

Happy Thanksgiving



PASD SUPERINTENDENT MIKE VIEAU AND CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JOHN SANFORD receive grants from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to the District totalling \$94,713.54. --Journal Photo by Kayla Dybas



PINCONNING MAYOR GERALD GIBSON AND PFFD CHIEF DAVE RAMSAY accept \$30,000 and \$36,700, grants from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for their organizations --Journal Photo by Kayla Dybas

Saganing Casino Fall 2% Grants Announced

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe announced their Fall 2019 semi-annual 2% slot revenue grants to local schools and units of government last Friday, November 22nd. The total payment for the Saganing Area of Arenac and Northern Bay Counties, based on slot machine revenue at the Saganing Casino, totaled \$930,881.79. The Tribal Council accepts applications and awards grants with the goal of positively impacting as many souls in the local area as possible.

The City of Pinconning grant totaling \$66,700.00 included a \$30,000 General Allocation for the City that was accepted by Mayor Gerald Gibson who said the funds will

be used "to move the City forward in a positive manner". The other \$36,700 was directed to the Pinconning-Fraser Fire Department and was accepted by Chief Dave Ramsay, who explained the grant was written to cover the cost of replacement protective firefighter gear for all current volunteers.

Pinconning Township Trustee Dawn Beck accepted a \$1,000 General Allocation for the township.

The Pinconning Area School District received a total of \$94,713.54 to fund 15 grants covering elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the district as a whole.

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PINCONNING TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE DAWN BECK accepts a \$1,000 grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. --Journal Photo by Kayla Dybas



PINCONNING HIGH SCHOOL NHS members and the Great Lakes Outdoorsman Foundation are shown with the food items for one family's food prior to delivery. --Courtesy Photo

National Honor Society and Great Lakes Outdoorsman Work Together To Feed 5 Families

By: Rebecca Wehner, PHS

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, members of the National Honor Society shopped at Town & Country for Thanksgiving meals for five families in need in the high school/middle school. They purchased all the items needed for a tasty Thanksgiving dinner, along with other staples. Funds used for the items came from a generous \$400 donation from the Great Lakes Outdoorsman Foundation. The Thanksgiving meals were delivered on Friday, November 22.

This is the tenth year the foundation has partnered with NHS to provide meals to school families and is one of the many community programs and projects they support.

Their annual fundraiser banquet will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020. For more information, contact Jim at 450-5504.

Correction

In a previous issue of the Journal, the date of the next Fire Board meeting was incorrect, the correct date for the next Fire Board meeting is Monday, December 2nd. We apologize for the error.



Birding Bits - Tufted Titmouse

By: Michael Stoner

As winter approaches Tufted Titmice start flocking with similarly colored birds such as Dark-eyed Juncos, White-breasted Nuthatches, and Black-capped Chickadees. With its gray back and crest, white belly, rusty flanks, black forehead, and prominent black eyes the Titmouse looks like a small gray Cardinal. They prefer wooded habitats, but because they do not migrate in winter, they often move into wooded residential areas where birdfeeders, fruiting shrubs, and nut trees are present. One hundred years ago, the Titmouse was nearly absent from our state. Now they are prevalent in southern Michigan and are becoming more common in our area. Titmice are birds that benefit from the addition of a backyard birdfeeder in a yard with large trees. The accompanying photo was taken recently at a feeder in Pinconning Township.



THANKSGIVING CLOSURE

We will be closed on
Thursday, November 28, and
Friday, November 29th

Happy Thanksgiving!

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks for the many wonderful blessings we share, including the gift of friendship.

It's been a real pleasure to know and serve you.

The Pinconning Journal Staff

Craig Barnt,
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment — halftime. ~Author Unknown

Attention Snowbirds!

