

Council assists Safe Harbor in reaching their dream



Conceptual site plan of the future Safe Harbor facility designed by Lakewood Construction.

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

The Allegan City Council wrapped up a sale of city property, and shared reports from a variety of commissions before approving reappointments.

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center is a non-profit dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The staff educates children and adults about behaviors that should not be tolerated. Their goal of child abuse prevention works hand-in-hand with counseling services.

The dedicated employees and volunteers have been working in a building on the corner of Trowbridge and Walnut Streets. The number of clients has expanded as has their need for a larger facility. Providing support to their individuals and groups led them on a journey to seek a new facility.

In November 2019, Perrigo generously donated a building on the corner of State and Brady Streets to Safe Harbor hoping

it would assist in their desire to expand. After an extensive examination of the facility and the determination that it would require \$850,000 to retrofit the current building, they reluctantly sought another space for the Center's programs. That led them to a 1.38 acre City-owned lot on Sherman Street just behind the bowling alley.

In his background information, City Manager Joel Dye stated, "Considering the value of service that Safe Harbor provides to the community and their partnership with the City when investigating crimes against children, staff suggested that Safe Harbor offer the City \$1.00 for this parcel. While the city in recent years has requested compensation closer to market value, in this instance, staff feels \$1.00 is just compensation for this parcel."

Lori Antkowiak, the Executive Director of Safe Harbor, shared that this purchase would allow the organization to move from a building a little over 3000 square feet to a facility of 7000 square

feet. They plan on breaking ground and beginning construction by May.

The sale of the property had been published three times in the Allegan County News so the City Council held their Public Hearing regarding the sale of the city-owned property on Sherman Street to Safe Harbor for \$1.00. The purchase and development agreement was approved.

In other business, Rachel McKenzie shared that the Historic District Commission elected their new officers with Jill Bentley, Chairperson, and Mike Morton, Vice-Chairperson. In addition, the Commission approved the request from Tantrick Brewing to install new signage on two sides of 243 Hubbard Street, the signage on the 101 Brady Street hotel, and the signage for the Jade Estates Inn at 302 Cutler Street.

Councilmember Peter Hanse reviewed the activities of the Airport Advisory Board including the election of Andy Millin as Chairperson for 2021. The Board reviewed the tenancy of

the T-Hangers at the airport and the list of Capital Improvements that have been slated for completion over the next 6 years. These would begin with the repair of the crack sealing on the taxi lane in 2021 followed by the construction of an 8-unit T-Hangar in 2022. Members brainstormed ways to add amenities such as a vending machine for airplane necessities, some restroom facilities closer to the current T-Hangers, and extending Internet to the T-Hangers.

Dye highlighted the proceedings from the Zoning Board of Appeals where Jon Cook was appointed chairperson for the meeting and Alex Wilkening was appointed secretary. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Hotel Ventures, LLC for a height variance of 7 feet for 101 Brady Street after hearing from Jason Watts to deny the application. The Board went on to allow the construction of an addition to courthouse at 113 Chestnut Street since it will come closer to Trowbridge

Street than what is allowed in the Zoning Ordinances.

Mayor Delora Andrus asked that the Council approve the appointment of Kelly McLean to the Downtown Development Authority Board for 3 years, Mike Morton to the Historic District Commission for 2 years, Eddie Quinones-Walker to the Historic District Commission for 2 years, and Paula Mintek to the Public Spaces Committee for 2 years. These are all reappointments.

Roger Bird shared seeing construction workers on Locust Street, which is a indication of bringing conversations and plans to fruition. Mayor Andrus acknowledged that the action on the national level at the Capitol was disheartening, and truly mirrored that there are disagreements across the country. She acknowledged that there are differing beliefs and ideas on the City Council, but she respects and appreciates each member and is happy that they can discuss their opinions and work to find solutions to improve the city.

Customers form line as Family Video announces closure

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

Is the closing of Family Video just another indicator of changes in viewing habits, or is it more related to consumer shopping habits and the need of small business to adjust their modes of operation?

On Monday, January 4, 2021, Raechel Eichler of Family Video on Western Avenue received her Manager Monday call from district manager, Brian Ballast. He shared the news that she was to sell out all product including decorations and shelving because the store would be closing within the next couple weeks. These are the same words that Ballast delivered to all 12 of his video stores.

Word spread quickly, and by Monday evening and Tuesday morning, lines of customers loaded down with cases of video games and movies waited to checkout. Each had come with a mental list of items they hoped to purchase before movies and games were picked up by other bargain shoppers.

Eichler shared that she and her employees had



expected a closing, but not for another 6 months. The Allegan store had done better than many Family Video stores so they even discussed how they might keep this one open. Their business may have been because many of the clientele did not have Internet at home or their Internet was a Hot Spot.

When the store closed to in-store browsing because of COVID-19, Eichler felt that some customers were wary about picking up items. During this time, other customers discovered streaming. There was hope when Ballast began the "Save the Video Store" campaign that people would begin coming back. Customers began returning, but not at the previous volume.

Meg Jones, an extremely efficient clerk, greeted each person coming through the door, and in a welcoming tone informed them of the clearance sales. Between checking out box after box of games and movies, Jones directed customers to areas where coveted items may be located.

At the same time, Jones conversed with regular customers who were delighted to make great deals, but were sad to see the store close. One man shared that he usually did business at the Fuller Street store in Grand Rapids, but items were flying off the shelves. He hoped to find his selections at the Allegan store.

Jones is also the president of the Dawson Elementary School Parent/Teacher

Organization. Because of her relationship with the Allegan store, she termed it a truly unique in meeting the wants of the customers.

"I will miss students bringing in their report cards so they could check out a free video. Then there was the Birthday Club, and I could see the smiles when people rented their free item," Jones shared.

Eichler wanted everyone to know how grateful she and the staff have been to serve the Allegan community. "Customer service has been our highpoint. When we close, I will feel heartbroken and will take a few days to grieve."

It is believed that the inventory will be pretty much sold out by the middle of February. This will add

Family Video to so many other stores like Block Busters that have caved because of the changing watching/playing habits of the American public.

As the sellout days progressed, Eichler heard repeatedly, "We are so sad that you are closing." In the next breath, they share that they had not been in the store for years.

"Hearing their comments began to make the situation worse because I see people in the store just because they want good deals, and not because they want to support the small businesses. Although we were not considered a small business, people need to realize these stores are operated by and employ local workers. Everyone

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Driver arrested after his semi crashes on U.S. 131

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — The Allegan County Sheriff's Department reports on Sunday it had deputies called to an accident at southbound U.S. 131 south of M222 in Martin Township.

There were reports a semi had crashed on the west side of the highway.

Deputies arrived at the scene and discovered a male driver, a female passenger, and a dog were involved in a single-vehicle crash.

Deputies investigated the incident and took the driver into custody on what they say were charges unrelated to the crash. No further information on that was provided.

They added that attempts to recover the semi immediately didn't work because of very poor visibility from a fog.

There were other weather-related incidents which motivated the deputies to leave the semi on the left side of the roadway until visibility cleared. Then a wrecker was able to safely remove the semi from the area area where it had crashed.



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Until January 15, 2021:
The Mitten Raffle – Grand Prize Package
The Allegan Chamber of Commerce, 231 Trowbridge St., Allegan, (269) 673-2479
Only 250 tickets will be available at \$20 per ticket can be purchased at Hathaway Cottage & Gifts on Locust Street. The package contains numerous activities from businesses such as Jade Estate Inn, Allegan Event, Something Sweet for You, Schaendorf Brewing, Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island, Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry, Mackinac State Historic Parks, Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows, and more. The winner will be drawn on January 15, 2021. <https://alleganchamber.com/experience-the-mitten-affle/>

Available January 1, 2021:
ACCF Scholarships
The Allegan County Community Foundation has made available scholarship applications for seniors graduating from Allegan County high schools. Applications and guides can be accessed at <http://alleganfoundation.org/scholarships/students/scholarship-deadlines/>. Information, questions and assistance can be directed to scholarships@alleganfoundation.org or call 269.673.8344.

January 24 – February 28, 2021:
Virtual Peanut Butter Drive
ACCF 112 Locust Street, Allegan
The Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative (a program of the Allegan County Community Foundation) will kick off our VIRTUAL Peanut Butter Drive on January 24th. If we can safely have drop-sites around the county, we will announce these on social media, in our February e-newsletter and on the ACCF website.

Wed., January 13, 2021, 1pm:
Brave Art Playing with Knives
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Carving out a picture with a palette knife

Wed., January 13, 2021, 6:30pm:
Pour Painting
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Mixing of pouring mediums, a bit about the chemistry involved, and then creating your own unique piece.

Thurs., January 14, 2021, 6pm:
Brave Art Playing with Knives
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Fri., January 15, 2021, 6-8pm:
Concessions to Go
Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge, Allegan. Come and pick up your favorite movie food.

Wed., January 20, 2021, 1pm:
Ugly Brush with Birches
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Learn to paint an impressionistic style painting using a unique brush.

Wed., January 20, 2021, 6:30pm:
Alcohol Ink Lighted Wine Bottle
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Learn how to create an alcohol ink decorated wine bottle with battery operated lights.

Fri., January 22, 2021, 6-8pm:
Concessions to Go
Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge, Allegan. Come and pick up your favorite movie food.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Downtown Allegan Social District:
Each day from 11am until 11pm
Pick up a favorite beverage at Schaendorf's Brewing Company during their hours of operation and wander down to the Riverfront to enjoy the warm fire and ambiance. Open beverages must be in approved City of Allegan cups

Allegan County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Department
Seeking clinical and non-clinical volunteers to assist with COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics throughout the county. All volunteers must have a background check. Fill out the Volunteer Registry Form at Website: <http://www.allegancounty.org/EOC>

Storytime at Allegan District Library - Check Calendar
Thursdays, 10:30 am, Allegan District Library Facebook Live. It will be recorded.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education

Allegan County Historical Society, Old Jail Museum.
Saturdays, 10 am – 4 pm. (269 673-8292 Call to confirm hours.
Email: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com Webpage: www.alleganoldjail.com

Allegan Event – Ropes Course and More
439 River Street Allegan
For more information call 269-430-3961 or check online at <https://www.alleganevent.com>
Mondays-Thursdays: Groups Only. Fridays: 12 – 6pm; Saturdays: 10am – 6 pm; Sundays: 11am – 5pm. Make appointments online to ensure availability. Walkups welcome, but appointments receive priority. Constant sanitizing done to ensure safety.

Allegan Food Pantry
247 N Main St, Allegan
Monday: 10 am – 1 pm; Thursdays: 2 – 5 pm Curbside Service
Deliveries are made to homebound senior citizens

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Locating assistance for the homeless
409 Oaks Crossing, Suite 142, Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelessolutions.org, Gail Hill – kittygran@gmail.com

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play with dignity, respect and meaningful involvement in the community.

Baby Closet
Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan Fridays: 10 am – 1 pm

Congregational Kitchen - dinner pickup
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
Thursdays: Pick up 3 to 5:30 pm. Takeout dinners only during COVID-19

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 ONLY.

Ladders of Hope - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersof-hopemi.org, (269) 455-9452


Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - abuse prevention and healing
402 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010 www.safe-harborallegan.org, (269) 673-3791

Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence
Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

Wednesday Curbside Lunches
First Presbyterian Church, 200 Cutler St., Allegan
Sack lunches can be picked up from 11:30 am – 1 pm

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhope-hospice.com, (269) 686-8659

Vine Food Pantry / Love, INC
Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave, Allegan, MI · (269) 673-2329



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An allocation of \$191,106.00 has been awarded to Allegan and Ottawa Counties for **LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY**, who serve individuals and families in need of shelter, rent/mortgage, utilities assistance and/or food (mass feeding and food pantry services). These funds are made available through U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. This is Phase 38 and our local board has received direct funding.

