

Gilkey's 'Book Sweepers' win this year's Battle of Books

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Nine teams comprised of third-through-fifth graders from local schools competed in this year's Otsego/Plainwell Battle of the Books on Tuesday, May 11.

And for the first time in the event's history, a tie-breaker question was needed to determine the overall winner of the Grand Battle.

The Secret Society team from Plainwell's Starr Elementary and the Book Sweepers team from Plainwell's Gilkey Elementary each finished the three-round competition with 89 points, with the Book Sweepers correctly answering the tie-breaking to earn the title of 2021 Battle of the Books champions.

Gilkey librarian Karie Loubert served as coach for the Book Sweepers.

"There were tears of happiness and joy after we got that tie-breaker question right," Loubert said. "Everyone was jumping up and down. They all wanted to get their picture taken with the trophy."

In addition to coaching the Book Sweepers, Loubert also coached another team from Gilkey, the Trojan Readers, that also made it to the Grand Battle.

"Members of both teams were so excited to make it to the Grand Battle," Loubert said. "They were both in it to win it and very competitive."

"What I never thought about was that even though both my teams made it to

the Final Battle, one team lost. I celebrated with the Book Sweepers and then realized that I wasn't there for the consoling of the Trojan Readers. I was very fortunate that my co-coach was there for them. That was definitely a learning lesson for me."

Event coordinator Jen Fazio said the competition was a rousing success despite having to make some alterations to accommodate for COVID.

"So many parents and coaches expressed how glad they were to have this event for the kids," said Fazio, who shares leadership duties with Laura Adams and Julie Potter. "We were so many comments about how glad people were to have Battle of the Books—a regular part of their school-year tradition—and not have another thing canceled."

"One new coach said she was sure they'll be back next year. And some of the current fifth graders made a point of asking if they could help coach next year once they move on to middle school."

This year's Battle of the Books—a quiz-bowl-style competition that features three rounds of seven questions—featured nine teams from the following elementary schools: Cooper, Starr and Gilkey in Plainwell; Dix Street in Otsego; St. Margaret in Otsego; and the Plainwell Virtual Academy.

In preparation for the competition, participants read seven books that have



The Book Sweepers are (from left) Elliot Hofacre, Vija Kengis, Elanore Kengis, Mason Elmore, Coach Chris (Elmo) Elmore, Coach Karie Loubert, Neveah Williams, Olivia Wagner, Anaiah Pembrook and Callie Trahan. (Photo provided)

been chosen by the Battle of the Books leadership team. There are three potential types of questions: "In the book, ...?"; "from which book, ...?"; and "the following quotation comes from which book, ...?"

"It really is all about reading books and talking about the characters, events, feelings and connections we get from the stories," Fazio said. "Getting deeper into the books, too, with quotations and character's voice is important."

"We choose seven titles

that are all quality books in their own right, but that also fit a variety of genres and reading levels."

The winning Book Sweepers team from Gilkey included team members Elliot Hofacre, Vija Kengis, Elanore Kengis, Mason Elmore, Neveah Williams, Olivia Wagner, Anaiah Pembrook and Callie Trahan. Chris "Elmo" Elmore served as a coach alongside Loubert.

Normally held in the Plainwell High School

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Participants in Battle of the Books flock to check out the scores between rounds during one of the preliminary battles. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Plainwell HS choir presents virtual 'Dear Evan Hansen'

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

A year after originally planning to do so, Plainwell High School choir director Denise Beauchamp and her students are preparing to present "Dear Evan Hansen."

"During pre-COVID times, our choir program puts on what we call a musical review at the very end of each school year," Beauchamp said. "We select a different Broadway show and the entire choir program learns all of the music, we cast choir students to sing the lead roles, design modified costumes and perform the show in a traditional choral concert setting for the community in our Performing Arts Center."

"Last year, we had been preparing for 'Dear Evan Hansen in Concert,' but had to cancel entirely due to COVID. Therefore, as things continued to unfold this school year and it became apparent that we would, in fact, be able to produce some sort of revue for this year's choir students, it was a no-brainer to finally see the brilliant music and storyline of 'Dear

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With COVID still an issue, the show will virtual in nature.

"We are currently in the process of recording, filming and editing each music number," Beauchamp said. "Ultimately, we will produce a concert video that will be made available on Youtube for students, their families and community members to enjoy from the comfort and safety of their homes."

No official "premier" date has been set as of yet. Updates on the show's avail-

ability will be updated on the Plainwell Community Schools and Plainwell High School websites and social media pages, as well as the Plainwell High School Choirs Facebook page.

Rehearsals for the show began at the start of the third trimester in early March when Plainwell High School returned to in-person learning. Prior to that, the school had been operating under a remote or hybrid learning plan.

Although practice has taken place on Zoom "a handful of times," most

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Otsego High School honors seniors with campus parade

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Family members, friends and the community are invited to come out and honor this year's Otsego High School graduating class with a Senior Salute Campus Parade.

The parade, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, will start at Memorial Park and continue

to Otsego High School's parking lots on Washington Street.

This is the second year in a row the district has hosted such a parade.

"Last year's parade was a wonderful way for kids and our school community to get back together after over two months of shutdown and remote learning," Otsego High School principal Herve Dardis said. "It

was so uplifting that we all agreed that a parade like this to honor our grads is worth doing every year, pandemic or not."

All spectators will be in a parking space in one of the school's three lots along Washington Street. Spectators, who will remain in their vehicles, are encouraged to make signs honoring the graduates.

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Stanford Lodge hosts ribbon cutting



After purchasing the Stanford Adult Care Lodge last winter, owners Kavita Patel, Asha Patel and Vashu Patel held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, May 7.

Located behind Ascension Borgess-Pipp Hospital in Plainwell, Stanford Lodge is a 20-bed assisted-living and hospice care facility with a state mission to "provide exceptional personal, compassionate and quality care to our residents in a happy, home atmosphere, while preserving their dignity and respect."

Longtime Stanford Lodge resident Eloise Doster did the honors of cutting the ribbon. Others on hand for the celebration included Michigan Representative Mary Whiteford, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jenny Boerman and dignitaries from the City of Plainwell.

The three owners, who are not related despite sharing a last name, each brings a unique skillset to the Stanford Lodge: Kavita Patel is a pharmacist from Por-

tage; Asha Patel is a small-town pharmacy owner; and Vashu Patel is a certified public accountant.

"Taking ownership during the pandemic was a brave decision," Kavita Patel said. "We have learned a lot beyond the care aspect over the past months."

Facility manager Janelle Quigley, who has worked at Stanford Lodge for nearly a decade, expressed the desire of the management and staff to provide the highest quality care to long-term and short-term residents who can enjoy an intimate atmosphere where staff is family and people take a special interest in each other.

Pictured are (from left) employee Aubrey Reeber, Vashu Patel, Tanisha Patel, Doster, Whiteford, Asha Patel, Shivali Patel, Kavita Patel and Quigley.

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Rollin on the River returns to downtown Allegan

Downtown Allegan is thrilled to announce the return of live music on the Riverfront Stage with Rollin' on the River in summer 2021!

The free summer concert series begins Friday, June 11 and continues for every week for twelve weeks until Friday, August 27. Live music starts at 7pm and continues for two hours. Past performers including Asamu Johnson & The Associates of the Blues, Guitar Up!, and Hollywood Makeout make a triumphant return alongside bands new to Allegan audiences like The Bootstrap Boys, Modern Adventures, The Hacky Turtles, and more.

With the creation of the Downtown Allegan Social District, alcoholic beverages may be purchased at



participating establishments and enjoyed throughout the designated area that includes the entirety of the Riverfront Park. For dinner and evening snacks, two food services along the Riverfront offer walkup window service in addition to other local restaurants located in Downtown Allegan.

Started in 2018 in an

effort to bring regularly scheduled live entertainment to the Riverfront Stage, Rollin' on the River enjoyed two successful summers until the COVID-19 Pandemic put a halt to gatherings last year.

"Rollin' on the River quickly became a community favorite and was sorely missed last summer," said Parker Johnson, Downtown & Promotions Manager for the City of Allegan. "The intent of this summer concert series is to focus on original music played by the countless talented musicians from around Michigan and



beyond. There is a variety of music genres represented in each year's lineup, something for everyone."

Rollin' on the River kicks off on Friday, June 11 with live music from 7pm-9pm and continues every Friday until August 27.

For more information, visit downtownallegan.com or follow Downtown Allegan on Facebook and Instagram.



Faces Behind the Mask

Changes and mask guidelines

By G C Stoppel

On Thursday May 13th, the federal government's Center for Disease Control announced that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a face mask except under some circumstances. On Saturday the 15th, the state health department announced Michigan would follow the federal guidelines, but the ultimate choice would be left up to business and other venues.

The question of the week is: What are your thoughts about the changes and guidelines?

- Couple at a gas station: "I can't figure it out. Do we have to or don't we? And when and where? It makes no sense. Why can't it be a bit more clear like in other states."

- Clerk at the gas station: "Okay, so the CDC says one thing, the governor another, and I haven't heard from the manager who hasn't gotten a message from his boss. I have enough to do without playing 'mask monitor.'"

- Woman in Fennville: "The governor can say whatever she wants. I'm still wearing my mask no matter what anyone says. I don't think this pandemic is over yet."

- Restaurant employee in Fennville: "I still have to wear my mask in here. We all do. I mean the employees. The customers have done whatever they feel like doing since we re-opened."

-Man near Allegan City Hall: "Glad of it. About

time. The governor has assumed way too much power and control over us. Too bad she didn't go all the way with ending the restrictions."

-Man near Sassy Olive: "Me and my wife got both our shots. Moderna, about a month ago. So we're fully vaccinated, but a lot of folks aren't, so it makes sense."

-Woman on Locust Street: "What are they going to do, have the police ask to see everyone's card? That won't work even if they could do it. My fifteen year old found a [web]site where you can buy counterfeit cards. He said he could make a fortune selling them. So what good is any of this going to do."

-Woman with her: "Just get over yourselves and get the shot so we can bring this to an end, otherwise it's going to drag on for ever."

-Woman near the Allegan Library: "Okay, so here's the way I see it. If I go to someone's house and they don't want me to wear shoes in the house, it's their house and their rules. They got that right. That's the way I see it with a business. If they want people to wear a mask to come in, then either put the mask on or go somewhere else."

-Man near the Allegan Library: "No matter what the government does, Biden or Whitmer or anyone else, someone's going to get angry. Whatever happened to loving your neighbor and being decent and kind?"

Perrigo donates van to Hands of Grace

The Allegan United Methodist Church Hands of Grace Pantry has been serving Allegan area residents since 2011, striving to feed anyone in the 49010 zip code area.

When food or other items need to be picked up one of our dedicated pantry workers used his or her own vehicle. At times, a suitable vehicle was not available, so the pantry decided to write a grant to the Perrigo Company Charitable Foundation asking for \$15,000 to help us purchase a cargo van.

The Perrigo Foundation awarded our pantry with \$15,000 on January 14, 2021. We purchased a cargo van on March 8, 2021 for \$16,780 from Broadmoor Motors in Caledonia.



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Bike enthusiasts prepare for Dirty Donut races

By Gari Voss
Correspondent

Sunday, June 6, 2021, as part of the National Donut Day weekend celebration, bike enthusiasts will gather at Martin High School to compete in a variety of events beginning at 9am. The participants will race bicycles on 22, 41 or 61 mile courses over dirt roads in Allegan County Michigan to accumulate prizes. The proceeds will go to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation and Martin High School. Additional information can be found at <https://dirtydonutrace.com/>

For serious, dedicated, hardcore racers, there is the Sprint Championship Races. The fastest finisher in the male and female division wins the Green Jersey, first place medal and trophy.

For others with an eye on a prize, there are the Donut Races. Donut Racers “opt for a bit more strategy in a race where the winner is often times not the fastest rider, but the rider who can combine speed with how many donuts they can eat. In the Donut races, each race distance has “donut stops” positioned along the race route. Participants deduct five minutes from



their final finish time for each donut they consume at one of our ‘donut stops’ in the race.”

In addition to the Sprint and Donut races, there will be a fat tire division along with co-ed single speed and tandem divisions.

The King and Queen of the Donut will be the male and female who eats the most donuts and still finishes under the cutoff time. Winners of the crown will receive a custom winner’s jersey.

Awards will be given for a number of reasons. In addition to donuts,

refreshments and lunch, all participants will receive a finisher’s medal. Registration will close on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 5pm.

<https://dirtydonutrace.com/points/>

There are field limits for each race. The 61 mile race that begins at 9am can accommodate up to 200 racers. The 41 mile race that starts at 10am can have up to 350 racers. Finally, the 22 mile race with a start gun at 11 am can have 350 racers.

To be eligible for awards, all Donut Eating riders must finish by 2pm with



Bike Enthusiasts of All Ages Prepare for Dirty Donut Races

awards given at 2:15pm. The Sprint racers must complete the distance by 1:30pm with awards beginning at 12:15pm.

Organizer Dan Frazier emphasized, “Participants should know that a portion of each registration fee will be donated to the Make-A-Wish of Michigan. In addition, a portion will be given to Martin High School. Students from the High School will be volunteering throughout the course to assist with crossing roads, distributing necessities and helping where needed.”

For participants wishing

to compete in the USA Masters Games, which is a major Olympic-style, multi-sport event for athletes ages 21 and over, registration can be accomplished by registering for one of the 41 mile Sprint

events. For an additional fee of \$5, racers will be eligible for awards in both the Dirty Donut and USA Masters Games. The USA Masters Games will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan from June 25 to 27, 2021.

Play turned silver screen production debuts

Allegan High School’s Drama Department will premiere of their production of Clue, play turned movie for the big screen, with a Red Carpet event at The Regent Theater, 211 Trowbridge Street in Allegan. The cast and crew will arrive in grand style on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 6:15pm.

