

# Fennville commemorates the completion of stadium



**By Gari Voss  
Correspondent**

Celebrating a \$23 million transformation bond proposal, Fennville student representatives, School Board members, athletic director and superintendent cut the ribbon signifying the opening of the Bruder Memorial Stadium. The first team to com-

pete on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 was the Fennville girls' soccer team that beat the Bangor girls 4-1. The vision has for this facility, complete with artificial turf, a new press box, restrooms, and 8-lane track, to be used by "past, current and future Blackhawks."

Reflecting on the \$3-\$4 million Phase 3 completion, Superintendent Jim Dreydanus shared, "The Board of Education very deliberately saved the improvements to the athletic fields until after the majority of the improvements to the school buildings because their priority was on first improving the academic environment where all students spend their time before making final

plans for the athletic field improvements." In anticipation of the Ribbon Cutting and inaugural game, Junior soccer player Angelica Mendoza stated, "The main thing I am looking forward to this season, after not being able to play last year, is getting to represent our school on our brand new field. We are pushing through our

struggles and coming together as a strong team." Senior Arely Sanchez reflected, "I'm looking forward to finally being back on the field and playing with girls that I haven't played with before. To become successful, we must be able to communicate and work as a team." Senior Lidia Lopez added, "Even though there

will be obstacles to overcome, we can work as a team to support each other and make the best out of the season." As the Lady Blackhawks prepared to take the field, Coach Gray summed up the excitement, "Effort, teamwork, and having fun are on the top of our list. Thankfully, this year

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## Minnie's Cruise In features cars, burgers



**By G C Stoppel  
Photograph by Gari Voss**

On Friday April 2nd, Minnie's Restaurant in Allegan held a burger and cruise-in night, and it was well attended. Guests could enjoy a burger special in the restaurant before or after they walked over to

the parking lot to enjoy some 20+ classic autos. The weather was perfect for lingering and looking over automobiles worthy of being entered in the Course d' Excellence. This was the restaurant's first attempt at something special to engage the community, and according to an employee "We were

testing the waters; it all went very well, perhaps even better than expected." There are plans afoot to do this again this spring or summer, either in the parking lot, or with permission of the city, on Locus Street.

## COVID-19 Delays Jury Trials in Allegan County



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The increase in COVID-19 cases has again halted jury trials in Allegan County's 48th Circuit Court. Across the state, the average cases of COVID-19 have risen, and by March 28, 2021, Allegan County reached an average of 38.7 new cases per day. In accordance with Michigan Supreme Court orders, this requires that jury trials must cease until the public health guidelines are met.

The 48th Circuit Court gave notice to jurors on March 26th via Facebook that "due to the latest numbers from the Health Department, we will not be holding jury trials for the next two weeks." These guidelines are intended to keep jurors and others in the courtroom safe considering that jury trials draw a larger number of participants and observers.

In addition to the 48th Circuit Court, the 57th District Court and the Allegan County Probate Court are in Phase 2.

Through much of 2020, Allegan County postponed jury trials which created a backlog that has affected all involved, but it has been noted that the delays affect the victims and witnesses to a greater degree than defendants.

In the case of Allegan County, the 48th Circuit Court has been able to hold only 7 jury trials since March 2020. When the number of COVID-19 cases decreases, the court

can request to be moved from Phase 2 with no jury trials to Phase 3 with jury trials and proper health precautions of face coverings, social distancing, plastic dividers and health screening questions.

Courts must move back into Phase 2 when a county has a test positivity rate between 5% and 15% in the seven days before a request in phases is made.

To return to Phase 3, the county positivity rate must be 5% or lower for the seven days before the change request. This is much lower than the 10.7% reported between March 11th – 24th.

In the meanwhile, virtual trials will continue to be streamed. This has been extremely helpful as the State reported that since January 31, 2021, courts have logged over 2 million hours of Zoom hearings.

During this shutdown, it is expected that areas of the courthouse will be cleaned in preparation for jury cases to resume. This will better ensure that court employees and visitors will have adequate protection from the virus.

If Allegan County can return to a downward trend in positive cases of COVID-19, the court could be back in session for jury trials as early as April 14th. If not, the logjam of more than 100 cases and the waiting game will continue. Allegan County will not abandon cases, but it will take longer than the estimated 12-18 months for a jury trial to come before a judge in a courtroom.

## Oops! Proposed ballot mistakes mean no May election in Fennville

Voters in Fennville will not go to the polls in May after all.

The state rejected the ballot wording for a proposed charter amendment that would have meant the elimination of some special millages so police and fire could be funded instead through one tax.

The Fennville City Commission voted Monday, April 5, to remove the proposal from the ballot.

There are no other issues for the May ballot in the city, so no citywide election will be held.

The city attorney is

drafting a new resolution to put the issue on the November ballot, according to City Administrator Amanda Morgan. The new resolution should be ready for commission approval at the April 19 meeting.

**The proposal**  
In January, the commission unanimously approved a resolution to ask voters to raise the limit on how much it can charge in taxes from a maximum of 15 mills to 20 mills, the most allowed under state law. By amending the city charter to allow the 20 mills, the city will not be able to ask for added millages, according to Morgan.

The state informed the city that the proposed ballot language was not acceptable because it used the terms "assessed value" instead of "taxable value" and the overall proposal was over the state-mandated 100-word count. The proposal as submitted was three words over the limit, Morgan said.

"This change does not affect any of the current millages. The city will still be able to levy the special

voted millages through this year," Morgan wrote in a memo to the city commission.

**City millages**  
The city now levies by charter 14.8068 mills for general operations. This does not require a vote. Residents approved two special millages – 0.7621 mill for public safety that expires this year and 0.960 for fire safety that expires in 2023. Those millages have decreased from their original amount of 0.8 mill and 1 mill respectively due to state law. The money raised by those millages can only be spent on what is described in the ballot language.

The current charter millage and the two special voted millages total about 16.52 mills. A single mill brings in about \$22,000.

The current millages "do not provide adequate revenue for the city's current needs," according to the commission.

**Budget hearing**  
If the charter amendment was on the ballot in May and was approved, the city



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OBITUARIES

Lyman Ferris Moored, 92

Lyman Ferris Moored, 92 of Jenison, Michigan passed away on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Metro Health Village in Wyoming, Michigan. Born April 4, 1928 in Salem Township, Michigan, the son of the late Lynn and Helen (Ford) Moored and the husband of the late June (Brenner) Moored. Lyman served honorably in the United States Navy and then went on to continue his education at Grand Rapids Junior College. He took a position with Consumers Energy in Allegan for a while and then moved to Temperance, Michigan where he owned and operated his own Sunoco full-service gas station. His last career move resulted in Lyman owning and operating an audiology/hearing facility that provided custom made hearing aides. He



Lyman Ferris Moored

also served on the Michigan State Medical Board under Governor Milliken. In his spare time, Lyman enjoyed his time in the outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, sailing, or riding his motorcycle. He also enjoyed wood-working. After retirement Lyman and June built their dream home in the U.P.

in Au Train, Michigan, where they lived for a time before settling in Jenison, Michigan. During their retirement, they would travel from state to state in their motor home and would spend the 3 months or so in Florida before coming back to Michigan. Lyman and June enjoyed their adventures together until June's passing in February of 2018. Lyman was a member of the Masonic Lodge and since he and June never had any children, he loved entertaining children by being a clown. As a clown, he would visit children at various children's hospitals and also participated in the Macy Parade in Detroit, Michigan. Lyman was an amazing man with a huge heart. He made everyone feel at ease and made their days brighter just by being around them. His giving

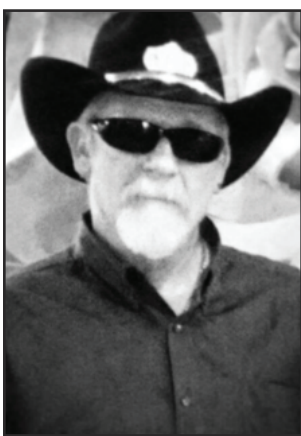
nature and generous spirit will be missed by his family and friends. Lyman is survived by his sister, Margaret Conrad; sister-in-law, Alice Brenner; and many special nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Salem Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lyman's name to Faith Hospice of Byron

Center, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Drive SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. Gorden Funeral Residence, Hopkins Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dennis Ross, 66

Dennis Ross of Allegan MI passed away Sunday March 28th, 2021 at the age of 66 surrounded by family. He was born in Kalamazoo, MI on Sept 19, 1954. Dennis enjoyed spending time riding motorcycles, watching horror movies, and being with family. He was preceded in death by his parents Lloyd James Ross and Mary Ida Ross (Longnecker), brother Scott A Ross, and sisters Vivian Velasquez, Madelon Lopez, and his son Adam J Ross. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years Noelia Ross and children Dennis Ross Jr, Tyra Ross, Kenneth Ross, Candy Ross, Bruce Ross, Aaron Ross, and Eric Ross (Brittney). He leaves behind siblings Shirley Ross Po-



Dennis Ross

ledore, Diana Mann, Lyle Ross, Alice (Jim) Hitze, Carl (Carmen) Ross as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Dennis will be cremated and the family will have a

memorial at a later date so memories can be shared. Flowers can be sent to his wife Noelia Ross at 1566 29th st Allegan, MI 49010 and monetary contributions can be made in Dennis' name to Wings of Hope Hospice in Allegan, MI.

