

Two arraigned for human trafficking in Wayland

Two individuals from the Grand Rapids area were arraigned on charges related to human trafficking, Attorney General Dana Nessel announced. Robert Henry Grigsby, 51, of Wayland, and Vanessa Anne Phillips, 39, of Grand Rapids, allegedly conducted a criminal enterprise comprised of prostitution and sex trafficking of numerous women in Grigsby's home in Wayland, and other locations throughout the greater Grand Rapids area.

Grigsby was arraigned in the 57th District Court in Allegan County. Grigsby is charged with:

- One count of Forced Labor/Commercial Sex (Sex Trafficking), a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison;
- Two counts of Accepting Earnings of Prostitution, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison;
- Two counts of Transportation for Prostitution, a 20-year felony;
- One count of Conspiracy to Conduct a Criminal Enterprise, a 20-year felony.

Phillips was also arraigned in the 57th District Court in Allegan County. Phillips is charged with:

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Robert Henry Grigsby

Commercial Sex (Sex Trafficking), a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison;

- Two counts of Accepting Earnings of Prostitution, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison; and,
- One count of Conspiracy to Conduct a Criminal Enterprise,

a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Those who seek to exploit vulnerable individuals are willing to set up shop anywhere. The dedicated officers of the Wayland Police Department knew that when they initiated and pursued their investigation," said Nessel.



Vanessa Anne Phillips

"Our partnerships with local law enforcement agencies like the Wayland Police Department make it possible to pursue these predators wherever they are operating in Michigan."

Wayland Police began an investigation into a human trafficking operation being conduct-

ed out of a residence in Wayland, Michigan in October 2018. The investigation uncovered evidence of commercial sexual activity and transporting women for illegal activities from which the accused allegedly profited.

"Thankfully crimes like this do not occur in Wayland very often. However, the Wayland Police are fortunate to have experienced officers and investigators that are up to the task," said Chief Mark Garnsey. "The Wayland Police would like to thank the Attorney General's Office for the time given to this case, and their relentless persistence in helping us bring two human traffickers to justice."

"The Wayland Police wish to thank the Human Trafficking Task Force consisting of the Michigan State Police, Allegan County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. I would also like to add that at least one of these victims has taken the opportunity to turn their life completely around. The fact that we were involved in positively impacting the lives of others and rescuing them is something we are very proud of," said Chief Mark Garnsey.

Ribbon cutting to show off Fennville school improvements

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

During 2020 while Fennville Public Schools administrative and teaching staffs struggled like other districts to find the right mix of in-person and virtual learning to maintain academic levels, contractors and their workers pushed forward to complete the renovations outlined in the district's 2017 Bond Issue. Included were renovations and new construction to the elementary and high schools, the Community Athletic Building, the stadium, and even the transportation department benefitted, plus the addition of a secure entry to the Community Athletic Complex.

A Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 will celebrate the improvements to Fennville Public Schools' campus related to construction that began in the summer of 2019. The ceremony will begin at 5 PM at the new Stadium.

Marileen Pitts, executive secretary, shared, "Our girls' soccer team is excited to be the first to play on the new field."

The stadium improvements were postponed by several months due to COVID-19. Upgrades include an 8-lane track and synthetic turf field, along with new press box, restrooms and bleachers. Jon Car, who assisted in



Fennville Public School's Stadium received major attention with new bleachers, press box, restrooms and turf. The Ribbon Cutting and ladies Soccer game will launch the facility on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

managing the construction, shared that the last details on the new track would be completed when the weather was more consistent.

School Board Trustee Ross Thiele shared, "The board and the superintendent worked hard to get the field done even though funding was tight due to

cost over runs. The new field will be able to handle water better and be used more often by the district. The enlarged track will be 8 lanes. New bathrooms were added as well. More seating and a new press box also make the facility more user friendly."

Construction related to

the 2017 Bond began in 2019, and students and staff have been enjoying renovations made to the elementary and middle school buildings. Fennville Elementary required some mechanical upgrades along with new playground equipment, track and landscaping.

The Middle School, which had received a major upgrade in 2006-07, now sports new lockers so all students can have their own storage space.

Major changes began at the High School in 2019 where the entire complex

required serious new mechanical equipment while other areas received major renovations. A media center and the student services section that includes offices for the school's social worker, counselor, college

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Douglas man arrested for 2020 hit and run case

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN – The Allegan County Sheriff's Department has announced the arrest in a case involving a fatal accident.

Captain Chris Kuhn said the department arrested a suspect in this case who has been identified and charges have been issued by the prosecutor's office. He has been arraigned and is pending further court actions.

Kuhn said the suspect was identified as Ryan McRae Cabbage, a 37-year-old male from

Douglas, Mich., who was arraigned on the following charges in this case: failed to stop at a crash causing death and failed to stop at a crash causing serious injury and lying to police.

Kuhn said the accident occurred on June 13, 2020. "It took several months in order to have trace evidence work done by the state police lab," Kuhn said. "This is common and it is highly valuable to be able get information in a case like this."

According to WOOD TV 8, the victim, Jean Beaty, 86 years old, was walking along 117th

Avenue west of 56th Street in rural Clyde Township, south of Fennville, on June 20 when she was hit by a car. Authorities say a passerby found her lying partially in the road.

WOOD TV also said Beaty survived for 10 days after the crash, but her injuries were too severe to survive and she was unable to provide significant information to authorities. At the time of the crash, the Allegan County Sheriff's Office said it didn't have any suspects in the case, WOOD said.

Driver dies in Otsego motorcycle crash

Police in Otsego are reporting a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred Monday.

Just before 4 p.m., emergency crews were dispatched to the scene at the corner of M-89 (Allegan Street) and Kalamazoo Street in the City of Otsego.

Upon arrival, officers found a lone unresponsive 63-year-old male lying in the roadway with severe injuries. Members from the Otsego Fire Department and Plainwell EMS attempted lifesaving

measures and transported him to Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Efforts were ultimately unsuccessful, and the man was pronounced dead.

This incident is currently under investigation by the Allegan County Sheriff's Office and the Otsego Police Department. The name of the man is being withheld until family members are notified.

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Young Women Step into Leadership Roles

Kristin Kubiszak moves into Michigan Farm Bureau’s Promotion and Education Committee

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

Take a look around at local and state agencies and you will find leadership roles being filled by young, competent women with a passion for their work. The Michigan Farm Bureau fits this mantra as Kristin Kubiszak of Fritz’s Blueberries steps into the State’s Promotion and Education Committee.

Kristin, wife and mother of three, uses descriptors like passionate, dedicated, consistent, committed, value driven, lover of the land, and a voice for agriculture to explain herself. These qualities have developed as she grew up along the Allegan-Van Buren County line. The daughter of fruit farmers Pam and Bill Fritz, Kubiszak worked with animals on the farm and in the blueberry industry while attending Gobles High School.

As a 5th generation Fritz, Kristin remembers working with Charolais cattle as 4-H projects and spending time in the blueberry packing house and markets. Along the way, she learned the importance of agriculture and developed her passion for promoting it to adults and children.

Brookside Farms began in 1867 as a dairy farm and the barns still stand above the creek at the bend in CR388 between Bloomingdale and Gobles. Kubiszak wrote, “In 1957, my grandfather George Fritz planted the first blueberry bushes. His intuitive, forward thinking has brought us to where we are today.”

Where they are today is a commercial blueberry operation that encompasses 350 acres of you-pick and fresh-pack blueberry, along with some raspberries, that spread across Van Buren and Allegan Counties. Add to this a year-round Farm Market with Bakery that maintains hours for fresh-frozen blueberries, pies, muffins and other fruit products and smaller markets that open full-time for the June through August picking season.

Leadership skills developed as Kristin not only prepared animals for 4-H shows and worked in Grandma and Grandpa’s U-Pick operation, but through her decision to join the Van Buren County Young Farmers to “strengthen my community involvement and enhance my ability to communicate the voice of agriculture.”

At local and state events, Kubiszak’s passion was noticed, and soon she became involved on the Van Buren County Promotion and Education Committee which led to taking the

chairperson position. For six years she shared her time and talent visiting local schools and sharing the importance of the agriculture to the community in which they live.

Kubiszak is beginning a 3-year term on the State Promotion and Education Committee. Her enthusiasm carries into preparing for ways to engage others in agriculture. Primary activities include National Agriculture Week, the Agriculture Tent at the Van Buren County Fair, and Farm Crates.

Each March, local members of Young Farmers and the Michigan Farm Bureau promote National Ag Week. Adults and teens visit as many classrooms as possible to engage children in activities related to agriculture and conservation, usually using a Farmers Care Kit with a book and hands-on activities. This gives children opportunities to learn more about the food they eat.

This year, Kristin chose a book from the Michigan Farm Bureau’s Ag Accurate Booklist. Right This Very Minute revolves around a family discussion at dinner. Through a review of their day, each member is able to discern how their activities were tied to the many facets of agriculture. “It just fits perfectly with promoting the importance of agriculture for everyone every day.”

On non-pandemic years, thousands of children and their families visit the Van Buren County Youth Fair. Excited youth enter the Agriculture Tent to find a variety of animals plus battery-powered tractors. Children are invited to play the role of the farmer and drive their tractor through an obstacle course. During “stops”, each “farmer” must stop to pick fruit or shop or sell their load at a Farmers’ Market. Kristin feels this introduces children to how their food gets from the fields to their homes.

At the State level, the Farm Bureau made a decision to develop Farm Crates. These containers were loaded with educational materials and directions for grade level activities. This is MFB’s step into STEM education for K-5. Educators can order the kits and have them delivered. Though Kubiszak felt Board members and volunteers would be unable to visit classrooms, teachers have everything required for the activities.

When Farm Crates were first introduced, Kristin shared that the P&E Committee felt they may provide only a few crates to interested educators. In reality, 100s were



Kristin (Fritz) Kubiszak is one of the young women who has stepped forward to take leadership roles in local, county and state organizations.

ordered, filled and delivered. During 2021, the monthly crates included February: Season of Love about farmers working in a variety of weather; March: Fruit, Veggies and Springtime on springtime seedling preparation, April: Egg-cellent Experiments with lessons about the egg industry, and May: Inventions, Engineering and Innovations to try engineering concepts while meeting a real Michigan farmer and inventor.

Reflecting, Kristin believes that her leadership skills began with the work she did with her family, and the pride they have in the work they have done in agriculture. She plans on continuing her growth through work with the county and state Promotion and Education Committees as she looks forward to 2022 when the Young Farmers’ Conference and Voice of Agriculture combine efforts to offer the Growing Together Conference.

In the meanwhile, she hopes the county fairs will happen this year, even if it is just for the livestock shows. Ms. Kubiszak

continues promoting agriculture with the assistance of family farm work, the

Farm Market and the Michigan Farm Bureau, because “it is important to

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COVID cases rise, deaths remain at 118

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 8,048 cases with 118 deaths.

The total from the previous weeks was 7,752 and 118 deaths; 7,557 and 118 deaths; 7,405 and 118 deaths; 7,298 and 118 deaths; 7,211 and 118 deaths; 7,145 and 115 deaths; 7,055 and 109 deaths; 6,918 and 106 deaths; 6,734 and 98 deaths; 6,491 and 92 deaths; 6,190 cases and 86 deaths; 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 723,000 cases and 17,038 deaths.

The figures are 115,000 cases and 4,246 deaths in Wayne County; 84,984 cases and 2,054 deaths in Oakland County; 69,538 cases and 2,025 deaths for Macomb County and 55,436 confirmed cases and 735 deaths for Kent County.

In neighboring counties, it's 4,117 cases and 50 deaths in Barry County; 24,182 cases and 361 deaths in Ottawa County and 5,447 cases and 99 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.