With the many challenges of performing a stage play, the directors and cast members decided to sidestep the COVID-19 restrictions by producing a movie of their script. Director Kim Sparks reached out to Jim and Beth Ludema of the historic Robinson Manor on Marshall Street.

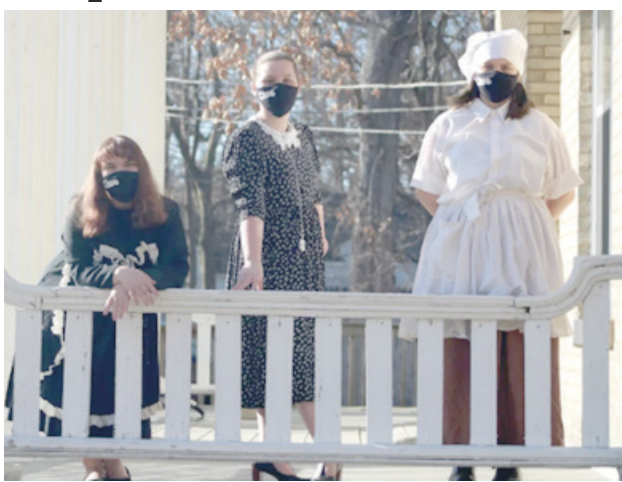
Sparks shared, “The couple graciously wel-

comed the group, opening up the manor for filming on various days between March and May.”

Though the filming was originally scheduled to be completed in early April, the quarantining of various cast members for contact tracing required that filming run into early May.

After the Red Carpet affair, cast, crew, their families, and friends of the production will stay to watch the live stream of the performance at The Regent on the big screen beginning at 7:00pm.

The public is invited to the Red Carpet affair on Friday, May 21 at 6:15 at The Regent Theater. Because of capacity restrictions, those without



From left: Alida Letts playing Yvette, Justine Lytle playing Wadsworth and Brianna Moulter playing the Cook on the front porch at Robinson Manor. Clue will live stream on Broadway on Demand on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 7pm.

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Thurs., May 20, 2021, 8am-noon:

Heart Screening

Allegan Professional Building 551 Linn Street, Suite 250, Allegan, MI 49010 Masks required. Register at: <https://ascension-mi.regfox.com/heart-screening-allegan>

Thurs., May 20, 2021, 11am – 4pm:

Ascension Blood Drive

Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital 555 Linn Street Allegan 269 686-4239 Masks are required. Schedule appointment: <https://www.aghosp.org/Events/Default.aspx?e=1222>

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Fri., May 21, 2021, 6:15pm:

Clue Red Carpet Event

Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge St. Allegan
Cast and Crew of Allegan High School's movie production of Clue will travel the Red Carpet into the Regent Theater for a special showing of their filmed version of the play. The filming was done at the historic Robinson Mansion and can be watched by the public Live Streaming on Broadway on Demand at 7pm.

Fri, May 21, and Sat., May 22, 2021, 5-10pm:

Allegan Arcade – Pinball, Mario and More

At the Back of the Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge, Allegan
This will be a "soft" opening to allow the community to begin feeling comfortable interacting in a smaller space. Come and enjoy your favorite games. The Anniversary Tournament begins on May 21st and runs through Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. There is additional cost for participation in the Tournament. Prizes will go to high scores for kids and adults for each machine. All kids will receive a free prize from the Prize Table. (See Additional Information.)

Sat., May 22 and Sun., May 23, 2021, 2pm & 7pm:

Tom and Jerry

Regent Theater 211 Trowbridge, Allegan. Come and enjoy a movie in a real theater.
Masks must be worn except when seated eating concessions.

Sat. May 22, 2021, 9am-?:

Allegan Flower Planting

Meet at the Allegan City Hall on Trowbridge St. with Laurie Courtney Bring gloves and a trowel to assist with planting flowers around Allegan.

Sat., May 22, 2021, 10am – 2pm:

Spring Craft & Vendor Show

The Bridge Church 247 N. Main St. Allegan
Enjoy a day of shopping to raise money for the Allegan County Food Pantry. 30+ artists/craft vendors will be inside and outside. A silent auction of items will raise money for the pantry. Masks MUST be worn inside the building.

Sat., May 22, 2021, 10am:

Chain Pull Art

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Sat., May 22, 2021, 12pm:

Mission 22 Cornhole Tournament

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Free Cornhole Tournament with donations collected by the Allegan Fraternal Order of Eagles and given to Mission 22, a non-profit organization to raise the awareness of Mental Health of Veterans. Contact Derek Gallegos to register as 2-player team or individual.

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Mon., May 24, 2021, 11am-3pm:

Old Jail Museum Cleanup

Old Jail Museum N. Walnut ST Allegan (269) 673-8292
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Mon., May 24, 2021, 1 - 6pm:

Mobile Blood Drive

Corner Bible Church 4001 124th Avenue Allegan (269) 270-8336 Contact: Pastor Ron Johnson https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/136659

Mon., May 24 – Tues., May 25, 2021, 6-9pm:

Mamma Mia! Auditions

Online Auditions: <https://www.kindlebergerarts.org/outdoor-community-theatre> Director Ken Holda is looking for leads and chorus members for Kindleberger Park's Celebration performances on July 7-July 11, 2021

Tues., May 25, 2021, 10am - 8pm:

Mobile Blood Drive

Gun Lake Casino 1123 129th Ave. Wayland. Contact: Alexis Bolo (269) 509-2310 https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/126396

Tues., May 25, 2021, 2 – 6:30pm:

Mobile Blood Drive

Saint Cyril & Methodius Church 159 131st Ave. (616) 481-0562 Contact: Sandy Marcukaitis donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/134295

Wed., May 26, 2021, 1pm:

Brave Heart

Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI (269) 264-4150 Create a picture you have always wanted to paint. (Paulette) brave.art.carr@gmail.com. Appointments required.

Wed., May 26, 2021, 5-7pm:

Wings of Hope Community Memorial Gathering

Allegan County Fairgrounds 150 Allegan Co. Fair Dr. Allegan
Wings of Hope invite all hospice families and others mourning the death of a loved one to the annual Community Memorial Gathering to remember, honor and celebrate.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo!, Wednesdays, 6pm:

American Legion Hall

Corner of Eastern Avenue and Hooker, Allegan
COVID-19 Guidelines are followed

Allegan Community Garden:

All are Welcome

Community Garden Trowbridge and Cedar Streets Allegan

The Lions is coordinating the planting and maintenance of the Garden. All are invited to participate in the planting, maintaining and harvesting of the vegetables. Work on your own schedule.

Allegan County Community Action -

Assistance for daily living

23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education

Allegan County Historical Society, Old Jail Museum.

Saturdays, 10 am – 4 pm. (269 673-8292 Call to confirm hours.
Email: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com Webpage: www.alleganoldjail.com

Allegan District Library, 10am – 5pm:

Plus, Carnegie Corner Bookstore

Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Street, lower level Allegan (269) 673-4625
All library facilities are open including the used bookstore with hard and soft cover books plus CDs, DVDs and audible books. Masks are required, and sanitizer and gloves will be available.

Allegan Event – Ropes Course and More

439 River Street Allegan

For more information call 269-430-3961 or check online at <https://www.alleganevent.com>

Mondays-Thursdays: Groups Only. Fridays: 12 – 6pm; Saturdays: 10am – 6 pm; Sundays: 11am – 5pm. Make appointments online to ensure availability. Walkups welcome, but appointments receive priority. Constant sanitizing done to ensure safety.

Allegan Food Pantry

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

Allegan Homeless Solutions -

Locating assistance for the homeless

409 Oaks Crossing, Suite 142, Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelessolutions.org, Gail Hill – kittygran@gmail.com

The Arc of Allegan County -

Advocates for people with disabilities

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

Baby Closet

Newborn Clothing and Supplies

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

Bridges of Hope, Allegan County -

Assistance to move out of poverty

108 E Grant Street, Plainwell, MI 49080, bridgesofhopeallegancounty.org, (269) 204-6041

Their mission is to foster relationships with individuals desiring to move out of poverty by providing tools, support, education, and connections to community resources.

Community Clothes Closet –

Free Clothing and More

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Fridays: 10 am – 1 pm

Congregational Kitchen -

Thursday dinner pickup

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

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry

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

Ladders of Hope - Food Assistance

717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhope.org, (269) 455-9452

Mobile Food Pantry, 2nd Monday of the Month: Drive Thru Food Distribution

Casco United Methodist Church 880 66th ST, South Haven MI 49090
Pantry items a pre-packaged. Limit - one box per vehicle.

NA/AA Survivor Group –

Come Join Us - Sundays, 1:30pm:

The Bridge Church 247 Main Street Allegan
Anyone needing support is welcome to come on Sundays at 1:30pm to the Bridge Church

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center -

abuse prevention and healing

402 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborallegan.org, (269) 673-3791

Regent Theater Concessions to Go,

each Friday from 6 – 8pm

211 Trowbridge St, Allegan, MI 49010 Phone: (269) 673-2737
Stop at the theater to purchase your favorite theater food.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.

Cub Scout Pack 3026: Meeting depend on age. Call Cub Master Nathon Kelley 616 706-3038 or assistant Rob Keen 269 568-0435

Boy Scouts 91 (11 yrs. and over): Sundays 4:30, outside at JC Park. Call Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435

Girls Troop 191: For meeting information, call Kara Hiscock 269 719-5017

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

Storytime at Allegan District Library -

Check Calendar

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Allegan District Library Facebook Live. It will be recorded.

Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence

Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

The Vine Food Pantry / Love, INC

Christ Community Church

3370 113th Ave, Allegan, MI · (269) 673-2329

Wednesday Curbside Lunches

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

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care -

End of Life Care

530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhopehospice.com, (269) 686-8659

NA/AA Survivor Group

(Narcotics Anonymous/Alcoholics Anonymous)

New meeting starting at

The Bridge Church

247 N. Main St., Allegan, (main level)

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2 Chronicles 7:14
1 Timothy 2:1-6

“So, could you not watch with me one hour?” Matthew 26:40

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VIEWPOINTS

Drinking age should be 18

Many of our graduating seniors have already turned 18, which quite frankly, is a right of passage in to adulthood. The list of activities one can do at 18, that they couldn't do a year earlier, is staggering. Let me enlighten you:

- at the top of the list is voting. At age 18, one can register to vote and take part in one of adulthood's most important rights.
- register for the selective service (this is a requirement). At 18, you can enter military service and actually fight abroad.
- sign a contract. You at 18, are of legal age, which means you can buy a house, car or whatever you choose.
- change your name. If you don't like your name, you can apply at the courthouse to have it changes, as long as you are 18 or older.
- be called for jury duty. At 18, you can sit on a jury and decide whether your neighbor is guilty or not.
- get married without parental consent.
- adopt a child. At 18, you are eligible to adopt a child from birth to age 17.

A couple of activities you can't do at age 18, is drink alcohol or smoke a cigarette. My son who is 19, and like all teenagers must wait until he is 21, to drink or smoke legally posed this question:

Why dad, can I go to war and fight for my country, or adopt a 17-year-old teenager, but I can't drink or smoke? I have always wondered the same, but had really never put it in to words. It just boggles my mind that I could be married, have a couple of kids, a fulltime job, yet legally I can't drink or smoke in my own home.

When I was in college, the drinking and smoking age was eighteen. It did get changed to 21 halfway through my four years, but quite frankly, on campus, no one really followed the new law. It has been 21 ever since, but one might wonder if it isn't time for a change.



MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
PUBLISHER

After all, if you cross the border to Canada, or take a trip to Europe, the legal age is eighteen. Only in America, is it 21. I've gotta say this is simply one of those laws that has been thrust upon us that makes little sense.

Little sense because your head is in the sand, if you think the majority of 18 to 20 year old teenagers aren't drinking illegally. It's kind of like the prohibition era, when booze was banned for everyone, yet most everyone was imbibing. Finally the feds got wise, and legalized alcohol. Will they get wise, again?

If you can die for your country, why can't you take a sip of Whiskey? If you are deemed intelligent enough to cast a ballot why can't you puff on a cigarette?

To all the "kids" who are turning 18 this year, enjoy the new freedoms, but please understand that those freedoms come with new responsibilities, as well.

And to our fearless leaders, I encourage you to take a look at the draconian laws that are broken more than they are adhered to. This writer thinks they should be changed.

(Note: By no means am I advocating drinking or smoking. In fact I advocate that no matter what age we are, we think twice before we drink or smoke.)

The other night, a little before 11, I went out for a short walk under a clear sky, and happened to look up to the north. Going across the sky was a string of evenly spaced lights. It looked weird. I counted about 30 of them, and watched in delight and amazement for at least ten minute until they disappeared behind the clouds.

With so much news about the pandemic, domestic and international politics, the economy, global warming, and sports, not everyone had the opportunity learn about the lights. They were crowded out of the print and electronic news media. Not surprisingly, people in this country and around the world had their personal anxiety meter spiked by what they initially thought was a UFO invasion.

Fortunately, I had just read about Elon Musk just having launched a rocket that deployed some sixty of these communication Starlink Satellites; the latest of some 12,000 he intended to put into orbit over the next decade. They are described as flat paneled, and once they and their counterparts reach their orbiting height, will beam down broadband internet service to remote places in the world. Right now they

are still in low orbit and that makes them visible on a cloudless night.

This is another reminder of our on-going love-hate and sometimes fearful relationship with new technology. People who had never seen a steam locomotive were scared by the sight and sound of a fire and smoke belching engine late at night, convinced that it was a monster racing across the land. People were terrified of open light sockets in their home, certain that poisonous electric vapors might leak out. When American transport planes parachuted supplies to the coast watchers on Pacific Islands during the war, some of the people thought the gods were flying over and delivering presents to them. The list goes on because we are always at least a little uncertain of anything new and different.

