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Teresa Winterstein (526) of Fremont and 570 others celebrated Thanksgiving morning by participating in Tamarac's annual Turkey Trot. The event featured five-kilometer and 10-kilometer courses, plus a 1.5-mile fun run. Race results and other information is available online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fremont/TamaracTurkeyTrot.

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Fremont

Regulatory change puts Digester in danger

A change in state regulations is endangering the future of the Fremont Regional Digester, but the owners are hoping that a solution can be found before the end of December.

Generate Upcycle, the company that owns the local digester along with a dozen others, informed its customers that the digester may have to stop accepting organic food waste after Dec. 31 unless the company can reach an agreement by then.

The digester, located on Locust Street in the Fremont Industrial Park, uses a biological process to break down food waste to create methane gas, which fuels electric generators that provide electricity, 2.8 megawatts of it, said to be enough to power 3,500 homes for a year. The remnants of the process are applied as fertilizer, with the application restricted to certain times of the year and defined field conditions.

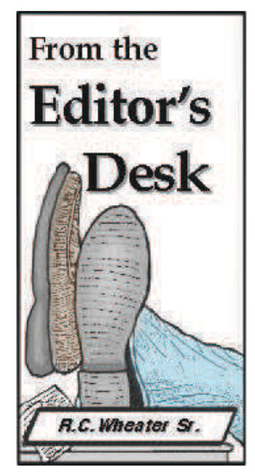
Company officials said that the digester takes in 150,000 to 160,000 tons of food waste per year. Fruits and vegetables constitute 26 percent of the intake, poultry and dairy products make-up 32 percent, juices and beverages constitute 15 percent, and things like sauces, syrups, sugar, yeast and baking products make-up the rest. The digester gives a multitude of area food producers a certified way to dispose of food waste without trucking it to landfills.

The digester employs a total of 17 people in Fremont.

Generate Upcycle President Bill Caesar said that a shift in the digester's permit is jeopardizing the whole operation.

In December of 2021, the company received a letter from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy saying that the digester's operating permit was being moved from EGLE's solid waste management division to its Water Resources division. The liquid fertilizer, which digester operators call "digestate," was then reclassified as a pollutant.

Almost 18 months later, in July, the company got its first look at the draft of its new permit.



"We had provided them with huge amounts of data," Caesar said. "They know exactly what it is that we're dealing with."

"They're putting restrictions on this that are so restrictive that it is impossible to comply. They basically want us to treat the farmers as subcontractors. It would basically put us, as the digester, in the position of telling the farmer what to do with his land."

"We are not afraid of regulation," Caesar said. "In fact, we like regulation as long as its rational. We are trying to do the right thing."

Caesar and local Facility Manager Leon Scott said that the digester is taking in the same material it has been accepting for seven years, and the digestate output is also the same material.

Generate Upcycle operates five similar anaerobic digesters in North America and seven in the United Kingdom. Caesar noted that the process is approved by regulatory agencies in places like the State of New York and the province of Ontario.

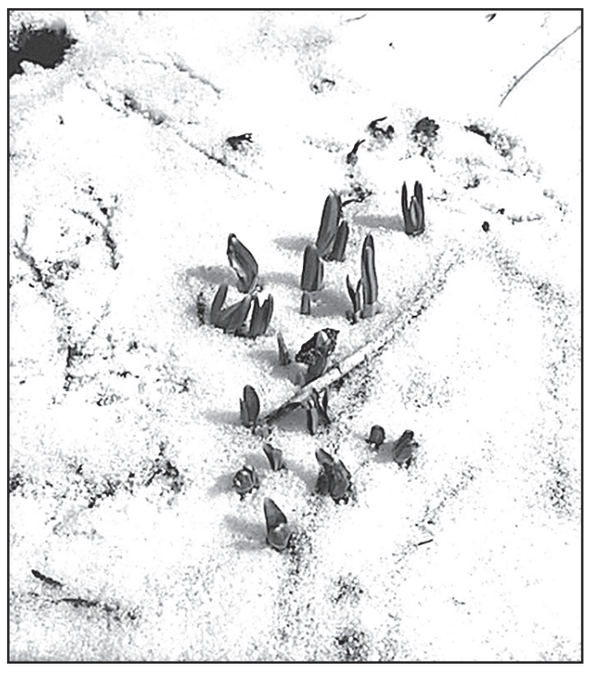
"Every one of them makes the liquid digestate," he said.

"This material has proven itself year after year, in countries and towns all over the world," Caesar added. "It does not do damage to the groundwater. If it did, we would know about it. There is no evidence of groundwater contamination. They're

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From left to right are Chuck Vannette (left), Ken Hogason (center) and Doug Alcumbrack looking over the native plants at Big Bluestem Farm. Above are winter seedlings poking through the snow.

Photos by Sally Wagoner

Demonstration: How to sow winter native plants

By Sally Wagoner, Newaygo County Environmental Coalition

How to sow native plant seeds in winter for spring growth will be offered on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Fremont.

This hands-on demonstration will be hosted by Big Bluestem Farm and the Newaygo County Environmental Coalition (NCEC) and will be at the Waters Edge Golf Course Lakes Restaurant at 1100 Ramshorn in Fremont.

"Many native plant seeds need the cold weather of winter in order to germinate in spring," said Ken Hoganson of Big Bluestem Farm. "We will demonstrate how you can easily sow seeds in reusable household containers so you can grow the native plants that you want in your garden and yard."

Hoganson explained that Michigan native plants are naturally adapted to live in a Michigan climate, which brings periods of freezing temperatures. For optimal germination, many types of native seeds require exposure to cold, moist winter conditions alternating with the warming spring sun in order to germinate and grow well. This process is called "stratification."

The Dec. 6 program will include a discussion on the importance of native plants to local ecosystems, what winter sowing is, and the benefits of the process. There will be demonstrations of the types of common household containers that are suitable to use as "mini-greenhouses."

Big Bluestem Farm is a native plant nursery near Bitely that specializes in native plants and an expanding "seed bank." Ken and Shelly Hoganson grow dozens of species of native plants providing plugs, quarts and gallons for gardens and installations by appointment. They also offer sales at some of the spring and summer native plant sales in the region.

Registration for the Winter Seed Sowing program is recommended, although walk-ins can be seated too.

The event is free, with participants responsible for their own food and beverages.

Registration is available online at www.eventbrite.com by searching for "Winter Native Plant Seed Sowing". Participants can also email buzz@nc-ec.org to register or visit the Newaygo County Environmental Coalition website (www.nc-ec.org).

For more information about winter seed sowing and native plants, email Ken Hoganson at khogansonjr@gmail.com or telephone 630-915-7715.

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Wildlife conservation scholarship awarded

Tony Grimard (left) of The Wildlife Center at Legends Ranch and ranch director Robert Sergi (right) presented this year's Daniel F. Rosman Wildlife Conservation Scholarship to Cole Hoffman on Monday, Nov. 20.

Each year The Wildlife Center at Legends Ranch awards the scholarship to a Michigan college student studying in the conservation or wildlife fields. Hoffman, who is pursuing a degree in Forestry at Michigan Technological University, received $5,000 to help with his education.

The Wildlife Center at Legends Ranch is a nonprofit charity with a 24,000-square-foot facility housing more than 3,000 taxidermy animals from all over the world. In 2018, ranch owners Arthur Gutierrez and Robert Sergi created The Wildlife Center to do community work and provide free conservation education to area schools.

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Book sale at Croton library

The Croton Township Library will hold a book sale from Dec. 1 through 9, offering hardcover books in excellent condition. The library is at 8260 S. Croton Hardy Drive.

Blood drive in White Cloud

The Knights of Columbus Council 13939 will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic church in White Cloud. For appointments, call 1-800-733-2767. The church is at 955 Newell.

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50th Wedding Anniversary





MIKE and TONI ROSS

Mike and Toni (Gray) Ross of White Cloud will mark their 50th wedding anniversary on December 1, 2023.

The couple are both retired from White Cloud Public Schools where Mike taught for 29 years and Toni for 33-1/2.

The couple have two children, Shannon Johnson of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and Jason Ross of Columbus, Ohio; and two much loved grandchildren, Brett and Brendon Johnson.

At the Dogwood Center

John Berry to return on Dec. 9

John Berry's 27th annual Christmas Tour is scheduled to return to the Dogwood Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The Grammy-winning singer and songwriter will again bring a holiday show mixing Berry classic hits like "Your Love Amazes Me" and "Standing On The Edge Of Goodbye" and "I Think About It All The Time" with holiday favorites, including his audience-favorite performance of "O Holy Night."

It will be one of Berry's many visits to Newaygo County over the years. He has performed at Fremont High School, at The Shack and at the Dogwood Center. Born in South Carolina and raised in Georgia, he began playing guitar at age 13, performing shows at age 14 and making records at age 19.

"By the time I was 17," he said, "I knew that music was what I wanted to do with my life."

More information about John Berry and his career is available online at www.johnberry.com.

Members of the audience will be asked to bring non-perishable food items to the Dogwood Center on Dec. 9. Donations will benefit TrueNorth Community Services food programs that serve Newaygo County residents.

Concert tickets are priced at $52.50 and are available online at www.dogwoodcenter.com, at the Dogwood Box Office and at NCCA Artsplace in downtown Fremont. The Dogwood Center Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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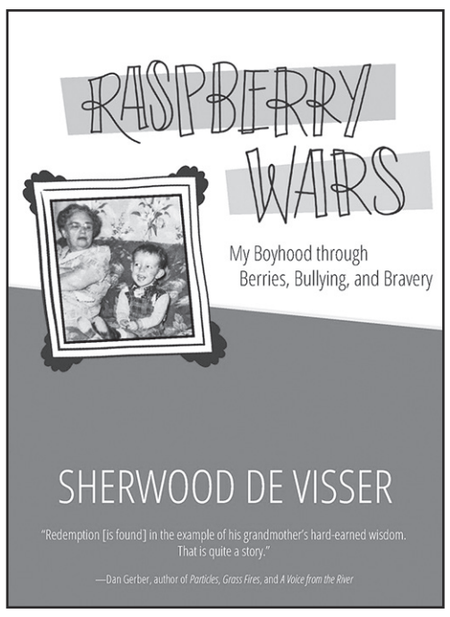
Happening at your local library

The Fremont Area District Library is planning to host a variety of free, fun and educational events in December.

