiving area on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m., on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call Love INC of Newaygo County at 652-4099.

**TimesIndicator**

**Readers on the Road**



Unable to travel, this hardy group has continued playing tennis whenever the weather is 37 degrees or above and the courts are dry. Holding the current Times Indicator from Dec. 9 (on the left) are Greg and Denise McDaniel of Fremont. The group also includes (left to right) Deb Wightman, Joan Purdy, Dick Kallenbach (kneeling) and John Pugno, all of Fremont, and Joan Ludtke of White Cloud. "We play all summer long at least three days a week and have been

fortunate to be able to continue now well into December," one of the players said. The shadow in the foreground belongs to photographer Ty Miller, who reportedly stopped by to tell the tennis players that he questioned their sanity.

"But it's been a wonderful fall for this group of tennis aficionados," one of the players said. "We do maintain fairly appropriate social distancing as we play or wait our turn to play."



The TimesIndicator invites readers to take the TimesIndicator along on their trips, take pictures of people posing with the paper, and submit them for publication in "Readers on the Road." Photos may be mailed to us at Box 7, Fremont 49412, or submitted in person at 44 W. Main Street in downtown Fremont. Be sure to include information about the picture, including identification of the people and the location.

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## NCCTC students get PAID

Each month the Newaygo County Career-Tech Center instructors honor students in their programs who display excellence in Professionalism, Attitude, Integrity, Dependability and commitment to their chosen career goals.

The September 2020 PAID Award recipients include morning session students (above) Karissa Ringler of Agriscience, Justin Moore of Automotive Technology, Kasidy Wright of Business Applied Technology, Johnathon Brandt Jr. of Construction Trades, Hannah Tindall of Cosmetology I, Valerie Saville of Criminal Justice, Joel Bradley of Engineering, Brooklyn Pevette of Future Educators, Beverly Kerr of Graphic Communications, Zoe Carson of Health Science, Tommy Sparks of Heavy Equipment Technology, Nathan Sherman of Information Technology and Forest Saur-Parker of Manufacturing Engineering. Award-winner Austin Thomas of Culinary Arts is not pictured.

Afternoon PAID recipients include (below) Mackenzie Carter of Agriscience, Jake Brinkman of Automotive Technology, Selena Stubblefield of Business Applied Technology, Roy Tanner of Construction Trades, Valerie Herioux of Cosmetology I, Sierra Cechura of Culinary Arts,

Tommy Maurer of Engineering, Jozlin Kurtzhals of Future Educators, Blake Flanery of Graphic Communications, Kaelee Tanis of Health Science, Bradley Garbrecht of Heavy Equipment Technology, Seth Brott of Information Technology and Bradley Holmes of Manufacturing Engineering.



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Jozlin Kurtzhals Blake Flanery Kaelee Tanis Bradley Garbrecht Seth Brott Bradley Holmes



Mackenzie Carter

## FiveCAP offers support for Child Development Associate Credential

FiveCAP is offering a program that provides classes in early childhood development as a way to help Head Start staff people reach required educational standards.

The National Head Start Program requires that Head Start Teacher Assistants have a minimum of a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA), and Early Head Start Home Visitors must have a minimum of a Home Visitor CDA.

The Child Development Associate Credential is nationally recognized and sponsored by the Council for Professional Recognition. It is a comprehensive program that recognizes essential competencies needed by beginning and more

seasoned early childhood professionals.

To support staff members in reaching the educational standards needed, FiveCAP offers a program that provides classes in early childhood development. Classes include child development, family relationships and providing safe, healthy environments in which young children can explore and learn. The course walks students through the CDA process, which also includes putting together professional portfolios, classroom observation and test preparation. Staff time, mileage and text books, along with the cost of the application process, or funded by FiveCAP.

Assistant Director of Education and Training Joan Meeusen

said that the CDA program is a good stepping stone for higher education and other employment opportunities in the early childhood field.

"We believe that each child has enormous potential," Meeusen said. "More and more research is showing that quality early education opportunities have a lifelong benefit for children. By the time a child is just five years of age, the brain has undergone about 85% of its development."

FiveCAP offers early childhood employment opportunities in Newaygo County and in Mason, Lake and Manistee counties. More information is available online at [www.fivecap.org](http://www.fivecap.org).

### Newaygo

## Personal story times at the Newaygo library

On Tuesdays through Fridays in January and February, parents and grandparents of young children are invited to call the Newaygo Area District Library at 652-6723 to schedule their own personal story-

times with Mr. Tim of the library youth service staff.

