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Old mural gets new home, new panel

BCRHM sets
dedication
for Aug. 15

(Artist Conrad Kaufman
photo by Kurt Thornton)



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Despite COVID-19, we look forward to a positive school year full of learning and discovery. In tough times, Bearcats come together and we are stronger than ever.

If Michigan remains in phase 4 of its reopening plan (the current phase), BCPS plans to begin the year with in-person schooling for grades K–5 and fully remote schooling for grades 6–12. If Michigan reverts back to phase 3, all schooling will be done remotely.

Technology Access for Every Student

BCPS has made an additional investment in Google Chromebooks to ensure that there is a device for every student. More information about technology distribution is coming soon.

BCPS will offer an all-online Virtual Academy option for families who would like their children to only participate in school online for at least the first semester of the school year.

This offering will be largely self-guided and self-paced and/or parent or guardian supported, unlike the remote learning that will take place for all 6–12 students to begin the school year.

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Reopening Roadmap At-A Glance

Safety protocols will no longer be required in phase 6.

As of the time of printing, Michigan is in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start plan. Unless this changes prior to the start of the school year, we will plan to begin school following the plan outlined under Phase 4 below.

	Phase 1 - 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
Overview	Schools will not be open for in-person instruction; all schools will offer remote learning.	<p>Grades K-5: Will return to in-person school full time, on a regular basis (5 days a week).</p> <p>Grades 6-12: Will engage in remote learning for at least the first nine weeks; engaging in live remote lessons with their assigned teachers 5 days per week based upon each student’s course schedule.</p>	All students in all schools (K-12) will return to in-person school full time, 5 days a week.
Special Needs Students	Schools will not be open for in-person instruction; all schools will offer remote learning.	Students with critical special needs, as determined by the school, may participate in appointment-based in-person learning, or also return to in-person school full time (regardless of the grade level).	All in-person schooling will resume for all students, including special needs students.
Virtual Option	All Phases: A Virtual Academy option is available for all families with students in grades K-12 who prefer for their children to attend school remotely for the full school year.		
Face Coverings	Schools closed for in-person learning.	Face coverings are required for all students and staff at all times, except during meals.	Face coverings are required for all students and staff at all times, except during meals.
Gatherings	Schools closed for in-person learning.	Field trips and other gatherings suspended. School buildings closed to family members and guests.	Gatherings and building visitation permitted with additional safety protocols including social distancing and limitation of group size.
Transportation	Schools closed and no transportation provided.	Transportation provided for K-5 students, with facial coverings and use of hand sanitizer required.	Transportation provided for K-12 students with use of hand sanitizer and facial coverings highly recommended.
Nutrition and Food Service	Meals are provided for pickup at sites across the community.	<p>For K-5 students attending school in person, school meals will be served in buildings.</p> <p>Pickup sites will remain open for grab-and-go meals throughout the community.</p>	<p>School meals will be served in buildings with strict safety protocols.</p> <p>Community meal pickup will end.</p>

*Grab-and-Go meal distribution subject to state and federal approval.



Note: Battle Creek Public Schools will continue to consult with public health officials throughout each phase of the reopening plan to monitor critical health milestones and determine whether any adjustments are needed.

B.C. Regional History Museum to dedicate mural Aug. 15

By Kurt Thornton

Special to the Shopper News

The community is being invited to the Battle Creek Regional History Museum dedication of the Battle Creek Historical Mural, created by Conrad Kaufman, on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m.

The mural was created by Kaufman in 2008 to decorate the exterior of the Fredrick R. Brydges Port of Entry in the Fort Custer Industrial Park. The mural was visible to travelers driving on Dickman Road through the industrial park.

"Battle Creek Unlimited

[BCU] originally commissioned the mural, and we decided on an 'industrial heritage of Battle Creek' theme," said Kaufman.

The mural remained at the Port of Entry until 2019, when BCU enlarged and remodeled its building.

BCU generously donated the mural to the history museum, and the Battle Creek Community Foundation provided the grant money to transfer the mural to the west side of the museum, near the parking lot.

The museum is located at 307 W. Jackson St., in Battle Creek.

The colorful, acrylic-painted mural includes depictions of farms, railroad cars, soldiers at Camp/Fort Custer, steam tractors, the Seventh-day Adventist Tabernacle, the Federal Center, factory workers producing cereal, hot air balloons, airplanes, a truck shipping manufactured goods and a home with family members.

As part of its installation at the museum, Kaufman was asked to create an additional panel featuring early Native Americans and their lives. That panel will be unveiled as part of the dedication program.

Kaufman was raised in Bangor, Mich., and attended Western Michigan University and created his own business, Fence Row Studio, in Galesburg.

He has created more than 300 murals throughout the Midwest.

In Battle Creek, they include murals on the former Habitat for Humanity store on West Michigan Avenue, the mural wall on the Battle Creek River, next to Willard Library, and a museum wall history display at Bronson Battle Creek.

As part of the dedication program, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi tribe will be included, and will be providing entertainment.



Mural artist Conrad Kaufman and Battle Creek Regional History Museum Board President Doug Sturdivant stand in front of the Battle Creek Historical Mural, which will be dedicated Saturday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m.

The Battle Creek Regional History Museum has been developing the museum facility to creatively tell the story of the

region's history.

The mural will be an exterior symbol of the mission of the museum, which is "Giving local

history a future."

The public is asked to wear protective masks and practice social distancing.

Due to rising cases, new order limits indoor gatherings

On July 29, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-160 and Executive Order 2020-161, amending Michigan's Safe Start Order and issuing revised workplace safeguards.

Under the Safe Start Order, starting July 31 statewide, indoor gatherings will be limited to 10 people, and bars will be closed for indoor service across the state, including in Regions 6 and 8.

"As we see COVID-19 cases continue to rise, Michiganders cannot afford to drop our guard. We must take every step possible to save lives, protect the brave men and women on the front lines, and avoid overwhelming our health care system while we continue to combat COVID-19," Whitmer said in Lansing. "After seeing a resurgence in cases connected to social gatherings across the state, we must further limit gatherings for the health of our community and economy. By taking these strong actions, we will be better positioned to get our children back into classrooms and avoid a potentially devastating second wave."

COVID-19's resurgence is closely associated with super-spreading events at large social gatherings, often attended by young people, the governor's office said.

An outbreak at a Lansing bar

has resulted in 187 infections; more than 50 cases have been linked to a single house party in Saline; and a sand bar party at Torch Lake over the July 4 weekend led to at least 43 confirmed cases.

Therefore, Executive Order 2020-160 limits statewide indoor gatherings to 10 people or less and, across most of the state, limits outdoor gatherings to 100. (The outdoor gathering limits will remain at 250 in Regions 6 and 8.)

Executive Order 2020-160 also orders that bars in every region, including those in Regions 6 and 8, must close for

indoor service if they earn more than 70 percent of their gross receipts from sales of alcoholic beverages.

Under the governor's orders, Detroit casinos will also be allowed to open on Aug. 5, but their occupancy will be limited to 15 percent capacity.

Casinos must also, among other things, conduct a daily entry screening protocol for customers and employees and temperature screening.

Casinos must require patrons to wear a face covering, except while eating or drinking or for identification purposes.



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Col. Walker continues service after retirement

Shelly Sulser
Executive Editor

Frank Walker is always referred to as "colonel" even though it's been 10 years since he retired from the United States Air Force Air National Guard (ANG), a job that became his passion, and, a calling that keeps him serving.

"I just feel that a lot of people helped me along the way," said Walker of his nearly 70 years of life, "serving on a board, and in the military and in the community is a way of me helping to pay back those who helped me."

Whenever there is a military related public event, it's Col. Frank Walker who is either the

Community Heroes

Citizens who consistently make a difference



Col. Frank Walker (USAF retired) remains an in-demand public speaker and loves every minute of it, he said. Walker continues to make sure that senior veterans are not forgotten and ignored by holding events in their honor where they live.

keynote speaker or master of ceremonies, a role he continues to be happy to fill.

"I'm always flattered and honored," he said, "when they ask this crusty old colonel to speak. Yeah, I do it for a living and the price is free. It's just one of those things I never went out

to do but it's evolved over the years. I speak and for one reason or another, they call me back year after year."

Just last week, he hosted a social distanced event for senior veterans of The Heritage, Reflections Memory Care and Lakeview Senior Living to which the public was not invited due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that is especially hard on seniors.

As a honorary member of The Hooligans Flight Team, Walker was able to arrange for a flyover, he said.

And, the American Legion Riders Post 298, the Iron Horse Riders and Patriot Guard rode through on their motorcycles in honor of the senior veterans.

Last year, Walker not only held a large gathering for those veterans at The Heritage, but also at the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility (CCMCF) which this year has been hit hard by virus spread among residents and staff.

So this year, he asked the Hooligans to fly over those resident veterans, some of whom he said were able to go outside and wave to the pilots.

"The pandemic has obviously changed a lot," he said. "Because a lot of the events we

were going to do for the military and at Ft. Custer, I did get the flyover for that. I went out and the Hooligans did a flyover on Memorial Day. A lot of events have been canceled and people have to live with that."

That's why, he said, last week's event for the senior veterans was so important to him: He knows their families can't visit them in person except through a window.

Many get no visitors at all.

"As folks get older, people kind of forget, they don't mean to, we live our lives, we have our families and we go on," he said of their elders. "We procrastinate. But it's important for me to say, 'hey, you're not forgotten...I'll be a voice for you.'"

Although he spoke at the July 18 Talons Out Honor Flight fund raiser at JB Whiskey's Old Style Grill in Springfield, he also plans to speak at their next fund raiser at Turkeyville USA, Wednesday, Aug. 12, he said.

"I'll be narrating for the Hooligans and I'll probably be asked to speak for the military," said Walker, who wears a mask while in public, he said.

Walker has lost some acquaintances to the virus, he said, and knows people who have tested positive and urges people to be concerned about contracting it themselves.

"I'm very concerned about anybody that's vulnerable," he said. "I would say, if you're doctor is concerned, you should be concerned. I've lost a few friends and know some that are sick. I shy away from the political aspects. I'm not a doctor and

I'm going to continue to pray for everybody and hope it passes and we get a vaccine or whatever. And, I just ask, don't judge people because they do wear a mask or don't wear a mask. I'm a law abiding citizen so I do what the governor asks me to do."

Born in Battle Creek in 1950, Walker attended and graduated Battle Creek Public Schools, then attended Kellogg Community College, graduating in 1968 at the same time the Vietnam War was starting.

He later went on to get his bachelor's degree in resource management from Spring Arbor College.

"A lot was happening, my mother passed and it was just my dad and he didn't want me to join," Walker recalls. "So I joined the Air National Guard so I could go and come back."

Walker said he always wanted to serve in the military but his family, though patriotic, was not a military family and, growing up in what he calls a "financially challenged" family, the military offered him a career.

"It was something I wanted to do," he said. "So, I joined at Kellogg Field and off to Lackland (USAF basic training.) I went."

Walker served in numerous leadership roles during his tenure with the military such as commander and director of Support/J-4 for the Michigan Army and Air National Guard.

He served as the senior Air liaison officer for the President

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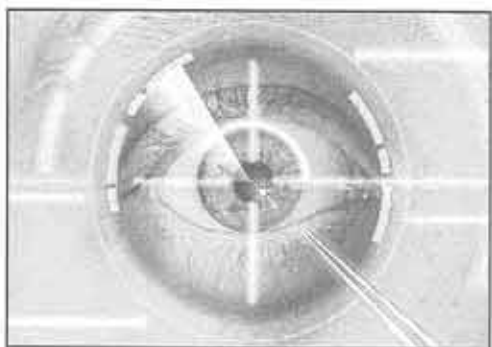
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City earns recognition; outdoor eating expanded

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You can find our accounts at [battlecreekmi.gov/socialmedia](https://www.battlecreekmi.gov/socialmedia). If you engage on these platforms, we encourage you to fol-

City Update



with Rebecca Fleury
Battle Creek City Manager

low us.

You can always contact our city team at publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov and (269) 966-3378.

Meeting Highlights

The State Street Commons is a new, temporary outdoor eating area to help you enjoy the city's downtown restaurants safely, while you continue to observe social distancing.

My meeting highlights from July via phone calls and remote software like Zoom:

-- Unified Command briefing twice a week -- The city/county leaders for our Calhoun County COVID-19 response.

-- Battle Creek Coalition for Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation -- Community Leaders Team

-- Battle Creek Unlimited Board of Directors and Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority.

-- Homeless Task Force -- Transition plan to maintain services.

-- Sustainable BC Committee -- Watch this meeting on the city's Facebook page, @CerealCityMichigan.

-- BC Deal Team, economic development stakeholders.

-- Joint Operations Center interview with the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

-- Downtown Development Authority.

-- Michigan Municipal Executives Board.

-- Future Cities Policy Forum.

-- Michigan Municipal Executives Virtual Summer Workshop.

B.C. and the Mask Order

It's hard to believe that summer already is more than half over.

While the pandemic has



State Street Commons is an area where people can take the food they've picked up from Kitchen Proper, the Cricket Club and The Griffin, or, from any other downtown restaurant, to eat. A Jackson Street commons is now also in the works.

changed many parts of enjoying the summer in Battle Creek, we continue to provide the best services and events that we can, using all available resources.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-147, emphasizing the requirement that individuals wear a face covering when they are in indoor public spaces, as well as crowded outdoor spaces.

The new order does not change anything the city is doing.

We require face coverings for staff and visitors at our city facilities open to the public, whenever individuals cannot maintain six feet of social distance. Masks are also required for those using public transportation.

However, this order does put a new emphasis on enforcement.

While police can enforce the executive order as law, they prefer to work with the community, through conversation and education, to encourage that everyone follow the order and wear a mask in appropriate situations.

The same holds true for businesses to require masks for entry and service.

If you have a mask-related complaint about a business, contact a representative of that business.

If you have a mask-related complaint in another public space, contact your local law enforcement agency at their non-emergency phone number:

Calhoun County Sheriff, (269) 781-0880; Albion Public Safety, (517) 629-3933; Battle Creek Police Department, (269) 966-3322; Emmett Township Public Safety, (269) 968-9303; Marshall Police Department, (269) 781-2596; and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Police, 269-729-5222.

Building Closures on Fridays

City Hall and the Police Department remain open to the public on a limited basis.

For the month of August, those buildings are closed on Fridays. This will allow our staff to catch up on work. We are still ready to help you with city services by phone and online on Fridays.

Monday through Thursday, those buildings are open 9-10
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Gerald R. Ford funeral on Jan. 2, 2007.

Walker was 56 when he was deployed to Kuwait where he traveled throughout CENTCOM to include Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I just happened to be one of those guys that loved it," he said. "It felt like an honor to serve and I did go off to the desert and served in Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan. I was a mission support director, in charge of the aerial ports, for the planes flying into CENTCOM."

In this assignment, which he called the capstone of his military career, he traveled and worked with soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in Kuwait,

Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Bahrain, and Djibouti.

"Once I got the taste of it," he said of military service, "I was enlisted for a number years before I took my commission. I was a master sergeant before I took my commission. The military grabbed a hold of me. As I was serving, I worked full time (for the ANG) so I always worked either as a civilian or as military for the Department of Defense."

He has been awarded numerous military medals to include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

At the same time, he was married to his high school sweetheart who also happened to be his next door neighbor, Sheila.

"The unsung heroes are really the family members," he said. "When I went to Kuwait, I don't know that my wife was all that excited about it and I know my grand young ones don't like to see grandpa leave."

Married 50 years, the Walkers have two sons, Scott, who with wife Diana, have two sons, Jacob and Tyler, and, Chad.

Although retired he continues to serve as an Academic Liaison Officer with the United States Air Force Academy,

Colorado Springs, Colorado and is an instructor for the Civil Air Patrol at their annual encampment (cadet training).

Walker is a board member and advisor to the Battle Creek Chamber, Military Affairs Committee, is a member of the Fort Custer National Cemetery Advisory board, is a VA volunteer and is Board President of the National Military Support Groups of America.

He is a member of the Battle Creek Central High School Hall of Fame, was awarded the 2010 Community Service Award by the Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce and has chaired the local Combined Federal Campaign and LFCC numerous times as well as a United Way Campaign Chair and in the cabinet numerous times.

He is recognized as a long-time master of ceremonies for the Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies at Fort Custer National Cemetery, the Chamber Armed Forces Day, Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon and the VAMC Valentine for Veterans Concert where he emceed for concerts by Lee Greenwood, BJ Thomas, and Matt Giraud.

In the last few years, too, he said, he has often been asked to speak at churches, too, which is somewhat surprising to a military officer considering the dichotomy between war and peace.

"I've been emcee at Fort Custer Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies for 20, 25 years," he said, "Since I was captain."

He was the Master of Ceremonies of the traveling Vietnam Wall that Heals when it

appeared in Richland in 2013.

He speaks at schools, churches, nursing homes veteran and civic organizations.

And, he has also spoken at numerous Military Reunions for Discover Kalamazoo.

He recently served as the Master of Ceremonies at the Barry County Vietnam Era Veteran Lapel Pinning Ceremony, too, he said.

"You stay young that way," he said of remaining active, to which he added: "I am an old, crusty retired colonel who loves his country, sincerely believes that we are the land of the free because we are the home of the brave, and that it is imperative

we as a community recognize the service and sacrifice of those that have served in the military defending the freedoms that many of us take for granted.

"We must truly understand that freedom is not free."

"Hopefully, one will remember me as a man who tried very hard to live up to the core values of the United States Air Force. Integrity first. Excellence in all we do, and service before self. One veteran who is forgotten, homeless, addicted, lonely, sick, suffering from PTSD, depressed etc. is ONE too many! God bless all our military, veterans and their families and God Bless the United States of America!"

Data details virus spread; county joins contact tracing effort

The information center of the Calhoun County Joint Operations Center said that as of 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, Calhoun County has a cumulative total of 661 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD), with a total of 40 deaths attributed to the virus.

This information is updated once daily, Monday through Friday, at www.calhouncounty-mi.gov.

Coronavirus Data

The Calhoun County Joint Operations Center said it is monitoring key data to understand the spread of the virus in the community: percent of positive cases and cases per day per million.

State and local leaders monitor these, in addition to other data, to determine phased reopening, as well as regional status.

Data can be seen at the state's MI Safe Start Dashboard at mistartmap.info.

Calhoun County is within the Kalamazoo Region, and on this dashboard users can narrow their search by region and county.

As of July 29, Calhoun County's positive test rate was 2 percent, and cases per million per day was 19.1.

Positive test rate is a term that refers to when testing levels are high; a low positive test rate is evidence of declining spread.

Michigan's overall test rate on this day was 3.4 percent. (Health officials have cited 5 percent or higher as the threshold for concern, including moving regions of the state to different phases of reopening.)

Local schools have also decided to use this as a gauge for the state of the virus in the community, the JOC said.

Tracking cases per million provides a baseline understanding of the transmission of the virus in the community.

Low levels of new cases suggest limited continued transmission. The state's cases per million is approximately 36.7 per day, which is down from earlier

Please answer your phone!

It could be someone from Calhoun County or the State of Michigan calling about COVID-19 exposure.

This is called contact tracing.



Pick up the phone, Calhoun County!



in July.

The Calhoun County Unified Command Team monitors these numbers daily for the county.

The CCPHD also is following confirmed cases, probable cases (people with symptoms who are awaiting test results) and contacts.

The change in contacts over the last few months is the most significant.

In the beginning, during the statewide shutdown, a positive case might have one or two close contacts, likely from his/her household. Today, a positive case comes with 10-13 close contacts.

"People are spending more time in groups, with more people," said Calhoun County Health Officer Eric Pessell. "We still have community spread. If you find yourself in a group, and someone tests positive for COVID-19, you might find yourself in quarantine for 14 days."

Pick Up the Phone, Calhoun!

The CCPHD has joined a State of Michigan program that helps with contact tracing during the pandemic.

This assistance will ensure that individuals who have COVID-19 in Calhoun County, and their close contacts, are notified within 24 hours of the posi-

tive test result.

Those who receive a phone call from an unknown phone number are encouraged to pick up the phone.

The faster individuals are informed of their potential exposure to COVID-19 and can begin isolation, the less risk of community virus spread.

The Health Department will track anyone who begins experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Bright Spot: Honoring B.C. Firefighters

The Calhoun County Faith-Based Coalition has been giving appreciation to first responders in the community, all of whom have continued serving throughout the pandemic.

From July 21-23, the group celebrated each Battle Creek Fire Department shift.

In mid-August, the group plans to celebrate the health care community.

Steven Frederick Stewart

Funeral services for

Steven Frederick Stewart, who passed away on April 17, 2020, brother to Scott Alan Stewart who passed away June 10, 2011 will be held on **August 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM at Fort Custer National Cemetery** Luncheon to follow at his sister's in Richland **Any questions please call Cindy at 269-903-6068**



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Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE. THURSDAY, Friday, & Saturday. August 6-8, 2020 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Gas stove, lots of kid stuff, Frozen items, misc. & tools. 63 Carl Avenue.

FENTON, JD TOYS, Tonkas, Collectibles: hand water pumps, windmills, etc. New items. 5512 Hyland Rd, Lacey. Fri-Sun, Aug 7th-9th, 2020.

YARD SALE. FRIDAY-Sunday, August 14-16, 2020. 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. 465 Richfield Ave., Springfield. 3 desks, loft bed, living room furniture, household items, kid's bikes, yard equipment.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: We are having a HUGE benefit sale on THURSDAY ONLY, August 13, 9am-3pm at 112 ELSINORE LN. Nothing is priced, everything goes by donation. Proceeds benefit the Substance Abuse Council.

SALE: TH/F/S - AUGUST 6th-8th, 2020. 9am-5pm. 218 W. Bidwell. Multi-family - Books, tools, clothes, seasonal, household, kitchen, toys, bedding, homeschool and more!

GARAGE/MOVING SALE. Furniture, antiques, tools, clothes, household items. Friday, 8/7/2020, 10am-4pm. Saturday, 8/8/2020, 10am-4pm. 135 Review Ave. 49037. 269-274-6344.

JAYCO POP-UP CAMPER with king & queen bed. Saturday, August 8th, 2020 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m. 103 Algonquin Street, off North Avenue. Pool table, Play-Station 1, screen door, 2 bikes, baby bed with mattress, never used, new giant ladder, leather coats, 4 tires, barbecue grill, tools and misc. 269-753-9981 leave a message.