Technology, when it is first introduced to the world, is almost always a source of anxiety. The reason is simple - we don't fully understand it at first, and our mind attempts to make sense of anything new by connecting it with something more familiar. Thus, the steam locomotive running on the track at night seemingly becomes a fire-breathing dragon, the cargo plane a celestial



G. CORWIN STOPPEL

deity, or Musk's stately parade of satellites a UFO invasion. In time we begin to gain some understanding and can figure it out.

It is in the time gap between first experiences and understanding something that the conspiracy theorists go to work. They have learned how to play on our lack of specific knowledge about something new to create confusion and fear. I am quite certain that others spin their theories simply for the wicked fun of sitting back and watching the mischief they have created.

Others resort to doctrine to express their opposition to something new, different, or unappealing. The two go to or default doctrines are often political or religious. Sometimes the

two are combined. People use this method to justify their beliefs and words by appealing to a higher authority. For example, during the Abolition Movement of the 1800s, supporters of slavery vied with one another to use the Bible as justification for slavery. Some clergy, fearing a loss of power and control, follow that method to prevent women from being ordained; others use the Bible to justify abuse of the LGBTQ community.

Today, the fear of the unknown circles right back to the vaccine for Covid-19. After considerable testing and research, following their own practices, the Center for Disease Control announced the vaccine as 'experimental' Immediately the conspiracy theorists warned that Americans were being treated like guinea pigs, while others claimed that there might be something dangerous in serum that would turn us into mindless stooges of the government. Or worse - the nebulous Deep State.

Fear and suspicion of some nebulous power 'out there' - whether Starlink Satellites or the vaccine - leads to wild speculation. An open mind and a willingness to learn are the two primary attributes to moving beyond superstition and fear.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer asks for patriots to get involved

Dear Editor

Are you concerned with the direction our country is headed today?

Are you a supporter of Constitutional Freedom and Liberty?

Well so am I.

The survival of our nation and it's cherished Freedoms, Liberties, and historic values are at stake.

And in order to preserve our nation, we need to elect candidates at "All Levels of Government", who will Always act to defend our Constitutional Republic.

I urge all citizens to get involved now within our community from every township here in Allegan County.

But what can you do, and

how can you get involved?

Two years ago I asked that very question which led me on a journey to find answers and results, that will lead to Action.

I created a statewide organization called "Patriot Approved" .org and I created a county chapter called "Patriots of Allegan County".

This is where we train and educate the local community.

If are interested in more information, please attend the MEMORIAL DAY EVENT, May 31st from 1- 4 pm. at The Gathering in Allegan or email me at curtispatriotapproved@gmail.com.

Curtis Clark

End the filibuster

To the Editor,

I hardly need to name names: there are a few supposedly Democratic senators in Congress who clearly care more about protecting the filibuster, an antiquated procedural norm that lets a minority of senators stop any bill, than making progress for the American people.

It's hard to understand why, especially when this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to pass bold, sweeping legislation that could dramatically change American life for the better. Without the filibuster, legislation like raising the minimum wage, comprehensive climate action, and voting rights, not to mention much-needed healthcare

reform, actually has a chance of passing the Senate with Democrats in control of Congress and the White House. I hope that others see this moment for what it is -- a rare opportunity to make government work for the American people -- and call on the Senate to act before it's too late.

What is power for, if not to help people? I and others like me are calling on the Senate to step up and get rid of the filibuster so lawmakers can do what they were elected to do: improve the lives of regular Americans and lay a foundation for future generations to live well.

Sincerely,
Jared Randall

The Ground Breaking

The Bookworm Sez

"The Ground Breaking: An American City and Its Search for Justice"

by Scott Ellsworth

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

the Tulsa race massacre. It's part of the story here, of course, but it's not the focus. You'll learn bits and snips of those thirty-six hours from a century ago, but only in support of the rest of the tale.

Instead, what'll keep your nose in this book is multi-pronged. It's partly a memoir, in which author Scott Ellsworth shares the difficulty of sleuthing out the truth, why he was so tenacious, why many people helped him, and why others tried hard to stop him. Together, this all reads like a true-life mystery-thriller, a feeling that's bolstered by Ellsworth's totally-exhaustive pursuit of information and documentation (which is still unnervingly unavailable) and his relentlessly-dogged search for the bodies of the dead. On this latter, readers may still feel a sense of the unfinished, and closure is elusive here.

This is the kind of book that, once you start it, makes the hours disappear. It's an emotional one that'll make you skip dinner and lock the door so you can just read. For sure, "The Ground Breaking" will shake you up.

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer.

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

marched into Greenwood, a suburb, and began shooting. Thirty-six hours later, more than a thousand homes and businesses were destroyed and a still-unconfirmed number of people, mostly Black, lay dead.

And then, the story all but disappeared. White Tulsans wanted to forget. Black Greenwoodians couldn't, but they didn't discuss it - until Ellsworth found a man who'd been waiting decades to talk...

Reading "The Ground Breaking" is going to leave you wrung out.

But first, what may be a surprise to readers is what this book is not: it's not a hugely-detailed account of

Your legs felt as though they were made of rubber. It was like walking on a bed of marbles, like wearing rollerskates on a waterbed. Your arms flailed for something steady but whether this was an inner event or something outside, you wonder if you'll ever feel stable again.

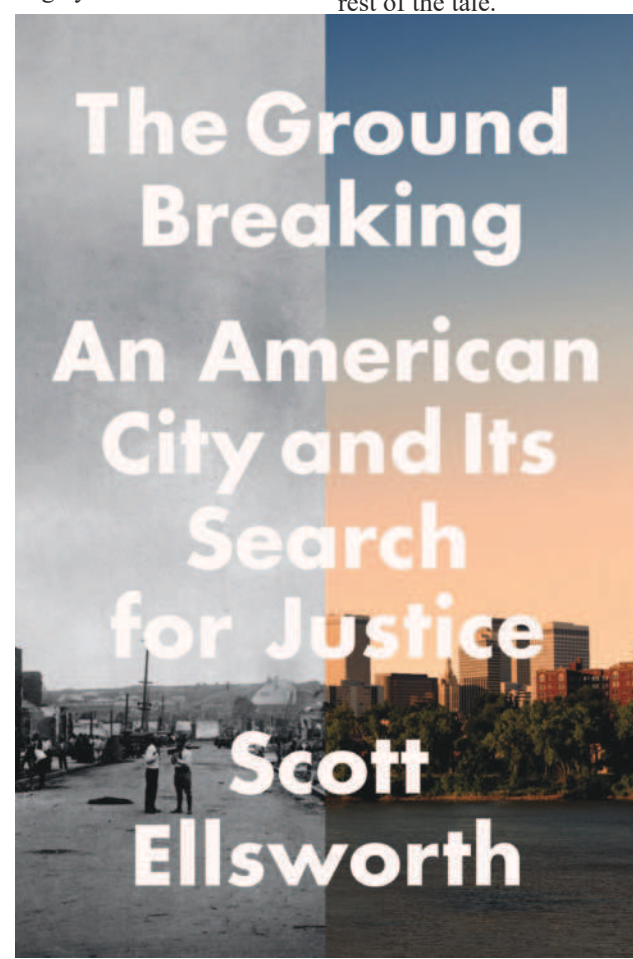
As in the new book "The Ground Breaking" by Scott Ellsworth, you're rattled. In their last season without responsibility, twelve-year-old Scott Ellsworth and his buddies spent the summer of 1966 exploring their hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and visiting the library. There, Ellsworth discovered hints that the whispers he'd overheard his entire life were true: there really was a "race riot" in Tulsa decades before his birth.

He tucked the information away in his head. Later, while researching the riot for a possible college thesis, he was confounded by missing or destroyed documents and reluctant witnesses.

It had started with a scream.

On May 30, 1921, Dick Rowland, a shoeshiner at a white-owned business, was heading to a designated "colored" restroom at the Drexel Building; minutes after he left, Sarah Page, the seventeen-year-old white elevator operator there, screamed. The reason was never determined, Dick was blamed, Sarah declined to press charges, and the matter seemed to be settled.

But it wasn't. The incident festered in the white community until, two mornings later, after Dick's attempted lynching and just before dawn, some of Tulsa's white citizens



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OBITUARIES

Robert Fenn Crane, 92

Robert Fenn Crane passed away peacefully at his home at Crane Orchards on May 15, 2021 of natural causes at the age of 92.

Bob was the youngest of seven children of H.B. and Muriel (Smith) Crane born on June 11, 1928. With the exception of the 3 years he spent in the U.S. Navy, Bob lived at Crane Orchards his entire life. Upon returning to Fennville in 1949 from the Navy he met the love of his life, Luetta Harding. They married on June 23, 1951 and lived and worked together on the farm raising their 5 children. In 1972 they opened Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant after starting a cider pressing business in 1968. They wanted to give visitors the opportunity to visit their fruit farm by offering up one of the first U-Pick orchards in Allegan County and selling fresh Michigan fruit and fresh apple cider in season. The restaurant featured Michigan fruit pies and down home comfort food and a 10 cent glass of



Robert Fenn Crane

apple cider.

For many years, Bob and Lue spent their days off antiquing and adding to a growing collection of Americana as is evident at Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant. Bob was also a lover of airplanes and learned to fly a small plane at age 16. For many years he loved to fly his single engine Cessna to the Oshkosh Airshow along with his brother-in-law Ken Carlson. His model airplane collection is on display at Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant.

In 1987 Bob and Lue restored his great grandparents' house across

from the Pie Pantry and in '88 they filled it with farmhouse antiques and opened The Crane House B and B. They ran a successful inn until 1995 when it became their private residence.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Lue in 2015. He leaves behind his children, Gary (Sandy Gilley), Rebecca (Leslie Winne), Laura (Scott Bale), Robert Jr. (Maria Kiss) and Nancy (David Roe). He leaves behind one sister Elizabeth Carlson of Holland. He also leaves behind 17 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and memorial donations can be made to the Robert and Luetta Crane Scholarship fund through the Fennville Educational Foundation at P.O. Box 231 Fennville, Michigan 49408. A private memorial will take place later in the summer. Chappell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Helen Marie Brabon

Helen Marie Brabon passed away on May 14, 2021. She was all of the beautiful words folks say about those who leave us behind, but she was so much more. She was a warm place to land. She was a voice of encouragement when nobody else believed in you. She was tough. She was an unassuming lady with an often wicked sense of humor that charmed all who knew her.

Helen was known as a peacemaker, a person who would help anyone in need. Family gatherings were warm, safe places where all would be welcomed at the table when they had nowhere else to go. She gave and never expected anything in return, wanting little for herself other than to assure the happiness of others.

Born September 19, 1938 in Allegan, MI, Helen was the daughter of John and Beatrice Zugel. She graduated from Allegan High School in



Helen Marie Brabon

1957 and married Robert Brabon in 1962. After working for many years at both Bell Telephone and GTE, Helen retired in 1991. She worked for a time at Metron of Allegan and ultimately spent the rest of her life enjoying family, fishing, boating, traveling, and feeding the birds - especially orioles and hummingbirds.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents as well as two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert Brabon, two daughters, four

grandchildren, one great granddaughter, and nine siblings.

Helen loved her family with a fierce pride. Even when dementia had robbed her of the ability to express herself, she mustered up the energy to whisper "I love you" to loved ones who came to spend time with her in her final days.

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gates." - Proverbs 31: 29-31

A funeral mass is scheduled for Helen Marie Brabon on May 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament Church in Allegan, MI.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Wings of Hope Hospice at <https://wingsofhopehospice.com/donate/>.

John Douglas Davis, 80

John Douglas Davis, 80, of Allegan, MI passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021 at Holland Hospital. Born February 25, 1941 in Carter, KY, he was the son of the late Lou Virgil and Haley (Potter) Davis and was the husband of Donna Ruth (Lee) Davis for nearly 54 years. Mr. Davis had worked for Hawthorn for over seventeen years prior to retirement. In his spare time, he loved to spend time outdoors in his garden, playing washers, or hunting and fishing. Mr. Davis also enjoyed spending time



John Douglas Davis

with his family and listening to old country music. In addition to his wife,

Mr. Davis is survived by his three children, Virgil (Stacey) Davis, Tammy (Lonnie) Blackman and Michael (Raquel) Davis; eleven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his eight siblings.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A private celebration will take place at a later date. Chappell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marlene Ann Ohst, 66



Marlene Ann Ohst

Marlene Ann Ohst (Welter) age 66, of Allegan, MI went to be with the Lord, Wednesday May 5, 2021, at the Wings of Hope Hospice home in Allegan. Marlene formerly of Blue Island, IL was born April 22, 1955. Daughter of Louis and

Claudia Welter, she grew up a part of a big family and went on to have a big family of her own. She loved spending time with her grandkids at the lake and cooking big meals for the family. Marlene is survived by her five sons, Michael (Jessica) Patrick (Saran) David (Stephanie) Douglas (Amber) and Bradley Ohst. Her grand-

kids Christian, Angelina, Makayla, Claudia, John, Kayin, Aubrey, Amaya, Marley and Joey. Also her brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law and nephew. There are no arrangements for a wake or funeral. There will be a celebration of life for family this summer.

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Performing Arts Center in January or February, this year's competition took place outside at Plainwell's Gilkey Elementary School due to COVID-related safety precautions.

According to Fazio, taking a year off was never seriously considered.

"We knew things would need to be different this year, but we felt that taking a year off might make it difficult to get it back up again," she said. "So before school started in the fall, we had decided to push the normal Battle time of January or February back to the spring in part thinking that maybe an outside event could be an option."

Streidl Field was initially considered as a location, but trying to make that work with all of the spring sports that use the field proved to be too challenging.