Requests for applications may be made by contacting Liz DeLaluz at ldelaluz@ottawaunitedway.org. Applications are due **Friday, January 22, 2021, no later than 9 am.**

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary, non-profit or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice non-discrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if a voluntary organization, have a voluntary board.



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Paws With A Cause

Volunteers Ensure Independence for Others

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

Often when people are looking for places to invest their time, talents and treasures, they look at the balance in their bank accounts. In 1979, Mike Sapp, Sr. and Candye responded not with money, but by sharing their ability to train dogs. When a deaf friend wanted to adopt a child, they asked Mike to train a dog that could help them “hear” and respond to the needs of a deaf child. That single act of giving has led to more than 30,000 assistance and service dogs being placed with clients.

Paws With A Cause® should not be confused with Pawz for a Cause that works to find placement for rescue animals. PAWS® matches trained Assistance Dogs to clients at no cost. The entire process supports breeding homes and several levels of training that can change lives. If a monetary value is placed on each dog, it would add up to about \$35,000.

The mission of the organization remains strong: Paws With A Cause® “enhances the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities through custom-trained Assistance Dogs. PAWS® increases awareness of the rights and roles of Assistance Dog Teams through education and advocacy.” The belief is that each puppy informs the trainers of the service they can provide.

The first dogs Sapp trained assisted the deaf, but the services have expanded. The PAWS Assistance Dogs are trained for people with hearing and physical disabilities, those who have seizures like epilepsy, and children with autism. The organization focuses on the dog’s strengths and talents to determine what career path the dog will take, so if an animal does not meet the expectations for an assistance dog, other opportunities are explored.

Volunteers are required at each stage of a dog’s training. Cara Conway, PAWS’ PR & Social Media coordinator, shared that there are currently 280 active PAWS Dog Volunteer homes. These begin with breeders called host Mamas and Papas. In 2020, “24 dogs were added to the elite PAWS breeding program.” These homes welp the puppies and take them



At the end of the 1st level of training, Marge Melinsky and Cooper (17 months old) pose just before the Take-In in June 2020.

through their first 8 weeks of life.

Puppies are then placed with Foster Families. Foster families dedicate 14 - 16 months loving the dogs and providing the first level of training. Conway added, “We are always looking for volunteers to become Foster Puppy Raisers.” This training requires a lot of patience with the overall goal to love the puppy and build response to basic commands and behavior.

Throughout the Foster Stage, the puppy raisers are taught how to teach basic commands so the puppies can practice at home. Classes are attended, puppies practice at home and in public environments, and support is given by experienced trainers and coaches. Previous foster parents such as Conway, Becky Townsend and Marge Melinsky shared that each puppy contributes his/her own personality and preferences.

Townsend, who has fostered at least 8 puppies full time and several short term to learn specific skills, and Melinsky, who has fostered 7 puppies, reminisced that even though they taught the same skills to each puppy, each puppy had his/her own personality and learning style. What was interesting is that no matter if the puppy was easy or difficult to train, each found their service niche.

The easiest dog to train for Townsend was Moxie and for Melinsky was Trekker. In the end, these dogs did not pass the evaluation because of slight problems like allergies. In both cases, the dogs stayed in Townsend’s and Melinsky’s homes and have proven extremely helpful in training other puppies who have come into those homes. The hardest dog to train for Townsend ended up winning obedience games and moved into purposeful service. “Dogs choose their careers” is a mantra expressed by both Conway, Townsend and Melinsky.

All along the way, the health of the pups is monitored closely. Checkups and assistance are given by Dr. Jeanne Klynsmma, Staff Veterinarian. Puppies are prepared to go to Foster homes then foster parents can receive ongoing services at no cost if treated at PAWS’ Wayland campus. The health of a dog and assistance given to foster parents contribute to successful placements with clients.

Melinsky stressed, “The career is not always known when the young dog moves to the next level of training. Each pup is evaluated for temperament and achievements.” One word of wisdom was to not try to determine a puppy’s future career when it is returned for the next level of training.



A certified Assistance Team can accomplish all types of daily tasks.

The PAWS system continues the preparation for service by sending the dogs to their Prison Program. Conway stated, “Because the dogs can live and work with these inmates 24/7, it shortens the training time.” This is a win-win since inmates who participate express that they believe this work helps them feel that they are contributing to society and assists in their emotional well-being as they prepare the dogs for others.

When dogs leave the Prison Program, they receive another evaluation that assists in organizing them into specific areas of service. This final stage decides the “Purposeful Career” of each dog - a PAWS Assistance Team, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, police department, Detection Dog, Leader Dog for the Blind, Crisis Response Dog, or sometimes a facilities dog or family pet.

Melinsky shared that one of her puppies is now in France working as an airport

detection dog while another is being used in a “classified” area. The bottom line is that even though these dogs were not identified as Assistance Dogs for PAWS clients, they are working dogs who will have a “Purposeful Placement”.

Conway shared that only 35-40% of PAWS puppies sort themselves as Assistance Dogs. At the same time 90%+ find a Purposeful Placement other than for domestic assistance (family pet).

PAWS does a careful client placement, termed an Assistance Team, of each animal that is now 2½ to 3 years old. Field representatives provide clients with 6-8 months of continuous training on how to work with the dogs. Clients have explained that it is not always easy to make the initial bond with the animals, learn proper cues to give, and understand what the animal already knows. When a client has additional needs, PAWS

trainers will assist in building the dog’s and client’s new skills. This support will last the length of the placement. In 2020, 59 dogs were placed with clients.

Paws With A Cause is a revered programs in developing “custom-trained Assistance Dogs.” Volunteers make this possible. Those who raise puppies reiterate that it is not always easy to hand the puppies back after a year of training. At the same time, each foster parent believes that the time and talent they give is just part of something far greater.

Conroy’s 2020 data is impressive.

280 active PAWS Dog Volunteer homes

24 dogs (females and males) added to the elite PAWS Breeding program

59 new dogs placed with clients as Assistance Dogs

33 new Assistance Teams certified (clients and their new assistance dog)

42 existing Assistance Teams re-certified

4 facility dog placements

89 other working dog identified for Purposeful Placements

The \$35,000 to train and support each service dog is not charged to clients who require this support to be independent. But in order to pay back, clients often hold fundraisers. At the same time, people who have witnessed and believe in the program give financial aid to support those who are able to volunteer time and talent. All believe that these beautiful animals give many people a higher quality of life.



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VIEWPOINTS

A tumbling I will go

We are always leery of toddlers falling down the basement stairs and doing permanent damage. As we get older we worry about our parents or grandparents doing the same.

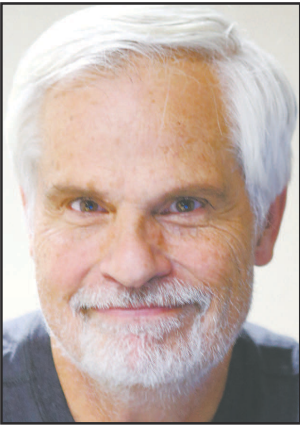
Stairs can be foreboding and for someone who is always in a hurry and a bit on the clumsy side, they are doubly dangerous. That would be a description of me.

It happened to me on Saturday. There I was lounging in my hot tub when my cellphone that was conveniently located on a table next to me, rang. I reached to grab it, but in so doing it fell in a puddle of water. I jumped out of the tub while the phone was still ringing, to grab it. I pulled it up and realized it wasn't functioning. I presumed the water had entered the phone's insides and needed to dry.

My thought was to run up the stairs and grab a hair dryer. So I hurriedly climbed the stairs without drying off. Water was dripping from my upper torso, and my feet were very wet. As I reached the tenth step my feet went out from under me.

I grabbed onto the rail but my hands were wet, and I was unable to stop the freefall down the steps. I did manage to right myself so I was going down head first instead of backwards. But there I was falling step after step until I reached the bottom where my head bounced hard on the wooden floor. My phone ended up ten feet away bouncing off a wall. My towel was another eight feet away on the kitchen floor.

For a brief second I saw stars, but I quickly bounced to my feet and scanned the room hoping no one had seen me, not realizing in my moment of incoherency, I was alone. There I was with blood dripping from my



MIKE'S MUSINGS

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forehead, and my right hand swelling to double its size, and I was worried about someone noticing my clumsiness. How vain is that?

I guess I'm lucky I didn't fracture my wrist or break a bone. Thinking about it, I've never broken a bone in my life. So why would I start now?

Two days later my hand is still swollen, but it functions just fine. My back (at least 50 percent of it) is black and blue, but it's healing fast. My head has a knot and a gash that keeps opening any time I touch it. It looks a bit like Frankenstein, but I'm sure it will heal soon. I laugh about it now because I had been warned many times about those stairs and obviously didn't heed the warnings.

I'm now very careful. I do not dash up them. I will not climb them when I leave the hot tub. I hang dearly on to the side of the rails. There is no way I will go head first down them again. I'm not a one man luge athlete, I'm a middle-aged out-of-shape man who should probably be purchasing Life Alert.

That was my weekend. Hopefully yours was a little less dramatic.

Every January many of us make our New Years Resolutions, which by now, most of us have probably already shattered a few times over. Just as we have done every year we decided that this is definitely the year when we are going to exercise more, eat less, save more, and be an all round nicer person. That lasted until we saw leftover Christmas cookies, received a notice of a big sale, or it was too cold to go for a walk. As for that nicer person business - well, we would do it if the old So-And-So hadn't gone out of their way to be nasty to me first.

Right away, we beat ourselves up that we didn't have the willpower to last even a few days. So, like Cubs fans after the team lost the first game of the new season, we lament, "Well, wait until next year." We'll postpone our good resolutions for another twelve months and try again - just like we have been doing for decades. That gets us nowhere.

An interesting PBS radio program makes it clear that we are going about our resolutions the wrong way. We make a decision that is going to be a

massive change of attitude and behavior, and think we can bulldoze our way ahead like the great Bronco Nagurski shaking off the defense on the football field. It doesn't work that way.

Take heart, and even if we are into the New Year, start again. This time, add two new ingredients to your resolutions - lubricant and friction. Lubricant makes it easy to move forward with good habits; friction adds resistance to get rid of bad ones.

Let's take the traditional NY Resolution of "I'm going to save more money this year." First, why are you doing it? What would make you want to do it? The standard answer might be retirement.

Good, you just decided you are going to diligently save money for an event that won't happen for a few more decades. That is hard work because it is all too easy to get careless or lose your motivation. You need some industrial strength lubricant to easy this good habit along.

One lubricant might be to stop by the bank, get some coin wrappers, and find a coffee can. Put your coffee can where you see it frequently, and every night



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before you go to bed, put all of the change in your pocket into it. Better yet, cut a slit in the lid so you don't see it. Meanwhile, start singing MC Hammer's ancient rap song, "Can't touch this!" If your billfold is a bit thick with one dollar bills, add them into the can. On the last day of the month, take out all the coins, wrap them, and take it all to the bank to put into a retirement account. Keep singing MC Hammer's ancient rap song, "Can't touch this!" but keep the receipt. That chit of paper reminds you of something you accomplished. There

is the lubricant and the pay off all in one. Plus, you now have the incentive for next month. That's how lubricant works.

A few months of that and it will be such a good habit you won't even think about it.

