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Fruits of the harvest

Yes, families go to Crane's Orchards this time of year largely to pick apples. But pumpkins, peaches and other fruits grow there too. (Photos by Scott Sullivan)



\$2.1 million Trail cost projected

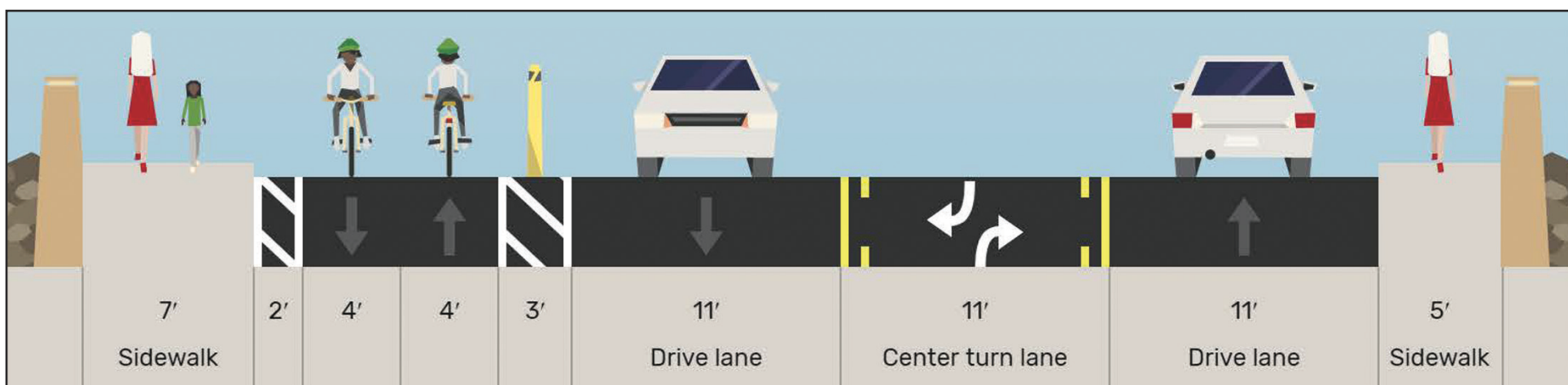
BY SCOTT SULLIVAN EDITOR
Saugatuck city is no longer stoning the Blue Star Trail. A reconstituted council, working with a largely new staff, will act as agent on behalf of the tri-community seeking grants to complete stretches of the planned recreational pathway through them.
Included would be \$10,000 matching shares from Saugatuck and Douglas cities plus Saugatuck Township and commitment to maintenance within their boundaries once what is called the trail's north section is built.
Contract C2AE engineers, working with the Tri-Community Trail Committee, reviewed favored construction options

during the Aug. 22 Saugatuck City Council workshop and their estimated \$2.1 million total construction cost. It would be split between grant monies, funds raised by the 501c3 nonprofit Friends of the Blue Star Trail and local governments.
Saugatuck has agreed to be lead agent applying for a \$1.275-million Michigan Department of Transportation-administered federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for 70 percent of the estimated \$1.875 construction costs (the remaining \$275,000 are 15-percent engineering fees) plus \$600,000 in Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants. The Friends, as proposed, will raise and contribute \$205,000.

For nine years the Friends have raised funds, procured grants and worked to build a 20-mile recreational trail largely west of the Blue Star Highway from South Haven to north of Saugatuck, where it would connect with existing trails north through Laketown Township and Holland to Grand Haven.
Douglas and Saugatuck Township have built partial stretches. Saugatuck city for two years balked, expressing concern about first responders and traffic safety crossing the Blue Star Highway bridge and Lake Street south entrance into town. Council and staff have seen multiple changes since then.
The committee — made up of Holly Leo and Ken

Trester from Saugatuck, Kathy Mooradian and Jerry Donovan from Douglas, Brenda Marcy and Cindy Osman from Saugatuck Township, plus John Adams and Richard Donovan from the Friends — resumed post-pandemic meetings earlier this year, with a major focus to establish a safe path for cyclists and pedestrians across the Blue Star bridge between the cities. Next: hammer out fall grant applications with C2AE's assistance.
Roughly 100 citizens attended an Aug. 24 open house at Isabel's Market + Eatery to hear committee members and engineers outline pros and cons of options.
These, C2AE project manager Larry Fox told

Saugatuck council last week, were funneled from past Fleis & Vandenbrink engineers and Friends studies information, plus new input from the committee and his firm.
Citizens were asked to weigh in on four stretches: Washington Street in Douglas crossing the bridge to Lake Street in Saugatuck; Lake to Maple streets in Saugatuck; Maple to Old Allegan Road in the township; and Blue Star to Holland Street via North Street, Amalanchier Park and 66th Street in the township.
Two alternatives were presented for the city stretches, just one for the township ones. Recommended, Fox told council, were:
■ see Trail, Page A2



Proposed Blue Star Bridge lane configuration.

Trail from Page A1

Crossing the Blue Star Bridge
Option 1, a 3-lane roadway with 8-foot non-motorized trail, would see the roadway restriped to provide three 11-foot traffic lanes, plus a 3-foot separation between the trail and southbound traffic lane via pavement marking and vertical separation, such as traffic delineators. The 8-foot non-motorized pathway would have paved 2-foot clear zones on either side.

The north bridge (Saugatuck side) approach would include a 10-foot-wide separated trail behind the curb with a bike rail on the west side along the embankment.

Such construction may require a design exception from MDOT — a key grant source — for an 8-foot instead of 10-foot-wide trail. Good justification is available, said committee members. The state might require a curb or other separation technique rather than vertical separation as proposed.

The estimated construction cost for this emergency services-favored alternative is \$130,000. A second option — favored by 34 survey respondents compared to 16 for Option 1 — would provide a 2-lane roadway with MDOT-grant-eligible 10-foot-wide nonmotorized trail and traffic signal.

Adding such a light, allowing the southbound lane through the bridge to be cleared of traffic via remote signal before emergency vehicles reach the bridge, would also allow vehicle and pedestrian traffic at Lake Street to be controlled, but would

cost \$150,000 more, only 20-percent of which would be MDOT grant eligible.

The more than 2-to-1 majority who favored this configuration, said Fox, most commonly felt it was the safest option, a traffic signal at Lake and Blue Star is long overdue and two lanes are more roomy with better aesthetics.

The 16 supporting a 3-lane roadway said it would be best for EMS access and no traffic light would “be more palatable” and the cost seemed modest. Some said they preferred a roundabout.

Crossing Lake Street to South Maple Street

Option 1 was again recommended by engineers and the committee for this all-in-Saugatuck city stretch. It would offer full roadway separation with an at-grade boardwalk or retaining wall section.

It would keep the roadway as is and relocate the guardrail north of Lake Street. The limited top width and steep embankment section on the road’s northwest side would require an at-grade boardwalk or retaining wall section north to Bridge Street to provide a 10-foot separated trail with required 5-foot clear zone from the paved shoulder’s edge.

From Bridge to Maple streets, embankment reverses and a retaining wall on the west side likely would be required.

The good news: this would meet AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) grant requirement standards and

leave the roadway as is. The bad: estimated construction cost is \$675,000.

Option Two, which would have shaved \$75,000 from that total by reducing the roadway separation, if allowed, via adding a vertical separation/delineators component, was not favored. It would also add curb and gutter to the west side of the roadway also, reconfigure the roadway and guardrail there.

