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Mike,

I am writing to address your February 18 "Musings" titled, "College virtual learning is disastrous". I am a registered nurse, and an educator at a university, and was astonished by your lack of knowledge on this subject.

Online education is not a foreign concept, and is attractive to many students.

I worked full time as a nurse and was able to earn a master's degree in Nursing Education in an online learning environment. It worked for me, someone who had been out of school for many years.

As for your statements, "Professors don't take it seriously, and they don't give a damn"; many educators, at every level of education, had to switch from an in-person learning plan, to an online learning plan within a matter of days. Many of us had to create and update content for both. We have spent countless hours on virtual meetings, creating online activities for our students, and online proctoring of testing.

Additionally, when in-person skills labs were a necessity, we needed to conduct twice as many sessions than we did prior to COVID restrictions that limited group size. Believe me; we take it very seriously, and we give a damn!

Since I do not have all the facts about your son's situation, I cannot speak directly to it. However, it sounds like an issue that might be better addressed

with your son's college, where you may get a positive resolution, instead of condemning an entire system of learning in your paper. If your son is not adapting well to online learning, consider giving him a job until this pandemic passes and can resume his in-person college experience. After all, why keep paying for a "disaster"?

I totally agree with you that we need to get students back into in-person classrooms as soon as possible. Maybe we would already be to that point had we not wasted so much time and energy debating whether COVID was a hoax, giving it silly nick names, and refusing to have a national strategy to combat the spread of the pandemic.

Lori Van Zeren MSN, RN

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Dear Editor,

Mattawan's Wastewater Treatment Facility plan, the pollution and destruction of Hayden Creek, have been pretty well covered but that's only part of it. I object to the sneaky way the Village has gone about this project.

Just recently during a meeting, a Village Council member, in response to the overwhelming public comments, had the audacity to ask where we have been. If we hadn't been blind-sided finding out by public notice, if the Village had done the neighborly thing, taken the moral and ethical route, had the common courtesy to notify townships impacted by this plan, they'd have

known earlier where we were.

There is a problem when one community thinks they have the right to impose their will upon others. It's incomprehensible, non-Village residents can't vote on what the Village wants to do in our own backyard. We protest yet the Village won't stop.

They haven't stopped, just "paused" to correct their feasibility study. We have not stopped, have not "paused".

This is not just a Hayden Creek issue, it's a community issue. If Hayden Creek is

not an option, they will find another another creek, causing problems for someone else. If they are hoping we will go away, we won't.

Thank you for your continuing coverage of Mattawan's WWTF and its plan to discharge into Hayden Creek. Thank you to the Almena, Antwerp and Waverly township boards, the businesses, the multiple organizations and the people for the support shown in opposing this ill-conceived project.

Respectfully,  
Pat Smetana  
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**Monday, March 8, 2 PM - 5 PM**  
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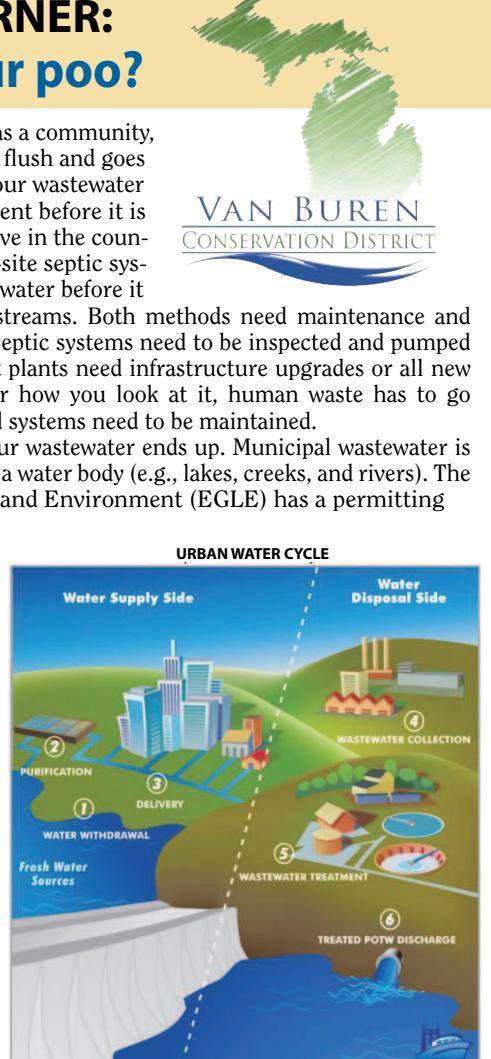
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What we don't always consider is where our wastewater ends up. Municipal wastewater is treated and filtered before being discharged to a water body (e.g., lakes, creeks, and rivers). The Michigan Department of Energy, Great Lakes, and Environment (EGLE) has a permitting process for these wastewater discharges that takes the current river conditions into consideration before allowing a discharge. Septic systems that aren't properly maintained regularly can fail and pollute nearby waterways with pathogens, excess nutrients, and chemicals. Whether that river is in your back yard, upstream or in Kalamazoo, wastewater is always a reality.