As part of its **Live @ the Library** series, the library will welcome Fremont author Sherwood De Visser on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. to present his memoir, "Raspberry Wars: My Boyhood through Berries, Bullying and Bravery."

Born into a family with special needs in Fremont in the early 1960's and raised by his deeply religious grandmother, Sherwood De Visser says that he navigated the horrors of bullying at home and at school. He tried to create safe spaces wherever he went in attempts to stave-off the bullying. Respite came when summer vacations with family friends opened his world to the joys of farm life.

"Raspberry Wars: My Boyhood of Berries, Bullying and Bravery" is said to be the story of a youngster who navigated bullying and thrived.





Author Sherwood De Visser will present his memoir "Raspberry Wars" at the Fremont Area District Library on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Drop-In Gift Wrapping will be offered at the library from Dec. 1 through 22. Library staff members will provide the gift wrap, gift bags and other supplies. Participants are invited to visit the library's Community Room when it is available. The room's schedule is available online at the library's website, and participants can also call the library to see if the gift wrapping room is available.

Christmas Open House will offer Christmas books, movies, cookbooks, crafts and candy cane tasting in the Community Room on Thursday, Dec.7 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Plus, the Friends of the Library will have a sale table with a game and gift certificate giveaway.

Toddler Storytime, for babies and toddlers up to age three, will be held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. through Dec. 13.

Family Storytime for children up to age 5 will be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. through Dec. 14.

Christmas Saturday Storytime will be on Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. with some favorite Christmas stories.

Christmas Crafts will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will be invited to create fun Christmas decorations at this drop-in event.

A **Children's Christmas Movie** will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 21 at noon. Snacks will be served.

Santa Claus Meet and Greet on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 8 p.m. is intended for all children and for adults who are young at heart. Children are advised to bring their lists, their best behavior and their good cheer. Parents are advised to bring their cameras. The library will have treats to pass out!

Tinkering Tuesdays will continue in December from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., with simple building and art concepts for children to construct on their own or in groups. Finished creations will be put on display for a week. The program is intended for children ages 6 to 9. Registration is required and can be accomplished by calling the library at 924-3480 or visiting the library. "Free Play" is scheduled for Dec. 5 and "Art with the Artsplace" (at the library) is scheduled for Dec. 12. The program will break for the holidays.

Full STEAM Ahead is also scheduled to continue in December, using the same concepts as Tinkering Tuesdays, but for children ages 10 to 12. The group will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Dec. 6 and Dec. 14. Free play is scheduled for Dec. 6, with Art with the Artsplace scheduled for Dec. 14. Participants should register two weeks before the events.

Dungeons and Dragons for teens (ages 13 to 17) will meet on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon or from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Local History Room. Participants can sign-up two weeks before each event by calling the library at 924-3480 or visiting the front desk. The sessions are scheduled for Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Participants bring their dice and their imaginations, and the library provides everything else. The group of players tell collective stories, guiding their heroes through dangerous quests in search of treasure, battle deadly foes, and carry out daring rescues.

The new **UFO Club** offers an opportunity for participants to bring their UnFinished Objects on which to work while they socialize with other crafters. Participants will gather on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. for the drop-in event.

Homeschool Hangout, a drop-in event for homeschool families, is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants are invited to socialize, play board games and Legos, or bring their own activities. The library will provide snacks and drinks, but participants are also invited to bring their own.

Fit for Life Exercise is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays through Dec. 20 from noon to 1 p.m. The low-impact exercise class is intended for adult participants of all fitness levels.

Junk Journaling, for people age 10 and older, will be on Thursday, Dec. 14 anytime between 6 to 8 p.m.

For **Movie Monday**, The library will present the movie "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" on Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

The **Silent Book Club** invites readers to come as they are and read what they want, with no interaction required. The group will meet near the library's south fireplace on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. The first and last minutes can be social, but the rest of the time is for silent reading.

The **Wednesday Readers Book Group** will meet on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Darkest Evening" by Ann Cleeves.

The **Non-Fiction Book Discussion** group will meet on Monday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. to discuss "Book of Joy" by Dalai Lama.

Books for discussion groups are available at the library's front desk in advance of the meetings.

For more information about library events, call the library at 924-3480. Information is also available online at www.fremontlibrary.net.



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Obituaries



PATRICIA KAY FRANKLIN
Fremont

Patricia Kay Franklin, 70, of Fremont, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the Meceola Currie Comfort Home in Reed City following a decline in her health.

Patricia was born on January 29, 1953 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Floyd James and Edith Mildred (Towne) Franklin and graduated from Fremont High School and later from Ferris State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Small Business Administration. Patricia wore many hats in her life, but spent many of her working years helping people as a Certified Nurses Aid in several nursing centers around West Michigan. Patricia loved to sew, knit and crochet and create quilts with her mother, Edith. She loved her family and spending time with them and was never one to sit idle her entire life. Patricia loved traveling, painting, had earned her certification in scuba diving and enjoyed ballroom dancing.

Patricia is survived by her children, Tracy (Roger) Garlick; Steven (Bobbie Jo) Hannah; April (John) Matson; Heather (Brad) Braginton; her grandchildren, Sara Garlick; Justin Hershberger; Hunter Hannah; Taylor (Tim) Knoll; Ashleigh Hinkley; Drew (Neilon) Dykhuis; Ian (Briana) Dykhuis; Camryn (Cody) Carlson; Ethan Garlick; Emma Garlick; Jack Matson; Elizabeth Matson; Jonathon Hastings; great-grandchildren, Jurnee, Elkin, Ebram, Ezra, Everest, Katherine, Malachi, Brandi; her father, Floyd Franklin; her sisters, Carolyn (Doug) Boerman; Marilyn (Terry) Ryskamp; Joyce (Anthony) Plumstead; her brothers, Raymond Franklin; Roger Franklin; David Franklin; Steven (Mary) Franklin; several nieces and nephews. Patricia was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Edith.

Following her wishes, cremation has taken place and a Private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Friends may consider memorial contributions to the Meceola Currie Comfort Home in Reed City in memory of Patricia. Friends may send a condolence or share a memory of Patricia online at www.crandellfh.com. Arrangements by Crandell Funeral Home – Fremont Chapel. 231-924-0800.



BARBARA VAN HEMERT
Fremont

Barbara Jean VanHemert, 96, passed away on Wednesday morning, November 22, 2023, at Edison Christian Health Center in Grand Rapids. She was born in Fremont on December 9, 1926, to Dick and Gertrude (Harmsen) DeWitte.

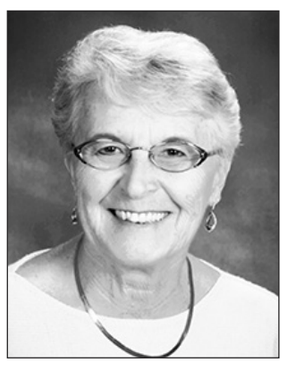
On October 1, 1946, Barb married Harvey V. VanHemert of Fremont, who preceded her in death on December 15, 1993. She was also preceded in death by her eldest son, Alex VanHemert; and eldest daughter, Patricia VanHemert; and by her two brothers, Marvin and Donald DeWitte. Barb is survived by four children: Peggy (David) Maki, Michael VanHemert, William VanHemert, and Melissa (Bruce) Bunce. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Barb was a lifelong Fremont resident, although she also enjoyed traveling extensively, particularly around the U.S. in her and Harvey's custom "fifth-wheel" trailer. She also spent many winters living in Apache Junction, Arizona, initially with Harvey but even after his death choosing to continue enjoying the special beauty of the Southwest.

Barb was a former member of the First Reformed Church in Fremont. She had a passion for flower gardening and listening to music of all types. She also loved going to casinos in Michigan, Arizona and everywhere in between, often with Harvey's younger sister Carolyn Drake, who became a special friend after his passing.

There will be no services at this time, as Barb arranged to have her body gifted to Michigan State University for research. Barb had a special connection with MSU from her days attending 4H youth programs there and then a program developing civilian support skills during WW2. After her ashes are returned by MSU they will be interred at Maple Grove Cemetery in Fremont.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Corewell Health Hospice, 100 Michigan Street, NE MC004, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. You can sign the online guest book at www.kroeze-wolffis.com. Arrangements are by Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home, Inc.



MARLENE GILLILAND
Fremont

Marlene M. Gilliland, 81, passed away on Friday evening, November 24, 2023 at her home.

She was born on July 22, 1942 in Fremont, Michigan to Frederick and Lucille (Kaiser) Deuling. Marlene was a former owner of MPH Trucking Company in Fremont, and she was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Fremont.

Marlene is survived by three children: Todd (Brenda) Gilliland, Michael (Trina) Gilliland, and Jon (Karla) Gilliland; six grandchildren: Cassie Gilliland, Nicole (fiancé Jeff LaChance) Gilliland, Drew Gilliland, Nate Gilliland, Aaron (Alex) Gilliland, and McKell (Carl) Grooters; four great-grandchildren: Kennedy Gilliland, Greyson Grooters, Rogue Grooters, and Noah Gilliland; sisters: Shirley Bennett, Marjorie (Donald) Redder, Frances (Gary) Derks, and Kay (Bill) Boike; sister-in-law, Ruth Deuling; and by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Allen Deuling and Donald Deuling; sister, Barbara Salisbury; and by her good friend Rodger Burgess.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, at All Saints Catholic Church in Fremont with Fr. Pete Schafer as Celebrant. There will also be a time of visiting with the family at the church from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. Interment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Fremont.

Suggested memorials are Newaygo County Compassion Home, or All Saints Catholic Church Improvement Fund. You can sign the online guest book at www.kroeze-wolffis.com. Arrangements are by Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home, Inc. of Fremont.

WALTER COMEAU
South Carolina

Walter (Skip) Comeau, age 59, passed away at his home in Greenwood, South Carolina.

He is survived by his two sisters, Sherry (Tim) Harper of Fremont, MI and Colette Comeau of Greenwood, SC; his nieces, Kelli (Cody) Delia and Karyn (Joshua) Thomas.

Skip was born on December 13, 1963 in Fremont, MI to Francis and Barbara Comeau and grew up in Hesperia, MI and graduated from the class of 82.

Skip had a natural charisma to make friends no matter the situation. A man of many talents. There wasn't hardly anything he could not fix. He was truly a great man who's impact will be forever felt by his family and friends that love him deeply.

A memorial service in his memory will be schedule at a later date.