Now, for the friction part. Let's say you want to lose weight. Then find the ways to put temptation well out of sight or touch. Plate your meal in the kitchen rather than bringing the serving dishes to the table for 'family style'. You just created friction to avoid second helpings because you'll have to walk out to the kitchen, and perhaps endure the withering eyes of others still sitting at the table. Put a little friction from grazing. Every time you want a little snack, have a big glass of water and go for a 10 minute walk. You won't be hungry when you get back, and your mind will probably be on something else.

And if all else fails, for all of you fellows reading this column, just remember the Man's Prayer from the old Red Green Show: "I'm a man, but I can change, if I have to. I guess."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist's math doesn't add up

Dear Editor:

I see with the letter Mike Wilcox wrote, that bad math rules. Outside the 8 Billion to fight drugs in Afghanistan the paltry total for the massive wasteful spending is .0001585 of the budget. 400 times that amount still doesn't add up to anything.

Saying that 8 billion is wasteful spending fighting drugs in Afghanistan sound like your actually supporting cheap Heroin to feed

Americas opioid addiction.

Whenever anyone quotes Paul Ryan in the future, just stop, full Stop, delete everything and walk away.

Its somewhat circumspect that Wilcox has previously complained about the livelihood of the paper. Hire a good accountant, listen to them, your probably have too much wasteful spending.

David McCarty
South Haven, MI

Eyesore needs to be cleaned up

To the Editor,

This March it will be 6 years since Allegan Metal Finishing CO (AMFCO) was destroyed by a fire. Since then; nothing has been done to try and clean up the place. The ground is overgrown, semis still sit where they were, the rubble from the burnt building is still there and even the fence is starting to fall down. It's a complete eye sore when you are coming into town from the Otsego area. How has nothing

been done yet?

I know of residential property (outside of the city limit) that was required to paint their out-build-ing, as it was called out as an "eye sore". Yet this large commercial property remains the same since the fire destroyed it 6 years ago.

Is it due to the owner refusing to allow the EPA onto their property?

Sincerely,
Robyn Schuitema

Politicians should't receive pay during lockdowns

Dear Editor

I just received an email from the office of Gov. Whitmer that is headed "We Got Through 2020 Together". I have heard this sentiment over and over from government officials during the pandemic—"We're all in this together". But, is this true?

Because the Governor, her allies, scientists, both local and national, seem to think they can convince us we are all in this together just by saying so. Then they support policies and institute directives that are financially devastating to many business owners and their employees. But, they suffer no financial effects at all. It

is just too easy for them to advocate for lockdowns and business closures, and then not feel personally any of the financial pain from their decisions. The Governor, her staff, the scientists, the doctors in government positions, the state agencies who enforce her orders and the judges who affirm the orders seem to have no financial stake in the decisions. They keep drawing their pay, the financial pain is only felt by someone else. Some of these professionals are rightly proud of the work they have put into earning their scientific degrees and attaining high positions in government. I wonder if they would be willing to

throw away all they have accomplished. Because that is the position they have put many small business-owners in, that all the hard work and years they have spent building a business that provides for them and countless employees is about to be wasted because they are at risk of being permanently out of business due to these orders to lockdown.

Many doubt that those in power would be so quick to order lockdowns if they themselves were subjected to the financial hardships that these lockdown cause others.

To show that they are serious about us all being in this together I propose

that the Governor and her staff, all the politicians, all the scientists and other professional people in government that support these lockdowns be willing to forgo their pay while the lockdowns continue. They can then avail themselves of the remedies of paycheck protection programs and unemployment insurance that others have to live on. I am sure they will be glad to make this sacrifice, then they will be able to credibly claim that their actions are not arbitrary and hypocritical. And because . . . well, you know . . . we're all in this together.

Dale Grigg

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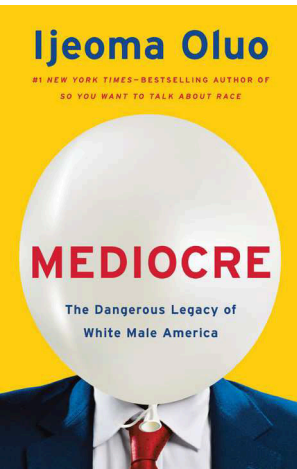
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Mediocre



None of this is new. It's been going on for hundreds of years, Oluo says, and Black women aren't the only ones on the receiving end of it. It exists in the West, as white men fight against white men over land that white men stole.

We see white male privilege all over politics, from the top down and especially in political arenas where white supremacy exists. It's been on college campuses, and in places of higher education where Black people were historically denied entrance. It's in the workplace, where Black women continue to make far less money than their white male counterparts.

White male privilege exists today in economics, pro sports, in language, in an ignorance of history and

The Bookworm Sez

"Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America"

by Ijeoma Oluo

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

the contributions of Black men and women, and in entertainment. It's a "very dark place," Oluo says, and there are things every American can do about it - starting with two things: an acknowledgment that we need white men, and an admission to our complicity in this terrible, untenable legacy.

Got a few days to read? Yeah, and grab a packet of those sticky-flag things, too. "Mediocre" is a book that practically demands them: though this is not a seven-hundred-page manifesto, there's that much information inside its covers.

What's more, author Ijeoma Oluo asks readers to think about her words, and not lightly. This is a read-a-few-paragraphs, put-it-down kind of book, making you live with the facts be-

fore moving forward. Oluo uses stories to illustrate many of her points, diving into American history, politics, and economics to help readers to see how quietly, totally entrenched white male privilege is and has been. Most eye-opening are her many statements of relevancy, showing how white males enjoy other cultures blithely, often while denigrating those very cultures.

Be prepared to give yourself a lot of time with this book - it needs that. And then be prepared for action, because "Mediocre" is going to make you roar.

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer.

Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 13,000 books.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Adams, 72

Kenneth Adams, age 72, passed away on January 5, 2021. Kenneth was born in Plainwell, on March 25, 1948, the son of Richard and Lois (Weyrick) Adams. He was the longtime owner of Adams Electric. Ken was a great outdoorsman, and he loved to hunt, trap and fish. He really enjoyed fishing at Fish Lake, where he and his brother, Rich would go even as young boys. He loved helping people and had a huge heart. Nothing was more important to him than his family and friends. His loving presence will be missed by many. Kenneth is survived by his daughter Kimberly (Reginald) Adams -Short; son, Kenneth



Kenneth Adams

Adams II. Ken was also a father to and loved by Monica (Jonathan) Jacobs, Bill Walden, Luke Adams, and Adam Adams; grandchildren Ashley (Jordan) Dalstra, Amber

(Kevin Holcomb) Holland, Jacob Bruischart, Calob Bruischart, Brooklyn Bruischart, Trenton Jacobs, Adrianna Jacobs; siblings, Cathy Adams-Weessies, Richard (Starr) Adams, Nancy (Tim) Adams -Harrington, Julie (Billy) Shannon; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. The family is planning a private family gathering in his honor. Memorial contributions may be made to Otsego VFW #3030, c/o the funeral home. Friends and family may share a condolence message online at www.joldersma-klein.com.

Timothy Paul Mitchell, 65

Timothy Paul Mitchell, 65 years old. Tim was born September 9, 1955 in Plainwell, Michigan. He was one of six children born to Delmer (Dick) and Mildred Mitchell. Tim graduated from Plainwell High School, class of 1974, and married his sweetheart Jennifer (Chappell) in 1976. They made their home and raised their children in Otsego. Tim worked for Parker Hannifin Fluidpower Pump Division in Otsego until his retirement. His post retirement years were spent snowblowing the neighborhood, telling his son that he was using tools wrong, bickering with his wife about the proper way to load dishes, and being affectionately known to his grandchildren as Grumpa.



Timothy Paul Mitchell

We wouldn't have changed a thing. In addition to his wife, Tim is survived by his son Grant (Jamie) Mitchell and their children, Connor, Ariya and Wyatt Mitchell, and his brother David (Karla) Mitchell, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins,

and his close friend, Carlos Vasquez. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Erica, and his siblings Janice Wright, Rebecca Mitchell, Daniel Mitchell and Laurie Holloway. Tim passed away at Bronson Hospital after a long struggle with COVID-19. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. A barbeque to celebrate Tim's life will be announced this summer. Those wishing to honor Tim's memory are asked to do a good deed for a neighbor. The Mitchell family is being cared for the McCowen & Secord Funeral Home, Marshall-Gren Chapel, 120 South Woodhams, Plainwell, MI 49080 (269)685-5881.

Moe Hardin

How do you choose a single picture, or write a few words, to honor a man whose life has been as full as Moe's? Moe lived every minute of life full speed. His way or the highway, his reputation preceded him. He worked hard, rode hard, played hard and loved hard. Always up for a good time, he was the life of the party, hosting several huge parties over the years and entertaining on Sundays. He loved his people. He traveled to most of the 48 states, Canada and Mexico, with jaunts to Florida every spring, making friends (and sometimes enemies) wherever he'd go. A heart of gold; he loved babies, puppies, cats, squirrels, birds and the ladies - and the ladies loved Moe. He kept a water bowl for the strays wandering through the yard. He kept flowers on his brother's grave since 1987. He liked fishing, boating, gardening, old cars, tractors and motorcycles. He liked junk; always down to wander through a flea market. He liked gambling and he liked his beer. Moe was a member of the Road Knights Motorcycle Club since 1969, and before that, the Chosen Few Motorcycle Club, and before that, the Searchers Motorcycle Club. He was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge. He was a very smart and creative man. He could build anything you wanted and was proud to have the tools to be able to do that. He was proud of his garden, proud of his barn, and excited to show me something new that he had made or fixed or found. He taught himself



Moe Hardin

to play guitar, making it up as he'd go. He was a journeyman electrician, maintenance man, trucker, and auto repairman; mostly self employed. He brought me flowers. Watched the moon and the stars fall from the sky. Suffered through my crazies. Always kissed me goodnight. My friend, my lover, my confidante, my life. Moe was born in Portageville Missouri on September 22, 1942 to Robert and Georgia (McAllister) Hardin. Although named after his Dad, the majority of his life he was simply known as Moe. He was the eldest of the Hardin boys, and second son born to Georgia. The family moved to Michigan in 1951. Moe loved life, but he was sick of dying. Moe was diagnosed with throat cancer in the fall of 2015, he took the recommended poison and gave it a run for the money but sadly passed away on January 1, 2021 at home. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Georgia Hardin; mother-in-law Leona Glover; father-in-law Billy Glover; brothers, Jack Berry, Doyle

"Lefty" Hardin and Tom Hardin; sister-in-laws Clara Berry and Gracie Hardin; brother-in-laws John Govensky, Jake Blevins, and Ron Lubbers. He will be deeply missed by those who survive including his wife, Betty Hardin; children Judy (Steve) Van Nortwick, Sheryl (Mike) Tyria, Jim (Randi) Hardin, and Charles Lacy; grandchildren Chris Hardin, Trevor Lacy, Hollie O'Neal, Ashleigh Bolt, and Devyn (Lacy) Prange (and others we never saw); great grandchildren Oliver Prange, Emory "Miss Moey" Askins, and Clarissa Brenner; siblings Paul (Mary Ellen) Hardin, James Hardin, Tony (Evelyn) Hardin, Tim Hardin, and sister Janet (Sam) Olund; in-laws Judy Hardin, Bill (Jean) Glover, Iola Govensky, Pat Blevins, Janice (Don) Mobley, Cathy Lubbers, Jerry (Jill) Glover, Jeff (Kim) Glover, Cheryl Hardin, and Kay Hershberger; his first wife Mary Tyria (mother of Jim, Sheryl and Judy); numerous nieces and nephews; a LOT of others who knew him as "Uncle Moe" or "Grandpa Moe", and his cat "Katt". Betty and Moe would like to thank everyone who called and sent kind words and especially those who came to entertain him on Sundays. A special thanks to our sons Jim and Charles. Moe will be cremated with his ashes buried at Manlius Township Cemetery. No service is planned. A celebration of life will be held at the Road Knights Motorcycle Club sometime in the summer. Please visit www.lakeshore-memorial.com to leave a memory for his family.