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Debby Stasiek is back on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to noon with internet tips, insights and even fun stuff for "Gmail and the Googleverse". This is also a Zoom program with a link on our website.

Also on Saturday, March 13 celebrate March is Reading Month by creating your own posable superhero reading buddy. Your buddy will always look forward to hearing you read. You can find instructions on our Facebook page at 11 a.m. Pick up your kit beginning March 8.

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MAR. 10 Mattawan Lions, 7 p.m.

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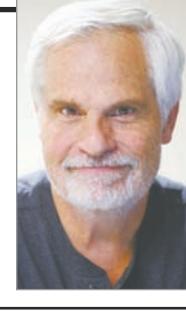
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## Mike's Musings

Mike Wilcox, Publisher



## Am I co-habitating with Sasquatch?

A co-worker was over to my house the other day, and he kept referring to my home as the Overlook Hotel - you know the fictional abode where Steven King decided to locate "The Shining." For those that don't know or remember "The Shining," which starred Jack Nicholson, the crazy, demented caretaker of the desolate, foreboding Overlook Hotel, was one of King's most popular books. It was made into a movie in the late 1980's by Stanley Kubrick, and enjoyed tremendous popular and critical success.

I'm not sure I understand the comparison with the Overlook and my house other than they are both big and majestic structures located in very remote areas. My co-worker envisioned me being snowed in, never to be seen at the office in the winter. He also imagined all sorts of critters in the woods and on the land that surrounded the home. His descriptions got me wondering, not about the ghosts and evil creatures that inhabited the Overlook, but more about the creators that inhabited my 20 acres.

As a warning I must say my imagination can run wild. I once wrote about a Sasquatch sighting at another home. The only problem was that home was in a subdivision and as I gazed out to my wooded area it probably spanned a half acre. No reasonable Sasquatch figure could live there.

But not true in my Overlook-like home. It was not unrealistic to imagine I shared my estate with such a being. And then incredibly while gazing out my back window, scanning the property with my high powered binoculars for deer, a dark, furry, human-like figure appeared from the woods. He was on two legs and I would guess between 7 and 8 feet tall. The creature had a big head and broad shoulders. It looked left, then right, and then turned to retreat in the woods.

Now one might surmise I was viewing a black bear, but no bears had been sighted in this region in years. Others might say it was simply a human being since it was walking on two legs and the fur I was seeing could have been a winter coat. Others might strongly suggest I was hallucinating, which knowing me, was probably the most likely scenario. But despite the cold and snow I had to know more, so I gathered my coat and boots and sauntered out to the area of the sighting. I had wondered why I hadn't seen any deer lately. One telltale sign was a dead deer carcass laying in the blood-covered snow. I also came upon tracks that appeared to be those of a very large foot. I didn't see Sasquatch, but the signs were certainly there of a lot of activity.

Could it really be true, or was it me conjuring up more images of the Overlook Hotel and all the scary creatures that inhabited it? Let's just say this isn't the end of my search. Those binoculars will come in handy as I search each morning at dawn. So far the creature hasn't returned, but stay tuned, this chapter isn't over yet.

## St. Julian names two to vice president positions

**PAW PAW** - Two staff members at St. Julian Winery in Paw Paw have been promoted to Vice President positions according to John Braganini, company presi-

dent. Joel Szakaly has been named Vice President-DTC (direct to consumer) and Matt White has been named Vice President-Operations.

Szakaly was hired as a Regional Retail Manager in February 2017, overseeing the four St. Julian tasting rooms that operated at that time. Since then, two additional locations have opened which fall under Szakaly's responsibility. He also oversees the Wine Club and online/shipping sales for the company.

White has been with St. Julian since 1992 working at the Paw Paw tasting room, before moving to the warehouse, where he was named warehouse manager. He most recently served as Director of Operations. His responsibilities include inventory control, purchasing, scheduling and overseeing the warehouse, as well as managing the winery's private label products and co-pack customers as part of the specialty services division.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



Gobles' Kevin Heard looks for an opportunity to score as he brings the ball down the court. The Tigers lost to Martin and Saugatuck, but the young squad is showing growth "from game to game," according to Coach Scott Sherrod.

Tigers Rock Photography/Gala Rock

## BASKETBALL

## Tigers show improvement

By Gala Rock  
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Gobles played Martin Tuesday night, Feb. 23, showing improvement as the Tigers struggle to capture their first win. Gobles had a spark from freshman Nick Lopez who scored 17 points. But, despite Lopez's efforts, the Tigers fell to the Clippers, 67-34.