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY garage sale. 115 Circle Drive, Battle Creek. Friday & Saturday, August 7 & 8, 2020 from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Lots of kids, womens, & mens clothing. Scrapbook & card making supplies. Home decor, small furniture.

HUGE MOVING SALE. 12060 Manning Lake Rd. Delton MI. August 6th, 7th, 8th, 2020. 8am-4pm. August 13th, 14th, 15th. 8am-4pm. August 20th, 21st, 22nd. 8am-4pm. New and used stuff. New stuff added each week!

GARAGE SALE. CAMPING supplies, books, puzzles, antiques, wood stove, new Tupperware, & misc. Friday, August 7, 2020 and Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. 500 W. VanBuren St., Augusta.

POLE BARN SALE. Thursday & Friday, August 6 & 7, 2020 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. 8150 B Drive North, Battle Creek. 33 ton log splitter, compound bow, guns, Paslode, back pack leaf blower, patio furniture, entertainment stand, trail cameras, Chevy brakes & rotors, golf clubs, elliptical, lockers, pots & pans, household items, purses, bags, much more. No early sales.

YARD SALE
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new books, legos, barbie dolls yarn - material, mens jeans, ladies clothing LG/XL, miter saw, Misc Galore!

DOWNSIZING GARAGE SALE. 33 S. 28th Street. Friday, 8-7-2020 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

HUGE YARD SALE. 304 Electric Ave., August 6th thru August 9, 2020. Some of everything, need something special? Call me 269-223-7101 Ask for Phil.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE. 5911 Violet Court, BC, 49014 Thursday & Friday, August 6th & 7th, 2020 9:00a.m.-? Possibly Saturday. John Deere riding lawn mower with vacuum attachment, walk behind snow blower, golf cart, chainsaws, TV stand, Kentwood stereo, lamps, exercise bike, some tools, rakes, lots of household items, men's hunting clothes - up to 2XL, women's clothing XL and up, Maurice's jeans 9, 10, 11, 12. 2 sewing machines, lots of misc.

3-FAMILY YARD SALE, Furniture, misc., clothes & collectibles. Thursday through Saturday, 9am-5pm, 1199 S. 24th St.

YARD/MOVING SALE 523 & 529 W. Burr Oak in Athens; Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8; 9am-5pm. Household & furniture, garden and antiques, lots of old signs, misc.

HUGE SALE. 20729 Wau-bascon Road. Friday & Saturday. August 7th & 8th, 2020 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Toys and stuffed animals, baby items, kitchen, home decor, Lularoe, women and kids clothing, 30 years of Kellogg collectibles, cookbooks, building materials, lawnmowers, and much more.

GARAGE SALE: 209 N French Ln. August 8th, 2020 9am-4pm & the 9th 9am-12pm. Baby stuff, trampoline, golf clubs, hover-board and much more.

GARAGE SALE: 285 Clarence BLVD.; Friday, August 7, Saturday, August 8, Sunday, August 9; 9am-? Too much to list, everything must go!

307 CHESTNUT STREET. Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Nice things, canoe, John Deere riding lawn mower, classroom teaching aids, household decorating items, board games, dishes & kitchen items, Coke collectibles, swing set, diamond plate pickup toolbox, and more.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, August 7+8, 2020. 4 Family Yard Sale. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dryer, tables, chairs, desks, shelves, bed frames, kitchen wares and many hardware items, 164 E. Hamilton Ln. 9am-4pm.

YARD SALE: Furniture, kitchen stuff, clothes, knick knacks, purses, lamps and much more. Thursday through Saturday, August 6th-8th, 2020. 88 Cedar Ave. N. Ubantale. 10am-6pm.

2-FAMILY YARD SALE: 252 Surby Ave. Flat-screen TV, kids clothes, and misc. Friday & Saturday, August 7+8, 2020. 9am-?

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Estate Sales

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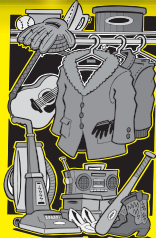
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Outdoor Eating

The State Street Commons is a new, temporary outdoor eating area to help you enjoy the city's downtown restaurants safely, while you continue to observe social distancing.

This area will be in place until the end of the fall, when the outdoor dining season ends.

Antique & Collectors Estate Sale, August 13 & 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. And, August 15, 2020 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This eclectic sale with full house and garage, has something for everyone. **Antiques/Collectibles:** Large collection of unique items including barrister bookcase, Duncan Phyle table and chairs, buffet, curved display case, lots of "Tea Leaf" dishes, crystal glass ware, original gas light fixtures, 1920's hat, purse, shoes, fur coat, wall paper trimmer, collectibles clown figurines, vintage games and sports equipment, tools, glass oil bottles, cast iron door stops, beer signs, steamer trunks, cabinet television, cameras, slide projectors, fishing rods, suitcases, Murano paperweights, Borden's mugs, sewing machines, and more! **Furnishings/Household:** two sofas, chairs, coffee and side tables, religious figurines, crucifix, large selection of new and vintage jewelry, some ladies clothing, lamps, dressers, vanity tables, double and single beds, crockpots, dishes, suitcases, garden tools, microwave ovens, office supplies, sleeping bags, snow skis, garage treasures, and much more! Location: 149 Garrison Avenue, Battle Creek. Street parking only, driveway for loading. Bring people to help load heavy items, limited assistance available. Do not miss this one-of-a-kind sale!

It is at the west end of the State Street parking lot, adjacent to the rain garden, and right behind Griffin Grill and Pub, the Cricket Club and Kitchen Proper.

Their staffs will help maintain the outdoor area, but they will not provide restaurant service outside.

A team of city staff, the restaurant owners and ABM Parking will help maintain and clean it.

Like a park, the Commons is open for visitors to enjoy food they have picked up from a restaurant. It will be open to the public during the three restaurants' business hours.

Patrons of the other restaurants on that block of West Michigan Avenue also can use the outdoor dining area.

In addition, the City Commission authorized the "Social District" designation within the city's downtown.

This will allow liquor license holders — with an approved social district permit from the city and from the Liquor Control Commission — to provide alcohol in special containers, for consumption in areas like the State Street Commons.

The commission approved local permits for the Griffin, Cricket Club and Kitchen Proper; as I write this, they are in the process of applying for and receiving the LCC permits.

We also have established a Jackson Street Commons, but we do not expect to open that area until a later date.

We also are excited to place picnic tables in city rights-of-way near downtown restaurants Barista Blues, Rafaynee, Pastrami Joe's, Schlotzky's and Café Rica to add additional outdoor seating.

This creates more opportunities for you to order takeout food and eat outdoors. Restaurants will not provide service to these tables.

It is like adding a park bench to a sidewalk. Please note that the alcohol that will be allowed in the State Street Commons is not allowed at these tables.

Paint Kits

The city's program with ePaint Recycling is back, offering city neighbors free paint kits for their home projects.

ePaint, on West Michigan Avenue, collects unused paint, sorts it by color, and remixes it to create new cans of recycled, interior/exterior paint in a variety of colors.

It is available mainly at Habitat for Humanity ReStore locations.

Neighbors with summer paint projects can apply to the city to receive a painting starter kit, including paint from ePaint in one of six colors, and pans and brushes.

Applicants must own residential property within the City of Battle Creek, submit photos demonstrating a need for paint, and may not apply more than once per calendar year.

There are no income restrictions, and projects do not have to be a result of city code violations.

Approved applicants must complete the painting project within 60 days and contact the city to schedule a completion inspection.

For more information and to download the application, visit battlecreekmi.gov/code, then click on Paint Program. Call the city's Code team for more information at (269) 966-3387.

Water Quality Report

The city's annual water quality report is now available. You can see the report on the city's website at battlecreekmi.gov/2019waterqualityreport.

From the city's home page, you can also navigate to it from the I Want To tab, then View, then Annual Water Quality Reports.

If you would like a paper copy of the report, call the Department of Public Works at 966-3343 or Utility Billing at 966-3366.

This report has important information about where the Battle Creek area's water comes from, and about the quality of our drinking water.

You will also find information about various water issues, like lead in home plumbing and

the water sampling results collected in 2019.

This year's report includes a state violation for Emmett Township for failing to test and report lead levels to city water customers living in Emmett. They followed up to test and report, as required.

Willard Beach

Willard Beach is open for the summer! The vehicle gate is open from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Entry fees are \$2 per person, or \$5 per car of three or more people. You can purchase a \$20 season pass at the park on George B Place, off Capital Avenue Southwest.

Reserve a pavilion at (269) 966-3431.

Binder Park Golf Course also is open. Call to reserve your tee time at (269) 979-8250.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 factors caused us to cancel the rest of our summer Recreation Department programs, including Kidventure Summer Camp, and our water park will remain closed.

We are working on potential fall programs, so stay tuned for any updates.

JOC Meetings

As local government offices reopen to the public on a limited basis, our countywide Joint Operations Center, responding to the pandemic, has reduced the number of times it meets.

The JOC currently meets once a week. However, the work continues to respond locally to the pandemic, and meeting the needs of our community during this time.

We continue to send an emailed community update once a week, and will do so as long as our COVID-19 response continues.

This is a way that we share necessary information with you on a regular basis.

Sign up to directly receive

these updates, or read the current and previous updates, at calhouncountymi.gov and battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus. (Or, look for them in the *Shopper News* with updated numbers as of press time.)

City Commission

From our City Commission meetings in July: Remember the commission typically meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

The City Commission meets via the electronic meeting service Zoom, and we broadcast the meeting live on AccessVision 17/917 and Live 17 at accessvision.tv, as well as live on the city's Facebook page, facebook.com/cerealcitymichigan.

Agendas typically are available the Thursday before, at battlecreekmi.gov. Under Your Government, click Mayor and Commissioners, then Agendas, Minutes and Videos.

We will continue these methods in August, as allowed by the governor's extended executive order about holding remote public meetings.

Those interested are able to call into the meeting by phone to give public comment, or ahead of time, email the city clerk or submit written public comments into the City Hall drop box.

[According to Vanderkolk, anyone without internet access can get the agenda from the Clerk's Office at City Hall during open hours (and that is available outside of COVID, too).

Willard Public Library is open for limited hours, so that is an option for computer use.

Calling into the Zoom meeting also allows people to listen, if they do not have access to the live streams or the AccessVision channels.]

I hope you have found these methods accessible and engaging.

Please share any feedback to publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov.

The commission approved a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Justice grant to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers, in an effort to increase our community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

The commission also approved a series of federal CARES grants to provide utility assistance, housing case management, homeless day shelter improvements and rental assistance for our community during the pandemic.

We now have agreements with Community Action Agency and Summit Pointe to provide and administer a utility assistance program, assist with finding safe and affordable housing, and provide direct rental assistance for low- to moderate-income residents adversely impacted by the pandemic.

More information on these grants and how to get assistance will be available soon.

Please wear a mask when you go out. Stay safe and be well!



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Binder Park Zoo to unveil Miller Children's Zoo murals

The final touches of paint will be applied to two murals this week in the Miller Children's Zoo at Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek.

The murals, designed and executed by artist Jaziel Pugh are a collaboration between Color the Creek and Binder Park Zoo.

Two, two-walled structures that were originally animal shelters have become the canvases for Pugh's work.

"As you would expect, the animal collection in the Miller Children's Zoo has changed

over the years since it opened in 1989, and when the perimeters of several outdated exhibits were removed for safety and aesthetics, these structures became available for a new purpose," said Leslie Walsh, manager of Marketing and Development at the zoo.

"We have long wanted to bring public art to the zoo in some way, and had been in discussions with Justin Andert, of Color the Creek, in the past year. Justin is the creator and driving force behind Color the Creek, a project that uses the creation of public art to add vibrancy, create positive energy and ignite the creative spirit in the Battle Creek community - all things we want for the zoo, too," Walsh added. "Color the Creek has been so successful, we knew we had connected with the right

resource. From there, everything began to fall into place."

"It is a thrill to have Color the Creek collaborate with Binder Park Zoo on this mural," said Andert. "It has been our goal since Day 1 to use creativity to brighten public spaces in Battle Creek. To now be working with a local institution to further both our missions, while adding vibrancy to a community staple is very rewarding."

Pugh employed a creative and colorful language to express the theme by using color theory, positioning, pattern design and a



Color is applied to mural art at the children's zoo.

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Artist Jaziel Pugh lays out a pattern. The murals at the zoo are a collaboration between Color the Creek and Binder Park Zoo.

subject matter of plants, amphibians, birds, and reptiles.

The goal of the project was to create an environment where families and children could interact with the art to develop greater understanding and appreciation for both conservation and art.

Jaziel's work can be seen across Battle Creek in a number of large-scale outdoor and indoor murals.

Pugh, a Battle Creek native, enjoys working on projects in all seasons and participates in many recurring mural events.

"This mural was a very intriguing project for me because I was given the opportunity to create an exciting mural

that children could relate to and interact with," said Pugh. "I love to loosen my style and approach new themes. The colors, shapes, patterns and design all played a significant role in this project. While the mural is a fun and interesting piece there is an immense quality of precision and study that took place in order for the project to flow flawlessly. I am beyond grateful to have worked and participated in this collaboration with Binder Park Zoo. This work is for myself, Binder Park Zoo and many families to enjoy and appreciate."

Work on the murals began July 20, and zoo staff and guests have been able to watch the progress of Pugh's work.

The murals are centrally located inside the Miller Children's Zoo, approximately 30 yards apart from each other, separated by the tracks of the Z.O. & O. train.

"We are thrilled with this

project," said Diane Thompson, president and CEO of the zoo. "The opportunity to share this stunning art that creatively delivers a message of conservation to our guests is truly a privilege. Structures that once provided shade for zoo animals have been transformed into spaces that now provide inspiration."

Thompson added that "you just feel happy to see them."

The mural project was funded by Color the Creek with support from the Battle Creek Community Foundation, private donors and Binder Park Zoo.

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Obituaries

Gregory Parker

It is with broken hearts and great sadness that we share that Gregory Parker, our father, brother, uncle, family member and friend, passed away at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital on Monday, July 27, 2020.

He was born Jan. 30, 1947, to Horace Greeley and Hazel Louise Parker in Battle Creek. He attended Battle Creek Public Schools, graduating from Battle Creek Central High School.

Following graduation, he entered the United States Marine Corp from 1965-1968, serving as a jet engine mechanic and attaining rank of sergeant before being honorably discharged with several medals and honors.

When he returned home, he married and raised a family. He was an employee of Post Cereals for 25 years and most recently enjoyed driving a school bus for Dean Transportation.

Gregory enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends; among the most fortunate of them, he was known to make the world's greatest goulash. He had a great sense of humor and quick wit. He was resourceful and always willing to lend a helping hand. Greg was a life-long fan of the Detroit Lions and Tigers. He will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a loving son, father, brother, grandfather, friend and person.

Gregory is survived by brothers Serle (Jeanie) Parker, of Minneapolis, and Garland Parker, of Grand Rapids; adoring daughters, Dana Hardy, of Battle Creek, and Amber Parker, of Phoenix; granddaughters Savannah, Soleil and Selene Royal, of Phoenix, and Janiece Parker, of Battle Creek. Also cherishing his memory are a multitude of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother William

John W. Turson

John W. Turson, 85, of Battle Creek, passed away July 31, 2020, at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital in Battle Creek.

John was born Jan. 20, 1935, in Battle Creek to Paul and Magda (Milcic) Turson.

John was a graduate of Galesburg High School and then entered into the United States Navy on May 16, 1957, and was honorably discharged on March 1, 1961, attaining the rank of SN. He also received the Good Conduct Medal.

John married Judith Dibble on June 17, 1961, in Battle Creek.

John worked as a millwright for Kellogg Cereal Company for 40 years, retiring in May 1994.

Member of the Battle Creek Moose Lodge, PNA Club and the Kellogg 25 Year Club. John loved to fish, was an avid football and baseball fan, reading, being outside taking care of the yard and spending time with family.

John is survived by his wife, Judith A. Turson; his children, Michelle (Khaled) Turson Elsehsah of Allen, Texas, Cindy Turson of O'Brien, Fla., and Jeff Turson of Battle Creek, Mich.; his grandchildren, Adam Elsehsah of Allen, Texas, and Hana Elsehsah of Allen, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Nicholas Turson and Frank Turson.

Visitation for John will be



"Lamont" Parker; son Gregory D. Parker, Jr.; and granddaughter Amaia Hardy.

In accordance with Greg's wishes, cremation has taken place and he will be interred at a family plot in Albion at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Baxter Funeral & Cremation Service.

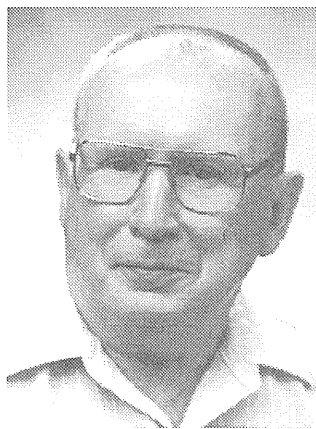
Condolences, memories and messages may be left for the family at www.baxterfuneral.com.

We would love to be together in person with everyone, but out of deep respect for life and the safety and well-being of all, we will have a virtual memorial service that will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 3 p.m. To attend, please download the free Zoom app, and enter Meeting ID: 862 4982 6371, and password: 521269.

If you would like a memorial card commemorating Greg's life, please email myjoy7400@gmail.com with your name and address and one will be mailed to you.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Greg's memory to a trust fund benefiting his granddaughters, c/o Janice Griffin, P.O. Box 451, Valparaiso, IN 46384.

The family wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to the staff at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital that cared for him, as well as everyone who has offered support to the family.



held Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, from 3-5 p.m. at Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 2838 Capital Ave., S.W., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

A graveside funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at Battle Creek Memorial Park Cemetery in Battle Creek. Due to Covid restrictions, face coverings and social distancing must be followed.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Please visit www.kempffuneralhome.com to view the online obituary, sign the guestbook or to leave the family condolences.



Violet E. Vollmar

Violet "Vi" Elizabeth Vollmar, 95, of Fulton, passed peacefully away on July 31, 2020, at Calhoun County Medical Care Facility in Battle Creek.

Violet was born May 22, 1925, in Martin, S.D., to Henry J. and Katherine E. (Seder) Knipple.

She graduated from North Denver High School in Denver, Colo.

She married her handsome pilot, Robert E. Vollmar, on Feb. 24, 1945, in Denver, Colo. Sadly, he preceded her in death on July 18, 2007.

Everyone who knew Violet remembers her laughter, smile and her love for Jesus. She was a devoted wife and mother. Violet shared her joy with everyone she met. Her favorite past-times included reading, crocheting, sewing, gardening, cooking and baking. You never left her house hungry. Violet was a Girls Campfire leader for 11 years, as well as working for Kellogg Bird Sanctuary in Richland, Mich., for nine years. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Battle Creek from 1955 until 1980, after which she then became a member of Wakeshma Community Church in Fulton. She sang in the church choir, taught Sunday School and was an Awana Leader. Violet was cherished by her church families.

Violet is survived by her children, Robert E. (Eva) Vollmar II of Clinton Twp., Janice (Donald) Cummins of Battle Creek; her daughter-in-law Ellen Vollmar of Battle Creek. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Matthew (Teresa) Vollmar, Emilee Sefton, Katy (Rick) Mickhail, Megan Santos, Kyle Cummins, Anna Vollmar, Mark Vollmar, Aubree (Evan) McCoy; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Hugh Rop

Hugh Rop, 80, of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away August 3, 2020, at home, surrounded by his loving family, after a battle with cancer.

Hugh, the son of John and Nellie (Vander Wel) Rop, was born and grew up in Muskegon, where he was a 1960 graduate of Muskegon High School. He attended the University of Tulsa, (OK) and graduated in 1964 with a degree in accounting.

While in Tulsa, Hugh worked at St. Francis Hospital. Hugh joined the Kellogg Company, where he eventually retired in 1999 after more than 30 years.

Hugh was married to his wife, Joan (Stasunas), whom he met in Muskegon, for over 57 years.

He leaves behind his loving family: wife, Joan Rop; son Michael Hugh Rop, of Battle Creek; daughter, Angela Marie Morris, of Battle Creek; son Steven Andrew Rop (Patty), of Oakton, Va.; grandchildren, Zachary and Ashley Morris, and Davis and Mia Rop; siblings, Jack Rop, Retha Johnson and John Rop, of Muskegon, Julie Ruster, of Rochester, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Hugh was preceded by his mother, Nellie (Vander Wei) Rop; his father, John Rop; and sisters Sandy (Dr. James) Cook, Frances (Harold) Soper.

He enjoyed spending his time reading, playing many sports, including softball, basketball, volleyball and golf. Hugh loved camping and going to the Lake Michigan beaches with his family. He was proud of the fact that he camped for at least two weeks every summer for over 50 straight years at his



She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Vollmar; her son Steven A.; her six brothers and four sisters.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020, from 11 a.m. to noon, at Wakeshma Community Church, 16732 East UV Ave., Fulton, MI 49052. A Celebration Service of Vi's Life followed at noon at the church, with Rev. David Mackaluso officiating.

A private family interment was held at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Memorials may be made to Wakeshma Community Church or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 2838 Capital Ave., S.W., Battle Creek, MI 49015. Please visit www.kempffuneralhome.com to view the online obituary, sign the guestbook or to leave the family condolences.

Please visit the Kempf Funeral Home website for Violet Vollmar to view the streaming of the funeral service.



favorite campground, Ludington State Park. Upon retirement, Hugh was a daily visitor to Willard Library, followed by lunch with friends at The Pancake House. Hugh was a member of the Kellogg 25 Year Club and Covenant Hope Church.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Hugh's immediate family will be officiated by his brother Rev. John Rop, at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, at the funeral home.

The memorial service for Hugh will be live streamed. Those wishing to share may go to: <https://vimeo.com/event/207808> or the funeral home Facebook page.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Oaklawn Hospice, 1344 Preston Drive, Marshall, MI 49036 or Covenant Hope Church, 1021 Wagner Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Arrangements are by Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.

Thomas E. Dyer

Thomas Edward Dyer passed away at home on Sunday, July 26, 2020, surrounded by and in the loving arms of his family. He died of natural causes not related to the COVID-19 virus.