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Thursday, November 28,
• Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, December 1,
• Scouts picking up returnable cans, in the City of Pinconning door to door, or drop off at Pinconning United Methodist Church, noon to 3 pm

Wednesday, December 4,
• Santa at City Hall, 5 - 7 pm, hot chocolate, popcorn & cookies.
• Reindeer at the Library, Christmas Crafts, 5 - 7 pm

Friday, December 6,
• Linwood Tree Lighting, Bicentennial Park, Childrens essays, hot chocolate, cookies & Santa, 6:15 pm

STANDING EVENTS
Second Monday
• Fraser Township Board Meeting, 7 pm, 1474 N. Mackinaw, Linwood.
• Garfield Township Board Meeting, 6 pm, 1138 W. Erickson, Linwood.
• Gibson Township Board Meeting ,7 p.m., 7214 Main St., Bentley.
• Pinconning Area School Board of Education, 7 pm HS/MS Library
Third Monday
• Pinconning City Council, City Hall, 5 pm
• Bob’s Blessings, Mt. Forest Community Church, open, 10 am - 2 pm
• Barnyard Bingo, Pinconning Community Center, 6 pm
Fourth Monday
• Pinconning Area Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. HS/MS Library unless noted.
First Tuesday
• Area Baby Closet is open from 10 to 2 at the Pinconning United Methodist Church, 314 Whyte St.
Every Tuesday
• Food Addicts in Recovery Meeting, 9:30 am, Pinconning United Methodist Church., 314 Whyte St.
• Women of the Moose meal, Estey Moose Lodge from 6 - 8 pm with live music.
• Al-Anon Positive Thinkers family group, Wesleyan Church, 800 Horn St., 8 pm.
Second Tuesday
• Pinconning Township Board Meeting, 4 pm, 1751 E. Cody Estey Rd., Pinconning.
• Mt. Forest Township Board Meeting, 7 pm, 1705 W. Cody Estey, Pinconning.
Third Tuesday
• Area Baby Closet is open from 10 to 2 at the Pinconning United Methodist Church, 314 Whyte St.
Every Wednesday
• Crafters at Pinconning Twp. Hall, 1751 E. Cody-Estey Rd., Pinconning. 10 am - 4 pm
• Line Dancing, Kawkawlin Activity Center, 1800 E. Parish, Kawkawlin, 10 am Advanced; 11 am Beginners
• Euchre/Schmere, Kawkawlin Activity Center, 1800 E. Parish, Kawkawlin, 9-11 an
Second Wednesday
• K of C Council 2986 Meeting, 7 pm,
Every Thursday
• Euchre/Schmere, Kawkawlin Activity Center, 1800 E. Parish, Kawkawlin, 9-11 am
• Bingo, Kawkawlin Activity Center, 1800E. Parish, Kawkawlin, 1230 pm
• Men of the Moose meal from 5-8 pm, burgers, hot dogs, community social hour, Estey Moose Lodge.
• Local musicians play Classic Country music, 6:00 pm, Pinconning United Meth. Church, 314 Whyte St.
First Thursday
• Pinconning Area Emergency Food Pantry meeting, 4:30 pm, Pinc. Library.
• The Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish, meets at CJ’s Sports Grill, 5:30 pm
Second, third and fourth Thursday
• The Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish, meets at 12 noon at CJ’s Sports Grill
Third Thursday
• Pinconning Genealogy Group, 6:30 pm, Pinconning Library.
Third Friday
• Food Distribution, 10:00 am, K of C Hall, Water Street Hall

Mortgage Loan Issues Topic of Rotary Meeting

By: Michael Stoner

On November 21, 2019, members of the Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish heard a presentation on the current mortgage market by Mitzi Swanick, mortgage loan originator for Chemical Bank in Standish and Pinconning. She shared with the club issues that borrowers should think about when getting a mortgage. She said borrowers are mostly concerned about the interest rate, but the lowest mortgage rate may not be the one with the lowest cost in the long run. The lowest mortgage rates sometimes come with added points which increase the origination charges for the loan. The importance of building a trusting relationship with a lending institution was stressed so that borrowers will feel comfortable asking the right questions about mortgage options.