Donald Peterman

Donald Peterman passed away peacefully on November 10, 2020 while in Florida. He worked at Spartan Stores for 48 years as a truck driver and received the "Million Mile Award" from the Michigan State Police. He also farmed for himself and later for Timmer's Farm in Hopkins. Don is survived by his loving wife of 70 years Ann, daring daughter Martha (Jim) Tucker, wonderful son David (Terene) Peterman and special daughter in law Pam Peterman. He is also survived by his brother Russell Peterman, sister in law Clara Goodman and many wonderful grandchildren and great grandchild. He was processed in death by his three sons



Donald Peterman

Donald Peterman Jr, Richard Peterman and Kenneth Peterman. There will be a memorial service held at the VFW hall in Wayland on May 1, 2021 to honor Don. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wayland VFW.

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## Hopkins Township

142 E. Main St. Hopkins, MI 49328  
Planning Commission  
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Hopkins Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at Hopkins Township Hall, 128 South Franklin, Hopkins MI, 40328.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. A request from James Koopman, interested party, for a Type B Home Occupation to operate a landscape and snow removal business pursuant to Section 157.053 of the Hopkins Township Zoning Ordinance at 1970 128th Avenue, also known as Parcel Number 0310-028-006-10.
- 2.Any other such item as comes properly before the Planning Commission.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Hopkins Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328, by phone 269-806-7547 or by email to [clerk@hopkinstownship.org](mailto:clerk@hopkinstownship.org).

A copy of agenda items and draft documents and public hearing notice is available for viewing online at [www.hopkinstownship.org](http://www.hopkinstownship.org). Instructions for access and participation are on the following page.

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## Notice

of Public Hearing  
Watson Township  
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of Watson Twp. will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at the Watson Township Hall located at 1895 118th Ave. Allegan, Michigan. Public hearings will be held and possible action taken for the following items:

1. A request for Special Use Permit by Northstar Aggregates, LLC, property owner, to operate a mineral mining operation at an unaddressed parcel with frontage upon 13th Street and 117th Avenue, also known as permanent parcel number 0323-024-002-00, subject to the provisions of Chapters 15 and 17 of the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, specifically MCL 125.3205(5). The parcel consists of approximately 77.74 acres and is zoned R-1.
2. Any such other business that properly comes before the Planning Commission.

If, prior to the meeting/public hearing, members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting/public hearing then such persons may contact the Planning Commissioners through submission of written comments by mail or drop box to Watson Township Planning Commission, c/o Watson Township Hall, 1895 118th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010 or by email to the Zoning Administrator at [lcastello@pcimi.com](mailto:lcastello@pcimi.com).

A copy of the meeting materials may be found on links on the Township's homepage at [www.watsontownship.org](http://www.watsontownship.org) including all application materials. If remote access is provided subject to the Open Meetings Act, as amended, access information and instructions will be provided on the Watson Township website as addressed above. Watson Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon 72 hours advanced notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by email, phone, or mail.

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## NOTICE

OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Watson Township Board adopted Ordinance 04012021 at a regular Township Board meeting held on Thursday, April 1, 2021, to take effect following this publication of summary of said Ordinance below:

**Ordinance No. 04012021**

An amendment to Chapter 17 of the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE I: Amend Chapter 17 of the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance in its entirety to reorganize and align the regulations of sand, gravel, and mineral extractions within Watson Township to those of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY: states that any provision or part of the Ordinance declared invalid shall not affect validity of any other part, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III. REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective eight days following this publication on April 8, 2021.

SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES: Establishes penalties for violation of this Ordinance as a Municipal Civil Infraction.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and in effect.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a true copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Watson at the address set forth below and that a copy of this Ordinance may be inspected, reviewed or purchased by contacting the undersigned during regular business hours on regular working days. A copy of this Ordinance may also be viewed on the Township website at [www.watsontownship.org](http://www.watsontownship.org).

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# Young Women in Leadership

## Kaylani Rubley: Implementing Leadership Qualities Learned from TAG Team Experiences

By **Gari Voss**  
Correspondent

Data is showing that the number of women in senior leadership roles has been increasing since 2015. No matter the industry or business, gender, racial and ethnic diversity in leadership can give businesses a leg-up when finding solutions to problems.

Change has been slow, but since 2015, representation of women in senior leadership positions has grown from 17% to 21%. In 2020, 44% of companies had three or more women in upper leadership positions compared to 29% in 2015. Harvard Business School found that this assists companies in proportionately matching consumers to businesses.

Females taking leadership positions is evident as teenage activists like Greta Thunberg, a teenage environmental activist, step forward and take a stand. These young, ambitious, capable women are becoming more influential in organizations and businesses of all types.

The Allegan County

Community Foundation (ACCF) is an example of an organization that acknowledges the leadership qualities of youth and is willing to grow young leaders through their TAG Team, the Youth Advisory Council of the ACCF. This Team of high school students learn to work together by understanding various points of views and interacting with people from a variety of backgrounds. As they grow as a Team, they accept the responsibilities of selecting recipients of the TAG Scholarship and TAG/Legacy Grants.

Kaylani Rubley is a product of the TAG Team leadership program. At the end of her freshman year at Hamilton High School, a senior reached out to her because of a recommendation from a school guidance counselor. The request was to “step out of her comfort zone” and take a leadership role on the TAG Team with ACCF.

As a student athlete, Kaylani had volunteered to assist with different activities and events, but had not ventured beyond her local community.



Kaylani Rubley takes time to pose with her puppy Luka.

She was not familiar with people, activities or issues in neighboring school districts.

Rubley’s first TAG meetings introduced her to the vulnerability of participating in open, honest conversations. She remembers how her responsibility for leadership grew as the Team awarded grants and scholarships. Members did not always agree. There was a lot of listening and

weighing of information and opinions from multiple backgrounds and points of view.

“In the end, there was a feeling of satisfaction and pride when the Team worked out differences and stalemates. We left happy,” Rubley stated.

One of the most memorable activities with the TAG Team was the yearly shopping for Sylvia’s Place. Getting to know the needs and wants of people who were struggling

then finding just the right gifts “opened my eyes to the needs of others while providing an opportunity to bring smiles and allow some of their problems to help alleviate some of their problems.”

After graduating from high school in 2010, Rubley attended Davenport University. “I had always wanted to go into nursing. At Davenport, I was a RA (resident hall assistant) for three years and worked the front desk while playing softball.”

Upon graduation in 2014, Kaylani was hired by Metro Health Care and ended up in Wyoming, Michigan as an emergency medicine nurse. “The pandemic has been an eye opener. 15 minutes can make a huge difference.”

Along her leadership journey, Rubley took two opportunities to volunteer in Guatemala. These weeks offered her additional insight into the needs of others beyond her community and comfort zone.

Continuing her path to grow and give back, Rubley decided to accept the call to become a trustee on the ACCF Board. “During the pandemic, we had Zoom meetings

to complete our mission. We must be extremely organized and ensure due diligence as we determine how to utilize endowment funds.”

The review and distribution of grant funds connects Kaylani’s current role as a trustee to her beginnings as a TAG team member. The ACCF Board members continually nurtures growth through new projects, reaching out to new donors, and identifying service opportunities. “ACCF makes a difference to so many.”

Rubley shared that it is challenging for her to say “no”. When it comes to accepting challenges outside her comfort zone, she has come to realize that her leadership roles, “Fill my cup and bring joy to myself and others.”

Young women who step into leadership roles often begin their journeys when still in elementary through high school. Organizations such as the Allegan County Community Foundation nurture and guide future leaders who step out of their “comfort zones” to achieve great things in a variety of positions.

# Storey hopeful on broadband prospects

By **John Raffel**  
Correspondent

ALLEGAN – Allegan County Board of Commission chairman Jim Storey has passed along some positive news on his weekly newsletter to the county on upgrades to broadband.

“Legislation introduced by Senator Nesbitt to provide tax incentives for companies who invest in expanding rural broadband to unserved and underserved areas has moved towards the Governor’s Desk,” Storey said. “The bills would grant a limited-time exemption to the personal property tax on equipment installed to provide broadband service to areas currently without it.

“While not the total answer to the continuing problem of the ‘digital divide’ in rural areas, such as Allegan County, when combined with the expect-

ed funds from the federal government to entice broadband expansion, it promises a way to reduce the cost disadvantage that face companies interested in serving rural Michigan.”

Storey added Allegan County belongs to the National Association of Counties, and is promoting April as national county government month to give awareness of the services county governments provide citizens.

“County advocates note the role of county governments are often overlooked when compared with other governmental units,” Storey wrote in his newsletter. “In particular this year it is worthwhile to note that county governments in Michigan are on the front line of combating the Covid 19 contagion, both through testing and, more recently, establishing and running vaccination sites. To date the county

has administered 34,000 doses of Covid vaccine and organized nearly 2,500 volunteer hours.

“The 45 clinic days were organized and executed by the county’s health department and emergency services organization.”

Storey also reported Allegan and Van Buren county boards of commissioners’ members took part briefing on Michigan’s new approach to designing congressional and state legislative districts.

“A representative of the Michigan Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission updated the participating commissioners on the process that will produce newly drawn district lines after the U.S. Census Bureau releases its 2020 data,” Storey said. “Several hearings are planned by the Commission to receive both testimony and proposed district maps.”

# 400 new COVID cases reported, no deaths

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, 478 cases and 118 deaths.

The total from the previous weeks was 8,048 cases with 118 deaths; 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 768,000 cases and 17,249 deaths.

The figures are 123,000 cases and 4,291 deaths in Wayne County; 90,618 cases and 2,070 deaths in Oakland County; 76,232 cases and 2,052 deaths for Macomb County and 57,747 confirmed cases and 749 deaths for Kent County.

In neighboring counties, it’s 4,344 cases and 52

deaths in Barry County; 25,478 cases and 370 deaths in Ottawa County and 5,730 cases and 100 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.