Thirty-four survey respondents supported the recommended Option 1, commenting “more separation is better,” “more appealing (cost is worth it)” and “safer.”

The 13 who liked Option 2 noted it was “more affordable,” offered “safety” and

“clearer route delineation.”

Maple Street to Old Allegan Road

The committee and engineers recommend just this option, which is AASHTO-compliant and requires no roadway configuration, for this all-Saugatuck Township stretch.

From Maple north about 350 feet, a 10-foot HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt) trail will require a retaining wall to build it separate from both the roadway and some structures close to the right-of-way line.

The next 550 feet north to Old Allegan has grades that allow for standard separated trail construction.

The northernmost section of trail to Old Allegan has

a wetland/low area next to the roadway and will require a boardwalk section.

The estimated cost of this section is \$450,000.

Blue Star to Holland Street via North Street, Amalanchier Park and 66th Street

Two distinct typical cross sections, Fox said, apply to this all-in-the-township area. All sections are AASHTO compliant with 10-foot-wide separated trail. No roadway reconfiguration will be needed.

From Blue Star west along North Street, construction would be along an old railroad grade offset from roadway to just east of the creek crossing, north through Amalanchier, then

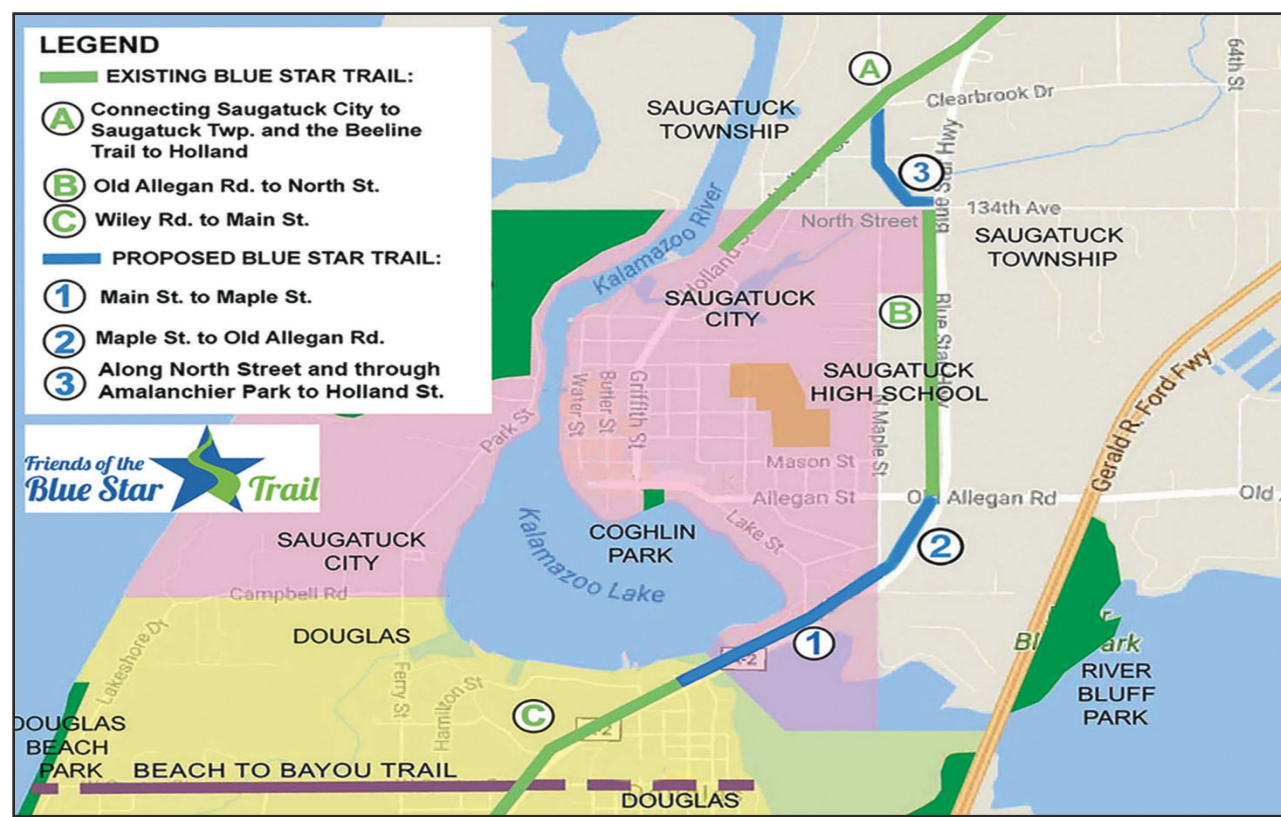
along the east side of 66th Street (adjacent to Riverside Cemetery) to Holland Street.

A 2007 township-built trail leads along Holland and Blue Star to connect at 64th Street with Laketown Township’s Beeline Trail.

This stretch will be routed through a forested, undeveloped park setting providing a high-aesthetic user experience. This 66th Street section has very few residences. Location on the east side would not impact any.

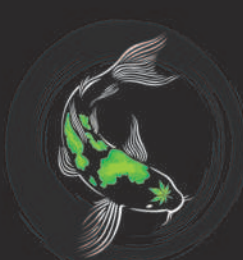
The estimated construction cost for this section is \$330,000.

Proposed plans and maps for all may be viewed at the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library.



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View of Dune Ridge floating homes from Wicks Park. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

City, lawyers huddle on floating homes

BY SCOTT SULLIVAN
EDITOR

Saugatuck City Council met with attorneys in closed session Monday to discuss how to deal with Dune Ridge lawsuits and it placing four floating homes at its 443 Park St. marina Sept. 20 in what city manager Ryan Heise called “a blatant ordinance violation.”

Dune Ridge, owner of the 130-acre former Presbyterian Camps ranging from Lake Michigan east to its 0.8-acre marina south of the city’s west Kalamazoo

River chain ferry landing, sued in Allegan County’s 48th Circuit Court Sept. 10 after the city cited it Aug. 25 for code violations regarding fencing, an electric meter, boat hoists and commercial advertising there.

The suit also contests the city June 26 passing a floating homes ordinance that allows such structures only in its Neighborhood Marine District. The firm’s marina is in the C-4 Resort District and does not qualify.

Dune Ridge, whose principal is

Paul Heule, claimed Saugatuck had had breached terms of a July 18, 2019 land swap agreement plus past representations allowing it to place bathrooms, privacy screens/fencing and houseboats there. Land swap text is included in the complaint’s exhibits, but documentation of those “past representations” isn’t.

Dune Ridge also Sept. 10 appealed April Zoning Appeals denials of its variance requests for the fencing, meters and a bathhouse/utility building at its

marina site.

Firm attorney Steve Afendoulis said his client had invested \$1- to \$2-million in the project to design and build the “five-star floating hotel rooms” now prohibited by local code.

“After all of this, we had neighbors that didn’t like it and complained,” he said.

Most neighbors, as witness to almost 900 signers of a petition calling for the city to take actions against an 8-foot fence Dune Ridge erected between the marina

chain ferry landing, see the project as an eyesore and traffic hazard near the Park and Perryman streets intersection. But not all.

Some like the structures’ looks and styling and say rentals stand to boost the tourist economy. Except, pending court action, they may not be legal.