"We played good basketball for about 2.5 of the four quarters tonight and it was the most growth we've shown all year from game to game," said Gobles Coach Scott Sherrod. "Practices have helped us get more in touch with the concepts we want the young men to exhibit. Andrew Lee played big down low, and Nick Lopez made a monster debut

in his first full varsity contest with 17 points and a handful of rebounds and assists."

On Friday night, Gobles played Saugatuck with both teams still looking for a first win. The Tigers had a slow start and were down quickly, 15-0, and could not bounce back, losing the game 42-33.

"We came out flat and dug ourselves a hole," commented Sherrod. "I wish we had another chance to match up against Saugatuck this year, as this was definitely our most competitive game so far and we'd love another shot at them. We will regroup over the weekend and get after the remainder of our schedule."

Nick Lopez had nine points, Andrew Lee, eight, Alex Doolittle, seven.

## Wolves play tough in tight conference matchups

By Butch Hindenach  
pawtwice@bloomingdale.com.net

In the Otsego gym, Monday, Feb. 23, The Red Wolves and Bulldogs provided a highly entertaining Wolverine Conference basketball game. The contest went down to the final seconds, with the Wolves pulling out a 67-60 victory.

Otsego has ruled the league in recent years, and the loss was their first conference defeat in 47 games, going back to December, 2017.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a seven point lead after eight minutes on the maple, and maintained a small positive margin the next two stanzas.

Paw Paw's Finlay Tate had been held to two points at the break for the second game in a row; but as he did earlier in the week, he took charge late when it was needed the most. Tate began the final period with a quick pair of triples, and Mitchell Mason followed with five points to claim a 56-54 lead

midway through the quarter. Mason kept the lead for the Pack with a two pointer, and with less than 30 seconds remaining, the Red Wolves went to the free throw line for the first time all evening.

Tate calmly swished a pair, and twice more after failed shot attempts by the Bulldogs, he repeated the performance. Justin Baird completed the job with a free throw of his own, and the Otsego winning streak was over.

Tate's late surge put him first in team scoring with 18, followed closely by Mason with 16, and Caleb Bowen with 15 in a career best game for him. Kolby Nichols added seven points to the team total, with Aaron Hayes putting six in the score book, and Baird five.

Tate and Mason led the rebounding stat with eight and six, respectively. Mason assisted on eight baskets, and Tate five.

Also key to winning were Paw Paw's 47 percent shooting from the floor, plus very determined defensive



Mattawan's Ryan Kiesling (42) launches himself over his Lakeshore opponent as he moves into the key for a shot during last week's Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference contest. The Lancers proved to be too quick for the Wildcats, who eventually lost, 52-36.

Haley Hagen photo

play by the whole team led by Bair, Caleb Vanderveen, and Hayes.

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At Three Rivers last week, a close game featured scoring runs by both teams, with the host Wildcats pulling off a 59-51 win over the Red Wolves.

Senior John Hatt led a 12-2 run by Paw Paw to start the night, and held a 20-6 margin after eight minutes of play. In the next stanza the Wildcats caught fire while the visitors cooled off. A quarter long 22-5 run put the Wildcats up by three at the break. After that it was a tight contest until the final minute when a game ending 8-0 stretch gave the Wildcats the victory.

Late in the game, the Three Rivers zone defense caused the Red and White problems for they were unable to penetrate the paint or get the ball inside, and were forced to move the ball around the perimeter look-

ing for three point opportunities.

Mitchell Mason and Finlay Tate shared team high scoring honors with 17 points each. Caleb Bowen added 11 points. Mason led in assists with four, and steals with five. The Wolves took care of the ball well with only a dozen miscues.

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Last Saturday, for the first time since 1988, Paw Paw and Fennville met in the Blackhawks' gym for a boys basketball contest, with the host team claiming a somewhat surprising, 64-44, win.

The Blackhawks broke out quickly, hitting a high percentage of their shots; while the Red Wolves were cold as ice and trailed 28-6 just into the second period. As it turned out, the first quarter set the tone for the day and Bloomingdale cruised to the easy victory, never less than 20 points ahead until the final horn sounded.

## Wildcats are outpaced by Lancers

By Haley Hagen  
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The Mattawan boys basketball team hosted Stevensville Lakeshore last week, and struggled against the quicker Lancers, resulting in a 52-36 loss for the Wildcats.

In the first quarter, the score remained close. The Wildcats were down 8-2 when Andrew Foster sank a long three pointer to try to spark some Mattawan momentum. But the Lancers continued to extend their lead. Mattawan managed only one more basket in the period when Ryan Kiesling connected for two points. Mattawan trailed 13-7 to start the second quarter, which was more of the same.

Lakeshore stretched the lead, while Mattawan struggled offensively, with no shots being made in the quarter. The Lancers scored 14 unanswered points to lead by 20 points at halftime.