Among things to consider are the different down payments that may be required—some require 20%, others may be much lower.

Down payment assistance may be available as well. Since each borrower’s situation is different, in some cases a fixed rate is preferable to a variable rate, and vice versa. Mitzi also mentioned that construction loans differ from standard mortgages. She added that potential borrowers can go through a simple prequalification process to determine the size mortgage they ought to be able to handle.

In the current mortgage market, Mitzi said some people would benefit by refinancing their current mortgages. A rate reduction of as little as 1% can sometimes have a significant impact on the amount ultimately paid on the mortgage. A loan originator can provide information for per

Santa is Coming To Town Wednesday, December 4th

Santa will be visiting Pinconning on Wednesday, December 4th at City Hall, 208 Manitou St., in Pinconning from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Join the City of Pinconning, Pinconning Township, the Boy Scouts and the Goodfellows for hot chocolate, popcorn and cookies.

The Pinconning Branch Library will be hosting Santa’s Reindeer along with craft projects to work on in the community room.

These events are for all ages, no registration required, and you are welcome to take pictures to relive the memories for years to come. Each event will be full of wonder and fun, and we can’t wait to see all of you!

Crafters at Pinconning Twp. Hall

Anyone interested in working on hand crafted items are welcome to join a group that meets weekly on Wednesday at the Pinconning Township Hall, 1751 E. Cody Estey Rd., Pinconning, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Bring your own craft projects and spend the day. A pot luck luncheon is held. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Sue Penberthy at 879-3033.

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CHEMICAL BANK REPRESENTATIVES Darlene Wojda-Pinconning, Mitzi Swanick, Loan Originator and Speaker, and Amanda Pomaville-Standish, are pictured at the Nov. 21st Rotary meeting.
--Courtesy Photo

sons considering refinancing as to the impact they would receive if they refinanced. Tens of thousands of dollars can sometimes be saved. Mitzi also stated that borrowers can leverage their home equity to do other things, like paying off credit card debt or making other purchases, such as a vehicle. She stressed the importance for borrowers to ask the right questions of loan officers before entering into a mortgage. This is something, she said, that most people fail to do. The importance of working with a lender you trust was highlighted, since a good loan officer will automatically lead a borrower through a process to ask the right questions.

GRANTS FROM PAGE 1

Superintendent Mike Vieau was joined by Pinconning Central Elementary Principal John Sanford to describe the grants which ranged from \$130 to over \$28,000. Mr. Vieau thanked the Tribal Council for their continuing support of the District in facilities, equipment, technology and classroom incentives.

Tribal Chief Ronald Ekdahl explained, “The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is committed to selecting projects that aid in improving the quality of life in our communities. We have taken the opportunity to sit down with our local partners and discuss their needs to better understand how to maximize these resources and meet some of the requests that the local schools and governments simply do not have the funding for. By continuing to collaborate and share in open dialogue, we can assist in ensuring that many of the unmet needs in our community are addressed.”

St. Michael’s To Hold Bazaar and Cookie Walk

By: Judy Fenwick

St. Michael School will be holding their annual Bazaar and Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We have a lot of new vendors that will be there, so come and enjoy shopping for the holiday season.

Concessions and drawings will be available. Admission is free, so bring your friends for a delightful day of browsing and shopping the beautiful items and delicious cookies that make wonderful gifts.

Proceeds to St. Michael’s School.

Scouts Collecting Returnable Cans Sunday Dec. 1st

By: Steve Wilczynski

The Pinconning Area Scouts will be conducting a Can Drive in the City of Pinconning on Sunday, December 1st. The Scouts will be going door to door collecting any returnable cans from noon to 3 pm that day.

If anyone prefers to deliver their cans, the Scouts will have a drop off location at the Pinconning United Methodist Church, 314 Whyte St., Pinconning.

Any questions may call Steve Wilczynski at 879-4555.