“The next step,” said Heise last week, “is to send Dune Ridge another violation notice. Then we go from there.”

Lawyers for all sides are standing by.

Saugatuck to seek 4th clerk in 2 years

BY SCOTT SULLIVAN
EDITOR

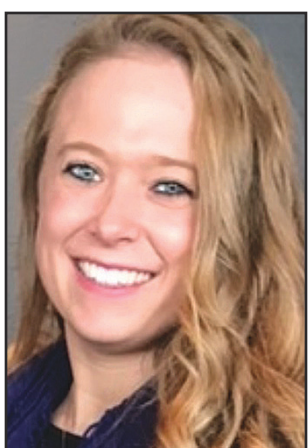
Saugatuck city again seeks a new clerk after Padley Gallagher, hired June 14, gave two weeks notice Sept. 3 that was resigning to attend graduate school.

City council Monday appointed planning and zoning administrator Cindy Osman as interim clerk, a role she’s become accustomed to. Osman in turn named Kate White, who has served as a summer intern, fulltime deputy clerk.

“With the addition of



Kate White



Padley Gallagher

Kate,” said city manager Ryan Heise, “staff finds itself in a position to take time to focus on the ‘right fit’ for the position.”

Gallagher, daughter of former city manager Gordon Gallagher, replaced 8-month clerk Erin Wilkinson, who herself departed for a private business opportunity. Before her, Monica Nagel was clerk 13 years.

Before returning here, where Gallagher spent part of her childhood, she was

Cascade Township deputy clerk and Grand Haven city deputy clerk and administrative assistant.

She wrote Heise Sept. 3 she had been accepted into the Masters of Business Administration program at Davenport University and plans to pursue this as a full-time student this fall. Sept. 17 will be her last day.

Gallagher offered to stay through the end of September and work on a part-time basis to smooth

the transition “whether that be training someone new or just helping out and continuing to work on things so that you do not get behind. The schedule can be worked out as needed.”

“I wish you and everyone else at Saugatuck the best as you all continue to do the amazing things that you do here every day. I hope to stay in touch for the future, and would like to thank you for the opportunity and the skills you’ve helped give me,” she said.

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BLUE STAR

BY SCOTT SULLIVAN
EDITOR

Where I'll Go

Nothing spoils your island vacation like molten lava, volcanic ash, toxic gases and acid rain from a once-scenic mountain blowing.

The good news is while earthquakes shook La Palma, in the Atlantic off northwest Africa, most tourists were too busy fleeing to ask for their money back.

Co-planning vacations with Chevy Chase and the Griswolds has led me to colorful destinations — Bhopal, Chernobyl, Khabul ... — but an active volcano? Never.

So I scouted it. “Nestled in the Canary Islands,” the tourist brochure said, “La Palma boasts a quaint vibe, breathtaking landscapes, locally-sourced fresh dining, a temperate cloud forest to explore and volcanos.” If you thought running with the bulls in Pamplona, was exciting, picture fleeing from magma burning and crushing everything in its path.

I love tourist guides. Everything is “nestled,” has a “vibe” (quaint, cosmopolitan, seismic ...), “sugar-white sand beaches” and “locally-sourced, artisanal” (think Grandma’s tomatoes) food. When I grew up in northwest Indiana, Jasper and Pulaski counties were famed for the worst pot ever. A night of ditch weed and Hamm’s beer would put you under.

No wonder parents don’t want Pisces babies. Being one, not age-maturity-wise, myself, I read with interest Vice — now there’s a credible website — reporting more couples are trying to time pregnancies so their progeny have horseshoe signs compatible with theirs.

I have better advice for those who believe such hokey: don’t have kids. But that’s because, as a Pisces, I’m pissed that Mackenzie Warren, a North Carolina mom who, with her husband (Vice doesn’t mention his name) postponed sex a month to avoid the fish sign.

Pisceans, not that I believe it, are artistic, intuitive, gentle, wise and musical but — Why is there always a “but”? — fearful, too trusting and yearn to escape reality.

Though I’m none of these, I fear I can’t trust Mackenzie and her beau John Doe to where I’d like to take off on a column digressing everywhere.

“Not all who wander are lost,” wrote author J.R.R. Tolkien, an explorer and fantasist himself. Less reproduced on coffee mugs are his next lines: “The old that is strong does not wither. Deep roots are not reached by the frost.”

That freedom to roam and find unexpected challenges, as well as rewards, was to Tolkien best done with purpose, convictions and direction towards an end.

To that end I’m willing to reconcile with Mackenzie and John. Should



they and their byproduct (Why not preschedule a C-section?) wish to join the Griswolds and me on vacation, La Palma rates are affordable now and crowds nonexistent.

Jimmy Buffett didn’t know where he’d go when the volcano blows, but if it had rum others soon would come. Like Tolkien he was a Capricorn, a driven and disciplined workaholic. Listen to “Margaritaville” if you want more evidence.

Maybe I’m not a Pisces but closet Capricorn. Vacations bore me. I like doing things and ruing messes that result from them. Capricorn is supposedly a sea goat, so why don’t we see more swimming? Ask the stars.

Buffett, who knows about rum and islands, paused while looking for his lost saltshaker to advise me that nothing would surprise him and, oh yeah, look out for lava.

La Palma’s Cumbre Vieja last erupted 40 years ago, so when it blew again last week scientists were excited. “Set against the blackness of the surrounding Atlantic Ocean,” gushed astronaut Thomas Pesquet from the International Space Station, “the bright orange glow is even more impressive.”

That’s my kind of empathy: through a long lens. See Kabul overrun by the Taliban from the safety of a TV screen, speculate whose fault it is based on your favorite commentator/screamer and be glad there’s booze in the blender to help you hang on.

I’ll go anywhere to avoid trying to understand myself. La Palma was already one of the smallest and least touristy of the Canary Islands, now even less so. It’s great for night-sky viewing, the brochure goes on, as light there’s not been invented there. What a getaway.

If Vice can get away with John Doe journalism, why not me? I remember a newspaper not long ago nor faraway that ran letters to the editor praising its editor, maligning its competition and claiming to be from longtime residents and regular local government meeting goers whom no such government had any record of existing. Who doesn’t like good fiction?

When John Doe, McKenzie, their baby water goat, Jimmy, Chevy and go to La Palma, I will document every living moment although there may be few left.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teacher gave child Covid: Why?

To the editor:

I attended the recent Saugatuck school board meeting to make public comments about the district’s Covid-19 policy.

As a concerned district parent since 2008, I now have two high school students and two children at Douglas Elementary. As an adult and child psychoanalyst I have consulted in the high school and always been impressed with the district’s commitment to educational, emotional and physical wellbeing of our children.

Eighteen months ago, most of us shut down significant aspects of our lives to protect ourselves and our community from this deadly and traumatic virus (currently more than 675,000 U.S. deaths).

My wife, Kate Smaller, also a therapist, and I shut down our in-person practice here in Douglas and moved to Zoom to protect patients while providing services during this time of crisis.

We fully supported the district’s approach, found Superintendent Tim Travis’s regular reports transparent, helpful and reassuring — well beyond what was being communicated in other districts. With vaccinations arriving, we assumed we would move beyond the virus by summer.