## 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](mailto:ctapper@cityofallegan.org)

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**\*\*Due to the rise in COVID-19 numbers, some events may be cancelled or postponed.**

**Beginning March 16, 2021:**  
*6th Annual Best of the West – Revue Readers Poll*  
City of Allegan Downtown Development Authority and Revue West Michigan  
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Questions? Email Josh Veal at [josh@revuewm.com](mailto:josh@revuewm.com)

**Beginning Sun., April 11, 2021, 1:30pm:**  
*NA/AA Survivor Group – Come Join Us*  
The Bridge Church 247 Main Street Allegan  
Anyone needing support is welcome to come on Sundays at 1:30pm to the Bridge Church.

**Beginning Wed., March 31, 10am – 5pm:**  
*ADL “Carnegie Corner Bookstore” Reopens*  
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Street, lower level Allegan (269) 673-4625  
Reopening will include a bag of books for \$2 – hard and soft cover plus CDs, DVDs and audible books. Masks are required, and sanitizer and gloves will be available. Be one of the first 50 patrons for the reopening on the last day of Women’s History Month and receive a bookmark honoring women who have substantially influenced history.

**Now - April 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](http://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.

**Wed., April 7, 2021, 11:30am – 5:15pm:**  
*Red Cross Blood Drive*  
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan  
Masks are required. Schedule an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=49010>

**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](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/137239)

**Thurs., April 8, 2021, 12-5:45pm:**  
*Red Cross Blood Drive*  
Hamilton Reformed Church 3554 Lincoln Rd. Hamilton  
Masks are required. Schedule an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=49010>

**Fri., April 9, 2021, 6 - 8pm:**  
*Concessions to Go*  
Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge, Allegan. Come and pick up your favorite movie food.

**Thurs., April 8, 2021, 9pm:**  
*Order DEADLINE for The Great Pierogi Drive Up*  
Sun., April 11, 2021, 10am – 6pm: PICK-UP - The Great Pierogi Drive Up  
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Allegan Co. Fair Dr. Allegan 888 673-6501  
Pre-Order only! [www.doyoulovepolishfood.com/the-great-pierogi-polish-favorites-drive-up-041121](http://www.doyoulovepolishfood.com/the-great-pierogi-polish-favorites-drive-up-041121). Frozen/Refrigerated Pierogi by the dozen in traditional and contemporary flavors to heat and serve. Plus dessert items.

**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](mailto: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](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.  
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**Wed., April 14, 2021, 6:30pm:**  
*Pout Tile Coasters*  
Learn to pour these tile coasters using special Pebeo paints.  
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**Thurs., April 15, 2021, 8am – Noon:**  
*Heart Screening for Cardiovascular Disease*  
Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital 551 Linn St., Suite 250 Allegan  
Appointments required. [Ascension.org/events](http://Ascension.org/events) Keyword: Allegan;  
or call Penny Brown 269 598-3893  
Fast 8-10 hours before your appointment. Screening includes cholesterol, blood sugar, weight, waist measurement, blood pressure and other risk factor assessments

**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

## EVENTS

**Fri., April 16, 2021, 6pm:**  
*Safe Harbor Lifeline Gala (RSVP Today)*  
Bay Pointe Inn 11456 Marsh Rd. Shelbyville, MI 269 672-8111  
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Ways to Give:  
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Text LIGHTINGTHEWAY: 44-321.  
Mail a check or pledge card: Safe Harbor 402 Trowbridge Street Allegan, MI 49010  
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**Mon., April 19, 2021, 7pm:**  
*On Capitalism & Socialism: What is the difference?*  
New Hope Baptist Church, 2011 Lincoln Road Allegan  
State Representative Steve Carra was born and raised in Southwest Michigan, graduated with degrees in economics and political science from Western Michigan University, was a research assistant at the religious-based free market think tank Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, and currently represents district 59 in the Michigan Legislature which encompasses all of St. Joseph County and most of Cass County.

**Sun., May 30, 2021, 8am – 4pm:**  
*Allegan Antique Market*  
Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Allegan Co. Fair Dr. Allegan  
Outdoor shopping with reduced indoor shopping. Standard protocols requires wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance at all times. Info: Larry Wood 616 735-3333

## 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](http://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](mailto:oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com) Webpage: [www.alleganoldjail.com](http://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](http://www.alleganhomelessolutions.org), Gail Hill – [kittygran@gmail.com](mailto:kittygran@gmail.com)

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

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

**Bridges of Hope, Allegan County - Assistance to move out of poverty**  
108 E Grant Street, Plainwell, MI 49080, [bridgesofhopeallegancounty.org](http://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

**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.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**Ladders of Hope - Food Assistance**  
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, [www.laddersof-hopemi.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.wingsofhope-hospice.com), (269) 686-8659

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**FOR THE AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE:  
CITY OF ALLEGAN,  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2021, Special Election has been scheduled for:  
**DATE – Tuesday, April 13, 2021 - Beginning at 9:00 A.M. ALL PRECINCTS**

CITY OF ALLEGAN,  
ALLEGAN CITY HALL  
231 TROWBRIDGE STREET  
ALLEGAN, MI 49010

The Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Christopher Tapper, City Clerk  
City of Allegan



VIEWPOINTS

Thirty hours later I arrive

Cars that run on electricity are nice in a lot of ways. You do save money. Electricity is cheaper than gas, particularly when the latter is approaching \$3 a gallon. The acceleration is other-worldly. My passengers have compared it to a rocket ship, as we go from 0 to 60, faster than a Corvette. And you don't have to worry about costly repairs, because there is no engine.

As some of you know I have owned a Tesla for four years now. I have a habit of buying unusual vehicles and the Tesla was on my bucket list, not because I am a big environmentalist, or abhorred gas guzzlers, but just because it was unique.

I absolutely love it, or did until a couple of weeks ago. In my senior moment wisdom, I decided to drive the Tesla to Florida. Now I have driven to the sunshine state countless times, but always in a motorized vehicle. The electric vehicle, I knew in advance, was going to create a challenge because I would be forced to stop every 200 miles to charge.

Well because of the availability, or unavailability of charging stations, the earlier pre-trip calculation of 5 stops ended up being 8 stops. A trip that normally takes 19 hours, actually came to 30 hours before I arrived at my Florida destination. That's 30 straight hours on the road for this hombre, who never stops for a hotel or restaurant.

Talk about a trip from hell. Try driving 30 hours straight, with many hours through driving rain. Try driving through Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville and my favorite (not) Atlanta, with your wipers on high, and you still struggle to see outside. Let me tell you it's no fun.

Each time I stopped to charge, I waited an hour, give or take 10 minutes, to charge the vehicle. Now down south, charging stations are usually near a restaurant



MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX  
PUBLISHER

or grocery store, but for some reason in the northern tier, the chargers are in empty parking lots. There is no place to walk to for coffee. It's lonely, it's dark, and you usually are the only vehicle charging.

Already delirious from driving in the pounding rain your mind begins to wander. What if you are accosted by a burglar? What if someone puts a bullet hole through your windshield? I remain in my car with doors locked, counting the minutes down at my car slowly charges.

And then the sun comes up and I'm in Florida, 24 hours later, but only six more hours to my destination. Driving on adrenalin you are no longer tired, just excited to be close. And then you arrive.

You aren't looking to make small talk. You don't care about eating. All you want to do is find the nearest bed. I did just that and for the next 10 hours I slept like a baby.

I tell my son, my friends, please don't let me ever do this again. Road trips are great, but not in an electric car. Next time I travel to Florida, or Alabama or wherever I need to be, the airplane needs to be my vehicle of choice. Two hours in a plane always trumps thirty hours in a car. Remember that Mike- remember, remember, remember.

The topic of 'vaccine passports' keeps returning to prominence in the news. The basic premise is that those who have received the full dosage of the Covid-19 vaccine would receive paper or electronic documentation that would allow them to travel on public transportation, attend live performance and sporting events, or go into restaurants. Those who do not would be stopped at the door and turned away.

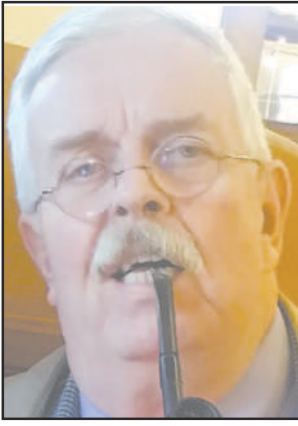
There is a sense of comfort in that idea - if it actually comes into being. If I am in a confined space with other people for more than a few minutes, it would be reassuring to know that everyone else has had their vaccine and the risk of infection is greatly diminished. It almost seems reasonable, since we have to have a passport to travel out of the country or return, or be able to provide a license for everything from fishing to flying a private plane.

At the same time, many of us are wary of this because it has the potential to become another example of "mission creep" that easily gets out of hand. There is rarely an end to mission creep because those working on a project know that they have to continue finding new

tasks or they are likely to be out of work.

For example, before a business hires a new employee they often do a background check to determine whether or not that individual has a criminal record. In the past, it was a matter of filling out forms to make the request of the local and/or state police agencies. That is a reasonable thing for a company to do. Now, however, it is possible to do a very deep electronic background check, not only for criminal activity, but for anything they wrote or said, or were accused of writing or saying years earlier, that others might be offensive. This sort of investigation is a favorite of the "woke police" who are looking for an opportunity cancel someone who has beliefs they consider unacceptable. They research an individual's entire social media history.

That is bad enough, but the future looks even more frightening. Today it is perfectly acceptable to eat red meat or drive a gasoline powered vehicle. But what if, in the future, those things are not acceptable? Is an individual to be judged by today's standards or the standards a decade or more out in the future? It is very likely, as individuals today are



G. CORWIN STOPPEL

often judged, labeled, or sometimes cancelled because of things done by their distant ancestors.