County creates study group for groundwater

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN -- Creation of a study group to evaluate the findings of a groundwater water study commissioned last year was authorized by the Board of Commissioners at its March 25 meeting, chairman Jim Story announced.

"The group, whose members will be named over the next month, will discuss the findings, and make recommendations on any actions the county should consider for maintaining the adequacy and quality of groundwater beneath the county," Storey wrote in his weekly newsletter.

"One of the actions the authors of the study said should be considered is a water management authority to ensure the aquifers which supply most water users in the county are not depleted.

"The study group will also investigate remediation of various contaminated sites in the county and the status of leaking underground storage tanks (LUST) that may survive from the era prior to state regulation. Ottawa County has authorized a similar group as certain sections of that county are facing restrictions because of declining aquifer amounts."

The entire report is on the county's website.

The introduction to the report states:

"Allegan County is undergoing a period of growth and development that started decades ago and has continued in recent years. Increased agricultural activities and above-average population growth (with respect to statewide and nationwide averages has resulted in water use increases across the county. To effectively protect and manage the long-term sustainability of the county's water resources, a holistic understanding of the county's 'water system' is needed.

"Presently (and historically), almost all the water supply in Allegan County is from groundwater, used for: households / private drinking water; year-round public water supply (Type I wells); transient and non-transient community water supply (Type II wells); irrigation, and industry (including power generation). Holistic management of the county's groundwater resources is especially important, considering that the subsurface is 'invisible' (or often deemed mysterious) and actions and events impacting groundwater (quantity and quality) are delayed and cumulative in nature."

County eyes faster broadband speeds

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN – Allegan County Commission chair James Storey report from last Thursday's board meeting, in his report, that commissioners also heard recommendations from the county administrator and his staff concerning how to entice higher internet broadband speeds into the more remote

sections of the county.

"One recommendation is that decision should be made whether to work with existing providers or create a new, public entity charged with providing cost-effective broadband," Storey said.

"Another recommendation is to find and retain an experienced internet technologist who can guide the county's response to growing demand for high speed service.

The year-long confinement ushered in by the COVID 19 virus and the resultant requirement for many to perform work, school and health interactions over the internet has powered demand for better service.

"The recent federal appropriation of Covid response funds has given local governments the opportunity to step up response to growing demand. As in the water aquifer

response, collaboration with Ottawa County efforts are also under consideration."

Storey also reported the Allegan County Community Mental Health Services Board elected Commissioner Gale Dugan of Otsego to chair the board, succeeding long time chair Mark DeYoung of Dorr.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month begins with adults

By Lori Antkoviak,
Safe Harbor Executive
Director and
Gari Voss, Correspondent

April was first designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in 1983 as a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities to pool their resources to prevent child abuse. Of the 683,000 reports across the United States in 2015, 1,670 children died as a result of the abuse and neglect. Most cases were related to situations and conditions that could have been prevented if programs had been properly implemented. The programs focus on training adults to recognize and respond to situations and provide assistance to parents and other non-abusive adults.

Allegan County is fortunate to have Safe Harbor, a children’s advocacy center that has been committed to preventing child abuse and neglect since 1983. Their mission is “to provide a safe and child-friendly atmosphere to allow a child to disclose neglect, sexual, or physical abuse and to heal from the abuse.”

Safe Harbor consists of the Beverly Schroeder Advocacy Center, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, and the Prevention Education Program that provide free services for medical services, forensic interviews, counseling services, prevention education, and victim advocacy.

Prevention begins when every adult learns how to protect the children in their communities. While children are taught about Body Safety and how to talk to a trusted adult, many adults do not recognize abuse or know how to properly respond to children when they speak about their experiences.

Protecting children from abuse should not be the job of the children in the community to self-report. In 2020, 3,239 children in Allegan County were involved in child abuse and neglect investigations. With 26,960 children in Allegan County, that equals 12% of the children in our County being involved. This percentage is lower than the previous two years when 16% of the children in the County were investigated for abuse and neglect.

Safe Harbor provides a variety of opportunities for adults to learn how to protect children. Lori Antkoviak, Executive Director of Safe Harbor stressed, “These trainings are free and can be done for any group or can help you be a trusted adult for a child victim.”

The Stewards of Children interactive video training program helps adults learn the facts about child sexual abuse,

create safer environments for children, recognize the signs of abuse, and properly report suspected abuse. This program is designed for presentation to any group of adults in the community.

There are many adults referred to as mandated reporters, such as teachers, nurses, and coaches, who are required by law to report suspected child abuse. Safe Harbor provides training to groups of mandated reporters explaining their responsibilities as set forth by the Child Protection Law. Stewards of Children workshops give clear examples and information for recognizing signs of abuse, responding to suspected abuse, and reporting correctly.

There are other ways to protect children in our community. Be a friend. Social connections are an important protective factor for families. Building a connection with neighbors is an important way for families and communities to strengthen security for children and adults alike.

Every adult should learn how to respond to kids and how to report suspected abuse and neglect. Even when mandatory reporters are trained to recognize child abuse, they must understand that their verbal and physical responses to a child are extremely important.

Clarifying the words a child uses when telling his/her “story” is necessary to learn what truly happened. What a child first says may need additional explanation that assists in understanding the situation. Antkoviak shared, “Children have a limited vocabulary and it takes time for them to accurately relate an incident that may be extremely confusing and serious to them.”

During 2020, Safe Harbor has responded to the 198 reports of sexual or severe physical abuse. This is lower than the normal 210-220 incidents, but is still higher than 10 years ago when they addressed 140-160 reports.

These interactions often are begun with a report from law enforcement or the Children’s Protective Service, but Allegan is fortunate to have an agency like Safe Harbor with a staff that is experienced in interviewing children. Their interactions with children can often save law enforcement hours when investigating reports.

Beyond identifying and responding to reported abuse and neglect situations, Safe Harbor also provides training and assistance to adults across the county so they can advocate for children. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) trains adult volunteers to assist children of abuse and neglect as they navigate the

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family court process. Whether an adult wants to learn more about identifying abuse and neglect, listening/responding to a child, or becoming an advocate, people can truly become proactive in preventing child abuse and neglect.

As Antkoviak states, “The power of One – You can make a difference to a child. One person, one voice, one dollar, one action. The power of one can make a difference in our community.”

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April 1 – 30, 2021:
7th Annual Cereal Drive
Allegan County Community Foundation 112 Locust Street, Allegan
In response to the food scarcity needs across Allegan County, ACCF has set the goal to provide one box of cereal per child per week for the summer months to those children whose families visit food pantries in Allegan County. Every month, nearly 6,000 people are served by the 16 pantries of the Collaborative. To donate text “CEREAL” to 44-321; donate on-line at www.allegan-foundation.org, mail a check to ACCF, 112 Locust St., Allegan 49010 with the memo “cereal”, or drop off cereal to any of the member pantries across Allegan County.

Fri., April 2, 2021, 10am-2pm:
Stations of the Cross
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut, Allegan, 269 673-2254
The Church will be open and a script with pictures of the stops in Old Jerusalem will be available to travel the Via Dolorosa - Stations of the Cross. All are welcome. Please wear a mask and walk around the sanctuary with Jesus to the cross, crucifixion and burial.

Fri., April 2, 2021, 7pm:
Community Church Service
Allegan Riverside Amphitheater. For more information email rcallegan@gmail.com
Tune in at www.fbcallegan.com. On the front page look for “Good Friday Service” and click on the picture.

Fri., April 2, 2021, 5-8pm:
Burger Night Cruise-In
Minnie’s Restaurant, 200 Locust St. Allegan
From Model Ts to souped-up muscle cars, if it’s classic to you, drive it to Downtown Allegan for Minnie’s Restaurant’s first Burger Night Cruise-In. Burgers and fries are only \$6.

Fri., April 2, 2021, 6 - 8pm:
Concessions to Go
Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge, Allegan. Come and pick up your favorite movie food.

Sat., April 3, 2021:
Double Match Days at Meijer
Love INC Pullman and Meijer on Phoenix Road in South Haven
Love INC has once again been chosen to partner with the South Haven Meijer Store for the Simply Give Program. If you do not shop at that store and would prefer to send a check that works. Make it out to Love INC and put Simply Give in the memo line. Send to P.O. Box 312 Pullman, Mi. 49450. We will send you a receipt.

Wed., April 7, 2021, 2 – 6pm:
Ascension Blood Drive
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan 269 673-3335
Masks are required. Schedule an appointment: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/137239

Tues., April 13, 2021, 1pm:
Alcohol Ink Epoxy Pour Vase
Create an alcohol ink and epoxy coated vase.
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, Mi (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Appointments required.

Wed., April 14, 2021, 11am – 4pm:
Ascension Blood Drive
Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital 555 Linn Street Allegan 269 686-4239
Masks are required. Schedule an appointment: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129024

Wed., April 14, 2021, 1pm:
Brave Art Playing with Knives
Carve out a painting with palette knife and a limited palette on an 11x14 palette board.
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, Mi (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Appointments required.

Wed., April 14, 2021, 6:30pm:
Pout Tile Coasters
Learn to pour these tile coasters using special Pebeo paints.
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, Mi (269) 264-4150 (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Appointments required.

Thurs., April 15, 2021, noon:
Allegan County Association of Retired School Personnel
Trestle Stop Restaurant M-40 Hamilton 269 561-2480
Call for reservations by April 10, 2021

Fri., April 16, 2021, 6pm:
Safe Harbor Lifeline Gala (RSVP Today)
Bay Pointe Inn 11456 Marsh Rd. Shelbyville, MI 269 672-8111
Sponsored by Safe Harbor Children’s Advocacy Center, Allegan 269 673-3791
An even for the Safe Harbor’s Capital Campaign to build their new facility.
Ways to Give:
Online donation at <https://safeharborcac.org/>
Text LIGHTINGTHEWAY to 44-321.
Mail a check or pledge card to 402 Trowbridge Street Allegan, MI 49010
2021 CARES ACT Tax Deduction

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

Regent Theater Concessions to Go,
each Friday from 6 – 8pm
211 Trowbridge St, Allegan, MI 49010 Phone: (269) 673-2737
Stop at the theater to purchase your favorite theater food.

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 – kit-tygran@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.

Bridges of Hope, Allegan County - Assistance to move out of poverty
108 E Grant Street, Plainwell, MI 49080, bridgesofhopeallegancounty.org, (269) 204-6041
Their mission is to foster relationships with individuals desiring to move out of poverty by providing tools, support, education, and connections to community resources.

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

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Senior Fitness/Fit Over 50: Senior Fitness Classes for 55-80plus! Calico Rabbit, 130 N. Main Street, Plainwell. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30am. Designed to improve strength, cardio fitness, flexibility and balance. All set to classic tunes. Drop in or call Sharrin at 269 330-3204. Masks and safe distancing required.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.
Cub Scout Pack 3026: Meeting depend on age. Call Cub Master Nathan Kelley 616 706-3038 or assistant Rob Keen 269 568-0435
Boy Scouts 91 (11 yrs. and over): Sundays 4:30, outside at JC Park. Call Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435
Girls Troop 191: For meeting information, call Kara Hiscock 269 719-5017

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

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

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


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Due April 1, 2021: Allegan County Agricultural Society Scholarship Fund
Allegan County Fair Board, P.O. Box 10, Allegan
<https://3027j224f5pk1u5h1m48gjse-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/scholarship21.skm.pdf>
This scholarship requires that applicants have participated in exhibiting at the Allegan County Fair for three out of four of their high school years. High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full term of post-secondary education must include a high school transcript of grades.


NOTE:
This Community Calendar is an opportunity for all organizations in Allegan County to post events. This can expand your audience since not all residents and visitors interface with social media. Please, remember to send your event information to editor@allegan-news.com.

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VIEWPOINTS

It’s okay to agree to disagree

I received a subscription cancellation notice the other day. They no longer want to subscribe to the newspaper because of my one-sided viewpoint. The couple said they subscribed because they wanted local news, but couldn’t agree with what I was writing so decided to cancel.