PATRICK LEE ST. AMOUR

Master Sergeant Patrick Lee St. Amour, E8, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, in Grand Rapids, MI.

Mr. St. Amour was born on September 5, 1933, in Hesperia, Michigan to Eli and Ethel (McGoran) St. Amour. He spent his childhood in Muskegon, Michigan. Mr. St. Amour was a brave and loyal soldier, as well as a patient and loving father. He married Tressa Daughtery in Shawneetown, IN, on May 3, 1958. In his military career he was privileged to have been overseas in Japan and two tours in Germany, also attending Michigan State University. He served in Vietnam. He was connected to the 101st Airborne Division, 8th Infantry Division (Airborne), and the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a very talented man, scoring extremely high on the entrance exams. He qualified as a High-Speed Radio Operator using Morse Code. He became a jump master and was awarded the Master Parachutist badge. In his last years he was director of the Frankfurt, Germany, American Youth Activities, servicing 5,000 dependents. After he retired, he returned to Michigan State University to study the Hotel-Restaurant Industry. He loved hunting, fishing and traveling. Sometimes you would see him reading encyclopedias in his leisure time. He built a log home in Newaygo, Michigan, where he was a longtime resident. He leaves behind his daughters, Debra St. Amour, Charlene Lee (Schatzie); his sons, Allen (Jenny) St. Amour and Stanford L. St. Amour; his 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. A sister, Mary Lou (Gibson) and a brother, Robert. As well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Tressa; his son, Stuart and two grandchildren. His brothers, Gerald, James and William.

The Graveside Service with Full Military Rites will be held Friday, December 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, 6382 S. Maple Island Rd., Fremont, MI 49412. Fr. Peter Schafer will be presiding.

Following the graveside service, there will be a time of fellowship and luncheon held at the American Legion Post 411 in Hesperia, Michigan.

DARWIN CUMINGS

Darwin LeRoy Cumings passed away at home on Tuesday November 21, 2023.

He is survived by three children Dawn, Richard and Darwin Jr (Lee) all of Muskegon. He is survived by two sisters LaNore Deters of North Carolina and Carolynn Favreau of Missouri.

He served in the US Army stationed in Germany. No service is scheduled.

From District Health Dept.10

Lead poisoning prevention

The Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance and District Health Department 10 are promoting the importance of lead poisoning prevention.

Health officials say that a blood test is the best way to determine if a child has been exposed to lead. Blood lead levels are measured in micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood (μg/dL). Most children with lead in their blood have no obvious symptoms.

Health officials say that information, testing homes and testing children are all key elements in preventing lead poisoning.

"Lead is still present today and most commonly found in the form of dust in the home," said Jessica Grace RN, BSN, DHD10's Lead Nurse Case Manager and Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program Liaison. "It only takes 1 gram or about the amount of one sugar packet of dust to contaminate a large room or small house. The best way to protect yourself and your family is to learn the facts, test your house if was built before 1978, and follow the lead testing guidelines for children and pregnancy."

Grace said that protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health and that there is no safe blood lead level in children. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect learning, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. While the effects of lead exposure may be permanent, if it is caught early parents can take action to prevent further exposure and reduce the damage. Good nutrition is one way to protect a family from lead. For children and adults, three key nutrients can play a role in protecting the body from the harmful effects of lead: calcium, iron and vitamin C. These nutrients help the body absorb less lead and are part of a healthy diet.

More information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention online at https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week.htm), and DHD10 (https://www.dhd10.org/parents-families/wic-2/).



The Echo Chamber

By Pastor Matt Stoll
Holton United Methodist Church

It is no secret that our nation is becoming more isolated and more divided. One of the reasons for this is because we put ourselves in echo chambers. An echo chamber is when we surround ourselves with people and content that only validates what we already think and believe. We only watch or listen to one news source that affirms our particular persuasion. We only get together with and listen to certain people or friends who "echo" what we think, and agree with us, while excluding those that we disagree with. This has become even more pronounced today than it was even ten or twenty years ago (and especially during and after Covid), as technology has further isolated us. We no longer need to go out and interact with people who think differently than us, or whom we disagree with. We can simply sit at home and click on the TV stations and websites that affirm our positions, and interact online with persons or in groups that agree with us. In addition, our online surfing (via YouTube, social media, etc.) is filtered by AI and algorithms which then generates content it thinks we will want to consume based on what we've clicked on and watched in the past.

My point is that we are isolating ourselves more and more from others who disagree with us as we put ourselves in these echo chambers, which causes us to further entrench our own positions, and fail to engage with what others really think and believe. Without engaging with others who have contrary or different beliefs, ideologies, or thoughts than our own, we tend to become more divided from each other, and can even paint these other persons as "the enemy", usually without even really knowing them or why they believe what they believe. And even when we do engage in conversation, we can be so entrenched in our position(s) that have been echoed back to us, that we aren't really able to listen to understand. We are just waiting for our turn to share our own ideas to prove them wrong. Except that when we don't engage with what others actually think and believe, we will not convince one single person of our position, because we will continue to talk **at** one another, or **past** one another, without connecting **with** one another. All because we don't want to do the hard work of building relationship, practicing empathy, and challenging ourselves to engage in critical thought with those who have thoughts different than us. Echo chambers make us mentally lazy, prevent us from developing critical thinking skills, building bridges of relationship with others, and causing division.

Often, as Christians we are taught to be "in the world, but not of the world" (based on John 17:14-15). And we are also taught not to listen to false teachings and teachers, and to "test the spirits" to make sure they are from God (1 John 4:1). While we need to recognize the dangers of engaging with unchristian and pseudo-Christian ideologies and beliefs, especially if we are not deeply grounded in a Biblical worldview. However, we also need to recognize the danger of creating Christian echo chambers as well. If we only surround ourselves with other Christians who think and believe what I believe, then we are not able to engage with, have relationship with, and influence people with a Christian worldview (i.e. God's Word). If we don't engage with the thoughts, ideologies of our day, how will we be able to share the Good News of Jesus with people in ways that they can hear and understand?

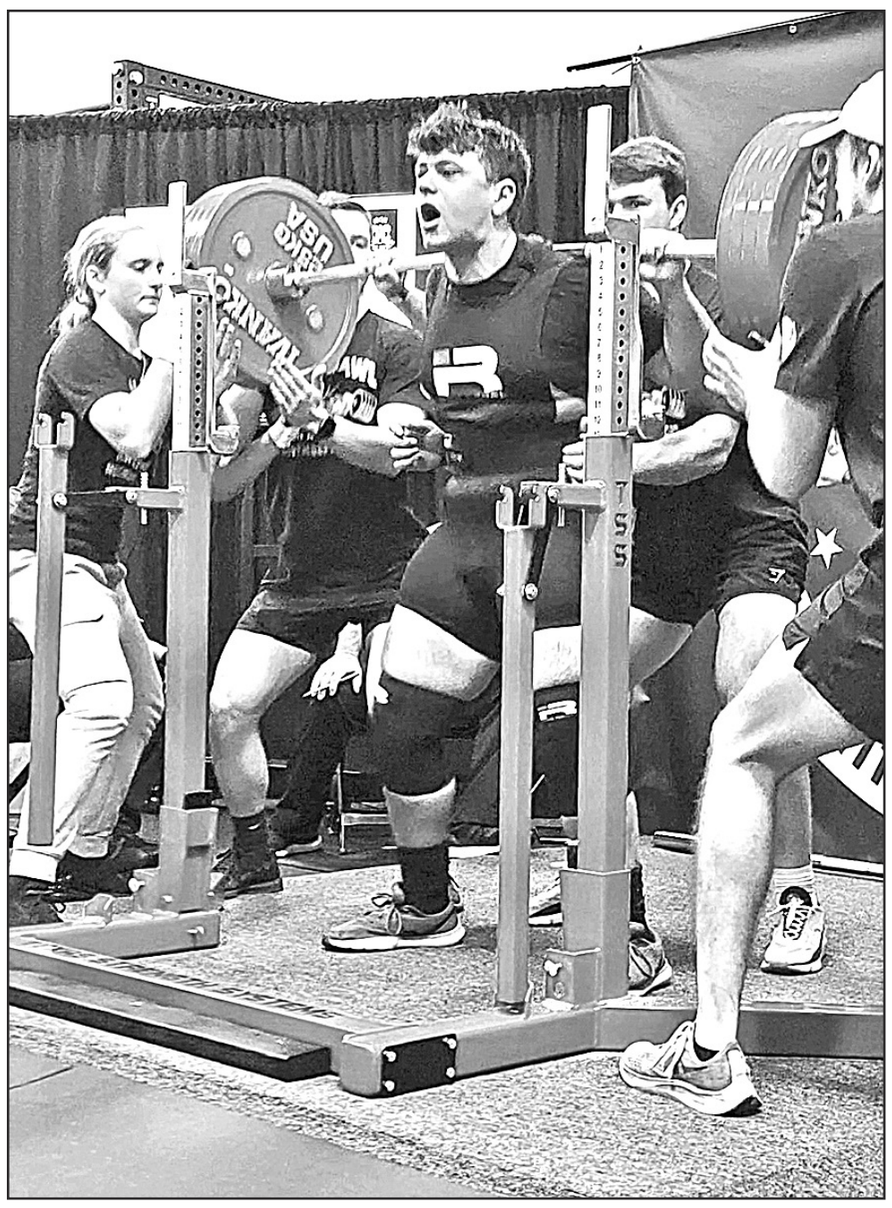
The Apostle Paul himself "reasoned" and "examined the Scriptures" with people in his day who had very different thoughts and ideas than his own (Acts 17:2, 11). He even debated philosophers of his time at Mars Hill where he expounded on the "unknown god" and quoted poets whom they were familiar with to help communicate the existence of a single Creator God who loves and cares for humanity, and who will be coming to judge the world at the "resurrection of the dead" (Acts 17:16-33).

Are you living in an echo chamber? How might this be causing division rather than building relationship with others? Who can you engage with that has differing views than yourself, and truly listen to them to understand their viewpoint (even if you don't agree with it)? Relationship and unity is not necessarily built through agreement, but in caring about others, including what they think and believe.



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Local lifter sets another record

Austin Sparks of Hesperia set his second United States Powerlifting Association state record on Sunday, Nov. 19 at Iron Athletics in Clio, Mich. Competing in the squat lift in the 242-lb. weight class, Sparks raised 501.5 lbs., exceeding the previous record by 99.2 lbs. His three-lift total for the meet, including the bench press, deadlift and squat, was 1,251.1 lbs. Austin Sparks is a 16-year-old junior at Fremont High School.