During this reserved hour, Mr. Tim will read three special picture books and provide fun craft projects to complete at the library.

### Briefly...

#### Winter reading starts in Newaygo

The Newaygo Area District Library's adult and teen winter reading program was scheduled to begin on Dec. 14. For every book they read, participants receive tickets for a prize drawing that includes Kindle Fire 8 e-readers.

#### Early Deadline for the Jan. 6 issue:

Deadline for news and advertising will be 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

The office will close at noon on New Year's Eve.

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# Legals

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF NEWAYGO NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**  
**File No. 20-8124-DE**  
 Estate of BRIAN NELSON FINCH, Deceased  
 Date of birth: 05/30/1979  
**TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
 The decedent, Brian Nelson Finch, died 09/09/2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel A. Finch, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Newaygo County Probate, PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
 Date: 12/21/2020  
 Robert A. Starlha P29156, 48 W. Main St., Suite 6, Fremont, MI 49412, (231) 924-3761

12/30/2020

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF NEWAYGO NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**  
**File No. 20-8166-DE**  
 Estate of Landon Joseph Maldonado, Deceased  
 Date of birth: 1/21/10  
**TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
 The decedent, Landon Joseph Maldonado, died 4/4/20. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Katie Dudley, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1092 Newall St., P.O. Box 129, White Cloud and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
 Date: 12/22/2020  
 Ajay Gupta P45739, Attorney, 1020 Springwells, Detroit, MI 48209, 313-649-0567

12/30/2020

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**  
 Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Newaygo County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 2, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ellis H. Davis and Stella F. Davis, husband and wife.  
 Original Mortgagor: Independent Mortgage Company  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust  
 Date of Mortgage: April 11, 2008  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: April 21, 2008  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$127,012.76  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Everett, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1: Part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, also, part of Block 6 and Block D of the Village of Alleyton, according to the recorded Plat thereof, all in Section 6, Town 13 North, Range 12 West, Everett Township, Newaygo County, Michigan, described as beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 3 of Block 6 of the Village of Alleyton; thence North 21 degrees 02' 20" West along the East line of Dowling Street 138.00 feet; thence North 68 degrees 57' 20" East parallel to the North line of the Village of Alleyton 154.82 feet to a meander traverse; thence South 48 degrees 38' 46" East along said meander traverse along the South bank of the White River 184.14 feet to the end of said meander traverse; thence South 68 degrees 57' 20" West parallel to the North line of the Village of Alleyton 108.58 feet to the East line of Lot 2 of Block 6 of the Village of Alleyton; thence North 21 degrees 02' 20" West along the East line of said lot, 26.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 2; thence South 68 degrees 57' 20" West along the North line of Block 6, 132.00 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 2: Also, the North 22 feet of Lots 2 and 3 of Block 6 of the Village of Alleyton, according to the recorded Plat thereof, Everett Township, Newaygo County, Michigan.  
 Common street address (if any): 495 S Dowling, White Cloud, MI 49349-9788  
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the

person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
 Attention homeowner: If you are an active duty member of the military service, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
 This notice is from a debt collector.  
 Date of notice: December 23, 2020  
 Trott Law, P.C., 31440 Northwest Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48434, (248) 642-2515, 1426563

01/13/2021

**AMENDED NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 WHEREAS, on July 13, 2005, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Mortgage was executed by Richard Dunning and Arlene Dunning, as mortgagors, in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank FSB, as mortgagee, which was recorded October 28, 2005 at Liber 417, Page 1794, Newaygo County Records; and, WHEREAS the mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and,  
 WHEREAS the mortgage is now held by the Secretary, through its assignments as documented by an Assignment of Mortgage, dated August 30, 2016 and recorded September 19, 2016 at Liber 462, Page 9723, Newaygo County Records; and, WHEREAS the mortgage at Paragraph (9)(a)(i) states that "Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if . . . [a] Borrower dies and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving Borrower"; and,  
 WHEREAS Richard Dunning died on January 4, 2019 and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and,  
 WHEREAS Arlene Dunning has vacated the premises and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and,  
 WHEREAS the debt secured by the mortgage has been accelerated and is due and owing in the amount of \$129,192.31 as of October 15, 2020, and which remains wholly unpaid, as of today's date; and,  
 WHEREAS the debt must be paid in full to avoid foreclosure of the property commonly known as: 169 W. Wildwood Dr., Newaygo, Michigan; and,  
 WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the original foreclosure sale date of Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. has been adjourned to Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. local time, for the real property located in the Township of Garfield, County of Newaygo, State of Michigan, and the below described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Lot 14 of the Plat of Wildlife Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, Garfield Township, Newaygo County, Michigan. Also, an undivided interest in Lot 11 of the recorded plat according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly known as: 169 W. Wildwood Dr.  
 Tax Parcel No: 62-18-12-240-018  
 The sale will be held at the Newaygo County Circuit Courthouse, which is located at 1092 W. Newell St., White Cloud, Michigan. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may bid any amount up to and including the total debt at the date of sale, plus any and all amounts, recoverable under the provisions of the mortgage.  
 There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.  
 When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling 10% of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the successful bid must be presented when the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This