In the age of “cancel culture” I shouldn’t have been surprised. I have been threatened with cancellations in the past, but those were because they didn’t like a particular liberal columnist or the number of crime stories that appeared in the newspaper in a given week. Never had anyone cancelled because they didn’t like what I was writing week after week.

I’m usually pretty “thick skinned.” I have been discredited in all sorts of ways for columns in the past, but this particular note really had me on edge. Maybe it is because I try usually to offer both sides of an argument or maybe I’m just tired of people reacting harshly to an opinion they don’t agree with.

What ever the case I believe our newspaper has value beyond one person’s opinion. Much of the local news we provide can’t be found elsewhere. For instance, the level and depth of our high school sports coverage is unsurpassed in my opinion. Our reporters spend a great deal of time for little pay, to provide readers with the necessary information you need to make everyday life easier.

We do offer opinions. I believe it is a newspaper’s responsibility to offer a variety of opinions. Our Letters to the Editor, many of them offer a progressive viewpoint while others promote a conservative agenda. The same can be said with our columnists. To push a one-sided agenda makes us no better than a Cable TV opinion show, thus we strive to offer space for all, no matter their political affiliation.

I really wish others would offer the same consideration. Rather than cancel what we don’t like, why not learn from another person’s opinion? Why is it so wrong that someone might disagree with our viewpoint?

That’s the way it use to be. I can’t remember anyone demanding cancellation because an opposing opinion was not creditable. This didn’t happen ten years ago, and certainly not fifty years ago. Back in the day we were willing to debate, listen to others



MIKE’S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

and then agree to disagree or compromise to actually move forward.

But nowadays we disassociate from relatives who might not agree with us. Friends become enemies because their differing opinion is not what we believe. We won’t do business with companies that do not share our political beliefs. Quite frankly I am appalled that our society has come to this.

I have a business associate who is a Facebook posting junkie. She posts her opinions about COVID and what she feels is essentially a conspiracy to make us all dependents of government on a daily basis. She is very intelligent and her posts are never mean-spirited. But that is not the case of many of those that respond. They dispute everything she posts in very unkind terms. They claim she has lost her mind.

She laments that she has lost so many friends and associates because they don’t agree with her posts. Rather than debate, they denigrate and then won’t allow any rebuttal. She refuses to quit posting-which is what I suggested, because she feels it is her duty to point out an opinion that might not be shared by many.

My father, a wise politician and journalist, always said, “differing viewpoints make the world go round.” I’m not sure what he exactly meant, but I do know he never let an opinion get in the way of compromise. And he would never ever think bad of someone that might not agree with his viewpoint.

We need more like him, and less like those who want to cancel everything. It’s okay to disagree, but it’s not okay to cancel.

Whenever I go back to my hometown, my sister likes to take me to the cemetery where much of our family has been buried over the past centuries, and what seems to be a rapidly increasing number of people I knew when I was growing up. Outside of a few new very permanent residents, nothing much ever changes there.

A visit to see my sister and family, the trip to the cemetery and a few other old haunts always brings back one of my father’s pithy little proverbs: “Remember where you came from.” The first time he said it I took him literally, and thought of street address and telephone number. When he periodically repeated this maxim I fought against rolling my eyes or saying something sarcastic

Sometimes we really do get a bit smarter and wiser the older we get. I had a little help in that department from a very early song by Bob Marley, Remember your people, now. Father wasn’t talking about a physical address, but my heritage. It meant his grandparents who immigrated from Saxony in the early 1840s, or his father who started several businesses, and his own story of growing up and then interrupting his plans to enlist in January 1942. That heritage expanded to almost everyone I got to know when I was growing up - all of them. That heritage included not just people, but some of the buildings and businesses, many of

which are now fading into the mists of history.

There is nothing unique about any of this. Pause for a few moments and focus on your past. You will soon start bringing to the forefront of your mind your own heritage and connections with the past. Hold on to those images and you will remember where you came from. They include your teachers and classmates, the neighbors down the street, your first employer, and just about everyone else. It is every book you ever read. Plus all of the old family stories repeated around the dinner table. That’s who you are - the sum total of all those people.

The challenge is that there always seems to be a movement afoot to destroy our history and heritage. Pat and I first saw it twenty years ago when we were on a tour in China. I asked the guide where the older buildings were located. He explained that the civil war between the communists and nationalists in the 1930s, had destroyed a lot of it. then the Japanese invaded, and finally Mao’s Cultural Revolution. With sheer joy beaming on his face he said, “Now, without all of that clutter of the past, we can build a new and modern China.”

A number of years ago when the Taliban swept through Afghanistan and Isis through large swaths of the Middle East, these groups sought to blow up and destroy much of the ancient past. Buildings and temples were dynamited; museums and even



G CORWIN STOPPEL

private collections were looted. This was more than destruction just for the pleasure of it. It was an attempt to get rid of - “cancel” - to use today’s phrase, anything traditional.

For the past year or so there has been a movement to destroy as much of our heritage as possible. It goes well beyond removing statues or changing street and school names. We are told we must shun our heroes or those we once held in high esteem because they did or said something that is not acceptable by today’s standards. We are pressured into purging great literature of the past because it is unacceptably too exclusive of other cultures. The same applies to much of our art. Performing and visual artists must be shunned because they held ideas that today this group of Cancel Culture Control freaks finds unacceptable. It is a concerted effort to interpret and filter everyone and everything through the very narrow lens of the

constantly shifting meaning of ‘woke.’

A number of libraries and museums are putting up ‘trigger warnings’ that some of their assets might be troubling or cause trauma because of their connections with the past. Some have gone so far as to take books off the shelves and paintings off the walls, leaving an explanation in their wake. Writers and artists find themselves taken off the books of their agents, less the agents lose more of their clients for being associated with a ‘bad’ person.

The woke culturists may take smug delight that they have silenced or cancelled someone or an idea, but they neglect the harsher side of history. That happens when individuals or groups stupidly cancel any history they do not find acceptable, and in turn are cancelled by another group.

Recently the British actor Laurence Fox, best known for his role of Detective Sergeant in Lewis, was recently ‘cancelled’ because he did not tow the woke agenda regarding Harry and Meghan. It was the end of his career. A few days later he decided to launch the Reclaim Party in a bid to become the mayor of London, making it very clear that he believed in common sense and plain speaking. “I am opposed to authority; I am anti-authority, whether it comes from the left or the right.” Unrestrained woke authority, he believes, is “a very worrying thing in a democracy.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Repeal AUMF’s to stop war

Dear Editor,

I live in Kalamazoo, but have often visited Allegan. Minnie’s Restaurant on 200 Locust Street: I have the BLT. Like the cafés I remember growing up in the UP. Like going home.

I walked down to the waterfront and saw a small group of young boys and girls hanging out. One boy was testing his strength by climbing up on the iron bars of the railing beside the boardwalk and hanging above the water. He easily swung back up again.

The sight made me think

of the parents and the boys’ future. Would they rather have him climbing, say a wind turbine, as a technician, or toting a gun in a war abroad that our president decides is “in our national interest?”

That is why I am asking you to contact your U.S. congressional representatives and ask them to support S.J. Resolution 13 to repeal the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMFs) for the 1991 Gulf War, 9/11 (2001, Afghanistan), and the 2002 Iraq War.

This bipartisan bill was introduced by Sen. Tim Kaine (D, VA) and Sen. Todd Young (R, IND) and is supported by 6 Republicans and 6 Democrats.

The AUMFs are no longer relevant during this time when we are increasingly facing domestic violence and when our funds are needed for local downtown renovation, Covid relief, healthcare, infrastructure, and jobs.

Repeal of the AUMFs would also move us toward restoring equal power among our 3 branches

of government and allow Congress to reassert its role in declaring war and as a check and balance on the Executive Branch.

Citizen consideration of the repeal of the AUMFs brings back to us, the people, the responsibility for war and encourages us to ask ourselves how our country has actually benefitted from the past 30 years of waging wars abroad.

In the name of my brother, Richard, killed in war,

Barbara Hasan

Party of Trump suppresses opinions

Editor,

Not long ago a frequent contributor wrote to declare that “We are in a political fistfight” lamenting what he sees as censorship and the “suppressing of ideas and opinions”.

I cannot disagree.

Since the beginning humans have protected the integrity of the tribe by isolating and expelling those whose opinions and actions

put their existence at risk.

Presently, an example of this can be found in the Republican Party as it transforms its self from the “Party of Lincoln” to the Party of Trump. This transformation has resulted in the expulsion and censoring of members who have failed to embrace the ideas that now define the party: immigration is dangerous, Black lives don’t matter, CoVid is

“just a bad cold” that nonetheless was purposely made in Chinese laboratories, vaccines inject you with mind altering microchips, climate change is a hoax and the 2020 election was a fraud.

Inevitably, as these queer ideas have gripped the shrinking party their threat to our democracy and wellbeing has led to some ostracism of those who hold

them.

I also agree with the writer that at this point in our history the situation looks dire.

On the other hand, I don’t agree that calls for civilized discussion are too little too late.

After all Trump has been banned from Twitter and Rush Limbaugh is dead.

David Ohmart

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Put a price on carbon to save Lake Michigan

Dear Editor:

I was deeply concerned by a recent Chicago Tribune article about a study showing that Lake Michigan is warming hundreds of feet below the surface. As a Michigander, Lake Michigan has always been an important part of my life and I’m worried

about its future. The lake is a source of income and recreation for many here in our state and a part of our shared culture. We need to protect it.

In order to avoid the worst effects of climate change we need to act quickly and across the board, which means

putting a price on carbon. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act would do just that--charge fossil fuel companies for the damage they are doing to our lakes and communities, put that money into the pockets of Michiganders, and spur innovation for new, cleaner energy

sources. I’m calling on my representative, Mr. Fred Upton, to protect Lake Michigan and his constituents by supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. There is no time to waste.

Sincerely,
Jill Braman

What has America become ?

Dear Editor:

Has America become the land of the special interest and home of the double standard? Let’s see: If we lie to the Congress, it’s a felony and if the Congress lies to us it is just politics; the Government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and they do almost nothing for the victims; in public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word God in the process; you can kill an unborn child, but it is wrong to execute a mass murderer; we are

unable to close our border with Mexico, but have no problem protecting the 38th parallel in Korea.

If we dislike black person, we’re racist and if a black dislikes whites, it’s their 1st Amendment right. If you protest against Government policies you are a terrorist, but if you burned an American flag it was you 1th Amendment right. We still have freedom of speech, but only if we are being politically correct.

We take money from those who work hard for it and give it to those who

don’t want to work; you can have pornography on TV, internet, or phone, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas; parenting has been replaced with Ritalin and video games; the land of opportunity is now the land of handouts; we have eliminated all criminals in America, they are now called sick people; we can use a human fetus for medical research, but it is wrong to use an animal.

And how do we handle major crisis today? Governors can make trips over

seas and dedicate sanctuary cities and when yet our state is one of the highest of unemployed people (welfare, government assistant, etc.) The Government points a committee to determine who’s at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes and tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their reelection campaign.

What has happened to the land of the free and home of the brave?

Pat Warner

Rocha to run for Congressional seat

Jon Rocha has announced his candidacy for the 6th District Congressional District. Born and raised in Kalamazoo County Rocha said he is someone who only wants the very best for this district, this state, and this Country!

He graduated from Portage Northern High School and upon graduation immediately joined the United States Marine Corps. He accomplished 5 years of duty including a tour in Afghanistan serving our nation during one of our most vulnerable times. Rocha finished his degree later in life at SUNY Cortland and decided to move back to Michigan to work with Western Michigan Football Coach PJ Fleck in 2016 as a student assistant on this historic Championship Team.