Terry Robert Loll, 73

Terry Robert Loll of Allegan, Michigan passed from this life into the next peacefully on January 4, 2021. Terry was born here in Allegan on April 20, 1947 to his loving parents, Robert Loll and Jean (Gryzinski) Loll. Terry made many friends and cherished the relationships that he formed over the years. He was a well-known athlete and had numerous medals and awards throughout his young life. Terry currently has a running record in the 440-track relay. He was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in the Allegan High School. He enjoyed art and the details of life all around him. He was able to capture elements of his surroundings and draw or paint them onto canvases. Terry cared for animals as well, especially his cats and dogs whom he loved



Terry Robert Loll

deeply. He continued his drive of excellence from high school into college. Terry would continue his success in his education and graduated from Kendal College of Arts in Grand Rapids. He served in Vietnam with numerous medals awarded. He was a proud member of Vietnam Veterans Association, and

the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Terry is survived by his sons, Nicholas (Alison) Loll and Jeffrey Loll; siblings, Charyl (Larry) Wallace and Randy (Colleen) Loll; grandchildren, Skylar, Drake, Tayler, Ashlynn and Shyliegh; and great-grandchildren, Oliver, Owen and Payton. In addition to his parents, Robert and Jean, he was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Brower. The family will receive friends at Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, on Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM with a memorial service starting at 5:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Doris Evelyn (Whillock) Schaible, 93

Doris Evelyn (Whillock) Schaible, long-time resident of Allegan, died peacefully December 19, 2020 at the age of 93. Born July 25, 1927 in Edmonton, London, England, to William Clarence and Florence Jane (Southern) Whillock, Doris attended public grammar school in Edmonton. She loved the ocean, and in World War II during the Battle of Britain when London's children were sent away from the city for safety, she accompanied her younger brother and sister to a seaside manor home on the southern coast, where she spent every free moment on the shore. Later, returning home she worked in the British defense industry, first for Klinger's and then Wreschner's, both London manufacturers. During WWII she met Floyd G. Schaible, a United States Army master sergeant in the 85th Infantry stationed in England with the 94th Army Field Hospital. Floyd's bicycle had broken down and Doris rode by and had tools to make the repairs. They were married March 31, 1945 at All Saints Church in Edmonton. Doris was one of about 40,000 English war brides. At 18 years of age (1945), she sailed to the United States aboard the Henderson with a contingent of other young English brides having the time of their lives on the high seas. After a two-week voyage she landed in New York and boarded a train for a thousand-mile journey to Morris, Illinois, where she and Floyd raised a family and operated a meat market, Circle S Foods. Coming from the world's largest city



Doris Evelyn (Whillock) Schaible

in England to small-town America was a big cultural adjustment for her, but she adapted to her changed life, and learned to understand and speak American English with good humor. The couple sold their business in 1971, bought the former Nordquist farm near Allegan, and moved there in 1973. They sold the farm in 2000 and moved to a condo in Allegan. Doris enjoyed singing, homemaking, lawn-and-garden work, baking and knitting. Over the last 25 years, she knitted more than 12,000 pairs of children's mittens for the Santa Claus Girls charity in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For some years she enjoyed the company of several other English war brides in her area, and they went on frequent outings. She lived at Briarwood Assisted Living in Allegan since 2014, where she delighted in frequent visits from granddaughters Whillock (Rios) Koester and Natalie Tice, other family members, and friends. She was a fan of all sports and enjoyed watching English football, especially the Tottenham Hotspurs, her father's favorite team. She remained a lifelong



subject of the British Crown and returned to England on occasion to visit her family. Doris is survived by daughters Jane Rios, Joy Clay (John, deceased) and Judy Tice; a son James (Georgene Agnich); grandchildren Whillock Rios (Ron Koester), Lucia Rios (Tim Steele) and Pearl Rios; Jacob and Natalie Tice; and great-grandchildren Collin and Elliot Rios and Woodrow and Gretta Steele. She also is survived by a brother Eric and sister Elsie in England. Doris was preceded in death by her husband Floyd (d. May 8, 2014), her parents, brothers William and Alfred, and sisters Joan Illman and Florence Kay. The family also wishes to thank long-time dear friend Sandy Coffey for her constant support and friendship. Cremation rites were accorded. Doris will be inurned at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, Michigan, alongside her husband. Memorial contributions may be made to Santa Claus Girls of Grand Rapids, Michigan. (www.santa-clausgirls.org).

Kenneth C Woodhams, 71

Reverend Kenneth C Woodhams, 71 passed away December 14, 2020 in Pawhuska, OK., formally of Allegan, after a long illness. He was born September 21, 1949 to the late Carlton and Ann (Counterman) Woodhams. He was a 1967 graduate of Allegan High School.

He joins his parents and a Granddaughter in heaven. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 49 years, Capie E. (Rowe), children Nathan of Ireland, Bryan of South Dakota, Katie of Oklahoma, 7 Grandchildren, sister Carleen French, Grand

Rapids, brothers Ben and Bill of Allegan. Cremation has taken place and there will be a celebration of life July 10, 2021 in Pawhuska. The family request that all flowers, notes, and memories be sent to Presbyterian Disciples Church, Pawhuska, OK.

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CASCO DRAIN

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, DENISE MEDEMAR, Drain Commissioner of Allegan County, Michigan, will receive bids until Monday, January 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, my office is implementing Social Distancing protocols for this project by conducting a Virtual Bid Letting only and will only accept bids submitted through Quest CDN, unless further advised via Addendum. Bids will then also be opened and publicly announced virtually for the construction of a certain drain known and designated as the “Casco Drain” located and established in the Township of CASCO in Allegan County, Michigan. The format of the bid opening will be via Microsoft Teams video/audio conference which can be accessed through the following link or by requesting an email link from Chris Harrington at charrington@geiconsultants.com:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/1/meetup-join/19%3ameeting-OGZhMzE2NmMtYzRiMyOOMUOLWEYNGYtMDhiMGiWZTRIYmE5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbcae5a-c4b9-4108-99c3-f60570916df9%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22bc9b924e-70a4-4e22-b25d-3e971e6fdb34%22%7d>

Said Drain is in three (6) Sections as follows, each section having the length, average depth and width as set forth:

Section 1: Enclosed storm drain construction, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 6 to 14 feet, average depth of cut 7 feet, beginning at Station No. 2+50 and extending to Station No. 37+00.

Section 2: Open channel storm drain construction, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 3 to 8 feet, average depth of cut 6 feet, beginning at Station No. 37+00 and extending to Station No. 59+40.

Section 3: Enclosed storm drain construction, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 5 to 7 feet, average depth of cut 6 feet, beginning at Station No. 59+40 and extending to Station No. 63+25.

Section 4: Open channel storm drain construction, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 5 to 6 feet, average depth of cut 6 feet, beginning at Station No. 63+25 and extending to Station No. 67+73.

Section 5: Enclosed storm drain construction, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 5 to 10 feet, average depth of cut 7 feet, beginning at Station No. 67+73 and extending to Station No. 78+00.

Section 6: Open channel storm drain construction, as shown on the Drawings, cuts of 1 to 5 feet, average depth of cut 3 feet, beginning at Station No. 78+00 and extending to Station No. 80+00.

All stations are 100 feet apart.

In the construction of the Drain, the following quantities for tile, pipe and open trench construction will be necessary and contracts will be let for same. The following items and quantities are only approximate to summarize the work and final payment will be made on measured quantities.

Install 140 lineal feet of 12-inch C76 RCP Storm Sewer, Install 38 lineal feet of 24-inch C76 RCP Storm Sewer, Install 36 lineal feet of 48-inch C76 RCP Storm Sewer, Install 60 lineal feet of 12-inch Dual Wall HDPE Storm Sewer, Install 1372 lineal feet of 30-inch Dual Wall HDPE Storm Sewer, Install 1909 lineal feet of 36-inch Dual Wall HDPE Storm Sewer, Install 1544 lineal feet of 48-inch Dual Wall HDPE Storm Sewer, Install 530 lineal feet of 12-inch CSP Culvert, Install 3 of 4-foot Dia. Catch Basins w/ 2-foot sump, Install 2 of 5-foot Dia. Catch Basins w/2-foot sump, Install 5 of 5-foot Catch Basins w/No Sump, Install 2 of 6-foot Dia. Catch Basin w/ no sump, Install 4 of 7 foot Dia. Catch Basin w/ no sump, Install 3 of Control Structure, Weir, Install 450 SYD's of Rip Rap, Perform 7251 lineal feet of Road Ditch Cleanout & Grading, Perform 7979 lineal feet of Roadside Ditch Construction, Perform 115 lineal feet of Open Channel Drain Cleanout & Grading and 1239 lineal feet of Open Channel Drain Construction. Also, includes sediment forebay construction, detention basin construction, tree removal, gravel driveway replacement, HMA driveway replacement, removal of existing incidental brush and trees less than 6-inches in size, restoration, traffic control, ditch and swale grading, mobilization, storm sewer appurtenances (fittings, end sections, etc.), gravel access road construction, HMA road restoration and soil erosion and sedimentation control measures.

There will be no (0) bridges and three (1) drain culverts constructed as part of the project.

There is one contract being let for all construction, which will include all material, expenses, labor and overhead necessary to perform the work. This contract will be let in accordance with the Contract Documents now on file in the office of the Allegan County Drain Commissioner and available to interested parties. Bid will be made and received in accordance with these documents.

Plans and Bidding Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations after Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:00 am local time at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010, (269) 673-0440.

Complete Bidding Documents may only be obtained after **Monday, November 23rd, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. E.S.T.** through the QuestCDN bid site. Bidders wishing to download the Plans and Specifications at a cost of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) may do so by downloading digital project bidding documents by entering **Quest Project Number 7417510** on the website's project search page.

Please contact QuestCDN Customer Support at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

The date for the **Substantial Completion** of such contract is **90 Calendar Days**, with the date for the **Final Completion** and ready for Final Payment being **130 Calendar Days**, upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed for the Contract.

The terms of payment are contained in the contract specifications. The payments for the above-mentioned work will be made based upon completion of Unit Price work on a monthly basis as outlined in the Contract Documents

Any responsible person wanting to bid on the above-mentioned work will be required to deposit bid security (bid bond, certified check, or cashiers check - cash is not acceptable - payable to Allegan County Drain Commissioner,) in the amount of no less than five percent (5%) of the bid specified in the bidding documents as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bonds as prescribed by the contract specifications and applicable law and within ten (10) days after the award of the contract, execute a contract or agreement and file necessary insurance and other bonds, if selected as the accepted bidder. If the selected awardee fails to properly execute the necessary bonds, agreement, and insurance requirement, the bid bond shall be deemed forfeited to the owner as liquidated damages. **All bids shall remain open for 90 days after the day of the Bid Opening**, but the Drain Commissioner reserves the right at their sole discretion to release any bid and bid security before that date.

Contracts will be entered into with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work and meeting all conditions represented in the Instructions to Bidders. Drain Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any nonconformance in any bids should it consider the same to be in its best interests, and to adjourn the letting to such time and place as they shall publicly announce.