Hesperia

Vida Weaver Park project gets RAP funds

West Michigan economic development organizations announced more than $6 million in funding expected to spur the development of 17 "placemaking" projects.

The Village of **Hesperia** was awarded $45,000 to help with the Vida Weaver Park Pavilion project.

The economic development organizations Greater Muskegon Economic Development, Lakeshore Advantage and The Right Place, in collaboration with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), announced the funding from the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Program. The funding received approval at a special Michigan Strategic Fund meeting in Lansing.

RAP is an incentive program that deployed $100 million in American Rescue Plan funding to address the impacts of COVID19 in Michigan communities. The recent distribution is the second round of funding available to the region. In 2022, the west Michigan region received $3.6 million to support nine projects.

Along with the Hesperia park project, funding was also approved for a downtown amphitheater in Fennville, streetscape work in Hastings, the restoration of Sullivan Field in Grand Rapids, gardens at the Cascade Library, the 36th Street Marketplace in Wyoming, a pedestrian bridge in Ada Township, the West Colby Promenade in Whitehall, the Holland Community Ice Skating Park and park projects in Allegan, Plainfield Township, Grand Rapids, Rockford, Big Rapids and Shelby.

"Placemaking and community development is economic development," said Tim Mroz, Senior Vice President of Community Development at The Right Place. "That's why The Right Place is so committed to this work. The communities included in this RAP grant get it. They understand that tomorrow's growing, vibrant communities are investing in placemaking today. Those actions will pay dividends for decades to come."

A collaborative team from The Right Place, Lakeshore Advantage, and Greater Muskegon Economic Development led the application process for the west Michigan communities applying for funds. Applications were due in June.

The organizations received 41 regional placemaking applications from 11 counties, totaling more than $91 million. An internal team then evaluated all applications, scoring each one according to the priorities set forth by the MEDC. In the end, 17 placemaking projects were selected from nine counties.

The RAP program provides access to real estate and place-based infrastructure development gap financing through grants of up to $5 million per project for real estate rehabilitation and development, grants of up to $1 million per project for public space improvements, and grants of up to $20 million to local or regional partners who develop a coordinated subgrant program.

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Stage Door Players

"Snow Child" to open Friday

The Stage Door Players production of the holiday play "Snow Child" is scheduled to open on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, and return for performances on Dec. 8 and 9 at the Stage Door Theater in downtown White Cloud. Curtain time is 7 p.m.

Director Beverly Guikema said that the play, set in a Russian village and based on the story by L.M. Montgomery, offers colorful costumes, a wintry set, plenty of snow and a cast that includes nine children.

"We are very excited about this moving story that takes place in Russia a long time ago," the director said.

Tickets will be sold at the door, priced at $12 for general admission and $10 for seniors.



Happy Hustlers 4H Club members recently received their 2022-23 4H year pins and certificates. The honored club members include (above, left to right) Wynter Groenke, Lakhota Groenke, Orion DeFrece, Wyatt Fugitt, Virgle Kempf and Stetson Vincent; (below) Isaiah Pedersen, Braven Hibbs, Bristol Moon, Emma Pedersen, Aliya Pedersen, June Pedersen and Jenny Pedersen.



Happy Hustlers start new 4H year

The Happy Hustlers 4H Club is starting its new 4H year, holding meetings on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Last week, the club started with ceramic projects, made elephant ears and held a party with cake, chips and cider, along with those elephant ears.

"It was our way of finishing off the 2023 year and starting up the 2024 year," said leader Joyce Vincent.

The club members also received their year pins and certificates for the 2022-23 4H year.

For information about the club or how to join, call Joyce Vincent at 821-0263 or Alice Kempf at 225-1951.

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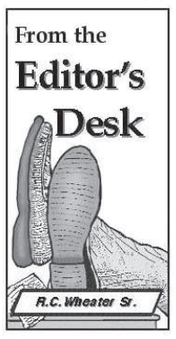
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Digester in Danger...

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trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist."

Caesar said that, with the digester's ability to distribute the digestate in question, the digester cannot continue to accept food waste after Dec. 31 unless something changes in the regulatory situation. Leon Scott said that the digester would lay off most of its employees, leaving a handful of employees to wind down the operation over the next few months. The plan would be to close down the facility in a way that would make it ready for reactivation in the future.



The electricity flowing from the digester is classified as "green energy" and would be part of the state's stated goal of pursuing increasingly higher percentages of green energy use. The state and federal governments have supported the use of anaerobic digester technology as a way to generate energy and dispose of food waste. The facility was originally built with federal support and its ribbon-cutting ceremony included US Senator Debbie Stabenow and other federal and state officials. With dozens of area producers depending on the digester for waste disposal, the looming shutdown could cause trouble to ripple through the food production industry, including many based in west Michigan.

"If we're not open," Caesar said, "I can't tell you where Gerber or Kellogg or others are going to go with their waste products."

The company president added that the regulatory change comes at a time when the company is working on plans to invest millions of dollars in upgrades at the Fremont site.

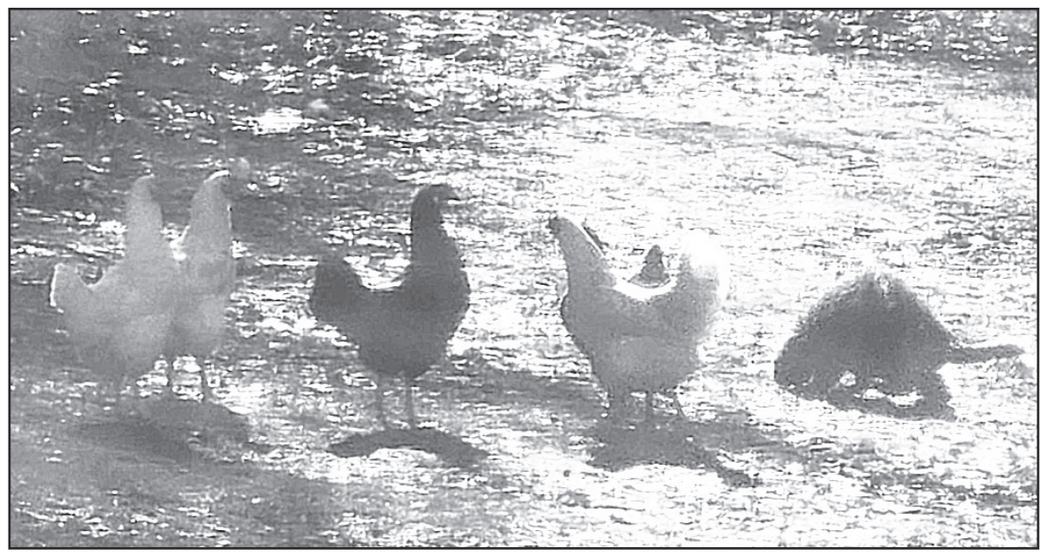
"I have plans to increase our ability to receive materials," Caesar said, referring to plans for equipment to handle roll-off containers. The company is also considering new technology that would allow the digester to upgrade the methane gas to a renewable natural gas product that would be worth more than electricity.

Leon Scott, a 1984 graduate of Fremont High School, has been working at the digester for more than six years. He said that he joined the digester team because he liked the green energy idea, the opportunity to help maintain west Michigan's environmental quality.

"It's good for Fremont," Scott said. "It's good for Michigan. It's a truly green source of energy. This is truly making a difference in the world."

Caesar said that he is still hoping that the shutdown can be averted. He said that company officials are still talking with EGLE officials and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development officials and still hoping that state officials will return to classifying the digestate as a fertilizer.

"If they can get together and agree on a path forward," he said, "then we can keep the doors open."



Quilled Chicken

Shanen Danyiel's free-range chickens did not seem unduly alarmed when a free-range porcupine joined the flock a few days ago. Danyiel snapped several shots of the porcupine mingling with her birds.





This inquisitive porcupine investigated a human sitting against a tree in Norwich Township on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The porcupine came to within six feet before he was quietly and politely asked to move along. He climbed a nearby tree and maintained his surveillance from there.

Photo by RCWheater Sr.

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Viewpoints

Walkerville Community Assessment Planned for Thursday

The Oceana Community Foundation, in partnership with Lake-Osceola State Bank and local Walkerville leaders, are planning to host a Walkerville Community Assessment project on Thursday, Nov. 30.

This assessment will be focused on the Village of Walkerville, Colfax Township, Leavitt Township and surrounding areas.

The Walkerville Community Assessment is expected to provide people with the opportunity to develop a shared vision for the future.

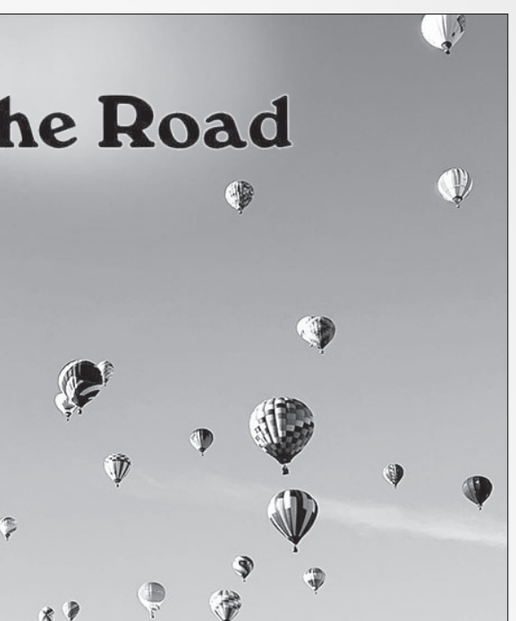
The assessment will start with a community tour with a consultant, followed by a series of small group meetings with key stakeholders during the day and ending with an evening town hall meeting, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Walkerville Wesleyan Church. Residents are encouraged to provide information regarding their community and to identify aspects of Walkerville that they wish to protect and change.

The foundation has already conducted three other community assessments in Shelby, Pentwater and Hesperia and has reported excellent participation. Foundation officials said that previous experience has shown that these assessments serve multiple purposes, including resident engagement, shared goals and team building, guidance for government master plans, data and qualitative information to include in grant applications, and a community roadmap and starting point useful in assessing progress toward identified goals.

For more information on the Walkerville Community Assessment, call AmeriCorps Outreach Coordinator Ceceilia Hopkins at 231-869-3377.