“Watching every year as Fred Upton continued to vote against the will of his constituents, I knew that we as Michiganders

deserved better representation. With the recent Impeachment vote against President Trump, his vote to remove another Republican from their committees, and the censorship votes by several GOP committees, it is apparent Upton has lost the confidence of this district. You deserve better,” said Rocha.

He added, “I am not a millionaire. I am not a politician. I do not own businesses or deal in real estate. I am just a dad, a Marine Veteran, a football coach and someone who believes that the people in Washington who are supposed to represent us truly do not understand the “People” in “We, the People”. I have struggled, been on assistance and needed support. My parents are not wealthy but have taught me the morals that I continue to pass down to my children today.”

“I know that our repre-



sentation can do better for the people of this district. I know we have settled for way too long. Now is the time to make that change to someone who is willing to stand up, not back down and support the Constitution! I am not beholden

to big corporations or big money. I will be in office to support this district and the law of the land and there isn't a single individual that will push me around: That is the Marine in me,” he added.

NOTICE

OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE May 4, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF OTSEGO TOWNSHIP AND WATSON TOWNSHIP:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 4, 2021 School Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:00 am at the location below:

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP HALL
400 16TH ST.
OTSEGO, MI

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the tabulators that will be used to tabulate the results of the election in all precincts have been prepared in accordance with the law.

Jen Colin, Clerk
Otsego Township

OBITUARIES

Shirley May Cassidy, 84

Shirley May Cassidy, 84 of Allegan, Michigan passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Born January 1, 1937 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Calvin and Mildred (Miller) Edwards. Shirley married and went on to raise a family of six children, whom she loved and adored. She spent time as a production worker for the Perrigo Company in Allegan while she also provided a comforting home in which she raised her children. A fun and loving woman by nature, Shirley was always there for her children and made sure they knew that they meant the world to her. Her spare time was spent sewing and working on



Shirley May Cassidy

word puzzles. In her later years, she moved to an apartment complex in Allegan and was fortunate to have wonderful neighbors and friends. Memories created and shared over the years will be treasured by her family. Shirley has definitely left a large void in their lives.

Those left to cherish her

memory are her six children, Tom (Cathy) Cassidy, Tim (Lisa) Cassidy, Helen Cassidy, Penny Cassidy, Jessica VanOmmen, and Ted (Chris) Cassidy; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary (Don) Gilman; and three brothers, Donald Edwards, William Edwards, and Jonathan Edwards.

Along with her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her five siblings, Ronald Edwards, Glen Edwards, Betty Keech, Marjorie Anderson and Jaclyn Edwards.

Per Shirley's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert Meunier, 84

Robert Meunier, 84, of Allegan, died Wednesday March 17, 2021 at his home. He was born May 28th, 1936, in Allegan, the son of Arthur and Louise (Huppe) Meunier.

On December 3, 1960, in Allegan, Robert married Joyce (Oisten) who preceded him in death.

In the early years, Robert was a cook in the US Army. After the military, he worked at Rockwell International as a machinist during the day and at The Grill as a cook at night. Later during his early retirement years, he worked as a mechanic at Twin City Tire in Plainwell. He loved working with wood and making trunks. He enjoyed visiting neighbors and friends,



Robert Meunier

picking up any cans and bottles (he donated the money to local kids to further their education) found along his path while on his golf cart. He also donated his time to the local food banks and pantries for many years. He is survived by his

two sons, Dean Meunier and Jonathan Meunier; and one daughter, Tressie (James) Timmerman; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brother, Carl (Darlene) Meunier; and his sister, Evelyn Budinski; and many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son James Meunier; his sisters, Shirley, Helen, Rose and Kate; and his brothers, Harper, George, and Arthur.

Please consider donating to the local food banks and pantries. A memorial will be held later in May 2021.

Interment will be at Fort Custer.

Tracey Rhodes, 58

On Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021, Tracey Rhodes (Carango), passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones. She was 58 years old. Tracey was born September 15, 1962 in Bristol, Pennsylvania, and moved with the family to Michigan in 1981. Tracey met the love of her life, Brian Rhodes, while attending college, and they married in 1984. They raised 3 wonderful children together. Outside of her work at Pine Trails Elementary School where she spent many of her days with her “work family,” she enjoyed hunting, gambling at Gun Lake Casino and in Las Vegas, visiting family



Tracey Rhodes

(near and far), reading, and enjoying the family pond. While raising their children, Tracey attended all sporting events to cheer on her kids. She was the mom that everyone could hear



screaming in the stands. She was so proud. Tracey can best be described as the matriarch of a wonderful family. She was genuinely happy and made others feel good to be around her. Tracey

was funny, compassionate and authentic. Tracey was preceded in death by her mother, Jeannette, and sister-in-law, Linda. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Brian; her children, Amber, Brandon (Heather) and Casey (Ashley); grandsons, Jack, George and Gus; and a granddaughter to be (due July 2021); siblings, Troy, Keith (Jennifer), Scott, Nicole (Dan), Lindi; father, Bucky/ John (Sandy); nephews and niece, Scott and Angie Rhodes, Vince, Nate, Zach, Austin, Luke Carango; numerous aunts, cousins, and in-laws. We will miss your beautiful smile and the way you made us all feel so

special. A celebration of life will take place this summer, TBA. In lieu of flowers, please consider planting a yellow flower or a tree in Tracey's honor or consider giving to Wings of Hope or the

West Michigan Cancer Center. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

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Baptist church celebrates 180 years of worship

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

The Baptist footprint in the Allegan area can be traced back to the 1830s with home meetings, but members did not hold their first official service until April 18, 1841. Then, on May 15, 1941, the members held their Covenant Meeting where “the First Baptist Society of Allegan was legally organized as a Baptist Church and Society” led by the Reverend Harvey Munger.

Construction for a meeting place was begun 1840, but the members did not gather with Plainfield Church to request becoming a branch until January 1841. Requirements for a branch included having sixteen believers, and when the dust settled, the membership totaled thirty-one.

At the Covenant Meeting, members presented their covenant which according to Winifred Wise in her 1954 investigation included, “Having been as we trust brought by divine grace



to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give up ourselves wholly to Him, we so solemnly covenant with each other to walk together in him... That we will exercise a mutual care as members of one another to promote the growth of the whole body in the

Christian knowledge...”

In 1882, the Baptist Church and Society of Allegan decided to reorganize into the First Baptist Church of Allegan with the Rev. J. M. Titterington as pastor. The congregation meet in several meeting houses along Walnut Street

until 1892 when the cornerstone was laid for the Romanesque building with two towers which was completed and dedicated in 1893.

The First Baptist Church of Allegan continued to worship at their church on the corner of Trowbridge



Since 1841, the First Baptist Church of Allegan met in a number of structures, but for most of their 180 years, services were held in the Romanesque building on Trowbridge and Walnut Streets before moving to 1290 32nd Street (M-40).

and Walnut Streets until 2001 when they relocated to 62 acres on 32nd Street (M-40) south. The new facility was dedicated on October 2, 2001, and the mortgage burned in 2011.

In a recent release, Pastor Nathan Smith shared, “Would you celebrate with us? Throughout the month of April, First Baptist Church of Allegan is celebrating its 180th anniversary in Allegan. If a generation is 25 years - We have been part of Allegan for more than SEVEN GENERATIONS! That means 20-year-olds could look back to when their great, great, great, great grandparents joined this church in 1841. That is

twenty years before the Civil War started, and 3 years after Allegan County was founded. We are so glad to be part of the founding fabric of Allegan! Now, a lot has changed since 1841! But God’s faithfulness remains the same. God’s Gospel - the cross, the resurrection - they remain the same.”

During the coming month, the ministries at First Baptist will continue to reach all from birth to beyond 100. The members invite residents to participate in services and meetings in order to remember their legacy in building a Christian community for the people in the Allegan area.

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advisor and student success coordinator additions was given extensive attention. In addition, the new front office and secured area at the building’s entrance underwent construction that was completed in May 2020.

By September 2020, all but six high school classrooms were available as classes resumed with COVID-19 guidelines. The classrooms were available by November. Moving into the new high school weight room

was a huge step towards upgrading the athletics department, but many people still anticipated the completion of the construction on the stadium that was originally built in the 1050s. Car shared that the home and visitors areas required attention, and the press box needed to be shifted from the 45-yard line while lights needed moving and updating.

School Board member Toby Hutchins summarized the accomplish-

ments achieved by the Bond Issue, “This facility meets so many needs of our community. Schools are the ‘home-base’ of small-town communities, and Fennville is no different. We needed to create an accessible athletics facility that our community could take pride in, and that could expand

what we can offer for our students. This facility will enable us to host a home track meet for the first time in years and be able to host band competitions in the future. It’s an all-encompassing facility that will be a gathering place for our community for generations to come.”

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

2021-2025 EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE OF APRIL 5, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-2025 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING ALL LANDS ABUTTING EAGLE LAKE OR HAVING DEEDED ACCESS TO EAGLE LAKE IN CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of Cheshire Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll/special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District created by the Township Board on March 3, 2021 pursuant to the public hearing held March 1, 2021.

This proposed special assessment roll proposes to allocate the costs of an aquatic vegetation control program for 2021-2025, in the approximate total amount of \$96,690 over the five-year program, to the various lots and parcels within the Special Assessment District pursuant to a benefit factor of 1.0 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake, and a benefit factor of 0.5 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake. The proposed costs for the program include administrative and legal costs incurred by the Township in connection with the special assessment district and the related procedures.

The first year’s special assessment, to be billed with the regular tax bill in December of 2021, is proposed to be \$250.00 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake and \$125.00 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake. The annual special assessments for years 2-5 may be re-determined by the Township Board on a yearly basis, as appropriate, at its regular posted meeting in October or November when the actual costs of the next yearly treatment and any relevant legal/administrative costs are fixed. The annual special assessments for years 2-5 are presently projected to be the same as the first year, or less, if unanticipated costs are not incurred. Unpaid special assessments will be subject to interest at a rate to be determined by the Township Board but not exceeding 8.0% per annum.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed 2021-2025 special assessment roll will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st Street, just north of 104th Avenue in Cheshire Township, Michigan, on Monday, April 5, 2021, or as soon thereafter as feasible, in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Township Board beginning at 7:00 p.m. Note: if any State-imposed restrictions on gatherings due to the Covid-19 pandemic do not allow the Township to hold this meeting in the Township Hall, the meeting may be held in the parking lot of the Township Hall, or may be held as a “virtual” meeting in accordance with all requirements which may then be

applicable. In such event a separate notice regarding the meeting held electronically will be posted on the Cheshire Township website (www.cheshire-township.org) including how members of the public can access and participate in the meeting.

The proposed 2021-2025 special assessment roll, and the project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and the Resolution of the Township Board reestablishing the Special Assessment District and directing the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed Special Assessment Roll, may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED (THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY).

The foregoing hearings and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING JURISDICTION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test has been scheduled for Tuesday April 6, 2021 @ 11:00AM for the May 4, 2021 Election. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program, and the tabulator that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with the law.

Allegan and Monterey Township

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CLYDE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clyde Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing concerning a wetland application and regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 – 56th Street, Fennville, Michigan.

Please take further notice that the matters to be considered at the public hearing include the following:

DeGroot Family Trust of Lombard IL has applied for a Wetland Permit Ord 72
V/L 124th Ave/59th St (0304-006-032-00) to construct a driveway, trail system including boardwalks and some shoreline protection.

Written documents may be submitted to the Clerk at 2328 58th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing the wetland application may examine a copy at Michigan Township Services, 111 Grand Street Allegan MI 49010 or call 1-800-626-5964 during normal business hours.

Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will be made available with sufficient notice to the clerk.

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Local swimmers perform well at Division 3 finals

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

HAMILTON—Allegan sophomore Titus Smith competed in three events at the Division 3 boys' swim & dive state finals on Saturday, March 27.