"We decided to use Gilkey's green space then and worked toward figuring out the sound and tech needed," Fazio said. "Many people volunteered time and tents to help get this to work outside versus inside."

"Gilkey's outdoor space was chosen because then we could easily move the event indoors at Gilkey if the weather didn't cooperate."

The indoor plan was to spread teams out among the classrooms—one team per classroom—and use the new Clever boards via Zoom to run the Battle.

But that indoor space wasn't needed, as the weather cooperated.

"While the outdoor event had a different feel from the auditorium's quieter stage, it was just as fun and a fierce competition," Fazio said. "The kids on the teams had more freedom to

move around within their tent area. I also saw some teammates able to celebrate their correct answers with mini celebration moves, like the dab or other end-zone actions."

"While these things made the competition more boisterous, we were outside so it all fit."

Teams conducted practices earlier in the school year via Zoom as the schools in both Plainwell and Otsego were operating under a hybrid learning plan.

"We had fewer teams participate this year, which really makes sense with the situation (with COVID)," Fazio said. "But that provided the opportunity to have the competition on a weeknight instead of a Saturday because we only needed two battles and the Grand Battle, whereas some years we have had four or five battles."

And while this year's battle has just ended, Fazio, Adams and Potter are already starting to plan next year's competition.

"Summer is for reading a variety of books and talking about and making connections with them as we choose the seven," Fazio said. "Then we get question planning started."

"This is all about providing an introduction to reading and talking about books. It's like the first book club for the kids."

For those looking for a way to get involved with Battle of the Books, Fazio said coaches are always needed.

"This really can't happen for every third through fifth grader who might want to participate without adult coaches," she said. "Some local schools haven't been able to have a team because they can't get coaches."



Mason Elmore from the Book Sweepers team answers a question. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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rehearsals are in-person with safety precautions—such as the wearing of masks and socially distancing—in place.

"We also were extra strategic in our rehearsal schedule over the past few months, making sure to balance full-cast rehearsals with those involving only a handful of the students playing lead roles," Beauchamp said. "Obviously, another enormous adjustment we've had to make is to record and film this entire production rather than prepare for a one-time, in-person performance, as we would have in years past."

According to Beauchamp, the students couldn't be happier to be part of the production.

"The kids are excited about everything," she said. "They are excited to sing in person again; excited about this music and this story and these characters; excited to work with our fabulous accompanist and recording technician and percussionist; excited to be back in the Performing Arts Center; excited to see and talk to one another again; excited to hear harmonies, to read dialogue and to rehearse; excited to be challenged, to work hard and to see the fruits of their labor come to fruition; excited to get butterflies and put on a costume; excited to see and hear their recordings and film footage."

"We're just all pretty excited." Beauchamp is also excited the performance will include all of her choir students, even those who chose to remain completely remote rather than attend in-person learning.

"Our Zoomies, as we call them, have been recording videos of various ex-



Plainwell High School choir students are busy preparing for "Dear Evan Hansen."

cerpts from the novel, which we will include in our finished video production," Beauchamp said. "In addition, we've had some early grads come back to work on this project by lending their film and video editing talents."

Even neighboring Otsego High School has played a role in the production by lending various set pieces and costumes from its 2019 production of "Cinderella."

"This project has truly been a labor of love and has taken so many different shapes and forms over the course of the past year and a half," Beauchamp said. "We were all devastated—and still are—that we had to cancel things last year, so the prospect of doing something in any capacity was definitely one of our top priorities in planning the rest of this year's concert season."

"We are so grateful for the opportunity to see this music come to life, even if it is from behind a computer screen."

The cast of "Dear Evan Hansen" includes:

Evan Hansen: Savanna Bliss; Heidi Hansen: Grace Barth; Zoe Murphy: Emma Stempien; Connor Murphy: Lauryn Foster; Cynthia Murphy: Ellyssia Lopez; Larry Murphy: Kennedy Taylor; Jared Kleinman: Savannah Bowsher; Alana Beck: Charley Truitt; Dear Evan Hansen Solo Chorus: Kyren Anderson, Shayla Bright, Alia Bruey, Emily Cox, Elizabeth French, Madison Malory, Maggie McMath, Hanna Nguyen, Easton Saurbek, Mackenzie Shirey, Jessica Stevenson and Madison Werner.

Sheriff provides commissioners with tough report

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — Sheriff Frank Baker presented the department's annual report to the Board of Commissioners this past Thursday with some gloomy news, chairman Jim Storey said.

"In my 30 years of law enforcement, this (2020) was the worst year," Baker told the board. "He pointed to the unprecedented attack on police agencies nationally and the need to respond on the fly without proven techniques to the COVID 19 pandemic," Storey said in his weekly report. "While there was a decline in vehicle citations, he noted that five deaths, the highest ever, were recorded due to distracted driving. Unfortunately, in 2019, meth arrests in Allegan outpaced nearby counties, surpassing the

200 mark in our county compared with 100 in Kent, 25 in Muskegon and just over 50 in Ottawa. 2020 meth data is not available yet.

"The sheriff, in his second four-year term, noted meth is cheap, but the instance of meth labs is down noticeably. In addressing the Covid contagion, the Sheriff said that he was proud of the corrections staff for aggressive action to prevent an outbreak in the corrections center. The jail population has been reduced to minimize exposure while maintaining custody of the most dangerous residents."

Storey indicated the department will be having body cameras for officers in the next year.

"They face the problem shared by many police agencies in recruiting deputies to the service," Storey said

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The seniors will decorate their vehicles for the celebration.

"Last year's seniors had the last three months of high school disappear, and that was tough," Dardis said. "This year's Class of 2021, though, has had to endure 15 months of a crazy roller-coaster ride in life and in school. And they have handled it like champs."

"The parade this year is not just to celebrate their graduation. It's a way to applaud them and thank them for their grit and their positivity in these very difficult times."



"We hope all of Otsego can join us to acknowledge the greatest kids in the world."



Spectators held up signs at last year's Senior Salute Campus Parade in Otsego (above), while seniors decorated their vehicles (at left). (Photos provided)

NOTICE

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for
Allegan County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions)**

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Allegan County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Allegan County, Michigan (All Jurisdictions). These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

SUMMARY

**Otsego Township
May 10, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Winn.

Members Present: McPherson, Moll, Bumgart, Burns, Lunarde-Alexander, Colin, Winn

Members Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approved payment of bills in the amount of \$95,188.01.

Approved B&R Excavating bid for Fire Hydrant installation.

Approved sending the City of Otsego's Cost Recovery Ordinance to the Township lawyers to get it adapted to the Township.

Approved Supervisor Winn having the lawyers draft a request for pricing to send to the City of Otsego for fire, medical first response and rescue services.

Approved Michigan Gas Utilities easement.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jen Colin
Otsego Township Clerk

Otsego Township Planning Commission Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Otsego Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting and Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Otsego Township Hall, 400 N. 16th Street, Otsego, MI 49078.

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

1. A request from Reid and Hannah Dugan, interested parties, for a Special Use Permit to construct a private road pursuant to Section 4.22 of the Otsego Township Zoning Ordinance at 2199 102nd Avenue, also known as Parcel Number 03-17-029-009-00.
2. Any other such item as comes properly before the Planning Commission.

A copy of agenda items and draft documents is available for viewing during office hours at the above noted address. Members of the public are invited and encourage to participate in all public hearings and open meetings within the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Otsego Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078, by phone at 269-694-9434, or by email to jcolin@otsegotownship.org.

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Allegan tennis claims 16th straight conference title

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Another year, another Wolverine Conference championship for the Allegan girls' tennis team.

The Tigers scored 66 points to outdistance runner-up Otsego by five points at the Wolverine Conference Championships on Saturday, May 15. It was the 16th straight league title for Allegan and the program's 32nd crown in the 47 years the conference has sponsored girls' tennis.

"What a day it was," first-year coach Damien Arthur said. "The girls showed up and played some great tennis. My coaches and I are happy the way this team played and achieved another team conference championship."

Despite Allegan's long history of success, Arthur knows some people might have seen his team as vulnerable—at least somewhat—this season.

Besides the fact that Arthur is in his first season as head coach after replacing longtime coach Jen Aldrich, 10 of the 12 players in the Allegan lineup had never played a varsity match prior to this season.

"I think teams in the Wolverine Conference saw this as an opportunity to beat this historically successful program," Arthur said. "There was a new coaching staff, 10 girls who never played a varsity match and the pressure of continuing the legacy of this team."

"And guess what? These girls seized the moment and proved to the rest of the conference that nothing has changed."

Allegan finished with five flight championships, highlighted by Regan Fales at No. 1 singles.

After winning her first two matches 6-0, 6-0, Fales defeated cousin Ally Aldrich—the daughter of Jen Aldrich—from Otsego 6-3, 7-6 (2) in the finals.

The team's other returning varsity player, Jasper Harrington, teamed with Hailey Fuller to take first at No. 1



Members of the Allegan girls' tennis team were all smiles after securing the Wolverine Conference title for a 16th straight season. (Photo provided)

doubles. A 6-1, 6-4 win over Sturgis in the finals capped the day for Harrington and Fuller.

"My two returning players Jasper and Regan F continued their success in the tournament," Arthur said.

Also winning flight titles were No. 2 singles Mia Kolhoff, No. 3 singles Sophie Schichor and the No. 2 doubles team of Emma Kuebler and Grace Clearwater.

The No. 3 doubles team of Mak Morrie and Ragan Meeter placed runner-up, while the No. 4 team of Grace Davis and Kenna Baker placed third. No. 4 singles Bristyn Neldon finished fourth.

Next up for Allegan is a Division 3 regional on Friday, May 21. The Tigers are set to host, with fellow Allegan County teams Otsego, Plainwell, Hamilton and Wayland also among the eight participants.

"We had some early season uncertainty with such a young team, but that uncertainty has turned into a newly found confidence as we approach our regional tournament," Arthur said. "Sure, these girls continued a legacy that was started 16 years ago, but these ladies have started to carve out their own. It's a good day to be a Tiger."

Otsego girls win Wolverine Conference track title

Allegan's Antkoviak named Athlete of Meet

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

played a big role in the success of the Otsego girls' track program.

OTSEGO—The distance events have traditionally

This year was no different as the Bulldogs scored 119



Allegan senior Hannah Antkoviak was named Female Athlete of the Meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

points at the Wolverine Conference Meet on Saturday, May 15, to secure their fifth straight league crown.

Plainwell was second with 108.5 points, while Allegan was sixth with 61 points.

Allegan's Hannah Antkoviak was named Female Athlete of the Meet as she won all four of her events.

"Our distance runners, as is often the case, led the charge for us," Otsego coach Justin Scott said.

The Bulldogs were conference champs in the 4x800 as the team of Ashley Goodrich, Claudia Stachura, Joy Wolfe, and Megan Germain posted a time of 10:25.19. They also placed two runners in the 800 (Goodrich fourth and Stachura sixth), three runners in the 1,600 (Germain second, Goodrich fifth and Elizabeth Burill eight) and finished first and second in the 3,200 (Germain at 12:03.38 and Burrill at 12:31.64).

"Our distance kids work incredibly hard all year and every single one of them has a selfless, team-first attitude," Scott said. "They are the heart of our team and they are guided expertly by assistant coach Julie Tollas."

Otsego also won the 400, with Adriana Morgan running a 1:02.76.

"A year ago, Adriana was poised to have a breakthrough sophomore season," Scott said. "Sadly, we didn't

get a chance to see what she could do. But she has put in a ton of work in the interim and I think the championship race was even sweeter for having the extra wait."

Madison Grouin provided the other two event wins for Otsego, taking the shot put (35-11.5) and the discus (97-11) in her first year of throwing.

"When the season began, Madison was not a thrower," Scott said. "It was the day before our first meet of the season and Madison stopped by the throwing area on her way to the long jump to chat to her friend Haley Guerrant. I think maybe as a joke, she picked up a shot put and threw it."

"Her natural talent for the throws struck me like a lightning bolt. She was hired instantly. Since that day she has worked really hard and has combined with Haley to be the best throwing duo I have coached in my 20 years."

The fact that Otsego has won five straight titles over a six-year span—last season was wiped out due to COVID—speaks to the overall health of the program, according to Scott.

"I think winning the conference championship for a fifth consecutive time means that our success hasn't been because of a few good kids or one talented class coming



Otsego's Ashley Goodrich (right) takes the handoff from Megan Germain in the 4x800 relay. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

through our district," he said. "It means my staff has done a great job preparing our girls to compete and that over the last 10 years we have created together a team concept in a sport that can very easily become a collection of individuals."

While Otsego shined as a team, no individual shined brighter than Antkoviak.

In addition to winning the long jump by nearly a foot at 16-6.5, she also won the 200 (26.92), the 100 hurdles (14.94) and the 300 hurdles (46.1).

"It has been such an honor to work with Hannah for the last four years," Allegan coach Mike Chalupa said. "Sometimes I have to stop and think to really appreciate how special it is to be a witness to everything she is doing right now and has accomplished over her career."

For Plainwell, Mackenzie Hill was a double winner, taking the 800 (2:25.38) and the 1,600 (5:18.58). The Trojans also won the 4x400 relay as the team of Alexis Poel, Grace Pettit, Angel Soper and Hill posted a time of 4:18.5.

Hansen leads Allegan boys to second place in league meet

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

OTSEGO—To say Allegan senior Josh Hamman had a good day at the Wolverine Conference Meet on Saturday, May 15, would be like saying Michael Jor-

dan was a good basketball player.

Both statements are true. But both are also vast understatements.

Hamman won two of his individual events, finished second in the other and anchored the winning 4x200

relay team to earn Male Athlete of the Meet honors and help the Tigers to a runner-up finish with 132.5 points.

