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OHHS Annual Drive your Tractor to School Day



Photo by Laura Bender

Ogemaw Heights High School held the annual Drive Your Tractor to School Day on Monday, April 15. Excited participants arrived by 7 a.m. in tractors of all sizes, types and ages. At lunchtime, students came out to peruse their friend's farming equipment and vote for their favorite. The results were: first place - Zach Beck, second place - Logan Wangler and the third place tie - Rayna Illig and Tucker Kartes. See more pictures on page 2.

Children's Assessment Center hosts tour and discussion



Photo by Michael Busch

Interview room at Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center.

BY MICHAEL BUSCH

The Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center (NMCAC) in Tawas City hosted a public tour and discussion about its services on April 12. The event was held to raise awareness and explain current issues about funding and coordination with community partners.

The NMCAC, which has two

locations in Roscommon and Tawas City, provides services to children who have been physically or sexually abused. Among the services provided are a medical exam, forensic interviewing, counseling, and victim advocacy. The Center also engages in community outreach and education on prevention of child abuse.

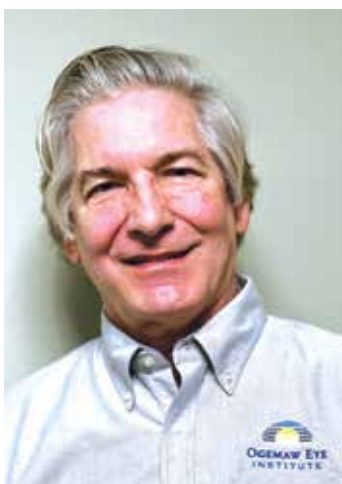
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Ogemaw Eye Institute – Helping you to see your world

BY LAURA BENDER

Driving. Enjoying the sunset. Reading your spouse's face. Taking the next step safely. Reminiscing through old photos. Cooking. Checking your reflection. Traveling. Much of our quality of life depends on our eyes.

Dr. Daryl Zelenak has dedicated his life to helping others maintain their vision. He began his studies at Wayne State University, graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Ophthalmic Technology. For 13 years, he worked as a retinal angiographer, using pictures to assist in the diagnosis of diseases of the eye. Recognized for his professionalism, exceptional skills and caring demeanor, he was encouraged to attend medical school. In 1997, Dr.



DR. DARYL ZELENAK

Zelenak graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following an internship at St. John Hospital, Oakland, and his residency at the Detroit Osteopathic Ophthalmology Consortium, he began practicing in the Mid-Michigan area in 2002. In 2003, he joined Bay Eye Care in West Branch and remained there until the dissolution of the partnership. In January 2021, Dr. Zelenak and his wife, Suzette, opened Ogemaw Eye Institute in the same building.

Dr. Zelenak is a board-certified ophthalmologist, a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a member of the American Medical Association, and a three-time recipient of the Presidential Achievement Award. To see his other professional

memberships and achievements visit <https://www.ogemaweye.com/daryl-j-zelenak-do.html>. An adjunct professor at Michigan State, Dr. Zelenak not only embodies professionalism and excellence, he is committed to instilling those traits in those who come after him.

Suzette, Daryl's wife of 42 years, is the practice administrator at Ogemaw Eye Institute. A medical professional, Suzette has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. For many years, Suzette worked as an intensive care nurse and administrator. Together, the Zelenaks are committed to providing state-of-the-art eye care for Ogemaw County and the surrounding areas.

Ogemaw Eye Institute's two optometrists are native to the area. Dr. Kelly Bulow, O.D. was born and raised in West Branch and graduated with honors from Michigan College of Optometry. Dr. Chloe K. Malcolm, O.D., grew up in Standish. She graduated with honors from the Kentucky College of Optometry.

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Art show highlights young artists



BY LAURA BENDER

The West Branch Creative Arts Association sponsored the Annual Youth Art Show at the Fourth Street Artists Gallery during the third week of April. Colorful and imaginative artwork by children in kindergarten through 12th grade graced the gallery walls, creating a festive atmosphere. The event culminated on Saturday, April 20, with a well-attended reception for the young artists, their

families and other members of the community. During the gathering, several young people received awards in recognition of their exceptional talent.

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Ongoing

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Mondays – Rose City Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin in the Rose City Park. Call Ed 989-387-0609.

Mondays – (Second of each month) Coalition of Hope 9 a.m. Meeting virtually. Suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Call 989-345-5571.

Monday – (Third of each month) Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society 12:30 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave., West Branch. Call 989-701-2525.

Tuesdays – Kiwanis Club of West Branch meets at noon at China Inn, 601 W. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call 989-345-0978.

Tuesdays – Rose City Area Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., April through November, except August. Meet at the Rose City Lions Club Cabin. Call Cathy 989-345-5659.

Tuesdays – T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weigh in at 1-1:30 p.m., meeting starts at 1:30-2 p.m. Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic, 2106 S. Gray Rd. in West

Branch. Call Robin 989-343-0592.

Tuesdays – (First of each month) West Branch Creative Arts Association meeting, 7 p.m. located at 124 N. Fourth St. in West Branch. Call 989-345-1451.

Tuesdays – (First of each month) West Branch Area Retail Merchants Association meeting, 6 p.m. Held at the West Branch City Police Department. Call 989-345-5226.

Tuesdays – (Second of each month) Christian Motorcycle Association 6 p.m. for food and fellowship, 7 p.m. business meeting at G's Pizzeria, 200 W. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call Gary 989-343-9876.

Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) Rifle River Quilt Guild 9:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall, 601 Columbus Dr. in West Branch. The meeting will be followed by a Show and Tell, mini-classes, quilting tips, demos and time to sew. Bring your sewing machine, a project and your lunch. Any level of quilter is welcome. Call Diane 989-345-7206.

Tuesdays – (Third of each month) Cardinal Optimist Club of Skidway Lake. Third Tuesday 5:30 p.m. at Café International, 4761 Sage Lake Rd. in Prescott. Call Janet 989-387-2640.

Tuesdays – (Second of each month) Survivors of Suicide Support Group 6:30 p.m. Call

Vicki 989-510-0911 or info@coalitionofhope.net for location. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255 or text 741741.

Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) Ogemaw County Democratic Party 5pm at China Inn downtown West Branch. Call Ken at (989) 345-1066.

Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) Ogemaw County Republican Party meeting 5:30 p.m. at G's Pizzeria in downtown West Branch. Call Kristine 989-343-5120.

Tuesday – (Last of each month) Diabetes Support Group 1-2 p.m. Medical Arts Center, diabetes education conference room. Call 989-343-3276.

Wednesdays – West Branch Area Business and Professional Women's Organization meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Different locations each month. Call 989-745-4067 for information.

Wednesdays – (First of each month) Veterans coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Held at the Ogemaw County Commission on Aging, 1528 S. M-33 in West Branch. Call 989-345-3010.

Wednesdays – (First and third) Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive Church, 2945 Hansen Rd. in West Branch. Open to the entire community. Call 989-345-5440.

Thursdays-GriefShare Support Group. 2-4 p.m. Fresh Start Community Church, 690 Campbell Rd., West Branch. March 7 through May 30. \$20 for workbook. Scholarships available. Call Brenda 989-312-0105 for registration or info.

Thursdays – (First and third of each month) Newborn Parent Support Group 6-7:30 p.m. My-Michigan Health - West Branch in the executive dining room. Call 800-999-3199.

Thursdays – Northern Blend Sweet Adelines meets every week 7 p.m. at Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55, Prescott. Call Ellen 989-345-0978.

Thursdays – (Second and fourth) Sit & Knit, 1 p.m. Knitting, needlework, and friendship. Whatever you craft. Ogemaw Commission on Aging, 1528 S. M-33 in West Branch. Call Alicia 989-345-3010, ext. 201.

Thursdays – (Third of each month) Rose City/Lupton Chamber of Commerce meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose City Council Chambers. Call Carl 989-473-3268.

Thursdays – Optimist Club of West Branch meets at 7 a.m. at the Loggers Depot in West Branch. Call 989-942-6608.

Thursdays - The Ogemaw County Fair board meets the first Thursday of each month in the main building at the fair-

grounds. Call 989-345-5393.

April

30 – Heroes, Horses, Hot Dogs & Hope. 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Dinner at 5:30 p.m.) Welcoming U.S. military veterans and first responders. After Hours with David Woods-Bartley. Sponsored by AuSable Valley Community Health, 511 Griffith St., West Branch. RSVP to DianeGorney@avcmh.org or call 989-345-5571.

MAY

1 – Film Screening and Presentation with Mark Jager, author of *Mystic Michigan*, "The Rocks Cry Out." 2 - 4 p.m. at West Branch District Library, 119 N. Fourth Street, West Branch. Call the Library, 989-245-2235.

4 – Adult Only Scavenger Hunt and Road Rally. 3 p.m. at Park Pavillion. Teams are as many as you can fit in your car. \$25 per person. Food served after event. Sponsored by Rose City-Lupton Events. Call City Hall to register 989-685-2103.

11 – Walk/Run For Life. 5K cross country fun-run, food trucks, face painting and more. Sponsored by Life Choices Resource Center. To register visit their website at <https://chooselife-connection.org>.

To place your event in the Community Happenings, email information to kathy@superior-news.com

Drive your Tractor to School Day



Photos by Laura Bender

FAITH & WORSHIP

Peace on Earth

Peace on earth, with a world at war?

O what were the angels singing for
That far-away night when the Star
shown down

With a glorious light on Bethlehem's
town?

Peace on earth! They were singing
of Him

Who was born that night to redeem
from sin;

Who still has the power to cleanse
and to heal

The contrite heart who is willing to
kneel.

Peace on earth, amid sorrow and
loss?

Yes, peace indeed, at the foot of
the cross!

Peace in a world that is troubled
and torn,

Peace in each heart where the
Savior is born.

Peace on earth, while the nations
rage?

And history is making its darkest
page?

Yes, peace on earth, for its stead-
fast light

Is burning in thousands of hearts
tonight!

— A.H.M., www.SermonCentral.com

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Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.

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Pastor Jon Scott

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Worship Service 11 a.m.

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Ogemaw Eye Institute

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Both are members of the American Optometric Association and Michigan Optometric Association.

Ogemaw Eye Institute employs 19 full and part-time staff members. Committed to providing satisfying careers for all employees, the Zelenaks encourage them to increase their skills and professionalism through cross training as techs, surgery schedulers, at the front desk and in the optical department.

In 2021, the building was

remodeled and remained opened during the renovation. A staunch environmentalist, Suzette oversaw the work with an eye to sustainable resources, including the installation of carpet made from recycled soda bottles. Following the remodeling, Suzette turned her talents to creating a warm and friendly atmosphere, choosing colors and décor aimed at reducing patient anxiety.

Currently, Ogemaw Eye Institute is partnering with Kirkland Community College to provide opportunities for interns to rotate through various aspects

of the medical practice. The Zelenaks hope that through the experience, some will choose to pursue a career in eye care. Perhaps they might even be inspired by Dr. Zelenak's lifelong dedication to ensuring excellence in eye care, to follow in his footsteps.

Ogemaw Eye Institute, 559 Progress St. Suite D, West Branch, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment call 989-345-8113 or visit <https://www.ogemaweve.com/>.

Center

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The two locations serve residents in six counties: Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, Oscoda, and Roscommon. Michigan has about 40 children's assessment centers that received a mix of federal, state, and local funding.

The NMCAC was created to solve a problem in addressing the needs of abused children living in rural Northern Michigan. Previously, the child would have been required to travel downstate for an interview with police and examination by a medical professional. Given the distance and difficulty in finding transportation for some families,

the NMCAC was established to ease the victim's trauma and improve the investigation process.

In the past, child victims were interviewed at local police stations in less than ideal settings. The NMCAC office offers more privacy and is designed to accommodate the victim and investigators who need to collect evidence. Interviews are conducted by a trained forensic interviewer and take place in a room equipped with closed circuit video and microphone. In the next room, a law enforcement officer, Child Protective Services agent, social worker, and county prosecutor observe the interaction.

Lisa Davis, director of the Iosco

County Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director for Iosco County, explained the advantage of having a special office to conduct investigations and offer services to victims. "It is important that we have a partnership where we can come together and share information."