He earned All-State honors in all three by virtue of a top-eight finish.

Smith finished fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (21.79) and seventh in the 100 free (48.28) in addition to anchoring the Tigers' 200 free relay team that also included Ian Hammer, Anthony Hiscock and Gabe Harlan and placed fifth (1:29.32).

All of those times represented new school records.

"Everything came together for us when it needed to," said Allegan co-coach Carol Gephart, whose team placed 15th with 56 points, thereby earning the best finish in

school history. "All in all, the boys were ecstatic."

Of the five local teams participating in the finals, only Hamilton secured a higher finish. The Hawkeyes cracked the top 10, placing ninth with 95 points.

Plainwell was 17th with 43 points, Otsego was 20th with 35 points and Wayland was tied for 30th with 11 points.

Gephart was in her first season as co-coach at Allegan along with Brian Price.

"At the start of this shortened season, with only eight athletes and two new coaches sharing the position, one might have expected a bleak season," Gephart said.

"These eight boys, however, were not to be underestimated. With superb leadership from Anthony and Titus as well as a strong work ethic from within the team, the team was able to rise to every challenge they met.

"They were one of the most mentally tough teams I've ever coached, not only at meets, but through some very challenging workouts as well. From the beginning of the season, we laid out some challenging goals and followed through on what needed to be done to achieve them."

While Allegan had the most All-State performances among the local teams, Otsego accounted for the highest finish in an event.

Senior Owen Stender posted a time of 55.85 in the 100 breaststroke to place third.

"What else can you say about Owen," Otsego coach Darryl Belton said. "He has been all-everything to this team, not just this year, but for the past four years. I couldn't be prouder of him. He swam his tail off all day and had PR's in all of his events.



Otsego's Owen Stender finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke at the Division 3 state finals. (File photo)

"And there is no way I could ever say enough about his leadership. This was a great team and he is a big reason it was a true team."

Stender was one of three seniors on the Otsego roster along with Tyler Case and Brendan Gross.

"I am going to miss this senior class," Belton said. "Tyler, Brendan and Owen were so much more than great swimmers. They are three of the best people you will ever meet. I am a lucky coach."

Plainwell and Hamilton each had two All-State finishes, with both of the Trojans' coming courtesy of senior Isaac Viviano.

In addition to placing fifth in the 100 breaststroke (59.49), Viviano also placed eighth in the 200 IM (2:00.28). Both of those times marked new school re-

cords, with the record in the 200 IM having stood for 27 years.

"We had an awesome state meet," Plainwell coach Andrea Murphy said. "To finish 17th with just five guys swimming isn't bad. I think all of the teams in our SCC league really represented us well at the state level."

Hamilton's All-State showings came from Isaac Beatty in the 100 back (seventh at 53.77) and Zachary Boehm in the 50 free (tied for eighth at 22.04).

Diver Ethan Shelton nearly gave Hamilton a third All-State performance. Shelton placed ninth, with his score of 380.65 putting him 1.05 points behind the eighth-place finisher.

For Wayland, Zachery Jensen placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:00.87.

Allegan girls compete at bowling state finals

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

WATERFORD—When Allegan and Bay City Western faced one another in a two-game roll-off at the Division 2 state finals on Friday, March 26, the stakes were clear.

The winner would become the eighth and final team to qualify for match play, while the other team would see its season come to an end.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, they were that second team as Bay City Western won the roll-off 320-286.

Allegan and Bay City Western were tied at 2,652 pins following the qualifying round, which included eight Baker games and two regular games.

The Tigers held a 13-pin lead following the first game of the roll-off, but the second game was a different story.

"The girls never carried a strike (in the second game of the roll-off) and began to press, missing easy spares," Allegan co-coach Don Lamb said.

Bay City Western, by contrast, struck in the eighth, ninth and 10th frames to prevail.

"It was a disappointing end to the team season, but the girls accomplished so much this year," Lamb said.

Those accomplishments included going undefeated at 9-0 in the regular season, racking up conference and regional championships along the way. The team also made history as the first team from Allegan to compete at the state finals.

"I'm so proud of each and every one of these girls," Lamb said of the state team that included senior Haylee Thompson, junior Harleigh Wesche, sophomores Rainah Spohn and Savannah Beilfuss and freshmen Leah Snyder and Audrey Brink.

The fact that the Tigers were even in position to advance to match play seemed far-fetched following the first set of four Baker games. At that point, Allegan was in dead last.

Following the second set of four Baker games, the Tigers had moved to seventh place.

A 722 in the first regular game moved Allegan back one slot to eighth place and, following a 762 in the second game, the Tigers were deadlocked with Bay City Western.

The following day, two of the Tigers competing at the individual state finals: Thompson was 26th with six-game total of 1,046 and Snyder was 51st at 913.

"Haylee struggled in game one but never gave up once," Lamb said. "She was remarkable all weekend with her will to want to succeed. Haylee will be sorely missed next year as she was a two-year captain and really pushed the belief of being a team player."

"Leah is only a freshman and in our program we have never had a freshman go to state. Though her performance was not of her standards, it was quite an accomplishment and I am sure each year will get better."

The top 16 finishers from the qualifying round advanced to match play. Wayland's Kadence Bottrall (second in qualifying at 1,232) and Belle Harnish (12th at 1,141) were among those.

Both Bottrall and Harnish lost in the opening round of match play, with Bottrall falling 406-382 and Harnish falling 405-325.

Plainwell's McKenzie Cox placed 48th in qualifying at 918, while Otsego's Alicyn Klok was 56th at 872.

On the boys' side, Allegan's Trenton Nagelkirk was the lone local participant at the individual finals. He finished 23rd in qualifying at 1,139.

"Trenton was very consistent with his first ball all day but struggled to cover 10 pins," Lamb said. "Trenton, after four games, had worked himself up to 15th place and looked like he was going to make the cut but it wasn't to be."



Allegan's Titus Smith, Conrad Eichenbauer, Parker Schuyler, Ian Hammer, Gabe Harlan and Anthony Hiscock represented Allegan at the state finals. (Photo provided)

Plainwell upends Otsego in another thriller

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

The first time the girls' basketball teams from Plainwell and Otsego met this season, the Trojans won in overtime. The second meeting saw the Bulldogs eke out a one-point victory.

So, when the teams met for a third time in a Division 2 district final on Friday, March 26, would it be another nail-biting affair.

In a word, yes.

Trailing 28-17 at halftime, Otsego stormed back to narrow the deficit to two points late in the fourth quarter before ultimately suffering the 42-39 loss at the hands of the Trojans.

"This is the kind of game I've come to expect when our two teams play each other," Otsego coach Tony Kosher said. "In regulation of the three games we played this year, there was only a two-point differential.

"What I love about it is all these girls know each other. They work hard on the court, but if you watch,

there's nothing goofy going on. It's a good, clean rivalry. And I have a lot of respect for (Plainwell coach Tim Rieman) and what he does. We've been banging heads for nine years and more often than not it's a good game."

Rieman echoed those sentiments.

"This is my 11th year, and Tony's ninth and every time we play each other it's a rivalry, so Tony has them really well-prepared," Rieman said. "He knows what we're going to run on every set, and we know what he's going to run. It comes down to execution.

"And we scared ourselves because we did not execute well in the second half, but we made the plays we had to."

As has been the norm this season, Plainwell used a balanced scoring attack. Lauren Vanderstelt led the way with 10 points, followed by Maya Johnson with nine, Ellery Troff with eight and Vannessa Robinson with seven.

Otsego's Cali Miller led all scorers with 13 points, followed by eight from Hannah Fitzpatrick and seven from Olivia Stam.

With the win, Plainwell advanced to the regional semifinals in Edwardsburg against Wayland on Monday, March 29.

The Trojans trailed 35-31 after three quarters and had hopes of a comeback victory. But Wayland used a 19-10 scoring edge in the final frame to secure the 54-41 win.

The Trojans ended the season at 12-2.

Vanderstelt had 23 points in the loss, with Robinson going for eight.

For Wayland, Stephanie Ainsworth scored 26 points. She and Kaylen Sikkema each scored seven in the fourth quarter.

"(Ainsworth) was a load in the post," Rieman said. "We had (the deficit) to four in the fourth quarter, but we couldn't convert our free throws or bunnies."

Weber's buzzer-beater lifts Vikings over Bulldogs

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

HOPKINS—Last year, Otsego beat Hopkins in a Division 2 boys' basketball district semifinal.

This year, the Vikings reaped the favor.

Thanks to an off-balance, buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Colin Weber, Hopkins secured the 62-61 win over the Bulldogs in dramatic fashion on Thursday, March 25.

Weber finished with 29 points.

"Colin put up some big numbers again, but most importantly his leadership has been huge for us," Hopkins coach Jake Jewett said. "He's kept us focused and determined."

"The experience and competitiveness he brings with him lifts all the rest of us up. It makes us all better."

With his team leading 60-59, Otsego's Sam Bronkema split a pair of free throws with 5.1 seconds left to play

to give the Bulldogs a 61-59 edge.

In the ensuing timeout, Jewett called for an inbounds play that, as a first option, would get the ball in the hands of long-range specialist Trevor Smith for a 3-point shot at the top of the key.

Option two was for Weber to fake the pass to Smith and then drive the ball inside for a possible tying basket.

But when Otsego's defenders cut off Weber's lane, he improvised, pulling up for a triple try as time expired.

"Big players make big plays in big games," Jewett said.

Jewett, who teaches at Otsego Middle School, used to be on the coaching staff for the Bulldogs before taking over at Hopkins four years ago.

"I always root for Otsego to win unless they're playing us," Jewett said. "I know almost all of their players personally and of course I know their coaching staff well. With that said, I'd be by lying if I said I didn't feel

a lot of satisfaction from that win."

Tristen Perry joined Weber in double figures with 14 points for Hopkins.

Otsego got 21 points from Jackson Dentler, 18 from Ashton Atwater, nine from Cooper Smallldon and eight from Trae Knight.

"The game was disappointing in the sense that we didn't win, but I thought our guys left everything they had on the floor," Otsego coach Matt Dennis said. "I'm extremely proud of how played. We did everything we needed to do to have a chance at winning. Unfortunately for us, Hopkins made a great shot at the end of the game to get the win."

Otsego ended the season at 10-3.

"At the beginning of the season, I don't think anyone would have picked us to win a fourth Wolverine Conference championship since we graduated so many seniors last year," Dennis said. "The guys bought in and played together and that gave us a chance and on most nights we came out on top."

In the district final on Saturday, March 27, Hopkins bested Wayland 51-49 to claim its first district title since 2002.



Players and fans react after Hopkins' Colin Weber hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to give the Vikings the 62-61 win over Otsego. (Photo by Gary Shook)

SPORTS

Saugatuck comes up short in district semifinal

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

FENNIVILLE—Saugatuck girls' basketball coach Kevin Tringali watched plenty of game film of North Muskegon in preparation for his team's Division 3 district semifinal against the Norse on Wednesday, March 24.

And nothing that he saw led Tringali to believe that North Muskegon would knock down eight 3-pointers in the first half of the game.

Yet that's exactly what the Norse did, building a 32-22 halftime lead and then holding off a late Saugatuck charge to prevail 48-45.

The Trailblazers ended the season at 15-3.

"It's always tough when you lose a game that ends your season," Tringali said. "But this one is especially painful because of how much I've enjoyed coaching this group of players. I looked forward to going to practice every single day and I wasn't ready for that to be over."

The senior contingent of Karissa Moerler, Emma Walker, Zoe Myers, Katie Ayers, Grace Miller and Lauren Barnhill suited up for the final time in their high school hoop career.