Edwardsburg won the meet with 137.5 points. Otsego was third with 91.5 points, while Plainwell was fifth with 69 points.

Hamman won the 110 hurdles (15.63) and the 300 hurdles (40.84) and was second in the long jump at 20-4.5. He and teammates Josiah Flora, Josh Hansen and Luke Ellis posted a winning time of 1:32.93.

"Josh Hamman has been an amazing competitor for us this season," Allegan coach Evan Williams said. "He just has a hunger to win. He's said to me before that if there is anyone near him over the last hurdle, then he's going to beat them to the finish line and he has, all season long."

"It has been an honor to be able to have Josh on the team. His diving finish with Levi Thomas from Vicksburg in the 300 hurdles was one of the races of the day decided by .02 of a second."

As a team, Allegan won eight of the 17 events. That included the 4x400 relay (the team of Seth Badillo, Kaleb Smith, Titus Smith and Blane Johnson had a time of 3:39.82) and the 4x800 relay (the team of Kaleb Smith, Connor



Allegan's Josh Hamman won two individual events, finished second in another and anchored the winning 4x200 relay team. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Harlan, Mason Kleeves and Johnson had a time of 8:25.23).

Other wins for Allegan included Johnson in the 400 (51.31), Kaleb Smith in the 800 (2:02.06) and Harlan in the 1,600 (4:30.13).

"Overall I could not have been more proud of my team," Williams said. "They stepped up and ran

personal best times and jumped their personal best jumps. With those performances, it's still hard to believe we didn't win the meet."

"Obviously, Edwardsburg was a little deeper in some areas and that helped carry them. Our guys were disappointed that we didn't come out on top, but they

absolutely did their best, and I couldn't ask for anything more."

Otsego and Allegan each won one event.

For the Bulldogs, Colin Mulder took top honors in the 3,200 with a time of 9:37.6. Nick Emde provided Plainwell's win by clearing a personal best 12-0 in the pole vault.



Colin Mulder won the 3,200 for Otsego. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego baseball splits twinbills with Sturgis, Harper Creek

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

STURGIS—In the opening game of a Wolverine



Colin Wesseldyk earned his first varsity win with three innings of scoreless relief against Harper Creek. (Photo by Gary Shook)

Conference baseball doubleheader against Sturgis on Friday, May 14, Otsego starter Andrew Kubiak allowed multiple bases run-

ners only twice in his seven innings of work.

That was one of the keys that helped the Bulldogs secure the 4-2 win over the 15th-ranked team in Division 2.

“Andrew Kubiak was sharp on the mound and we did not waste his excellent pitching performance,” said Otsego coach Matt Eldred, whose team suffered the 7-1 loss in the nightcap to settle for the split.

In his complete-game effort, Kubiak scattered five hits and three walks, striking out three. “We really did a nice job of minimizing the damage done by Sturgis when they had something going,” Eldred said.

With the score tied at 1-1, Otsego took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the top of the third. Kubiak scored the first run after starting the inning with a walk, while Jakson Dentler—who singled—scored the second run when Colby Ward drew a bases-loaded walk.

The Bulldogs added an insurance run an inning later when Jayden Fuelling doubled and scored on a groundout by Kyle Lingbeek.

Fuelling (2-for-4 with the double and two runs) and Dentler (2-for-3 with a run and an RBI) each finished with multiple hits.

Game two saw Sturgis snap a 1-1 tie with three runs in the bottom of the third. The Trojans tacked on one run in the fourth and two in the fifth.

“The ability to minimize damage in game one did not continue into game two as Sturgis really took advantage of almost every opportunity to score,” Eldred said.

Sam Bronkema started for Otsego and took the loss, allowing four runs on four hits with two walks and three strikeouts in three innings.

Kubiak and Dentler each went 2-for-4 to account for four of Otsego’s five hits in the loss.

A day earlier, Otsego (6-13 overall and 3-6 in league play) hosted Harper Creek in a non-league twin-

bill. As with Sturgis, the Bulldogs came away with a split, winning game one 5-4 and dropping game two 5-1.

Sophomore Colin Wesseldyk, making his varsity debut, earned the win in the opener with three innings of scoreless relief.

“Colin joined the varsity to help on the mound and ended up earning his first varsity win,” Eldred said.

With Otsego trailing 3-1, Wesseldyk entered the game with runners on first and second and no outs in the top of the fifth inning. He limited Harper Creek to a sacrifice fly and the Bulldogs rallied for three runs in the bottom of the inning to tie the score at 4-4.

Kubiak drove in the first of those three runs with a triple, while Lingbeek had an RBI single and Tyler

VanderLugt had a sacrifice fly.

An inning later, Dentler hit a sac fly to score Fuelling for what proved to be the winning run.

Wesseldyk worked around a single in the both the sixth and seventh innings.

“I was very impressed with Colin’s composure on the mound,” Eldred said.

Fuelling went 3-for-4 with two runs in the victory, while Kubiak and Bronkema each had two hits.

In the second game, Otsego scored its lone run in the third inning.

Kubiak, Dentler, Lingbeek and Callum Wesseldyk each singled in the loss. Lingbeek also started on the mound and took the loss, surrendering four runs on four hits with two walks and two strikeouts in 3.2 innings.

Saugatuck track dominates Coloma in dual meet

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

COLOMA—Dominant.

That single word pretty much sums up the performance of the Saugatuck track teams during the SAC dual meet with Coloma on Wednesday, May 12.

The Saugatuck boys’ team took first place in 13 of the 17 events to secure the 88-44 win, while the girls’ squad won 15 events to claim the 93-30 victory.

Bailey Marrow led the charge for the Saugatuck girls, finishing first in three events: the 200-meter dash (33.83), the 100 hurdles (17.81) and the 300 hurdles (57.73).

Maya Veldt, Aerin Baker and Jillian Johnson also won multiple events. Veldt won the 1,600 (5:48.48) and the 3,200 (14:11.59), Baker won the high jump (4-10) and the long jump (15-7.5) and Johnson won the 100 (14.02) and the 400 (1:05.59).

Baker and Marrow also teamed with Elsa Nor and Anna DeYoung to win the 4x400 relay with a time of 59.82. Nor ran the lead leg for the winning 4x200 relay team (2:22.77) that also featured Ava Fink, Adelaide Burmeister and Caralyn Doucette.

Other individual winners for the Saugatuck girls included Samantha Sixberry in the 800 (2:45.96), DeYoung

in the shot put (23-7.75), Fink in the Discus (66-4) and Alexis Warren in the pole vault (6-6).

Benny Diaz won four events on the boys’ side to pace the Trailblazers. In addition to taking top honors in the long jump at 20-5, he also finished first in the 100 (11.79), the 200 (25.43) and the 400 (54.4).

Nik Pettinga led the charge in the distance events, winning the 1,600 (4:32.23) and the 3,200 (10:15.18), while Will Ayers won both the 110 hurdles (21.13) and the 300 hurdles (50.16). Ayers also cleared 8-6 in the pole vault to win that event.

Luke Gorgas (2:14.03 in the 800), Cayden Schrekengust (36-11 in the shot put) and Casey Mathieu (5-10) also claimed individual events for the Trailblazers.

Saugatuck’s lone win in the relays came in the 4x800, with the team of Kurtis Bronz, Gorgas, Oliver Jimmerson and Pettinga running a 9:34.47.

Two days later, the Trailblazers took part in the Berrien Springs Shamrock Invitational, with the girls (90.5 points) and the boys (96.5) each placing third. Berrien Springs was first and Lawton was second for both the girls’ and the boys’ competitions.

A trio of girls won events for Saugatuck: Johnson took the long jump at

15-6-5, Marrow took the 100 hurdles at 17.32 and Catherine Pond took the pole vault at 9-0.

On the boys’ side, Diaz and Pettinga each won two events. Diaz took the 100 at 11.08 and the 200 at 22.25, while Pettinga took the 800 at 2:03.62 and the 3,200 at 9:55.02.

Gorgas claimed the top spot in the pole vault at 10-6.



Benny Diaz competes for Saugatuck. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Fennville baseball steals win from Lawton

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

LAWTON—In the second game of SAC doubleheader with Lawton on Monday, May 17, the Fennville baseball team stole a win. Literally.

With the score deadlocked at 4-4 in the top of the seventh inning, Ben Peterson stole home on a delayed steal to score what proved to be the winning run in a 5-4 Fennville victory.

The Blackhawks dropped the first game 8-5.

Max Machado went 3-for-4 to lead the Fennville offense in the nightcap. He also started on the mound and went 4.1 innings, getting the no decision.

Tre Cooper tossed 2.2 innings of scoreless relief for his first varsity win. He allowed one hit with no walks.

In the opener, Fennville trailed 6-0 before erupting for five runs in the top of the sixth. But the Blackhawks

would get no closer as Lawton plated two runs in the bottom of the sixth to preserve the win.

“We hit the ball hard in the first game,” Fennville coach Steve Peterson said. “But

Lawton made some great defensive plays early.”

Dylan Schut went 2-for-4 in the loss, while Brody Peterson tripled and Ben Peterson doubled.

Saugatuck soccer upends Watervliet

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Adele Nieuwsma and Kasey Losik led the offense charge for the Saugatuck girls’ soccer team in its 8-0 win over Watervliet on Monday, May 17.

Nieuwsma and Losik each scored two goals and assisted on another as the Trailblaz-

ers improved to 9-3-3 overall and 5-2-1 in conference action.

Iris Kuipers also scored twice, while Karrisa Moerler and Zoe Myers contributed one goal apiece. Moerler added an assist and Alyvia Downer finished with two assists.

Dayna Crough and Grace Greenwood shared time and

goal and combined for the shutout.

The offense was tougher to come by for Saugatuck in a battle with Schoolcraft on Wednesday, May 12, but the Trailblazers still managed to come away with the 1-1 tie.

Moerler accounted for Saugatuck’s lone goal off an assist from Lauren Barnhill.

HOPKINS TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

HOPKINS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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

Please take notice that a special meeting of the Hopkins Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, June 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township/Village Hall, 128 South Franklin, Hopkins, Allegan County, MI, 49328. for the purpose of consideration of and possible action upon the following issues:

1. Annual election of officers and annual organizational meeting
2. A Public Hearing to consider a request for variance from Jim and Nicolette Cash, property owners, for relief from Section 157.005(B) to construct an accessory structure on a vacant parcel at 3128 Weick’s Drive, also known as parcel 03-10-700-008-00.
3. Discussion and possible adoption of a procedural checklist for applicants to the Board of Appeals
4. Any other such business that comes properly before the Zoning Board of Appeals

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to offer input for the consideration of the Board of Appeals.

Hopkins Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon 72 hours advanced notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by email, phone, or mail at the below.

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Bulldogs earn pair of twinbill sweeps

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

STURGIS—If you're going to travel more than an hour to play a softball doubleheader, you might as well

come away with a pair of wins to show it.

That's exactly what the Otsego softball team when it visited Sturgis for a Wolverine Conference twinbill on Friday, May 14.

The Bulldogs took game one 18-0 and game two 15-0, with both games stopped early due to the mercy rule.

A trio of Otsego hitters—Jada Bolhuis, Avery Neville and Hailey Vanderroest—each went 4-for-5 in opener.

All three had a double, with Bolhuis and Vanderroest also legging out triples.

Those three also combined for seven runs and seven RBI. Cali Miller added a single and a triple to go with three runs and two RBI.

Kendra VanderLugt pitched all five innings for Otsego, holding Sturgis scoreless on two hits and two walks with eight strikeouts.

Game two was much the same, with the Bulldogs scoring multiple runs in each of their four offensive innings.

Bolhuis, Kacie Scott, Izzy Gregory and Emma Scott each had multiple hits, including a double for Kacie Scott and a triple for Bolhuis. Bolhuis scored four times and Abby Lucas—who picked up with win with three scoreless innings of work—drove in four runs.

The doubleheader sweep was the second in two days for Otsego, which also bested Harper Creek 16-0 and 11-1 at home on Thursday, May 13.

Bolhuis and Ally Watson led the offensive charge in the opener, as each went 3-for-3 with two RBI. They combined for five runs.

Neville and Vanderroest both went 2-for-4. Neville had a run and two RBI, while Vanderroest scored twice and drove in four.

VanderLugt pitched all four innings, surrendering a single hit and striking out nine.

In the second game, Harper Creek got on the board first with a run in the top of the



Otsego softball won four games in two days with sweeps over Sturgis and Harper Creek. (Photo provided)

opening frame. But Otsego responded with a run of its one in the bottom of the inning before adding two runs in the second and third innings and three runs in the fourth and fifth frames.

Watson pitched the first three innings for the win, striking out five, while Lucas pitched two scoreless frames with three strikeouts to end the game.

VanderLugt went 3-for-3 with a home run, two runs and two RBI to lead the offense, while Bolhuis (4-for-3 with three runs and two RBI) and Emma Scott (2-for-2 with two runs) also had multiple hits.

On Tuesday, May 11, the Bulldogs took on Portage Central and came away with a split, dropping the first game 9-6 before regrouping to win game two 7-6.

VanderLugt provided one of the highlights of the eve-

ning with her home run in the nightcap, which gave her 15 for the season to break her own school record from two years ago.

That homer—a two-run shot—also provided the margin of victory as it came in the top of the seventh inning with Otsego trailing 6-5.

Bolhuis and Kacie Scott each singled three times.

Watson pitched the first four innings, with Lucas working the final three to collect the win.

Otsego also tried to rally late in the opener, plating three runs in the top of the seventh. But that wasn't quite enough.

VanderLugt also homered in that game as part of a 2-for-4 effort that also included a double, while Lucas was 3-for-4 with a home run.

Plainwell soccer collects three wins

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Plainwell soccer team has been on quite the offensive roll as of late.