Going forward, Mark Ferguson, member of the NMCAC Board of Directors, said the Center anticipates funding shortfalls as current government funding runs out. He also noted that the recently announced purchase of Ascension St. Mary's Hospital by MyMichigan will require negotiation about payment for services.

Muffins with Mom



On Wednesday, April 17, the four-year-old preschool class of St. Joseph School invited their moms to school for the morning. The moms joined them for school-wide prayer and pledge and then moved into the classroom where they worked on puzzles together, read a couple stories, and then enjoyed muffins and conversation with one another. The children really enjoyed hosting their moms for a fun and delicious morning!

Patriot Benefit Bash



Pictured are (l to r) 700 Club Tournament Director Barry Massey, Gary Tanner, Wounded Warrior Founder/Chairman, and 700 Club President Scott Goodrich.

The Northern Michigan 700 Club recently held their 2023/2024 Bowling Championship at Ogemaw Lanes in West Branch. This year's Champion is Brian Noeske from Gaylord.

On Sept. 9, 2023 the Club held the first annual "Patriot Benefit Bash" to raise funds for the "Michigan Wounded and Returning Warriors" organization. They presented their donation

to Chairman Gary Tanner in the amount of \$1,344.00. Gary, who is the Founder/Chairman of the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program, said that the funds are used for programs assisting Wounded and Returning Service Personnel from all over the state of Michigan including the Upper Peninsula.

For more information on Wounded Warriors visit www.michiganlegion.org.

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Kiwanis CORNER

BY DENNY SHUMWAY

KIWANIS OF WEST BRANCH

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The Kiwanis Club meets at noon on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the China Inn. Anyone interested in learning about our organization is welcome to attend. If you would like to be a guest speaker to show us what you do, call Jolin at 989-873-4532.

AKTION CLUB OF WEST BRANCH

The Aktion Club continues to collect bottles and cans. You can call 315-725-1199 and make arrangements for pick up or drop off locations.

We will be in Irons Park on May 4 as part of the AuSable Mental Health awareness program from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. We will have info on the club and also have a bake sale. You can even bring your returnable bottles and cans there. We will also be holding our first annual Spring Fling on May 17; look for our fliers or call.

We support numerous organizations in Ogemaw County. Those with special needs interested in joining our club, come on the second Wednesday of the month at noon to the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Fairview and State Streets.

OGEMAW COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

We are looking for donations of food or money to help us with the influx of families. We had over 100 families so far this month, which continues to take a toll on our finances. We will take donations every Wednesday of the month from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Thank you



DENNY SHUMWAY

for your assistance. We are located in the garage behind the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave., PO Box 543, West Branch. We want to thank those that have donated. If bad weather, call ahead at 315-725-1199 to see if we are open. Even with the construction we can be accessed by Houghton Avenue and First Street.

FOOD TRUCK OF WEST BRANCH

The monthly Food Truck held once a month also needs your help. Our next truck is coming on May 10, 2024. We served over 330 families on April 5. We need to raise money now to keep the trucks coming. Please sponsor a truck, contact Lisa Curnow at 989-345-0381.

Community activities from your Downtown West Branch

BY PETER FABBRI

On April 13, the downtown businesses hosted the Spring Art Walk & Wine Tasting event with 20 businesses participating. The merchants consider it our premier downtown event allowing us to show appreciation for our customers. It was an evening of fun, art, socializing and great tasting of locally made wine and hors d'oeuvres.



PETER FABBRI

A young lady named Nicole, from Bay City, while enjoying the evening with her friends, commented "we saw the event posted on social media and

decided to come. It is our first time and what fun we had and we will definitely be back for the holiday event." The holiday event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, 5 to 8 p.m.

Work activity on the West Branch Extreme Makeover did not dampen the attendance with nearly 650 people attending from West Branch, the surrounding areas and other parts of the state.

So, we are nearly one month into the remodel of the M-55 corridor through downtown. Things are going as planned and I think very smoothly. The only side of town being impacted at this time is the east end between

Third Street and First Street. MDOT has done a great job of keeping the sidewalks open and easily accessible into the businesses. There is great signage and short detours where needed. ALL, and I repeat ALL, of the public parking lots remain open. Many of the businesses have rear door access to the parking lots, too.

I think there is some consternation about traveling to and around downtown. Nobody sees an orange barrel as a welcome sign so I think some people avoid it.

Let me share a personal story. A good friend of mine, who lives

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Ogemaw County Historical Museum reopens

BY SALLY REA, CURATOR

Dear Readers, The doors of our museum reopened on April 4. Our hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call the museum at 989-701-2525.

On April 13, we hosted our first event of the year the Art Walk and Wine Tasting event. Our hosts for this event were Alan and Marcia Doss. They served the wines and explained how to taste wine to get the best flavor. They always dress up for this event and this time they portrayed some of the people they were reenactors for in different groups. Marcia was a Native American lady and had the real leather dress and her husband Alan represented a group of Rendezvous people who at one

time came to Irons Park with their big canoe and spent the weekend camping out the way they did a long time ago.

Mary Cole and Sally Rea were our greeters. Sally kept track of the entries into the museum. We had so much fun with the people and everyone was so happy because the weather was so beautiful. We had 512 people go through our museum



SALLY REA

Candy Older was our person who brought in her Christmas tree ornament made out of wood and in a circle with pictures painted on them. She had some of her arts framed and on the table. She is very talented.

Refreshments were put together by Sally Rea and Sylvia Sobo.

Our next event is May 1, at the Ogemaw District Library on North Fourth Street. Mark Jager

who writes the Mystic Michigan Books, will do his presentation along with Rob Bailey from 2-4 p.m. Roscommon County Genealogical Society and Rose City Historical Museums will help us sponsor this event but donations would be appreciated.



ALAN AND MARCIA DOSS

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From the desk of Gail Hughey Superintendent West Branch-Rose City Schools *Empowering Futures: Career and Technical Education in Building Trades*

Our school district is lucky enough to offer students the opportunity to participate in several career and technical education courses. This article will focus on building trades at Ogemaw Heights High School. From interpreting blueprints to mastering the use of power tools, participants gain invaluable skills that are directly applicable to the workforce. Our building trades program introduces students to basic skills and allows them to grow and develop their skills by constructing residential and commercial buildings for our community.