TimesIndicator
Readers on the Road





For the last 51 years, for 12 days in October, Albuquerque, New Mexico has hosted what is now the largest international hot air balloon festival. It has been on Darl and Joan Purdy's "bucket list" for quite a few years.

This year, the Fremont couple was able to make the trip and take their digital copy of the TimesIndicator along. The Purdys said that they enjoyed the sight of more than 500 hot air balloons launched, all within an hour, from the festival launch field, which is said to be the size of 54 football fields. Directors on the field orchestrated the ascensions.

Afternoon sessions were more about the glows, as the balloons were set-up but not launched. On command, pilots lit their burners and created what the couple said was an amazing sight and part of an "absolutely wonderful" experience.

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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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Police Log

From Newaygo County Central Dispatch

Date / Time	Type of Call	Agency	City/Twp
11/19 00:57:36	Assault	NCSO	BigPrairie
11/19 11:50:53	Abandoned Vehicle	NCSO	Bridgeton
11/19 12:03:33	Animal Complaint	FPD	Fremont
11/19 12:48:24	Well Being Check	NCSO	Sherman
11/19 13:50:00	Neighbor Dispute	MSP	Wilcox
11/19 14:25:50	Domestic	MSP	Ashland
11/19 15:05:24	Unwanted Subject	NCSO	Lincoln
11/19 15:09:39	Domestic	MSP	Merrill
11/19 19:05:35	Assault	NCSO	Everett
11/19 20:02:07	Alarm	NCSO	Wilcox
11/19 21:04:29	Larceny	MSP	Bridgeton
11/19 22:43:57	Harassment	MSP	Denver
11/19 23:44:29	Disturbance	MSP	Hesperia
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11/20 09:48:47	Malic.Destr.Property	NCSO	Everett
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11/20 10:36:24	VIN/Veh. Inspection	MSP	Garfield
11/20 11:00:51	Fraud	NCSO	BigPrairie
11/20 11:20:02	Probation/Parole	NCSO	Brooks
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11/20 13:52:31	Stray/Barking Dog	NCSO	Lincoln
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11/20 20:11:31	Alarm	FPD	Fremont
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11/23 15:41:05	Dispatch Deer	NCSO	Norwich
11/23 15:41:53	Well Being Check	MSP	Brooks
11/23 16:35:38	Prop. Damage Acc.	NCSO	Ensley
11/23 17:40:24	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Wilcox
11/23 17:42:21	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Croton
11/23 21:17:52	Suspicious Vehicle	MSP	Dayton
11/24 03:00:06	Suspicious Vehicle	MSP	Lincoln
11/24 05:15:11	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Brooks
11/24 06:07:58	Well Being Check	NCSO	Hesperia
11/24 07:43:43	Dispatch Deer	NPD	Brooks
11/24 08:19:10	Neighbor Dispute	NCSO	Denver
11/24 08:54:15	Car Deer Accident	MSP	Brooks
11/24 09:24:15	Suspicious Situation	FPD	Fremont
11/24 10:51:40	Suspicious Situation	MSP	GrantTwp
11/24 10:57:42	Breaking & Entering	NCSO	Everett
11/24 12:09:59	Animal Complaint	NCSO	Wilcox
11/24 12:12:17	Well Being Check	NCSO	BigPrairie
11/24 12:32:07	Larceny	NCSO	BigPrairie
11/24 12:55:42	Abandoned Vehicle	MSP	Brooks
11/24 13:44:19	Unwanted Subject	FPD	Fremont
11/24 15:14:55	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Dayton
11/24 15:21:37	Domestic	NCSO	Sherman
11/24 15:49:58	Breaking & Entering	NCSO	Hesperia
11/24 16:19:11	Fraud	NCSO	Sheridan
11/24 16:43:34	Civil Complaint	NCSO	WC
11/24 17:29:46	Car Deer Accident	MSP	Sheridan
11/24 18:09:08	Juvenile Complaint	NCSO	Ensley
11/24 18:11:07	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Everett
11/24 18:44:20	Domestic	MSP	GrantTwp
11/24 18:52:46	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Everett
11/24 19:13:59	Car Deer Accident	FPD	Fremont
11/24 21:25:38	Alarm	FPD	Fremont
11/24 22:56:15	Alarm	NCSO	Lilley
11/24 23:57:25	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Goodwell
11/25 00:50:19	Malic.Destr.Property	MSP	Croton
11/25 00:59:46	Alarm	NCSO	Sheridan
11/25 08:00:52	Breaking & Entering	NPD	Newaygo
11/25 10:00:45	Miscellaneous	NCSO	WC
11/25 10:10:53	Assault	NCSO	Dayton
11/25 11:49:11	Shots Fired/Heard	MSP	Merrill
11/25 17:04:25	ORV Complaint	NCSO	Croton
11/25 20:02:14	Civil Complaint	MSP	Lincoln
11/25 20:16:32	Domestic	NCSO	Denver
11/25 21:13:38	DNR Complaint	MSP	Wilcox
11/25 21:19:40	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Dayton
11/25 21:41:03	Well Being Check	FPD	Fremont
11/25 21:58:25	Well Being Check	NPD	Newaygo
11/25 23:55:34	Car Deer Accident	NCSO	Dayton

Abbreviations used in the Police Log:

DNR	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources
FPD	Fremont Police Department
GPD	Grant Police Department
HESP	Hesperia Police Department
MSP	Michigan State Police
NECD	Newaygo County Central Dispatch
NCSO	Newaygo County Sheriff Office
NPD	Newaygo Police Department
WCPD	WC Police Department



The White Cloud Quiz Bowl delegation to the Holland Quiz Bowl Invitational included (left to right) in front, seated, Annie Feldpausch, Anna Mohr, Quin Rose, Kacie Kailing and Rhoen Wade; second row, kneeling, Charlotte Karnes, Samantha Kukal, Annabelle Bird, Leah Vining, Landon Edwards and Tyler Higgins; third row, Brayden Perdue, Brian Loveless, Mason D'Lamater, Jay Fessenden, Samual Viher, Jarrett Warlick, Wyatt Karnes, and Captain Brian Schaefer; in back, Coach Emeritus Tony McHattie, Coach Stephen Smith, Assistant Coach Dallas Dowling, Zeke Hensley, Liam Povey, Trysten Tancock, Arsyn Balke and Assistant Coach Allison McPhall.

Quiz Bowl

White Cloud teams compete in Veterans Day event in Holland

By Coach Stephen Smith

Over Veterans Day weekend, American flags waved proudly, servicemen and women were honored, and the wholesome competitive action of quiz bowl prevailed.

With such a special occasion on hand, the White Cloud Quiz Bowl teams traversed through brisk autumnal climes and adventured to the 17th Annual Holland Quiz Bowl Invitational.

The early, chilly morning transformed into a magnificently sunny fall afternoon as the White Cloud Varsity A (6-2) bounced back into action, winning against John Adams B of Indiana (175-135) in their opening match.

The Indians decisively defeated Saint Joseph A (205-120), a perennial state championship team also hailing from Indiana. Continuing to triumph valiantly, the team dispatched St. Joseph B of Michigan (160-85) and brilliantly crushed Rockford (235-40).

The varsity faltered against Grand Ledge (130-280), the eventual champion of the tournament to round out the morning matches.

Battling in the afternoon, the White Cloud contingent routed St. Joseph A of Michigan (220-50), won a thriller in the last seconds against John Adams C (155-150), but were outgained by John Adams B (105-230) in a rematch from earlier in the day.

While the White Cloud varsity team engaged in tremendously stiff competition from Class A schools from both Michigan and Indiana, the reigning Class C-D State Champions from White Cloud scored 1,385 total points and remained the highest rated team in their division at the tournament. In the process, the formidable foursome qualified to nationals yet again.

Senior Captain Brian Schaefer led the Indians varsity team with an astonishingly impressive 300 points. Jarrett Warlick flexed his academic knowledge with 125 points, his highest tournament total to date. Wyatt Karnes followed closely with a healthy portion of 115 points, and Samuel Viher tossed in an additional 45 while assisting exponentially on bonus questions.

Gaining incredible amounts of experience for the future, the White Cloud Varsity B team competed against powerhouse schools, scoring 365 total points, which will certainly prepare them for victories in conference play. The quartet lost a few heartbreakers by only 5 points, showcasing the team's grit and fight through difficulty.

Senior Captain Annie Feldpausch led the team with 110 points. Anna Mohr followed closely with 70 points, and Charlotte Karnes chipped in with 30 points. Samantha Kukal helped by answering bonus questions.

In JV divisional gameplay, the White Cloud JV A team (6-2) performed exceptionally, accumulating 530 team points. The JV A group earned a third-place spot in the rankings, winning against White Cloud JV B (60-40), Rockford JV (80-50), Holland JV A (70-65), Culver (90-60), Holland JV B (105-60), Ionia JV B (50-20). The WC JV A team fell to Ionia JV A (60-130) and Kalamazoo Christian JV (15-110).

The Kalamazoo Christian team won the JV division trophy.

Sophomore Captain Liam Povey led the WC JV A team with an outstanding 310 points. Tyler Higgins erupted for 120 points. Landon Edwards provided 20 more points, and Zeke Hensley notched 10 points, his first of the season. Jay Fessenden provided support on bonus opportunities.

The White Cloud JV B team scored 185 total points, with Trysten Tancock leading with a fantastic 135 points followed by freshman Captain Arsyn Balke's 40 points. Rhoen Wade picked up 10 points and so did Quin Rose, his first as a new player. Kacie Kailing assisted with bonuses and morale.

Finally, the White Cloud JV C team (4-4) amassed 495 total points, netting victories over Holland JV B (110-55), Rockford (110-70), White Cloud JV B (25-15), and Ionia JV A (85-55). Mason D'Lamater, the team's captain, exploded with 175 points. Brian Loveless followed with 120, Brayden Perdue added 20, Annabelle Bird contributed 10 more and Leah Vining scored 10, her first points as a player.

Coach Stephen Smith and the team expressed thanks to Coach Emeritus Tony McHattie and assistant coaches Allison McPhall, Arnie Baker, Dallas Dowling and Tracy Trimm for their unwavering support. Parental assistance with transportation and meal preparation is also much appreciated. The team's success would not be possible without everyone's involvement.

Up next, the varsity squad is scheduled to return to action on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Kalamazoo Christian for the Swim N' Win Tournament.