The Trojans outscored Sturgis (Monday, May 17), Edwardsburg (Wednesday, May 12) and Dowagiac (Monday, May 10) by a combined score of 26-2 in winning all three games in mercy-rule-shortened fashion.

The wins over Sturgis and Dowagiac were by matching 8-0 scores, while the Trojans defeated Edwardsburg 10-2.

Laken Whittington and Gabby Zugel have been at the forefront of the offensive explosion, as the pair combined for 18 of those 26 goals.

Whittington scored 10 times during those three games: three times against both Sturgis and Dowagiac and four times against Edwardsburg. Zugel, meanwhile, scored four times against Sturgis and twice against both Edwardsburg and Dowagiac.

Kaihla Newcomb also scored once in the Sturgis game; Kayla Barr scored twice against Edwardsburg, with Meagan Benicasa and Maddy Zugel each scoring once; and Barr, Maddy

Zugel and Lexi Thornton each scored once against Dowagiac.

The wins upped Plainwell's record to 10-2-1

overall and 7-0 in the Wolverine Conference with one game remaining.



Plainwell soccer won three straight games via the mercy rule, outscoring their opponents by a combined 26-2 margin. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck baseball falls to Coloma

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

COLOMA—Early deficits in both ends of a SAC twinbill against Lawton on Monday, May 17, proved too much to overcome for the Saugatuck baseball team.

The Trailblazer trailed 7-0 after three innings in the opener and 8-0 after three innings of game two en route to suffering the 12-2 and 13-3 losses, respectively.

Joey Antel continued his hot hitting in the losses, going a combined 4-for-5

with two triples and two RBI. John Hartgerink went (2-for-4 with a double, one RBI and two runs) also had multiple hits. Benny Diaz, Lucas Czarnecki Colin Garcia, Alec Hoezee each contributed a hit, with Czarnecki's going for a triple.

On Thursday, May 13, the Trailblazers swept Martin in a doubleheader, taking game one 10-3 and game two 16-0.

Cayden Schreckengust started the first game on the mound and earned the win, striking out six in five innings. Ethan Avery pitched all four innings of the mercy-rule-shortened nightcap, racking up nine strikeouts.

Fennville soccer beats Delton

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Angelica Mendoza scored two goals and had an assist to lead the Fennville girls' soccer team to the 5-1 win over Delton on Monday, May 17.

Taylor Correa added a goal and an assist, while Valeria Ramirez and Fabiola Gutierrez each scored once. Allison Ponce chipped in with an assist.

Bailey Zuroske continued her solid play in goal, making seven saves in the win.

On Wednesday May 12, Fennville dropped a 1-0 decision to Constantine.

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Art Prize registration now open

By G C Stoppel

Art Prize, the eighteen day annual event in Grand Rapids, has just announced that they are now receiving applications and registrations for the 2021 festival. Artists from around the state and nation, a number of whom are from Allegan County, have participated in the past. The committee hopes they will return this year, and bring new contestants with them.

Anyone can enter, from young children to those who are older. Professional artists and amateur artists we welcome. The contest is open to almost any form of visual art. As some of the information about this year's event makes clear, one of the real benefits for artists and viewers is that it pushes the boundaries. This is true not only of the work itself, but for the artist. A

first-time competitor pushes their personal boundaries of not only their art, but their heart and spirit: Am I good enough? What if I don't get in? What if I don't win or people don't like my heart? And even - Yikes, what if I win? Then what?

Good art also pushes the boundaries of those looking at it. Great art challenges people to view the world in new ways and from different perspectives. Those who visit Art Prize are sometimes inspired or challenged by what they see.

Art is important for all of us, which is what makes this festival important as well as fun. Since its beginning in 2009, millions of people have been involved in this project. It includes the artists, the public and private places that have provided space for art installation, the ven-

dors, and viewers. Some \$450,000 in grant and prize money is awarded, as well as providing artists the experiences of participating in a contest and art show.

The open invitation has been announced. Between the middle of April through June 10th, artists must register if they want to participate.

The best way to learn more about Art Prize, as well as to register to enter, is by visiting their website at Artprize.org.



Road Commission announces summer projects

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN – The Allegan County Road Commission has announced road projects for the 2021 season.

The renovation/reconstruction projects are as follows:

Lakeshore Drive – 121st Avenue to 124th Avenue (renovation); Taft Road – M-40 to 124th Avenue (reconstruction); 25th Street and 123rd Avenue – 122nd Avenue to Watson Township line (reconstruction); 122nd Avenue – 10th Street to 6th Street (reconstruction); 109th Avenue – 37th Street to 34th Street (reconstruction); 35th Street – 139th Avenue to 140th Avenue (reconstruction); 141st Avenue – 40th Street to East – reconstruction; Division Street – 142nd Avenue to 1,000 feet south of 146th Avenue (crush, shape and resurface).

There are many paving projects:

135th Avenue. City of Wayland to Patterson Road 16th Street; 102nd Avenue to City of Otsego; 12th Street – 102nd Avenue to

M-89; 34th Street, Babylon Road to Dumont Road; 118th Avenue, 62nd Street to 57th Street; Pierce Road & 106th Avenue, Marsh Road to Doster Road; 128th Avenue, Hopkins Village Limits to 18th Street; 130th Avenue & 57th Street; 58th Street to New Richmond Bridge; 30th Street, 134th Avenue to 140th Avenue; 16th Street, County Line to 102nd Avenue; 66th Street, M-89 to Village of Douglas Limits; 102nd Avenue, M-40 to 26th Street; 107th Avenue, 62nd Street to 60th Street; Sunset Drive, Saturn Drive, & Mercury Court, west of 18th Street; Rancho Drive, Litchfield Drive, Litchfield Place, Selly Oak Drive, Radstock Drive, & Irene Drive, south of 142nd Avenue; Chapel Street, Hickory View Court, & Hillcrest Drive, south of 144th Avenue 136th Avenue, 18th Street west to Pavement End.

Other paving projects include:

140th Avenue, 60th Street to 56th Street; 120th Avenue, 66th Street to 64th Street; 64th Street 113th Avenue to 116th Avenue;

42nd Street, 132nd Avenue to 134th Avenue; 132nd Avenue, 42nd Street to 41st Street; Jennifer Lane & Sara Lane, North of 131st Avenue 142nd Avenue, 60th Street to Cul-de-sac; 141st Avenue, 60th Street to 61st Street, & 61st Street; 141st Avenue to 142nd Avenue 103rd Avenue, 52nd Street to 50th Street; 25th Street & 123rd Avenue, 122nd Avenue to Township Line; 4th Street, M-89 to 102nd Avenue; 8th Street, Riverview Drive to M-89; 2nd Division Street, Florence Street to 8th Avenue; 56th Street, Fennville City Limits to 128th Avenue; 126th Avenue, 58th Street to 56th Street; 128th Avenue, 56th Street, 130th Avenue, & 57th Street, 56th Street to 130th Avenue; 56th Street, 130th Avenue to Railroad Tracks; 120th Avenue, 8th Street to 6th Street; 6th Street, 119th Avenue to 120th Avenue; 132nd Av-

enue, 32nd Street to 30th Street; 34th Street, 130th Avenue to 132nd Avenue; 110th Avenue, 15th Street to the Township Line, & 15th Street; 110th Avenue to 111th Avenue Zak Road; Alivia Drive, & Mia Street south of 103rd Avenue; Kay Street; Howard Street, Ridge Street, & Ruby Street; 144th Avenue, 46th Street to 42nd Street.

Others include: 146th Avenue, 48th Street to 46th Street; 40th Street, 144th Avenue to 146th Avenue; Ottogon Street, 30th Street to 26th Street; 144th Avenue, 36th Street to 32nd Street; 140th Avenue, 26th Street to 24th Street; 133rd Avenue, Old Allegan Road to 60th Street; Elizabeth Street & Cemetery Road east of Holland Street 30th Street, 104th Avenue to 108th Avenue; 115th Avenue, 36th Street west to Pavement End.

COVID cases continue downward trend

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — The number of COVID-19 cases in Allegan County posted by health department officials coming into this week, was up to 10,827 cases and 139 deaths.

The total from the previous weeks was 10,640 cases and 136 deaths; 10,353 cases and 131 deaths; 10,015 cases and 126 deaths; 9,569 cases and 126 death; 8,985 cases and 120 deaths; 8,478 cases and 118 deaths; 8,048 cases with 118 deaths; 7,752 and 118 deaths; 7,557 and 118 deaths; 7,405 and 118 deaths; 7,298 and 118 deaths; 7,211 and 118 deaths; 7,145 and 115 deaths; 7,055 and 109 deaths; 6,918 and 106 deaths; 6,734 and 98 deaths; 6,491 and 92 deaths; 6,190 cases and 86 deaths; 5,865 cases with 72 deaths; 5,509 cases and 57 deaths, compared to 5,355 the week before, up dramatically from 4,955 and 4,496 the previous two weeks.

The week's totals before that was 3,870 and 3,348; preceded by 2,596, an increase of 752 in one week. The death count had risen by seven to 20.

The number of cases were 1,941; 1,503; 1,201 and 1,015 in previous weeks.

The number the week

before that was 901 cases and seven deaths.

The week before that, it was 815 cases and seven deaths.

Statewide, it's at 975,000 cases and 19,775 deaths.

The figures are 162,000 cases and 4,873 deaths in Wayne County; 116,000 cases and 2,305 deaths in Oakland County; 98,634 cases and 2,370 deaths for Macomb County and 98,634 confirmed cases and 813 deaths for Kent County.

In neighboring counties, it's 5,806 cases and 65 deaths in Barry County; 32,106 cases and 408 deaths in Ottawa County and 6,973 cases and 123 deaths in Van Buren County.

A USDA study provided by the Allegan County Health Department showed that only 1 percent of people washed their hands correctly before preparing food. Washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before preparing food can help prevent food poisoning, the health department points out.

COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

CITY OF WAYLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REMOTE MEETING Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Wayland shall hold a remote meeting to deliberate the following request on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Wayland City Hall, 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI.

1. A request for a variances from Marc Saladino and Wyatt Tubergen, interested parties, for relief from Section 20-501: Schedule of Regulations to create two nonconforming properties under 10,000 square feet for the purpose of constructing duplexes, as well as relief from the front yard setback requirements to place both structures closer than 30 feet from the front lot line at the property located at 648 Pine Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-56-650-009-00.

A copy of the application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair at Wayland City Hall, 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI 49348 or ask questions by calling City Hall at 269-792-2265. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

CITY OF WAYLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SAM DYKSTRA, CHAIRMAN
269-792-2265

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF A PLAN FOR THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) is providing an opportunity for input on the use of ARPA funds. Individuals may provide input by sending a communication in writing, by JUNE 30, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to:

County Administration
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ARPA Input
3283 122nd Avenue
Allegan, MI 49010

Communications submitted must contain: Name, Address, Phone Number, Input/Suggestion and cost estimate (if applicable).

For information on the ARPA, please visit www.naco.org/covid-19-recovery-clearinghouse. To review the Board's ARPA Plan Framework, Strategic Plan and other ARPA related information please visit www.allegancounty.org/arpa.

CITY OF ALLEGAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall hold Public Hearings on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Allegan City Hall, 231 Trowbridge, Allegan, Michigan to hear the following requests:

1. An application from Ken VanHorn, property owner of 879 Allegan Avenue, also known as parcel number 03-51-350-027-00, for relief from Section 605 of the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance to create a parcel smaller than 8100 square feet in the R-2 Zoning District.
2. Any other such business as properly comes before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

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

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ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS May 3, 2021

1. Board discussed: Well Head Protection; Gypsy Moth Control.
2. Board learned: building permits were pulled in April with three new homes.
3. Board approved payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$5,749.01.

Brandee Gillies,
Allegan Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GANGES ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: The residents and property owners of Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Ganges Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and regular meeting concerning two variance request applications on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th Street, Fennville.

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

Ernie Pappenheimer of Fennville MI has petitioned for a private road setback which requires the improved surface to be 25ft from an adjoining lot at TBD Forbidden Oak Dr (1446 60th St) 07-025-014-30. The existing drive to be a private road is close the north property line; approx 19ft of relief requested.

2082 70th St LLC of New York NY has petitioned for a setback variance to remodel and go up on a detached garage at 2082 Lakeshore Dr (0307-007-008-00). The required side setback is 15ft; request is for 14ft of relief.

Written documents may be submitted to the Clerk at 1904 64th Street, Fennville, MI 49408 up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing the related applications may examine a copy at the Ganges Township Hall by contacting the Clerk 269-543-8316 or the Zoning Administrator at 1-800-626-5964 during normal business hours.

Necessary and reasonable aids for disabled persons will made available with sufficient notice to the clerk. Social distancing will be practiced and masks/face covering will be required if you attend the meeting.

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Zippering across the Kalamazoo River in Downtown Allegan

Allegan Event's Zip Line will be opening for the season on Saturday, May 29. For those not familiar with Allegan Event's Riverfront Zip Line, it is a thrilling outdoor adventure experience located on Riverfront Plaza in beautiful, downtown Allegan, Michigan. Guests climb the zip tower staircase on the north tower to the 45 foot high platform, then with an operator's assistance, step off and soar through the open air on our 600-foot outdoor zip line spanning the Kalamazoo River. Once guests land on the south tower platform, they head up a couple more steps and prepare for a return flight back over the river!