Regarding the pandemic in general and vaccine passports in particular, when the all clear is announced, will the passports still be mandated? Or, will something else be invented? Let's remember that after some nutcase tried to use his shoes to blow up an airplane, more than a decade later anyone traveling by plane must remove their shoes. We are told it is for our safety, but that mandate does not apply to anyone over seventy. That makes it seem more like a make-work project for a bit of safety theater.

We also know that when we travel to various foreign countries we are required to be

immunized against specific diseases. However, it is only a small minority of people who travel from the US to these countries; the vaccine mandate as it is being proposed is universal.

Mission creep rarely comes to an end on its own. Instead, it expands, often well beyond reason and common sense.

Individuals and groups have also expressed great concern about vaccine passports because it will create a two-tiered system in the United States and abroad. Britain's Prime Minister recently proposed a vaccine passport, as have some American politicians, and there is a growing and strenuous objection to it. They believe it will only divide and fracture society all the more. Those, who for whatever reason, cannot or will not receive the vaccine will be treated like second class citizens.

We have enough that divides us and makes people feel like second class citizens. Women, minorities, the LBGQT communities, minority religions and others have been forced into narrow confines and faced discrimination. They still experience it. Do we really want to add more?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opportunities for school properties?

To the Editor,

With vote date arriving quickly for the APS bond proposal, and if it does pass, it seems, there are perhaps, many opportunities pertaining to the Pine Trails, West Ward, and Dawson

school buildings and properties, which would no long function as schools... and so, in the past, there has been talk that Allegan would benefit from a Senior Center, a Homeless Shelter, and even Teen

Center.

If this bond does pass.... then, these are opportunities to be considered for these properties.

I do wish wish there were more laid out plans for these properties,

and options, before this bond proposal goes up for vote, because after the vote, it feels those options could very well be gone?

Sincerely, Karen Tripp  
Allegan

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**Kelly Montgomery**  
May 1971 - April 2017

Those we love can never be more than a thought away...

For as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay

*The Family of Kelly Montgomery*

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Review: From Archie to Zack

The Bookworm Sez

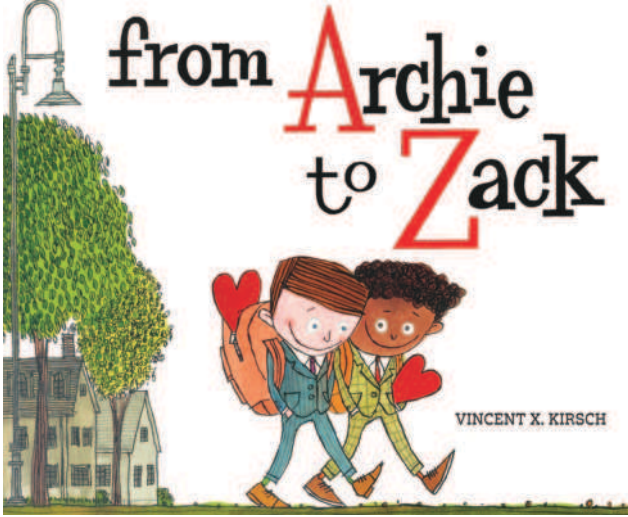
"From Archie to Zack"

by Vincent X. Kirsch

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer



found a note in a desk. Zinnia found one in band class. Zelda found one in a tree trunk and all three girls knew who wrote them. They delivered the notes to Zack and that made him smile because he'd been working on a note that wasn't quite right.

One that said the truth that everybody already knew.

Nothing unusual. That's not normally what you want to hear about a new book; you probably want to hear enthusiastic things like WOW! but that's not what you'll find here. "From Archie to Zack" tells young readers a sweet story in a calm, even, nothing-unusual manner.

The lack of drama is where unusual comes to play.

Author-illustrator Vincent X. Kirsch lets kids know that Archie and Zack can love one another and it's okay. The children in their class don't make fun of anyone. They barely even comment; in fact, they seem to think it's wonderful, a lesson that pulses like a heart here. Even the action-rich illustrations tell a story here, a story about kids that also serves as a surprisingly grown-up conversation-sparker about love, whether it's between friends, classmates, neighbors, or a child's two favorite

The girl who sits right behind you at school is really nice.

She shares her things if you ask nicely, and she likes to make you laugh. She seems very smart and polite and she never says mean things to anyone, even if they deserve it. All the kids in your class like her; you like her but in the new book "From Archie to Zack" by Vincent X. Kirsch, there might be someone you like just a little more.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind. Everybody knew it: Archie loved Zack and Zack loved Archie. The two boys were happiest when they did everything together, but the funny thing was, neither of them could say "I love you."

Oh, but you can bet they both really wanted to say it. Very much so. And then one day, Archie wrote Zack a note that said "From A. to Z. it's true. I love you."

Archie read the note to himself and it really made him smile.

But that note wasn't quite right, so he hid it in a tree and Zack was still his best friend.

He wrote another note, kind of the same. He read it to himself but it just wasn't quite right. He hid the second note in his band case and he and Zack were still best friends.

Just before Halloween, Archie wrote another note, with just a little more oomph and he read it to himself many times. What he wrote finally seemed right this time. He loved Zack! But for some reason, he couldn't give the note to Zack, so Archie hid it in his desk at school.

Then one day, Zuzella

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RELIGION SECTION

by G C Stoppel

I have always be touched by the first part of the 4th verse of the 23rd Psalm - yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil,

When we read it carefully, it is an odd phrase. We understand the valley of death, whether it was story of the valley of dry bones or Tennyson's epic poem The Charge of the Light Brigade. The word "valley" seems a bit strange, and it changes our way of thinking.

Here in western Michigan, we get regular experiences with the valley of the shadow of death. When a cold or warm front comes across the lake, it sometimes brings with it a thick fog blanket. Or in the winter we get 'lake effect' that sometimes comes down with sufficient intensity that it is hard to see. Fog or snow, it is even more miserable driving after dark.

Even if we are traveling on very familiar roads, this can make for white-knuckle driving. We have no idea if there is an animal or stranded vehicle, or something else in front of us. We don't know

what might be around the next bend or over the next hill. And, of course, we play the Michigan game of wondering if we are still inside the white line.

Those are moments of the valley of the shadow of

death. For perhaps most of us, this year has been one very long valley of the shadow of death. We might not live in abject fear, but we live in heightened anxiety. Will we be exposed to the virus? Will someone

we love be exposed? Will we or they survive? We are anxious about our finances, stressed because of the uncertainty of returning to normal activities. Perhaps we or someone close to us is sufficiently stressed out

that depression has become a way of life, or chemicals.

In many ways, the valley of the shadow of death is worse than the valley of death itself.

It is the second half of that verse that gives us hope - the reassuring message about the Good Shepherd's rod and staff. Those were the defensive tools of a shepherd. The rod, to fight off wild predators or human thieves; the staff to pull a sheep out of a crevice or pit.

The message for the followers of Jesus is simple and straight forward. Simply because of our relationship with the Lord does not make us immune for all the spooky stuff that happens in life. Nor, does it keep us safe from disappointment, heartbreaks, and loss. But we are not alone in those moments. Jesus is with us, and the long-lasting good news of Easter is that Jesus is always with us.

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## SPORTS

# Clippers fall to Fowler in state quarterfinals

BY JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR

KALAMAZOO—Fowler's Riley sisters made life difficult for Martin in the Division 4 girls' basketball state quarterfinal game played at Loy Norrix High School on Monday, April 5.

Junior Mia Riley and sophomore Emma Riley combined for 36 points as the Eagles handed the Clippers a 64-26 loss.

Martin, which was making its first quarterfinal appearance since 1995, finished the season at 12-6.

"We didn't play our best basketball tonight," second-year Martin coach Ben Schipper said. "With as good as we have been playing lately, we were hoping to put



Cirsten Coburn looks for an open teammate in Martin's quarterfinal game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

together a better effort. But we just weren't able to execute.

"Fowler is an incredible team. We knew they were great at getting to the rim and were aggressive on defense, but they overwhelmed us tonight. Our offense just could not get into the attack mode we needed against their switching defense."

Mia Riley starred for Fowler early, slashing her way to the basket repeatedly in the opening quarter. She finished with 13 points in the opening stanza—including eight in a row to end the quarter—as part of her game-best 20 points.

Martin trailed 20-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Emma Riley, meanwhile, did most of her work for the outside, knocking down four 3-pointers as part of a 16-point effort. As a team, the Eagles buried 10 triples.

"Defensively, we were hoping to take away their 3-point threats and rotate to protect the rim on the backside, then scramble out if needed," Schipper said. "Unfortunately, (Mia Riley) and their guards got to the rim much more than we hoped and their shooters were lights out. Congratulations to them on an outstanding effort."

Speaking of outstanding efforts, freshman Makala Goddard scored 14 points for the Clippers, including a quartet of 3-pointers.

"It was great to see her shoot confidently and fill it up on the big stage as a freshman," Schipper said. "She has a bright future ahead of her."

Gracie Shettler had five points in the losing effort, followed by Natalie Yowler with four, Madison Bogdan with two and Bri Warner with one.

The game marked the final prep basketball game for seniors Warner and Yowler.

"Thank you to our seniors, Bri and Natalie," Schipper said. "They will be greatly missed as they brought a great level of passion and commitment to our team."

The Clippers trailed 32-12 at halftime and 49-22 after three quarters.



Martin freshman Makala Goddard (12) tries to fight through the defensive pressure of Fowler. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

While disappointed with the loss, Schipper couldn't have been prouder of the season as a whole.

"It was an amazing season," he said. "Our improvement was drastic from the first game to the end of the season. The successes that came with this season were so rewarding after all these girls have gone through."