Thomas had an interesting and accomplished life. Thomas was born as a tax exemption Dec. 31, 1951. His loving parents were Patsy J. (Orphan) and Phillip H. Voelker. He spent much of his childhood living on Bristol Lake, where he worked, played, learned how to swim better than your average fish, and on occasion, got into some mischief with his brothers and childhood friends.

Thomas was a 1970 graduate of Delton Kellogg High School, where he was a member of the school's very first wrestling team. He became an exceptionally good and competitive wrestler and earned many awards. After school, Thomas enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving his country on the USS Wahoo. The Wahoo was one of a very few diesel boat submarines that was still active in the Navy at the time. Thomas was beloved by his crewmates, who referred to him as "Sarge." While serving aboard the Wahoo, Thomas became a Navy diver, another accomplishment of which he was very proud. Shortly before Thomas passed away, he received a phone call from his former Navy commander with whom he had a lengthy conversation.

Thomas eventually went to work at his father's business, Battle Creek Glass Works, where he was loved and respected by his construction glazier co-workers. He retired after 27 years, always working hard and dedicated to providing the best finished product for everyone the company served.

Thomas Edward Dyer was united in marriage to Nora Ellen Smith on Aug. 17, 1979, in Augusta, Mich. Surviving are his loving wife, Nora; daughter, Jena Lea (Adam Hill) Dyer of Salisbury, Md.; granddaughter, Ellie Hudson Hill of Salisbury, Md.; mother, Patsy J. Voelker of Battle Creek; two brothers, Lenny Dyer and John Dyer, both

Raymond E. Latowski

Raymond E. Latowski, 89, of Battle Creek, Mich., died Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Ray, the son of John and Hattie (Slowikowski) Latowski, was born in Harvey, Ill.

Ray's high-school sweetheart and wife, Mary Ann (Conroy), brother Anthony Latowski, and sister Eleanor Summers preceded him in death.

He is survived by his daughters, Kary (Lyle) Lucas, Linda Fields, Julie (David) Priebe and Tracy (Joseph) Keegan; his grandchildren, Teasha (Kevin) Schmidt, Brooke (Andre) and Kyle (Megan) Sweet, Matthew (Caitlyn), Jason (Leslie) and Becky (John) Fields, and Miranda, Mike and Brad (Lauren) Priebe, and Claire Keegan; and great-grandchildren, Ellah, Garrison, Carsen and Calvin Fields, Jean-Marie Garon, Demetra and Eli Priebe, Octavia and Ivan Schmidt, and Cora Sweet; and his brothers, Lawrence (Mary) and Daniel (Laura) Latowski.

Ray spent most of his career in Battle Creek, where he co-owned a hobby shop and later worked at Post and Clark Equipment. During the Korean War, Ray was an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Air Force. He later graduated from Michigan State University, where he studied packaging engineering.



of Battle Creek; three nephews, Justin Dyer, Dennis Laymon, Foster (Shae) Turner; and a niece, Heather (Bryan) Rauch.

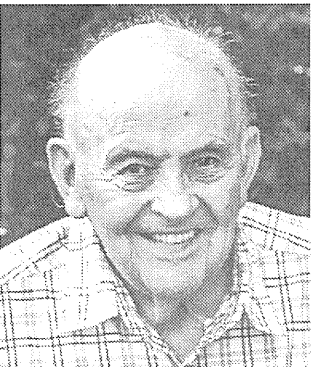
Thomas was preceded in death by father Phillip H. Voelker; maternal grandmother Odessa Orphan; and paternal grandparents Harold and Viola Voelker.

Thomas played in golf leagues, bowling leagues and softball leagues for decades and was also a very avid fisherman during the summer and on the ice in the winter. Thomas was a loving husband, father and grandfather. To know Thomas was to love him, and he will forever be missed. He was a quiet, kind-hearted schmoozer and could easily win people over. He loved animals, children and his friends were always thought of as family. He will be remembered as a hard working, good, honest, dependable man.

With limitations in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private service will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery, with military honors being bestowed by Fort Custer Honor Guard and the United States Navy Honor Guard. There will be a memorial gathering for family and friends at the Brandimore residence after the service Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Please contact the family for directions.

Memorial contributions in memory of Thomas may be made to Oaklawn Hospice, 13444 Preston Drive, Marshall, MI 49068.

Arrangements are by Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.



He was close with his daughters and never missed an opportunity to get a picture with all four of them. Ray was a true craftsman who built and flew model airplanes. He also designed his own train layouts and sometimes even let his grandchildren and great-grandchildren take the controls! He was a devout Catholic, who loved big family parties, history, old western movies and watching Disney movies with his grandkids.

Due to the pandemic, a private family Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ray's honor may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements by Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care. Personal messages and favorite memories of Ray may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.

Obituaries

Linda A. Borsum

Linda Ann Borsum, 77, of Battle Creek, passed away July 28, 2020, with her daughter and life partner by her side, after a long series of illnesses. Linda was born Dec. 16, 1942, in Battle Creek, to Allen and Dorothy Jarchow.

She graduated from Lakeview High School and went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University. Linda had a long career within the Lakeview School system teaching elementary, and ultimately served as Director of Curriculum and Restructuring. She was also the president of the Lakeview Education Association and a strong advocate for teachers.

Next, she co-founded Quality Learning Systems International and had many successful years of consulting. In addition, Linda had the unique opportunity to train directly with W. Edwards Demming, who supported and endorsed her work with schools in the area of quality. Linda was also a certified examiner for the Macolm Baldrige award.

Linda married David Borsum in 1968. They had one child and shared 41 loving years together. Linda was fortunate to find companionship and love after David passed and spent eight years with her partner, Tom, enjoying life together.

Linda loved to read the *New York Times*, was a self-described Anglophile and enjoyed watching English mysteries and meeting with her "lunch bunch" friends of over 50 years. She spent her life traveling the world, visiting her daughter in Colorado and shopping for



unique items with her family and friends. While her accomplishments were many, her greatest source of pride was her daughter, Leslie. She delighted in the times they spent together. Linda truly valued friendships and was a generous, compassionate and kind person to many she knew throughout her life. She has helped those in need by providing support, guidance and love.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Leslie, and husband Dean Morton of Boulder, Colo.; and Tom Taverna, her partner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Dorothy; and her husband, David Borsum.

Cremation has been conducted, and a celebration and remembrance of Linda's life will take place in the future.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to the Charitable Union. Donate online by visiting <https://www.charitableunion.org/give/giving>.

Please leave the family a personal message or share a story and sign the online guest book at <https://www.baxterfuneral.com/memorials>.

Carl L. Diekema

On Friday, July 31, 2020, Carl Lee Diekema, loving husband and father of four, passed away at the age of 45.

Carl was born in Ft. Myers, Fla., in 1975. He worked for Denso for many years and then Quantum Group.

On July 26, 2020, he married his soulmate of 22 years, Sarah B. Diekema.

Carl had a passion for music, friends and family. His smile and sense of humor were unmatched. He was a gentle soul who could lift your spirits with just one smile.

Carl was preceded in death by his sister, Tracy; his father, Gary; and his mother, Tana.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Diekema; his son, Corey; stepsons, Roy, Ryan and Jaycob; granddaughters, Charlotte and Haisley; and a nephew, Todd.

A private service will be held Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, at



Baxter Funeral Home at 11 a.m.

Live streaming will be available at that time through Baxter's website.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 117 Eldred St., Battle Creek, MI 49015, from 2-8 p.m.

Arrangements by Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service, www.baxterfuneral.com.

Earl R. Dailey

Earl Richard Dailey, 83, of Battle Creek, passed away July 28, 2020. He was born June 21, 1937, in Grant Center, Mich., to Frank F. and Regina M. (Hayes) Dailey.

Earl moved to Battle Creek in 1942, where he resided until his passing. Earl attended Brownlee Park School and Battle Creek Central High School. At 17, he joined the U.S. Army, where he served from 1954-1957. During that time, he was stationed overseas in Korea. Upon completion of his service with the U.S. Army, he was employed by Ferrari's Sewing Center. In 1959, he began working at the Veterans Administration Hospital as a nurse's aide for 13 years, after which he transferred to the plumbing department as a master pipefitter for 20 years, until his retirement in 1992.

On Sept. 18, 1960, Earl married the "Love of His Life," Ruth Ann Millsap. Together, they lovingly raised five children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and just four months ago, his wife, Ruthann.

Left to mourn his loss are a twin brother, Merle (Lucy) Dailey; and a sister, Marilyn Ferrari. Also surviving are two sons, Darrel (Saglenda Fincher) Dailey, David (Kathy) Dailey; three daughters, Tracy (Everett Howard) Card, Teresa (Steve) Rangel and Trina (John) Nichols; 13 grandchildren. April Cockrill, Amara Dailey, Lindsey Boyd, Jennifer Dyer-Taft, Chazz Dailey, Tekisha Hale, Ricky Leins, Mariah Leins, Caitlyn Card, Jozlynn Redemsky, Matthew Rangel, Michael Rangel, Brooke Byers, Jacob Hanger; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Raymond E. Uren

Raymond Ernest Uren, 76, of Battle Creek, died Thursday, July 30, 2020, losing his battle of bladder cancer.

Mr. Uren, the son of the late Larry and Ida Uren, was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 1, 1944. His education included graduation from Ann Arbor High School in 1962, followed by one year of college. He became a radio announcer and was employed by several broadcast companies.

He was a Class A butterfly swimmer in the early 1960s. He was an avid golfer, member of several senior golf leagues and participated in the Senior PGA Tours from 1980 to 1995. He enjoyed cooking, music, reading and nature. His love for nature made him an avid camper.

He is survived by son and caregiver, Barry J. Uren, of

Judith A. Junge

Judith Ann Junge, 73, of Bellevue, Mich., passed away Monday, Aug. 3, 2020. She was born Jan. 25, 1947, the daughter of Gordon W. Branch and Marjorie Helen (Palmer) Branch.

She was a wonderful wife and sister, who loved her family. Judy loved crafts and her dog.

Judy is survived by her husband of 56 years, John William Junge; brother, Michael (Freda) Branch; sister, Mary Lou (David) Cotton; two daughters, Debra Ann (Dave) Rodriguez and Christine Lynn Junge; two sons, Jeffrey Allen (Ann) Junge, Russell Lee Junge; six grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held at Pleasantview Family Church, 791 Lacey Road, Dowling, MI 49050 on Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, from 11 a.m. to noon. The



Earl enjoyed living life to the fullest. Among the things he enjoyed most in life were: motorcycle trips with his wife and camping with family, wood-working, cooking, baking, drawing, anything mechanical, gardening, music and bonfires. Earl was a jack of all trades. He loved spending time with family and friends. He was the life of the party. He loved to laugh and make people laugh with his practical jokes. He had a kind heart and would do anything for anyone.

Funeral services to celebrate his life were held Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, at Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care, Battle Creek. The service was live-streamed and may be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/event/198250> or by visiting the Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care Facebook page. Interment with full military honors followed at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials directed to Kindred Hospice, 625 Kenmoor Ave., SE, Suite 115, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 would be appreciated.

Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farleyestesdowdle.com.



Battle Creek; stepdaughter, Cherrie Brighton, Rothbury, Mich.; granddaughters, Amy Lynn Uren and Sasha Ann Uren, both of Battle Creek.

Memorial services are planned for later this year.

Arrangements: T M Hughes-Perry Mortuary, LLC.



graveside service will be held at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, 1490 E. Michigan Ave., on Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Judy's name to Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Arrangements entrusted to Baxter Funeral & Cremation Service, www.baxterfuneral.com.

Cecilio Salinas

Cecilio Salinas passed away in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

Cecilio was a long-time resident of Battle Creek. In 1976, he arrived in town and began working at the Federal Center, where he was a department supervisor until his retirement in the late 1980s.

Cecilio and his wife, Lydia, were prominent fixtures in the Hispanic Catholic community and generously volunteered their time at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He took great pride in assisting Hispanic parishioners who were new to the area. It wasn't unusual for someone to show up at his house at all hours of the day to get help in filling out legal forms or needing other assistance.

Cecilio would drop what ever he was doing and gladly help out in any way he could. He would host dinners for the parish priests regularly and they would often ask for his help in church-related issues. If they needed a ride to the airport in Chicago or Detroit, Cecilio was there to take them. He loved singing in the St. Joseph choir and playing golf. He took great pride in being a part of the Federal Center golf team and helped them win many a tournament. His generous presence will be missed.

Cecilio was born Oct. 27, 1926, in the small town of Falfurrias, Texas. After serving



in the military, he began his career with the federal civil service at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. In 1976, the government consolidated many of its U.S. offices for parts cataloging, and Cecilio was transferred to the Federal Center. He immediately fell in love with Battle Creek and would reside there until 2015 when he moved to an assisted living facility near his daughter in Texas.

The biggest joy of his life was doting on his grandchildren. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them. His love and generosity for them was immense and filled his retirement years with great joy. They sure loved their "Papo."

Cecilio was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia Salinas.

He is survived by his sons, Danny Salinas of Austin Texas, Gary Salinas of Kalamazoo, Mich., Sonny Salinas of Carlsbad, Calif.; and daughter Priscilla Flores of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Bornell Gibson

Bornell "Barney" Gibson, 76, of Battle Creek, died Thursday, July 30, 2020, at the VA Medical Center's Community Living Center after a long battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease.

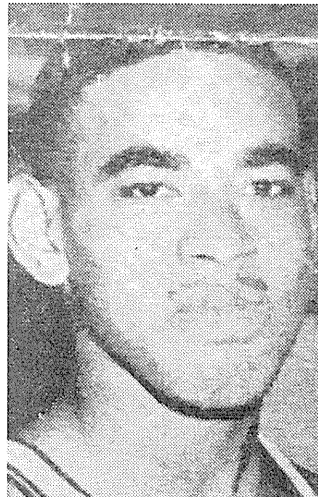
Barney was born Aug. 8, 1943, in Pastmos, Ark., to Prentis and Vera (Smith) Gibson. At the age of 2, his family moved to Battle Creek and he would spend the vast majority of his life there.

He attended Battle Creek Central High School, where he played numerous sports. He continued his education at Kellogg Community College, where he was a member of the basketball team.

After school, he joined the United States Army, where he was assigned to the Signal Corps, specializing in Morse Code. However, his athletic abilities caught the eye of the Army and he would spend his days in the military playing basketball, traveling around Europe. Impressed by his talents, he was signed to play for a professional team in Belgium. After a few seasons, he returned to the States but was offered a coaching position and returned.

As a teenager, he worked as a caddy at the Battle Creek Country Club. This experience led him to pick up golf, and he would become one of the first African-American golfers in the area. He played throughout his life, winning several amateur tournaments in the area.

In addition to sports, Barney enjoyed going to the horse races,



and playing cards with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki; sons and their spouses, Aaron and Brandi Gibson, Devon and Monique Gibson, and Kevin Gibson; granddaughters, Dora and Amiyah Gibson; siblings Prentis Gibson, Sharon Miller, Patricia Ragland, Dorothy Bazemore and Philip Barbee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Prentis Gibson; mother, Vera Caldwell; and brothers Parcell Gibson and Larry Patrick.


The family is setting up a fund in his name for the purpose of supporting opportunities for youth to participate in sports, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's research, and to support the VA Medical Center.

For information, please contact Devon Gibson at devongibson@icloud.com.

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Lewis H. Robinson

On July 30, 2020, Lewis Herbert "Lew" Robinson, formerly of Ann Arbor and then Marshall, Mich., passed away at Calhoun County Medical Care Facility in Battle Creek. He was blessed to have celebrated his 97th birthday earlier in the month, but died of natural causes following a brief illness.

Lew was born in Pontiac, Mich., on July 18, 1923, to Ernest and Mabel (Merkson) Robinson. His father was a dairy farmer at the time, so Lew spent his first few years on a farm in Orchard Hills, Mich. After his father lost his trucking business in the Depression, Lew and his sister, Ernestine, moved with their parents into the family home in Plymouth, Mich. This is where he was raised, graduating from Plymouth High School in 1941.

Following graduation, Lew worked at the Daisy Air Rifle Company in Plymouth before going to Ford Motor Company. It was while he was working at Ford that he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the fall of 1942 to support our country in World War II. He joined the USMC 46th Platoon, then stationed in San Diego, Calif., in December of that year, eventually training in aerial gunnery school for the Douglas SBD Dauntless Dive Bombers.

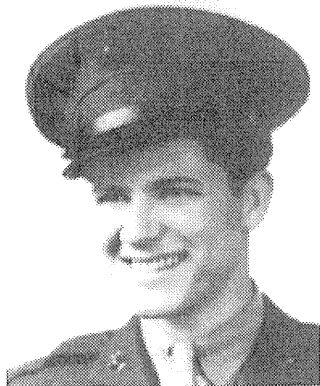
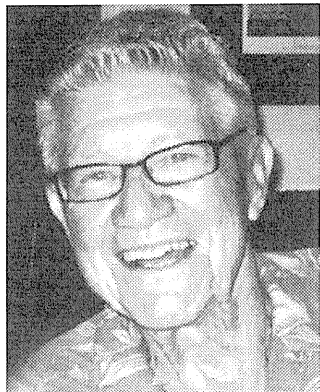
Lew had enjoyed hunting rabbits, pheasants and deer his whole life, so he had no trouble achieving the designation of "Expert Rifleman" in the Marines as a Private First Class. He served in the Pacific Theater on Oahu, Johnson Island, Bougainville Island and Guadalcanal, primarily working in the bomber squadron as a mechanic. He was honorably discharged from the Marines at the end of the war in November 1945.

Upon returning to the States, he rejoined the family in Plymouth and worked again at Ford. An opportunity to work at the Plymouth Post Office as a rural route mail carrier became available, and he joined the Post Office in 1946.

He met Emma Jean Packer while having a night out on the town with friends, and was smitten with her. They were married July 29, 1950, in Dexter, Mich.

In 1951, with a baby on the way, Lew and Jean moved to the Ann Arbor area and eventually purchased a home in the Village of Dixboro. Their daughter, Dianne, was born in 1951, with their son, Don, coming along in 1953. The family became members of Dixboro Methodist Church when the kids were young. As his son was growing up and joining in youth sports and other activities, Lew became a coach for Dixboro's Little League Baseball Team and helped with the activities of Boy Scout Troop #30 in Dixboro.

Lew enjoyed hunting his entire life, and his beagles were favorite pets. He was a loving husband and father and took



great care to provide for his family through his years working at the Post Office. Mid-way through his career, he was honored by the City of Plymouth when he was able to rescue an elderly woman from her burning home while on his mail route. He truly enjoyed his work at the Post Office and retired in 1984 after 38 years of service.

Retirement took Lew and Jean to the Colonnades in Lakeland, Fla., where he enjoyed life in this retirement community, making many new friends. He was the "Bingo King," calling bingo at their weekly games, and helped to organize their community's yearly fundraiser, the Strawberry Shortcake Festival. Lew and Jean enjoyed music and dancing throughout their years together, and had many opportunities at The Colonnades to "cut a rug" at dance parties. Lew was an ardent fan of the Detroit Tigers, and while living in Lakeland, he was able to cheer on his favorite team during spring training season every year. He would recall with enthusiasm all of their big wins and star players, especially the World Series wins in 1968 and 1984. He never missed watching them play on television, always hoping for another Tigers American League Pennant.

Lew and Jean moved back to Marshall in 1997 to be closer to their family, purchasing a condo in Brewer Farms. Lew never met a stranger, so he had no trouble becoming a part of the life of Marshall, a city that he came to love and call home. He joined the First Presbyterian Church and very much enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of the congregation. He was also a member of the Marshall Moose Lodge and VFW Post #4073, being honored with becoming their Veteran of the Year in 2015.

In October 2014, he was accompanied by his wonderful

friend, Jack Robinson, on a Talons Out Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. It was one of the highlights of his later life. Playing cards every week with friends was something he looked forward to and was an occasion not to be missed. He enjoyed many activities around town, always looking for ways to be "out and about." His friends were many, and he valued each and every one of them.

Lew's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the pride of his life. Although the grandkids lived in Iowa and Virginia, he was able to enjoy them when they were able to come to Marshall to visit. Their phone calls, cards, letters and artwork were a special joy to him.

Sadly, Lew was preceded in death by his wife, Jean, in 2004. But, another lovely woman and great friend, Eleanor Smith, came into his life. Lew enjoyed a few years with Eleanor until she, too, passed away.

Lew is survived by his daughter, Dianne (Don) Backus, of Battle Creek; his son, Don (Lola) Robinson, of Bettendorf, Iowa; grandchildren Joel Robinson of Bettendorf, Iowa; Aaron (Jessica) Robinson of Weyers Cave, Va.; Sarah (Christopher) Largent of Muscatine, Iowa; and great-grandchildren Andrew and Isaac Robinson of Weyers Cave, Va., and Claire, Chloe, Carter and Christopher Jr. (Hudson) Largent of Muscatine, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents (his mother, Mabel, lived to be 102!); his sister, Ernestine Cooper and her husband, Gerald, of Belleville, Mich.; his wife, Jean, and special friend, Eleanor Smith, of Marshall. He was also preceded in death by his dear nephew, Jim Cooper, of Plymouth.

He was most grateful for his

loyal friends, Bonnie Kurtz of Marshall, Jack Robinson of Marshall, and Dick and Betty Carr of Battle Creek. Many nieces and nephews on Jean's side of the family also survive, as does Jim Cooper's wife, Sharon, and their daughters, Lainie and Colleen.

Lew spent the last year and a half of his life at Calhoun County Medical Care Facility in the loving care of the nurses and aids who watched over him all day, every day. He enjoyed sharing jokes with the staff and his fellow residents, and his family is grateful for everything they did to make his time there happy, comfortable and purposeful.

A gathering of Lew's immediate family to celebrate his life will be held at a later date, to be officiated by Pastor Penny Pitts of First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at Oakridge Cemetery following the memorial service.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in Lew's name may do so by writing to the First Presbyterian Church of Marshall, 200 W. Mansion St., Marshall, MI 49068.

Arrangements will be managed by Kempf Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 723 US Hwy. 27, N., Marshall, MI 49068.

Please visit www.kempffuneralhome.com to view the online obituary, sign the guest book or leave messages for the family.

For assistance with memorials you may go to the funeral home website or call (269) 781-9858 and the Kempf staff will gladly assist you.



Jay Bonke

Jay Bonke, 45, of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Battle Creek, passed away unexpectedly on July 18, 2020. Jay was born Aug. 31, 1974, in Battle Creek, to Sherry (Bonke) Beninghaus and Jim Sheldon.