The Drain Commissioner shall, within 90 days of receipt of bids, attempt to sell Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders in an amount sufficient to pay for this project, it being understood that if the Drain Commissioner shall not have marketed Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders in an amount sufficient to pay for this project within such 90 day period, a contract may not be executed. If, within such 90 day period, the Drain Commissioner shall successfully sell Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders in an amount to pay for this project, the Drain Commissioner shall issue a Notice of Award to the successful Bidder after such sale, at which time the successful Bidder shall provide the necessary bonds and insurances required and execute the Agreement within fifteen (15) days from the Notice of Award. The bid of the successful Bidder and the Bond securing the same shall remain in full force and effect until the Notice of Award. If the Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders herein before required to be sold are not marketed within the period provided above, or the Notice of Award is not given by the Drain Commissioner to the successful Bidder within the specified time, the bid may be deemed to be null and void and the bid deposit shall be returned to the successful Bidder. However, the 90 day period provided above for the sale of Bonds, Notes, or Drain Orders and the giving of the Notice to Award may be extended by mutual agreement between the successful bidder, the Surety Company issuing the bid bond for the successful Bidder, and the Drain Commissioner.

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the “Casco Drain Drainage District,” will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010 or at such other time and place to which the Drain Commissioner may adjourn. Due to current circumstances, please call (269) 673-0440 to schedule an appointment. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, the Drain Commissioner will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review by making an application to the Allegan County Probate Court for the appointment of a board of review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. For more information regarding payment of assessments, please contact my office.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of the Drain, as well as a list of any county, township, city, village and state department to be assessed at large;

PART OF SECTIONS 7, 18, 19, 62, 63 AND 74, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST AND RANGE 17 WEST, CASCO TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

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Fennville approves purchase of fire vehicle

The Fennville City Commission on Monday, Jan. 4: **Fire vehicle:** Approved up to \$20,000 to be used from the Fennville Area Fire Department restricted budget funds to purchase a 2005 Yukon XL with 17,369 miles to be used as a command vehicle. The purchase price includes \$16,000 for the vehicle itself, \$640 for a radio, \$684 to replace lights, \$2,000 for a full-size lightbar and new tires. This will replace the 2004 Trailblazer that needs major repairs, according to Fire Chief Paul Hapke. The Trailblazer is owned by the state and must be returned, so it cannot be sold. The fire department needs approval from the city and Manlius

Township before using the funds. The approval replaces a May 18 city resolution that OK'd \$15,000 for a similar purchase. That fell through after the department did not receive a grant to help with the purchase. The purchase is not a budget increase but moving the funds from one part of the budget to another. **Police signs:** Was informed by Mayor Tom Pantelleria that Fennville Police Department Chief Greg Rekucki will not promote the sale of \$20 yard signs on city time or with city resources. The chief promoted the sign that said "Fennville Police" and "Back the Blue" starting in

December on the police department's Facebook page, saying \$5 would be donated to local charity Ladders of Hope Food Pantry and \$15 would go to the for-profit sign company. The Facebook post was removed after Christmas. Pantelleria spoke with the city attorney who said city employees have the right to free speech on their own time but cannot promote such a sale as a representative of the city. The mayor said the city is not a "pass-through" for donations and is nonpartisan. Employee contributions: Approved 5 percent contribution of employee wages to a Simplified Employee Pension fund for each of

the city's eight workers for a citywide total of \$16,040.04. **Water meters:** Was informed by City Administrator Amanda Morgan that Ferguson Waterworks will be setting up appointments this week to get the remaining about 60 water meters replaced next week. About 650 meters are being replaced as part of a \$1.2 million U.S. Department of Agriculture loan. The new equipment allows the city to read meters remotely and speeds processing times. All meters must be replaced. Once the city has exhausted notification attempts, water will be shut off to residences that have not responded. **Personnel committee:**

Was informed the city's personnel committee will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. The committee will discuss replacing the department of public works foreman position and possibly reorganizing the department. **Next meeting:** Was

reminded the next city commission meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. The commission usually meets on Mondays but moved to the following day due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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Comprising the following at-large entities:
CASCO TOWNSHIP AT-LARGE
ALLEGAN COUNTY AT-LARGE (for Allegan County Road Commission)
ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing may sign their name and indicate the benefited lands or Public Corporation affected by the Apportionment and Special Assessment on the record of parties which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether they are protesting their Apportionment or Special Assessment.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and nonresident persons, owners, and persons interested in the

above described parcels of lands, and You: BOB GENETSKI, CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, AND THE ALLEGAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN WHO ARE SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT FOR AT LARGE ROAD BENEFITS AND JOHN KLEINHEKSEL, JAMES RYBICKI, AND LARRY BROWN, THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS AND CRAIG ATWOOD, ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR, WHO ARE SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT FOR AT LARGE ROAD BENEFITS AND ALSO ALLEN OVERHISER, SUPERVISOR OF CASCO TOWNSHIP AND CHERYL BRENNER, CLERK OF CASCO TOWNSHIP ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR ON THE ABOVE DATE AND TIME FOR SAID DAY OF REVIEWING YOUR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND APPORTIONMENTS.

At the Review the COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Casco Drain Drainage District, the several descriptions and Apportionment of Benefits and Special Assessments, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation as is just and equitable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the owner of any land in the Drainage District or any Township, District, or County having control of any highway or Public Corporation aggrieved by a Public Health Assessment or Apportionment and which may feel aggrieved by the Apportionment of Benefits so made by the Commissioner, may, within ten (10) days after the day of review of such Apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose, make an application to the Probate Court of Allegan County for the appointment of a Board of Review, by filing with said Probate Court a Bond in such sum as the Judge of Probate may require, with one or more sureties to be approved by the Judge of Probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the Apportionment made by the Commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the Board of County Road Commissioners in behalf of the County; the County of Allegan when authorized by the County Board of Commissioners; a Township Supervisor when authorized by the Township Board; or by the authorized

representative of the Board of Road Commissioners when authorized by the Board of Road Commissioners, respectively. Only one Board shall be appointed by such Probate Court.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021**, concurrent with the Day of Review of Apportionments, the lands comprised within the "Casco Drain Drainage District," will be subject to review for one day from **9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010**. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District for the Drain listed below, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drain is located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description by section number of the lands proposed to be added or deleted in whole or in part include the following:

DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION NUMBERS
CASCO DRAIN	CASCO TOWNSHIP	7, 18, 19, 62, 63 & 74

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete property to or from the Casco Drain Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Allegan County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated this 8th day of January 2021

DENISE MEDEMAR
ALLEGAN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

THIS NOTICE GIVEN PURSUANT TO ACT 172 OF SECTION 3 (D) OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACTS OF 1992, AND ACT 64 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN 1989 AS AMENDED AND ACT 40 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1956 OF MICHIGAN (DRAIN CODE) AS AMENDED, SECTION M.C.L. 280.154, M.C.L. 280.155 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Family Video ■ from Page A1



Allegan Family Video Manager Raechel Eichler assisted customers whose line snaked through the store.

needs to support small businesses more than ever.” Eichler’s and Jones’ sentiments parallel those of other businesses around Allegan. In post-holiday conversations with shops in Downtown Allegan, December business was as good if not better than past years, and they truly appreciate community support. At the same time, they realize that their mode of operation has had to adjust to a combination of brick and mortar and online presence.

Even with January sales and special in-store surprises, small businesses owners in Allegan know that community support is the key to their success. They will continue to inform and entice customers to shop locally, and hope

they can thrive even during difficult times. Hopefully, this will prevent more small businesses in Allegan from having closeout sales.

COVID cases show no let up- rise continues

By John Raffel Correspondent

ALLEGAN — The number of COVID-19 cases in Allegan County posted by health department officials coming into this week, was up to 6,190 cases and 86 deaths. The total from the previous weeks was at 5,865 cases with 72 deaths; 5,509 cases and 57 deaths, compared to 5,355 the week before, up dramatically from 4,955 and 4,496 the previous two weeks. The week’s totals before that was 3,870 and 3,348; preceded by 2,596, an increase of 752 in one week. The death count had risen by seven to 20. The number of cases were

1,941; 1,503; 1,201 and 1,015 in previous weeks. The number the week before that was 901 cases and seven deaths. The week before that, it was 815 cases and seven deaths. Statewide, it’s at 560,000 cases and 14,134 deaths. The figures are 89,542 cases and 3,789 deaths in Wayne County; 64,880 cases and 1,754 deaths in Oakland County; 52,238 cases and 1,716 deaths for Macomb County and 45,841 cases and 592 deaths for Kent County. In neighboring counties, it’s 3,177 cases and 38 deaths in Barry County, 19,552 cases and 296 deaths in Ottawa County and 5,366

cases and 85 deaths in Van Buren County. A USDA study provided by the Allegan County Health Department showed that only 1 percent of people washed their hands correctly before preparing food. Washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before preparing food can help prevent food poisoning, the health department points out. COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Art Prize returns in 2021

The much-beloved Art-Prize, a mainstay of summer events in Grand Rapids and all of southwestern Michigan, is returning after a one-year absence because of the Pandemic. The dates for 2021 are September 16th through October 3rd, and many details will be coming in the next weeks. In addition to the dates, especially for artists, the important thing to keep in mind as an added incentive to start working now, is

the \$450,000 in grants and prizes that will be awarded. As of this writing, there are no firm details beyond the dates and prize money. The steering committee will be releasing details in the near future. Although this cultural event is well outside Allegan County, many of our area residents have made a point of attending each year. Artists for our communities have entered their best work, vying not only

for the prizes, but being recognized their skills. After a long year of one event after another being cancelled or postponed, put the dates on your calendar and plan on a road trip to Grand Rapids for this year’s ArtPrize.

Dugan ready for another year on county commission

By John Raffel Correspondent

OTSEGO — Otsego area resident Gale Dugan has recently been serving as vice-chairman of the county Board of Commissioners and has been serving District 6 since Oct. 27, 2016. His district consists of Hopkins, Otsego, Trowbridge and Watson townships, the city of Otsego and the village of Hopkins. “A big thing coming up is dealing with Brownfield, a major project coming on,” Dugan said. “We also are ready to get the courthouse entry way built so we have better security taken care of there. That’s been a project long in coming. “As for February, we’ll have to see how things are going and how the vac-

cines are coming along and things of that nature.” The organizational meeting is on Jan. 14 with election of officers. Committee assignments were made in December. Dugan is on the medical care facility, parks, solid waste planning, and Brownfield committees, and was also appointed to the mental health board, plus the specialized transportation committee, the board of public works and an ad hoc committee on the sustainable business park in Kent County. “I’m also on the state boundary commission and we have this annexation coming in there sometime from Hopkins to the city of Wayland,” he said. “We’ll see how that comes along.”

ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
January 4, 2021

1. Board approved: 425 Agreement with the City of Allegan regarding four parcels on Industrial Drive that the city cannot use; a public hearing at the next township board meeting for Material Transfer Industrial Development District and Tax Abatement for parcel 03-01-035-037-20.

2. Board learned: eight building permits were pulled in December with two new homes.

3. Board approved payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$3,102.38 and Road Fund bills in the amount of \$63,210.34.

Brande Gillies,
Allegan Township Clerk

NOTICE
2021 DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING DATES
Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorr Township Complex.

January 28 February 25 March 18
April 29 May 27 June 24
July 29 August 26 September 30
October 28 November 18 December 23

2021 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
DATES
The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Complex.