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County not happy that broadband vetoed

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN – Allegan County officials have been looking for ways to expand broadband services. But county commission chairman Jim Storey said Governor Whitmer vetoed legislation authored by Allegan County's state senator, Aric Nesbitt, that would have awarded personal property tax incentives to companies expanding broadband service in rural, underserved, or unserved areas. "In short, it would have encouraged companies such as Bloomingdale Communications, Great Lakes Energy, and other smaller providers to step up efforts to expand service in our county," Storey said in his monthly newsletter. "In her veto, the Governor said her treasury depart-

ment employees were unable to determine how to apply the tax incentive as written in the bill. She also cited its supposed lack of application to tribal nations. The personal property tax applies only to business and industry and not residential properties. "Previously, the Governor vetoed a bill authored by Rep. Beth Griffin of Van Buren county that offered similar tax incentives to spur broadband expansion. While both federal and state administrations keep saying they are for broadband expansion in rural areas, the most disadvantaged in the digital divide, it is not yet apparent from their respective actions. The feds are still struggling to define and deliver broadband stimulus money contained in the American Rescue Plan signed into law in early March."

County board reviews new ORV

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN – The Allegan County Board of Commissioners dealt with four key issues at its meeting last Thursday. During the May 13 Board of Commissioners meeting, four significant issues were considered and advanced: Chairman Jim Storey said an Off-Road-Vehicle ordinance that would allow ORVs on many county roads was reviewed line-by-line and will be brought at a public hearing at the board's June 10 meeting. "As finally composed, the ordinance would allow ORVs to operate on county roads, except those exempted by the road

commission and individual township action," Storey wrote in his weekly report. "Active consideration of allowing ORV's on county roads, as is permitted in 65 Michigan counties, has been pressed by enthusiasts over the last year." The county is considering how to use American Rescue Plan expenditures from the federal government. "It will not be approved until the Board hears from county citizens of their ideas for the use of the \$23 million expected to be received by the county," Storey said. "Though the feds continue to work on allowed use regulations, a number of ideas have been forwarded already.

The Board set a deadline of June 30 to receive proposals." Storey added county residents have benefitted from the more than 150 volunteers who have staffed the regional COVID vaccine clinics since December. "These community-minded residents have allowed literally thousands of doses of the vaccine to be injected into residents and thereby helped speed the return to normalcy so many desire," Storey said. "The board approved in concept the idea of recognizing these volunteers for their service and will receive a proposal from the

administration and emergency services departments at its May 27 meeting. The board, Storey added, OKed a COVID local emergency order last November that allowed for the rapid build-up of activities including COVID clinics. "It also specifically allowed public bodies, such as the BOC, to lawfully comply with the Open Meetings Act using remote technology such as Zoom," Storey said. "The order expires June 30 unless extended. At its Thursday meeting, the board tabled until June 10 the question of extending the order."

Valley Township Spring Clean-up Day 2021

The Valley Township resident's annual Spring Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Hicks' Property 4726 118th Avenue by Round Lake.

Hours are 9am-5pm.

Approx. 1 mile west of DNR office, Round Lake area - south side of road.

Not accepted: Paint cans, yard waste, old cabinet t.v.s, burn barrels, household garbage.

Accepted: Refrigerators, stoves, washers, small appliances, old furniture and unwanted household items, limit of 2 tires (must be on rims)

Please note: We are unable to get more dumpsters in the afternoon due to Republic's Saturday hours. Once the afternoon dumpsters are full, they cannot accept any more.

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS COUNTY LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M., Local Time, June 2, 2021, and, at such time, be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

PROJECT NO. 4055 & 4056 – 0.49 miles of roadway reconstruction on 37th Street from 139th Avenue to 140th Avenue and 0.25 miles of roadway reconstruction on 141st Avenue from 40th Street to the east in Overisel Township, Allegan County. Reconstruction will include clearing, grade establishment, sand subbase, aggregate base, cross culvert replacement, and restoration.

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

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

A bid deposit of at least 5% of the bid amount will be required for this item. The bid deposit may be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

John Kleinheksel, Chairman
James Rybicki, Vice-Chairman
Larry Brown, Member

NEERKEN'S PLAT DRAIN NOTICE DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Wednesday, June 2, 2021
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: ACDC Office - 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010 Michigan
QUESTIONS: (269) 673-0440

The Allegan County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments on the above date, time and location.

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionment of benefit for each parcel and municipality within the Drainage District.

The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions to the apportionments where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the date of the day of review at Allegan County Drain Commissioner, 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010 or Drain@allegancounty.org, or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the day of review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the day of review to ensure consideration.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Allegan County Probate Court within ten (10) days after the day of review.

The following is a list of any county, township, city, village to be assessed at large:

Allegan County and Fillmore Township

The following additional information can be found on the Drain Commissioner's website at <http://cms.allegancounty.org/sites/Office/Drain/SitePages/Projects-Current.aspx>.

- A description and map of the lands constituting the drainage district found in the Final Order of Determination document.
- The Notice of Letting that includes: <http://cms.allegancounty.org/sites/Office/Drain/SitePages/Projects-Current.aspx>.
- Number and length of sections, the average width of each section, and if the drain will be closed, the amount and specifications of all tile or pipe required;
- Location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any; and
- Conditions upon which the contract will be awarded.

Dated: May 11, 2021
Denise Medemar
Allegan County Drain Commissioner

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Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

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BIG LAKE DRAIN NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND THE DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

This Notice is regarding the Big Lake Drain, located in Watson Township, Allegan County, Michigan and is being made to inform all affected or interested parties that the Allegan County Drain Commissioner is adjourning the Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for the Big Lake Drain Drainage District and is also adjourning the Day of Review of Apportionments for the Big Lake Drain.

The Allegan County Drain Commissioner had previously published notice for both Days of Review to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's office on May 25, 2021. This Notice of Adjournment cancels these Days of Review on that particular day and adjourns them for a future date, time and place. This Notice of Adjournment is being made to allow the Drain Commissioner time to carefully reconsider and review bids and the overall scope of work for the petitioned Drain project.

Additional published notice and first-class mail or personal service will be made to inform all affected parties of when the new Date, Time and Place will be for the adjourned Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and the adjourned Day of Review of Apportionments, both for the Big Lake Drain.

Dated: May 13, 2021
Denise Medemar
Allegan County Drain Commissioner

FOR THE RECORD

PEEK AT THE PAST

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

May 17, 1946
Plans made for Memorial Day: Plans for a Memorial Day parade and services in Allegan were outlined at a meeting of the Legion Thursday night in the Legion home here. Carl Schweikert was named general chairman for the day. It was announced that all patriotic organizations have been invited to Memorial Day Sunday services at the Congregational Church on May 26.

The Veterans Organizations of Allegan cordially invite all organizations to take part in the Memorial Day parade and services. Any neighboring community not having a program of their own is also invited and urged to take part.

More than a hundred planes of the Michigan Dawn Patrol are scheduled to visit Allegan's airport to open a daylong Memorial Day "Air Pageant" which will include stunt flying and rides—ending with the presentation to the winner of an airplane in the evening.

May 20, 1971
Allegan Fair gets Michigan Futurity Races: Plans for the 119th annual Allegan County Fair were unveiled this week at a meeting of directors and community leaders.

The spring dinner meeting is held each year to "iron out any problems which might stem from the various special events involving schools and communities of the county," according to fair president Weldon Rumery.

The session also provides a forum for department heads planning changes and new programs and has tradi-



The newly revamped Hendriksen family (from left): Nancy, Dan and Hannah of Allegan smiled happily outside of the Allegan County Building May 9 despite a bomb threat which closed the building for the day and could have delayed Hannah's final adoption hearing. Probate Judge George Greig was quick to find a nearby parking lot where the adoption could be completed without delay.

tionally provided the stage for announcement of the fair's top attractions for the fall event.

Two highlights of this year's fair—Sept. 11 to 18—were announced in the meeting.

Speed Secretary John Campbell revealed that Allegan had been awarded the Michigan Futurity races. Michigan-owned 2 and 3-year-old trotters and pacers will be competing for a total of \$38,000 in purses, according to Campbell.

Bit plans also were announced for the fair's first "Ladies' Day" on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Mrs. Richard Holland, of Allegan—active in recent years in the county-wide "Homemaker of the Year" contest—will be in charge of a full afternoon of special events of interest to women.

May 16, 1996
Adoption help despite bomb threat: With Mothers' Day just three days away, Nancy Hendriksen was disappointed to learn

that the threat of a non-existent bomb would delay the final adoption procedure of the baby she had called her own since birth.

Nancy and her husband Dan had tried for 10 years to have a baby of their own. Finally, less than one year ago, little Hannah came into their life. For nine long months, the new Allegan-area family waited for Hannah's adoption to be complete.

When they finally arrived at the Allegan County

Courthouse on May 9 with four grandparents in tow for the final adoption, the courthouse had been closed for the entire day due to a bomb threat.

"We're a little disappointed," Dan Hendriksen said as he waited on the corner of Trowbridge and Chestnut for his wife to return from her search for Probate Court Judge George Greig, who was to proceed over the hearing.

DEATHS

April 24, 2021
 Guyla Joyce Bouwman, 91, Holland Twp.
April 26, 2021
 Jacqueline Rose Welton, 94, Manlius Twp.
April 27, 2021
 Earl Junior Silvis, 92, Wayland
April 28, 2021
 William Louis Sebright, 81, Allegan Twp.
April 30, 2021
 Kenneth Jay Morrell, 77, Otsego Twp.
May 1, 2021
 Carol Lynn Dagostino, 64, Dorr Twp.
May 4, 2021
 Leo August Smith, 92, Dorr Twp.

Patricia Luella Leone, 87, Plainwell
Thelma Lorraine Brower, 92, Health Twp.
Kay Jacqueline Courtney, 86, Grand Rapids
May 5, 2021
 Marlene Ann Ohst, 66, Trowbridge Twp.
May 6, 2021
 Betty Marie Catlin, 92, Grand Rapids
 Karl Edwin Vanderlaan, 86, Ada Twp.
May 7, 2021
 William Mauchmar, 88, Wayland
May 9, 2021
 Eloise Bernadine Stout, 93, Holland
Lucas Randall Binkowski, Wayland
and Meghan Bradley Nash, Wayland

The disappointment in their faces soon turned to joy, however, as the family met with Greig on that same corner and he ushered the family up the street to a nearly parking lot with a little less noise and more privacy to complete the adoption.

Greig said this was his first adoption hearing ever held outside of his courtroom.

May 12, 2016
School's holistic approach shows progress: On principal Laura Feffer's Twitter page, she is holding a sign that spells out why her close-knit staff wants to teach students at Allegan Alternative High School.

"Because every young person deserves a second chance to complete their high school education in an environment filled with love and positivity," it says.

But how do teachers get students invested in academics who are loaded down with negative experiences

in the classroom, often carrying issues from broken homes or burdened with a major crisis?

Calling it "the elephant in the room," the staff decided on was to treat the students as "a whole" with a Mind, Body and Spirit initiative. To initiate the concept with limited resources and only four core teachers, community involvement was key.

A \$6,000 grant from The Delano Foundation in 2015 not only set the new initiative in motion at the beginning of the school year, but other outreach services have jumped on board since.

It has featured guest speakers, guest artists, increased extra-curricular activities and a new partnership with Pathways counseling services.

Now knocking on the door to commencement, the number of missed classroom hours has dwindled from 247 to 30.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

MARRIAGES

The following people applied for a marriage license between May 5 and May 11:

Abraham L. Shetler, Grand Junction, and Mary D. Coblenz, Grand Junction
Katherine Marie Rouster, Allegan, and Steven Craig Blank, Allegan
Regina May Holben, Wayland, and Nathan Luke Vonrossum, Wayland
Jason Thomas Shangle, Hamilton, and Jessica Marie Eurich, Hamilton
Samantha Drew Ellis, Allegan, and Tyler Steven Adams, Zeeland
Makenna Rae Bell, Wayland, and Nathaniel James Garrow, Wayland
Caleb Allen Hawkins, Plainwell, and Elizabeth Anne Bosch, Kalamazoo
Samantha Ann Merren, Dorr, and Joshua Patric Berry, Dorr
Lindsey Ann Post, Shelbyville, and Charles Dean Armstrong, Shelbyville
Ashley Lynn Singleton, Allegan, and Jaylee Marks Webb, Allegan
Kenneth Michael Thompson, Wayland, and Amy Sue Larkin, Wayland
Lucas Randall Binkowski, Wayland, and Meghan Bradley Nash, Wayland

Justin Emmitt Purser, Otsego, and Breanna Shay Newton, Otsego
Sabrina Jo Reou, Allegan, and Hagan Ray Brown, Otsego
April Ann Yates, Hamilton, and Peter Ian Lobbes, Hamilton
Samantha Mae Tilma, Allegan, and Dallas John Dickson, Allegan
Martin Gerard Nagel, Caledonia, and Debra Jean Vansolkema, Byron Center
Anna Danielle Brenner, Hopkins, and Clarissa Lynne Blazek, Plainwell
Hannah Marie Bowman, Otsego, and Isaac Henry Grauman, Otsego
Mari Nate Stuppy, Fennville, and Jerry Paul Lemmons Jr, Fennville
Samantha Jo Irwin, Dorr, and Aaron Thomas Saunders, Flint
Ronald Lee Harrison, Hopkins, and Cora Ann Jansma, Brooklyn Park, MN
James Edward Decarlos Keaton, Plainwell, and Tai Leisha El, Plainwell
Richelle Kelsey Whalen, Otsego, and Casey Michael Strong, Otsego
Leah Marie Cassel, Plainwell, and Matthew Thomas Mitchell, Plainwell
Megan Elizabeth Coleman, Plainwell, and Ryan James Bruggink, Wayland

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Margaret Zuzich Bakker handed down the following decisions on May 3:

James Jaruo Anderegg, 20, of Otsego, was sentenced to 9 months in jail with 17 days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing attempt. Anderegg was ordered to pay \$425 in court costs and fees. No probation term ordered.