The Clippers advanced to the regional finals last season but were unable to play that game as the tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19.

"After having last season taken from us right before hosting the regional finals,

to not knowing if each practice would be our last this season, these girls have dealt with so much adversity and handled it with grace and understanding," Schipper said. "We were doing four player workouts on the playground over the summer and our girls committed to doing workout videos on YouTube during our pause from November to January."

"They put in the work and always without any complaining. They just wanted to play and to give it their all. We have big shoes to fill going into next year, but I'm excited about the future of our program."

## Baseball Preview:

BY JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ALLEGAN**  
Due to the 2020 season having been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Allegan, like most teams throughout the county—and state—enters the 2021 season with few players who have previous varsity experience.

Seniors Tyler Aldrich and Baylee Schafer are among the players who have played at the varsity level, as both found their way into the starting lineup as sophomores.

Aldrich—who is recovering from an injury suffered during basketball season—and Schafer are two of the six seniors on the roster for Allegan this season. The others are Nathan Davis, Austin Corbett, Cooper Lake and Anthony Hiscock.

There are also six juniors on the squad: Jeremiah Hansen, Tyler Kammeraad, Blake Montgomery, Nick Gallentine, Vance Muenzer and Evan Leece.

The sophomore trio of Culver Neldon, Jack TerMeer

and Mason Wendt round out the roster.

**FENNVILLE**  
When he looks at the roster for his team this season, one thing immediately jumps out at Fennville coach Steve Peterson: pitching depth.

"Our pitching will be an area of strength for us this year," Peterson said.

Senior Brody Peterson is expected to head up a rotation that also includes sophomore Ben Peterson, senior Easton DeRoo and sophomore Max Machado. Junior Dylan Schut and freshman Cesar Arendondo Corrales are expected to be among the top relievers for the Blackhawks.

When not pitching, Brody Peterson—an All-Conference player as a sophomore in 2019—will anchor the infield at shortstop.

"Brody is a great athlete and good at whatever he plays, but baseball is definitely his best sport," Steve Peterson said. "He is smooth with his glove, has great range and a strong arm."

"At the plate Brody uses the whole field and can run

out an infield hit, but he can also put it out of the park if the pitcher challenges him."

Ben Peterson will handle the bulk of the catching duties when not on the mound.

"Benny does a great job behind the plate and will help our pitchers out greatly because he will limit any stolen bases with his arm," Steve Peterson said. "At the plate he just hits the ball hard. He has power to put the ball out of the park from both sides of the plate and from gap to gap. We are counting on him to drive in a lot of runs for us this season."

DeRoo will see time at first base, with Schut manning center field.

"Easton has played a lot more baseball than anyone else on our roster over the last couple of years and has put in a lot of work in the off season to get better," Steve Peterson said. "As a sophomore, he started out on fire at the plate, driving in a lot of runs early in the season. With all the baseball he has played the last couple of years we are hoping he can continue that success throughout the whole season."

"Dylan is just an athlete. We are going to put him in center and just let him use his speed to make it tough for anyone who tries to put the ball in the air from gap to gap. Dylan has natural power and is fast enough to leg out a ground ball to second base, which makes him a dual threat at the plate."

Other players include sophomores Nathan Griffin, Adam Myers and Saul Carizales along with freshman Tre Cooper.

"I'm excited we get the opportunity to get back out on the field and compete," Steve Peterson said. "I was super disappointed for the seniors last year (with the season being cancelled) and I am praying we get a whole season in this year."

"We expect to be in the mix to win the SAC Lakeshore."

### HOPKINS

When Hopkins coach Patrick O'Dell was asked for his thoughts as his team prepared for the 2021 season, one thought immediately entered his mind.

"I'm just excited to be back coaching baseball," he said. That sentiment is likely being echoed by coaches throughout the state after the 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

As the Vikings enter play following the one-year lay-off, they do so in an OK Silver Conference that has a bit of a different look thanks to realignment in the OK conferences.

Comstock Park and Sparta have both joined the league.

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## Wayland girls lose to Newaygo in quarters

BY JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR

VICKSBURG—Wayland senior Stephanie Ainsworth racked up 19 points to match Newaygo's Jaxi Long for game-high scoring honors in the Division 2 girls' basketball state quarterfinal played at Vicksburg High School on Monday, April 5.

"Their post player was pretty good," Newaygo coach Nate Thomasma said of Ainsworth. "Better than I thought. She hurt us a little bit."

Ainsworth's strong performance was the good news for the Wildcats.

The bad news? Her performance wasn't enough to prevent Wayland from suffering the 51-35 season-ending loss.

Wayland finished the season—which saw the Wildcats forced to take a three-week hiatus leading up to the post-season due to COVID protocols—at 12-3.

Thomasma said his team's defensive game plan was to contain Wayland senior sharpshooter Parrish Hudson, who is slated to continue her playing career alongside Ainsworth at Cornerstone University next season.

Newaygo did a solid job in that regard, limiting Hudson to four points.

"We played well defensively," Thomasma said. "We didn't give up 10 points in any one quarter. We really focused on Hudson and really making her work for all she got. We did well there."

Wayland found itself on the wrong end of a 26-17 half-time score, with the deficit standing at 39-26 after three quarters.

A 12-9 edge by Newaygo in the fourth quarter ended any hope of a Wayland comeback.

The Wildcats earned its place in the state quarterfinals thanks to a 61-48 victory over host Edwardsburg in a regional final played on Wednesday, March 31.

It was Wayland's first regional crown in nearly a decade, dating back to 2012 when Parrish Hudson's sister Presley was starring for the Wildcats.

Wayland trailed 24-22 late in the second quarter before three 3-pointers—two from Hudson and one from Maddy Terry—gave the Wildcats a 31-24 lead at the intermission.

Although the Eddie's narrowed the gap to two points in the final minute of the third quarter, Wayland never relinquished the lead.

Hudson finished with a game-topping 27 points, thanks largely to five 3-pointers. Ainsworth added 16 points, while Terry ended with eight.



Senior Brody Peterson is one of three players on the Fennville roster with previous varsity experience. (Photo provided)

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## SPORTS

# Martin claims regional title

By JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR

MENDON—Although the Martin girls' basketball team earned the right to compete in a regional final last season, the Clippers never got that opportunity to do so as the season was suspended—and eventually cancelled—due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

So when Martin advanced to a Division 4 regional final again this season, senior Bri Warner did her part to make sure it was a memorable experience.

Warner scored a game-topping 19 points—including seven in the fourth quarter—to lead the Clippers to the 42-31 win over Colon on Wednesday, March 31.

The regional championship was the first for the Clippers since 1995.

"What a phenomenal, gutsy performance our girls gave tonight," Martin coach Ben Schipper said. "The success we have had this season has been so rewarding and I'm so proud of our girls for their consistent effort and execution."

"We continue to rise to the occasion."

And no player rose to the occasion more than Warner.

With Martin holding onto a 30-25 lead at the end of the third quarter, Warner knocked down a 3-pointer and made both of her free throw attempts in the final frame as part of her seven-point effort in the stanza. She scored at least four points in each quarter and finished 6-of-7 at the line.

"Bri was the steady force for us tonight," Schipper said. "When we needed a bucket, she got it for us. She is also the glue of our defense and held (Rachel Williams) scoreless."

Cirsten Coburn accounted for the other five fourth-quarter points for Martin, hitting a triple and making a pair of free throws. She also knocked down a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter to help snap an 18-18 halftime deadlock.

Coburn finished with 13 points.

"Cirsten hit some huge threes in the second half to help give us a bit of cushion in what was a back-and-forth game through three quarters," Schipper said. "Each minute she was on the court her confidence climbed and she was key for us tonight."

Gracie Shettler added seven points for Martin,

with Makala Goddard (two points) and Natalie Yowler (one point) rounding out the scoring.

"It really was a complete team effort, which I say often about our girls," Schipper said. "Yowler had big-time rebound after big-time rebound."

Martin led 10-7 after one quarter as Shettler scored five of her seven points in the stanza.

Schipper, a Martin graduate who starred on the hardwood, is in his second year at the helm for the Clippers.

"The support I feel as the coach of this program is incredible," he said. "Our girls do their absolute best to execute everything we ask of them. And I'm so fortunate to have Robert VandenBerg, my father-in-law (and Martin athletic director) by my side every day sharing his basketball and teaching knowledge with us."

"My wife, Carly, my parents, and my family are all knowledgeable basketball fans and I talk strategy with all of them. It's truly a family experience. Being able to do this for the community and school I love so much makes this all so enjoyable. It's good to be a Clipper."



Senior Bri Warner led Martin with 19 points in the regional-final win over Colon. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

# Hopkins drops regional final

By JASON WESSELDYK  
SPORTS EDITOR

BENTON HARBOR—The Division 2 boys' basketball regional final pitting Hopkins against host Benton Harbor was a somewhat bittersweet for Hopkins senior Colin Weber.

First the sweet: Entering the game with 985 career points, Weber scored 19 points against the Tigers to propel him past the 1,000-point mark at 1,004.

Now for the bitter: Despite holding a brief second-half lead, the Viking fell 66-59 to

come up short in their quest to secure the program's first regional championship since 2002.

The game marked the end of Weber's hardwood career, as he will head to North Carolina Charlotte to play tight end for the football team.

"Colin is a tremendous athlete, but he's an even better young man," Hopkins coach Jake Jewett said. "He's like a son to me."

Tristen Perry and Trevor Smith joined Weber in double figures with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Despite being underdogs, the Vikings remained within striking distance throughout the game, trailing by four at halftime.

"We played Benton Harbor tough," Jewett said. "We got their best player, Kentrell Pullian, in foul trouble early, which was part of our game plan. We also did a really good job with transition defense and preventing them from getting to the rim."