GAIL HUGHEY

The students under the direction of Brian Klein, are working to complete the ninth home for families in our school district. The building trades program has also built the Commission on Aging building and storage garage, the Humane Society building, and added to the Veterans Museum at the fairgrounds.

On Friday, April 12, the

Ogemaw Heights High School Building Trades class was represented by Carter

McClusky, Kale Kaiser, Ty Neubecker, and Brandt Provoast at the 2024 State Deer Blind Competition sponsored by the Michigan Construction Teachers Association. The event was held at the Clare Gladwin Tech Center. The students competed against six other teams from career tech centers from across the state and took second place.

If you are interested in the chance to win a deer blind built by our students, please see our local Educational Support Partnership (ESP) for the annual October raffle drawing or contact my office at 989-343-2001. Your donation will support our

seniors with scholarships to attend further training in the trades or college.

You may have noticed the work beginning at Ogemaw Heights. Soon the building trades facility will be increased and provide additional space, allowing for extra practice in electrical and plumbing skills. Thank you to all who supported the bond and the growth of our career and technical education programs. By nurturing the next generation of skilled tradespeople, we pave the way for a stronger, more resilient community.



Carter McClusky, Kale Kaiser, Ty Neubecker, and Brandt Provoast.

Downtown

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east of West Branch, recently had a doctor appointment in Grayling. I offered to take him. Normally we would have traveled through West Branch to I-75 north. I was driving but he suggested we go towards Cook Road and catch I-75 at the 212 mile marker to avoid the “blockade” on Houghton Avenue.

I agreed at the time but I mentioned it really wasn’t a

problem getting through, but he said he had heard it was very hard. On the return trip home, I got off I-75 at exit 215 and headed east towards town. He remarked, “why are you going this way, it’s a disaster?” I said, “let me show you.”

We traveled right into the heart of downtown, without a hitch, and turned left on Third Street to State and right on State Street to Valley Street and then east on

M-55. Easy peasy. No waiting, no problems. It might have added two minutes to our total travel. And we got to see some cool, heavy equipment working unhindered downtown. He said afterwards, “this isn’t bad. It was very easy.”

So, I encourage you to be brave. Try it. Grab some dinner and a movie and visit your favorite places to shop. We are OPEN!

Community Foundation Announces First-Ever YAC Day to Support Local Youth Grantmakers

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) is hosting the first-ever YAC Day on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. YAC Day is a special event focused on fundraising and building awareness of the Foundation’s Youth Advisory Council, or YAC, which awards annual grant funding to youth projects in their communities. The event is in partnership with the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM), which is the lead foundation for NCMCF. YAC Day is a primarily online, 24-hour giving event aimed at helping local YACs increase their grantmaking capabilities.

Youth Advisory Councils are groups of youth ages 12-21 who are engaged in philanthropy through grantmaking, leadership opportunities, and community service. Through this program, young people throughout northeast Michigan are learning about the important role philanthropy plays in a community.

“Our YAC program has quite a reach across all of northeast Michigan. We have about 130 YAC members serving in 19 different schools across our nine-county service area. In our NCMCF service area specifically, we have three YACs – one each in Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties,” says CFNEM Affiliate Director, Christine Hitch. “The impact these youth are having on their communities is so positive, so inspiring, and so needed. We are very excited to have a special day of fundraising that is geared 100% toward helping our YACs increase their impact.”

On YAC Day on May 7, community members will be able to visit NCMCF’s website at ncmcf.org and donate to support any or all of the three NCMCF YACs. Half of each donation



will be permanently endowed to increase future grantmaking, forever. The other half will be used for grantmaking in the YACs next round of grants, which will be awarded in early 2025.

Hitch added that the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan will match the first \$4,000 donated to each of NCMCF’s youth advisory Councils on YAC Day.

“This program is truly growing the next generation of givers in our communities by connecting them to their communities through philanthropy and through this grantmaking process,” said Hitch. “We have seen our former YAC members become donors, leaders in their communities, and even trustees on our own governing boards.”

NCMCF’s YAC grants are awarded from the Crawford

County Kellogg Youth Fund, Ogemaw County Kellogg Youth Fund, and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Fund, all held at NCMCF. Since the YAC program started in North Central Michigan in 1998, it has awarded more than \$409,000 to nonprofits for youth-related projects serving local youth.

As a fun addition to YAC Day, the YAC that raises the most donations on May 7 will win “Mac the Golden Yak”. Mac was named by Youth Advisory Council members from across northeast Michigan.

To support a local YAC on YAC Day, visit ncmcf.org on Tuesday, May 7, between 12 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. to donate online. Donations can also be mailed to the Community Foundation office at NCMCF, P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.

Carrying the Cross on Good Friday



Barry Brown follows behind Chuck Plass, who carries a cross through downtown West Branch on Good Friday.

BY MICHAEL BUSCH

Barry Brown, a member of Faith Alive Church in West Branch, and Chuck Plass, a member of Abundant Grace Assembly of God in Prudenville, took turns carrying the cross 5.5 miles from Meijer to the West

Branch Outlet Mall.

Brown said before the long walk, “We just want to give back what Jesus gave for us and have people never forget what He did for us: dying on the cross and enabling us to have our name written on the Book of Life.”

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Nikki Szymkowski



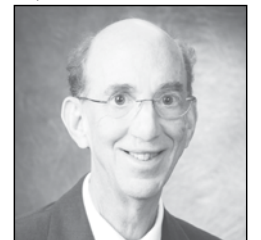
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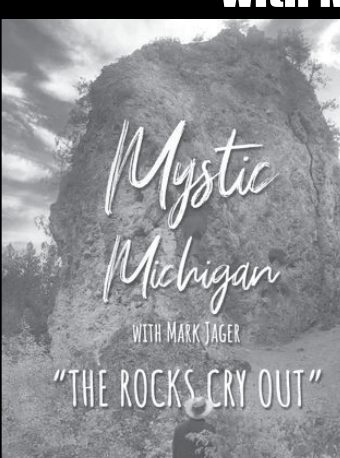
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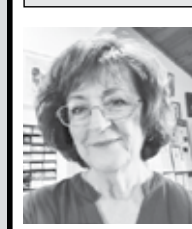
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West Branch Michigan Animal Meet



Photos by Laura Bender



The West Branch Michigan Animal Meet held the first of seven events on Saturday, April 20th. Fifty-two vendors braved the chilly day to find homes for a variety of chickens, ducks, goats, puppies, rabbits and pheasants. Also for sale were handcrafts,

edible treats, and other homemade delights. The event was well attended and left everyone happily anticipating the next gathering.