On Sept. 2 we received an alert that someone in our kids’ elementary school class had become infected. By Tuesday after Labor Day, we were

contacted by the Allegan County Health Department that our daughter, but not her twin brother, may have been exposed. She was required to be “partially quarantined.”

I was in touch with Tim Travis almost daily from that point forward, and with the health department. We later learned that a substitute teacher was teaching the class or the week.

Five days later our daughter developed symptoms. A home Covid test, and later a drive-through test, were positive.

She recovered three days later, though we remain concerned about long term effects. She was quarantined for 10 days (missing 8 days of school). Her brother has had four negative tests but his quarantine has resulted in two weeks of missed school.

The stress has been overwhelming — health concerns, childcare, the impact on our practice schedule and patients, many of whom have already suffered from the pandemic.

We had assumed that all teachers were vaccinated, per requirements to teach in the state. The current policy requires either the vaccination or a negative test produced each Monday. However, a negative test on Monday can become a positive one by Tuesday, and a whole class potentially infected.

Why is this scientifically-proven vaccine not required of all teachers like with vaccinations for diphtheria,

tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella? Parents in our county are challenged and risking enough where vaccination rates are low and infection extremely high.

How is this a sensible policy where teachers or staff can infect our children? My unvaccinated kids are put at risk because someone is either in denial about the virus, misinformed or chooses to be misinformed. So-called “freedom of choice,” is raising the possibility of seriously harming our unvaccinated children.

Breakout infections are the exception but increase if large numbers in a school community — students, teachers and staff — are not vaccinated.

Our community is committed to providing the best education, including science. Science has told us without vaccinations the virus, especially with the Delta variant, will spread. Unvaccinated people are dying in large numbers.

I am repeating my request for school board to reconsider their current policy and require all teachers and staff to be vaccinated, not be held hostage by threats of individuals quitting. At minimum, at least require two negative tests (Monday and Wednesday) per week.

Mark D. Smaller, Ph.D.: Adult, Adolescent and Child Psychoanalyst, Forward Edge Services, Douglas; Past President, American Psychoanalytic Association

County fiddles while crashes burn

To the editor,

There was no small dose of irony served up graphically in last week’s page-one story in this newspaper.

“Crash Corner Claims Two More” trumpeted only the latest two accidents at the extremely dangerous Blue Star Highway-Old Allegan Road intersection.

But the irony arose from the accompanying image of one of the two badly mangled vehicles alongside the remains of a sign that had warned Old Allegan motorists of the danger ahead.

Funded and posted at the intersection by a concerned citizen, the unheeded sign seemed a fitting allegory for the lack of interest this hazardous intersection has garnered from our county-government officials in Allegan. They’re the ones charged with overseeing and mini-

mizing such risks to life and limb.

As if to underscore that point, the County Road commission director Craig Atwood is quoted in the accompanying article saying rather unsympathetically, “Data, not emotions or feelings determines solutions.”

And the article goes on to quote a county policy “to prevent excessive use of signs on the roadways” because, among other things, doing so somehow “improves traffic safety.”

That’s a pretty incredible bit of rationalization for inaction in the face of repeated injuries and significant property losses.

Saugatuck Township Fire District data included in the article show this intersection to be the most dangerous on Blue Star in our area. Because many Saugatuck High School students navigate it twice daily, are

we to wait until the inevitable tragedy happens to provide Mr. Atwood and his friends with the “data” he so longs for?

I may be in the minority here, but our area on the far-western edge of the county seems to suffer generally from a routine lack of interest on the part of the Allegan poobahs. About the only time we even hear from our elected county commissioners is when they’re running for office or want to trumpet some “free money” grant the county has lucked into.

Maybe if “Crash Corner” was located closer to their neck of the woods, on a route their kids regularly traveled, they wouldn’t ignore such a clear and present danger to the community to do nothing while a promised “traffic study” crawls forward.

Dan Fox
Saugatuck

LIFE AS PERFORMANCE ART

BY G.C. STOPPEL

I have written before about the quirky and invisible currency exchange of giving and receiving respect. It is something we pass back and forth between ourselves.

Nothing is more basic and important to the wellbeing of a family, organization, church, community or nation than a strong emphasis on respect. With it good things happen; without it we end up in chaos, destruction and open ourselves to takeover by a dictator or a miserable death.

The faster and the more often we exchange this currency of respect, the better we and our world become. We can still vehemently disagree with another person but do so in respectful way. That attribute has to be learned and practiced.

It also involves self-respect, which can be dangerous. Too little and the world treats us like a worn-out doormat; too much and we become vain, arrogant and try to remake the world in our image.

Someone with self respect can appraise themselves realistically. They’ll see their imperfections but rather than beat themselves up emotionally, lapse into depression or brush them off because they think it doesn’t matter, they do something about it.

When they are wrong, they have the inner strength



to admit it and apologize. A person with self-respect doesn’t cower behind the half apology of, “if I offended anyone I would like to apologize.”

They know when a person finds themselves in that position, they already have offended others. They know that conditional phrase “would like to ...” is weak. That expression is meaningless.

A person with self respect will say, “I hurt and offended people by what I did or said, and for that I am sorry. I have my work cut out so I don’t do that again.” If they are competing against another person, they are a gracious loser and winner. To them, the sportsmanlike conduct, rather than winning or losing, counts.

A person with self-respect has time for other people. I grew up in the shadow of

the Mayo Clinic, which was forever having well known entertainers and professional athletes visit for checkups.

Walt Bruzek, the premier advertising agent and promoter in the area, knew most of these men and women as personal friends. He would ask them if they were willing to gather for a mediocre dinner but great conversation with some good men and their sons. Most of them said “yes.”

Over the years I got to meet men like Leo Durocher, Jack Brickhouse, Whitey Ford and Yogi Berra and Harmon Killebrew. They’d attend the dinner at the Isaac Walton Club and talk about their team and work, mentioning a little bit about themselves in the course of things. The personal side was saved for the question-and-answer session.

Afterwards, they spent time having pictures taken and signing programs or baseballs we brought from home. They didn’t have to. They did it because they had enough self-respect to respect others.

Not always. One night Burleigh Grimes, the last legal spitball pitcher who had played with the New York Yankees back in the days of Babe Ruth, was guest. We asked him about how he pitched a spitball and other members of the team. Grimes spent the whole time talking about himself and

didn’t have a good word to say anyone else.

On the drive home Dad asked what I thought about the night. I told him I wasn’t impressed. We rode in silence for a while, then he said, “I would not be pleased if you grew up to be like Mr. Grimes.”

There was no chance of that. Not when a month before I’d met Killebrew, big No. 3, first baseman for the Minnesota Twins who had 500 home runs to his credit. He was a nice guy and we all wanted to be like him.

He was walking on the streets when I saw him, asked if I could shake his hand and get an autograph. He agreed to spend a few minutes with a teenager.

Years later Killebrew retired from baseball and opened a car dealership. This time he was out of his league and it went bankrupt. He was in debt and had to make the autograph circuit to earn money, which is where I met him for the second time.

He didn’t remember me nor pretend to, but we talked. “I didn’t plan to fail but I failed to plan,” he said.

Killebrew came out of his financial slump before he died. Among eulogies were many comments about his respect for the game and self.

Go invest some of that quirky, invisible, fast-traded currency on yourself and others too.