Despite the outcome, Jewett had nothing but praise for his team.

"I loved the effort we played with," he said. "We didn't back down, weren't intimidated and executed the game plan the best we could. We left it all on the floor and lost to a good team."

And while Jewett must say good-bye to Weber and the other seniors, he's excited about the program's future.

"I'm incredibly proud of my guys and the direction our program is going," Jewett said. "We compete hard every time we step foot on the floor. Now, we just need to continue building, doing things the right way."

"This was a great game and experience for my guys. It opened some eyes and will push my younger guys to continue to get better."



Colin Weber reached 1,000 career points in Hopkins' regional loss to Benton Harbor. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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# For The Record

## PEEK AT THE PAST

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

**April 5, 1946**

**County alerted to fire threat:** Five forest and brush fires were successfully confined to small areas in Allegan County during the last two days, but all volunteer and conservation department fire fighters continued today to maintain Condition No. 7—which means “stand by and stay alerted.”

With the county’s fields and forests almost tinder dry, Harry Plotts, conservation officer, today warned farmers, fishermen and picnickers to use extreme caution when using fires.

Prompt reporting of fires and speedy response to alarms has made it possible to confine them to areas usually less than one acre, but Plotts feared that “one slip and the whole state forest area could go.”

**April 8, 1971**

**“White Cane Week” set for April 18-24 by The Lions Club:** The year White Cane Week will be observed in Michigan from April 18<sup>a</sup> through April 24<sup>a</sup>. The Allegan Lions Club and over 500 other Lions Clubs throughout Michigan will team together during this one week which is set aside to acquaint the public with State Laws which have been adopted for the protection of the blind.

Local elementary schools, drivers license bureaus, and police departments will assist in this educational effort by the Lions of Michigan in co-operation with our local Lions Club.



Photo by Denise Fugate

Dustin Krcatovich sketches a large drawing of one of his favorite characters, Stanky, the cat that just can't get enough kitty litter and cheese puffs.

Krcatovich said Stanky was the first character he felt was worth publishing.

The White Cane calls for thoughtfulness, friendly appreciation and a personal responsibility for the safety of the individual carrying it. Thousands of White Canes have been furnished free of charge to blind people throughout the state. It is the aim and plan of the Lions to provide every blind person with a White Cane—the symbol of blindness—as a measure of protection for him.

**April 4, 1996**

**Otsego cartoonist breathes life into “Stanky**

**the Cat” comic:** Dustin Krcatovich first began drawing when he was two years old because he needed something to do with his hands. That was 12 comic books ago and now at 13 years old, he is a certified cartoon junkie in every sense of the word.

Unlike many who draw for the fun of it, the Otsego resident knew by the time he reached fourth grade that he would be a cartoonist.

“I decided I had to draw and I knew in time I’d have the talent to do it.”

Saturday mornings were his favorite day of the week, not just because of the cartoon lineup on television, but because he had an urge to draw.

“I couldn’t turn the lights on too early ‘cause I’d wake up my parents, so I went in the bathroom with a flashlight to draw.”

In November 1994, Krcatovich published his first comic book, “Brainfood,” featuring his award-winning cartoon, “Stanky the Cat.” Krcatovich was recently named a sweepstakes winner in the 1996 International

Junior High Writing/Photo Contest, presented by “Quill and Scroll” magazine for his cat cartoon. Classmate John Bosma was declared a national winner for his sports column, “John’s Column.”

Stanky was the first character Krcatovich drew that he felt was worth publishing. Although his preliminary

sketches were somewhat rough, the cat finally came into his own.

**April 7, 2016**

**ACEing state finals:** The Allegan County Ensemble color guard program capped an undefeated season by winning first place in its class at the statewide Guard Championships on Saturday, April 2, at Saginaw Valley State University.

Melissa Lewis, ACE’s director, said the group won in a field of six groups with a score of 75.21 in the Independent Regional A class of the Michigan Color Guard Circuit.

“It was a season high and the overall best score we’ve ever had in the history of our program,” Lewis said.

Founded in 2011 by Mark Heather, and competing since 2012, the color guard has always finished in the top 10 in its class in the finals, including a third-place medal in 2013.

This year’s show was entitled “Orange Colored Sky” and used music of the same name sung by vocal jazz group New York Voices.

Heather is a longtime color guard and marching band judge. He designed the show and played off the color orange as often as possible.

—Compiled by Jason Wesselyk

## DEATHS

**March 16, 2021**  
**Herbert Aalderink**, 90, Holland  
**March 17, 2021**  
**Robert Walter Meunier**, 84, Trowbridge Twp.  
**Raymond Andrew Brand**, 62, Valley Twp.

**March 19, 2021**  
**Marilyn Stejskal**, 86, Saugatuck Twp.  
**Robert Louis Wheeler**, 58, Gun Plain Twp.

**March 22, 2021**  
**Helen Marie Ross**, 91, Manlius Twp.

**March 23, 2021**  
**Tracey Karen Rhodes**, 58, Cheshire Twp.  
**Shirley May Cassidy**, 84, Allegan  
**Frances Koning**, 86, Wyoming

**March 24, 2021**  
**Raymond John Bosek**, 70, Dorr Twp.

**March 25, 2021**  
**William Joseph Lavette**, 78, Allegan Twp.

**March 26, 2021**  
**Harold Norman Ende**, 88, Heath Twp.

## MARRIAGES

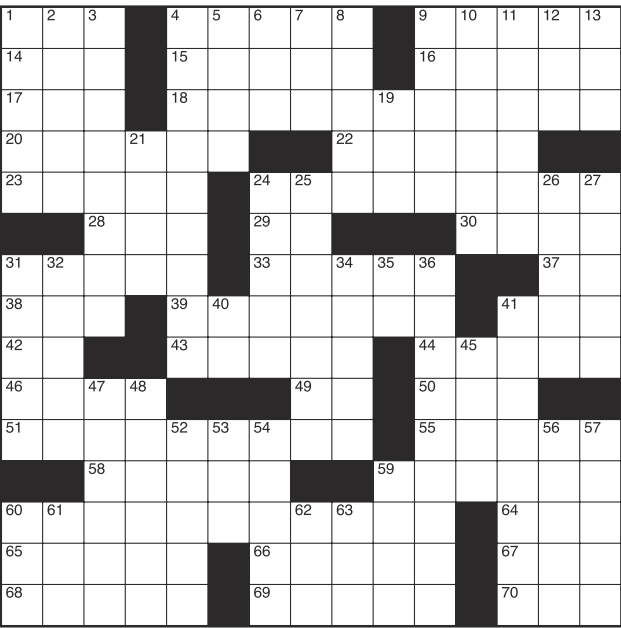
*The following people applied for a marriage license between March 24 and March 30*

**Jonathan Neil Vanryswyk**, Fennville, and **Amanda Nichole Vanryswyk**, Fennville

**Robert Phillip Anderson**, Byron Center, and **Stephanie Nicole Otten**, Byron Center

**James Theodore Hoover**, Holland, and **Melissa Ann Martinez**, Holland  
**Curtis David Vanderwal**, Dorr, and **Heidi Elizabeth Olsen**, Dorr

## CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- Ceramic jars
- Monetary units
- Alias
- ‘Superman’ actor
- Britonic tribe
- Shorten
- LA Dodgers manager
- Hoarded
- Theatrically portray
- Noah’s grandson
- Dependent
- Peyton’s little brother
- Cools the house
- Principle part of
- Type of wrap
- Peels
- Commercial
- Make an attempt
- Arrange in steps

- Utah athlete
- Old English
- Trade
- Nostrils
- Ticket seller \_\_\_Hub
- Of I
- Institute legal proceedings against
- Takes apart
- Doorway
- Long int’l river
- Trailblazing athlete Gibson
- Former CBS News host
- Sign language
- Badgerlike mammal
- Thin strips of wood
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Portents of good or evil
- Footwear
- When you think you’ll arrive

### CLUES DOWN

- Batflower genus
- Predatory seabirds
- Fish farm
- Arrangements
- Go in advance of others
- Bulgarian monetary unit
- ‘\_\_\_ Maria’
- W. African ethnoreligious group
- Wild Asian oxen genus
- Vinegary
- To this
- Explosive
- Female sibling
- Orlando museum (abbr.)
- Type of hoop
- About Holy Father
- Academic environment
- Extremely angry
- Surrenders
- Swiss mountain pass
- Sharp mountain ridge

- Erases
- Spielberg’s alien
- Absurd
- Dorm worker
- Used to make pesticides
- The sister of your father or mother
- A way to let know
- Can’t produce much vegetation
- Small streams
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Weights
- Start over
- Black Sea resort city
- Wimbledon champ
- Corporate executive (abbr.)
- Unskilled actor who overacts
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Of or relating to ears

■ see **Solution**, Page A11

## CIRCUIT COURT

*Judge Margaret Zuzich Bakker handed down the following decisions on March 22:*

**Michael Sean Cassidy**, 61, of Kentwood, was sentenced to 10 days in jail with 10 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine. Cassidy was ordered to pay \$398 for court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Cassidy must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and pay \$30 per month supervision fee.

**Courtney Elizabeth Cochran**, 29, of Allegan, was sentenced to 66 days in jail with 66 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and probation violation. Cochran was ordered to pay \$466 in court costs and fees. Probation revoked.

In a separate case, Cochran, with a Dorr address, was sentenced to 1 day in jail with 1 day credit for uttering and publishing attempt. Cochran was ordered to pay \$298 in court costs and fees.

**Bradd Andrew Fields**, 44, of Battle Creek, was sentenced to 1 day in jail with 1 day credit for retail fraud first degree. Fields was ordered to pay \$627 in court costs and fees including \$229 restitution. As part of 24 months probation, Fields must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and 100 hours community service and pay \$30 per month supervision fee.