The Swap Meet will occur monthly at the Pioneer Power Antique Tractor site, 302 W. M-55, West Branch. Vendors may

arrive as early as 8 a.m. Gates open to the public at 10 a.m. on the following days: May 18th, June 15th, July 27th, Aug. 17th, Sept, 21st, and Oct. 19th. For more information, join <https://www.facebook.com/groups/westbranchmichigananimalmeet>.

Youth Artists

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The 2024 Best of Show winners:

- Brielle Biggs, a kindergartener at St. Joseph’s Catholic School for her watercolor/crayon piece entitled “Fish”
- Kaitlyn Hines, an 8th grader at Surline Middle School for her colored pencil piece entitled “2 Faces Unwinding”
- Morrigan Miller, an 11th grader at Ogemaw Heights High School for her piece entitled “Crown and Scepter”

The 2024 People’s Choice winners were Leah Wolosonowich (K-4th), Olivia McDaniels (5th-8th), and Naomi Hosted (9th-12th).

Participating student artists represented Surline Elementary

and Middle Schools, Ogemaw Heights High School, St. Joseph’s Catholic School, Rose City Elementary and three homeschool groups. Award recipients received art supplies thanks to the generous donations from Karen Ciske and the Community Thrift Store.

The Fourth Street Gallery, 124 N. Fourth Street, West Branch, is sponsored and run by volunteer members of the West Branch Creative Arts Association (WBCAA). For more information about the gallery, hours of operation, events and upcoming classes call 989-345-1451, email wbcAA2013@gmail.com or visit <https://fourthstartistsgallery.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/WBCAA>. Better yet, stop in!



Brielle Biggs, St. Joseph School, Kindergarten



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Chamber Ball Highlights



A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Committee for blessing me with the **HONOR** and **PRIVILEGE** of being the first proud recipient of the brand new **Grange B. Bell "Dedication to Community" Award** at the 2023 Chamber Ball.



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Vicki Seltz Barnes

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HALE EAGLES SUPERIOR NEWS

These articles and pictures were written and submitted by students at Hale High School.

Lady Eagles begins Softball



Eagle Varsity girls in a huddle before their game against Oscoda.

BY SAVANNAH JONES
HALE AREA SCHOOLS

As it starts to get warmer, that means out with winter sports and in with the spring sports. Our varsity softball team has five returning seniors this year. As of now, the girls have already played first of their 11 games for the season.

April 15, was the opening game for the season against Oscoda at home. The girls put up a good fight and played well for their first game of the season. The

score for the girls was 13-2 for the first game, and 12-2 for the second.

I asked two players from our team this year their opinions on the season so far. Aleese Kimmerer, who is the only eighth grader on our team says, "It's pretty fun, I think it's awesome to play with my friends. I'm happy that I chose this over track. It's an amazing opportunity to get to play a varsity sport. I think it's great to let us be a part of something like this when we don't have a JV

team. I love the seniors, and I love playing with them and watching them grow."

Senior, Laken Caverly, discussed her feelings towards the season. She said, "I feel like we have a young team, but a lot of talent. We need to work better on ourselves individually, and I think we will do great things with that. We have good numbers which we really haven't had in the past, but I'm intrigued to see what will happen this season."

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HALE HAPPENINGS

With everything changing daily, if not hourly, we would advise that you call ahead to be sure the event is still scheduled.

Ongoing

First Friday - Bingo 12:30 p.m. Hale Resource Center. Call 728-4251.

Wednesdays - (Second of each month) **Sunrise Side Beekeepers**, 7 p.m. at Eagle Pointe Plaza in Hale. Anyone interested in honeybees is welcome. Call Gail 734-775-3703.

Saturdays - (May 27 through September) **Plain-**

field Township Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown and produced items. Always looking for new vendors. Located between the firehall and the library in Hale on M-65. Call Fred Lewis (989) 728-2811.

Sundays - (Last of each month) **Hale Area Citizens Patrol** 1 p.m. at the Eagle Pointe Plaza. Call Connie 989-728-4796.

Hale Senior Center Menu

April

29 - Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes, carrots and apple crisp.

30 - Cook's choice.

All meals include coffee, tea or milk and, served at noon.

Suggested donation, 60 plus is \$4, under 60 is \$7.50. Call before 10:30 a.m. to make reservations. Hale 989-728-4251 or Sand Lake 989-469-9361.

Oscoda Center 989-739-3668.

Tawas Center 989-362-6892.

Jeneane 989-728-2206. Shirley 989-739-3781. *Please be aware that meals are subject to change due to food availability.*

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SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

BY FRED LEWIS - SUPERVISOR, PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP

Before I get started on my planned topic, I need to make a correction to my last "Corner" article. The IET Trail Dedication scheduled for May 11 has been postponed to Oct. 5. Same location and time and more information will be forthcoming. Due to some unforeseen problems that have removed some of our key players temporarily, it would not have allowed a good outcome for the event. So, remark your calendars for Oct. 5.

Now back to our regularly scheduled program. Apparently this is the spring of waste site use issues. First and foremost, paying your taxes does not give anyone the right to misuse any township facilities or programs. You, the residents, have charged us with the oversight and regulation of the day-to-day use of township facilities and programs. We pass rules and regulations, as a BOARD, not as individuals, to ensure what we believe to be fair and equitable use of our facilities and programs. If at any time you disagree with our, the BOARDS, application of these rules and regulations, you can address any of us in our office or the community or see us at our meeting held every month on the third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Plaza meeting room. Our employees do not make the rules, we, the BOARD do. DO NOT take it out on them for their enforcement of our rules. They are just doing their jobs.