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Mask, vax mandates still unclear

BY MIKE WILCOX
PUBLISHER

Here’s a simple question maybe you can answer. How is it that 100,000-plus fans can be packed in football stadiums Saturday after Saturday without masks or vaccine requirements, yet our children who go to public school must be fully masked and at many schools fully vaccinated, to attend?

The question boggles my mind yet no one talks about it. I’ll take it one step further. Students attending most colleges and univer-



sities must be masked at all times while on campus except at football games or other sporting events, where they are packed like sardines, shoulder to shoulder, in an atmosphere where the virus might spread easily.

I’ll take it even one more step. Rutgers bans any student from being on campus without a vaccination. They also ban anyone from taking classes at Rutgers, whether there or remotely, without a vaccination.

Yet on Saturday when Rutgers plays a home foot-

ball game, students are allowed in the stadium without vaccinations or masks, unless they are in indoors.

Even with local businesses policies differ widely. I go to a dentist at which no masks are worn — not even by those employed. But I also see a knee doctor at which you aren’t even allowed inside the building until the doctor is ready to see you and if you don’t have a mask and proof of vaccination they send you on your way.

Now, some of you might



Mercedes sustained severe damage in Sunday crash at Blue Star and 64th Street. (Photo by STFD crew)

Another weekend, another Blue Star crash

By SCOTT SULLIVAN
EDITOR

Sunday's two-car collision on Blue Star Highway was not at "Crash Corner" — as its Old Allegan Road intersection is known, but at 64th Street, which has also seen many wrecks, north of there.

The Saugatuck Township Fire District, reports IT director Erik Kirchert, was dispatched at 1:23 p.m. to where an out-of-state 2018 Mercedes E400 convertible had pulled out into oncoming Blue Star traffic and collided with a 2018 Chevy Colorado

pickup truck. Neither Mercedes occupant was wearing seatbelts, but air-bag deployment left them with only minor injuries. The pickup driver, also beltless was not injured. All declined ambulance transport to Holland Hospital.

Both vehicles, however, were severely damaged. The STFD assisted Allegan County Sheriff's officers diverting southbound lane traffic around the wreck. Blue Star was fully reopened again at 2:10 p.m. According to records, it was

the 18th traffic incident at Blue Star and 64th since 2019, when the fire district started tracking. Of 10 Blue Star intersections for which it keeps records, only "Crash Corner" at Old Allegan — 24 wrecks, including seven just this year — has more.

Wilcox from A4

say the football games are outside where the virus is less likely to spread. I can't disagree other than some games are in domed or covered stadiums, particularly professional games. In those venues vaccinations and masks are an afterthought as well. I'm wondering why. Is it that football fuels the economy and most of the major universities?

Is it that trustees, administrators and faculty are going to forego their strict adherence to mandates if a great deal of money is involved? In fact there are many instances when the mask and vaccination mandates are not enforced. My son attended a conference in a large convention center this past weekend. Vaccination status

was not required nor was anyone wearing a mask. On the other hand, I keep thinking about those elementary students, who aren't really at risk from catching a bad case of Covid, forced to wear masks the entire school day. Why should they have to wear a mask when their older brothers and sisters, who are actually more suscepti-

ble, can attend a football game without one? One or the other should happen. Either we all should be forced to wear masks always and be vaccinated or restrictions should be lifted on mask wearing. Too many people, organizations and politicians are demanding one thing, then doing the opposite. It's not fair to ordi-

nary citizens and certainly not to our children. I'm just a dumb columnist who would like an answer to my question. Can anyone tell me why we can fill a football stadium with the unmasked, yet require students to wear a mask at all times? I would like to know.

TRIPPING THRU TIME with THE COMMERCIAL

By Jack Sheridan

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Art Gunston, Grand Rapids, the new caller for the Monday night square dances in the village square, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. He is with WOOD-TV and has become a notable caller in West Michigan. The first square dance will be held June 30.

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MAGGIE'S PANTRY

BY MAGGIE CONKLIN

Acorns: Cooking
Oak trees, unlike last year when I first wrote about making nutritious and delicious food made from acorns, are yielding a bounty this year. So let's try again.

My last two weeks' stories should have you ready to get cooking. If not, check the past two Commercial Records and get caught up. You will need one cup (8 ounces) of dried acorn flour to make either one of these recipes:



Dotroimuk

This Korean dish literally translates into "acorn jelly." When you boil acorn powder in water it turns into jelly. It's pretty bland, so let's dress it up. You will need:

Jelly loaf ingredients:

- 1 cup acorn flour
- 5 cups water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cooking oil

Mix the above ingredients and cook over medium heat (don't boil) for 20 minutes, then another 5 minutes on low, stirring constantly for the full 25 minutes. Yes, you can stop for a moment, but if you do so too long it can get lumpy or the bottom might scorch.

So put on some good music and prepare to stand near the stove for a while.

Once done, pour into a shallow bowl or loaf pan and cool for at least 30 minutes to gel.

Seasoning ingredients:

- 6 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 2 tsp. sliced red pepper
- 4 tsp. roasted sesame seeds
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 4 tsp. chopped scallion or other strong onion
- 2 tsp. rice vinegar
- 2 sheets roasted seaweed, crumbled or 2 Tbsp. seaweed flakes

Combine the seasoning ingredients in a bowl and that's it, you're done with the sauce. Now get a platter, line it with some nice lettuce or similar pretty greens and turn the cooled Dotroimuk upside down onto the platter. To get it out of the bowl or pan, lean



it each direction to get the sides to release before the final flip over.

Now take a thin, sharp knife and slice the jelly loaf into slices or cubes. Give the seasoning one final whisk before ladling it over the jelly. Serve, eat and enjoy the benefits of your determination.

Next is the recipe my friend Frank Cozzola gave to me for bread made with acorn flour. It's delicious by the way, and I like it with extra butter and honey slathered on it while still warm, fresh from the oven.

Navajo Acorn Bread

- 1 cup acorn meal

- ½ cup cornmeal
 - ½ cup whole wheat flour
 - 3 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1 Tbsp. baking powder
 - ¼ cup honey
 - 1 egg
 - 1 cup whole milk
- In a mixing bowl combine acorn and cornmeal, whole wheat flour, salt and baking powder. Mix.

In a separate small bowl combine the milk, egg and honey, stirring well before adding to the dry ingredients.

Mix all together with a fork just enough until it is moistened. Pour into greased 8 x8-inch-square pan and bake at 350°F for 20 to 30 minutes.

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Christian Neighbors each year assists needy area families, such as these children, with food, clothing, school supplies and more. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Christian Neighbors to mark 40 years

BY PATI GILMAN

Christian Neighbors will celebrate 40 years of service to the community with a reception Saturday, Oct. 16, at its Community Church of Douglas home, 6874 Wiley Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a continuous slide show displaying programs CN carries out through the year, a presentation by JoAnne DeJonge, co-director, and light refreshments.

Christian Neighbors started in 1981 when Marie Johandes was inspired by Sisters Elizabeth Barilla and Donata Judis to begin a community support program for those in need. The original offices at St. Peter's Church have moved now to Community Church of Douglas.

Working through miles of red tape to affiliate with gov-

ernment programs available, Johandes was joined by Arlene Shepherd as her first co-director. With the help and connections offered by Ev Dykhuis, 11 area churches joined in making Christian Neighbors viable to those in need.

At first a food pantry and thrift shop were established at the office site. More and more people joined to program.