Jay graduated from Lakeview High School in 1993. Jay received an associate degree in HVAC from Eastern Arizona College. Jay held many different jobs, but his entrepreneurial spirit always led the way.

Jay loved woodworking, bowling, helping the less fortunate homeless and veterans, and his doggie, Coco. Jay loved model railroading and at one time was president of the Battle Creek Model Railroaders Club.

Jay is survived by his parents, Ken and Sherry Beninghaus, Jim and Nancy Sheldon; siblings Tiffany (Eric) Amaro, Tonya (Tim) Beninghaus-Slack, Ken Beninghaus Jr., Jimmy (Jennifer) Sheldon Jr., all from Battle Creek, Simone (Jason) Buller of Burlington, Andrea (Michael) Hunter of Clarksville Tenn.; several nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be



held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Those unable to attend the service can watch it live streamed on Jay's obituary page at www.henryfuneralhome.org.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Haven of Rest or the Calhoun County Animal Center.

Arrangements by the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home & Cremation Services.



Linda D. Ritzenthaler

Linda Darlene Ritzenthaler was born Feb. 23, 1947. She was the middle daughter of three beautiful girls, born to Marvin Gene Williams and Mary (Seabolt) Williams.

Raised in Logansport, Ind., she grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist home, giving her the foundation to put her trust in God above all.

She graduated from Andrews University in 1969 with a major in elementary education/English and a minor in social studies/general science. She eventually furthered her education, getting her B.S. in Science.

In 1966, she fell in love with Robert Joseph Ritzenthaler while going to school at Andrews University. Two years later they committed their love for one another and promised to grow old together, resulting in 51 loving years of marriage with four children, Robert, Aimee, Michelle, David, and four grandchildren.

Her academic achievements led her into teaching for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1987, in which she completed 27 years of professional service. She loved her family with all her heart and was dedicated to her teaching career, making sure that all her children were supported with Christian education.



Her love for adventure led her on mission trips around the world and her love for life resulted in a home full of laughter and animals. Her loving husband, children and family will always remember the day she passed away on Aug. 2, 2020. But, as we make record of this date on Earth, so does her Heavenly Father with plans to reunite her beloved family with her again in heaven.

Visitation will take place Saturday, Aug. 8, from 1-3 p.m., at Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service, with the graveside service immediately following at Oak Hill Cemetery, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Arrangements by Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service, www.baxterfuneral.com.

Jerry L. Hough

Jerry L. Hough, 72, of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away Monday, July 20, 2020, peacefully at home, with loved ones by his side, after suffering from dementia for many years.

Jerry was born Feb. 17, 1948, to Charles and Mae Hough, of Kalamazoo, Mich. Jerry was a lifelong resident of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek areas.

Jerry worked as a cable contractor for his entire career. He loved meeting new people and treated everyone he met like they were lifelong friends. He would give anyone the 'shirt off his back'.

Jerry enjoyed classic cars and restoring them. He loved to travel. His favorite destinations were Florida, Las Vegas and Arizona, where he liked it so much, he moved there for a short time. Jerry loved Friday Nights on the deck, country music and spending time with his family.

Surviving is Cheri, his wife of 32 years; children, Sherri Ann Goodacre of Galesburg, Kathy (Bryan) Deloach of Kalamazoo,



Chuck Hough of Kalamazoo; stepdaughter Tricia Pulido of Battle Creek; sister Mary Carter of Parchment; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two-step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Mary Lou; son Jerry Lee Jr.; brothers Bill and Allen Dale.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date, due to COVID 19.

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Burgetts to mark 50th anniversary

Bob and Linda Burgett, of Union City, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They were married on Aug. 8, 1970.

Robert (Bob) was born Oct. 17, 1948. He graduated from Athens High School in 1966, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1966-69.

He worked for Johnson Controls for 25 years as an HVAC lead journeyman. He tried retirement for a short time and didn't enjoy it, said his daughter Amy Rohr.

"Now he is a hardworking man and still works part time at the Branch County Intermediate School District in Coldwater as a maintenance man. In his spare time, he enjoys mowing lawns, being a wonderful grandpa, wrestling with his dogs and being a Facebook video star known as Cob Man Bob," she said.

Linda (Edgell) was born Aug. 31, 1950. She graduated from Union City High School in 1968.

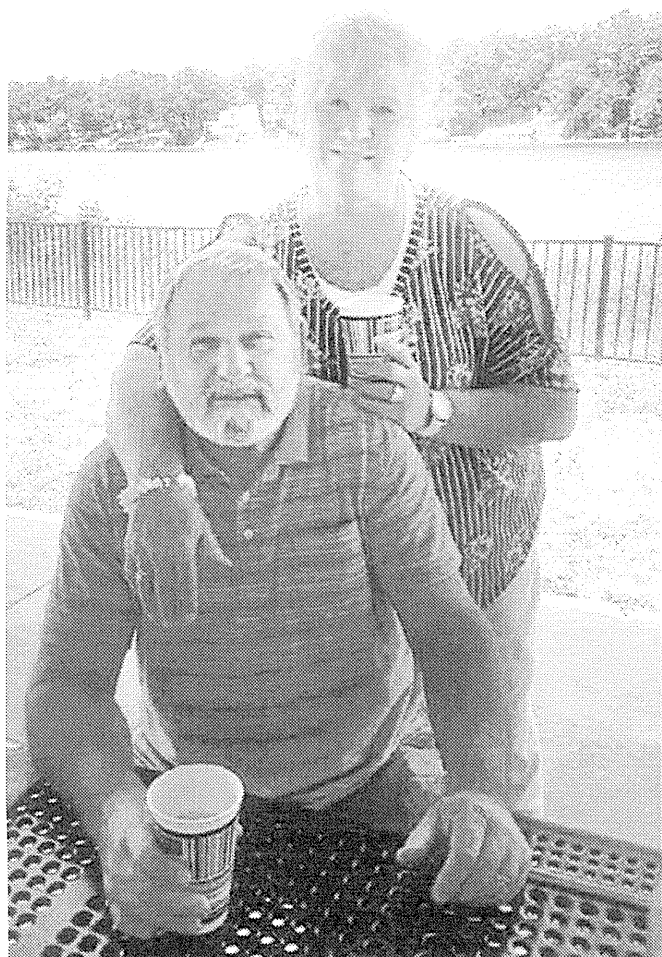
She worked as an LPN at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater for about 40 years. She has since retired and is a full-time grandma and videographer for Cob Man Bob.

She loves to travel, spend time with family and friends, and junk shopping.

Their first child, Holly Jo, was born Jan. 5, 1972, but sadly passed away at age 7 from Reyes Syndrome in 1979.

Rohr said they managed to stay strong despite this loss and carry on, having four more children: Andy Burgett in 1973 (Lynette Foster and three children); Tyler Burgett, 1982 (Tara Yesh and three children); Kenny Burgett, 1985 (Megan Smith and eight children); and Amy Rohr, 1986 (Stephen Rohr).

"Their huge family and abundance of friends have helped shape their amazing love story," said their daughter.



"Here's to 50 more wonderful years, you love birds, or should I say, Love Burgs?"

Due to COVID-19, they are not having a celebration, but people may send cards to Bob and Linda Burgett, 1202 Cherokee Drive, Union City, MI 49094.

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Battle Creek Central Class of 1945, 75th reunion, Saturday, Aug. 22, 4 p.m., Captain Luey's, 181 E. Columbia Ave., Battle Creek. Details: Beverly (Blackburn) Hensley, 965-5016, or Elaine (Godde) Jewell, 275-2757 or email bjhensley1927@att.net or megj87Godde@gmail.com.

Bob & Linda Burgett

are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 8th!

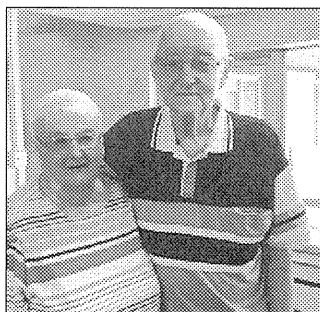


Wow, 50 years! How have they done it? Well, with the help of their amazing children, grandchildren, close family and friends, they have had a wonderful 50 years!

Their first child, Holly Jo, was born Jan. 5th, 1972 but sadly passed at the age of 7 from Reyes Syndrome in 1979. She was a fun-loving and carefree child! They managed to stay strong, despite this loss and carry on having 4 more children! Andy Burgett 1973 (Lynette Kimbel +3 children), Tyler Burgett 1982 (Tara Yesh + 3 children), Kenny Burgett 1985 (Megan Smith +8 children) and Amy Burgett-Rohr 1986 (Stephen Rohr).

Due to current circumstances with Covid-19, they are not having a celebration. However, you can shower them with cards!!

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Reeds to celebrate 70 years of marriage

Seventy years ago on August 19, 1950, James (Jim) and Pauline Reed were united in marriage. They have two children, Doug (Chris) and Dave (Roz) Reed, both of Battle Creek. No formal celebration is planned; however, friends and family are invited to send a card or note, sharing a favorite memory with Jim and Pauline. Their address is 10780 S. Clark, Nashville, MI 49073.

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Veterans in senior homes honored

Will Kowalski
Sports/Asst. Editor

For several years, Ret. Col. Frank Walker has seen to it that military veterans now residing in senior care facilities in the area receive recognition for their duties to their country.

Walker explained at last Wednesday's (July 29) early-afternoon ceremony at the Lakeview Senior Living complex located on Helmer Road that those veterans and their families and caregivers — involving vets from World War II to the present — aren't always able to get out and attend usual ceremonies such as the Memorial Day one at Fort Custer National Cemetery, or others on the Fourth of July or Veteran's Day in November.

As a result, knowing that the vets in their particular conditions of healthy could not come to see him and other dignitaries at those events, and take part in those ceremonies, Walker annually goes out to where those vets are residing and hands out plaques and salutes at their sites of residence.

Such was the case last week



Members of the American Legion Riders Post 298, the Iron Horse Riders and Patrol Guard, parade around the grounds at Lakeview Senior Living on July 29. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)



Bob Munie, 97, a veteran of World War II, said he never forgets his war years — and that he was pleased that Col. Frank Walker organized an event on Wednesday, July 29 that recognized all local senior veterans, their families and their caregivers for their service to our country. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

Walker's "surprises" included:

- A proclamation signed by Battle Creek Mayor Mark Behnke, marking July 29 as "Senior Veterans Day" in the Greater Battle Creek area.

- An honor ride/parade of vehicles on the center's grounds (mostly motorcycles) by members of the American Legion Riders Post 298, the Iron Horse Riders and Patriot Guard.

- Taped patriotic music that came out of loudspeakers, and U.S. flags that patients could wave from their seats or wheelchairs.

- And, a multi-time fly-over by three members of the Hooligans Flight Team, complete with smoke trails coming out of the tails of their WWII planes.

"We just want these senior veterans and their families and their caretakers to know that these brave men and women have not been forgotten, and will never be forgotten," Walker said.

"And hopefully next year, once COVID-19 is over, we can go back to holding this summer-time ceremony for our assisted living veterans in our normal way — which will include family members and an outdoor cookout, just like we've always done."

After the Hooligans flew several times around the Lakeview Assisted Living center, Walker said that the flight team would then do the same over a couple other senior living facility sites in B.C., as well as one in Kalamazoo.



Three members of the Hooligans Flight Team do one of their several fly-overs in the skies above Lakeview Senior Living on the early afternoon of Wednesday, July 29 — part of the festivities that took place that day when the date was proclaimed "Senior Veterans Day" in the Greater Battle Creek Area. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

Among those enjoying the July 29 ceremony at Lakeview Assisted Living was a 97-year-old World War II veteran, Bob Munie.

Munie said he was in the army and overseas — including Normandy — from 1942 until the war ended in 1945, and that he also then stayed on in the service as a member of the air force for another 6 1/2 years before rejoining civilian life.

"I'm old now, but you never forget those war years. Never," said Munie from his wheelchair.

"And today, right here and right now, I'm still remembering what I went through in my life

during World War II. And I'm also certainly enjoying the ceremony that's happening right here today. It's wonderful.

"The only thing I wish for," added Munie, "is that I wish more of our veterans of VietNam and other wars and conflicts since World War II and Korea would also be honored and remembered and celebrated for what they did for their country, too."

"I did one of the Talons Out flights last year — from Kalamazoo to Washington D.C. — and that was wonderful. And today, this is also wonderful. It's nice to be remembered."

Virtual class for older adults to teach healthier eating habits

Bronson's Community Health, Equity and Inclusion Team and Senior Health Partners have joined forces to offer a new, virtual, Zoom-based nutrition and healthy eating class for older adults called "Eat Smart, Live Strong."

The weekly virtual class will be offered on two different days and times to give participants flexibility for joining, said Linda Grap, of Senior Health Partners.

Participants may sign up for classes held on Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m., beginning Aug. 25, or Thursdays, from 10-11 a.m., beginning Aug. 27.

"The Eat Smart, Live Strong program was originally going to be offered face-to-face, but due to COVID-19 limitations and restrictions, we had to find another way to offer the program to people," explained Chris Flood, Bronson Health Education supervisor.

"Eat Smart, Live Strong" consists of four, 30-45 minute classes held virtually via ZOOM.

Classes are interactive, engaging and are taught by knowledgeable and energetic health educators, said Grap.

In class, participants learn practical ways to prepare and eat healthier foods, including plenty of fruits and vegetables; shop smarter and healthier on a budget; and exercise and be more active inside their own homes.

Each week participants receive healthy recipes.

At the end of the program a \$20 Meijer gift card will be given to all participants who meet the income eligibility requirements and attend all four sessions.

The gift cards are being made available through a grant from the Bronson Health Foundation to encourage class participants to purchase healthy foods they learn about in class.

Virtual learning is new to many older adults. One week before the sessions begin, a short "How to Zoom" class will be offered to make sure participants feel comfortable using the Zoom virtual platform.

"We are thrilled to partner with Senior Health Partners to offer this class virtually," said Isabel Hinton, one of the "Eat Smart, Live Strong" instructors from Bronson. "We hope to inspire seniors — even though many of them are homebound and tired of social distancing —

to continue to take small steps towards a healthier life."

Registration for the program is required. The program is free, with limited space.

Community members who receive Medicaid or SNAP receive priority placement.

To enroll, people can call Senior Health Partners at (269) 441-0948.

This program is funded by Bronson, through a SNAP-Ed grant from the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

Senior Health Partners is a community partnership of Bronson Battle Creek, Senior Care Partners-PACE, Battle Creek Family YMCA, Calhoun County Senior Services and Summit Pointe.



Col. Frank Walker, second from left, presents personnel from the Lakeview Assisted Living center with a proclamation signed by Battle Creek Mayor Mark Behnke designating July 29, 2020 as "Senior Veterans Day" in the Greater B.C. area. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

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Harper Creek holds graduation ceremony



A group of Harper Creek High graduates (on the right) gets ready to make their individual ways to the platform stage area to receive their diplomas during HCHS' Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies on Friday, July 31 outdoors at the school. On the stage (from left) are school superintendent Rob Ridgeway, board of education president Beau Bess and high school principal Dennis Anthony. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)



Trevor Brooks, right, receives his Harper Creek Class of 2020 diploma from school superintendent Rob Ridgeway during the July 31 graduation ceremony at the school. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

Will Kowalski
Sports/Asst. Editor
Harper Creek High's Class of 2020 got its day in the sun on Friday, July 31 when graduation ceremonies took place over a four-hour span on the field at the school's sports stadium and a short ways away on the school's soccer field.

The ceremony – which was originally scheduled to have taken place nearly two months prior – was postponed until last week due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

At the July 31 ceremony, all aspects of the graduation followed proper safety measures required because of the pandemic.

The graduates were brought up from the north end to the south end of the school's sports stadium single file around the stadium's track, with the south end being where the stage was located.

Among the presenters on the stage were school superintendent Rob Ridgeway (who handed out diplomas); board of education president Beau Bess and high school principal Dennis Anthony.

All three gave necessary speeches to confirm a student's graduation status and academic honors and scholarship information that had been bestowed upon specific students.



A graduating group of 10 Harper Creek High 2020 seniors throw their caps into the air at the end of their diploma/recognition segment of the July 31 ceremony at the school. The students include Brenna Miller, Gabrielle Bishop, Michalla Barnes, Noah Fredenburg, Braden Davis, Nick Pape, Jason Fraley, Chloe Crane, Sarah Zaharion and Hunter Wilson. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

tion that had been bestowed upon specific students.

During the approximate 10-students-in-10-minutes groupings, only a selected/limited number of parents and friends (to adhere to crowd gathering orders from the governor's office) stood under designated tents to watch the proceedings.

Then, students and their families were directed to the school's nearby soccer field area so that individual student and family photos involving the graduate could be taken.

After each 10-member group of graduates went through that process, another group of 10 grads and their limited number of family members and friends took their turn on the Harper Creek High stadium field.

"It was a tough year – a very tough year – for our Class of 2020 grads," Ridgeway said.

"First, in the fall, the EEE mosquito virus impacted us all – students and families and student-athletes, everybody. Then, COVID-19 hit in March, soon after which school doors were closed across the state, including here at Harper Creek.

"We just hope that today, we're finally able to give these deserving graduates a proper ceremonial send-off – handing out diplomas, recognizing each student, and giving their families and friends a chance to share in the graduate's special day.

"And we did all this," added Ridgeway, "with safety first in mind, since the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us. I think we kept everybody safe, I think everybody had a great time, and we're honored that we got the opportunity to honor all these great graduating students."

Those honored in the "Honor for High Academic Achievement" during the 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. graduation time block were Carinna Baird, Kylee Baird, Madeline Drew, Allison Folkema, Allison Graham, Lauren LaFleur, Shelby Mankee, Kelly McCafferty, Savanna Petersen, Adaline Rocco, Gabrielle Stampfler, Julian Warner, Grace Weller and Jackson Wilcox.

Those honored in the "Military" category were Hunter Coon, Ariana Hepler, James Osborn and Jonathan Walbeck.

And, those honored in the "Battle Creek Math & Science Center Students" category were Carinna Baird, Allison Folkema, Kennedy Kreger, Maddison Marshall, Celeste Rupel, Elyse Sackrider, Jonathon Sonneborn, Sydney Thompson and Gavin Tooman.

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Harper Creek High Class of 2020 graduate Noah Brandt (second from left) and family stop for a photo on their way off the HCHS stadium field and on their way to the school's soccer field for more celebration day pictures. Also in the family photo (from left) are dad Matt Brandt, sister Lilly Brandt, mom Amy Brandt and sister Sophia Brandt. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

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Message from the Superintendent

On July 31, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. we held commencement programs in the HC Stadium for the Class of 2020. It was a graduation unlike any other in the history of Harper Creek Community Schools. It may have been two months past the original scheduled date, but we recognized and celebrated these amazing young adults.

In small groups, our graduates marched across the on-field stage in front of handfuls of family and friends. There was no band playing Pomp and Circumstance, there were no large crowds filling the stands, there was no united turning of the tassels. Nonetheless, there was great honor and pride. Commencement may have been small in size but great in significance.

Like the *Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, Covid-19 may have taken away the bells and whistles of commencement, but it did not take away the celebration. It may not have been a traditional ceremony, but the commemoration of accomplishment was no less. I count myself privileged to have witnessed the triumph of these history-making graduates.

Perhaps we can take our cues for the new school year from the Class of 2020. Perhaps we, too, can find meaning and success in the new school year with patience, resilience, and grace. We are never too old to learn lessons - even from those much younger than ourselves. Here's to the Class of 2020!

Rob Ridgeway, Superintendent

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Back to School at Wattles Park Elementary

By Brent Swan, Principal, Wattles Park Elementary

The staff at Wattles Park is eager to begin a new year with our students. We know this year will be different in how we connect and build relationships with our students, but our mission to Educate, Empower and Equip students for life remains the same, regardless if we are face to face or in a remote learning format. The theme at Wattles Park Elementary this year is, **Strength and Courage**. Students and staff will begin our work from a strength-based model to find success for all. Our staff will emphasize students' areas of strength and use those areas to draw on their efficacy and resiliency to meet new challenges. The circle of courage model of Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity will be a great way to frame our work with children that might be coming with increased trauma needs from the pandemic and the racial strife our country has been going through. Our Wattles Park family will work through every challenge to meet the needs of our students.



Welcome Back Families!

By Nneka Daniels, Principal, Beadle Lake Elementary

Welcome back families! Let's kick off this school year with the three R's: Restoring, Reconstructing, and Redesigning. When I think of these concepts I think of words like; return, repair, and rebuild. These are all the things that we need to do to help students transition into the school year smoothly. The last few months have been challenging for everyone, but more so for our young people. This fall, we will return in whatever form that is allowable, but really need to think about all the supports that we can offer to students as they return. How can we restore their joy? Simple supports like greeting students at the door, a little extra time to talk, words of encouragement, and big smiles.

How can we repair the gaps that come when students are away from school for long periods of time? Lead with a "belief in self".

Assess where students are. What do I already know? What do I need to know that I don't know? Design intentional instruction to focus on areas of needs, but also use student's strengths to lift them up and build confidence.

How do we rebuild in uncertain times? We rebuild one step at a time; remembering that learning is at the forefront and the learner is the guide. We rebuild with a "heart for people"; recognizing that flexibility is the key. We are embarking on a journey this year that is unlike any other that we have experienced; so we must remember to rebuild with grace. We must be the models for our children.



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Restoring, Reconstructing, and Redesigning School

By Shalen King-Short, Principal, Sonoma Elementary

What a summer it has been! We are very excited about beginning this new school year. The last few months have been different for all of our families and community. At Sonoma we are working to redesign how we use our space to support students. We are doing this with the help of the community. Victory Life Church came to Sonoma to help us construct an outdoor classroom space where we will be able to support students' learning outside. They provided and built seating, painted our sand boxes on the playground, and made some raised bed gardens where we will be creating sensory gardens this fall and spring. We are working to restore our bodies and minds by moving some learning outside and redesigning how we teach authentically about the world around us here at Sonoma. Thank you to Victory Life Church for their outreach and support. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!



HCMS Construction Project is Complete!

By Kim Thayer, Principal, Middle School

Fall is always an exciting time for learning, full of unlimited possibilities! I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2020-21 school year. Your Harper Creek Middle School team is working together to provide our students with a rich learning environment, both in person and virtual. As always, our focus is on building meaningful relationships, rigorous learning, and safety.