Now as to the use of the waste site. Since it started, the waste site has not allowed any commercial use of the facility. Businesses

in the township are required by ordinance to have their own dumpsters for their generated waste and cannot bring any of it to the waste site. This has been the way it has worked for almost 30 years now. The issue is that we cannot control where the waste that is being hauled in to the site is coming from. You told us over the past few years as more and more waste was being brought in that there was abuse of our system and that we needed to "crack down" on use by non-residents. That includes their waste being brought in by residents and dumped in our site for us to dispose of. We all then have to bear the costs of handling the added waste and the associated cost increases.

So we are adding a card activated gate and are requiring all residents to show and carry their cards and if a resident is frequenting the site abnormally, they will be questioned. If this is not what you want then you need to tell us because as of now, these are the orders that we are following. If the community wants to change the rules that we have been following for decades, that is fine with us, just tell us, as a community, what you want and how you want us to do it because trying to enforce which businesses and when businesses can access the site will be almost impossible on a fair and equitable basis.

Next up is the purpose of zoning in a community. Zoning establishes the controls and rules for a community to grow and build. It establishes standards that

all growth will be held to. It does not control what business can locate in your community if they follow your rules and ordinances that have been established for everyone. We cannot tell a business that meets all of our zoning requirements that they cannot build in our community, and as I have said before in this corner, we never have.

In the meantime, consider a membership at the Community Center and Eagle Point Plaza. You can come and enjoy pickleball at any time, yoga, cardio drumming, fitness training, walking or some more intense TOWANDA. Whatever your need we probably have some form of activity to assist you. So stop in and see Roma about a membership. We have family rates and business/group rates also. We would love to see you. When you're here stop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the Plainfield Township Historical Museum. They have great displays of our community throughout history and how our residents lived long ago. The members do a great job preserving and showcasing our heritage. They also have genealogical workshops, and guest speakers so stop and ask about the next event.

As always if you ever have any questions, comments or concerns regarding our community please contact me. I am in the office Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 989-728-2811 or my cell at 989-984-7073 or by email supervisor@plainfieldtwpmi.com.



Obituaries

Charlene Elaine Culhane

Dec. 26, 1936 — April 13, 2024

Charlene Culhane passed away on April 13, 2024 at the age of 87, peacefully with family by her side.

Charlene Elaine Culhane was born on Dec. 26, 1936, in Flint, to Robert M. Brent and Elaine Brent (nee Friend). She lived in the north end of Flint and experienced the Beecher tornado of 1953, which affected her for her entire life. As a teenager she met her future husband, the smooth skater Donald E. Culhane, at the Mt. Morris Roller Skating Rink. They married on Aug. 18, 1956. They lived in Mt. Morris for years, with a couple of short stints in Phoenix, Ariz.

Together they had five children, four boys and a daughter. Being a wife and mother was her calling in life, and her children were her pride and joy and her marriage was very important to her. She and Don were married until he passed away at the age of 64 in July of 2002.

Charlene was the epitome of a homemaker and she loved decorating, making beauty from what others might see as junk, often using nature as inspiration. She especially loved Christmas and at one point, her home was decorated year-round with Christmas trees, sleighs, and Santa Claus. No matter the decoration, her house always felt like home.

She loved to cook and made delicious authentic Mexican food from her time in Arizona and two of her best friends. She was kind, funny, her laugh was a cackle, and she was full of life and a loving figure in many people's lives, her children's friends often calling her mom. She was notoriously fashionable and loved music of



CHARLENE ELAINE CULHANE

all types and loved to dance, especially with her husband.

Charlene and Don bought property in the Sage Lake area in 1967, and started construction on their cabin, and after many years of wonderful weekends there, they moved up permanently in the late 80's, calling

it home. It was a haven for the grandkids and a welcome retreat for the adults

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Don, her oldest son, Paul, grandson, Shawn, and many brothers and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her children Craig Culhane, Helen (Casey) Alford, Donnie Culhane, and Brent Culhane. She also leaves 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, with another on the way, and her brother Robert (Cathy) Brent, sister-in-law Colleen Gordon. During the last years of her life she lived with her daughter's family, and was lovingly taken care of by her daughter, her granddaughters, Elizabeth and Sofie, as well as her sons in her final months. It was a privilege and an honor. She will be cherished and missed.

In remembrance of Charlene's life, a graveside service was held on Tuesday, April 16, at the Logan Township Cemetery, 16 S. Sage Lake Road, Hale. A luncheon followed back at the Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorial contributions can be made to either the Trinity United Methodist Church, 125 W. Main St., Rose City, MI 48654, the Churchill United Methodist Church, 501 E. State Rd., West Branch, MI 48661, or the Ronald McDonald House.

Hale Senior Center's Activities

May

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| <p>1 - Tie-Dye T-Shirt Craft 10:30 a.m. (Bring White T-Shirt)</p> <p>2 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>3 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m., Bunco 12:45 p.m.</p> <p>6 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m.</p> <p>7 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>8 - Hale Senior Citizens & Retirees Brd. Mtng. 9 a.m., Potluck 5 p.m.</p> <p>9 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>10 - Mother's Day Party 10:30 (Sign-Up Please), Bingo 12:45 p.m.</p> | <p>11 - Ted Simpson (Cert. Bob Ross Ins.) Painting Class 1 p.m.-4 p.m. \$70 Each Person</p> <p>13 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m.</p> <p>14 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>15 - GG Giveaway, EPP Hale 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Mod Podge Planters 10:30 a.m., Bunco 6 p.m. \$6</p> <p>16 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>17 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m., Bunco 12:45 p.m.</p> <p>20 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m., ICCOA Board Meeting@ Sandlake 1 p.m.</p> | <p>21 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>22 - Earline's Craft Day 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>23 - Euchre 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Matter of Balance 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>24 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m., Bingo 12:45 p.m.</p> <p>27 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m.</p> <p>28 - Euchre 9 a.m.-11 a.m.</p> <p>29 - Watermelon Jar Craft 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>30 - Euchre 9 a.m.-11 a.m.</p> <p>31 - Chair Yoga 11 a.m., Birthday Party 12 p.m., Raffle Table 12:30, Bingo 12:45 p.m.</p> |
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Students of the Month



Back row, (l to r) Kaity Hodges, Jeanney Rigsby, Isabella Barkholz, Logan Nichols, Wyatt Orr, and Jaxon Myers. Front row, (l to r) Symphony Wojkowiak, Mason Reilly, Liberty Hainley, Jocelyn Chrivia, Paisley Reimann. Missing: Laken Michalski.