**David Roger Haist**, 42, of Allegan, was sentenced to 365 days in jail with 93 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. Haist was ordered to pay \$698 in court costs and fees. Probation revoked.

**Deshawn Atwood-Lavelle Lyons**, 49, of Muskegon, was sentenced to a minimum of 57 months in prison to a maximum of 480 months in prison with 4 days credit for controlled substance -- delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams and habitual offender - third offense notice. Lyons was ordered to pay \$198 in court costs and fees.

**Jose Luis Palomares**, 48, of Holland, was sentenced to 6 months in jail with 1 day credit for operating under the influence of

liquor and operating - while intoxicated/impaired/with the presence of a controlled substance - third offense notice. Palomares was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Palomares must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and 80 hours community service and pay \$30 per month supervision fee.

**Donald Michael Tricoli**, 51, of Plainwell, was sentenced to 60 days in jail with 11 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and habitual offender - second offense notice. Tricoli was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Tricoli must complete all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and pay \$30 per month supervision fee.

*Judge Roberts A. Kengis handed down the following decisions on March 22:*

**Matthew Ryan Allen**, 32, of East Lansing, was sentenced to 300 days in jail with 190 days credit for stalking – aggravated and probation violation. Allen was ordered to pay \$798 in court costs and fees. Probation revoked.

**Christopher Lee Baldwin**, 39, of Plainwell, was sentenced to 125 days in jail with 125 days credit for motor vehicle; use without authority but without intent to steal. Baldwin was ordered to pay \$198 in court costs and fees.

In a separate case, Baldwin was sentenced to a minimum of 24 months in prison to a maximum of 20 years in prison with 107 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and habitual offender - third offense notice. Baldwin was ordered to pay \$198 in court costs and fees. Sentence to be served consecutively to the following case.

In a separate case, Baldwin, with a Grant, Alabama, address, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing and habitual offender - second offense notice. Baldwin was ordered to pay \$198 in court costs and fees. Sentence to be served consecutively to the preceding case.

In a separate case, Baldwin was sentenced to 97 days in jail with 97 days credit for bond - absconding or forfeiting. Baldwin was

ordered to pay \$198 in court costs and fees.

**Justin Edward Dowdy**, 33, of Kalamazoo, was sentenced to 45 days in jail with 6 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and 6 days in jail with 6 days credit for weapons - ammunition - possession by felon. Dowdy was ordered to pay \$566 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Dowdy must complete cognitive behavioral therapy, moral reconnection therapy and all treatment programs as directed by probation agent and pay \$30 per month supervision fee.

**Karen Renee Harvey**, 43, of Allegan, was sentenced to 6 months in jail with 9 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine. Harvey was ordered to pay \$398 in court costs and fees.

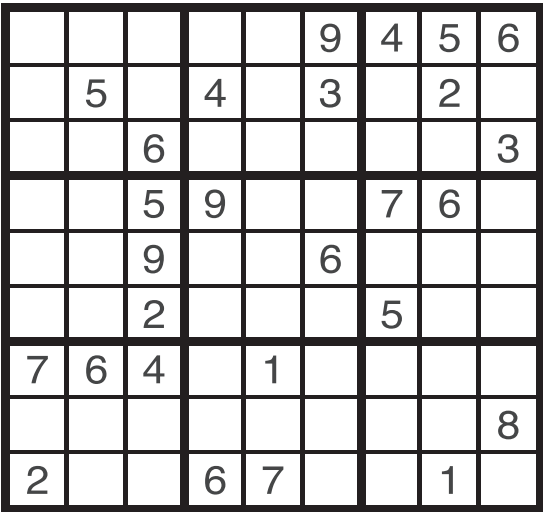
**Tyler Lee Holland**, 25, of Wayland, was sentenced to a minimum of 30 months in prison to a maximum of 20 years in prison with 269 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine, a minimum of 30 months in prison to a maximum of 20 years in prison with 269 days credit for third degree fleeing and eluding and probation violation. Holland was ordered to pay \$566 in court costs and fees. Probation revoked.

**Stephanie Lynn Landon**, 30, of Wayland, was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 112 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine. Landon was ordered to pay

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(See Solution Page A11)



PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on 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 automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgageor(s): Priscilla D. Holloway, a single woman and Steven Holloway, a single man Original Mortgagee: Greenpoint Credit, LLC Date of mortgage: December 30, 1999 Recorded on January 21, 2000, Liber 1916, on Page 280, Foreclosing 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 Manufactured Housing Contract Trust, Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2000-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Twenty-Four Thousand 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 under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The 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 Manufactured Housing Contract Trust, Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2000-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1431810 (03-18)(04-08) ----- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 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 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by DONALD P. DEXTER, a single man, as Mortgageor(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 indebtedness at the rate of 5.00% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney 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 instituted 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 Mortgage 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 purpose of satisfy-

ing 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 located 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 recorded plat in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 21, Allegan County Records; Address: 7268 & 7270 Elm Street, South Haven, MI 49090; Tax Parcel Nos.: 03-02-760-216-00 & 03-02-760-217-00; together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: The foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind 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 interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The 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 period 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 MORTGAGEES 317 Center Street, South Haven, MI 49090 (269) 591-6915 4-1 4-22 ----- NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate Estate of Betty J. Boeskool Date of birth: 03/30/1942 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Betty J. Boeskool, died 02/16/2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cindy Maxwell, trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 04/02/2021 Cindy Maxwell 82 Emerson Valley Drive River Falls, WI 54022 651-296-0955 ----- STATE OF MICHIGAN 48TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION ALLEGAN COUNTY PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE CASE NO. 21-63818-NC and JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK, P27674 Court telephone no. 269-673-0532 Court address 113 CHESTNUT ST, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010 In the matter of JAYDEN LARON HINES TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) DEMARIUS HINES 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 4/21/21 at 1:30pm at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK, P27674, to change the name of: JAYDEN LARON HINES to JAYDEN NOAH VEEN ----- STATE OF MICHIGAN 48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION ALLEGAN COUNTY CASE NO. 21-63817-NC and JUDGE Hon. Michael L. Buck P27674 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010 Court telephone no. 269-673-0300 In the matter of Richard James Russell TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) Austin Alexander Arnold 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 May 10, 2021 at 9:30am at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010 before Judge Hon. Michael L. Buck P27674 to change the name of: Richard James Russell to Julius Jordan Castillo-Maley -----

STATE OF MICHIGAN 48TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION ALLEGAN COUNTY CASE NO. 21-63888-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, MICHIGAN 49010 In the matter of KODY KENNETH STUCK TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) 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 9:15 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK P27674 to change the name of: KODY KENNETH STUCK to KODY KENNETH WINSON ----- NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Allegan County). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236 MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County (at the front door of the Courthouse in Allegan, Michigan), starting promptly at 9 o'clock A.M. on May 6, 2021. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Lance E. Windham and Olga Windham, husband and wife, as original mortgagors, to Howard W. Windham as Trustee of the Howard W. Windham Trust dated December 18, 1995, as original mortgagee, dated January 1, 2015, and recorded on April 15, 2015, at the Allegan County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 3919, Page 79, Document Number: 2015006927. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, is \$69,025.32. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Salem, in the County of Allegan, and State of Michigan

further described as follows: That part of the Northwest of Section 11, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 01 seconds East 1316.17 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 00 degree 00 minutes 59 seconds East 585.95 feet along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Northwest 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 59 seconds East 208.0 feet along said East line; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West 420.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 59 seconds West 208.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East 420.0 feet to the point of beginning. Together with a non exclusive easement for ingress and egress over the East 66 feet of the Northwest 1/4, Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly known as: 4570 Sutter Memorial Drive, S.W., Byron Center, MI 49315. Tax ID Number: 0319-011-004-20. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice requirement by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention Homeowner: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. The law firm of R.J. Baker & Associates, PLLC is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and an information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: March 31, 2021 Excalibur Property Management Services, LLC, Successor Excalibur Property Management Services, LLC 608 Quincy St. SW Grandville, Michigan 49418 4-8 4-29

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# Child Abuse Prevention month empowering children with a lifeline

By **Gari Voss**  
Correspondent

Since the 1980s, various programs have been designed to help children understand situations when they do not feel comfortable, and what to do in response to those feelings. Some children have felt empowered to seek assistance while more adults have received training in recognizing signs of child abuse, but the data indicates that cases of child abuse and neglect have been rising. That is, until 2020. So, what can be done to ensure that children do not lose their childhood?

The Associated Press did an analysis of state data nationwide which indicated that in the 36 of 50 states participating, reports of child abuse and neglect had been increasing until 2020. Michigan alone reported that 119,717 referrals were made by mandated reporters and 51,671 cases made by non-mandated reporters. Of those cases, 67,366 from the mandated reporters and 28,701 from non-mandated reporters were assigned for investigation.

A study by the Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP) found that from 2010 to 2018, “the number of children in families investigated for abuse or neglect increased in 81 of 83 counties and increased by 71.8% statewide. The number of confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect increased by 33.7% statewide and 64 counties in the state saw an increase. In addition, 51 counties saw an increase in children in out-of-home care which equated to an increase of 3.7% statewide.”

One reason for the increase may be contributed to the fact that children and mandated reporting adults have been more proactive at reporting situations where children seem to be in

danger. Therefore, suspected abuse is being reported and can be investigated.

What is worrisome is the 2020 drop in cases. Children staying at home 24/7 do not come in contact with adults who recognize changes in emotions or shared conversations. Children do not spend time in safe spaces where they trust adults. The social isolation along with increased financial hardship and stress have reduced reporting.