During the time we were away from the building, a new vestibule project was completed at our main entrance. This safety project was made possible through a grant from the Michigan State Police. There is now a second set of doors that will steer anyone entering the building through the main office. A school is safest when there is one dedicated entrance and that entrance is secured with a vestibule.

Mr. O'Farrell and I are excited to get back to school. We are looking forward to meeting our new families and reconnecting with our returning families.





Congratulations to the Harper Creek Class of 2020

By Dennis Anthony, Principal, Harper Creek High School

The Commencement Ceremony finally arrived for the Harper Class of 2020! Participants were reminded that even though the ceremony was not the traditional ceremony due to following health and safety guidelines, they were there to celebrate the journey of several years and not just a ceremony.

Graduates in small groups were joined by their immediate family and members of the HCCS administration and Board of Education. The event was livestreamed, broadcast on FM 87.9, and later edited to provide a compilation of the entire event.

Prerecorded student speeches were provided by Senior Class Representatives Brenna Miller and Allison Graham, and Salutatorian Julian Warner. Superintendent Rob Ridgeway, Board of Education President Beau Bess and Principal Dennis Anthony shared words with the graduates as well.

Mr. Anthony reflected on 4 years earlier speaking to the class of 2020 as 9th graders, challenging them “to do better, and to be better while in HS to prepare for a world that would look very different in the future. We didn’t imagine that would come true even before you walked across this stage.” He continued, “These are challenging times. But I believe that you... will replace my generation to meet these challenges. I hope you do better than we have done and I believe in the wisdom of the saying that a society grows great when one generation plants trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.” He concluded by encouraging them to choose carefully where they plant themselves and “find who and what will nourish you so no matter how difficult the winds of life blow, you will stand tall, firmly planted and not easily broken....Only when you are rooted in such a place can you continue to learn and grow so that you are always prepared to succeed in a world that is both uncertain and beautiful.”

Congratulations to the HCHS Class of 2020!





In Times of Certainty – LEAD with Heart

By Laura Williams, Assistant Superintendent

As we round out the summer moving into August and the start of school, we find ourselves with more questions than answers, which seems to be the root of the tension in homes, workplaces and communities overall. Uncertainty summons stress and stress has the potential to tear down even the strongest relationships. The challenge before us is to regularly check in on the health of our relationships with all of those we engage with throughout the day. We can make a difference with every interaction. Do we leave people feeling better or worse after each interaction? That is the question to ask ourselves several times a day. If we are showing heart for all people we will pave a solid learning foundation for ALL to occur both at home and in school.

If we allow the uncertainties of today's times to negatively impact those we love, work with, and live around, we can soon struggle to feel hope and joy. It is for this reason that in education we always have to be thinking about the whole child. Constantly monitoring not only academic growth and proficiency but equally, if not more importantly, monitoring the social-emotional growth of our learners. At Harper Creek Community Schools we are working collectively to identify the structures and lessons we need to ensure the learning environment is full of high-quality relationships where everyone feels they truly belong. I challenge myself and everyone in our Harper Creek Community to ask ourselves one question at the end of each interaction throughout the day. ***What did I do to help the person I just talked with feel seen and to feel like they are important and belong?*** I am confident if we each went into every interaction knowing we would be reflective on this certainty, we would be more present. Our children of all ages are watching how we interact with them and with others. Please be mindful, school may not be in session right now but our children are learning from the interactions they are a part of or a witness to.

In closing, young eyes are watching how we show up in difficult times. Let's make sure we are modeling the character we want our children to develop as they witness.

A quote I am holding in my heart during this time is: *"When nothing is sure, Everything is Possible."* by Margaret Drabble.

Feeding the Children of Harper Creek and the Greater Battle Creek Area

By Rebecca Schneider, Communication Director

When the Executive Order to close schools came March 12, a component of the order was ensuring students would continue to be fed. Chef John Ruemenapp, Harper Creek Director of Dining Services, and his team began planning how to feed a district that spans eighty-five square miles. After the 2019-20 school year ended, so did the initial food program but was immediately replaced by the summer Meet Up and Eat Up program. Meet Up and Eat Up, more commonly known as the Summer Food Service Program, was created to ensure kids in need would still receive good nutrition once the school year ended.

Since March, Meet Up and Eat Up has been providing meals for kids at 10 sites in the Harper Creek Community School District. Meals are offered 3 days a week. In addition to the meals prepared by Chef Ruemenapp and his team, Farmers to Families Food Box program was added to our food distribution sites. Farmers to Families Food Box program was created as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to provide dairy and produce to families from food distributors that would normally supply restaurants, hotels, and other foodservice businesses. The boxes have contained a bounty of fresh vegetables and dairy products. Another program that contributes to help feed the children in our area is Love Thy Neighbor Ministries. Throughout the year LTN provides bags of food every Friday to students who qualify. LTN continued providing food bags through the summer, working with Chef John to add to the food the kids receive.

Chef John frequently offers special treats for the kids, offering fresh fruit, hot dogs, and the ever-popular pizza day.

"We are grateful for Chef Ruemanapp and his team's dedication to provide meals for the kids of Harper Creek and the surrounding area. They have worked tirelessly to ensure nutritious food is available during this time of uncertainty." Robert Ridgeway, Superintendent

The Meet Up and Eat Up program ends August 25 at which time Chef Ruemenapp will seamlessly transition their focus to feeding the students in the Harper Creek Community School District.

HCCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 26.....	First Day of School
September 4 – 7.....	No School
October 16.....	No School
November 13.....	Half Day
November 25.....	Half Day
December 21-January 1.....	Winter Break
January 14-15.....	Half Days
February 19.....	No School
February 26.....	Half Day
April 2.....	No School
April 5-9.....	Spring Break
May 31.....	No School
June 4.....	Half Day
June 7.....	Last Day of School

Elementary Grading Terms	
T1	08/26/20 – 11/20/20
T2	11/23/20 – 02/19/21
T3	02/22/21 – 06/07/21

High School Grading Terms	
S1	08/26/20 – 01/15/21
S2	01/18/21 – 06/07/21

Middle School Grading Terms	
Q1	08/26/20 – 10/30/20
Q2	11/02/20 – 01/15/21
S1	08/26/20 – 01/15/21
Q3	01/18/21 – 03/19/21
Q4	03/22/21 – 06/07/21
S2	01/18/21 – 06/07/21



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STUDENT PRIVACY AND PARENTAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Harper Creek Board of Education respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. No student shall be required, as a part of the school program or the District's curriculum, without prior written consent of the student (if an adult, or an emancipated minor) or, if an unemancipated minor, his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning: political affiliations or beliefs; mental or psychological issues; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged relationships; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs; or income

Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal.

Additionally, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student, including reproductive health and family planning programs. The term does not include academic tests or assessments. For more information on this policy and all Harper Creek Community Schools policies at www.neola.com/harpercreek-mi/

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Harper Creek Community Schools operates a pest management program in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Integrated Pest Management (IPM). This program shall also include implementation of an IPM awareness program. All persons applying pesticides on District property shall hold appropriate State certification and be approved by the District IPM Coordinator. Parents may request submit a request for prior notification of pesticide application by submitting a written request sent to the attention of Jim Robinson, Facilities Director, 7454 B Drive N, Battle Creek, MI 49014. Forms are available on the District Website or from any school office.

NOTIFICATION

Parents/Guardians have the right to request notification before any pesticide application is made to school property. In case of emergency,

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BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

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Kellogg Co. grant to United Way aids B.C. hunger relief

Hungry families in Battle Creek can count on nutritious meals through the summer thanks to a grant from Kellogg Company and its charitable funds to United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region.

As a partner of United Way locally, Kellogg is pledging more than \$31,000 to aid local summer hunger relief, said UW.

"Many local nonprofits are seeing unprecedented need in the community right now, particularly around access to food," said Laurel Clark, associate director of Community Impact for United Way BCKR. "Kellogg's support means that more children and more families in Battle Creek are being fed."

United Way will allocate the funds to two United Way partner organizations leading hunger relief efforts this summer:

-- The Battle Creek Family YMCA is providing 100 hot meals prepared by Catering by Chef Cherry to children and their families twice weekly through September.

Deliveries go to 25 food-insecure households, with the rest available for pickup by others in need on a first-come, first-served basis.

-- Charitable Union is receiving grant dollars to supplement its existing Gap Nutrition program for infants, which provides formula while a baby awaits her/his initial WIC appointment, and can provide a monthly supplement to babies once they are on WIC.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a supplemental feeding program that requires families to purchase formula monthly.

This program is available to Calhoun County residents six days a week.

"More than half of the babies born in our community are born into poverty, and COVID-19 is only compounding their current needs," said Teresa Allen, CEO



"Chef Cherry," who leads the hot meal preparation for local families through the Battle Creek Family YMCA, wields her culinary talents during a recent food distribution effort at the YMCA.

of Charitable Union. "We want the very best for every baby in our community. We know that if they are malnourished in the first 12 months, it impacts their future development."

"It's been a challenging time for everyone," said Jill Hinde, CEO of Battle Creek Family YMCA. "But it's been humbling and gratifying to see the community come together to help others. We're really grateful for the support."

Kellogg's grant is part of its global commitment to create Better Days for 3 billion people by the end of 2030 through addressing the interconnected issues of food security, climate resiliency and well-being for people, communities and the planet.

Community Notice

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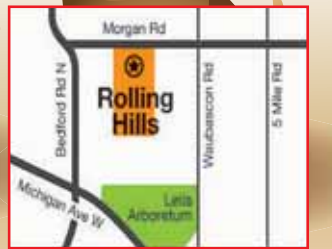
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KCC resumes in-person instruction at RMTC

Kellogg Community College resumed in-person instruction in various industrial trades on July 13 at the college's Regional Manufacturing Technology Center in Battle Creek.

Over the past several months on all five of its campuses, KCC has implemented safeguards, installed safety measures and adopted guidelines, all aimed at mitigating the spread of the coronavirus disease, COVID-19, which led to a campus closure since mid-March, a college press release stated.

The college's full reopening plan can be found at www.kellogg.edu/campus-reopening-plan.

While the majority of KCC's

academic instruction during the current summer semester is online, KCC is offering students the opportunity to enroll in and complete in-person training modules at the RMTC, a facility that has served the skilled and industrial trades training needs of the community.

Students who want to enter the skilled trades, earn a related degree or hone specific skills can begin training immediately in welding; industrial technology; heating and cooling; pipefitting; machining; and electricity and electronics.

Between now and Aug. 6, the RMTC's learning areas will be open to students Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to

3 p.m., the college said.

Students should schedule lab time in advance and will be required to practice social distancing and wear facial coverings inside the building.

KCC has implemented a variety of safety measures, including installing shields and barriers, limiting occupancy of lab and learning spaces, and encouraging students to make appointments.

To schedule appointments or learn more information about

accessing programs at the RMTC, students can visit www.kellogg.edu/industrial.

KCC's summer semester is continuing through early August with the vast majority of summer classes being conducted online.

Over the past several months, the college launched a host of virtual services, enabling students to complete admissions applications, placement testing, financial aid consultations, class registration, counseling appoint-

ments and academic advising sessions online or via telephone, live chat and email.

Those virtual services will continue to be available to all students even after the campuses reopen. For more information, people can go to www.kellogg.edu/virtualservices.

While campuses reopen this summer, KCC continues to encourage students to sign up for fall classes, which will be offered in a variety of online, hybrid and face-to-face formats

that allow for social distancing inside classrooms.

The first fall classes begin Aug. 31, and registration is available now.

Students are encouraged to sign up for classes as early as possible because space is limited. Some classes will have their seats reduced by 50 percent, for example, and many classes fill up by the start of the semester.



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City airport receives grant for PFAS testing

The City of Battle Creek has received a \$196,093 state grant to test for potential PFAS contamination at the Battle Creek Executive Airport at Kellogg Field, said city spokesperson Jessica Vanderkolk.

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has named as emerging contaminants nationally.

They have been used in such items as carpet, food wrappers,

and, relevant to this grant award, firefighting foam.

These chemicals do not break down in the environment, and animal studies show they may be harmful.

LimnoTech, out of Ann Arbor, will focus the investigation on sites where the City of

Battle Creek aircraft rescue and firefighting services have used firefighting foam.

The city took over airport firefighting services from the Michigan Air National Guard in 2014; the grant allows investigation only of non-military uses of potential PFAS.

The investigation will test for PFAS in the soil, storm water, or groundwater at those identified sites — one where an aircraft crashed at the northeast end of the airport grounds; one on the far west side; one on the far east side; and a possible test site at the northeast end.

The city must use this grant within 18 months, and will submit a report to EGLE and the Michigan Department of Transportation Aeronautics.

In 2018 the city tested the water system for PFAS; they were not found at any level in the city's drinking water, said Vanderkolk.

Legal Services sets advice session for seniors

The Legal Services of South Central Michigan-Battle Creek office will conduct interviews for legal advice and possible representation, without charge, over the phone to interested seniors who reside in Calhoun County, the office said recently.

Those who wish to speak with an attorney should call (269) 224-5040 on Wednesday, Aug. 19, between 11 a.m. and noon.

Legal Services of South Central Michigan-Battle Creek office is a nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance, representation and education to low-income people in Calhoun and Branch counties and to seniors in St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun and Barry counties.

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Battle Creek man announces candidacy for KCC board

T. R. Shaw Jr., a long-time Battle Creek resident, and business and community leader, has announced his candidacy for trustee at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek.

"I'm extremely impressed with, and optimistic about Kellogg Community College in its 60-plus years in our community. It's one of our greatest assets, both academically and economically, and I'm excited to become a part of it," Shaw said.

Shaw said he believes KCC is not just a great starting point for higher education, but an outstanding vocational and technical school, too.

"KCC's Regional Manufacturing Technology Center (RMT) at Fort Custer, is the envy of many other communities, and with five campuses serving a diverse population, the future is very bright indeed."

"KCC is one of the best, if not the best, community college in Michigan. It is one of the few with multiple campuses and a strong connection to the community and its industry," Shaw said.

Shaw attended KCC as an advanced standing student, and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1978. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1982, where he was a college journalist and staff writer for the *Central Michigan LIFE* newspaper, and was active



T. R. Shaw Jr.

in many campus organizations.

Shaw also served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve from 1982-2005 and retired as a public affairs officer.

In 1988, following active duty, he earned a certificate in mortuary science from Wayne State University and served as a fourth-generation funeral director, owner and president of Shaw Funeral Homes of Battle Creek and Bellevue. (The business was sold to Kempf Family Funeral Homes of Marshall in 2015.)

Professionally, Shaw served as a director of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association for eight years. Along with his wife, Kathy, they currently operate Shaw Communication in Battle Creek, doing freelance writing, speaking and consulting.

Shaw's first book, "Defy the Immediate, A Journey of Failure, Perseverance and

Success," was published in 2019.

Among his community involvements, Shaw is an emeritus board and executive committee member of the Battle Creek Community Foundation; past board chair of the Brass Band of Battle Creek; past president of the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club and Battle Creek Area AMBUCS; chairperson of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; past chair of the Commanders Club of Michigan; and the Navy League of the United States and the American Legion.

Other activities include serving as a vice president of the Michigan Crossroads Council of Boy Scouts of America, and with the Battle Creek Regional History Museum.

"Being a trustee is a position where you represent the community at large and you are committed to the value of education. I will not forget that the school's middle name is 'Community.' It is a position whose only power comes from being a team. Throughout my careers, I've always been a team player and that's the way it should be."

Shaw will appear on the non-partisan ballot in November.

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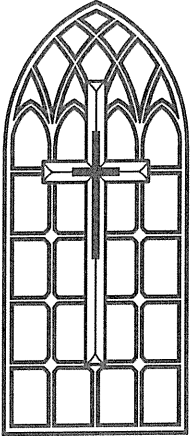
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Obituaries

Mary P. Brandt

Mary Patricia Guilfoyle
Brandt, 71, passed away peace-
fully in Battle Creek, Mich., on
Aug. 2, 2020.

Mary was born in
Kalamazoo, Mich., the daughter
of Harold and Rosemary
(O’Rourke) Guilfoyle.

She graduated from St.
Philip Catholic Central High
School in 1968 and went on to
earn her degree as a Licensed
Practical Nurse (LPN). Mary
worked side by side with podia-
trist Dr. Johnson in Battle Creek
until his retirement.

Mary was preceded in death
by her parents; son Michael
Brandt; brother Thomas
Guilfoyle; and sisters-in-law
Linda (Bun) and Linda
Guilfoyle.

Surviving are children Jeff
(Julie), Christy (Rick) Ulsh,
Matthew (Amy); 10 grandchil-
dren; three great-grandchildren;
four brothers and sisters, Carole
(Albert) Sufin, Charles (Kay)
Guilfoyle, James Guilfoyle,
Shirley (Dennis) Hubbard; sev-
eral nieces and nephews.

Mary enjoyed bowling,
camping, traveling and winter-
ing in Florida. She loved to
laugh and was always ready
with a hug and a smile! She was
funny, witty and compassionate
to everyone she met. Dancing
and snuggling with her grandba-
bies would put a huge smile on



her face.

She loved her family and
friends who were like family,
but her greatest joy in life was
her grandchildren.

Funeral services are being
held Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, in
Battle Creek, Mich. Visitation is
at Baxter Funeral and Cremation
Service from noon to 2 p.m. A
graveside service is to follow at
Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens
at 2:30 p.m. Invitation is open to
the public to come celebrate
Mary’s life with family and
friends.

Following Covid-19 guide-
lines, 10 visitors will be allowed
in the building at a time.

Memorial contributions can
be made to Grace Hospice.

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Jillene K. Bauserman

It is with tremendous sadness
that we announce the passing of
Jillene Kay Bauserman
(Wagner), 80, of Battle Creek,
Mich., who passed away
Thursday, July 30, 2020, at
Three Rivers Health.

Jillene was born Dec. 21,
1939, in Adrian, Mich., the
daughter of Orville and Pauline
Wagner and stepfather John
Hughes. Jillene graduated from
Battle Creek Central High
School in 1957.

Jillene was married to John
Bauserman, Sr., which ended in
divorce, but they remained
friends.

Surviving are her children,
John Bauserman, Jr. (Lisa
Briggs), and Jackie (Paul)
Anderson, both from Battle
Creek, Mich.; brother, Michael
(Connie) Hughes; sister, Cathy
(Chuck) Smolinski; and special
friend, Marlene Monica, and her
daughter, Marissa; grandchil-
dren, Adrian, Kaitlyn, Meaghan,
Connor (Nicole), Noah, Chase,
Hannah; great-grandchildren,
Madison, Madilyne, Mckenzey,
Emilee, Mallorie, Zoey, Dakota,
Isaiah; and several nieces and
nephews.

Jillene was preceded in death



by her parents and granddaugh-
ter Sara White.

Jillene was a Master
Gardener; she loved playing in
the dirt and took great pride in
tending to and maintaining her
beautiful flower garden in her
yard. She was known as "The
Hosta Lady" for all the different
varieties she had. Her yard was
on the 2007 Garden Tour. Her
other passion was sewing/quilt-
ing and spending time with the
sewing ladies.

She will be deeply missed by
all who cared about her.

A celebration of Jillene's life
will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements by Horner
Funeral Home, LLC, in Three
Rivers, Mich.

Ollian W. Scroggins

Ollian W. Scroggins, 84, of
Battle Creek, Mich., was pro-
moted to heaven to be with his
wife, Cora Lee (Etherton)
Scroggins, on Aug. 3, 2020.

Ollian was born Feb. 23,
1936, to Joseph and Lucy
(Pelfrey) Scroggins, in Meigs
County, Tenn.

Ollian was preceded in death
by his parents, Joseph and Lucy
(Pelfrey) Scroggins; his wife of
64 years, Cora Lee (Etherton)
Scroggins; and a brother, Evert
Scroggins.

Surviving are his brother
James E. Scroggins; daughter
Shirley Smith; son, Edward
Scroggins and Theresa Fletcher;
daughter Linda Roark and Dale
Barker; daughter Patty and
Donnie Lash; eight grandchil-
dren; and 17 great-grandchil-

dren.

Loved, missed, but never
forgotten.

A celebration of life will be
held at a later time.

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Hope and prayer can provide healing for nation

I have a hope.
Even though the Fourth of July is past, we still haven't celebrated the "official" birth of our country.

That occurred Aug. 2, 1776, when 56 patriots signed the Declaration of Independence.

This year, I have been using the time between July 4 and Aug. 2, to reflect on the past 244 years and where we're at today. I am both saddened and hopeful.

My hope is printed on every U.S. coin and currency. Reach in your pocket or wallet and take out a coin or a dollar bill. You will find the words "In God We Trust."

If we all put our trust in God -- because He is the one in control -- then the best is yet to come.

Inspired by the words of a great American hero, Martin Luther King Jr., I share with you my hope for our country. I hope you had a happy 2nd of August!

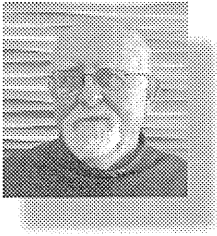
Twelve score and four years ago, 56 delegates to the Second Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
37TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CALHOUN COUNTY
PUBLICATION AND NOTICE
OF FRIEND OF THE COURT
ANNUAL STATUTORY
REVIEW
2020
PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNUAL REVIEW OF
PERFORMANCE RECORD OF
THE FRIEND OF THE COURT**

Pursuant to Michigan law, the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the friend of the court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2020.

This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to Hon. Michael L. Jaconette, Chief Judge, 161 East Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49014-4066.

Guest Column



with Richard Schlatter
ArtPrize 9
Popular Vote Grand Prize
winner

This momentous event, on Aug. 2, 1776, proclaimed that millions of people in a new land, called the United States of America, were now a sovereign nation and free of the reign of the British Empire.

But 244 years later, we are still not united. Two hundred and forty-four years later, we are still fighting—not the British -- but among ourselves.

Two hundred and forty-four years later, our country is sadly crippled by divisiveness, greed, corruption, biasness and hatred.

Two hundred and forty-four years later, some of us are standing on the corners of our streets and find ourselves prisoners in our own communities.

So, I write this to not only dramatize the deplorable situation we are in, but because I have a hope.

As a nation, we have come a long way. But, in another sense, we still have a long way to go.