"That group of seniors has meant so much to this program and to me personally," Tringali said. "Karissa and Emma have been varsity players since they were freshmen and Zoe is a three-year varsity player. All of these girls have left a lasting legacy on our program."

With North Muskegon's hot long-range shooting to start the game, the Norse took a lead of 14-8 after one quarter before taking its 32-22 lead to halftime.

Saugatuck's deficit grew to as many as 15 points at 45-30 in the closing minute of the third quarter, but the

Trailblazers continued to battle.

"Our girls never quit, which is a testament to their character and their desire," Tringali said. "Some teams in the past might have folded at that point, but not this group."

Saugatuck got to within a single point at 46-45 and had the ball, but couldn't get a potential go-ahead shot to fall.

"It was a good look," Tringali said. "It just rimmed out on us."

Saugatuck was forced to foul and North Muskegon hit

the two free throws to bring the score to its 48-45 final.

Myers had 14 points to lead the Trailblazers, with Moerler going for 11.



Zoe Myers scored a team-best 15 points in Saugatuck's district loss to North Muskegon. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Fennville pulls away from Trailblazers

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

FENNIVILLE—Eight days after squaring off during the final week of the regular season, the boys' basketball teams from Fennville and Saugatuck met again on Wednesday, March 24, this time in a Division 3 district semifinal.

The outcome was the same.

Led by a game-high 27 points from Tyler Schut that included three dunks, Fennville pulled away to secure the 67-37 win over the Trailblazers.

The Blackhawks won the previous game 70-48.

"We kept things close for about a quarter, but ran into trouble against Fennville's full-court pressure and traps, which led to lots of turnovers all night," Saugatuck coach Brian Ward said. "Fennville also won the rebounding battle with their size and strength, securing many offensive boards and easy put-backs."

In addition to the 27 points from Schut, Fennville coach Ty Rock received 15 points

from Brody Peterson and 10 points from Cian Ortego.

"Tonight we played a solid game," Rock said. "Not a perfect game, but solid. We played with a lot of intensity and energy from the start."

Ortego provided some of that energy with a dunk late in the first quarter of the game that got the home fans on their feet. That kick-started a 15-3 run for the Blackhawks, who took control after Saugatuck had kept things close in the early going.

Joey Antel finished with 17 points to lead Saugatuck in the losing cause.

"Joey hit some big shots all night for us and allowed us to put some points on the board," Ward said. "He contributed in all four quarters and was a steady stream of offense for us."

Drake Mathieu added 10 points for the Trailblazers.

Antel and Mathieu join Alec Hoezee and Sam Larsen as the seniors on the Saugatuck roster.

"This program and I will miss our seniors," Ward said. "Alec, Drake, Joey and Sam have been with us all four years and it was very emotional watching them leave the court for the last time."

The fact that his seniors were able to have a season was a victory in itself given the ongoing COVID pandemic.

"I'm glad they were able to experience and play basketball their senior year, even if it was a heavily shortened season," Ward said. "I told them and the younger guys, 'Let this be a lesson that you don't take anything in life for granted. You never know what your future may hold. Enjoy every moment and play hard every time you're out there.'"

"To Alec, Drake, Joey, and Sam, thank you for the moments, both good and bad. Thank you for playing hard."

work so hard that they are physically dead when the game ends. That in itself is how you create a culture and a successful program.

"Each and every one of my players came every single day and worked extremely hard and responded well when being pushed hard. I thank all my players, fans and community for the love and support they showed us all season during this crazy season."

Seniors Peterson, Ortego, Carlos Sanchez and Sam Stroemblad all saw their prep hoops careers end with the loss.

"I thank the seniors for coming ready to work every single day," Rock said. "They have most definitely helped changed the mentality that we are striving to have here at Fennville. It's never easy when a season ends, but I can't overstate how proud I am of each one of my players."



Fennville's Brody Peterson (left) defends Saugatuck's John Roberts.

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SCHEDULED DATES OF APPLICATION:
Applications will take place between April 5, 2021 and December 3, 2021.

HERBICIDES/LOCATIONS:
Non-Selective Applications: (guardrail, pavement/shoulder cracks and edges, barrier walls, concrete bridge slopes, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:
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METHOD OF APPLICATION:
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CONTACT:
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Tom Kiteey, Resource Specialist
Michigan Department of Transportation
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SPORTS

Clippers secure fourth straight district championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Senior Natalie Yowler scored a season-high 10 points for the Martin girls’ basketball team in its Division 4 district championship game against Byron Center Zion Christian on Friday, March 26.

Making that feat even more impressive is the fact that she scored all of those points in the first quarter.

That opening-game surge by Yowler helped get the Clippers off to a good start en route to the 39-22 victory.

The district championship was the fourth straight for Martin.

“We were locked in from the very beginning tonight,” Martin coach Ben Schipper said. “That was one of our most complete games all year. We took care of the ball, handled pressure, got our posts involved and clamped down defensively.”

Yowler tied for second on the team in scoring with freshman Makala Goddard. Junior Gracie Shettler led the way with 13 points.

Senior Bri Warner and sophomore Cirsten Coburn each chipped in with three points.

Warner has played at the varsity level since her freshman year, meaning she was a part of all four of Martin’s

district-winning teams.

“I can’t imagine there are too many players in the state who can claim that accomplishment,” Schipper said.

Defensively, Martin limited Zion Christian to six or fewer points in each quarter. The Clippers held leads of: 14-6 after one quarter, 22-11 at halftime and 33-16 after three quarters.

Warner locked down Zion Christian’s top scoring threat in Kelly Leep, holding her to 12 points. Shettler and Maddy Bogdan were among the players who helped limit Zion Christian’s Kendra \

Schipper believes the difficulty of his team’s regular-season schedule is the

main reason the Clippers are playing so well.

“Playing bigger schools night in and night out in conference play absolutely prepares us for the playoffs,” he said. “We had a lot of learning moments early on in the season, but we have grown from each one and we are playing our best basketball at the right time, which has been our goal all along.”

On Monday, March 29, the Clippers faced Walkerville in a Division 4 regional semifinal and earned the 58-43 win.

Shettler led all scorers with 24 points, while Warner had 12. Coburn and Yowler added nine and eight

points, respectively.

“Our coaching staff felt like we came out lacking energy, just trying to kind of feel out Walkerville rather than be in attack mode from

the start,” Schipper said. “We finally got a little more fire in us in the second half and started playing Martin basketball.”



Bri Warner won her fourth district title as a member of the Martin girls’ basketball team. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego gets past Allegan in district semis

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

With 2:27 remaining in the first quarter of the opening-round Division 2 district girls’ basketball game between host Allegan and Otsego, a basket by Tiger Kaitlyn Fulton tied the score at 5-5.

The game didn’t stay deadlocked for long, however.

The Bulldogs scored nine of the final 10 points of the first quarter before scoring the first four points of the second quarter to open up a 12-point lead on the way to the 65-31 win.

“We have had two pretty competitive games against Allegan (during the regular season), but I thought our defensive pressure and ball movement on offense were big keys this time around,” Otsego coach Tony Koshar said.

Cali Miller and Kaitlyn Payseno spearheaded the effort for Otsego on both ends of the floor.

Miller and Payseno each scored 15 points while combin-

ing for 11 rebounds. Miller also had a team-best three steals and Payseno led the way with three blocks.

“It was another good team effort as Cali and Kaitlyn provided a nice one two punch in the scoring department,” Koshar said.

The freshmen duo of Aly Aldrich and Hannah Fitzpatrick also played well. Aldrich had eight points, three rebounds and three assists, while Fitzpatrick had six points and six rebounds.

Aldrich has been sharing the point guard duties with senior Olivia Stam with starting point guard Jayden Jameson nursing an injury.

“I have been really impressed with Aly and Olivia, who have filled in capably at point guard over the last week and a half with Jayden out,” Koshar said. “We haven’t really missed a beat and that is saying a lot as Jayden has played at a very high level.”



Otsego’s Olivia Stam (left) and Allegan’s Ana Allen battle for control of the ball. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Martin boys win district semifinal, lose in final

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WYOMING—Last year, the Martin boys’ basketball team earned a berth in a Division 4 district final but never had the opportunity to play in the title game thanks to COVID.

This year, the Clippers had the opportunity to get back to a district final. And they did just that.

Facing Kalamazoo Heritage in a district semifinal on Thursday, March 25, Martin a balanced scoring attack to post the 61-43 win.

Collin Coburn led Martin with 18 points and nine rebounds, while Brayden Eckman had 14 points.

“Collin had a great night with his decision making,” Martin coach Bradley Moelker said. “Sometimes we get a little stagnant and rely on him to create, but this game we were able to find some cutters in space.

“It was also nice to see Brayden be aggressive tonight. He had some great attacks in the paint which also opened up his 3-point shot as well.”

Karter Ribble and Cole Al-

tman added nine points and five rebounds each. Mitchell Jager chipped in with six points and five assists.

“Karter had a big night,” Moelker said. “In the second quarter he pulled down some big rebounds and finished strong at the rim.

“Top to bottom we had a pretty good game. I was impressed by how many players stepped up and gave us good minutes. When players weren’t in the game, they were engaged and our intensity fed off of that.”

An early 8-0 run helped set the tone for the Clippers, who led 12-8 after one quarter before pushing that advantage to 35-17 at halftime.

Martin’s lead stood at 49-24 entering the final frame.

With the win, the Clippers advanced to face host Tri-Unity Christian in the district title game on Saturday, March 27.

Unfortunately for the Clippers, the Defenders proved to be too much, posting the 57-36 win to bring Martin’s season to a close.

Tri-Unity Christian outscored Martin 17-5 in the opening quarter and never looked back.

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing for the following items independently purpose of considering listed below:

1. The City of Allegan agrees to provide clear title. This property will not be joined in title or deed with property the Leverage’s already owned at 148 Mill District Road and abuts the property in this proposal.
2. The City of Allegan agrees to provide clear title and deed. To sell the property at 413 Russell Street, parcel number 51-170-070-00 to Dan Chilla.
3. The City of Allegan proposed draft of Ordinance 491, Allegan City Sign Ordinance Amendments.
4. The City of Allegan proposed draft Resolution 21.06, Election Date Change.

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed property sale. Please send all written comments to the address listed below. Comments can also be sent to ctapper@cityofallegan.org

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BY: Christopher Tapper
City Clerk

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PROJECT NO. 4919 – 1.05 miles of roadway reconstruction including clearing, grade establishment, sand subbase, aggregate base, cross culvert replacement, and restoration on 25th Street and 123rd Avenue from 122nd Avenue to the township line in Allegan Township, Allegan County.

Complete specifications, plans, and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website www.alleganroads.org under the Projects link. When accessing plans from the website, please send an email to jlemaire@alleganroads.org to be added to the plan holders list.

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CITY OF ALLEGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Planning Commission of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall hold Public Hearings on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Allegan City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, Michigan for the following purposes:

1. An application from Edenz, LLC, and Stash Ventures, property Owner, for a Special Use Permit and related Site Plan Review to alter an existing building at 133 Marshall Street, also known as Parcel Number 03-51-305-168-00, for use as an Adult-Use marihuana retailer and Medical Marijuana provisioning center subject to the provisions of Sections 402.01 and 1707.33 of the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance.
2. An application from Justin Dominique and Mark Smith of The Green Door, interested party, for a Special Use Permit and related Site Plan Review to alter an existing building at 500 Linn Street, also known as Parcel Number 0351-305-095-00, for use as an Adult-Use marihuana retailer and Medical Marijuana provisioning center subject to the provisions of Sections 402.01 and 1707.33 of the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of the proposed amendments and materials being considered by the Planning Commission is available for viewing at City Hall during regular business hours. Materials may also be accessed on our website at <http://www.cityofallegan.org>. Questions and comments regarding this petition may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing to the City Clerk at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI, 49010, or by calling 269-673-5511.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City of Allegan will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the City Clerk at 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI, 49010 or by phone 269-673-5511.