Lisa Smith began writing grants to ease the financial burden. There were times when there was a \$2 balance in the checking account, but there was always the belief that if God wanted this to work, it would. Invariably some generous person would show up with a much-needed contribution, and the program could continue.

Christian Neighbors has

partnered with the Saugatuck High School National Honor Society for many years to offer a Christmas party for children who otherwise wouldn't have a very merry Christmas, and Thanksgiving basket packing to provide a full turkey or chicken dinner for needy families. This has become *de rigueur* for NHS students who dress as Disney characters and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Sometimes Santa arrives wearing white sneakers, but kids attending the party never notice. They wait with great anticipation for Santa to enter the room so they can tell him what they would love to have as a gift.

One program that many will recognize is the thrift store. Donations are received, displayed and priced when they

arrive. Christian Neighbors clients can choose clothes and household items they need free of charge, while anyone can buy articles at the posted price. This is a great place to shop for inventive Halloween costumes and props for plays!

The food pantry is another integral part of Christian Neighbors. Clients can supplement their food cupboards with items based on a needs process.

The pantry is affiliated with Feeding America and several other organizations to keep plenty of food on hand. Several area farmers also arrive with any excess of fresh fruit and vegetables they have. Their generosity is consistently heartwarming.

Other major programs supported by Christian Neigh-

ighbors include budget counseling, baby layettes, heating assistance, back to school clothes and supplies, and winter coats.

One of the most amazing aspects of the organization is that all the work is done on a volunteer basis. There are no salaries or physical benefits. All the money given to Christian Neighbors is used locally and 100-percent goes to those in need.

Over the years many people have played integral parts in building and keeping the programs going. Their names are engraved on our hearts, and their pictures will be part of the slide show presented Oct. 16.

Pati Gilman is a retired Saugatuck High School teacher and longtime Christian Neighbors volunteer.



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10/1 | 12pm-4pm | Anishinaabe Contemporary Artists at the Old School House
 4pm-8pm | Live Music on the Tiki Deck at Coral Gables
 5pm-9pm | Guitar Jam Session at Respite Cappuccino Court
 6pm-9pm | Live Music at Pumpnickels
 9pm | Live DJ at the The Dunes Resort
 9pm-1am | Live Music: Annex Piano Bar & Karaoke: Corner Bar & Grille
 10pm-2am | Live DJ at the Crow Bar at Coral Gables

10/2 | 10am-6pm | Blue Coast Artists Fall Tour of Studios in Saugatuck
 10am-5pm | Bloomin' Art Show and Fall Garden Tour 2 E. Saugatuck Locales
 12pm-4pm | Live Music on the Tiki Deck at Coral Gables
 2pm-5pm | Music in the Vineyard at Fenn Valley Vineyards
 3pm-6pm | Live Music at Modales Wines
 4:30pm-6:30pm | Live Music at Virtue Cider
 5pm-9pm | Live Music at the Beach Bar at Coral Gables
 6pm-10pm | Live Music at Coastal Society
 8pm | Live Comedy at Coral Gables
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10/3 | 10am - 6pm | Blue Coast Artists Fall Tour of Studios in Saugatuck
 12:30pm-3pm | Brunch & Live Music at Guardian Brewing Co.
 2pm-3pm | Blessing of the Animals at Beery Field

WEEKDAYS

10/4 | 6pm-7:30pm | Trivia Night at Guardian Brewing Co.
 10/5 | 11am | Fall Storytime at the Saugatuck/Douglas Library
 10/6 | 9pm-1am | Live Music at The Annex Piano Bar
 10/7 | 4pm-8pm | Live Music on the Tiki Deck at Coral Gables
 6pm-9pm | Live Music at Pumpnickels
 9pm-1am | Live Music at The Annex Piano Bar
 9pm | Karaoke at the The Dunes Resort

FRI-SUN

10/8 | 4pm-8pm | Market at Blue Star Barns
 4pm-8pm | Live Music on the Tiki Deck at Coral Gables
 6pm-9pm | Live Music at Pumpnickels
 6pm-8pm | Tea & Trails Sunset Hike at Ox-Bow Campus
 9pm-1am | Live Music: Annex Piano Bar & Karaoke: Corner Bar & Grille
 10pm-2am | Live DJ at the Crow Bar at Coral Gables

10/9 | 9am-4pm | Market at Blue Star Barns
 12pm-5pm | 44th Annual Fall Gallery Stroll Saugatuck-Douglas Art Galleries
 12pm-4pm | Live Music on the Tiki Deck at Coral Gables
 2pm-5pm | Music in the Vineyard at Fenn Valley Vineyards
 3pm | Wine on the Water on the Star of Saugatuck
 3pm-6pm | Live Music at Modales Wines
 4pm-6pm | Artist Exhibition and Live Jazz Guitar at J. Petter Galleries
 5pm-9pm | Live Music at the Beach Bar at Coral Gables
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10/10 | 7am-9am | Tea & Trails Sunrise Hike at Ox-Bow Campus
 12pm-5pm | 44th Annual Fall Gallery Stroll Saugatuck-Douglas Art Galleries
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Red Dock lives in memories, events

BY SCOTT SULLIVAN
EDITOR

The Red Dock may be gone but is not forgotten. Tony and Dona Amato's hippie/Key West-style open-air Douglas bar closed after 24 years this Labor Day but continues to be remembered in events as one-of-a-kind as it was.

Douglas poet laureate Jack Ridl joined acclaimed fellow poet Kathleen McGookey presenting a "Last Red Dock Reading" Sept. 22 at Isabel's Market + Eatery, drawing a large crowd and the Amatos.

Capizzo Studios, 3279 Blue Star Hwy., will host a silent auction of Red Dock memorabilia, live music, refreshments and more Sunday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the reading Tony, who loves loud and throwback reggae, Grateful Dead, bluegrass, Latin and more live music and could come off as gruff to those who did not yet know him, wasn't.

Although Ridl writes poems often, he said that through all the years written an occasional (i.e. for an occasion often). This is his first:

Elegy for the Red Dock (with a line by Samuel Hazo)
You could be you at The Red Dock, or be anyone else. The drinks were always surrounded by water and on the pier.

The food was odd and expect-

ed, hauled by gnarled hands from stuffed trucks parked too many knee aching steps from the kitchen.

The bands knew what to play or Marley and Garcia would holler across the years, "None of that here!" Tony was half tears, half laughs,

and took no arrogant shit from any strutting entitlement. He was beloved — by ducks, geese, and gulls. He protected their eggs, saved

their legs when tangled in an ignorant fishing line.

He listened to tangled hearts and every year the same old jokes. He had a dog. He worried

about his dog and loved his staff to the point of scratching even them behind their ears. Every year he'd swear to quit and then came back for more.

He fought through high water, higher price inflictions, even higher patrons, the low blows of those who didn't get it, the blowhards who wanted everything now. Those

years and days will stay. Only the future can be stolen..

The long walk ended with a

smile and a staff of sun-covered patience whose days were made

of back and forth, and back and forth. The Red Dock never belonged. And when we were there, we didn't either. No door WAS the door. With our

one last step we were simply there, surrounded by walls of summer air. The heart of this rickety palace of peace and pleasure has been broken. But with each

of us this great good gift of unforced joy is safe and always because "the past, when we remember it, is now."