When our founding fathers wrote the words of the Declaration of Independence, they were guaranteeing certain inalienable rights -- life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness -- to ALL people, because we are created equal.

It saddens me to say that these rights are being threatened by partisan politics, violent protestors, anarchists and an attitude of total disrespect -- disrespect for each other, regardless of race, gender or political views; disrespect for property; and disrespect for our flag and our country's heritage.

I am writing this to remind America of the urgency of this situation.

Now is the time to get off the dark and desolate path we are on. Now is the time to go in a

new direction.

Now is the time to lift our nation from the divisiveness of partisan politics and work together for the good of all.

Now is the time to end the racial injustice.

Now is the time to stop the violence and destruction of property. Now is the time to bind up our wounds and heal our country.

We must not overlook the urgency of this moment. The discontent and unrest will not pass until our leaders and elected officials join hands in solidarity to lead us down a new path -- a path to justice and respect for all.

We must continue our struggle for unity and mutual respect on the high plane of dignity and discipline.

We must not allow violent protestors and anarchists to destroy our country. Again and again, we must rise to meeting physical force with a return to law and order. We must work together. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge to put partisan politics aside and seek the truth and what is best for our country, not what is best for our party or our own personal agenda.

We all come from different backgrounds and different life experiences. We live in different states and different communities. Some of us have been per-

secuted unfairly. Some of us have suffered from police brutality. Some of us have experienced discrimination.

But while we all have different family trees, we are all part of the same forest. And if we let the flames of political bickering and hatred and self-righteousness continue to burn, then our country will go up in smoke like the hillsides of California in October.

Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a hope. It is a hope deeply rooted in the American dream: where anyone, regardless of the color of their skin or what class they were born into, can attain their own version of success through sacrifice and hard work.

I have a hope that one day soon, in the chambers of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., members of the House of Representatives and the Senate will rise up and put America first and not their party; that they will sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a hope that we can all walk the streets of our cities and feel safe, regardless of the color of our skin, trusting that our police will be there to protect us.

I have a hope that some day we can make our voices heard in peaceful protest without infringing on the rights of others—

rights that were guaranteed to us all by the Declaration of Independence.

I have a hope that we will show respect to those who put their lives on the line every day to protect us: our military, first responders, firefighters and the police.

I have a hope.

I have a hope that every American, regardless of race, gender or class, will respect each other; that the violence toward one another will stop; and that peace and brotherly love will prevail from sea to shining sea.

I have a hope that one day, our children, regardless of their color, will be taught the history of our great country and learn from it so they may be inspired to work to make our country better and not tear it apart because of the injustices of the past.

This will be the day when all of us will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty."

I have a hope that one day we will take to heart the words "In God We Trust."

The scriptures tell us "if a house is divided against itself, it cannot stand."

Patrick Henry used this phrase in his last speech in March 1799: "Let us trust God and our better judgment to set us right. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into fac-

tions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs."

Let these words ring out over our great land -- from the skyscrapers of New York to the slopes of California.

And when this happens, when we unite in brotherly love, when we stand together and salute our flag with respect and sing out "Oh, say can you see," when we put our trust in God, we will find a new hope that will deliver us from these dark days into the dawn's early light.

I have a hope that we will unite our hearts and pray to God for our nation. We are "One Nation Under God." God is where our real hope is, not in our past, not in our elected leaders and not in our economy.

There is real power in uniting in prayer. My hope is that we will listen to the words of Isaiah 58:1: "Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast. Shout aloud! Don't hold back."

My final hope is that God will hear our prayers and bring healing to our land.

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DATE OF MEETING:
TIME OF MEETING:
PLACE OF MEETING:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
5:00 P.M.- 5:30 P.M.**

A hearing will be held on the proposed special assessment district electronically "due to the Covid-19 pandemic" on **August 13, 2020** commencing at **5:00 p.m.** by a **ZOOM** meeting. The public may participate in the **ZOOM** meeting remotely at the following internet address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81785468071?pwd=WG1UNnVNY2pFZGQ0NVBBL0RkamdyQT09>

The meeting ID and password is as follows:

Meeting ID: 817 8546 8071
Passcode: EmmTRW813
The public may also attend by telephone by calling: +1 312 626 6799
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If you have any questions on how to access the zoom meeting please contact Ken Cunningham at Emmett Charter Township Hall 621 Cliff Street, phone number (269) 788-1730 or email at kcunningham@emmett.org.

If you have questions or wish to provide input to the public body prior to the public meeting please contact Emmett Charter Township at 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek Michigan 49014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday by phone at (269) 968-0241 or email Tracy Myers-Malone at trmyers@emmett.org.

You can also reach the engineer on this project, Civil Engineer's Inc., Rick Eshlaman at phone number (269) 962-5127, or email reshlaman@cei-bc.com or by visiting CEI located at 14250 Beadle Lake Road, Suite 150, Battle Creek, Michigan 49014 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

This notice is to hold a Public Hearing for the Special Assessment District No. 01 of 2020 to add Water District down Tower Road. That a hearing on any objections to the improvement, the estimates of costs, and to the special assessment district proposed to be established for the assessment of the cost of such improvement

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 41.72a (2) and (3), and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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POSTED ON: Wednesday July 29, 2020

Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk

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NOTICE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS Notice of Public Hearing:

The Charter Township of Bedford Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 25, 2020 via conference call to hear discussion and receive comments regarding the proposed rezoning changes for a parcel of land known as 13-04-530-048-00, located on Uldriks Drive. The owners have requested that this land be changed from RB-medium density residential to AG-agricultural. The proposed changes may be reviewed, by any interested party, at the Bedford Township Hall during regular business hours. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM – 12:00 Noon and 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM. This will be a virtual meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting should call Sally Shaw, Building & Zoning Administrator, or email bdgzoning@bedfordchartertwpmi.gov, at which time you will be given the call-in phone number and access code.

Sally Shaw

Building & Zoning Administrator

Nonprofits help boost Census response

Michigan is the first state in the nation to match its 2010 Census self-response rate -- a significant milestone that can be attributed, in part, to early outreach by nonprofits throughout the state, said Kyra Wallace, president and CEO of the Southwestern Michigan Urban League in Battle Creek.

Michigan matched its 67.7 percent self-response rate from 2010 and ranks third in the nation overall for self-responses.

Residents can self-respond to the Census online, over the phone or by mail.

While this recent milestone is worth celebrating, there is still a lot more work ahead to achieve a complete census count, Wallace said.

“Amid a global pandemic, with social, political and racial unrest taking center stage, and the cancellation of in-person Census events, nonprofits helped propel Michigan to become the first state in the country to match its 2010 Census self-response rates,” said Wallace. “When Stay-at-Home

orders restricted in-person contact, nonprofits showed up to distribute food to families in need and provided information packets on filling out the Census, and with millions of Michiganders at home, they took their messaging online, hosting town halls and Census parties.”

Nonprofits adapted their outreach to meet the needs of their community while demonstrating how accurate Census data impacts the current health crisis, she said.

“Nonprofits helped their community make the connection between resources that were available to them, such as unemployment insurance and food assistance, and how Census data impacted those resources in real-time,” Wallace said. “From partnering with local distilleries to provide hand sanitizer, to distributing PPE, the message of the Census was never far behind.”

Michigan's nonprofits began reaching out to communities more than two years ago through

the Census 2020 Michigan Nonprofit Complete Count Campaign, a collaboration between nonprofits, the State of Michigan and the U.S. Census Bureau.

The campaign encourages historically undercounted populations to complete the Census to ensure equity in political power, government funding and private-sector investments.

The state's historically undercounted populations -- which comprises ethnic/minority populations, immigrants, families with young children, senior citizens, those living in poverty, people in rural communities or those who are experiencing homelessness -- are at the greatest risk of being undercounted, said Wallace.

They rely heavily on Census data to receive funding for medical care, food assistance and school programs.

Without an accurate Census count, Michigan stands to lose millions of dollars in federal support for programs that use

census data. Specifically:

-- Census data is used by public officials to determine the federal distribution of funds for programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and MICHild; food assistance programs, including free and reduced school lunches; education funding for special education, Head Start and Title 1; and funding for roads and bridges.

-- An inaccurate Census count would result in the historically undercounted populations relying more heavily on nonprofit organizations for services.

-- The state also is at risk of losing a Congressional seat in

Washington, D.C., which would reduce Michigan's number of Electoral College votes.

It has never been easier to fill out the Census and help Michigan receive the funding it needs. The Census is just nine questions and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

Completing the Census online at www.2020census.gov, over the phone at (844) 330-2020 or by mail is especially important given social distancing.

In-person visits from Census field workers have been delayed until August due to the COVID-

19 pandemic.

As of June 22, Michigan's Census self-response rate is 67.8 percent.

The Southwestern Michigan Urban League, in partnership with the Battle Creek Community Foundation, is serving as the Calhoun County Census Hub.

An advisory team has been meeting since March 2019 to strategize about ways to bring about awareness of the 2020 Census.

Several mini-grants were awarded to organizations to ensure the message was spread widely.

MSU Extension offers online classes on preserving produce

Michigan State University Extension is offering online classes on safe home preserving techniques for the overflow of fresh garden produce.

“Food preservation is a science, and we must properly preserve food or dangerous bacteria can cause foodborne illness,” Lisa Treiber, an educator with MSU Extension, said in a press release.

Preserving Your Harvest classes will be held every Thursday, from Aug. 13 through Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

“No matter what your home food preservation experience is, whether beginner or seasoned, these free classes will allow you to learn the most current recommendations for safe home pre-

serving and to ask any questions you may have,” she said.

Individuals can join in on all sessions or pick and choose ones of interest. Topics covered will include:

Aug. 13 – Safe Home Food Preservation: Traditions and Trends

Aug. 20 – Preserving What’s Left in Your Garden

Aug. 27 – Peaches: Can or Freeze?

Sept. 3 – Too Many Tomatoes

Sept. 10 – Salsa 101

Sept. 17 – Know Your Canners

Sept. 24 – Basics of Sauerkraut

Oct. 8 – Preparing Soups for Winter

Oct. 15 – Making

Applesauce

Oct. 22 – Preserving Food for Gifts

Oct. 29 – Preserving Venison

To register, people may visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/PreserveHarvest>; or call (877) 643-9882.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Property Address: 8632 G Drive North, Battle Creek (Calhoun County, Michigan)

Stephen M. Bridges, Successor Trustee of the Hazel A. Young Trust Dated November 18, 1997, of 12601 Case Road, Bellevue, Michigan 49021, is the Mortgagor under that certain Mortgage dated March 28, 2018 to Vandervoort, Christ & Fisher, P.C., recorded April 18, 2018, in Liber 4222, Page 0605, Calhoun County Register of Deeds. The Mortgagor is in default of the Mortgagor's obligation under the Mortgage.

The principal amount due under the Mortgage together with all interest accrued as of the date of this Notice is \$38,022.90

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to statute and the provisions of the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises described in the Mortgage at public auction at the Sheriff's Office, on the First Floor of the Justice Center, 161 East Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017 on Thursday August 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The length of the redemption period after sale will be 6 months. If the property is sold at the foreclosure sale, then pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Bronson Children's Hospital to host virtual run and walk

The annual Bronson Children's Hospital Run & Walk is going virtual this September.

The event usually draws more than 2,000 people to Bronson's downtown Kalamazoo campus.

However this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instead of bringing people together in one place, individuals and teams will participate in the event virtually, from their own neighborhoods and communities, said spokesperson Carolyn Wyllie.

The Run & Walk is Bronson Health Foundation's premiere event to raise funds for programs and services at Bronson

Children's Hospital.

Community support is critical to ensuring the children's hospital is able to continue to provide child life services, art and music therapy, new medical technology and supportive services in the neonatal intensive care unit.

“We are so glad we can still offer a Run & Walk experience this year,” said Terry Morrow, vice president of development for Bronson Healthcare. “Our community members have really shown us how resilient and adaptable they are, and their commitment to helping Bronson take care of children who are ill or injured continues to be strong.”

The virtual Run & Walk will take place from Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 27.

Participants can choose when and where they will complete their 5k (3.1 mile) or 1 mile run or walk.

All registered participants will receive a T-shirt, bib and a finisher medal.

Teams and individuals are invited to set a fundraising goal to further support children's health, said Wyllie.

All participants are encouraged to share their experience on social media.

People also is reminded to practice safe social distancing if running or walking with others from outside their household.

More details are available at brnsonhealth.com/runwalk.

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KCC music programs continue online

The residential choirs of Kellogg Community College are putting in-person music-making on pause this fall, but the halls will be anything but quiet.

Gerald Case-Blanchard, Ph.D., director of Vocal Arts and coordinator of the college's music programming, is among the many college faculty nationwide getting creative as their academic plans adjust to the new reality of COVID-19.

Music programming at KCC has been hit especially hard by the pandemic: All fall choral performances have been canceled, and all music classes will be offered in an online-only format.

This presents unique challenges for a program, but Case-Blanchard said he is optimistic.

"Singers will certainly be among the last to resume our normal activities due to the nature of our art," Case-Blanchard said. "However, I don't allow myself to wallow in the darkness and fear of the unknown. Instead, I begin to find other creative ways to keep the voices singing."

Case-Blanchard hopes to keep current students engaged in their musical education while also drawing in new students through a robust schedule of online music classes.

This includes general classes

on topics like Music Appreciation and Music Theory, as well as individual voice lessons and lessons on instruments, including the clarinet, drums, flute, guitar, piano, saxophone and violin.

KCC is also offering lessons in choral conducting, and a new class called "Music in Early Childhood."

Additionally, KCC offers the option for community members to take select music classes and lessons as noncredit courses for personal enrichment.

Music instruction this fall will be offered through a number of online technologies, including Facebook Messenger, FaceTime, Skype, Zoom and other video conferencing-style software.

Beginning in September, Case-Blanchard will also be hosting a virtual "Choral Check-in" on the first and third Mondays of each month, touching base with home-bound choral students on topics including vocal exercises, basic music reading skills, breathing techniques for singers, sight reading and sectional rehearsals for choir members.

There will also be interviews with long-time choir members and program updates and announcements featured on the Performing Arts @ KCC SoundCloud page the last Friday of each month.

A number of virtual recitals are also in the works, including the continuation of the pro-

gram's popular Music in Quarantine video series.

"It is imperative that we remain engaged in the art of singing, even though we can't do it with our musical friends in the same space at the same time," Case-Blanchard said.

Case-Blanchard is also looking forward to a big spring semester featuring performances that will mark historic anniversaries for a pair of KCC's choirs.

The Kellogg Singers will celebrate its 65th year, while the Branch County Community Chorus will celebrate its 20th anniversary.

The program's annual "Singing in the Spring" concert that semester will commemorate

them both.

The spring 2021 season will culminate with an international concert tour in May with performances scheduled in various locations in Canada.

In addition, a half dozen national or international tours are in the works over the next decade, with tours to Austria, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Hawaii. The anticipated schedule culminates with a concert tour to Japan in 2033.

"KCC choirs have been making music since the college's founding in 1956 and we are not about to stop now," Case-Blanchard said. "Our future as a community of singers shall be bright, and we shall sing together again."

MIOSHA protecting service industry workers

To protect employees, customers and communities from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) has launched a State Emphasis Program focused on retail, restaurant, bar and service industry establishments.

The program addresses the need for increased partnership, education and enforcement to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, the agency said in a July 27 press release from Lansing.

"The vast majority of employers are working hard to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on their business and the economy. This new initiative is aimed at helping them educate employees and customers on best practices and assure that all workplaces remain safe for the community," Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Director Jeff Donofrio said.

The focus of the State Emphasis Program (SEP) is to educate and seek compliance with guidelines and rules that will protect workers and customers in locations serving the public where community spread of COVID-19 is a risk.

The SEP includes businesses such as bars and restaurants, gas stations and convenience stores,

grocery stores and other retail establishments.

Recently, Michigan has seen an uptick across the state.

MIOSHA will conduct inspections by referral or randomly at bars and restaurants, gas stations and convenience stores, grocery stores and other retail establishments to review how rules are being followed, educate and enhance compliance.

While inspections will seek to help employers comply with safety standards, if the inspections determine major deficiencies in the employer's COVID-19 preparedness and response plans, citations and penalties up to \$7,000 may be issued.

"MIOSHA staff will evaluate the employer's compliance with existing MIOSHA standards, along with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as they pertain to protecting workers," MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman said. "Employers need to put certain safeguards in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety and health of their employees."

Guidance and resources are posted online at Michigan.gov/COVIDWorkplaceSafety.

Oaklawn Medical Group makes office location changes

Oaklawn Medical Group staff and officials in Marshall have been informing visitors and patients about several recent and upcoming office location changes.

"These adjustments will allow us to better accommodate our patients and the care we provide," said Kathy Rhodes, the medical group's executive director.

A step toward improved patient access to local medical services came in late 2019 when Oaklawn acquired space at 1174 W. Michigan Ave., in Marshall.

That address became the home of Michigan Avenue Primary Care, as well as the new home of Oaklawn After Hours Express, formerly based on Hamilton Street.

Michigan Avenue Primary Care, which opened in May, brings together the family medical services of Dr. Melissa Gates, Kimberly Chrisman, PA-C, and Wendy Davis, PA-C.

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Oaklawn After Hours Express recently expanded its operating hours.

That facility now is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, as well as 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

In early June, the Oaklawn Medical Group's endocrinology services moved to Marshall Internal & Family Medicine at 720 Old US-27, N., transferring from its former site at the Marshall Specialty Clinic.

At the new location, patients will be seen by Dr. Cynthia Abacan and Tara Jock, PA-C.

Appointments may be made by calling (269) 781-6600.

An upcoming move will affect Oaklawn Medical Group's allergy, asthma and immunology services and patients being seen by Dr. David Swender, currently based at the Marshall Specialty Clinic at 203 Winston Drive.

It is expected that in early July, Swender and those services will move to the former After Hours Express site at 111 S. Hamilton, Rhodes said.

Until the location change the

week of July 6, Swender's office may be contacted at (269) 789-4380, and at the Marshall Specialty Clinic, 203 Winston Drive. Afterward, Swender's office may be contacted at (269) 789-8291.

Rhodes said the Marshall Specialty Clinic will continue to serve patients of Oaklawn's orthopedics and sports medicine services, featuring local providers Dr. Kimberly McLean, Dr. William Comai, Dr. Paul Aschmetat, Kevin Kelch, PA-C, Kari Scarbrough, FNP-C, and Matthew Griffiths, PA-C.

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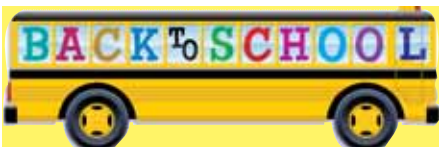
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Lakeview to be completely online Aug. 26-Nov. 13

Shelly Sulser
Executive Editor

When Lakeview Schools began realizing last spring that the COVID-19 pandemic may not be under control by fall, they already had a virtual academy model on which to build.

"We established for the 2019-2020 school year a virtual, alternative ed high school program," said Superintendent Blake Prewitt, "because we saw a need at our high school, students for different reasons who needed alternatives to a traditional education."

"So," he continued, "we've had a good year of putting that together at the high school level so it was really easy to take that and replicate it at the middle school level."

Prewitt made those comments on July 24 before finalizing the plan that was released to the public July 31.

Now, all school will be virtual, according to a letter he sent to parents Friday.

"A few weeks ago we believed that it was possible to return safely to in-person school," his letter reveals, "and that all the logistical issues could be addressed in an acceptable manner."

"We engaged with the Calhoun County Public Health Department, and we struggled to



Lakeview Public Schools Superintendent Blake Prewitt, seen here via Zoom, said keeping staff and students from getting sick while trying to make sure students get a high quality education weighs on his conscience as he leads the district through a three-scenario approach, based on virus control reopening phases, to starting school Aug. 26.

create a hybrid model that was optimal for safety and learning, particularly at LMS and LHS. As the work continued it became clear that 'normal' in-person models might be impossible to implement."

After listing all of the challenges to conducting school in person, Prewitt said he came to a conclusion last week.

"I do not believe that in-person learning is possible right now," he said, "but I do believe

that it will be achievable in the future. Therefore, we will be fully online for the first trimester pre-K-12 (Aug. 26th-November 13th).

"Hopefully," he continued, "we can return to in-person instruction by the second trimester."

Students will keep their scheduled classes in Lakeview High School and Lakeview Middle School but they will be fully online.

Elementary students will receive their teacher assignments as usual and be fully online.

"We are working on a process for the students and teachers to physically meet during our Chromebook and student supplies (all the materials that students will need for virtual instruction) handout," he explained.

Teachers and administrators have been researching best practices in virtual learning, as well as evaluating the virtual learning program from the Spring.

"We knew that due to the timeframe and constraints of the executive order, our Spring virtual learning was limited," he explained. "The virtual learning your student will experience this trimester will be aligned with best practices and have a higher level of rigor."

He called a provided virtual learning plan a living document that will continue to be updated.

"We don't want anyone to catch COVID," he said. "I don't want any of the students, the parents, the staff - that will be for me one of the worst phone calls I get this year if and when someone gets COVID. I pray to God, if someone gets it, no one in the Lakeview community is hospitalized."

"That," he continued, "weighs extremely heavy on my conscience. It also weighs heavy on my conscience kids getting a

high quality education and how do we do that for every child and how do you mesh those two?"

"How do you keep everyone safe? Students, parents, staff, community and provide the high quality education?"

"Because, if we have an outbreak in the school, it's not just about the school, it's about the greater community."

It was in April that Prewitt and his staff and board realized that the virus spread was not going to be easily harnessed.

"We realized April, May ish as COVID was not dying down and was really going to be something that was going to be a long term impact to us," he said, "that we needed to start some online, k-12 options for parents."

His own mother, he said, is immunosuppressed, so the gravity of contributing to community spread weighs heavy on him.

"We are working with the Oakland County ISD regarding the elementary virtually learning," Prewitt said July 24, "because they've been running a program for over nine years, very, very successfully and elementary is a very different animal than middle school."

"Middle School," he continued, "you know you'll have English and your individual classes, elementary, the teacher does everything."

He said otherwise, there are very few vendors for elementary level virtual learning.

"There are a number of vendors that all of a sudden came up with elementary online course work that was all done very poorly," said Prewitt, "so we were not going to engage in pulling an online curriculum that hasn't been vetted, hasn't been used, so, that's why we're using Oakland schools because they've been doing this for nine years at the elementary level."