NC RESA awarded Building Healthy Communities funding

The Newaygo Couny Regional Educational Service Agency has been awarded grant money through the state's Building Healthy Communities program.

A total of 148 kindergarten through 12th grade schools across Michigan, teaching a total of 62,334 students, have been awarded the BHC funding as a way to positively impact children's health.

NCRESA is receiving funding for its Step Up For School Wellness programming for the 2023-24 school year.

Michigan schools were invited to apply for one of three program options for the current school year, including the Step Up for School Wellness program.

State officials say that BHC has helped improve students' health by promoting an increase in healthy foods consumed, an increase in physical activity, and a decrease in screen time.

United Dairy Industry of Michigan is a partner in the effort.

Newaygo

Happening at your local library

The Newaygo Area District library will hold its annual Used Book Sale during the Christmas Walk in downtown Newaygo on Friday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Christmas Walkers are invited to browse the book sale and enjoy some free popcorn.

The library will again have The Giving Tree in the lobby, offering a way for people to give back to the community by helping the library purchase items for its collection.

The Giving Tree will be available Nov. 27 through Dec. 30. Participants can choose ornaments representing items they would like to see purchased with their tax-deductible donations. Giving Tree donations can be dedicated to loved ones.

The library hosted the **Grateful to Give, Grateful to Read** canned food drive through Nov. 25. The collected food will be donated to the Love INC Food Pantry. Children who brought canned food donations received free books.

The free books are supported by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

Adult Fall Into Reading is scheduled to continue through Thursday, Nov. 30. Participants are invited to read and earn tickets for a prize drawing for a fall gift basket. Participants can also earn drawing tickets by participating in adult programs at the library.

The library's **reminder** program offers electronic notices about coming library events. Patrons who register for the "Reminder" service will receive texts and emails about things happening at the Newaygo library. Registration is available onine at remind.com/join/44kk72.

Briefly...

Holiday dinner for veterans

The White Cloud Lions Club will host a free holiday dinner for all veterans and their families on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 294 N. Charles St. in White Cloud. The dinner is sponsored by the Fremont VFW Post and Auxiliary 6898.



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Legals

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature 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 January 9, 2024. 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): Melvin Ringler, a single man

Original Mortgagee: NBD Bank

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Date of Mortgage: June 30, 1999

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 29, 1999

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $84,358.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Brooks, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 60 and 61, Supervisor's Plat No. 3, according to the recorded Plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 51.

Common street address (if any): 1651 Pine St, Newaygo, MI 49337-8871

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 Judicature 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 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 of notice: November 29, 2023

Trott Law, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, (248) 642-2515, 1515959

12/20/2023

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT NEWAYGO COUNTY SUMMONS
CASE NO. and JUDGE: 2023-059119-DO
Hon. Melissa K. Dykman

Court address: 1092 Newell Street, PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349

Court telephone no. (231) 689-7252

Joshua J Charnes, 8088 Madison Road, Hesperia, MI 49421, Plaintiff

Matthew T. Miller (P69906), Matthew Miller Law, 794 Pine Street, Suite 230-R, Muskegon, MI 49442, (231) 726-3333

v

Andrea Sossa Sanchez, El Roble, Costa Rica, Defendant

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of th complaint to **file a written answer with the court** and serve a copy on the other party **or take other lawful action with the court** (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the tie allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make the arrangements.

Issue date: 11/1/23

Expiration date: 02/05/2024

s/Court Clerk

ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, Andrea Sossa Sanchez cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s):

d. Other: Publishing the Summons and Complaint for Divorce in a newspaper for three consecutive weeks in the county in which the action is pending pursuant to MCR 2.106D)(1)

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

s/Judge Melissa K. Dykman, 10/24/23

MOTION AND VERIFICATION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

1. Service of process upon Defendant, Andrea Sossa Sanchez cannot reasonably be made as otherwise provided in MCR 2.105, as shown in the following verification of process servicer.

2. Defendant's last known home and business addresses are: Unknown/ Never known, El Roble, Costa Rica

a. I believe the home address shown above is current.

b. I do not know the defendant's current home or business address. I have made the following efforts to ascertain the current address: Plaintiff reached out to Defendant after having no contact for twenty years of their marriage. Defendant gave Plaintiff two email addresses and requested the Summons and Complaint go there. The Summons and Complaint were sent twice, once on 9/15/23 and again on 9/21/23, neither email has been acknowledged. Defendant since requested it be hand-delivered to CR.

3. I request the court order service by alternate means.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date: 10/13/23

s/ Matthew T. Miller, Attorney for Plaintiff, P69906. 94 Pine Street, Suite 230-R, Muskegon, MI 49442, (231) 726-3333

VERIFICATION OF PROCESS SERVER

1. I have tried to serve process on this defendant as described.

9/15/23 - Email given from Defendant to Plaintiff's Attorney's Office - sent email - no acknowledgment

9/21/2023 - Email given from Defendant to Plaintiff's Attorney's Office - sent email - no acknowledgment

9/21/2023 - Defendant requested the Summons and Complaint be hand delivered by Plaintiff to her in Costa Rica - she refuses to provide an address to where they can be sent or sign the acknowledgment of service.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date: 10/13/2023

s/Paige Silva, Process server

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO FAMILY DIVISION

JOSHUA J. CHARNES, Plaintiff

v.

ANDREA SOSSA SANCHEZ, Defendant.

Matthew T. Miller (P69906), Attorney for Plaintiff, Matthew Miller Law, 794 Pine Street, Suite 230-R, Muskegon, MI 49442, Email: Staff@matthewtmillerlaw.com, Phone: (231) 726-3333

Andrea S. Sanchez, Defendant, Self-Represented Litigant

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

THERE IS NO PENDING ACTION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT INVOLVING THE FAMILY OR FAMILY MEMBER OF THE PERSONS WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION.

NOW COMES, Plaintiff, JOSHUA J CHARNES, by and through his attorney, MATTHEW T. MILLER, in support of his Complaint for Divorce states as follows:

1. That on May 31, 2004, Plaintiff was legally married to Defendant, Andrea S. Sanchez, in El Roble, Costa Rica.

2. The Plaintiff's complete name prior to this marriage and his complete name at the present time is Joshua J Charnes.

3. The Defendant's complete name prior to this marriage and her complete name at the present time is Andrea Sossa Sanchez.

4. The parties have no minor children.

5. That the parties have never lived together.

6. The Plaintiff has been a resident of the County of Newaygo for 10 days and the State of Michigan for a period in excess of 180 days immediately preceding the commencement of this action.

7. That Defendant is not pregnant.

8. That the parties do not have personal property to be divided.

9. There has been a breakdown in the marriage relationship to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved; and that the parties should be divorced.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully asks that this Court:

A. Dissolve this marriage according to statue;

B. Award an equitable property settlement;

C. Any other relief that the Court finds just and reasonable.

Dated: July 26, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew T. Miller (P69906), Attorney for Plaintiff

12/13/2023

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Newaygo County Court News

Abbreviations used in the Court News:

AHSE	**Alcohol Highway Safety Education**
CVRA	**Crime Victims Rights Act**
DWLS	**Driving with license suspended**
METH	**Methamphetamine**
MDOC	**Michigan Dept. of Corrections**
MDOP	**Malicious destruction of property**
OPT	**Outpatient Physical Therapy**
OUIL	**Operating U/the influence (alcohol)**
OWI	**Operating while impaired**
SMC	**State Minimum Cost**

District Court

Shaun M. Keyser of Baldwin pleaded guilty to DWLS and was sentenced to $450 fines and costs and 93 days suspended jail time.

Gerardo Cruz of Bailey pleaded guilty to OUIL and was sentenced to $1,190 fines and costs, AHSE, and 93 days suspended jail time.

Dennis R. Holtzlander III of White Cloud pleaded guilty to allowing dogs to stray and was sentenced to $250 fines and costs and 90 days suspended jail time.

Mackenzie L. Graham of White Cloud pleaded guilty to use of meth and was sentenced to $150 fines and costs and one year suspended jail time. A charge of possession of a controlled substance was dismissed.

Joseph D. Schreuder of Cedar Springs pleaded guilty to OWI and was sentenced to $1,090 fines and costs, OPT, and 93 days suspended jail time. A charge of OUIL was dismissed.

Randy R. Holmes Jr. of Newaygo pleaded guilty to OWI and was sentenced to $1,140 fines and costs, AHSE, and 93 days suspended jail time. A charge of OUIL was dismissed.

Jason J. Wert of Cedar Springs pleaded guilty to DWLS and was sentenced to $200 fines and costs and 93 days suspended jail time.

Zachary D. Reuss of Grand Rapids pleaded guilty to OWI and was sentenced to $1,090 fines and costs, AHSE and 93 days suspended jail time. A charge of OUIL was dismissed.

David E. Tyson of Newaygo pleaded no contest to disturbing the peace and was sentenced to $400 fines and costs and 90 days suspended jail time. A charge of assault/assault and battery was dismissed.

Matthew J. Overley of Chase pleaded guilty to DWLS and was sentenced to $450 fines and costs and 93 days suspended jail time.

Dyllen P. Moses of Twin Lake pleaded guilty to failure to display a valid license and was sentenced to $200 fines and costs and 90 days suspended jail time. A charge of DWLS was dismissed.

Cynthia L. McNeil of Hesperia pleaded guilty to unlawful use of license plate and was sentenced to $200 fines and costs and 90 days suspended jail time. A charge of operating vehicle without security was dismissed.

Marshall A. Brown III of Fremont pleaded guilty to second degree retail fraud and was sentenced to $450 fines and costs, $44 restitution, and one year suspended jail time.

Bradly A. Nowak of Newaygo pleaded guilty to OUIL and was sentenced to $1,190 fines and costs and 93 days suspended jail time.

Circuit Court

Rebecca L. Shippell of Grant was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail, 10 months probation, $68 SMC, $130 CVRA, $60 DNA assessment fee, and $24,170.37 restitution for agent/trustee embezzlement.

Michael L. Conley of Grant was sentenced to serve 15 months to 4 years in MDOC, $68 SMC and $130 CVRA for assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer habitual offender.

Joshua J. Inskeep of Ravenna was sentenced to serve 150 days in jail, 24 months probation, $68 SMC, $130 CVRA, $100 court costs, $500 fines, and $60 DNA assessment fee for operating while intoxicated causing serious injury.