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City of the Village of Douglas
Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the City of the Village of Douglas will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm, to consider an application submitted for a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit Application at 999 W. Center Street (PPN 03-59-017-092-00) by Rob Joon. An application has been submitted for Residential Use of an Accessory Building, to be registered as a Short-Term Rental Unit, in the R-3 Neighborhood Conservation District.

This application is available at the City of the Village of Douglas offices for public examination and review during normal business hours. Interested persons may submit comments in writing prior to the public hearing to be held on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, or appear in person at the public hearing to become part of the record of the hearing. The City of Douglas will provide for necessary and reasonable aids and services for disabled persons upon 7 days prior notice to the City Offices at (269) 857-1438.

Dated: September 27, 2021

Pamela Aalderink, CMC
City of the Village of Douglas Clerk



SDAC, Vallance to present monotype workshop Oct. 13

Multi-media artist Lou Wolf Vallance (shown at left) will present a "Creating Abstract Collage Monotypes" workshop as part of this year's Saugatuck Douglas Art Club offerings Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, 150 E. Center St., Douglas.

The event will open with a 6 p.m. meet-and-greet, followed by the program at 6:30.

Vallance's paintings, mixed media, ceramics and fiber artwork explore the endless patterns and textures found in the world around us. She says on her website "creating" and "making" have always been key part of her life.

As a child, she remembers, shoe boxes, pipe cleaners, buttons and glue could transform into an imaginative sculpture occupying hours and sometimes days until perfected.

Crayons, paper and scissors when introduced, would take on the 2-dimensional world of exploration, Vallance goes on. This never-ending process continues but now the work has been diversified into many different media.

Her recent work explores a printing process called monotype where paint and collage are intertwined, layered and woven, resulting in prints that vibrate with texture, color and pattern. Two of these pieces are now on display at the Muskegon Museum of Art in the 92nd Michigan Contemporary Art Exhibition that runs through Nov. 10.

Vallance Oct. 13 will show how to create a gel plate and pull a print. After a short talk about her work, she will demonstrate

her techniques and methods. Each monotype print uniquely expresses the choice of collage material, color and textural components.

The program is designed to inform the audience, expand their understanding and appreciation of the process, and inspire further independent exploration.

While the art supplies needed to create a print are simple, they are also numerous. Due to available space and time that evening, not everyone will be able to participate in the hands-on experience.

However, eight workstations will be set up to be shared among those who sign up first to experiment with the process. If you wish to be put on the list, email christamwise@gmail.com

Business editor to talk state recovery Oct. 7

Crain's Detroit Business executive editor Kelley Root will discuss Michigan's business recovery as the South Haven Speakers

Series resumes in-person presentations Thursday Oct. 7, in the newly-renovated Community Room of the South Haven cam-

pus of Lake Michigan College, 125 Veterans Blvd., at 7 p.m.

Root will focus on state businesses as the Covid-19 pandemic stretches into a second year,

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Local artist tops in state show

Saugatuck artist Bryan Hoffman was named Sunday \$1,500 grand prize winner for his 2019 painting “Kellie Looks Left” (shown at left) in the 92nd annual Michigan Contemporary Art Exhibition at the Muskegon Museum of Arts.

“Though I had always drawn” the self-taught creator says in an artist’s statement, “the period that truly compelled me to paint was 1980 -2000 while living in New York City. Those years, the plague years, my HIV status and working for Bill Blass are what shaped, inspired and informed my art and my life.

“The other seminal moment,” Hoffman continued, “was volunteering at The Ruth Ellis Center for homeless and at-risk LGBTQ youth.

“I work in acrylic because of the immediacy they provide, adding graphite, colored pencil and gold leaf to enhance the paint. I usually paint the subject looking directly at the viewer without any identifying context.

“I use circles to provide a sense of order, chaos or

somewhere in between, depending on where the subject’s life is at that moment in time. This forces the viewer to discern the subject’s story without social cues,” he said.

The MMA exhibition, which opened Sept. 23 and will run through Nov. 10, offers a look at issues, themes and materials inspiring today’s Michigan artists. State residents ages 18 and entries. It is the longest running juried show of its kind in Michigan.

This year’s judge Karen Hampton is an internationally-recognized conceptual artist whose work addresses issues of colorism and kinship within the African-American community.

The weaver, dyer, painter, embroiderer, storyteller, and teacher holds a BA from New College in San Francisco and MFA from the University of California at Davis.

Recent solo exhibitions include ones at Michigan State University, the Honolulu Museum of Art, Jack Bells Gallery in St. James, London, England, and the Museum of Craft and Folk Art in San Francisco.

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using stories and data accompanied by slides.

The speaker joined Crain’s Detroit Business in March 2020 after working at The Detroit News for 16 years, most recently as managing editor. Prior to that, she was a reporter and assistant city editor for The Grand Rapids Press.

Root earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Michigan State University where she served as editor-in-chief of The State News.



The presentation will be followed by time for the audience to ask questions of the speaker.

Admission is \$10 at the door. Students, educators and clergy are admitted free. Hearing loop technology is now available in the Community Room.

The Speakers Series, in its seventh year, has a board is composed of South Haven area residents led by president Mark Odland. The Series strives

to present speakers who address issues, innovations and ideas shaping our lives.

The next Series event will be Thursday, Oct. 28 when Hope College political science professor Joel Toppen speaks on “What Went Wrong in Afghanistan?”

For more information about the Series, or to make a donation to this 501c3 non-profit organization, visit SouthHavenSpeakersSeries.org.

NOTICE

OF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 - ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021. THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O’CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O’CLOCK P.M. OF SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

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Public hearing for City of Saugatuck Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2021 at Saugatuck City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck Michigan, for comments on:

- Site Plan Review and Special Land Use for the construction of a two-story open patio at 40 Butler Street.
- Create condominiums of existing tenant spaces at 133 Butler Street

Written comments will be received at 102 Butler Street, P.O. Box 86, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453. Those received by 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing will become part of the record at the hearing.

The hearing is open to the general public and all interested parties are invited to attend and/or speak. Participation will be in-person only. Aids and services necessary to assist those individuals with special needs will be provided upon five (5) day notice to the City Clerk’s office.

Cindy Osman
Interim City Clerk
Dated September 27, 2021
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OF REGISTRATION FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

IN THE CITY OF SAUGATUCK
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SAUGATUCK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AN Election will be conducted on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021. The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021. Persons registering between October 18th through November 2nd may do so in-person with the local clerk with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations:

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Trailblazers collect first-ever win over Schoolcraft

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Question: How would the members of the Saugatuck football respond in their Week 5 showdown against Schoolcraft on Friday, Sept. 24, after suffering a tough 50-43 loss to Parchment the week prior?

Answer: Quite well, thank you very much.

The Trailblazers took control against the Eagles early and never relented, scoring the game's first 21 points en route to a 42-21 victory.

The result put a smile on the face of Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn.

"I'm so proud of the kids and their preparation to start the game, scoring the first 21 points and getting key defensive stops against a very good offensive team," Dunn said. "I was also really pleased with the way they responded following that heartbreaking loss to Parchment last week."

The win upped Saugatuck's record to 3-2. It also marked the first time the Trailblazers have gotten the best of Schoolcraft, having entered the game with a 0-4 record against the Eagles.

The first two of those games were close, with Schoolcraft winning 24-21 in 2017 and 49-48 in 2018. The most recent two were not particularly close, as Saugatuck fell by scores of 54-0 in 2019 and 47-8 in 2020.