January 19 February 16 March 16
April 20 May 18 June 15
July 20 August 17 September 21
October 19 November 16 December 21

2021 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEET-
ING DATES
The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Complex.

March 17 June 16 September 15
December 15

2021 DDA MEETING DATES
The meetings start at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Complex.

March 8 May 10 July 12
September 13 November 8

2021 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING DATES
The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Complex.

January 11 January 25 February 8
February 22 March 8 March 22
April 12 April 26 May 10
May 24 June 14 June 28
July 12 July 26 August 9
August 23 September 13 September 27
October 11 October 25 November 8
November 22 December 13 December 27

2021 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES
TBD

ACHD awaits second shipment of vaccine

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced that the State will be moving to Phase 1B of vaccination of individuals age 65 and older; frontline essential workers including police officers, first responders, frontline state and federal workers and jail and prison staff; and preK-12 teachers and childcare providers on January 11, 2021. The current Allegan County Health Department (ACHD) limited supply of Moderna vaccine is already committed to complete Phase 1A (EMS and health care) appointments. At this time, the next shipment of Moderna vaccine expected to be allocated to ACHD is estimated to arrive the week of January 24. Allocation of vaccine is determined by manufacturer supply and determinations made by the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and MDHHS. ACHD will move to Phase 1B when more vaccine is received. ACHD recommends individuals working or living in Allegan County complete the “I Want the COVID-19 Vaccine” form on www.allegancounty.org/covid. Once ACHD has begun the vaccination phase an individual may be eligible for, ACHD will send an email to the address the individual provided and give instructions for making a vaccine appointment. Individuals with technology or internet barriers may call the ACHD COVID-19 Hotline at 269-686-4546 to provide their information. For the Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Prioritization Guidance, click here or visit www.michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine

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Allegan County Health Department will notify you when
you can make your COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

DISCLAIMER: Signing up for the COVID-19 Vaccine with Allegan County does not schedule your vaccine appointment. Allegan County Health Department is following the MDHHS Vaccination Prioritization Guidance and vaccine is available on a first come, first serve basis for the prioritization phases.

www.vaccinatewestmi.com
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TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO ESTABLISH AN
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing to establish an Industrial Development District (Material Transfer & Storage), pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, will be held before the Township Board of the Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan on Monday February 1st, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall which is located at 3037 118th Ave, Allegan, Michigan 49010.

The proposed Industrial Development District consists of the following described land situated in the Township of Allegan, Allegan County Michigan to wit:

Property Address: 1226 Lincoln Road, Allegan, MI 49010

Legal description: COM 830.78' E OF SW COR TH N 18 DEG 53'05" E 426.16' TO C/L M-89TH SE'LY ALG SD HWY TO INTSEC OF SD HWY & 27TH ST TH ON C/L 27TH ST TO S SEC LIN TH W TO POB EX THE S 132' OF THE E 330' SEC 35 T2N R13W (80)

2.60 Acres

Parcel Identification No. 01-035-037-20

Owners of any real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and any other residents or taxpayers of the Township of Allegan have the right to appear and be heard thereon.

The establishment of said parcel of land as an Industrial Development District is for the purpose of encouraging the expansion of industrial facilities, and the acquisition of new machinery and equipment, and the creation of new jobs within the district by offering the owners of such industrial facilities the tax incentive provided for by said Act 198

BRANDE GILLIES
TOWNSHIP CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGAN

Clippers fall to top-ranked Lenawee Christian in state semifinal showdown

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

Following a layoff of 57 days due to a COVID-related emergency order, the Martin football team finally got its chance to square off with top-ranked Adrian Lenawee Christian in a Division 1 8-Player state semifinal on Saturday, Jan. 9.

And based on the game's opening drive, it appeared as if the long wait had been worth it for the Clippers.

Scoring on a 41-yard pass from quarterback Gabe Meyers to tight end Mitchell Jager, Martin took a quick 6-0 lead in the game's opening minutes.

The rest of the game was a bit of a different story.

Lenawee Christian responded with a touchdown

of its own on its opening drive, getting a 59-yard pass from Landon Gallant to Jameson Chesser. The successful extra point made it 7-6 in favor of the Cougars.

Lenawee Christian didn't slow down from there, scoring the next three TDs en route to handing Martin the 47-12 season-ending loss.

The Clippers finished at 8-2—with the previous loss the result of a COVID forfeit to Lawrence—while Lenawee Christian stayed unbeaten at 10-0 and advanced to the state finals.

Although he'd obviously hoped for a different result, Martin coach Brad Blauvelt had nothing but praise for his players.

"I'm proud of all the players and coaches in the program and how they handled

the daily adversity of this season," he said. "Being on the practice field or under the lights on game day gave us all great sense normalcy.

"This came didn't go the way we wanted it to, but the season was a success, especially with the challenges and negativity 2020 gave us. We were regional champions for the first time since the 1987 (state) championship team. We didn't lose a regular season game—that we played on the field—for the second straight season. We were a bright spot and a positive outlet for our players. That's what we will take away from the season."

Speaking of bright spots, Meyers was just that for the Clippers during the game.

In addition to the game-opening TD toss to



Martin quarterback Gabe Meyers looks for some running room against the Lenawee Christian defense. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Jager, Meyers hooked up with Charley Martin for a 13-yard scoring toss with 1:17 left to play in the first half. That cut Lenawee Christian's lead to 25-12 and seemed to give the Clippers some momentum heading to halftime.

But that proved to be too much time for the Cougars, who scored with 3.2 second left in the half to push their lead to 32-12.

"That hurt," Blauvelt said of the late TD by Lenawee Christian. "It definitely gave them the momentum.

"We felt really good scoring right before the half. We had the momentum and I felt good about going into halftime two scores down. I thought we could get back into the game at that point. But gave them good field position on the kickoff and there was too much time left on the clock. They executed very well and deserve credit."

The Cougars tacked on two touchdowns in the second half to bring the score to its final.

Meyers finished with 230 passing yards in the loss, with Charley Martin hauling in five passes for 129 yards. Karter Ribble added two catches for 60 yards to go with 32 rushing yards on five carries.

For Lenawee Christian, Gallant went 11-of-13 passing for 205 yards. Chesser ran the ball 13 times for 124 yards and five touchdowns.

"The Chesser kid is as good as advertised," Blauvelt said "He had a different gear than everyone else. They play with great effort on every play and are well coached."

And while Blauvelt is excited about the talent his team has coming back next season—including Ribble, Charley Martin, J.R. Hildebrand, Chris Tuinstra and Thomas Osenbaugh—he knows it will be tough to say good-bye to the senior class.

"They lead us through their play and we had a great run," Blauvelt said. "Specifically, Mitchell and Gabe set a great example for the young kids. They committed themselves to offseason workouts, the program and always doing what's right.

"Those two along with Brayden Eckman and Josh Smith have now played in more playoff games than anyone else for Martin. I think that's pretty special."

Blauvelt has a personal connection with this group of seniors that goes back nearly a decade.

"Much like last year's group, I had most of these guys in my fourth-grade classroom, so it's been an absolute pleasure to see them grow up to great young men," he said. "I'm proud of all of them. It's safe to say no one will forget this season. They got to play during a pandemic, which turned into the longest, craziest season ever."



The Clippers did their best to battle top-ranked Lenawee Christian, but saw their season end with a state semifinal loss. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)



Martin coaches and players take in the action against Lenawee Christian. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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SPORTS

Johnson retires from MHSAA after tenure spanning 33 years

After 33 years serving the Michigan High School Athletic Association in a variety of role—including as its first communications director and most recently director of broadcast properties—John Johnson has retired. His final day was Dec. 18.

Johnson joined the MHSAA staff in 1987 after previous stops working in sports information at Albion College, Western Michigan University and Indiana University. In addition to serving as communications director for the majority of his three-plus decades at the MHSAA, Johnson also at different times during his tenure directed efforts in information technology, marketing and merchandising before spending his final years focused on the Association’s growing broadcast presence.

The communications director position was created by now-retired executive director John E. “Jack” Roberts after Roberts was

hired to lead the MHSAA in 1986. Johnson became a recognizable voice speaking for the MHSAA in thousands of interviews over the years, and he also pioneered the Association’s broadcast endeavors—building one of the most highly-regarded and highest-producing Student Broadcast Programs in the United States while leading the charge to bring an abundance of playoff events to cable and digital platforms.

Johnson was one of the first communications specialists hired by a state high school sports association, and one of, if not, the first to carry such wide-ranging responsibilities.

“What people don’t necessarily know is John is the pioneer in this field,” MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said. “The way he shaped this job over the last 30 years has been extraordinary and has become the model for the 49 other states.”

Johnson is responsible for a number of phrases that are synonymous with the MHSAA, perhaps most memorably: “Promoting the Value—and Values—of High School Sports.”

He also designed all of the print and broadcast materials for a sportsmanship initiative during the late 1980s and early 1990s that was the first of its kind nationally and made the MHSAA a leader on the topic.

More recently, he championed the “Safer Than Ever” campaign that aspired to explain that high school football is safer now than it’s ever been because of changes to game rules, practice rules and other modifications.

Johnson also has been a source of historical context for many media and schools over the years, and he served multiple terms on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) national record book committee.

His final years were as “all things broadcasting” as Johnson served as the MHSAA’s first director of broadcast properties, an all-encompassing title that included all-encompassing responsibilities including efforts many years in the building.

The MHSAA provides video broadcasts of nearly all of its MHSAA Finals—including football and basketball with FOX Sports Detroit—and Johnson has navigated the growth of those opportunities and also with the MHSAA Network’s audio offerings during championship events. He guided the MHSAA’s School Broadcast Program from its creation during the 2008-09 school year and provided valuable knowledge as the MHSAA took a leading role in the creation of the NFHS Network digital platform for live and on-demand school sports broadcasts. Michigan SBP schools are among the top content providers to the

Network, regularly broadcasting upwards of 500 events per week.

Johnson’s voice has continued to be heard weekly on more than 100 radio stations statewide as part of the “This Week in High School Sports” show often plugged into halftimes of broadcasts and other regular programming.

“Being the voice, and having to be the face a lot, is something that came with the territory,” Johnson said. “Somebody had to be the storyteller. And while you can be prideful about that, the important thing is still the story. I’ve said it a lot: I was the lucky guy who got the job. Because the story was there to be told, the work was there to be done.”

Johnson attended Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart and then Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism. He began his career as a full-time assistant in Albion College’s college relations office in



John Johnson
1978 while still a student at MSU, graduating from the latter in 1979.

He also worked briefly in the news department with WITL Radio in Lansing and as an intern in the Office of Public Affairs at Ferris State University before moving on to WMU, and he came to the MHSAA after working in a promotions capacity for Michigan Farm Bureau.

Football ■ from Page B2

PLAINWELL
Carter Cushman: A senior offensive lineman, Cushman provided an example for the rest of his teammates.

“Carter was the leader of the O-line,” Langs said.

It was Cushman’s work ethic that made him a leader.

“He’s such a hard worker,” Langs said. “He just showed up ready to work every day at practice and do whatever he could to get better.”

“He’s another big reason why our team rushed for over 1,300 yards and 16 rushing TDs in just four games.”

David Hamilton: When he looks at Hamilton, Langs sees nothing but potential.

“This kid has a lot of upside,” Langs said. “He obviously played well this season and I think he’s just going to get better. He will be a huge piece of the puzzle for us next year.”

It’s not difficult to see what Langs likes in Hamilton.

A sophomore defensive back, Hamilton has speed to burn.

“He’s one of the fastest kids on our team,” Langs said.