CHRISTOPHER TAPPER, CLERK
CITY OF ALLEGAN
269-673-5511

FOR THE RECORD

PEEK AT THE PAST

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

March 29, 1946
1,500 Co. Youths at 4-H Event: An estimated 1,500 Allegan boys and girls—members of 4-H clubs—converged on Allegan Wednesday for their annual spring achievement day which marked the end of wintertime activities and national 4-H club week.

Exhibits were piled high in the Griswold building gymnasium. Girls clothing, cakes and cookies, hand-craft plaques and furniture, farm electrical appliances, the results of winter poultry projects, displays showing hot lunch programs and community service plans filled the huge gym to overflowing.

Displays were set up Monday and judged Tuesday by Louie Webb and Miss May Sontag, state club leaders. The SRO sign went out in front of the Regent theater Wednesday morning when a special motion picture program opened the day's events.

April 1, 1971
Hopkins FFA takes part in state meet: Eight FFA members from Hopkins and their advisor, Mr. Miller, participated in the State FFA convention held at Michigan State University in East Lansing March 24 to 26, during Farmer's Week.

The demonstration team reached the state finals and was in the top two teams in the state competition. This enabled them to participate in the final elimination contest to give their demonstration before the whole convention assembly in the large MSU auditorium. This is the second time Mr. Miller had had a team give a demonstration before the convention. The other team won six years ago with a demonstration on a similar topic.



Photo by Julie Russell-Porath

A prototype of new seats which will soon fill the Old Regent Theatre is now on display at the theatre for patrons to try out. Fund raising for the seat renovation project began last year and included many projects such as the adopt-a-seat program. Several other renovations have been made recently or are currently underway at the Regent. The construction of the Regent dates back nearly a century.

The 1971 team was eliminated by a tough Caledonia team of seniors who received State Farmer Degrees at the convention. Hopkins' team members are sophomore chairman Ted Howard and juniors Jim Gratz and Merle Coffey. The team won a fine trophy for their gold-rated demonstration on "Growing Corn" and will receive gold pins at the Parent and Son Awards Banquet.

March 28, 1996

Theater benefits schools: Even though the Old Regent Theatre is still in need of funds for its multiple refurbishing projects, the governing Regent board members have found a way to give something back to the community.

Last week, the nearly one-century old movie house kicked off a project to help raise funds for the four Allegan elementary schools.

One Saturday matinee each month, from now

through June, will benefit one of the four schools. The Regent will donate \$1 from every \$2 matinee ticket purchased on a designated Saturday to the individual school of the month.

Regent board secretary Joyce Watts said the theatre is doing this as a way to give something back to the community and also as a way to help boost ticket sales.

"It's fun to work with the schools," she said. "And they do appreciate it."

The appreciation is obvious judging by the stacks of thank-you cards sent to the Old Regent from students at North Ward Elementary. "And even if the Regent isn't the nicest ever—at least it's here in my hometown," wrote Charlie Cook, one of the dozens of North Ward students who were treated to a special showing of "Jumanji" earlier this month.

March 31, 2016
Martin preps \$17.6 million bond for August ballot: Martin school board members expect to officially approve a bond proposal Thursday, March 24, that will schedule a vote for the August election.

The \$17.6 million project, if passed by voters, will fund a variety of renovations and construction throughout the campus.

Doug Hilton is a member of the steering committee that honed the proposal from lists from three community input sessions and from staff and administration. He said the project was not just from helping the current students.

"The community will benefit from the track we're trying to put in, from

improvements so we can come in and be safe, from the fin arts center," Hilton said. "It's going to do something for everybody, even if your children have graduated. This is for the community."

Highlights of the plan currently include adding a new gymnasium and modestly sized fine arts auditorium at the south side of the building. Since that would displace the current softball and softball fields, the 22-member steering committee charged with deciding the scope and priorities of the project has suggested the district acquire approximately 4.6 acres of land to the east of the campus for a new baseball field. No plans are final, but committee also envisions relocating the current football field south, where the current track is, placing a softball field in its former location.

Hilton and fellow committee member Carrie Coburn presented the rough cost estimates of the plan to school board members at their meeting Monday, March 21.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

DEATHS

February 19, 2021
Ruben Muth, 41, Laketown Twp.

March 12, 2021
David Alan Treffers, 57, Ganges Twp.

March 13, 2021
Douglas D Drummond, 86, Plainwell

March 14, 2021
Richard Charles Brumm, 86, Otsego Twp.

March 16, 2021
Laverta Ann Walker, 82, Fillmore

Twp.
Michael Kevin Imm, 70, Plainwell
James Richard Fluty, 83, Martin Twp.

March 19, 2021
Robert Gerald Garlock, 93, Otsego Twp.

Bobby Ray Mayo, 60, Otsego
March 20, 2021
Lawrence Paul Bellgraph, 67, Watson Twp.

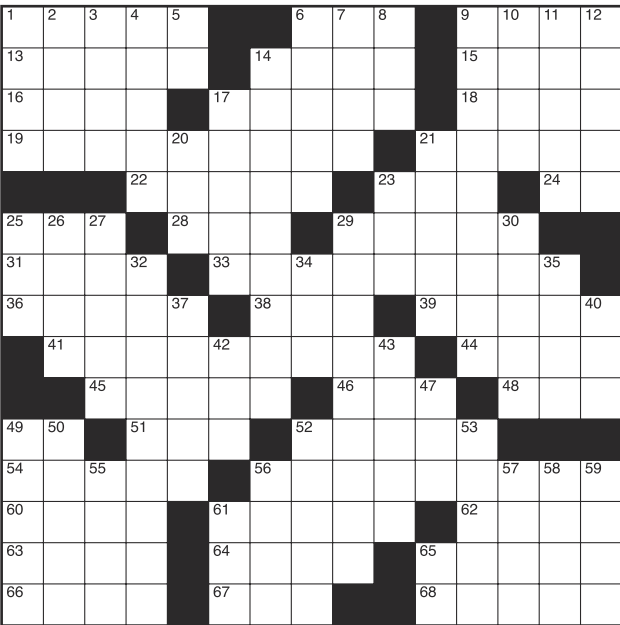
MARRIAGES

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Donald Joseph Grover, Hamilton, and **Sylvia Garcia Medina**, Hamilton
Peter Richard Kirsten Jr., Zeeland, and **Hope Katherine Fathman**, Ham-

ilton
Amerberly Sue Sherer, Hamilton, and **William Anthony King**, Hamilton
Jordan Steven Rozema, Allegan, and **Ashleigh Nicole Nesmith**, Milan
Timothy Paul Phillips, Allegan, and **Angela Hope Kirby**, Lawton
Travis Robert Lazoski, Allegan, and **Andrea Michelle Collins**, Allegan

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- Blister
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- Family of drugs
- Atrocious
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- Middle Eastern country
- Protein-rich liquids
- Malaysian Isthmus
- Spielberg's alien

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CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Margaret Zuzich Bakker handed down the following decisions on March 15:

Michael Shaun Allen, 44, of Decatur, was sentenced to 1 day in jail with 1 day credit for disorderly person who is of sufficient ability who refuses or neglects to support his or her family. Allen was ordered to pay \$125 in court costs and fees.

Stephanie Marie Berry, 38, of Fennville, was sentenced to 365 days in jail with 63 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and probation violation. Berry was ordered to pay \$798 in court costs and fees. Probation revoked.

Christine Marie Henderson, 32, of Kalamazoo, was sentenced to 3 days in jail with 3 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine attempt. Henderson was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 12 months probation, Henderson must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and pay \$30 per month supervision fee.

Austin Daniel Koster, 31, of Fenwick, was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 169 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine, 169 days in jail with 169 days credit for concealing or misrepresenting identity of motor vehicle or mechanical device by removing or defacing the manufacturer's serial number or the engine or motor number on the motor vehicle, or by replacing a part of the motor vehicle or mechanical device bearing the serial number or engine or motor number of the vehicle with a new part upon which the proper serial number or engine or motor number has not been stamped. Koster was ordered to pay \$298 in court costs and fees.

In a separate case,

Koster, with an address in Belding, was sentenced to 166 days in jail with 166 days credit for bond - absconding or forfeiting attempt. Koster was ordered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees.

Tyler Jason VanderMarkt, 27, of Wayland, was sentenced to 291 days in jail with 291 days credit for larceny \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000. VanderMarkt was ordered to pay \$598 in court costs and fees including \$100 restitution.

Thomas Vo, 20, of Holland, was sentenced to 22 days in jail with 1 day credit for controlled substance - delivery/manufacture (schedules 1, 2 and 3 except marihuana and cocaine). Vo was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Vo must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and pay \$30 per month supervision fee. Remaining jail time to be served through the Allegan County Community Service Program.

Randal Keith Williams, 47, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced to a minimum of 24 months in prison to a maximum of 7 years, 6 months in prison with 398 days credit for operating under the influence of liquor and operating - while intoxicated/impaired/with the presence of a controlled substance - third offense notice and probation violation. Williams was ordered to pay \$798 in court costs and fees. Probation revoked.

Judge Roberts A. Kengis handed down the following decisions on March 15:

Darquis Emanuel Davis, 29, of Kalamazoo, was sentenced to 60 days in jail with 1 day 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 - second offense notice. Davis was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 18 months probation, Davis

must complete 480 hours community service, cognitive behavioral therapy program, participate in assessments and treatment as directed and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

James Andrew Huyck, 39, of Kalamazoo, was sentenced to 30 days in jail with 1 day credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine. Huyck was ordered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees. As part of 18 months probation, Huyck must complete the cognitive behavioral therapy/ moral reconation therapy, participate in assessments and treatment as directed and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

Daniel Lee Johnson II, 31, of Allegan, was sentenced to 12 months in jail with 25 days credit for assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), 93 days in jail with 25 days credit for domestic violence and 93 days in jail with 25 days credit for weapons - carrying concealed attempt. Johnson was ordered to pay \$616 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Johnson must complete cognitive behavioral therapy/ moral reconation therapy and batterer inter-

vention treatment and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees. Johnson is eligible for early release to the Alternative Directions Program after serving 8 months of jail term.

Alejandro Mendez Jr., 27, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 3 days credit for controlled substances - possession (narcotic or cocaine) less than 25 grams. Mendez was ordered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees. Jail time began at 5 p.m. March 17. If Mendez reported on time, 90 days would be suspended.

Stacey Lyn Smith, 41, of Hamilton, was sentenced to 1 day in jail with 1 day credit for domestic violence and 1 day in jail with 1 day credit for interfering with electronic communications attempt. Smith was ordered to pay \$375 in court costs and fees. As part of 12 months probation, Smith must participate in domestic violence/batterer intervention treatment and other assessments and treatment as directed and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

Unless otherwise noted, the fines set forth above include \$130 for the crime victims rights fund and \$68 state fee per file.