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and health savings account among other offerings; \*401(k) with 4% employer match; \*Paid holidays and time off. Apply at www.qtswm.com. 29x1

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**ChoiceOne gets 5-Star rating**  
 ChoiceOne Bank continues to be awarded the top Superior "5-Star" rating for safety and soundness by BauerFinancial, an industry expert reporting on the performance of US banks and credit unions since 1983. "We are always honored to receive the top 5-Star rating for safety and soundness by BauerFinancial," said ChoiceOne Bank CEO Kelly Potes. "This is one of those long-standing ratings that all banks want to achieve. We are consistently rated with the highest score for our financial management." BauerFinancial is a completely independent organization. Bauer uses the same criteria to rate all banks and credit unions and makes those ratings available free on its web site. Bauer rates all U.S. chartered banks and all federally insured credit unions with assets of at least \$1.5 million. ChoiceOne has approximately \$1.8 billion in assets.

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sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The bid may include interest thereon at 2.00 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the County of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Commencing 52 rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 11 West, thence West 8 rods, thence North 20 rods, thence East 8 rods, thence South 20 rods to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 8861 E. 36th St., Newaygo, MI 49337 During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclosure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's attorney Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date: 12/09/2020 East Coast Financial, LLC Mortgagee  
 HLADIK, ONORATO & FEDERMAN, LLP Jonathan L. Engman (P56364) Attorney for Servicer 3290 W. Big Beaver, Ste.117 Troy, MI 48064 (248) 362-2600 FCI GILLESPIE 1425916

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**CLASSIFIEDS**  
 We're so sure our classifieds work . . . If you don't sell it . . . The ad is free!  
**Starting at \$36.00\***  
**Call 924-4400**  
**E-mail: ticlasslegals@comcast.net**  
 \*Based on 10 word non-commercial ad (Some restrictions apply. Six month limit on ads)  
 Deadline for pre-paid classified ads is Friday at 12 p.m.

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**HELP WANTED**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Corporate Headquarters White Cloud, Michigan \$15-\$16/hour. As an essential business, QTSWM clears vegetation surrounding the transmission lines to ensure the integrity of every customer's power. The health and safety of QTSWM's employees continue to be our top priority, and we have implemented numerous changes to our normal operating policies in response to COVID-19. With QTSWM's continued growth, we are seeking a high-energy, kind, and hardworking individual to assist with a large array of administrative tasks. This individual will be based at QTSWM's corporate headquarters in White Cloud. Position Responsibilities: •Provide administrative support to management; •Organize and maintain files and records; •Performs a wide variety of complex and confidential secretarial duties. Minimum Requirements: •Associate's degree and 1+ years administrative experience supporting executive level positions OR equivalent combination of education and experience; •Excellent Microsoft Office, communication, time-management and problem-solving skills; •Maintain confidentiality when dealing with sensitive information. Benefits: •Complete individual medical insurance coverage, life insurance, and long-term disability; •Dental, vision,