The Wildcats broke out of their scoreless rut in the third quarter, as Foster, Colin DeBoer, and Mark Yetter all sank three pointers to make a small dent in the Lancers lead, 36-18. Mattawan's final points of the quarter came from Michael Phelps sinking two free throw attempts.

The Wildcats, now 3-4 on the season, will play at home again on Tuesday, March 9 against Loy Norrix. Game time is 7 p.m.

The visiting Wolves never got untracked with their shooting or their defense. Nearly 50 percent of the Hawks' points came from within the paint, as they found an open person near the hoop.

Justin Baird topped the Red Wolves' scoring list with 11 points, followed by Finlay Tate with nine, and Cullen Sylvester, seven. The visitors only hit on 25 percent of their shots (14 of 56). Tate was high in rebounds with seven, and Mitchell Mason assisted on four scores.



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Gobles' Kaya Huizenga (34) takes the pass and looks to score against Martin in a tough defensive battle last week. The Tiger defense took control in the second half to hold off the Clippers.

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## Paw Paw plays strong but runs out of steam against Three Rivers

By Butch Hindenach  
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In their second meeting against Bloomingdale this season, the Red Wolves turned the tables on the host Cardinals. In the season opener, Bloomingdale won by 19, but this time the Wolf Pack jumped out to a commanding early lead, and held on for a 51-45 win on the road.

One key difference this time was freshman Katelyn Baney who had missed the first match. Baney took control of the game at the onset, scoring 12 first period points, and controlling the offensive glass. This led to a 20-8 margin after eight minutes of play.

In the second quarter, Baney was still in command with some help from Taylor Rickli and the defense. By the end of the third period, the Red Wolves held a seven point margin to take into the last stanza.

The Cardinals mounted a rally, cutting the lead to just three points with 3:12 still on the clock, and the final outcome was still in doubt with under 25 seconds left, when Kate Nelson stepped to the free throw line twice, and calmly sank three of four charity tosses to resolve the issue.

Baney had a big night with 27 points and 21 rebounds. Rickli was also a key part of the effort, with 10 points, seven boards, and six

steals, plus a lot of hard work on defense. Sophia Griffin added four steals and three blocked shots, and Madison Mitchell chipped in with six tallies, and a disturbing presence around the hoop.

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At home last week, the Paw Paw Red Wolves played one of the best games they have played this year so far, staying close with a good Three Rivers team throughout. After the visitors took an 17-11 first period lead, the stream nearly dried up in quarter number two and it appeared there was a lid on each basket.

Taylor Rickli managed the lone Paw Paw score as the two teams combined for just five points in eight minutes of play. They battled quite evenly the rest of the way, until the Wildcats mustered a six point margin going into the final stanza of play. With Katelyn Baney scoring eight straight points, the Wolf Pack took a two point advantage midway in the period. But, the 'Cats took over by scoring 10 of the final 12 points of the night to leave town with a hard earned victory.

Baney accounted for much of the Paw Paw offense with 21 tallies and 13 boards. Rickli had a nice all-around performance with six points and with Kate Nelson provided a sound defensive effort.

Madison Mitchell pulled down six rebounds and was credited with three blocked

## BASKETBALL

### Gobles hands Saugatuck first loss of the season

By Gala Rock  
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The Gobles girls basketball team faced Martin on Tuesday night, Feb. 23, in a tough defensive contest. Gobles trailed just 4-3 after the first quarter, then scored 15 points in the second quarter to hold the 18-12 halftime advantage.

The Tigers' defense was superb in the second half, holding the Clippers to only one point in each of the final two quarters, and winning the game, 24-14.

"We managed to pull out a win in a game where we could not get our shots to fall. We used a big second quarter to get some separation, then hung on in the second half to get the win," said Gobles Coach Greg Barber.

For the winners, Amanda Barber and Karlee Henderson each scored seven points. Kennadi Killeen added six points and eight rebounds.

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In an exciting battle battle of the SAC's Lakeshore division Friday night, the Tigers played Saugatuck, who came into the game undefeated on the season. Gobles had a slow start and fell behind by 10 points in the first quarter,

## CHEER

### Red Wolves stay on top

By Butch Hindenach  
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**PAW PAW** - The Paw Paw cheer team continued to exhibit its talent last Saturday with another first place finish, this time in the team's own Red Wolves #2 Invite. Their top score of 779.44 was their best total of the season to date.

shots. Sophia Griffin, in her first substantial playing so far into the schedule, accounted for four points, four rebounds, an assist, four steals, and one shot rejection.

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A long evening for Paw Paw's girls in the Wolf den Monday, Feb. 22 as Otsego jumped out to a 32-13 lead at by halftime and never looked back for a 53-20 victory in Wolverine Conference girls basketball play.

Strong defense by the Bulldogs held the home team to 23 percent shooting from the floor, including an 0 for 10 effort from behind the three point arc.

Sophomore Hannah Conway led the scoring chart with six points, and Caralyn Deming was first in rebounds with four, and steals with five.

but regrouped for a comeback.