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1 cup butterscotch chips
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup salted peanuts
2 cups Chow Mein noodles
Place both chips and peanuts in a microwave safe bowl.
Cover and microwave at 50% power for 3-5 minutes. Blend well. Stir in peanuts and Chow Mein noodles. Drop by forkfuls onto wax paper. Let cool until set.



THE CHRISTMAS ELVES, members of the Wednesday Crafters, display the Christmas pillow cases that they made to distribute through Huron Woods Nursing Center and Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

--Courtesy Photo

Sweet Dreams Pillow Cases and Christmas Elves

By: Mary Lou Wonsitler

Christmas Elves –AKA The Wednesday Crafters-- were busy making festive Christmas pillow cases for all the boys and girls at Huron Woods Nursing Center and Good Samaritan Rescue Mission last Wednesday. Several ladies donated bright and cheery Christmas fabric as well as their time and their equipment, such as rulers, rotary cutters, pins, sewing machines, and sergers, for this fun project. They worked side by side in an assembly-line like operation; some pressing the fabric, cutting kits, pinning, sewing, rolling, serging, and back to the ironing station for a final press!

Laughter and chatter filled the room as the “Elves” were working, much like Santa’s workshop. At the end of the day, a total of 109 pillow cases were sewn, pressed and folded, ready for wrapping! What a fun and productive day! Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this day a resounding success!

Note: Wednesday Crafters is open to all crafters who would like to come, for a short time or all day. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pinconning Township Hall, 1751 E. Cody Estey Rd. Come join us! We’d love to have you!

Daughters of Isabella News

By: Melanie Sobieray, Scribe

Our next regular gathering will be on Tuesday, December 10th in the Social Hall at Resurrection of the Lord. It will be a potluck so all members please bring a dish to pass. Any ladies who are interested in learning what D of I is all about, are welcome to attend this OPEN gathering as well. Rosary will be recited at 5:30 pm, followed by our Christmas dinner at 6:00 pm, and then our short meeting at 7:00 pm. We will be having our holiday silent auction also so any donations will be appreciated. Come and enjoy a fun evening!

We will have Corporate Communion on Sunday, December 8th at the 10:30 am mass at Resurrection of the Lord. We will pray the rosary before mass at 10:00 am to support Youth Day.

We continue to collect Family Fare receipts to help our local food pantry. Please turn in your entire receipt, otherwise we can’t count it.

New Partnership Creates a Better Quality of Care for Cardiac Device Patients

By: McLaren Media Connection

McLaren Bay Region is excited to announce a new strategic partnership with Oregon-based Vector Remote Care (VRC). Under the new partnership, patients with cardiac devices wirelessly transmit their collected data through a wifi or cellular connection to VRC. Patients with implanted cardiac pacemakers and defibrillators are checked at home routinely and the information is sent to the device clinic staff back at McLaren Bay Region. The information is organized to alert staff about how the pacemaker/ICD is working, and includes information about heart rhythm changes. The McLaren Bay Device Clinic staff, under the leadership of Dr. Rehan Mahmud, use this information to keep a close eye on every patient they follow.

“Our new partnership with Vector Remote Care provides the very best defense against arrhythmia for our patients. Vector’s cardiac device experts review and summarize every episode, minimizing false alerts and providing us with actionable information,” says Tiffanee Wazny-Kohl, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, a nurse practitioner at the McLaren Bay Device Clinic. “We currently monitor approximately 4,000 patients at once. A patient can be experiencing a heart rhythm problem or a device problem without realizing it.”

At the time of signing contract, McLaren was the largest clinic working with VRC; they are the first clinic in Michigan, as well as the first hospital system that has teamed up with VRC nationwide. In addition to advanced monitoring, the partnership also helps ensure that patients know when they send or miss a transmission. It also offers finely tuned scheduling and on-time reporting which leads to a better quality of care for their cardiac device patients.