Lakeview was going to use high quality materials and curriculum the district has either vetted and used or they were going to use another public school institution to support them that has done this for a long time, he said.

"We did not want to use a private, for profit institution," said Prewitt.

The curriculum department enlisted the help of alternative high school teacher coordinator

Allison Olson, as well as middle school assistant principal Trudy Stitt and assistant principal Terra Rice, the district's former English coordinator who has been working with Oakland Schools on the elementary level program.

"We have right now overall about 100 students K-12 that are interested," said Prewitt of the Virtual Academy. "So, you've got per se, 25 in the elementary, and about 30 or so in the middle school and about 35 in the high school."

"I wouldn't say it's a critical mass," said Prewitt on July 24, "but we've got a number of parents this is the option they want to go with and they believe this is best for their kids at this time and we understand and want to support them."

All of this is with the expectation that the State of Michigan remains in Phase 4 (improving) when school is slated to begin Aug. 26.

Should the state move to Phase 5 (containing) by Oct. 19, Prewitt also has a plan in place for returning to in-person learning.

"On Oct. 19, the administration and the Board of Education, in consultation with Calhoun County Public Health Department," he said, "will assess the risk for community COVID-19 spread and decide on the plan for the second trimester. Some of the factors to be considered will be the Calhoun County cases per million and the percent positive."

As of Tuesday, Aug. 4, the state of Michigan average has spiked from 15 cases per million to 50 cases per million, according to a press release from the office of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in which she announced stricter enforcement of mitigation related orders such as masking and public gatherings.

According to Calhoun County Public Health Department data, as of Tuesday, Aug. 4, there are a recorded 661 confirmed, cumulative cases and 40 deaths in Calhoun County alone.

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BCPS adopts re-opening plan; in-person elementary offered



Members of the Battle Creek Public Schools Board of Education, led by President Karen Evans, met online Monday in a special meeting where they voted 4-3 to adopt a re-opening plan that will begin with the first, half-day of school Aug. 26.

Shelly Sulser
Executive Editor

At Monday's board meeting, the Battle Creek Public Schools (BCPS) voted 4-3, with Jacqueline Slaby, Charlie Fulbright and Patty Gray dissenting, to approve the district's proposed reopening plan that offers in-person schooling for K-5 (with virtual learning as an option) and online-only education for the remainder of the grades starting Aug. 26.

The plan, required by the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, a comprehensive document to help districts create local plans for in-person learn-

ing in the fall, was adopted with the state's Aug. 15 deadline in mind.

The "Roadmap" outlines a number of safety protocols for schools to implement in each phase of the governor's MI Safe Start Plan.

The governor also signed Executive Order 2020-142, which provides a structure to support all schools in Michigan as they plan for a return of PreK-12 education in the fall as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

The safety protocols detailed in the MI Safe Schools Roadmap includes guidance on the use of personal protective

equipment (PPE,) good hygiene, cleaning/disinfecting, spacing in classrooms, screening for symptoms, athletics, and more.

Schools are required by Aug. 15 or seven days prior to the start of school, to approve a preparedness plan.

By Aug. 17, intermediate school districts must collect all preparedness plans from constituent districts.

"This is a very difficult process," said BCPS Superintendent Kimberly Carter on a Zoom and Facebook live video of Monday night's special school board meeting to approve the plan. "There is no way we

will be able to honor the requests of all stakeholders. We wish we could."

If Michigan remains in Phase 4 of the virus spread (improving), BCPS will open for in-person instruction for grades K-5 (with additional safety precautions required including facial coverings for all students and

staff), and remote learning for grades 6-12 for at least the first nine weeks of school.

If Michigan moves back to Phase 3 (flattening) all schooling will be done remotely.

Regardless of which phase of virus recovery Michigan is in, a Virtual Academy option will be available for families who

would like their children to attend school remotely for the full school year, the district released in a Monday night statement.

More information about the Virtual Academy program and how to enroll will be coming out

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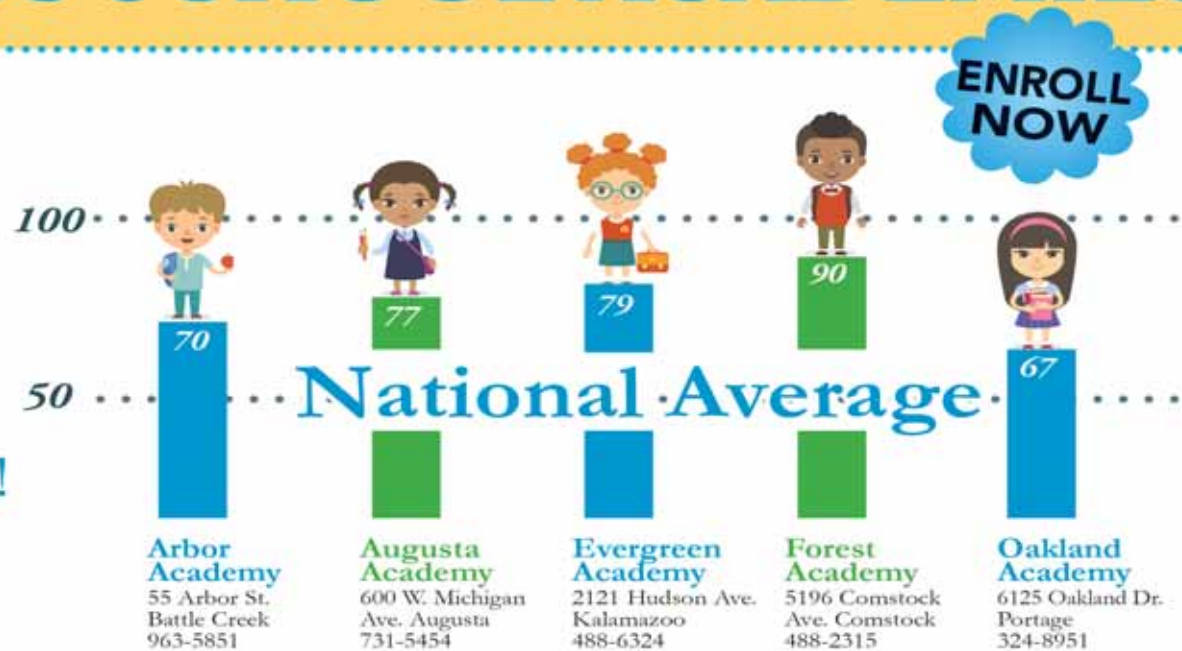
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It was a great day for a parade at VAMC

Friends, families and supporters of the Community Living Center at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Battle Creek gathered July 28 to give residents a chance to see their loved ones and to say a "virtual hello" after a long period with no visitors.

"Staff and residents were at the windows and out on the sidewalks cheering and waving flags and signs as the parade passed by on foot, on motorcycles, in cars and some special parade vehicles," said spokesman Brian Pegouske. "This was a great opportunity for residents and their supporters to interact while

safely maintaining social-distancing guidelines."

"This parade was a real class act," added Keith (no last name provided), a Community Living Center resident, who repaired radios for the Air Force at Grissom Air Reserve Base from 1980-84. "The classic cars were a real treat, and my girlfriend drove her classic Mustang. She'll use any excuse to show it off!"

Keith mentioned that he hadn't been outside in a few months, and he'd welcome the opportunity see something like this again.

The parade consisted of fam-



Staff and residents cheered and waved flags and signs as the parade passed by.



This car declares that veterans have not been forgotten.



Friends, families and supporters of the Community Living Center (CLC) at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Battle Creek gathered July 28 for a parade honoring veterans at the CLC.

ily and friends of the residents, some of the VA staff to include the Police and Fire Service, the Corvette Coventry of Southwest Michigan, the West Michigan Muscle Cars and the Patriot Guard Riders of Michigan.

Everyone came out to honor these veterans and to show their support.

"So many events have been canceled this summer due to the pandemic," said Gary Trama, president of the West Michigan Muscle Cars Motor Club. "When we heard about this event, we jumped at the chance to honor our veterans at this



The parade consisted of several groups, including police and fire services.



The parade passed by in cars, on foot, on motorcycles and some special parade vehicles.



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A lot of folks in this community think of me as being some kind of an expert on sports.

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I mean, I'm the sports editor (and assistant editor) of the Battle Creek *Shopper News*, and a few days ago marked my fourth year anniversary here.

I've covered and written about sports at all levels in this community for over 30 years — and been a sports writer and newspaper person for nearly a half-century.

I've worked at several corporate-owned daily newspapers and several privately-owned weekly print publications across the state, and across the Midwest and U.S., since 1974.

I've worked at USA Today in the Washington D.C. area. I've worked at small weeklies at quite a few Michigan sites — including some in the Detroit and Lansing areas.

So, because of all that experience, I guess I'm looked upon as having more knowledge than the

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"Will Kowalski Shopper News"

Dial In to B.C. Sports

by Will Kowalski



average Joe or Joanne about local and national sports.

But I come to you today as a person who is no more in the know than you are — when it comes to the question: Will Fall 2020 high school sports, and college and professional sports, now and soon be taking place in in a "usual" or "normal" manner, what with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that started in March still around in full force?

My answer? I don't know.

My opinion? Maybe, but I truly and honestly don't know.

What would I like to see happen?

Like you, I'd like to see

everything return to the way things were before COVID-19.

I'd like to be gearing up and doing my gathering of information for prep football season preview articles that would typically, under normal circumstances, be appearing on the pages of the *Shopper News* a couple/three weeks from now.

I'd like to be using my reporting skills and be working on season preview articles for the other Michigan High School Athletic Association sports that typically are played in the fall: Boys' and girls' cross country, girls' golf, boys' soccer, girls' swimming and diving, boys' tennis and girls' volleyball.

I'd like to be rounding up information about Kellogg Community College's Fall 2020 sports curriculum — including the college's new men's and women's bowling teams, plus women's soccer and women's volleyball — so that I would be able to share rosters filled with local names with you readers.

I'd like to be writing stories about my takes on what's likely in store for Big Ten, Mid-American Conference, Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association and Great Lakes Interscholastic Athletic Association sports programs that also involve locally-based participants on their rosters.

But I can't.

Because due to the still-at-the-forefront COVID-19 situation, there's more unknowns going on than knowns.

Because as soon as schools and/or leagues lay out in press releases what they plan on doing, those plans wind up changing or being tweaked within hours of another executive order coming out of the governor's office that prohibits this or that, and/or suggests more common-sense and proper safety measures that we all should adhere to in attempts to put an end to the spread of this unprecedented and many times deadly COVID-19 enemy.

That said, here's what I do know at this time:

- The MHSAA wants to have its Fall 2020 sports get underway in normal fashion, minus fans in the stands in order to ensure social distancing, and has several contingency plans laid out if that doesn't happen. Including some that would push back the starting and ending times of quite a few sports, and which could lead to the Spring 2021 sports campaign concluding in July or even August of next year.

- Kellogg CC has already announced that none of its Fall 2020 sports will be played, and will instead start having most of its athletic competitions debut sometime after Jan. 1, 2021.

- The MIAA has said that it will allow some of its Fall 2020 sports to be played on schedule, but not all of them; and that football will play only conference games.

- The GLIAC is in the same boat as the MIAA.

- And, as far as the Big Ten and MAC are concerned, most all sports other than football are on the postponed lists.

Does that all sound confusing? I'll answer that for you.

Yes. Very confusing.

And then there's the unfolding professional sports scene.

- Major League Baseball is back, playing a condensed 60-game schedule.

Well, at least that was the plan.

You and I can watch the MLB games on television or listen to them on radio, but we can't got to the crowd-less affairs in the stadiums (the stands are empty except for essential personnel).

I've even been watching and listening to a number of Detroit Tigers games the past couple weeks, and I'm enjoying the fact that the Tigers are doing much better this season than the last few years.

However ... several positive COVID-19 test results have already ravaged team benches in Miami and Philadelphia and a few others spots. Thus, already, games are being canceled or postponed. So, I'm not holding

my breath that MLB is going to survive all its proposed plans.

- The National Hockey League's playoffs are going on in hub cities of Toronto (East teams) and Edmonton (West teams). And so far, so good.

The rebuilding Detroit Red Wings aren't part of the ice gig, but the overall action on the ice — minus Hockeytown heroes — has been superb.

But a positive COVID-19 case or two on or off the ice, and then what?

- The National Basketball Association has also resumed action. But again: Will the NBA be able to go COVID-19 free for very long?

- And, the National Football League is planning on having a "normal" season starting early next month.

But keep in mind: The Detroit Lions, our state's "wait until next year" bunch who

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later this week, the district reported.

"We believe this plan represents the best possible approach during these difficult times and gives each family choices to best fit the needs of their children," according to a prepared statement released by the district Monday night.

Board member Slaby said prior to voting that she opposed the proposed plan because more time is needed to better address

everyone's needs.

"It is imperative that we slow down and look at this in a long term approach," she said, "even though these circumstances may make us feel we need to work as fast and as urgent as possible to hurry up and approve a plan."

She recognized that with the school year starting this month, navigating the problem created an urgent situation.

"This is an opportunity for us all to ask ourselves 'how do we

as a district make good decisions in an atmosphere of urgency?'" she said. "We do in fact have more options than this. As a district, we must recognize the inherent structural inequities that keep us from truly changing the outcomes for all students and their families."

She noted that the district's Believe in the Change motto needs to guide their decisions as opposed to espousing policies and practices they want to instead transform.

"It is about what our collective commitment is to transforming this institution, to set up an approved system of policies and practices that eliminate even the most thin of barriers so we can actually serve all of our students, not just for today but for the next year and the next year and the year after that and for the next decade and so on," Slaby said during the meeting.

Slaby said she would be remiss to vote for a plan that would require students to physically attend school, "when I as a board member have the option to attend meetings virtually," she said. "While I don't want to dismiss the virtual option that has been proffered, the lack of structure to the virtual option leaves much to be desired."

Trustee Art McClenney said he considered all sides of the issue including one news report that a school in Georgia that recently reopened has already

COVID-19.

He ultimately voted in favor of the BCPS plan because families have the option to choose between in-person or remote learning for their elementary school children.

"They do have a choice," he said. "I think with that in mind, I'm going to support this proposal because parents do have a choice with the assurance from superintendent Carter that if our students or staff become, if there is any type of danger, or sickness, the first case, and she isn't sure she can do this safely, she's going to come back to this board and present us with another plan."

One person (TaShawna MarQee Cummings) out of about 175 people attending the online meeting commented: "It will be hard to track who has the virus and it will spread like wildfire. What about the poor grandparents who are at a higher risk that take care of the kiddos? This is just overall scary."

Others are concerned that if they can't afford childcare to keep them home for a remote option that they will have no choice but to send their elementary school aged children to in-person classrooms that could have as many as 25 students together.

McClenney said he talked to one woman who has the means to provide childcare for her chil-

Milling, paving underway on Main Street

On Aug. 5, Lakeland Asphalt began milling and paving as part of the continuing work on Main Street, the City of Battle Creek said in an Aug. 3 press release.

Lakeland Asphalt will mill and resurface Main Street from Columbia Avenue to Dickman Road, which will include the small section of Main Street from Hamblin Avenue to Division Street.

During this work, lane widths will be narrow, but the road will remain open.

Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The work is expected to be completed by Tuesday, Aug. 11, weather permitting.

Pavement markings will be placed later.

This project is in coordination with the Calhoun County Road Department for its section of Main Street, from Columbia Avenue to the city limits.

Pedestrians and motorists traveling through this area are advised to obey all traffic regulations and use caution.

dren during the school day but who will still choose to send them to in-person schooling.

"This told me, that this person who had the means...is confident to send her kids back to school with all the safeguards in place, it made me change my mind again," said McClenney about why he voted for the plan.

One woman criticized McClenney for wearing a mask during the meeting he was attending while at work where masks are required.

"Nice point being made by wearing the mask, Art," said Marilyn Stewart during the meeting. "If we are having trouble hearing you and understanding you, our children in our classrooms will have the same difficulty."

Victoria Graham said she has family members who have contracted the virus and urged the district not to open the schools, calling it too risky.

"We know it can be difficult for some students to achieve the same learning they are used to through remote schooling, and it may also present significant challenges for families," Carter said. "And at the same time, we know there are families who would feel more comfortable

keeping their children at home at this time. Recognizing that there is no perfect solution for safely and effectively returning to school in the midst of an active pandemic, we are offering each family a choice to do what is best for their children's needs."

Carter also said: "We remain committed to offering every child a quality education. We will also remain flexible and responsive to the needs of our children and our community as we continue to learn more and as the situation continues to evolve."

"I came into this work because I truly believe that education saves lives -- education is the way out, the way over, and the way to move to the next level for children in our community, so I want to make sure, at every turn, that we are giving children every opportunity to succeed. I may not know what the future holds, but at BCPS we are committed to ensuring our children are taken care of."

The districts will be announcing enrollment information later this week, according to a spokesman.

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people currently hospitalized (as of Aug. 4.)

If the state moves back to Phase 3 (flattening) and no gatherings are permitted again, Prewitt also has a plan.

"Hopefully at some point we get to Phase 5 and we can have everyone back in the building," he said. "So, we're preparing for all three scenarios. We're going to use the local health department and the local data to make a determination when its time to go into what level.

"Our data might be different than say Berrien County and we're all in the same region so if Berrien county numbers are really good and we're trending the wrong direction in Calhoun, we have to adapt to what our local community is and the safety measures of our local community and our local health department."

The district plans to use savings to cover the costs of personal protection equipment, he said.

"We're cutting anywhere that we can to keep things moving, buy the appropriate PPE," he

said. "As I've told everybody, if there is protection equipment we need to buy to keep people safe, the budget it not going to stop us from doing that. I'm not going to skimp on masks and face shields and gloves and disinfectant and temperature sensors and all the things we need to do."

Prewitt's efforts, he said, are guided by the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap.

This is what else Prewitt and his staff have been doing:

"We just bought 20 picnic tables per elementary building so that classes can go outside and do class.

"We're going to be renting tents for each building because one of the recommendations from CDC is be outside as much as possible

"So, there's a lot of things that we've been purchasing that I know are going to come from savings, but, if we're going to provide the optimal environment when we get back in session for kids to be successful, then that's what we have to do.

"I'm leading it with our oper-

ations director in collaboration with the health department."

Indoors:

"The first thing we're trying to do is decrease class sizes. Hire some additional teachers. We're being honest with those teachers, we know this is most likely a one year job because we can't afford it long term because we're paying for it out of savings.

"We're putting up some temporary walls in buildings to create more classroom spaces.

"So, the first piece is trying to lessen the amount of people that are physically in a room

"The second is we are going through classrooms and decluttering and we have classrooms that are double desks which is like a four foot long desk.

"So, I've been purchasing used desks from all over the country to get rid of those double desks and get single desks.

"Olivet schools graciously lent us 40 desks.

"We're getting 20 from Harbor Springs schools and have a van going up there to pick them up.

"I'm getting 300 from Atlanta, GA, so public auction sites are great.

"We're trying to replace as many things that make it hard to social distance with items that make it easier.

"I literally, I've got a principal with a group of teachers going into classrooms and rearranging them to create optimum social distancing, taking some pictures, creating diagrams, what we have, what is best?

"American Pediatrics will say anywhere from three to six feet. We're trying to keep within that range.

"The closer you can get to six, the better, but if kids are wearing masks, it's much safer.

"I also want to be real. These are kids. They're in a building. They're in a classroom.

"Every country I've talked to, I've talked to South Korea, Denmark, Israel, schools in all three countries that have went back.

"They'll say, 'Yes, you can lessen the furniture, you can lessen the kids, you can say you're social distancing, they're still kids.

"I mean, let's look at adults. Go to a neighborhood get together. People aren't standing six feet apart.

"We have to be honest with ourselves that we will do our best to create a situation where people can stay separate but kids are kids and adults are adults and actually one of the greater issues is for adults to stay apart.

"I had one teacher who said that teaching in its nature is isolating as an adult because you're in your classroom.

"Now, we're being recommended to not even gather as adults, do as many Zoom meetings, staff meetings, even becomes more isolating when you have to do that.

"Telling teachers things like, 'don't eat in the staff lounge. Eat in your classroom or somewhere else so you're not near adults because adults, from the information we have now, adults spread this easier than kids but there isn't a lot of data or research on kids so it's, I'm not going to say they can't spread it the same as adults, we just don't know, we don't have the data.

"South Korea just put out a study that says 10 years and above is really the same contagion level as adult.

"At the middle school right now we are exploring putting up walls in the media center to create classrooms.

"In the elementaries, the medias are regular classroom spaces so we can utilize those if we need.

"Like, at the high school, we're going to be using the auxiliary gym to make an auxiliary cafeteria.

"Lunch is an area in middle school and high school you want to try and spread out as much as possible.

"So, any opportunity we can to use the space, if we need to use it differently, at the elementaries, and, as a former music teacher, this pains me, we need to put our music, our gym, our specials, our art on carts so we can use our classrooms.

"I'm hoping and praying these are all temporary things that we have to do for a year and then you know, hopefully, there's a vaccine that we can start moving up to level six (Phase 6 post pandemic) and we

can start getting back to pre-covid operations.

"But, I foresee this year is going to be very different.

"The district is supplying masks to all the buildings.

"There's hand sanitizer in all the rooms, all the buses, all the common areas, the entryways, every kid will get a water bottle because you don't want kids using the drinking fountain.

"Every kid will have a water bottle.

"We're actually looking at for all the elementary kids, to give them a lanyard that attaches to the mask so then it's not, 'I don't know where my mask is. I left it in the bathroom. It's here.' If it's just attached to you and the teacher says, 'hey, put your mask on,' it's right there.

"There's going to be a whole instruction piece on that, there will be posters up around the building, there will be, there's a certain checklist of questions you want students and staff to

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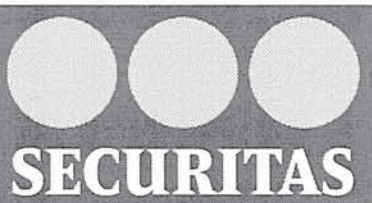
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Friday's Vibe@5 concert features Allie Garland

Will Kowalski
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And then there were two — as in, only two more to go.

Allie Garland & Awesome Sauce will be the featured act tomorrow (Friday, Aug. 7) when David Bauman's/Kellogg Arena's free local outdoor summer music series, Vibe@5, continues at Friendship Park in downtown Battle Creek.