Those games are but distant memories now, as the Trailblazers have bragging rights over the Eagles for at least the next year.

Quarterback Brogan Kelley started the scoring for Saugatuck, finding the end zone on a 7-yard run as the Trailblazers led 7-0 after one quarter.

Second-quarter TDs by Benny Diaz (2-yard run) and John Hartgerink (33-yard run) pushed Saugatuck's lead to 21-0 in advance of a 21-7 halftime lead.

"One of the keys to our success is to take care of the



Members of the Saugatuck football team were all smiles after beating Schoolcraft on Friday, Sept. 24. The victory was the first for the Trailblazers in five tries against the Eagles. (Photo by Jen Drew)

ball and establish the line of scrimmage," Dunn said. "The offensive line did a great job of execution against a bigger opponent."

Nate Firmiss came up with the big defensive play for Saugatuck, picking off a Schoolcraft pass for the game's only turnover. The Trailblazers later capitalized by scoring one of their first-half TDs.

Diaz tacked on a pair of long scoring runs in the second half (47 yards in the third quarter and 29 yards in the fourth quarter), with Kelley accounting for the final TD on a 9-yard run.

"All of our backs did well in a well balanced offensive attack, led by Benny," Dunn said.

Diaz finished with 134 yards on 15 carries as part of a

328-yard rushing attack by Saugatuck. Hartgerink added 81 yards on 10 carries, with Ben Drew going for 71 yards on 14 carries.

Kelley completed two of his four passes for 20 yards, as Hartgerink (16 yards) and Diaz (four yards) each had one reception. Kelley also had a successful conversion pass to Hartgerink.

Declan Rewa made good on four of his five extra-point kicks.

Defensively, Colin Garcia led the Trailblazers with 11 tackles, followed by Diaz with eight and Aiden Glover with seven.

Saugatuck volleyball earns SAC victory against Parchment



A pair of Saugatuck players attempt to make a play on the ball during the Parchment match. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

PARCHMENT--After bouncing back from a loss to Watervlet with a win over rival Fennville, members of the Saugatuck volleyball team were hoping to run their winning streak to two straight when they squared off against SAC foe Parchment on Thursday, Sept. 23.

And the Trailblazers did just that.

Led by another standout effort from Aerin Baker, Saugatuck survived an opening-set scare from the Panthers to post the 3-0 victory by scores of 31-29, 25-12, 25-10.

Baker finished with team highs of 15 kills, 11 digs and six aces as the Trailblazers improved to 16-2.

"Aerin is super," first-year Saugatuck coach Ross Such said. "She's a great all-around player, both front and back row. She leads the team in kills, aces digs for the season."

"What we need to do now as a team is

take some of the burden off her. We need to diversify our offense by having others contribute to the success of the team by stepping up and strengthening our offense."

Several players stepped up in the first set, as the teams went back and forth, with neither team able to build much of a lead following a strong start from the Trailblazers.

Such wasn't necessarily surprised to see his team engaged in a battle to open the match.

"I kept stressing the need to focus on one point at a time and the upper classmen talked about more communication on the floor," he said. "I really did not worry as I have a lot of confidence in my team and how they can come together when the going gets tough."

The next two sets weren't nearly as nail-biting, with the Trailblazers largely in control.

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Saugatuck cross country teams compete at Cougar Falcon Invitational

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

GRAND RAPIDS—A pair of medal-winning performances highlighted the day for the Saugatuck boys' cross country team at the Cougar Falcon Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Senior Adam Martinson placed 12th in the Falcon Division with a time of 17:04, while classmate Tristan Ashley crossed the finish line in 18th with a time of 17:50.

The top 20 finishers in each division received a medal.

As a team, the Trailblazers placed fifth with 143 points. Otsego won the race with a score of 22, followed by Hart (62), Grand Rapids Catholic Central (100) and Holland Christian (135) in the second-through-fourth spots, respectively.

The other three scoring runners for Saugatuck were Kurtis Bronz (27th at 18:41), Charlie Stormer (33rd at 19:13) and Will Ayers (57th at 20:58).

The Saugatuck girls, meanwhile, placed eighth in the 12-team field with 210 points. Otsego (41 points), Hart (49) and Grand Rapids Track Club (126) occupied the top three slots.

Samantha Sixberry and Hanna Smit led the way for the Trailblazers, with each breaking the 22-minute barrier. Sixberry finished 29th at 21:42, with Smith placing 32nd at 21:54.

Becky Pond (41st at 22:33), Anna McQueary (47th at 23:08) and Syndey Stickel (66th at 24:48) represented the other scoring runners for Saugatuck.



Tristan Ashley competes at the Cougar Falcon Invitational for Saugatuck. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Volleyball ■ from Page A12



Dayna Crough (right) goes up for a block attempt against Parchment's Taylor Butler. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"The first set was a test of wills," Such said. "After making adjustments to their serve receive and defensive lineup, we were able to identify their weaknesses and take advantage of them to score points."

Serving was a key for Saugatuck.

"We served well to the zones I was calling for, which created offensive and defensive opportunities to score points," Such said.

Dayna Crough finished the evening with a team-best 23 assists for Saugatuck to go with three digs. Emma DeBoer added three kills, while Kailyn Merkle and Alyssa Ries chipped in with six digs apiece.

And while he's pleased with his team's success to this point in the season, Such believes the Trailblazers are capable of even more.

"Like I said before, we need to diversify our offense," he said. "We rely on one player offensively too much and if she is having a bad night, then others are going to have to pick up the team and work through a downturn in performance."

"Success is contagious within a team. Communication on and off the court is key to working together towards a common goal."

In the Fennville match, Saugatuck rebounded from a slow start to post the 8-25, 25-10, 25-15, 25-11 win.

Baker had 22 kill, 10 aces and nine digs, while Crough had 28 assists.

For Fennville, Trista Lindley had seven kills and three aces. Jessica Sanchez led the Blackhawk defense with 14 kills and Ellie Merson went for four blocks, four kills and four aces.

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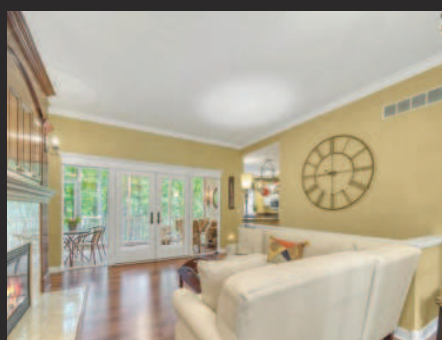
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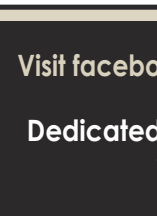
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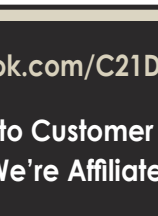
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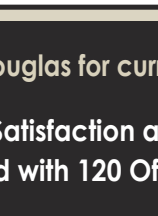
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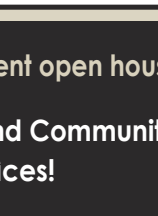
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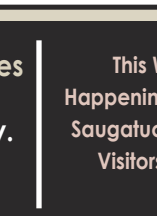
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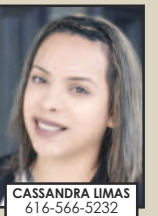
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