Ascension Standish Hospital To Host Thanksgiving Dinner

By: Rose Goick Saddler, RN, MSn Admin.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Ascension Standish Hospital is offering a complimentary Thanksgiving dinner to individuals in need in our community or who may be celebrating the holiday alone. It will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, from 11 am to 1 pm, in the cafeteria located within the hospital. Please share this information with those you meet.

The menu will include roasted turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, relish tray, dinner rolls, pumpkin pie and refreshments. Take-outs will be available upon request.

Pre-registration for the Thanksgiving meal is encouraged by calling Brittany at 989-846-3446.

Standish Historic Depot Santa Parade Nov. 29th

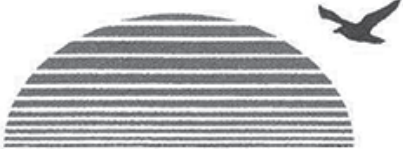
The Standish Historic Depot will hold its Santa Parade on Friday, November 29th from 6 to 7 pm. They are seeking participants to “light up” our parade.

We typically have tractor trailers, Tractors, Wreckers, Trucks, Four Wheelers, Cars, Golf Carts, Motorcycles, Bikers, Walkera/Carolers, NO live Santa’s on floats or Walkers, NO candy please for safety concerns due to an evening parade.

For more information call the Standish Depot at 989-718-3021 or the website at standishdepot.org or The Standish Historical Depot Welcome Center Facebook page.

CMU Announces August 2019 Graduates

Area students that have graduated from Central Michigan University in August ceremonies are: Sarah Haines-BS, of Bentley and Tyler Hugo-BSBA, of Linwood.



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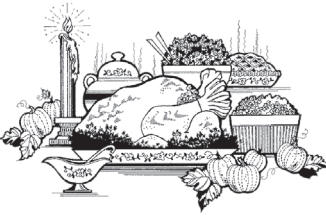
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THANKSGIVING DINNER at The Moose Lodge



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Please join us on Thanksgiving Day, have a great meal and some good conversation with old friends, or maybe make some new ones.

This is a Community Event so please consider a donation of any kind would be appreciated.

Donation suggestions of turkey, ham, potatoes, squash, salads, desserts, etc. A sign up sheet is at the Lodge

This is a Community Service Event.



THE ARENAC CHORALEERS performing at one of their annual Christmas Concerts held in West Branch and Standish. --Courtesy Photo

Arenac Choraleers Announce Holiday Concert Dates

By: Gail Schmidt, NEMAC

The Arenac Choraleers will usher in the Christmas season with their 39th annual holiday concerts titled, *The Gift of Christmas Peace* on Sunday, December 1st, 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church in West Branch and on December 8th, 7 p.m. at Standish-Sterling Central High School, located at the corner of Grove and Wyatt Roads in Standish.

Chorus members are looking forward to performing beautiful and festive works ranging from a modern rendition of The Little Drummer Boy paired with Peace on Earth in counterpoint; the popular Darlene Love classic, Christmas (Baby Please Come Home), along with other festive selections spanning two centuries to suit every like and style of music. The program will be enhanced with vocal solos by choral members throughout the performance.

Sponsored by the Northeast Michigan Arts Council (NEMAC), the chorus is directed by Pamela Proulx and accompanied by Janet Ireland. Choraleer members are represented by the counties of Arenac, Bay, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw and Saginaw. The group is dedicated to performing choral music in public, to provide music education to its members and their audience, and to encourage and promote the performance of quality choral music.

Advance tickets are available at Wilson’s Cheese Shoppe in Pinconning, the West Branch Creative Arts Association Gallery, or at the Art Center by calling (989) 846-9331.

The Standish performance is co-sponsored by Standish-Sterling Community Education. Visit our website for all other Art Center events: nemiac.org or follow us on Facebook.

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Social Security Administration and its Inspector General Announce New Online Reporting Form for Imposter Scam Calls

By: Doug Nguyen, Regional Communications Director

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, and Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, announce the launch of a dedicated online form at <https://oig.ssa.gov> to receive reports from the public of Social Security-related scams. These scams—in which fraudulent callers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments to avoid arrest for purported Social Security number problems—skyrocketed over the past year to become the #1 type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration.