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**PUBLIC NOTICES & CLASSIFIED DISPLAY**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE DIAMOND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
 Please be advised that the Diamond Lake Improvement Board has scheduled the following meeting dates for 2021. The meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the office of the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, located at 306 North Street, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.  
**January 13, 2021 April 14, 2021**  
**July 14, 2021 September 8, 2021**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE ENGLEWRIGHT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
 Please be advised that the Englewright Lake Improvement Board has scheduled the following meeting dates for 2021. The meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the office of the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, located at 306 North Street, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.  
**April 2, 2021**  
**July 9, 2021 September 10, 2021**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE HESS LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
 Please be advised that the Hess Lake Improvement Board has scheduled the following meeting dates for 2021. The meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the office of the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, located at 306 North Street, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.  
**May 11, 2021 July 13, 2021**  
**September 14, 2021**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE RYERSON LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
 Please be advised that the Ryerson Lake Improvement Board has scheduled the following meeting dates for 2021. The meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the office of the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, located at 306 North Street, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.  
**January 14, 2021 April 8, 2021**  
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**GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS POSTING NOTICE Elementary School Special Education Paraprofessional**  
 o Duties Include:  
 o Works with special needs students.  
 o Approximately 5.75 hours per day.  
 o Daily lifting requirements.  
 o Uses time effectively to meet student's educational and behavioral needs.  
 o Recess and lunch supervision duties.  
 o Crossing guard duties.  
 Please send letter of interest and resume by noon on January 4, 2021 to:  
 Grant Public Schools  
 Attn: Kim Anderson  
 148 S. Elder Ave.  
 Grant, MI 49327

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**PUBLIC NOTICE PICKEREL/KIMBALL LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
 Please be advised that the Pickerel/Kimball Lake Improvement Board has scheduled the following meeting dates for 2021. The meetings will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, located at 306 North Street, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.  
**May 11, 2021 July 13, 2021**  
**August 10, 2021 September 14, 2021**

**PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
 Please be advised that the Newaygo County Board of Public Works has scheduled the following meeting dates for 2021. Starting January 2021 meetings will be held the **FIRST** Monday of every **OTHER** month. The meetings will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the office of the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, located at 306 North Street, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.  
**January 4, 2021 March 1, 2021**  
**May 3, 2021 July 6, 2021**  
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**Newaygo Turkeys without the Traffic Stops**

Leppink's Store Director Charlie Zeldenrust and Newaygo Police Chief Georgia Andres joined Santa Claus in presenting turkeys and dinner to five Newaygo families on Dec. 14. The Newaygo store and the NPD have worked



with Santa to conduct "Turkeys Not Tickets" traffic stops in town in recent years, surprising random motorists with turkeys. This year, wanting to adapt to pandemic precautions while still conducting the annual holiday surprises, they switched to delivering meals to families in need. The delivery team included (below, left to right) NPD officers Ryan Dornbos, Melinda Passmore and Mitch Rood, Charlie Zeldenrust, Santa Claus and Chief Andres.

Photos by Beverly Kerr



**Briefly...**

**Fremont library forgiveness expiring**

The Fremont Area District Library announced that if patrons return their overdue and billed items to the library before the end of this year, the fines on those items will not be added to their accounts.

**Bigfoot Breakfast**

A "Bigfoot Breakfast" on Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. will feature Chris Ketchum of Mason, Mich., who will share his story of evidence that the Bigfoot kind do exist in Michigan. A buffet breakfast at The Shack will be followed by a Bigfoot hunt demonstration and an excursion into the nearby forest. The registration fee is \$45 per person. Participants can register by emailing me@victordubois.com or register in person at The Shack.

BreatheWell Newaygo County wants to help you

**Start the New Year right – Quit!**

**Free Online Tobacco & Nicotine Quit Classes and Phone Coaching**

**4-Week Online Classes start Wednesday January 6, 6pm.**

For information and to sign up: [www.spectrumhealth.org/vaping/cessation](http://www.spectrumhealth.org/vaping/cessation); or call Lifestyle Medicine, 616-486-0385

**Don't like online classes? You can "meet" with a coach by phone!**

Contact your local Tobacco Treatment Specialists:

**District #10 Health Department:**  
Karen Ripke, 231-305-8659 [kripke@dhd10.org](mailto:kripke@dhd10.org)

**Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial:**  
Caitlin Mitchell-Schucker, 231-924-7695, [Caitlin.mitchell-schucker@spectrumhealth.org](mailto:Caitlin.mitchell-schucker@spectrumhealth.org)

**MI Quit Line:**  
1.800.quit.now (800-784-8669), [www.michigan.quitlogix.org](http://www.michigan.quitlogix.org)

**You don't have to quit on 1/1/21 – You can get a great start!**  
Make a plan, get support, call today!

**breathwell**  
nicotine reduction coalition

**Family Health Care**

**Protect Yourself from the Flu**

Getting your annual flu vaccine is the first and most important step you can take to protect yourself from the flu virus and stop the spread before it starts. Be a flu fighter. Get your annual flu shot today.

To schedule an appointment or find one of our walk-in locations, visit [familyhealthcare.org/flufighter](http://familyhealthcare.org/flufighter).