This month at Hale Area Schools students got selected for student of the month. Students

of various grade levels were recognized for their hard work at the board of education meeting.

These students come to school ready to learn and be the best students they can be.

Mismatch Day fun



March Reading Month

BY ARIANNA KOEPKE
HALE AREA SCHOOLS

Hale Elementary had a successful reading month this March. Students participated in various activities. A shoe box parade was held on March 22, in our gymnasium. Grades K-5 participated in the activity as well as the parents who were able to attend. We also hosted two family nights with many parents and students attending each.

Staff went out of their way to create life-sized board games for the kids including Candy

Land, Hungry Hippo, Sorry, and Checkers. Another event that was held was Big Book Family Night. Students got to read various big books to their family. At the end of the evening, they had the choice to take one home. Each Friday, students participated in "Fun Fridays" including PJ day, crazy hair, and mismatch day. Elementary students also had the opportunity to decorate Alward's grocery bags with their favorite books. These bags were given back to Alward's and then given back to the community.

Shoobox Parade



The third grade classes created posters and dressed like people they researched.



Shoobox parade

BY ISABELLA BARKHOLZ
HALE AREA SCHOOLS

On March 22, there was a parade for the Hale Elementary school. It was to celebrate the participants of March Reading Month. The students were graded on their projects if they

had a costume, shoebox, or poster. All of the kids did such a great job, the projects were creative and well done. Many teachers decorated their doors to celebrate March Reading Month. Kindergarten through fifth grade students engaged in March

Reading Month and the Shoobox parade. Their projects were based on their favorite books to read. Family members of the students were able to come in and watch the elementary students present their projects.

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Obituaries

Kenneth Eugene Morse

Nov. 28, 1941 — April 15, 2024

Kenneth Eugene Morse, age 82, passed away Monday, April 15. Kenneth was born on Nov. 28, 1941, to the late Richard Grant and Mary Etta (Teeples) Morse.



KENNETH EUGENE MORSE

Ken was predeceased by his life partner and mother of his children, Elva Jean (Hine) Morse, his infant son Kenneth Richard Morse, son-in-law Gary Cummings and siblings, Robert, William, Evelyn, Richard, Virginia, Mary Ellen, and Geraldine.

Left to cherish his memory are his four surviving children: Kimberly Leakey, Kelly (Andrew)

Sobha, Kristie (Bill) Pullen and Kevin (Al) Seymour. Also surviving are granddaughters Cassie Barkley (Brad), Kari (Jeff) Marshall and Amelia and Maya Sobha, and Rhonda (Steve) Slack, nine great-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and brother Jim Morse.

As Ken requested, he was cremated and there will not be any services.

Arrangements were handled by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in Rose City. www.steuernolmclaren.com

Robert Louis Schroder

May 13, 1924 — April 10, 2024

Robert Louis Schroder, born on May 13, 1924, in Lapeer, peacefully passed away at his home in West Branch, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the age of 99. He lived a remarkable life filled with love, joy, and numerous accomplishments.



ROBERT LOUIS SCHRODER

He was a dedicated individual who served his country with honor during WWII in the Army and received several accolades including a Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Victory Medal, Bronze Arrowhead Croix de Guerre, and European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with four Bronze Service Stars.

In 1996, Robert discovered

a talent for ceramics and woodcarving which became one of his proudest accomplishments. Under the guidance of Lark Nelson of St. Helen, he honed his skills and showcased his craftsmanship at prestigious events like the Frankenmuth

Woodcarvers Guild Show. He was a member of the St. Helen Carvers Club for many years.

Robert is survived by his loving children Gary (Barb) Schroder, Veda Thomas, and Sheila Goscicki; grandchildren Kevin (Mary), Ryan (Tabitha), Mike (Evelyn), Danny (Georgie), Gary, David, Ben (Justine), and Rob; great-grandchildren Aiden,

Emma, Kade, Max, Owen, Mikey, Brandon, Jake, Nic, Kiley, Megan, Macy; Mathew Carley Sidney Kayla Bennie; and Robert; as well as great-great-grandchildren Jax and Mac; and many loving friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Louis and Minnie (Hyde) Schroder and his beloved wife Thelma in 2017.

Cremation has taken place, and no service is scheduled at this time.