Robert A. Clelland of Traverse City was sentenced to serve 18 months to 10 years in MDOC, $68 SMC, $130 CVRA, and $500 fines for OUIL third offense.

Caiden J. Miller of Lansing was sentenced to serve 15 months to 20 years in MDOC, $118 SMC, and $130 CVRA for delivery/manufacturing a controlled substance and maintaining a drug house.

Tara M. Comer of Fremont was sentenced to serve 365 days in jail, 24 months probation, $68 SMC, and $130 CVRA for possession of meth.

Megan E. Gort of Newaygo was arraigned on charges of violating probation. A probation violation hearing was scheduled for 11-27-23.

Donald W. Jourden II of Sparta was arraigned on charges of violating probation. A probation violation hearing was scheduled for 11-28-23.

Briefly...

Blood drive in White Cloud

The Knights of Columbus Council 13939 will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic church in White Cloud. For appointments, call 1-800-733-2767. The church is at 955 Newell.



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2022 Water Quality Report

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2022. In compliance with federal requirements, the City developed this report to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water. As summarized in this report, last year the City's water met or exceeded all federal and state government standards set for water quality and safety. We are very proud of that fact.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires water utilities to annually provide detailed water quality information to its customers. The City is committed to providing you with this information about your water supply because customers who are informed are our best allies in supporting improvements necessary to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

The report is published annually in the City of Fremont newsletter, the "City Beat". Additional copies are available at the City Offices or on the City's website at www.fremontmi.gov. The public is invited to participate in the water quality reporting by making recommendations to the City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Meeting dates are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

This Water Quality Report is presented to you by the Fremont Water Department and its spokesperson, Brian Hettinger, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hettinger can be contacted as follows:

- City Hall Office, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412
- Phone: 924-2101
- Fax: 924-2888
- Email: dpwdir@fremontmi.gov

WELLS	WELLFIELD LOCATION	DEPTH	DESIGN PUMPING CAPACITY (Gallons per minute- gpm)
#1	Decker	Discontinued; sealed 1992	
#2		104'	390 gpm
#3		123'	380 gpm
#4	Maple St.	Discontinued; sealed 1973	
#5	Cherry Hill	125'	250 gpm
#6	Branstrom	192'	530 gpm
#7		244'	550 gpm
#8	Daisy	190'	850 gpm
#9		167'	1,000 gpm
#10		148'	1,000 gpm

WATER SOURCES

The general sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The City's water is obtained exclusively from eight 12"-diameter groundwater wells (see table), as opposed to surface water sources such as rivers, lakes or streams. It is possible for the eight wells to pump approximately 4,890 gallons/minute (gpm) or over 7 million gallons/day (gpd) at maximum pumpage rates. Our highest pumping day for 2022 was July 5th, 1.693 million gallons.

The MI Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) have assigned a contamination vulnerability to Fremont's source water. The geologic sensitivity for "unconfined aquifers" (why is this? The ground formation above the aquifers is porous) is characterized as "high". City wells 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 have been determined by the EGLE to be "highly susceptible to potential contaminants."

Fremont has established a Wellhead Protection Area Committee, which is a composite of people from the surrounding community whose intent is keeping the water you drink safe. The Committee includes representatives from the Gerber Products Company, Dayton and Sherman Townships, MSU Cooperative Extension, Fremont Area Community Foundation, EGLE, the City's water engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Newaygo County agricultural representatives and City leaders. The Wellhead Protection program is working with property owners in the two wellhead protection areas (located in the City and in Dayton & Sherman Townships) to:

- Identify and eliminate potential contamination hazards to our groundwater
- Prohibit uses of properties that could lead to potential groundwater contamination (e.g. no dumps, landfills, fuel depots or bulk fertilizer/chemical storage sites)
- Locate and properly plug abandoned wells on both public & private properties
- Provide educational materials & resources on groundwater protection to property owners within the protection areas.

ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS	CAPACITY	YEAR BUILT
N. Weaver	500,000 gals.	1966
N. Decker	750,000 gals.	1993
E. Main	200,000 gals.	1993

WATER STORAGE

The water system includes three elevated steel storage tanks. The Weaver & Decker tanks supply both operating & fire storage to the main part of the distribution system. The E. Main tank supplies operating storage for the high-pressure district on the east part of town. A booster pumping station in the base of the Decker tank supplies both operating & fire flows for the district and the E. Main tank.

CONTINUING WATER SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

2015 **Improvements:**
#3 Well new motor
#7 Well new motor

2016 **Improvements:**
New 8" water main on Fremont Street from Main Street to State Street
Well #9 cleaned and inspected

2017 **Improvements:**
Pump #9 was lowered to 167'
As a follow-up to last year's inspection and work

2018 **No new improvements**

2019 **Improvements:**
Painted exteriors of East Main & Weaver Tanks and added the Fremont logo.

2020 **No new improvements**

2021 **No new improvements**

2022 **Improvements:**
Painted the exterior of Decker Tank
Well #5: New electrical service
Well #10: Motor repair, pump column assembly installed, cleaned & inspected

WATER QUALITY TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS

The City of Fremont water wells and distribution system are routinely monitored at designated intervals for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. **All of our water meets or exceeds Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and EGLE standards for safe drinking water.** This report shows water quality testing results from January through December of 2022. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Small amounts of microbial, inorganic or organic substances, as well as radioactivity can be picked up as water travels to any groundwater wells. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA'S Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at their website at www.epa.gov/safewater. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses & bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm runoff and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and colatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water then the general population. Immune compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA & Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines that offer an appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the EPA sources noted in the previous paragraph.

2022 WATER QUALITY DATA

Each day, our staff works to ensure the water delivered to your home meets all regulatory requirements and your expectations for safety, reliability and quality. For your protection, your drinking water is tested at designated intervals for many parameters. The State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. We are proud to report there were no violations during that time. **All of the contaminants are well BELOW allowed levels.** Not listed are over 100 other contaminants, including pesticides and herbicides, for which we tested and that **were not detected.**

Substance (units)	Allowed Level (MCL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	Max. Level Detected in Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
REGULATED MONITORING OF THE SOURCE WATER							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.07	.03-.07	2010	No	• Discharge of drilling wastes • Discharge from metal refineries • Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.43	<.03-1.43	2022	No	• Erosion of natural deposits • Water additive that promotes strong teeth • Discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	19.6	<10 – 19.6	2022	No	• Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1.0	0-0.1	2001	No	• Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2019	No	• Discharge from steel & metal factories • Discharge from plastic & fertilizer factories
Nitrates	10	10	1.68	<.5-1.68	2022	No	• Runoff from fertilizers
REGULATED MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATES IN SOURCE WATER							
Gross Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	3.2	1.4-3.2	2020	No	• Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.67	1.64-1.67	2020	No	• Erosion of natural deposits
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	<.0005	<.0005	2022	No	• Byproduct of drinking water disinfection • Sampled Late
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.78	.3-.78	2022	No	• Water additive used to control microbes

SPECIAL MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM					
Substance (units)	Level Detected in Water	Reporting Limit (RL)	L.H.A.	Sample Date	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
PFAS (P.P.T)	<2.0	2.0	70	2022	• Water proofing chemical

REGULATED MONITORING AT THE CUSTOMER'S TAP						
Substance (units)	Action Level (AL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	90% of Samples Were Less Than This Level	Sample Dates	No. of Samples Above AL	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
Lead (ppb)	15	0	4	10/01/18-09/30/20	0	• Corrosion of household plumbing systems • Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.6	10/01/18-09/30/20	0	• Corrosion of household plumbing systems • Erosion of natural deposits • Leaching from wood preservatives

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS OF WATER TESTING TERMS

Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a substance which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Coliform (total) – The total Coliform rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for Coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease causing bacteria. When Coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. The number of monthly samples taken for testing is determined by a city's population.

Copper – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal physician.

Fluoride –Sources: erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer/aluminum factories; & is a water additive that promotes strong teeth. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones, and children may get mottled teeth. Fremont has added fluoride to its water since the early 1970's; we are the only community in Newaygo County to do so. The EGLE has set 1.1 ppm (or mg/l) as an ideal level of fluoride for teeth. We try to achieve this level, although natural fluoride present in our groundwater may vary.

Nitrates – Are caused by run-off from fertilizer use: leaking from septic tanks; sewage; or erosion of natural deposits. Infants below the age of six months, who drink water containing nitrates in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. The level of nitrates in this table should not cause concern.

Lead – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Fremont is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL's) – The highest level of a substance that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG (see below) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a substance in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant (such as chlorine) is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND) – Laboratory analysis indicates that the substance is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813 gallons or one minute in two years or one penny in $10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813,000 gallons or one second in 32 years or one penny in $10,000,000.

Pico curies per liter (pCi/L) – A measure of radioactivity in water.

RAA – Running Annual Average – Is the average of free chlorine in the distribution system over a one year period.

Reporting Limit (RL) - The lowest level of detection that can be measured.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – A by-product of chlorine, which is a water disinfection additive used to control microbes.

Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a substance in water below Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's).

CERTIFICATION: **WSSN: 2490**

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the MI Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: _____ **Date Distributed:** 11/29/23

Jeremy Stariha, Water Supervisor

You can find the report at www.fremontmi.gov.

Legals

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature 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 January 9, 2024. 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): Danny E. Ebert, a single man and Danielle L. Ebert, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R1

Date of Mortgage: August 5, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 9, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $120,026.17

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Lincoln, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: WEST HALF OF EAST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND SOUTH 8 RODS OF WEST HALF OF

NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST.