That speed makes Hamilton a potent weapon when it comes to shutting down the opposition’s passing game.

“He made some big plays at key times for us this season and I can’t wait to see what he’s able to do moving forward,” Langs said.

Alex Rowe: Linebacker are known for being tough, hard-nosed players.

Rowe, a senior outside linebacker, definitely fit that description for the Trojans.

“He’s one of the toughest kids on the team,” Langs said. “He’s one of those guys who enjoys contact. He’s a kid who hits you as hard as he can every play.”

Rowe was also committed to helping the team in any way he could.

“We asked Alex to play a new position this year and he never complained,” Langs said. “He just went out and did his job to the best of his ability.”

HONORABLE MENTION
ALLEGAN
Luke Ellis: Talk about making a good first impression.

A freshman wide receiver/defensive back, Ellis wasted no time in proving that he belonged at the varsity level.

“Luke is a very talented kid who brings a lot to the table,” Madill said. “He has a very bright future and I’m excited to watch him progress.”

Ellis found the end zone three times this season, twice through the air and once on the ground.

He also took advantage of the new “Fifth Quarter” rule instituted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association this season, which allows underclassman to

play a total of five quarters per week between varsity and JV.

“Luke got the chance to play quarterback at the JV level, which should help us in the future,” Madill said.

Josh Hansen: As a sophomore last season, Hansen was Honorable Mention All-Conference as a wide receiver.

This year, he was Honorable Mention as a quarterback.

“We asked him to play quarterback this year and stepped up big time,” Madill said.

And Hansen only seemed to get better as the season progressed.

In a pair of games near the end of the season, he rushed for more than 200 combined yards with three rushing touchdowns in addition to passing for four more TDs.

Baylee Schafer: A senior, Schafer was kind of like a Swiss army knife for the Tigers: He played defensive end, wide receiver, offensive lineman and he took care of the punting duties.

“Baylee was a jack of all trades for us this year,” Madill said.

Schafer started the season at wide receiver, where he has played in the past. But a change in schemes led to a change in position.

“He did what any good leader would do, which is do what’s best for the team,” Madill said. “He moved to the offensive line for us and did a great job.”

OTSEGO
Andrew Chambers: A sophomore who was getting his first taste of varsity action, Chambers quickly acclimated himself to the higher level of play.

Defensively, he made 20 tackles, including one for a loss. He also recovered a fumble.

Offensively, he ran the ball 18 times for 125 yards and one touchdown.

PLAINWELL
Keagon Coffinger: Consistency is a trait all coaches like to see in their players.

And it’s a trait possess by Coffinger.

“Keagon practices and plays with the same level of great intensity,” Langs said. “As a coach, you can’t ask for more than that.”

A senior outside linebacker, Coffinger also displayed a high level of football IQ.

“He’s a great tackler and has great instincts,” Langs said. “He also has the ability to make people around him better.”

Kody Poirier: The junior defensive lineman was an agent of chaos for the Trojans this season.

“Kody caused chaos on the defensive line,” Langs said.

Not that Langs is taking any of the credit for that.

“He’s just such a hard player to block, which is something you can’t coach,” Langs said. “He’s a great kid who will do anything for Plainwell football.”

Caleb Williams: Taking reps at running back alongside Likens and McDaniel, this talented junior made a good impression on Langs.

“He’s a great compliment to our other running backs who gave a different dimension that made it tough to game plan,” Langs said.

And with Likens and McDaniel graduating this spring, Williams will likely have even more opportunities to shine in the upcoming season.

“I expect big things from him next year,” Langs said.



Allegan’s Josh Hansen takes a snap during a late-season game. (File photo)

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FOR THE RECORD

PEEK AT THE PAST



Jeremiah Peterson (shown left) and Anson Fogarty will travel to Ann Arbor this weekend to perform at the University of Michigan with the state Honors Choir.

From the pages of *The Allegan News* and *The Allegan County News and Gazette*:

Jan. 18, 1946
Plan for Youth Canteen at Griswold Gym: Plans for the proposed youth canteen were progressing satisfactorily this week according to Norman Kirk, chairman of the committee named by the community council to aid the students in procuring and furnishing a canteen and recreation room.

Mr. Kirk said that his committee met Monday evening with the Griswold building board and that the board had agreed to allow the use of the Griswold gym for the canteen two nights a week. The canteen plans as worked out by the community council committee call for the rental of the Griswold gym and the hiring of a director. Mr. Kirk said the students are planning to have a juke box, lounge chairs, lamps and other furniture, along with ping pong tables and games that could be used by the group that its loan would be greatly appreciated and that they should contact either

Clyde Wells or David Weston.

Jan. 14, 1971
Allegan welcomes two young students from South America: Soon Allegan will welcome two new young people from Uruguay and Brazil to spend a few months in local homes.

They come through the Michigan Council of Churches Youth for Understanding program and the local International Friendship Club and will attend Allegan High School senior classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lind-sley of Route 3 will be foster parents to Mario Uberti Toyos, 16, of Montevideo, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Veenkant, 203 Cutler St., will be foster parents to Maria da Gloria Frossard, 17, of Rio de Janeiro.

Young Mario's father manages an agricultural company and has visited the United States four times. Mario plays the guitar, and states he is interested in politics.

Maria is the daughter of a retired army colonel, who is now a business executive. This family has five children. Her hobbies are volleyball, swimming, horsemanship, table ten-

nis, painting, dancing and classical music.

It is hoped that Allegan residents will invite the students into their homes to promote better understanding between our country and theirs. Mr. Charles Yeates and Miss Jill Cook head the adult and student organizations of the local International Friendship Club.

Miss Deborah Rapa has been accepted to spend time with a family in Japan next summer.

First National Bank and Trust Co. president announces Ray Blowers and James DeHaan promotions: James H. Duncan, president of the First National Bank and Trust of Michigan, announced today that Raymond F. Blowers, Vice President and manager of the Bank's Allegan Office, has been appointed Vice President and manager of the bank's downtown office, Kalamazoo. James E. DeHaan, manager of the bank's Lake Center Office, has been appointed Assistant Vice President and Manager of the Allegan Office replacing Blowers.

In making the announcement, Duncan stated, "Blowers has served the Allegan Office and its customers with distinc-

tion. His experience in all banking areas will lend much to his new and important responsibility as Manager of the Bank's largest office. DeHaan, with his broad branch management experience, welcomes the opportunity to become a part of the Allegan community.

Jan. 18, 1996
Two sing with state choir: After completing a series of auditions which began last October, two Allegan High School students are scheduled to perform with the State Honor's Choir Jan. 20 at Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Jeremiah Peterson and Anson Fogarty, both seniors, are participating in the Honors Choir for the first time and said they are both nervous and excited about the opportunity.

Philip Silvey, vocal director at Allegan High School, said the program, sponsored by the Michigan Schools Vocal Music Association, allows individual students to excel outside of their home school.

Jan. 14, 2016
Making a Splash: 'Frozen Five' raise

less than 25 grams and habitual offender - third offense notice. Isit was ordered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees.

Unless otherwise noted, the fines set forth above include \$130 for the crime victims rights fund and \$68 state fee per file. Sentences are concurrent unless noted. Listings compiled by correspondent Jim Hayden

\$12,320.65 for Wings of Hope Hospice: Five guys getting ice water dumped on their heads outside in the dead of winter just raised \$12,320.65 for Wings of Hope Hospice in Allegan.

The Ice Cold Splash for Cash was organized by veterinarian Jim "Doc" Connell. He and four others competed to raise the most donations for the hospice nonprofit in advance of Friday, Jan. 1, when they gathered in front of the hospice of-

fice for their destiny with buckets of ice water.

Connell said, "I am absolutely humbled by the response we got from our community donating to this good cause; it's just beyond my wildest dreams."

This year marked an expansion from when he and Allegan Township supervisor Steve Schulz raised money doing the same thing at the start of 2015.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

MARRIAGES

The following people applied for a marriage license between Dec. 30 and Jan. 5:

Jerardo Antonio Mendoza Jr., Allegan, and Daily Dalilia Parra G,

Fennville
Valarie Rashelle Mayou, Fennville, and Darien Michael-Gage Mosley, Grand Junction
Eric Jamison Lejeune, Fennville, and Bryan Douglas Kemp, Fennville

DEATHS

December 10, 2020
Mark Alan Oram, 47, Lee Twp.
December 20, 2020
Pedro Alfredo Cortez, 91, Holland
December 21, 2020
Linda Knight, 73, Muskegon Twp.

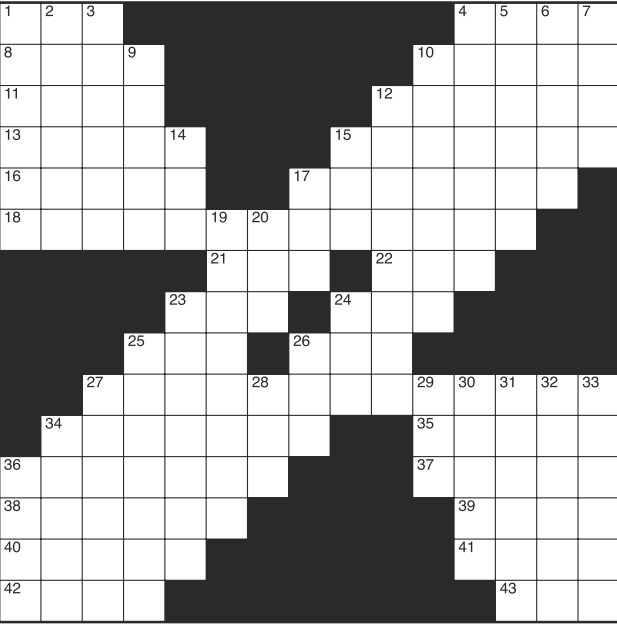
December 22, 2020
Gary Paul Smith, 67, Wayland
Mireille Francine Gladu, 98, Manlius Twp.
Carolyn Kay Wilson, 76, Park Twp.
December 23, 2020
Irene Betty Bagladi, 98, Holland
Margaret Louise Iciek, 91, Allegan Twp.

William Lloyd Livengood, 81, Holland
December 24, 2020
Erma Lorraine Mitchell, 87, Allegan
Gloria Wobma, 87, Wayland Twp.

December 25, 2020
Flonnie Elizabeth Jackson, 83, Fennville
December 26, 2020
Kristie Lynn Covault, 60, Cheshire Twp.
David Carl Greenburg, 82, Zeeland
Melvin Bernard Konjer, 87, Park Twp.