Gobles and Saugatuck traded baskets during the second half and the contest ran down to the final seconds of the game. With the score all tied up, Karlee Henderson made two free throws to put the Tigers ahead and seal the victory, 49-47.

"We had a slow start but we worked it out and hung on for a win," said Coach Barber. "We had a big night from Karlee Henderson and Amanda Barber tonight. But it was a total team effort that gave us the win."

Barber scored 22 points for the Tigers. Henderson added 10 points and 17 rebounds.

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Gobles carried that winning momentum to a matchup with Marcellus on Saturday night. The Tigers jumped ahead early and never trailed in the game, winning, 39-26.

"After a quick start, we battled through tired legs in the second quarter," said Coach Barber. "It was a good win."

Amber Barber again led Gobles' scorers with 23 points and five steals, and Kennadi Killeen had six points.



The Lawrence competitive cheer team hosted two area schools last week, Berrien Springs and South Haven for the second BCS conference meet. The Tigers ended the opening round with a score of 173, the second round with a score of 134.4, and third round with a score of 183.8 for an overall final total of 491.2, and a second place finish in the meet. The Tigers will face Berrien Springs again on March 10 when they travel to the home of the Shamrocks.

Haley Hagen photo

exemplary participation on the squad.

At Vicksburg last week, the Red Wolves walked off with another first place finish.

ish in the Wolverine Jamboree held Tuesday, Feb. 23. This one brought Paw Paw's streak of consecutive league top finishes to 16.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

### HOCKEY

#### Wildcats batter Kalamazoo Eagles, 14-6

By Haley Hagen  
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The Mattawan Wildcat hockey team recorded its highest scoring game of the season last week, with a 14-6 win over the Kalamazoo Eagles. The Wildcats wasted little time taking a lead when junior Carson Byers scored back-to-back goals within the first minute of play.

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Mattawan's Lucas McKeey clears the puck from the fray as he fights to push through the Kalamazoo Eagle defense in high school hockey action last week. The Wildcats pummeled the Eagles in their highest scoring games of the season so far.

Haley Hagen photo

second period.

The Kalamazoo Eagles came on strong to start the second period and cut the Wildcats' lead to 6-4, but that would be the closest the Eagles would come to taking the lead.

The winning goalie was Mattawan junior Alexander Ciesielski, who ended the night with 26 saves of the 32 shots on goal. Mattawan's current record is 3-5-1.



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## WRESTLING

### Wolves take 5 more match wins

By Butch Hindenach  
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Highlighting a stellar season for the Paw Paw varsity wrestling team, four Red Wolf grapplers were included last week on the list of the state's top ranked wrestlers. Anthony Bradley, Niko Martinez, Jason Bowers, and Ashton Dean were each recognized.

The season record for Paw Paws' wrestling team now stands at 12-2, as the Red Wolves added five more wins from matches over the past week.

Last Saturday, the Red Wolves claimed a 39-36 win over a very good Battle Creek Lakeview team, and easier conquests over Allegan, 69-12, and Marshall, 66-18.

In three matches on Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Red Wolves dominated Niles, 78-21, and Sturgis, 72-12; then lost a very tight and competitive match to Plainwell, 46-42.

### Gobles wrestlers shine

By Gala Rock  
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Gobles wrestlers are taking their lumps as a team with just six wrestlers on the roster. But the Tigers are doing well as individuals. Senior Joe DeYoung (189/215) and freshman Gavin Hopper (103) are both off to a 9-2 start this year, while junior Chris Ruiz (125) and freshman Gavin Jones (145/152) are 3-2 and 2-1, respectively.

Freshmen Josh Thomas and Greysen Imus saw their first meets this week, both at 152 lbs. Thomas struggled with an 0-3 start, while Imus went 1-2.

"We have not had all six wrestlers together at a match yet. We hope that when we are at full strength, we can be more competitive," said Gobles Coach Vincent Lindel.

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The seasonal weight restrictions reduce the maximum axle load by 25 percent per axle on concrete pavements, and by 35 percent per axle on all other types of roads.

In addition, the speed on those county roads will continue to be reduced to not more than 35 mph for all vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.

A list of Class "A" unrestricted roadways, and a list of all other roadways under the restrictions, is available by contacting the Road Commission or by accessing the Road Commission's web site: [www.vbcrc.org/frostlaws](http://www.vbcrc.org/frostlaws).

Most Van Buren County roads have not been constructed to Class "A" standards.

Overweight citations may be issued listing the driver as the defendant. It will be the driver's responsibility to pay any fines incurred. These fines can be quite substantial, with some of them as much as 20 cents a pound for each overweight axle.

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Further changes or updates may be found by accessing the Road Commission's web page, [www.vbcrc.org/frostlaws](http://www.vbcrc.org/frostlaws).