Brandon John-Frank Graff, 26, of Gobles, was sentenced to 3 days in jail with 3 days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing and 3 days in jail with 3 days credit for domestic violence. Graff was ordered to pay \$648 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation, Graff must participate in assessments and treatment as directed, complete domestic violence/batterer intervention and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

Herman Floyd Hammond Jr., 53, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced to 13 days in jail with 4 days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing and habitual offender - third offense notice. Hammond was ordered to pay \$298 in court costs and fees. Hammond was ordered to pay \$298 in court costs and fees. As part of 12 months probation, Hammond is to serve remaining jail time in the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

Danny Lee Jones, 35, of Plainwell, was sentenced to 7 days in jail with 7 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine attempt. Jones was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. Probation is continued. Jones to enter and complete Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program.

Vanessa Anne Phillips, 39, of Marne, was sentenced to 334 days in jail with 334 days credit for controlled substance use (narcotic/cocaine/methamphetamine/ecstasy). Phillips was ordered to pay \$125 in court costs and fees. No probation term ordered.

In a separate case, Phillips was sentenced to 318 days

in jail with 318 days credit for bond - absconding or forfeiting attempt. Phillips was ordered to pay \$298 in court costs and fees. No probation term ordered.

Lewis Ray Pruitt, 60, of Charlevoix, was sentenced to no jail time for weapons use -- self-defense spray or foam device. Pruitt was ordered to pay \$425 in court costs and fees. No probation. Weapon is forfeited.

Haley Loraine Ragland, 24, of Three Rivers, was sentenced to 30 days in jail with 2 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and 2 days in jail with 2 days credit for retail fraud second degree. Ragland was ordered to pay \$548 in court costs and fees. Balance of jail time to be served in the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program.

Taylor P. Stinson, 32, of Rockford, Ill., was sentenced to 2 days in jail with 2 days credit for assault or assault and battery and 2 days in jail with 2 days credit for assault or assault and battery. Stinson was ordered to pay \$1,175 in court costs and fees including \$500 restitution. As part of 18 months probation, Stinson must perform 40 hours community service and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

Judge Roberts A. Kengis handed down the following decisions on May 3:

Jacob Alexander Brew, 28, of Holland, was sentenced to 45 days in jail with 1 day credit for embezzlement - agent or trustee \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000. Brew was ordered to pay \$3,365 in court costs and fees including \$2,967 restitution. As part of 24 months probation, Brew must complete cognitive behavioral therapy/moral reconnection therapy program, participate in assessments and treatment as directed and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees. Brew to serve 5 days of jail time in the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program.

Raymond Christopher Hicks, 26, of Pullman, was sentenced to 20 days in jail with 2 days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/

obstructing. Hicks was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. No probation term ordered. Hicks to serve balance of jail time in the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program.

Timothy Michael Jankowiak, 32, of Otsego, was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 21 days credit for controlled substances - possession (narcotic or cocaine) less than 25 grams and habitual offender - second offense notice. Jankowiak was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 30 months probation, Jankowiak may have early release to the Twin County Community Probation Program and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

Jeremy Nathaniel McMahan, 39, of Jackson, was sentenced to a minimum of 86 months in prison to a maximum of 15 years in prison with 895 days credit for criminal sexual conduct - second degree (person under 13, defendant 17 years of age or older) and 730 days in prison with 730 days credit for child abuse - third degree. McMahan was ordered to pay \$266 in court costs and fees.

Jose Ortiz, 38, of Holland, was sentenced to 210 days in jail with 1 day credit for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder attempt. Ortiz was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 24 months probation,

Ortiz to be placed on 120 days Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor upon release from jail, complete mental health treatment and domestic/batterer intervention treatment and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees, \$60 while on tether.

In a separate case, Ortiz was sentenced to 60 days in jail with 4 days credit for police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing. Ortiz was ordered to pay \$198 in court costs and fees. No probation term ordered.

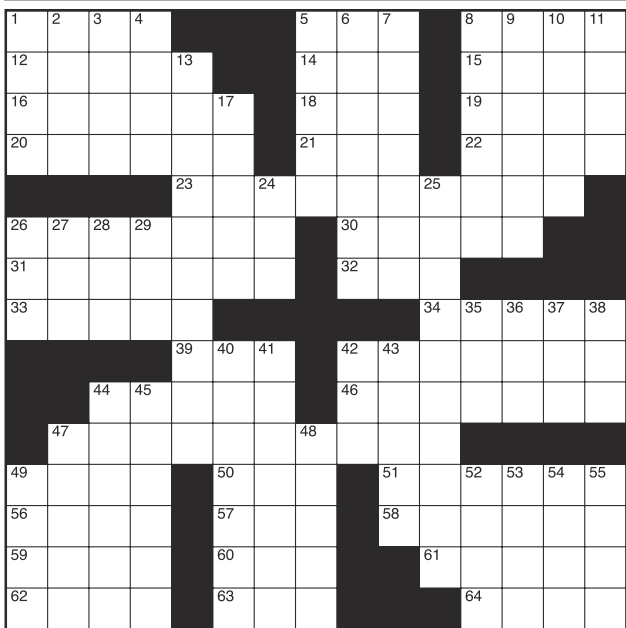
Devon John Schnyders, 26, of Portage, was sentenced to 10 days in jail with 3 days credit for knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance methamphetamine and habitual offender - third offense notice. Schnyders was ordered to pay \$498 in court costs and fees. As part of 18 months probation, Schnyders may serve the balance of jail time in the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Community Service Program and pay \$30 per month probation supervision fees.

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

Sentences are concurrent unless noted.

Listings compiled by correspondent Jim Hayden

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- A group of sheep
- Of she
- This (Spanish)
- A type of sorcery
- A team's best pitcher
- Port in southern Japan
- Makes very happy
- Trigonometric unit of measurement
- From a distance
- Winged nut
- Consumed
- 'Heat' director
- In all places
- Made improvements to
- St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
- A type of 'seat'
- Wood
- A brief treatise on a subject of interest

- Approval
- Basics
- Where judges sit
- W. African religion
- Commentators
- Having many different functions
- Member of a Semitic people
- Flightless, fast-running bird
- After the seventh
- Small N. Zealand tree
- Health care pro (abbr.)
- Playground mainstay
- Expressing relief
- Records brain activity (abbr.)
- Fishing net
- Beer
- Tooth caregiver
- Japanese beverage

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Level: Intermediate
 (See Solution Page B7)

CLUES DOWN

- Garden tools
- Early Syrian kingdom
- 500 sheets of paper
- Information
- Beloved comic strip character
- Distinct form of a plant
- Replenishment
- Semitransparent glassy substance
- Expedition to observe animals
- One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- Obtain in return for labor
- Inheritable genetically
- One who rescues
- Doctor of Education
- Liberal arts
- Shock treatment
- Disfigure
- When you hope to get

- there
- Peacock network
- Part of (abbr.)
- The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- Not just 'play'
- Former CIA
- Reduced to a sloping edge
- Restricted the development of
- Sciences degree
- Sea eagles
- Saturated
- Joints
- Sailing boat
- Respiratory organs
- Artists use them
- Disco act: Bee ___
- First Chinese dynasty
- Intentionally lose
- Muslim people of China

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 17, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Claire E. Sommer, a married woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): UBS Bank USA

Date of Mortgage: January 28, 2013

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 17, 2013

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$643,506.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Casco, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: THAT PART OF LOTS 4 THROUGH 8, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 1, THAT PART OF LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, BLOCK 3, AND THAT PART OF VACATED BLUFF ROAD AND VACATED SOUTH LAKE LANE IN THE PLAT OF HOLLYWOOD BY THE LAKE, ON THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, CASCO TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1, THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 16' WEST 123.10 FEET ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 8, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56' EAST 238.97 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PLAT TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10 OF BLOCK 3, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 04' WEST 95.0 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 10 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56' WEST 34 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 10 AND 11, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 04' WEST 10 FEET TO CENTER LINE OF SOUTH LAKE LANE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56' WEST 64.50 FEET ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF VACATED SOUTH LAKE LANE TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOT 4 OF BLOCK 1, THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 04' WEST 110.49 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING

Common street address (if any): 997 Lake St, South Haven, MI 49090

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

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

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 13, 2021

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(05-13)(06-03)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 21062790 DA
Estate of KENNETH JOHNSON,
DECEASED

Date of birth: 03/28/1951
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KENNETH JOHNSON, died APRIL 9, 2020

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ESTHER JOHNSON, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 CHESTNUT STREET, ALLEGAN and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

MAY 12, 2021
Kelly L. Page P24787
203 S. Niles
Paw Paw, MI 49079
269-657-5591

ESTHER JOHNSON
1717 51ST STREET
FENNVILLE MI 49408
269-561-2180

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
CASE NO. 21-63983-NC and
JUDGE Michael L. Buck P27674
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
Court telephone no. 269-673-0300

Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010

In the matter of JASON DAVID MENDEZ LIRA

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on JUNE 21, 2021 @9:15am at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010 before Judge Hon. Michael L. Buck P27674 to change the name of: JASON DAVID MENDEZ LIRA to JASON DAVID MENDEZ PENIA

COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Trust

In the Matter of The Gene and Joan Overway Revocable Family Trust Under Agreement dated January 22, 2008, amended May 13, 2015

Eugene Earl Overway was the surviving grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was July 9, 1930.

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Eugene Earl Overway, who lived at 280 West 40th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, died April 13, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the above-referred Trust will be forever barred unless presented to David Overway, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date of Publication:
Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Jessica Arends P75919
321 Settlers Rd., P.O. Box 1767
Holland, MI 49422
(616) 392-1821

David Overway
5318 Sand Drive
West Olive, MI 49460
(616) 399-3451

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 2021-62836-DE
Estate of Rudell Lynn Broekhuis
Date of Birth: July 10, 1953
TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rudell Lynn Broekhuis, died February 24, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diane Kay Broekhuis, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Jeffrey K. Helder P30260
321 Settlers Road
Address Address
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821

Diane Kay Broekhuis
2297 Lakeshore Drive
Fennville, MI 49408
(616) 403-0011

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
CASE NO. 21-63996-NC and
JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK P27674

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
Court address 113 CHESTNUT ST., ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
Court telephone no. 269-673-0532

In the matter of Jessica Sue Ann Salisbury, Mackenzie Jane Mari Burd, Saske John Holtman, Maddison Sue Lynn Holtman

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 2021-21062923-DE
Estate of Ward Arthur Kortz Date of Birth: 08/15/1944

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ward Arthur Kortz, died 12/07/2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Judy Kortz, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal

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COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 21-62875-DE
In the Matter of: Gloria Wobma, Deceased

Date of Birth: September 7, 1933
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Gloria Wobma, Deceased, who lived at 3276 10th Street, Wayland, MI 49348, died December 24, 2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James Wobma, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, Michigan 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Allegan County). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236 MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County (at the front door of the Courthouse in Allegan, Michigan), starting promptly at 9 o'clock A.M. on June 17, 2021. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Lance E. Windham and Olga Windham, husband and wife, as original mortgagors, to Howard W. Windham as Trustee of the Howard W. Windham Trust dated December 18, 1995, as original mortgagee, dated January 1, 2015, and recorded on April 15, 2015, at the Allegan County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 3919, Page 79, Document Number:

2015006927. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, is \$147,885.73. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Salem, in the County of Allegan, and State of Michigan further described as follows: That part of the Northwest of Section 11, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 01 seconds East 1316.17 feet along the North line of said Section; thence South 00 degree 00 minutes 59 seconds East 585.95 feet along the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of said Northwest 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 59 seconds East 208.0 feet along said East line; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds West 420.0 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 59 seconds West 208.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East 420.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with a non exclusive easement for ingress and egress over the East 66 feet of the Northwest 1/4, Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan. Commonly known as: 4570 Sutter Memorial Drive,

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By G C Stoppel

Chapter 10 in the Book of Acts tells the story of Peter's rooftop vision while waiting the dinner gong. He was tired, hungry, and fell asleep. While asleep he had this vision of a table cloth being lowered from heaven that was laden with both kosher (clean) and non-kosher food. At first Peter didn't want to want to eat anything because the close proximity of the non-kosher food contaminated everything. Then, God made it clear - eat; it comes from God; it is all good.

This vision led to Peter's realization that the Gentiles should not be excluded from the Christian community, and that they were not 'unclean' as he had always been taught to believe, ever since he was a child. Meanwhile, Cornelius, a Roman Gentile, turned up at the front door, wishing to be admitted to the home of a Jew.

Both of them were taking a risk.

The true miracle of this passage is one of open hearts and open minds. God told both Peter and Cornelius to open their heart and mind to new possibilities of what He wanted to show them. Both men, along with the others in the house, were being hustled out of their comfort zone of the past.

It is a challenge we experience all the time. If anything, we are experiencing it far more often than in the past because technology, politics, and our understanding of our relationships with other people constantly change. Change is rarely easy for individuals, churches, or the human race. Often, when we are confronted by change the easiest thing to do is hunker down behind ancient barricades.

How often have you heard someone moan, "But we've never done THAT before?" or its counterpart, "But we've ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY!" That is generally a sure-fire way to end debate and explore new ideas and possibilities. Far more importantly, how many

times have we, as individuals, responded the same way?

Half a century ago as a religion major in college, our professor, Dr. Robert Jewett, was leading a discussion on the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. Someone objected when he suggested that perhaps Solomon did not write all of the Proverbs, because that was what he had been taught in Sunday school. Dr. Jewett very gently explained that a college class on the Old Testament would not always agree with everything we had previously heard and learned. The student exploded, "But that is what my pastor taught!" A second time, Dr. Jewett asked if he would be willing to consider other possibilities. Sadly, the student was not willing, and stormed out of the classroom.

New ideas, whether for the people in this chapter from the Book of Acts, or for us, can be challenging. Fortunately, in addition to Scripture, we can also turn to other gifts that God has graciously given us - tradition, reason, and inspiration/revelation.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
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