December 27, 2020
Basil Eugene Smith, 93, Allegan
Twp.
Lily Ann Hawes, 90, Trowbridge Twp.
Joyce Elaine Langford, 89, Cooper Twp.
December 28, 2020
Victorina Garza, 89, Holland
December 29, 2020
Marilyn Elizabeth Bastian, 91, Wayland
Wayne Hogarth Goodwin, 93, Wayland
December 30, 2020
Abram Westhouse Jr, 89, Leighton Twp.
Patricia Ann Naumoff, 86, Holland
Phyllis Ruth Rastall, 94, Douglas
Bonnie Sue Natte, 66, Wyoming
Robert Scott Risner, 58, Oran-geville Twp.
December 31, 2020
Larry Lee Crawford Sr, 76, Otsego
Dale Richard Reich, 81, Otsego
Esther Witteveen, 86, Holland
January 1, 2021
Robert Ewing Hardin, 78, Manlius Twp.
Carl James Cargo, 79, Douglas
January 3, 2021
Henrietta Marie Cook, 82, Belding

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
- Silicon Valley's specialty
- Gather a harvest
- Famed mathematician
- No (slang)
- Students use one
- Type of molecule
- Play make-believe
- Large barrel-like containers
- Touching
- Treats allergies
- Calendar month
- Single

- Cease to live
- Brew
- What ghosts say
- Geological time
- Focus
- Discomfort
- A citizen of Iran
- Trip
- Imitate
- Makes happy
- Double-reed instrument
- Body parts
- Transgressions
- One-time emperor of Russia
- Time zone

CLUES DOWN

- Used in treating bruises
- One who cultivates a small estate
- One who supports the Pope
- Annuity
- Geological period
- Grab onto tightly
- Kept
- Chinese city
- The most direct route
- Type of tooth
- ___ kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Popular veggie
- Supervises inter-state commerce
- Foolish behaviors

- Witness
- Gives
- Expression of creative skill
- A way to prop up
- Midway between northeast and east
- Winter melon
- Supernatural power
- Target
- Threes
- A type of poetic verse
- They make some people cry
- Kindest
- Forman and Ventimiglia are two
- A way to liquefy

■ see Solution, Page B5

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Margaret Zuzich Bakker handed down the following decisions on Dec. 28:

Kaitlyn Joy Dejonge, 22, of Allegan, was sentenced to 5 months in jail with 146 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine. Dejonge was ordered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees.

Tyree Jordan Fields, 19, of Allegan, was sentenced to 11 months in jail with 10 days credit for domestic violence – aggravated assault and domestic violence - aggravated assault - second offense notice and 11 months in jail with 10 days credit for interfering with electronic communications resulting in injury. Fields was ordered to pay \$526 in court costs and fees. As part of 48 months notice, Fields must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent, 90 days Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor tether upon release from jail and pay \$60 per month supervision fee.

Terrell Lynn Heath, 34, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced to 57 days in jail with 57 days credit for fourth degree fleeing and eluding. Heath was or-

dered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees.

Michael Levi Hughes, 40, of Holland, was sentenced to a minimum of 36 months in prison to a maximum of 10 years in prison with 4 days credit for third degree fleeing and eluding and a minimum of 36 months in prison to a maximum of 10 years in prison with 4 days credit for operating under the influence of liquor, operating - while intoxicated/impaired/with the presence of a controlled substance - third offense notice and habitual offender - third offense notice. Hughes was ordered to pay \$466 in court costs and fees.

Joshua Michael Schleh, 34, of Kentwood, was sentenced to 7 months in jail with 118 days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing and 7 months in jail with 118

days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing and habitual offender - third offense notice. Schleh was ordered to pay \$466 in court costs and fees.

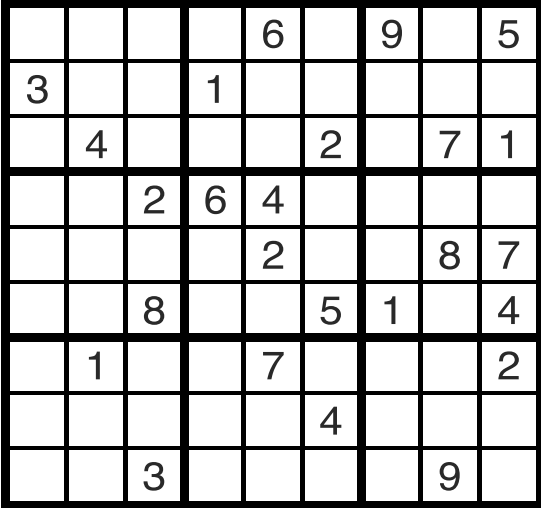
Judge Margaret Zuzich Bakker handed down the following decisions on Dec. 29:

Elizabeth Baltazara Isit, 28, of Battle Creek, was sentenced to 131 days in jail with 131 days credit for controlled substances - possession (narcotic or co-

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(See Solution Page B5)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 21, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Heck and Nila Heck, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Option One Mortgage Corporation

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-HL1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-HL1

Date of Mortgage: December 29, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 17, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$109,914.27

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Casco, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The North 5 Rods Of The South 30 Rods Of The South 1/2 Of The North 1/2 Of The

Northeast 1/4 Of Section 13, Town 1 North, Range 16 West.

The South 5 Rods Of The North 10 Rods Of The South 1/2 Of The North 1/2 Of The

Northeast 1/4 Of Section 13, Town 1 North, Range 16 West.

Except, The North 1/2 Of The South 5 Rods Of The North 10 Rods Of The South 1/2

Of The North 1/2 Of The Northeast 1/4 Of Section 13, Town 1 North, Range 16 West.

Common street address (if any): 770 60th St, Pullman, MI 49450-9769

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: December 24, 2020

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(12-24)(01-14)

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 Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on February 4, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Charles Prottegeier and Gloria Prottegeier, husband and wife

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

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-4

Date of Mortgage: March 3, 2004

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 10, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$222,761.70

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan described as beginning at a point being North 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds East 421.00 feet as measured on the North line of Section 21 and South 00 degrees 04 minutes 53 seconds East 1265.18 feet and North 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds East 304.98 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, thence proceeding South 00 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds East 640.46 feet, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds East 304.375 feet, thence North 00 degrees 01 minute 38 seconds West 640.46 feet, thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds West 304.375 feet to the point of beginning. Also together with and subject to a 66 foot wide private roadway easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip of land described as beginning at a point on the centerline of Old Allegan Road being North 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds East 421.00 feet as measured on the North line of Section 21 and South 00 degrees 04 minutes 53 seconds East 1905.64 feet and South 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds West 380.28 feet from the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 3 North, Range 15 West; thence proceeding North 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds East 1293.405 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21; thence on said East line South 00 degrees 01 minute 38 seconds East 66.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds West 1236.84 feet to the centerline of Old Allegan Road; thence North 40 degrees 46 minutes 16 seconds West 86.66 feet to the point of beginning of this easement description.

Common street address (if any): 5465 Liland Trce, Fennville, MI 49408-9368

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: December 31, 2020

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1427036
(12-31)(01-21)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Mortgagor(s): Ronald F. Sherwood Sr., a married man and Michelle Sherwood, a married woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Date of mortgage: March 14, 2002 Recorded on June 20, 2002, Liber 2256, on Page 602. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and 42/100 Dollars (\$52,670.42) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 5, Town 1 North, range 13 West, Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 18 seconds West on the South line of Section 5, 880.22 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence continuing on the South section line North 89 degrees 42 minutes 18 seconds West, 440.12 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 27 seconds East on the North and South eighth line of the Southeast quarter, 593.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 58 seconds East on the North line of the South 18 acres of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 5, 441.04 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West parallel to the East section line, 593.68 feet to

the place of beginning. Commonly known as 3247 110th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under 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. The Huntington National Bank Mortgage/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1427039 (12-31)(01-21)

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 Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 4, 2021. 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 mortgage made by Katherine McElroy and Robert K. McElroy, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2003 and recorded November 26, 2003 in Liber 2596, Page 890 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2019-GS6, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Nine and 93/100 Dollars (\$36,269.93).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 4, 2021.

Said premises are located in the Township of Clyde, Allegan County

Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing 38 rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter if Section 21, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, running thence North 40 rods, thence West 6 rods, thence South 40 rods, thence East 6 rods to place of beginning. 5579 117th Avenue, Fennville, Michigan 49408

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 7, 2021

File No. 20-007136

Firm Name: Orlans PC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(01-07)(01-28)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's TRUST Estate

FILE NO. 19-xxx-DE

Decedent: LILLIAN M. JAGER

The Lillian M. Jager Trust u/a/d 12/13/2002, as amended

Date of birth: December 31, 1933

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LILLIAN M. JAGER, died December 10, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sara L. Parsons, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. A probate estate has not been opened and letters of authority have not been issued. Date 12/31/2020

Nicewander, Berens & DeVries PLLC

James C. DeVries P47508

513 Baldwin Street

Jenison MI 49428

Sara L. Parsons

1877 - 130th Avenue

Hopkins MI 49328

(269) 793-9372

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Trust Estate

Ellalene R. Kampen ("Decedent")

Date of Decedent's Birth: October 8, 1930 Name of Trust: Kampen Living Trust dated February 14, 2001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Ellalene R. Kampen died December 14, 2020. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent, Decedent's estate, and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Trustees Kathryn E. Kampen and Kimberly J. Berends within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 4, 2021

Douglas J. Brackmann (P-40885)

WESSELING & BRACKMANN P.C.

6439 28th Avenue

Hudsonville, Michigan 49426

(616) 669-8185

Kathryn E. Kampen

16690 James St.

Holland, MI 49424

Kimberly J. Berends

973 Bay Ridge Drive

Holland, MI 49424

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2020-62556-DE

Estate of Donna Jo Lampros, deceased

Date of birth: May 19, 1957

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donna Jo Lampros, died September 26, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Randy James Lampros, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Cunningham Dalman, P.C. P. Haans Mulder P61842 321 Settlers Road Holland, MI 49423 (616) 392-1821

Randy James Lampros

3058 Grandview Drive

Allegan, MI 49010

(269) 998-3870

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF Allegan

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 20-62626-DE

Estate of Wynn John Morrie, Deceased

Date of Birth: April 8, 1948

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Wynn John Morrie, Deceased, who lived at 829 Highbanks Drive, Allegan, MI 49010, died October 31, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ward Granger, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, Michigan 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: December 18, 2020 David F. Kiel (P43048) Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C. 314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239 Allegan, MI 49010-0239 (269) 673-2136 Ward Granger, Personal Representative 1880 30th Street Allegan, MI 49010 (269) 673-8217

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 20-62635-DE

Estate of Danny Jay VanLent, deceased

Date of birth: December 12, 1951

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Danny Jay VanLent, Deceased, who lived at 356 W. Orleans St., Otsego, MI 49078, died November 13, 2020.

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Sprouting – Acts 19:1-7

By Karen Ehrich
Starting from the late 1970’s, Chia Pets have been a long-standing humorous gift. You may be familiar with these porous terra cotta figurines. Chia seeds are sown in the grooves on the outside of the figure, and then the inside is filled with water. The hydrated seeds then sprout, giving the figurine a furry top. Chia Pets come in myriads of shapes: puppies, hedgehogs, unicorns, llamas, “the child” (aka baby Yoda), Bob Ross, etc. The interesting thing about Chia Pets is that if the seed is sown correctly, it doesn’t take much for it to sprout. This is one of the enjoyable aspects of the gift: rather predictable success.

At the start of Acts chapter 19, Paul meets some disciples in Ephesus who have received only John’s baptism and have not been taught about the Holy Spirit. They have apparently repented of sin as John taught, but have not moved forward in their faith in Jesus. To use the image of the Chia Pet, they are just

the figurine without the seeds or growth. These disciples were off to a good start: the baptism of John was one of repentance and preparation for Jesus. Paul teaches them and baptizes them into the name of

the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:5 says, “When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them and

they spoke in tongues and prophesied.” Once they hear about Jesus and are baptized in His name, they are immediately changed! They receive the Holy Spirit and He indwells them in such a way that they begin to speak in tongues and prophesy. Their inward belief led to the outward act of baptism and the Holy Spirit’s indwelling was obvious in their actions. Like the familiar Chia Pet, the seed is sown, and the result is quickly evident.

This story from the book of Acts should lead us to examine ourselves. Is your belief in Jesus confirmed in baptism? Is the result of your baptism obvious to those around you? Don’t be an “unsprouted” Chia Pet! Seek out baptism in the name of Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in your life.

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