Common street address (if any): 1109 W Homestead Ln, White Cloud, MI 49349-8620

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 Judicature 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 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 of notice: November 22, 2023

Trott Law, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, (248) 642-2515, 1515452

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature 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, January 9, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Anthony Zerbe, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage 1 Incorporated , Mortgagee, dated July 1, 2020, and recorded on July 2, 2020, in Liber 478, Page 8252, Newaygo County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 06, 2021 and recorded February 17, 2021 in Liber 482, Page 1795, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twelve and 01/100 ($115,412.01) including interest at the rate of 4.62500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of NEWAYGO, Newaygo County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 41, Village (now City) of Newaygo, Newaygo County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Newaygo County Records Commonly known as: 147 EWING ST, NEWAYGO, MI 49337 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: November 22, 2023 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI00946-1

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature 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 January 9, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steven H. Scott and Katherine Marie Scott, husband and wife, whose address is 11312 S. Fitzgerald Avenue, Grant, Michigan 49327, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR REPUBLIC BANK, being a mortgage dated April 14, 2003, and recorded on April 23, 2003 in Liber 398 Page 3354, Newaygo County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned through mesne assignments to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-F, Mortgage-Backed Securities, Series 2021-F, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 11, 2021 and recorded on October 19, 2021 in Liber 485 Page 9936, Newaygo County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 47/100 DOLLARS ($29,888.47). Said premises are situated in the Township of Bridgeton, County of Newaygo, State of Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North Half (N 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 17, Township 11 North, Range 14 West; said point being South 00°32'02" West along the North and South Quarter line 663.68 feet from the North Quarter (N 1/4) corner; thence North 89°38'58" East 209.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 00°32'02" East parallel with the North and South Quarter line 104.50 feet; thence North 89°38'58" East 210.00 feet; thence South 00°32'02" West parallel with the North and South Quarter line 104.50 feet; thence South 89°38'58" West 210.00 feet to the point of beginning; together with a nonexclusive easement and right of way for ingress and egress over and across the North 21.00 feet of the West 410.00 feet of the South Half (S 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 17; and together with the right of access to the well located on the property adjoining on the North as provided in the instrument recorded in Series L, No. 7285, Newaygo County Records. Street Address: 11312 S. Fitzgerald Avenue, Grant, Michigan 49327 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Dated: November 22, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5402

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature 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 December 19, 2023. 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): Caitlin Jones

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: December 7, 2018

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 13, 2018

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $71,021.48

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Big Prairie, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 87 and 88, Linida No. 2, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 37

Common street address (if any): 4997 S Croton Hardy Dr, Newaygo, MI 49337-7113

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 Judicature 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.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: November 15, 2023

Trott Law, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, (248) 642-2515, 1514644

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joanna Neibarger (the "Mortgagor") in favor of Big Brother Bail Bonds Agency, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company with an address of 800 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 212, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (the "Mortgagee") dated November 29, 2022, and recorded on December 7, 2022 at Liber 491, Page 1593 of Newaygo County Records (the "Mortgage"). The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid as of the date of this Notice is Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars and 0/100 ($17,825.00). This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note as permitted by Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of default. The Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of thereof, at public auction, to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of the sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on, or prior to, the date of said sale. Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public venue at the place of holding, Newaygo County Courthouse Lobby at 1092 Newell Street, White Cloud, MI 49349 at 10:00 am (time) on December 12, 2023 (date). The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage is located in the Township of Garfield, County of Newaygo, State of Michigan, more specifically described as: E 132 FT of W 528 FT OF N ¼ NW ¼ SE ¼ SEC. 25 T12N R13W Parcel ID: 18-25-400-045 Commonly Known As: 311 Carol St., Newaygo, MI 49337 together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures: all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the property; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the Foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind the sale at any time. In the event of cancellation or rescission, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature 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 any damage to the property during the redemption period. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale, or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: November 3, 2023 SHAUN P. WILLIS (P62441) WILLIS LAW ATTORNEYS FOR BIG BROTHER BAIL BONDS AGENCY, LLC 491 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 492-1040

11/29/2023

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William D. Merritt and Deanna Merritt, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: July 15, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 22, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $152,582.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Newaygo, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 6, 7 and 8 in Block 77, map of the Village (now City) of Newaygo, according to the Plat thereof, Newaygo County Records

Common street address (if any): 324 Quarterline St, Newaygo, MI 49337-9201

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).

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: November 8, 2023

Trott Law, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145, Farmington Hills, MI 48334,(248) 642-2515, 1513939

11/29/2023

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature 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 December 12, 2023. 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): Heidi L Buchner, a married woman and Norma J Stauffer, a single woman, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK

Date of Mortgage: January 25, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 1, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $123,629.61

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Croton, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 242 through 245 inclusive, Supervisor's Plat of Croton Heights Resort, according to the plat thereof as recorded in liber 3 of plats, page (s) 53, 54 and 55, Newaygo County Records.

Common street address (if any): 5304 Front St, Newaygo, MI 49337-8306

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).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Thomas E. Kucharski and Kerri L Kucharski, husband and wife and Howard Sheriff, a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC F/K/A Broker Solutions, Inc., D/B/A New American Funding

Date of Mortgage: March 25, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 30, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $179,765.85

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Grant, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 4 and 5, Block 2; also commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 5, Block 2; thence South to

Exchange Street; thence East 132 feet; thence North to the Southeast corner of Lot 4, Block 2; thence

West to the place of beginning, City of Grant, Newaygo County, Michigan, according to the recorded

plat thereof on file in The Office of the Register of Deeds of said county.

Common street address (if any): 122 W Lincoln St, Grant, MI 49327-9115

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).

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Date of notice: November 8, 2023

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11/29/2023

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT NEWAYGO COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Case No. 23-9348-DE

Estate of Richard A. Crnadell

Date of birth: 05/26/1939

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard A. Crandell, died 2/9/2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Curt A. Crandell, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1092 Newell St., P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11-21-2023

Ronald E. David P36928, Attorney, 99 Monroe Ave., N.W., Ste 1210, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, (616) 454-3883

Curt A. Crandell, Personal representative, 428 Vista Lane, Fremont, Michigan 49412, (231) 924-0800

11/29/2023

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT NEWAYGO COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate CASE NO. and JUDGE: 23-9358-DE Hon. Melissa K. Dykman

Court address: 1092 Newell, Courthouse, White Cloud, MI 49349

Court telephone no. (231) 689-7270

Estate of Harry VanderVegte, deceased

Date of birth: 11/24/1946

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Harry VanderVegte, died 03/22/2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rosemary J. VanderVegte, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1092 Newell, Courthouse, White Cloud, MI 49349 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11/20/23

John M. Greer (P33732), Attorney, 40 W. Sheridan, PO Box 40, Fremont, MI 49412, (231) 924-4230

Rosemary J. VanderVegte, Personal representative, 1454 Schondel, White Cloud, MI 49349

11/29/2023

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Craig A Ritsema and Lisa Ritsema, Husband and Wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Village Capital & Investment, LLC

Date of Mortgage: September 24, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 13, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $297,804.06

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Sheridan, Newaygo County, Michigan, and described as: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 24, Town 12 North, Range 14 West, Sheridan Township, Newaygo County, Michigan.

Also described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 12 North, Range 14 West, Sheridan Township, Newaygo County, Michigan; thence South 00 degrees 53' 55" West 330.38 feet; thence North 87 degrees 29' 04" West 1322.80 feet to the East 1/8 line; thence North 00 degrees 52' 26" East 331.07 feet to the East and West 1/4 line; thence South 87 degrees 27' 17" East 1322.96 feet to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 7611 S Luce Ave, Fremont, MI 49412-7397

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).

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Date of notice: November 29, 2023

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DAYTON TOWNSHIP

Beginning in December Dayton Township will resume monthly board meetings at the Township Hall, 3215 S Stone Rd.

Mary Jo Tibbe, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Skyway Towers, LLC proposes to build a 199-foot Self-Support Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of 2894 East Fox Drive, Grant, Newaygo County, MI, 49327, Lat: 43-21-52.98, Long: -85-43-51.05. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Lisa Skeens, l.skeens@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL, 60173, (630) 227-0202 ext. 554.

Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

OFFICIAL MINUTES
MOTIONS ONLY

November 8, 2023 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 Mike Kruithoff.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Brenda Bird, James Maike, Ken DeLaat, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	23-439
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by James Maike, to approve the agenda for November 8, 2023. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	23-440
Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated November 8, 2023, including: the regular meeting minutes dated October 25, 2023; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated November 1, 2023. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
APPOINTMENT MOTION NUMBER	23-441
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Paul Mellema, to place April Storms name in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Parks Commission for one (1) partial term, expiring December 31, 2025. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
Ken DeLaat, Chairperson, reported the following actions (see below):	
MOTION NUMBER	23-421-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve the Commission on Aging's purchase of two transit vehicles for a total of $177,072.00. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-422-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve **Resolution #11-015-23** authorizing Newaygo County membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) for a minimum three-year period. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-423-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the 2024 Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal for Medicare-eligible (post-65) retirees and make no plan changes to medical and prescription coverage. Any health care premiums owed by the retiree will change with the applicable renewal rates. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-424-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the 2024 Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal for fully insured Dental and Vision for a minimum two (2) year period and allow the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-425-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Brenda Bird, to approve **Resolution #11-016-23** to opt out of PA 152 for 2024. Furthermore, the County will continue to strive to review health benefits in an effort to meet the requirements of PA 152 in future years. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-430
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the application renewal to the Federal Surplus Assistance Program; to authorize Administrator Wren to be the authorized coordinator responsible for accepting federal surplus property, with the power and full authority to sign for such surplus property; and to designate Abby Watkins, Donna Kipp, and Darrick VanBoven as selectors approved to acquire and utilize surplus property on behalf of the County. Any motion or resolution that conflicts with this motion is hereby rescinded. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-431
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to accept the ratification of the FY24 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Application; and to accept the FY24 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in the amount of $6,000.00; and to authorize the Sheriff to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-432
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to accept the ratification of the FY 2024 Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Program Grant Application; and to accept the agreement and award from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of $25,500.00; and authorize the Sheriff and Undersheriff to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-433
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to dissolve the Newaygo County Library Board. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	23-434
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to contract with RA Outdoors LLC d/b/a Aspira for FireFly Reservation Software and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MISC MOTION NUMBER	23-442
Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to accept the Ice Mountain Environmental Stewardship Fund grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation in the amount of $12,500.00, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MISC MOTION NUMBER	23-443
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to accept the grant renewal award from Two-Seven-Oh, Inc. for pre-adoption procedures, testing, and treatments in the amount of $10,000.00, and authorize the Board Chair and Undersheriff to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
CLOSED SESSION MOTION NO.	23-444
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Mike Kruithoff, to go into closed session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss POAM/COAM union negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Ken DeLaat – aye, James Maike – aye, Charles Trapp – aye, Mike Kruithoff - aye, Brenda Bird – aye, Paul Mellema – aye, Bryan Kolk – aye. Motion carried.	
OPEN SESSION MOTION NO.	23-445
Motion by James Maike, second by Brenda Bird, to return to open session at 11:05 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Ken DeLaat, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	23-446
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by James Maike, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Bryan Kolk, Board Chair
DATE CERTIFIED	November 22, 2023



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