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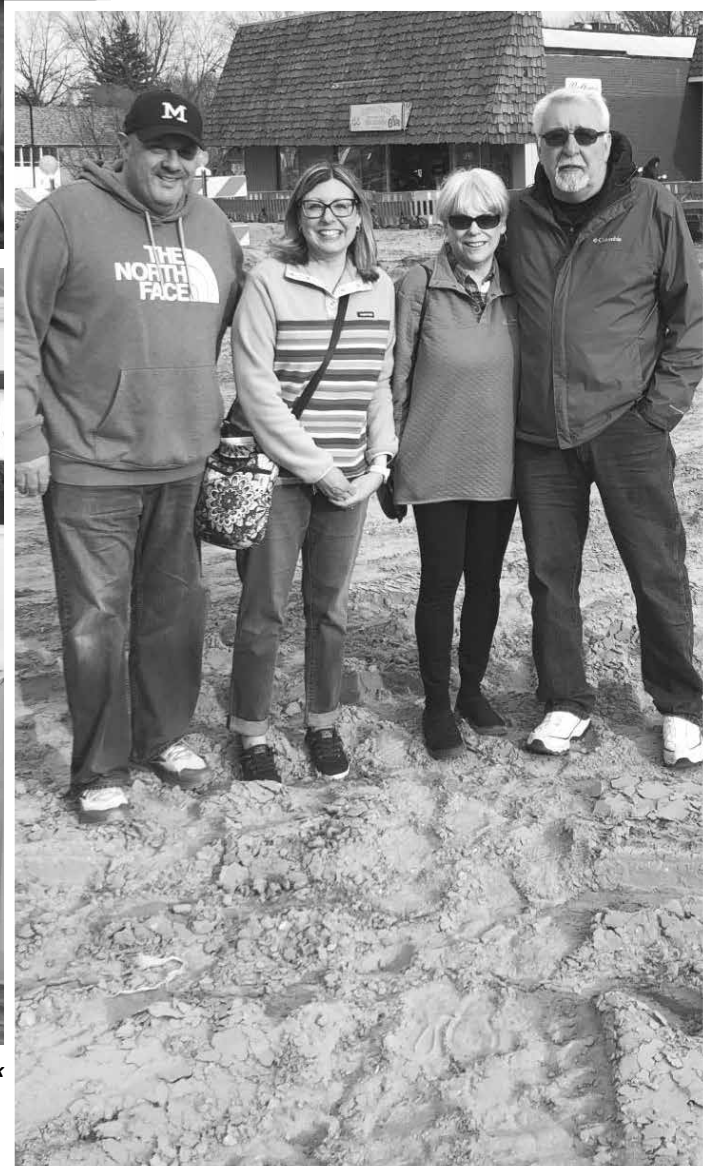
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CITY OF WEST BRANCH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The West Branch City Council will hold a public hearing during their regular Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 121 N. Fourth St. on the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review on the City website at www.westbranch.com and can be reviewed in person at City Hall, 121 N. Fourth St., West Branch, MI 48661 during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 8:00 am 4:30 pm. Accommodations and necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to persons with disabilities, as well as the hearing impaired, who require alternately formatted materials or auxiliary aids to ensure effective communication and access to meetings or hearings. All requests for accommodation should be made with as much advance notice as possible by contacting City Clerk Lori Ann Clover at (989) 345-0500; 121 N. 4th St., West Branch, MI 48661; email: clerk@westbranch.com.

CITY OF ROSE CITY REGULAR MEETING April 2, 2024 Mayor Jeremy Card called the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Rose City to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 2, 2024. Present: Daniel McQuarrie, Kristina Danforth, Scott Hamel, Brent Hinkley. Absent: Christopher Hebert Others present: Clerk Jennifer Hurley, Treasurer Carol Lee Butler, DPW Supervisor Chase Wiltse, County Commissioner Roger Mayhew, Theresa Erickson, Amy Hensel, Nicole Pennell, Michael Samples, Don Graves, Mark Berdan, Rick Benjamin. A Motion made by Mrs. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hinkley to approve the Agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mr. Hamel to approve the Minutes for the April 2, 2024 Regular Rose City Council Meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mr. Hinkley and seconded by Mrs. Danforth to pay bills as presented, in the amounts of \$10,002.31 from the Common Cash Account, and \$1178.06 from the Sewer Account. Ayes: Daniel McQuarrie, Kristina Danforth, Scott Hamel, Brent Hinkley. Nays: None. Motion carried. Kristina Danforth gave a 4th of July Report. Don Graves addressed the Council. Leigh Young with the MEDC presented to the Council the Michigan Main Street Program. Chase Wiltse gave a DPW Report. Carol Butler gave a Treasurer's Report. Jennifer Hurley gave Clerk's Report. A Motion by Mrs. Danforth and Seconded by Mr. Hinkley to appoint Michael Samples to the open Council seat. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. A Motion made by Mrs. Danforth and seconded by Mr. Hamel to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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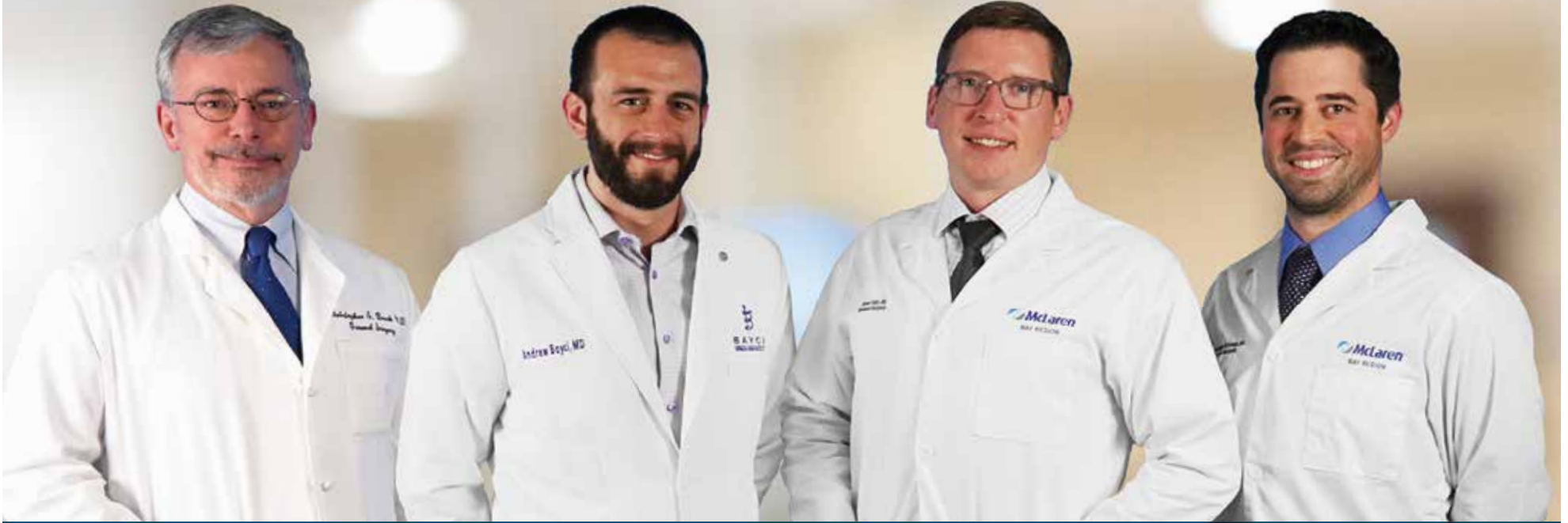
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