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Level: Intermediate

(See Solution Page B5)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertise-
ment. 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 mort-
gaged premises, or some part of
them, at a public auction sale to the
highest bidder for cash or cas-
hier's check at the place of holding
the circuit court in Allegan County,
starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on
April 15, 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 automatic-
ally entitle the purchaser to free and
clear ownership of the property. A
potential purchaser is encouraged to
contact the county register of deeds
office or a title insurance company,
either of which may charge a fee for
this information. MORTGAGE:
Mortgagor(s): Priscilla D. Holloway,
a single woman and Steven Hol-
loway, a single man Original Mort-
gagee: Greenpoint Credit, LLC Date
of mortgage: December 30, 1999
Recorded on January 21, 2000,
Liber 1916, on Page 280, Foreclos-
ing Assignee (if any): The Bank of
New York Mellon Trust Company
N.A. as successor in interest to all
permitted successors and assigns
of Bank One, National Association
as Trustee, of the GreenPoint Man-
ufactured Housing Contract Trust,
Pass-Through Certificates, Series
2000-3 Amount claimed to be due at
the date hereof: Twenty-Four Thou-
sand Three Hundred Twenty-Five
and 87/100 Dollars (\$24,325.87)
Mortgaged premises: Situated in
Allegan County, and described as:
The West 100 feet of the West 1/2
of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4
of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22,
Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee
Township, Allegan County, Michigan.
Commonly known as 5376 105th St,
Pullman, MI 49450 The redemption
period will be one year from the date
of such sale, unless abandoned un-
der 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 un-
less 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 per-
son who buys the property at the
mortgage foreclosure sale or to the
mortgage holder for damaging the
property during the redemption peri-
od. 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 Bank of New York Mellon
Trust Company N.A. as successor in

interest to all permitted successors
and assigns of Bank One, Nation-
al Association as Trustee, of the
GreenPoint Manufactured Housing
Contract Trust, Pass-Through Cer-
tificates, Series 2000-3 Mortgagee/
Assignee Schneiderman & Sher-
man P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite
300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248.539.7400
1431810
(03-18)(04-08)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 2162786-DA
Estate of Edwin Defrost Bodfish
Date of birth: 09-20-1969
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The
decedent, Edwin Defrost Bodfish,
died 12-17-20
Creditors of the decedent are
notified that all claims against the
estate will be forever barred unless
presented to Monty Bodfish, per-
sonal representative, or to both the
probate court at 113 Chestnut St.,
Allegan and the personal represen-
tative within 4 months after the date
of publication of this notice.
03/25/2021
Ajay Gupta P-45739
1020 Springwells
Detroit, MI 48209
313-849-0567

Monty Bodfish
6418 102nd Avenue
South Haven, MI 49090
269-547-9864

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 21-62744-DE
Estate of John David Decker, de-
ceased
Date of birth: 03/22/60
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The
decedent, John David Deck-
er, died (found) Jan 4, 2021.
Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate will
be forever barred unless presented to
Patricia D. Gacchina, personal
representative, or to both the pro-
bate court at 113 Chestnut Street,
Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal
representative within 4 months after
the date of publication of this notice.
3/23/2021
Patricia D. Gacchina
1070 Laurel Rd. East 399A
Nokomis FL 34275
231-519-0407

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 fore-
closed 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 a.m., on May 6, 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 own-
ership 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.

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE
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Default has occurred in the con-
ditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage")
made by DONALD P. DEXTER,
a single man, as Mortgagor(s), to
ABBY RAHN and SUZANNE E. DE
PUEY, jointly and to the survivor of
them and not as tenants in common,
as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated
August 9, 2010 and was recorded
August 13, 2010 at Liber 3439, Page
437 of Allegan County Records. The
amount claimed to be due on said
Mortgage and unpaid at the date of
this Notice is ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR
HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 20/100
(\$171,461.20) DOLLARS, including
interest on the applicable indebted-
ness at the rate of 5.00% per annum.
This sum will increase as additional
interest, costs, expenses, and attor-
ney fees accrue under the Mortgage
and its related note and which are
permitted under Michigan law after
the date of this Notice. No legal or
equitable proceedings have been in-
stituted to recover the debt secured
by the Mortgage, and the power of
sale in the Mortgage has become
operative by reason of the default.

At the date and time as referenced
previously in this Notice, the Mor-
tage will be foreclosed by a sale
of the property herein described, or
some part of them, at public auction,
to the highest bidder, for the pur-
pose of satisfying the amount due
and unpaid on the Mortgage, along
with interest due, the legal costs and
charges of sale as allowed by statute
and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes
and insurance that the Mortgagee
pays on or prior to the date of said
sale. The property mentioned and
described in the Mortgage, as locat-
ed in the Township of Casco, County
of Allegan, and State of Michigan,
are more particularly described as
follows:

Lots 216, 217, and 218, SUNSET

SHORES, Casco Township, Allegan
County, Michigan, according to the
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Page 21, Allegan County Records;
Address: 7268 & 7270 Elm Street,
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ments of all applicable land division
or platting acts, as amended from
time to time.

Attention Purchasers: the foreclos-
ing Mortgagee reserves the right to
cancel the sale prior to sale or to
rescind this sale at any time. In that
event, your damages, if any, will be
limited solely to the return of the bid
amount tendered at the sale, plus in-
terest. If the mortgaged property is
sold at foreclosure sale under Chap-
ter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act
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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
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the party foreclosing the mortgage at
the telephone number stated in this
notice. The length of the redemption
period will be six (6) months from
date of sale, unless the redemption
period is shortened pursuant to
MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238,
in which case the redemption pe-
riod shall be 30 days from the date
of sale or as otherwise provided by
statute.

DATED: April 1, 2021
ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571)
KOTZ SANGSTER WYsocki P.C.
ATTORNEYS FOR MORTGAG-
EES

317 Center Street, South Haven,
MI 49090
(269) 591-6915
4-1 4-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMI-
LY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
CASE NO. 21-63749-NC and
JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK
P27674
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF
HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
Court telephone no. 269-673-0532
Court address 113 CHESTNUT ST,
ALLEGAN, MI 49010

In the matter of ADRIANNE NI-
COLE DOUTHITT AND MASON
RAY DOUTHITT
TO ALL PERSONS, including:
(specify non-custodial parent's
name here, if applicable) JASON
LYNN DOUTHITT whose address is
unknown and whose interest in the
matter may be barred or affected by
the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be
held on APRIL 22, 2021 AT 10:30 AM
at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM
before Judge HON. MICHAEL L.
BUCK P27674 to change the name
of:
ERICA NICOLE DOUTHITT to
ADRIANNE NICOLE HULETT and
MASON RAY DOUTHITT to MASON
RAY HULETT

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 21-62781-DA
Estate of Marie Alethea Evans, De-
ceased
Date of Birth: 11/19/1922
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, Marie Alethea Evans,
who lived at 3265-122nd Avenue,
Allegan, MI 49010, died March 22,
2020.
Creditors of the decedent are
notified that all claims against the
estate will be forever barred unless
presented to Michael Larry Evans,
named personal representative,
or to both the probate court at 113
Chestnut St., Allegan, Michigan
49010 and the named personal rep-
resentative within 4 months after the
date of publication of this notice.
Date: March 24, 2021
Michael J. Becker (P81132)
Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown &
Kiel, P.C.
314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box
239
Allegan, MI 49010-0239
(269)673-2136
Michael Larry Evans, Personal
Representative
9264 Hessler Drive, NE
Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 888-0907

Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
Estate of Margaret A. Moore
Date of Birth: March 20, 1931
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The
decedent, Margaret A. Moore, of
5951 136th Avenue, Holland, MI
49423, Allegan County, Michigan
died November 29, 2020.
Creditors of the decedent are
notified that all claims against the
estate will be forever barred unless
presented to: Dana R. Worline, Per-
sonal Representative of the Estate
of Margaret A. Moore, care of Carrier
Law, P.C., 4965 East Beltline Avenue

NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525
within 4 months after the date of
publication of this notice.
March 24, 2021
Terri S. Macklin P38785
4965 East Beltline Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525 (616)
361-8400
Dana R. Worline
5951 136th Ave
Holland, MI 49423 (616) 283-1613

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 21-62647-DE
Estate of Barbara Jean Schmidt,
deceased
Date of birth: 11/5/1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Barbara Jean
Schmidt, died 11/22/2020.
Creditors of the decedent are noti-
fied that all claims against the estate
will be forever barred unless pre-
sented to Kimberly Door, personal
representative, or to both the pro-
bate court at 113 Chestnut Street,
Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal
representative within 4 months after
the date of publication of this notice.
March 12, 2021
Neil L. Kimball P366s3
900 Monroe Avenue, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-632-8000

Kimberly Door
1558 Heritage Bay Drive
Middleville, MI 49333
269-779-9811

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 21-62782-DE
Estate of Walton, Janice D.
Date of birth: 05/08/1942
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The
decedent, Walton, Janice D., died

Creditors of the decedent are
notified that all claims against the
estate will be forever barred unless
presented to
Michael Walton, personal repre-
sentative, or to both the probate
court at 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI
49010 and the personal representa-
tive within 4 months after the date of
publication of this notice.
Nathan Bocks, Central Park Law,
PLLC P47272
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RELIGION SECTION

G C Stoppel

In St Paul’s first letter to Timothy, as well as in some of his other messages to the church in Corinth, there are sharp warnings of the danger of gossip. In many ways, these messages are similar to the Commandment which forbids telling false tales about another person. It is a message we have heard since we were children, and we know gossip is wrong.

Sometimes it is amusing how people try to justify doing what they know is wrong. One said, “I am NOT gossiping. It’s just that I get together with some friends and we share news and add commentary.” A great part of the pleasure people get out of gossip is they can say, “I know something you don’t know, but I’ll be the first to tell you, and just you.” We all want to be ‘in the know’ or on the ‘inside.’ That is pure pride and arrogance.

In the past, gossip was usually shared between one person and another, often whispered, almost always outside of earshot of others. After all, writing a letter could lead to a libel lawsuit. Gossip could lead to a charge of slander, but it was much harder to prove.

Today, it is easy to gossip. Anyone with a computer and the internet can post a message to a group or send it out

to a multitude of people. It is also simple to hide under an anonymous name or hidden website. Generally, anyone going to that sort of trouble is out to be harmful. That’s the problem of gossip - it harms others. It can ruin their career

and cost them their job, it can destroy a family and lead friends to think they must cancel their friendship with the target.

It isn’t just individuals that suffer. Internet gossip can tie up a business or even a gov-

ernment office with all sorts of lies and half-lies, innuendos, and wild accusations that must be addressed. Gossip can incite others to take violent action against individuals, groups, or organizations.

Tragically, gossip that

destroys the reputation of an individual is so destructive that the target feels there is no alternative to ending their life.

This is why the Apostles and the churches have always battled against gossip. It is always destructive. People who take pleasure in it, whether they think they are sharing the news or telling something they believe should be told, are always destructive. Their words, either spoke or sent through the internet, hurt everything around them. Ultimately, they destroy the reputation of the spreader of gossip.

Sometimes we almost want to tell gossips, “Oh, get a life; preferably a life in Lord Jesus.”

Gossip goes against the second great commandment from Jesus: Love your neighbor as yourself. It goes against the commands of St Paul to build up, not tear down; against the epistles of St John who puts the emphasis on love.

You and I have enough challenges in our life without creating more problems. And we have more important things to do - caring for others - to have time to waste on something malicious and destructive.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd
Allegan, MI



Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

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Allegan United Methodist Church
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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

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Fr. Simon Manjooran
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Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 521-7657

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Pastor Wally Coots

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4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
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Office: 673-2254

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2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
P.O. Box 571
269-561-2683
mobile: 269-686-6831

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Douglas Tipken, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
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www.fpcallegan.org
Rev. Kathlyn Nealand

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
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673-4302 www.pathtohim.org
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Pastor Cory Klein

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Pastor Ruth Lowry 685-5990

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Pastor Len Schildroth
Office 793-7929

Hope Lutheran Church
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Pastor Kari Fast ·
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Pastor Don Miller

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Church: 673-3335
Pastor Dan Ward

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500 E. Main St., Fennville
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Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
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Phone: 673-6179

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Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

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1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Nathan Strom
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Pastor Dale Scholten
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www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

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1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
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Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
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Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Lindstrom

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Pastor Austin T Kreutz
269 567 8330

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

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4242 Blue Star Hwy., Holland
269-561-2686
Pastor Rick Jones

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
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Church: 673-3284

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938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Rev. Corey Simon

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Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd.
Shelbyville, MI 49344
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

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Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
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Plainwell, MI 49080

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(269) 650-3933 Todd Viening
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Trowbridge Community Church
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Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

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