The sounds of 1960s-1970s retro to more modern/current songs by Garland and her group — and all tunes in-between — will start filling the air at 5 p.m., and the show will run until approximately 7:30 p.m.

The special guest performer this week — for when Allie Garland & Awesome Sauce take a break between sets — is scheduled to be the Young Marines.

As always, for the comfort of viewers, spectators are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during Vibe@5 concerts. It is also strongly suggested each week that concert goers bring along and wear their face masks for COVID-19 safety purposes.

Barista Blues Cafe will be on-site this coming Friday with food and beverages available for purchase.

Garland, 19, a 2018 graduate of Gull Lake High who has impressed audiences with her vocals and guitar/keyboard playing talents and abilities for several years now (since she turned 14), is a junior-to-be at Albion College — where she has earned several music awards since becoming a Briton, and where she is also a member of the col-

lege's equestrian team.

After Friday's performances by Allie Garland & Awesome Sauce and the Young Marines, only one more Vibe@5 remains for the summer of 2020. That will take place Friday, Aug. 14 with the band Airtight, starting at 5 p.m. — at a different downtown B.C. venue, Festival Market Square.

The Aug. 14 event will also feature more food and beverage choices, as it will coincide with Food Truck Friday at Festival Market Square (with FMS located in the paved gathering area in front of the rear entrance to Kellogg Arena).

Last Friday's featured Vibe@5 act at Friendship Park was Teddy Petty & The Refugees, a Tom Petty tribute band, which was well received



The band Teddy Petty & The Refugees was the featured act for over two hours at last Friday's Vibe@5 free summer music series event at Friendship Park in downtown Battle Creek. This Friday's band, starting at 5 p.m. and on stage until around 7:30 p.m., will be Allie Garland & Awesome Sauce. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

by the audience.

Lead singer Teddy VanDerMaas not only sounded a lot like the late/great Tom Petty, but also looked a lot like him. Petty passed away at the age of 66 on Oct. 2, 2017.

Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers had numerous musical hits during a five-decade span, from the 1970s and through most of the 20-teens, and Petty was also a member of the super-group The Traveling Wilburys from 1988-91.

Other original members of that super-group, The Traveling Wilburys, were Jeff Lynne (now 72), Bob Dylan (now 79), the late Roy Orbison (died at age 52 in 1988) and the late George Harrison (died at age 58 in

2001).

The aforementioned Vibe@5 band procurer Bauman, when jokingly asked how he managed to get an "alive" Tom Petty onto the Friendship Park stage last Friday, said in jest: "Not only did Tom get out there and play today, but the rest of the Traveling Wilburys — including George Harrison and Roy Orbison — also snuck out there, and The Wilburys played a quick song, too." Bauman said with a smile and a wink.

"Really though, seriously" added Bauman, "Teddy VanDerMaas does sound very, very close to Tom Petty when he sings, and he's got the Tom Petty looks and stage presence as well. I enjoyed seeing Teddy and the other people making up that group put on another great show

for the crowd that came out to watch and listen to some familiar and timeless music.

"Teddy Petty & The Refugees, they're a hit whenever and whenever they play. And they're another one of our talented local bands that get some great exposure when appearing in Battle Creek in front of folks of all ages.

"And for sure," concluded Bauman, "we were definitely very happy to have had them out there on our local stage tonight. They're a crowd pleaser, that's for sure."

Aside from VanDerMaas, the rest of Teddy Petty & The Refugees ensemble was made up of lead guitarist Ronny Klingenberg, bassist Mike Dupurs, keyboardist PJ Kruz and drummer Rob Jones.

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we've all waiting to finally become a legitimate Super Bowl contender for generations, are already without their star franchise quarterback, COVID-19 positive Matthew Stafford.

Why are pro sports teams playing anyway? No secret here. I've actually got an answer to this one.

Because of the almighty dollar. Commercial and sponsorship advertising bucks are at stake, and if pro sports teams don't play, the teams and the league are going to have pay back billions of dollars due to failure to live up to contracts.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not poo-pooing pro sports being played, spectator-less or not.

Lots of folks love watching pro sports on TV because they provide a really-doesn't-matter, escape-like diversion to every day life. With every day life not being being all that great these days because of disease and social inequalities and economic/job woes.

But the rest of what might or might not happen regarding high school and college sports in the immediate days to come ... like I noted earlier, I have no answers.

We're all in a fluid situation, with this COVID-19 pandemic taking center stage.

So I'm hoping you, and me, will continue to try to take everything in stride, the best we can, during this ongoing pandemic.

And that we all continue to do our best to follow the suggestions of the real experts out there right now — and keep on masking up, spreading out and sanitizing our hands frequently.

So that hopefully, before too many November-December holiday seasons go by, we can overcome this dilemma, and we can actually have answers to our questions.

Binder Park Zoo offers Spanish language map

Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek now has a map available for Spanish speaking visitors.

Guests can request a version of the full zoo map that has been translated into Spanish when they enter through the admission gate, said spokesperson Leslie Walsh.

The map is also available to view or download from the zoo website at www.binderparkzoo.org/map.

"Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States, and we know that we have a strong and vibrant community of Spanish speakers who visit the zoo," said Walsh, who is the manager of marketing and

development. "We've been aware of a need and desire for this, so we're happy to offer what we hope will be a convenience and an opportunity for Spanish speakers to have a more complete and enjoyable zoo experience."

New site maps are scheduled to be installed in key spots of the east zoo that display a Quick Response or QR code, which can be scanned with a mobile device to access the map in both English and Spanish versions, said Walsh.

The zoo is open daily Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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ask every morning for symptoms.

"Now, it's harder for little kids because they aren't really going to be able to tell you if they have symptoms because they really don't know but we do have a phone app for staff that they go on every morning, answer the questions, that says, 'yes, you're cleared to work'."

"We're going to provide an app for parents that they can do on their own with their kids, as well as we'll have something on paper and we'll have that translated in Burmese and Spanish."

"One of the important things we're going to push on staff and parents and everyone, if you

exhibit symptoms, don't show up.

"Teachers are the first ones, if they feel bad, they'll come to work because they don't want to miss their kids. It's harder to have a sub in their class than to be there."

"So, telling teachers, myself included, if you're having symptoms, don't show up. If your kid has symptoms, don't bring them to school. We're going to send them home."

"That's something we have to instill in people, we have to make sure that there is no negative repercussions to not showing. In the Governor's Return to School Plan she lays all that out."



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MIOSHA working to ensure front-line access to PPE

To ensure front-line hospital workers caring for and treating COVID-19 patients are receiving the appropriate personal protective equipment, or PPE, from their employers, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration has launched a state emphasis program that will be in effect through Dec. 31.

This state emphasis program (SEP) will increase MIOSHA's presence in hospitals to enforce the requirement to provide appropriate PPE to protect hospital staff and ensure they can continue to care for those most in need.

"As Michigan continues to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect workers, it is especially important that front-line workers coming in direct contact with this disease have the equipment to protect themselves," COVID-19 Workplace Safety Director Sean Egan said. "MIOSHA will conduct inspec-

tions of hospitals to help ensure employees are properly outfitted with PPE and employers are following the standards put in place."

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), health care workers have been significantly impacted by COVID-19. As of June 24, the CDC reports 84,557 cases and 469 deaths from COVID-19 among health care workers in the U.S.

In Michigan, 15 hospital worker fatalities were reported to MIOSHA as potentially related to COVID-19.

PPE shortages due to the COVID-19 pandemic have posed a tremendous challenge to hospitals across the nation, resulting in rationing, recycling and other strategies to make the best use of the limited supply of PPE.

"MIOSHA staff will evaluate the employer's compliance with

existing MIOSHA standards along with the governor's executive orders, CDC guidance and OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, especially as they pertain to PPE," MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman said. "The front-line health care workers must have the appropriate safeguards, including PPE, to protect them

from contracting COVID-19. In the coming weeks, MIOSHA will conduct enforcement inspections in Michigan hospitals."

If the inspections determine deficiencies in the employer's COVID-19 preparedness and response plans, including not providing appropriate PPE, citations and penalties will be

issued.

The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division will use outreach activities as an opportunity to raise awareness among employers, employees and safety and health professionals on the best practices for COVID-19 preparedness and response plans in hospitals.

For free statewide assistance, companies can call the CET Division at (517) 284-7720 or toll free at (800) 866-4674.

Employers and employees with questions regarding workplace safety and health may contact MIOSHA using the new hotline at 855-SAFE-C19 (855-723-3219).

BCPD now open; City Hall, police dept. closed Fridays

The Battle Creek Police Department reopened Aug. 3 after a two-week closure because of positive COVID-19 cases among staff.

To date, 10 BCPD staff members have tested positive; one in March, and nine in July, said city spokesperson Jessica Vanderkolk.

As the BCPD reopens, that building and City Hall will close to the public on Fridays in August, starting tomorrow, Aug. 7.

Services will continue to be available online and by phone; city staff will work regular hours on Fridays.

As city staff furloughs con-

tinue into August, closing to the public one day a week will allow on-site staff to provide services, while also catching up on work that may be behind schedule, said Vanderkolk.

Monday through Thursday, City Hall and Police Department hours are 9-10 a.m. for seniors age 60 and older, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for visitors of all ages.

People should wear a mask, and visitors will complete a health screening as they enter each building.

For more information on city operations during the pandemic, people can visit battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus, and navigate to City Operations Updates.

Michigan part of compact for rapid antigen tests

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, along with governors from five other states, announced on Aug. 4 a major bipartisan interstate compact with the Rockefeller Foundation to expand the use of rapid point-of-care antigen tests to slow the spread of COVID-19 and continue safely reopening the states.

The other governors in the compact are Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam.

As the nation continues to face severe testing shortages and delays, this is the first interstate testing compact of its kind among governors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hogan, in his final days as chair of the National Governors Association, negotiated the compact with the Rockefeller Foundation.

The initial agreement includes six governors -- three Republicans and three Democrats -- and additional states, cities and local governments may join the compact in the coming days and weeks.

By banding together, the states are demonstrating to private manufacturers that there is significant demand to scale up the production of these tests, which deliver results in 15-20 minutes, Whitmer's office said Aug. 4.

With the agreement, the states are in discussions with Becton Dickinson and Quidel, the U.S. manufacturers of antigen tests, which have already been authorized by the FDA to purchase 500,000 tests per state, for a total of 3 million tests.

This interstate cooperative purchasing agreement aims to

provide a platform to purchase tests and associated supplies in a sustainable and cost-effective manner.

In addition, the states will coordinate on policies and protocols regarding rapid antigen testing technology.

"With severe shortages and delays in testing and the federal administration attempting to cut funding for testing, the states are banding together to acquire millions of faster tests to help save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19," said Hogan.

Whitmer said, "Widespread testing is one of the most crucial tools we have to stop the spread of this virus and save lives. I'm proud of the bipartisan work governors ... have done to protect our regions from COVID-19."

Directive clarifies state order on masks

On July 17, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-153, which strengthens her previous order requiring all Michiganders to wear a mask in indoor public spaces and crowded outdoor spaces.

This new order clarifies that businesses may not assume that an unmasked customer cannot medically tolerate a face covering, though they can accept a customer's verbal representation to that effect, said the governor's office in Lansing.

It also requires public safety officers to wear a face covering unless doing so would seriously interfere in the performance of their responsibilities, and clarifies that wearing a mask at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election is not required, but strongly encouraged.

"Wearing a mask is the right thing to do to protect our families, our businesses and our economy," said Whitmer. "If everyone in Michigan masks up,

we can save thousands of lives and put ourselves in a better position to send our kids back to school in the fall."

"COVID-19 is far from over; people are still getting sick and dying," said Katie Scott, RN, vice president of the Michigan Nurses Association. "As a nurse, I'm worried that many people are not taking the pandemic seriously enough. Don't wait until COVID happens to you or a loved one to take action. Wearing a mask is a simple step that protects everyone."

Although a face covering is strongly encouraged even for people who are not required to wear one, the requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to individuals who, among other things:

- Are younger than 5 years old;
- Cannot medically tolerate a face covering.
- Are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment.
- Are exercising, when

wearing a face covering would interfere in the activity.

Over the past two weeks, every region in Michigan has seen an uptick in new cases, and daily case counts now exceed 20 cases per million in all but one region in the state.

Research confirms that a big part of the reason is spotty compliance with the requirement that individuals wear face coverings in public spaces, the governor's office said.

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MHSAA announces plan to phase into fall sports



Members of the Pennfield High girls' volleyball team gather at the end of their practice/workout session on Friday, Aug. 1 on the school's stadium track for a group photo. At left center rear is new PHS varsity volleyball coach Brooke Wells, a 1996 PHS grad (she replaces the retired Jon Miller). Also in the photo is new JV coach Kennedy Barlund (2016 PHS grad) and freshman coach Jodie Valitutto (1992 PHS grad). (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

Editor's Note: The following two press releases — by the MHSAA and the MIAAA — were compiled for this article by Shopper News Sports Editor and Assistant Editor Will Kowalski.

It should be noted that this article was compiled before Mich. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was to announce new COVID-19 safety guidelines and executive orders on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 5.

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association on July 29 approved the next steps in returning sports for member schools, adopting a plan to phase in competition for Fall sports in hopes of continuing to deter the spread of COVID-19.

The Council affirmed that lower-risk sports — Lower Peninsula girls' golf, Lower Peninsula boys' tennis and Upper Peninsula girls' tennis, cross country and Lower Peninsula girls' swimming & diving — may begin practice on Aug. 12 and begin competition on their traditional start dates of Aug. 19 and 21.

However, moderate and high-risk sports — football, girls' volleyball and boys' soccer — may begin practice but not competition. Decisions about com-

petition timelines for these three sports will be made by Aug. 20.

Practice for boys' soccer and girls' volleyball may begin on Aug. 12. Football will delay the start of practice with full player pads and equipment until Monday, Aug. 17. The week of Aug. 10 may include football practice sessions consisting of conditioning, physical training and skill work with no other player equipment except helmets. This week of acclimatization is similar to allowed summer football activities that have been ongoing for schools since June.

The Council — the MHSAA's 19-member legislative body — also voted to cancel scrimmages in all Fall sports for this school year and approved limitations on numbers of teams that may compete together at regular-season tournaments, invitational and other multi-team events.

The Council believed eliminating scrimmages emphasized the importance of keeping teams from mixing before the first date of competition, and the regular-season limitations may lessen opportunities for viral spread while still allowing meets to be conducted.

As this remains a fluid situation, the MHSAA would release updated timelines for competi-

tion for football, girls' volleyball and boys' soccer by Aug. 20 dependent on how the spread of the virus is trending statewide.

Plans remain reliant on sustained metrics measuring virus spread and/or progression by schools and regions across the state according to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Michigan Safe Start Plan. Currently two regions are in Phase 5, which allow for limited indoor activity, while the rest are in Phase 4 and unable to host indoor training, practice or competition.

The start of volleyball and swimming & diving practices are in part contingent on the reopening of indoor facilities. Those sports may begin their practices outdoors if not allowed to be indoors by Aug. 12.

"The Council, reflecting on the positive impact on their athletes this summer from taking part in offseason training, feels it's of utmost importance to continue athletic activity moving forward," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said.

"If we take a month off, our students will find opportunities to compete through non-school entities that may not be as focused on safety. Our athletic directors and coaches can provide the safest-possible environment to return to sports, and this phased-in approach to competition will help schools continue building on progress already made.

"The Council chose to make these adjustments to help ensure our athletes have a safe regular season this fall. As we continue to solidify the regular season, we can then turn our attention to building a safe postseason for our athletes."

The MHSAA also has posted sport-by-sport guidance documents outlining increased precautions designed to limit the viral spread, plus a four-page overview with precautions that apply generally for all sports and include coverage of the following topics:

- Protocol for reporting COVID-19 infections.
 - Guidance on face coverings. Athletes participating on the field/court are not required to wear face coverings, but are allowed to do so. However, bench personnel must wear face coverings at all times.
 - Transportation, use of locker rooms and facility cleaning.
- Specific sport guidelines and the overview are available on the respective sport pages of the MHSAA Website, all linked from mhsaa.com/sports.
- Recommendations on spectator attendance will follow before the start of competition; spectators will be limited in accordance with Gov. Whitmer's executive orders on large gatherings.



Pennfield High boys' varsity tennis coach John Corcoran (this side of net) hits balls to incoming junior Reece Chapman (left) and incoming sophomore Shane Carpenter last week. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

The Council on July 17 approved a return-to-activity plan for the 2020-21 school year retaining the traditional calendar of Fall, Winter and Spring sports, but allowing for the possibility that Fall sports forced to halt activity during the next four months may conclude later in the school year.

"The easy way out would be to postpone all activity to next spring, and we are not taking the easy way out. But we will make wise decisions based on medical guidance," Uyl said. "We will make these difficult decisions quickly and appropriately. If we don't play this fall, it won't be because we didn't make every effort to do so."

The Representative Council is the legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

MIAAA Supports MHSAA's Decisions

With sports schedules and seasons for play for high/middle school sports in the news, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association today (July 29) issued the following statement supporting those policies and the MHSAA:

With the recent decision of the Representative Council, the legislative body of the MHSAA concerning the upcoming sport season schedules in our state, the MIAAA is offering its full support of the MHSAA.

We understand the decision to make adjustments to the sport seasons and tournament plans that schools will follow for the 2020-2021 school year was made based on the best information available at this time, and was done in an effort to meet the health, safety, social and emotional needs of the students in Michigan.

Each school and its designated administrator has the duty to follow and support the sport seasons as presented for the health and safety of our students and coaches. The MIAAA has an important role in the season alignments for our schools and the participants, as we have maneuvered through this pandemic and the adjustments it has forced upon our schools, including their athletic programs.

Athletic administrators throughout the state and nation are entrusted to make sure they model for students by providing a safe, healthy and science-driven environment for our students to participate in the activities they love. It is the role of administrators to be the guardians of fair play, sportsmanship, level playing fields and ethical behav-

ior. The MIAAA and the MHSAA share these beliefs for all students of Michigan.

These two organizations work in concert with each other in all areas. The MIAAA, with more than 600 members, is an active contributor to the MHSAA annually with representation on all MHSAA committees and multiple opportunities to provide input on proposed

MHSAA rule and regulation changes.

The MIAAA is a voluntary professional organization for all interscholastic athletic administrators in Michigan. The association is a 501(c)(3) organization working to provide professional development, leadership and networking opportunities to any person working in school athletic departments.

Enforcement of COVID-19 laws strengthened by order

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Directive 2020-08 on Aug. 4 to direct state departments and autonomous agency heads to review allocation of their resources to ensure that enforcement of COVID-19-related laws is a priority, such as limitations on capacity and the requirement to wear a mask when entering a Michigan business.

Cases have risen over the past month from a rolling seven-day average of about 15 cases per million in mid-June (the low point since the peak last April) to about 50 cases per million in late July.

"Without effective enforcement, Michigan will move backward, causing individuals, businesses and the economy to suffer, the governor's office said.

Under the directive, directors and agency heads should assign elevated priority to enforcement of COVID-19-related laws in categories of establishments where transmission is well-documented, including but not limited to, nursing homes, meat processing plants and agricultural housing.

"Ensuring these executive

orders are enforced across the state will protect Michigan families, small businesses and the first responders on the front lines of this crisis," said Whitmer. "This fight is not over yet. During the month of July we saw an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in every region of the state. By allocating the appropriate and needed resources, we can continue to save lives and ensure we don't have to move backward."

Executive Directive 2020-08 requires departments to consider violations of law when determining eligibility for licensing.

If a state department or agency becomes aware of non-compliance under the law, it must consider it to be presumptive evidence of a public health hazard or imminent and substantial hazard to the public health and take appropriate steps to mitigate any risk to public health and safety.

This includes, but is not limited to, suspension of a license or cessation of operation of a food establishment.

The Michigan State Police will enforce violations of COVID-19-related laws.



Battle Creek Central High head volleyball coach Alexandra Osbourne and some of her players are pictured during recent practices/workouts on the track area at C.W. Post Stadium. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

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Shuffleboarders: No state tourney, but still having fun



Players involved with the Battle Creek Shuffleboard Club — members and learners — gather for a group photo on the morning of Friday, July 31 on the courts that are located at the front entrance to B.C.'s Bailey Park off Capital Avenue NE. (Shopper News photo by Will Kowalski)

Will Kowalski
Sports/Asst. Editor

The shuffleboard courts located at the front entrance to Battle Creek's Bailey Park were busy with action last Friday morning.

But not as busy as they would have been under non-COVID-19 circumstances.

"Right now, regularly at this time on this date, this place would have been packed," said Battle Creek Shuffleboard Club president Larry Roan on July 31.

"This would have been the first day of the eighth straight year that our club would have been hosting the State Shuffleboard Tournament.

"But due to COVID-19 and

everything that goes with it, that's not happening this year. And it's sad. The state tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19. But hopefully, we'll get back to normal sometime soon, and hopefully next year the state tournament will be back."

About 16 players were on the courts last Friday, playing some friendly matches.

And Roan noted that the B.C. Shuffleboard Club — and non-members who are giving the activity a try — will continue to meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings until weather no longer allows this fall.

Those wishing to play those

days are asked to arrive at the courts at 9:45 a.m., following by play at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to participate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings — novices through professionals — and those that know nothing about the activity, how to play, or have limited knowledge, will be given free instructions and equipment to use.

The normal annual fee to become is a B.C. Shuffleboard Club member is \$10.

To join the club, or for more info, contact the aforementioned Larry Roan at (269) 986-5385 or at larryroan5004@gmail.com.

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Local Bowling News

Will Kowalski
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The Battle Creek USBC Bowling Association wasn't able to finish up its 2019-20 league seasons due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

And thus far, local bowling centers — M-66 Bowl and Bowlero Lanes — have still not reopened due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

But looking ahead to the future, BC United States Bowling Association BA president and USBC regional manager Kevin VanNortwick says there's a couple things on the docket that local bowlers should

be aware of:

- The BCBA's annual meeting and awards banquet will take place Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Riverside Country Club & Banquet Center.

The annual meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., and dinner (with award ceremonies to follow) at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Kevin VanNortwick at (269) 986-1954 or association manager Larry Eib at (269) 967-3933.

- And, there are still openings for three officers (one for youth leagues) for the 2020-21 season. If interested, call VanNortwick at the above listed number.

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