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The Republican Women's Federation of Michigan held a Facelift Reveal Kick-off last Thursday, Feb. 25, at The Outpouring, Paw Paw. The event was hosted by the Van Buren County Republican Women's Club. Among those in attendance were, from left, Gerry Hildenbrand, former Administrative Vice Chair; Beth Griffin, State Representative 66th District; Diane Shindlbeck, current Administrative Vice Chair; Bernadette Smith, Republican Women's Federation of Michigan Chaplain and Ethics Vice Chair; Meshawn Maddock, Co-Chair; and Robyn Peake, Republican Women's Federation of Michigan President. There are currently 22 clubs in Michigan.

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## Paw Paw pair faces multiple drug charges

By Paul Garrod

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**PAW PAW** - A Paw Paw man and woman face several drug-related charges following an incident Feb. 24, in Paw Paw Township, according to a press release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott reported that the Narcotics Unit conducted an investigation in the 38000 block of Paw Paw Road, Paw Paw, of illegal manufacturing of methamphetamine. He said detectives went to the residence at 11 a.m. on Feb. 24, where they made contact with a 26-year-old Paw Paw female who was standing in the driveway where they believed the manufacturing of methamphetamine was taking place. Detectives spoke with her for several minutes.

Abbott said detectives were able to draft a search warrant for the residence. After the search warrant was obtained, a 48-year-old Paw Paw man arrived on scene and started talking with detectives. Detectives told him that a search warrant was obtained for his house; he then became visibly upset. Detectives called in a Uniform Patrol deputy and secured the house to conduct a search.

Inside the house, detectives found a small amount of user methamphetamine. A search of a garage turned up several

older methamphetamine labs and one active methamphetamine lab. Abbott said other methamphetamine components found inside the garage by deputies and meth lab responders were disposed of.

Once this investigation is complete, a report will be sent to the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office for charges of operating and maintaining a methamphetamine lab, possession of methamphetamine, and maintaining a drug house on both the male and female.

Anyone with information can contact the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office at (269) 657-3101, Crime Stoppers 1 (800) 342-7867, Silent Observer (269) 343-2100 or your local police department.

James J. Bosco, 81, of Kalamazoo, died Feb. 18, 2021, in Kalamazoo. Arrangements by Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo, [www.BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://www.BetzlerLifeStory.com).

Nikki Lynn Byler, 34, of Lawton, passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements by Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw, [www.adamspawpaw.com](http://www.adamspawpaw.com).

Katherine J. Hodgson, 88, of Paw Paw, died Feb. 19, 2021, in Paw Paw. Visitation held Wednesday, Feb. 24, with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Mattawan. Arrangements by Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Homes, Paw Paw, [www.BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://www.BetzlerLifeStory.com).

Tom Lynch, 76, of Kalamazoo, died Feb. 19, 2021. Arrangements by Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo, [www.BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://www.BetzlerLifeStory.com).

Sara Anne Oliver, 73, of Kalamazoo, died February 20, 2021 in Kalamazoo. Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo, [www.BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://www.BetzlerLifeStory.com).

Sr. Lucy Schneider, CSJ, 86, of Nazareth, MI, died Feb. 21, 2021, in Kalamazoo. Live Burial Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Nazareth. Arrangements by Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, Kalamazoo, [www.BetzlerLifeStory.com](http://www.BetzlerLifeStory.com).

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- MAR. 5 AA & Al-Anon, 8 p.m. (Almena Methodist Church)
- MAR. 6 AA, 7 p.m. (First Presbyterian Church)
- MAR. 7 Narc-Anon, 7 p.m. (First Presbyterian Church)
- MAR. 8 Kiwanis Club, noon (Bronson LakeView Classroom 1)  
Paw Paw Township Board, 7 p.m.  
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- MAR. 9 Senior Citizens, noon (via Zoom)  
Paw Paw Service League, 7:30 p.m.
- MAR. 10 TOPS, 7:45 to 9 a.m.  
Paw Paw Chamber Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m.  
Wine & Harvest Committee, 6 p.m.  
Paw Paw School Board, 7 p.m.  
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- MAR. 11 Paw Paw Rotary Club, noon  
Al-Anon, non-smoking, noon (St. Mary Church)  
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# Obituaries

## Pauline Haskin

Pauline Haskin, 95, of Paw Paw, passed away Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at Maple Lake Assisted Living, Paw Paw. She was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Sand Lake, MI, the daughter of George and Edith Pierson.

Pauline was a loving and caring mother who was devoted to raising her family. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking. During World War II, she worked at the Willow Run manufacturing plant, located near Ypsilanti, MI, building Liberator Bombers.

On Nov. 1, 1948, she married John Haskin, who preceded her in death July 20, 2011. They were married 62 years.

She is survived by her sister, Alice Terpstra; her son, Steven (Pamela) Haskin; and four daughters, Carol Beckman, Debbie Arnold, Kim (Dave) Kondor and LuAnn (Robert) Thatcher; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Remember her by gifting through the Salvation Army, 233 Michigan St., Benton Harbor, MI, 49022-4509.