Consequently, states have reported that more severe, substantiated cases have been uncovered with serious physical and emotional ramifications to children and other family members. By the time some cases are reported, it is because of hospitalization or even death.

At one time, child abuse and neglect was linked to lower socio-economic households, but that is no longer the case. Overall, instances of abuse are related to biological relatives and family friends.

To break the cycle of abuse and neglect, organizations such as Safe Harbor in Allegan and Barry Counties provide the lifeline that children and their families need. Executive Director Lori Antkoviak explained, “The Safe Harbor Safe Kids Body Safety program provides age-appropriate information to protect children from preschool through middle school from abuse. This includes information about safe and unsafe touches, how to identify a trusted adult to ‘talk’ about unsafe touches, bullying prevention, and online safety.”

Antkoviak cited, “1 in 10 children will be sexually assaulted by the time they reach the age of 18. According to the FBI, 1 in 5 children who touch a digital device will be sexually solicited online. During 2020, almost 200 Allegan County

children shared their story of sexual or severe physical abuse through a forensic interview at Safe Harbor.”

“According to Kids Count Data for 2020, 512 children in Allegan County were confirmed through investigations as child abuse and neglect victims. Children need to know that they have a right to not be sexually abused and to learn that there are adults who can help them.”

The Safe Harbor Safe Kids program gives younger children a body safety coloring book with body safety rules and a bookmark to identify safe adults. Older children are given a plastic bracelet with a QR code to the Safe Harbor Safe Kids webpage reminding them of body safety and the bookmark to identify safe adults.

The interactive classroom presentations are developed for each age level. The younger children are introduced to fun, swimsuit-clad, body safety bears, coloring books, and activities to reinforce body safety.

For older children, classroom activities and animated Protect Yourself Rules videos give children age-appropriate real-life examples of how to respond to body safety violations.

Children need to know these rules and realize there are caring adults to support them.

The Safe Harbor Safe Kids programs are just the beginning of what Safe Harbor, Allegan, offers children of abuse and neglect. Once children understand that they have trustworthy adults with whom they can share uncomfortable situations, they often self-report. On the other hand, adults, whether mandated reporters or non-mandated reporters, are also able to file concerns with either Child Protective Services (CPS) or with the local, county or state police.

At this point, Safe Harbor

can be the lifeline or conduit in the process. Because of their unique staff, children can come to the office and interact with a variety of staff members. The first person would be a trained interviewer.

The interviewer has the ability to speak with the child 1-on-1 to prevent multiple interviews by a law enforcement or CPS investigators, these interviews can be videoed. The investigative interviews are extremely important to discern the facts related to the situation in question.

In addition to trained interviewers, Safe Harbor can perform medical screenings and examinations if necessary. Again, the child is in a safe environment that is filled with friendly toys, books and murals. This prevents children from going through examinations in an unfamiliar doctor’s office or hospital.

After interviews and other tasks are completed, a team reviews the facts and works together to determine the next steps. This can complete the investigation process for CPS or the legal authorities, set up counseling sessions with the child, or start legal proceedings as deemed necessary.

The goals is to make sure that any child who feels threatened because of abuse or neglect has a safe place to turn. Safe Harbor can provide a lifeline that can allow a child to experience childhood even after a traumatic experience.

Safe Harbor, Allegan is looking to create a new facility for their work. Visit <https://safe-harborcac.org/> to learn more and/or RSVP for Sail Away with Us! Safe Harbor’s 13th Annual Lifeline Gala, April 16, 2021, 6pm, Bay Pointe Inn in Plainwell.

# Construction begins on Cutler Street parking lot



Gari Voss  
Correspondent

After months of preparation, paperwork and approvals, the renovation of the Cutler Street Parking Lot in Allegan has begun. The planning commissions and City Council worked with Abonmarche Consultants out of Benton Harbor, MI to refurbish the parking lot along Cutler and Chestnut Streets and behind the buildings along Trowbridge Street.

At the October 26, 2020 Study Session, City Manager Joel Dye brought to the Council ideas on improving the Cutler Street lot. Bids were opened on January 13, 2021. Plans are now coming to fruition. At their March 29, 2021 meeting, the Council was informed that construction on the Parking Lot would begin April 5th with an anticipated completion date of June 25th.

In preparation for work to begin, Dye and Parker Johnson, Promotions Coordinator, worked with the United State Postal Service to move the mail drop box around the corner onto Cutler Street, but it would be returned to its location as construction was completed.

In recent communiques, Johnson requested that “employees who utilize this area

find alternative parking. It should be common courtesy, of course, to continue to avoid parking directly in front of or directly behind places of business because back door entry or unloading could hinder business during hours of operation.”

A site plan of the work was included so residents and employees of local businesses could visualize the extent of the site work to include “74 perpendicular parking spaces, 6 handicap parking spaces, 5 clearly defined two-way entrances/exits, easily maintainable landscaping, new sidewalks within and around the site, a relocated USPS mailbox, electric vehicle charging stations (free to the City made possible by grant money), and more.”

Any questions can be addressed to Doug Kadzban, Director of the Department of Public Works or Parker Johnson, Promotions Coordinator at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, MI 49010.

As construction progresses, those driving or walking in the area should be extremely aware of the large equipment involved in this project. Once completed, the new parking facility can assist all who wish to shop and/or wander Downtown Allegan.

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we have a great new field to play on. In the world of growing obstacles and concerns, it is great to have the field conditions not on that list.”

“As we cut the ribbon to open the renovated stadium,

we look forward to many years of exciting games, competitions, and events. We want our students to feel the support of the community each time they step on the field. We trust this support will encourage our athletes

to give their best effort and to make our community proud of their accomplishments and excellent sportsmanship. It has taken years of commitment and planning from our Board of Education, staff and community to

make these improvements a reality,” stated Superintendent Greydanus. “We are pleased to present this newly renovated stadium to our students and community.”

### CONGRATULATIONS HADDEN!



Hadden Nelson, age 15, of Allegan is shown with his 8 point he shot last November. His grandfather Mike Shultz, of Allegan and Florida, taught him his hunting skills and Mike’s friend, Ricky Mead, helped Hadden complete his first solo hunt. Great Job Hadden!



## TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN

### TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP NOTICE REGARDING A NEW ORDINANCE

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Trowbridge Township Board held a public hearing on April 1st, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Trowbridge Township Hall, 913 S. M-40, within the Township, and voted on the following:

1. Adoption of an Ordinance to allow Gobles Pine Grove fire Department to Charge and Collect fees from any individual, partnership, corporation, Limited liability company, association, consortium, governmental entity or any other legal entity (individually, a “Liable Party” and collectively, the “Liable Parties”) who have received or caused the provision of any services from the Gobles Pine Grove Fire Department within the portion of the Fire Department’s response area located within the Geographic border of the Township Of Trowbridge and to provide the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Votes were as follows.  
Mark Haveman Jr: yes  
Cindi Kurtz: yes  
Jeff Kaylor: yes  
Steve Angle: yes  
The ordinance will be effective 8 days after publication.

TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Steve Angle, Trowbridge Township Clerk  
913 S. M-40  
Allegan, MI 49010  
269-673-8189

## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION TOWNSHIP OF HOPKINS ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPKINS, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a summary of an Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2021-11, which was adopted by the Hopkins Township Board at its electronic meeting and public hearing held on March 30, 2021, to take effect immediately upon publication of the summary of said Ordinance.

SECTION 1 TITLE. This section provides that the title of the Ordinance is the Hopkins Township Downtown Development Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan Ordinance.

SECTION 2 ADOPTION. This section indicates that the Development Plan and Tax Increment financing plans met the requirements of Section 217(2) of Public Act 57 of 2018 (the “Act”), feasible, and reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act. The Plans are in reasonable accordance with the Township’s Master Plan and public services with the project area are adequate. Any changes in zoning, streets or utilities are reasonably necessary for the project and the Township.

SECTION 3 SECTION HEADINGS. This Section indicates that the Section Headings of the Ordinance are furnished for convenience only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4 REPEALER. This section repeals all conflicting ordinances. SECTION 5 SEVERABILITY. The provisions of the Ordinance are severable.


SECTION 6 PUBLICATION, RECORDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE. The Ordinance is in effect upon publication, after adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of this Ordinance and attached exhibit may be examined at the Hopkins Township Hall or by requesting the same from the Hopkins Township Clerk, Eric Alberda at the address and telephone number provided below. A copy of the Ordinance may be viewed on the Township’s website at <http://www.hopkintownship.org/home>.

HOPKINS TOWNSHIP  
Eric Alberda, Township Clerk 142 E. Main Street  
Hopkins, MI 49328  
(269) 793-3188  
[clerk@hopkintownship.org](mailto:clerk@hopkintownship.org)  
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## HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY

### Pauline Page



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## TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN

### TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Trowbridge Township Board will hold a public hearing on May 6th 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Trowbridge Township Hall, 913 S. M-40, within the Township, to consider the following:

1. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments regarding R-1 and R-2 Districts. To remove text stating: The accessory building will not exceed the floor area of the first floor of the dwelling on the related lot occupied by a single-family dwelling

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that proposed text amendments will be available for inspection at the Township Hall, 913 S. M-40, within the Township by appointment only (616-218-1898) and be available at said hearing for public inspection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received at the office of the Township Clerk at any time during regular business hours of regular days and will further be received by the Planning Commission at the time of said hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Trowbridge Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days’ notice to the Trowbridge Township Clerk of the need for the same. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing or by calling the Clerk at the Township Hall.

All persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to participate in discussion on the above.

TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Steve Angle, Trowbridge Township Clerk  
913 S. M-40  
Allegan, MI 49010  
269-673-8189