Share a memory or sign the online tribute wall at: [www.adamspawpaw.com](http://www.adamspawpaw.com).



## Ruby J. Frank

Ruby Jean Frank, 64, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at her home in Decatur.

The family received guests Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, at Newell Chapel, 83313 M-51, Decatur, and Feb. 27, at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 66325 M-152, Dowagiac, (Sister Lakes), where services were later held. Burial followed in Hamilton Township Cemetery, Decatur.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at: <http://www.newellchapel.com>.

Ruby was born Dec. 4, 1956, in Niles, MI, to Melvin and Donna (McCarty) Knapp.

On Jan. 24, 1976, she married Dale Frank in Coloma, MI.

Although she had several jobs over the years, her most important role was a homemaker. Her main priority was her family, especially her grandson. Ruby enjoyed cooking and hosting family gatherings. She was an avid sports fan. Ruby prided herself in being a long-time member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Ruby will be missed by her husband of 45 years, Dale Frank; her son, Jared (Allison) Frank; her grandson, Jacob Frank; and her siblings, Deborah (William) Sunday, Ellen Knapp, and Scott (Teresa) Knapp.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING: **Monday • 5 p.m.**

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## VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Mattawan Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider a levy up to three and one half (3.5) mills, or other such amount as determined by the Village Council, to provide support for police operations and capital improvements within the district. This action would be in compliance with Public Act 33 of 1951. The current levy is three and one half (3.5) mills. The Council shall consider any appropriate levy including a level in excess of three and one half (3.5) mills.

The Special Assessment District will include the same boundaries as the incorporated Village and the tax levy will be on all "real" property, not "personal" property.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing on said request will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 before the Village Council at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, at which time all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Please check Village of Mattawan's website for Zoom information at [www.mattawanmi.com](http://www.mattawanmi.com).

Please send all written comments to:

Village of Mattawan  
24221 Front Avenue  
Mattawan, MI 49071  
(269) 668-2128  
[offices@mattawanmi.com](mailto:offices@mattawanmi.com)

March 1, 2021

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. on April 1, 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 GUILLERMO MARTINEZ, a single man, as Mortgagor(s), to Honor Credit Union, as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated April 3, 2018 and was recorded April 23, 2018 at Liber 1667, Page 756 of Van Buren County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND 45/100 (\$7,753.45) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at the rate of 4.750% 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 satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the City of Bangor, County of Van Buren, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 209; Except the West 82.5 feet thereof, according to A.H. Morrison's Map of South Bangor, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Van Buren County;

Address: 324 Alexander Ave., Bangor, MI 49013;

Tax Parcel No.: 80-54-700-209-00; 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.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 4, 2021

## 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 Van Buren County, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. on April 1, 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.

Name of the mortgagor: Seth Belden, an unmarried man  
Original Mortgagor: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagor, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint  
Mortgage Servicing  
Date of Mortgage: September 2, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2015  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$84,653.09  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Pine Grove, Van Buren County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning on the East line of Section 30, Town 1 South, Range 13 West at a point 101.20 feet South of the Northeast corner of the section; thence South on the section line, 120.00 feet; thence West 315.00 feet; thence North 120.00 feet; thence East 315.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 16772 32nd St. Gables, MI 49055-9647

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a); or if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: March 4, 2021

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Decedent: Raymond V. Peckstein, whose last known address was 67863 CR 388, South Haven, MI 49090, died January 29, 2021. There is no Personal Representative of the Decedent's Estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Creditors of the Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent's estate will be forever barred unless presented to Roberta Knapp, Trustee of the Raymond V. Peckstein Trust Dated November 26, 2002, within four months after the date of this publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: February 26, 2021  
Roberta Knapp, Trustee of the Raymond V. Peckstein Trust  
Dated November 26, 2002  
03681 68th Street  
South Haven, MI 49090

Attorney for Trustee:  
Andrew W. Barnes (P70571)  
Kotz Sangster Wysocki PC.  
317 Center Street  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 637-1151

Mar. 4-Mar. 25, 2021

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 36TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF VAN BUREN CIVIL DIVISION

BRADLEY RICHARDS and Case No.: LYNNEL KIELY, 2021-070761-CZ

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ALLEN BOEHMER; CLARICE BOEHMER; PENELOPE BRUMM; EDWARD ROBERT BRUMM; JOHN FLYNN; ALEXIS FLYNN;

THOMAS DORBY; GERALDINE DORBY; GREGORY DOMEL; MICHELE DOMEL;

WILLIAM K. HENRICH; JOHN KOS-

MOWSKI; DONNA LOIGIGLIA; ANDREW

PETTERSON; JOANNE PETERSON; TOM

POVSNER; LAURA POVSNER;

Defendants.

## ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ACTION

At a session of said Court, held in the Courthouse, in the Village of Paw Paw, County of Van Buren and State of Michigan on the 17th day of February, 2021

PRESENT: Honorable David J. DiStefano, Circuit Court Judge.

To: Allen Boehmer, Clarice Boehmer, Edward Brumm, Penelope Brumm, Greg Domel, Michele Domel, Thomas Dorby, Geraldine Dorby, John Flynn, Alexis Flynn, William K. Henrichs, John Kosmowski, Donna Loiglilia, Andrew Pettersson, Joanne Pettersson, Tom Povsnar, and Laura Povsnar.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in the Thirty-Sixth Circuit Court for Van Buren County, Michigan, by Bradley Richards and Lynnel Kiel in an action to quiet title and revise the plat of Woodland Park Subdivision, located in Keeler Township, Michigan. The real property at issue is the south one-half of Lake Court, Woodland Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Van Buren Records.

2. You must files your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the Court's address of 212 East Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, within 60 days after publication of this notice is completed. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this case.

Date of Entry: February 17, 2021  
Honorable David J. DiStefano  
(P35010)  
Circuit Court Judge  
Mar. 4, 2021

## DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISING IS:

**Monday  
at 5 p.m.**

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### NOTICE OF CREDITORS

#### Decedent's Estate

#### FILE NO. 2021-1132-DE

Estate of Linda C. Sobol, Deceased  
Date of birth: November 6, 1938

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda C. Sobol, died September 2, 2020. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Sobol, personal representative, or to the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 25, 2021  
Attorney  
Andrew W. Barnes (P70571)  
317 Center Street  
South Haven, MI 49090  
(269) 591-6915

Personal Representative  
Michael Sobol  
546 Summit Avenue  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
(262) 490-6851  
Mar. 4, 2021

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### James Everett St. CIN

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### The Decedent: James Everett St. CIN, died Nov. 7, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Elizabeth St. CIN, named personal representative, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 22, 2021  
Attorney  
Nicholas R. Hogue (P81291)  
107 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Dowagiac, MI 49047  
(269) 782-9895

Trustee  
Elizabeth St. CIN  
19250 Stateline Road  
Edwardsburg, MI 49121  
Mar. 4, 2021

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 2021-1029 DE

Estate of Marcella Agnes Merriman,  
Deceased  
Date of birth: May 17, 1927

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Marcella Agnes Merriman, died November 28, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Douglas Merriman, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw, MI 49079, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 1, 2021

Attorney  
WILLIS LAW  
Adam D. Bancroft (P70318)  
491 W. South Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(269) 492-1040

Personal Representative  
Douglas Merriman  
56662 Orchard Lane  
Bangor, MI  
(269) 427-8006  
Mar. 4, 2021

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

Estate of Living Trust of Donald B. VanBurrel, dated April 16, 2019.

Date of birth: May 22, 1941

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donald B. VanBurrel, died February 14, 2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Monica D. Marler, Successor Trustee, 33547 56th Avenue, Paw Paw, MI 49079 or Brent M. Lamkin, Esq., 22347 Garrison, Dearborn, MI 48124; (313) 561-5700 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 24, 2021

Attorney  
Brent M. Lamkin (P57072)  
22347 Garrison  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
(313) 561-5700

Successor Trustee  
Monica S. Marler  
19250 Stateline Road  
Edwardsburg, MI 49112  
Mar. 4, 2021

## Almena Township 27625 CR 375 Paw Paw, MI 49079

### SYNOPSIS January 27, 2021

The Almena Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bill Van Tassel.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held by teleconference for the board members and the public to participate.

Board members present (in person): Sandra Rickli, Bill Van Tassel, Tim Klooster.

Via teleconference: Nick Toman, Geoff Moffat, Kelly Redmond, and Greg Babik (joined at 8:00 pm)

Via Teleconference Guests: Deputy Walter Grech and Sheriff Dan Abbott.

Roll call: Kelly Redmond-home, Tim Klooster-township hall, Geoff Moffat-home, Greg Babik-home, Nick Toman-home, Sandra Rickli-township hall, and Bill Van Tassel-township hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Supervisor.

Business conducted:

a. Supervisor Van Tassel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

b. Agenda approved as amended.

c. Meeting minutes of December 16, 2020 approved as presented.

d. Bills received/motion passed for approval of bills, total of \$48,323.83

e. Report received from Dick Godfrey, County Commissioner.

f. Road report received from Geoff Moffat.

g. Report received from Deputy Wilton, Sheriff's Department.

h. Clerk report received from Sandra Rickli.

i. Treasurer report received from Geoff Moffat.

j. Supervisor report received from Bill Van Tassel.

k. Deputy Walter Grech presented his report remotely. December calls for service were 127. Trustees-Nick, Kelly, and Tim will form a committee to analyze fire and police data.