To combat these scams, Social Security and the OIG will use the new online form to capture data that will be analyzed for trends and commonalities. The OIG will use the data to identify investigative leads, which could help identify criminal entities or individuals participating in or facilitating the scams. Ultimately, these efforts are expected to disrupt the scammers, help reduce this type of fraud, and reduce the number of victims.

“We are taking action to raise awareness and prevent scammers from harming Americans,” Commissioner Saul said. “I am deeply troubled that our country has not been able to stop these crooks from deceiving some of the most vulnerable members of our society.”

Commissioner Saul and Inspector General Ennis encourage the public to use the new online form to report Social Security phone scams including robocalls and live callers, as well as email, text, and in-person scams. The form allows people to create a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN), so if OIG contacts a person about their report, they will know the call is legitimate.

“Awareness is our best hope to thwart the scammers,” said Inspector General Ennis. “Tell your friends and family about them and report them to us when you receive them, but most importantly, just hang up and ignore the calls.”

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people—generally those who have ongoing business with the agency—by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

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- Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.
- Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase,

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Letter to the Editor

What is the key to the success of any relationship? Trust.

This is a word that holds a lot of weight. Once trust is broken, it must be earned again.

When you sent me to Lansing, you put your trust in me to represent our community. That is something I think about every day, and I am always working to maintain that trust with my actions in the state Capitol.

I have been contacted by many of you over the last month regarding our state budget and the nearly \$1 billion in community resources vetoed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer — along with the uncertainty it has brought to so many of you.

The current situation in Lansing is very unfortunate and it surely doesn't do anyone any good. I wanted to take the time to explain to you what I have witnessed over the last few months, and what the governor needs to do to restore trust and move forward.

You all probably remember back during the election a promise that candidate Whitmer made to fix our roads. Clearly, when she made that promise, there was little thought put into how she could actually deliver that to the people of Michigan.

Fast forward to March of 2019: The governor introduced a massive 45-cent gas tax increase in her budget recommendation. The plan was strongly rejected by folks all over Michigan — even by many in her own party. Not a single Democrat introduced legislation for the tax increase, and I don't blame them. Instead, my colleagues listened to the people and approved a balanced, bipartisan budget that invested record funding into our roads, our schools, and Michigan's priorities.

Now this fall, in an attempt to gain leverage to pass her



KEVIN DALEY

handle disagreements with others. Instead of rolling up her sleeves, having the tough conversations and coming to a compromise, she put the people of Michigan in the middle of a political mess just because she didn't get her way. Instead of doing the right thing and owning her mistakes, she is still casting blame wherever she can send it.

To make matters worse, the governor has also used what are known as "administrative board transfers" to again twist the budget to meet her demands. This unprecedented step shifted over \$600 million that was supposed to go to crucial programs like services for foster children and the disabled, and instead gave that money to state government bureaucrats and her own administration.

Six weeks after the governor's mean-spirited cuts, Michigan schools have missed scheduled payments, sheriff departments are planning layoffs, college students are being denied scholarships and foster care programs are

massive tax hike, the governor vetoed 147 line items in the budget — nearly \$1 billion. Included in her vetoes was \$375 million dedicated to road funding. She also vetoed funding for autism support, foster care, rural hospitals, college scholarships, law enforcement, local government, veterans services, programs dedicated to rural communities, and more.

I don't know about you, but that's not how I was taught to

preparing to shut down.

Disagreeing on policy is one thing. Throwing a tantrum and using our most vulnerable residents as pawns to get your way is something else.

The governor not only lost the trust of the Legislature, she lost the trust of Michiganders far and wide.

Thankfully, we can fix this mess sooner rather than later. The governor has now agreed to pass a supplemental, or additional budget, to restore these commonsense programs and undo her vetoes. This is a good step in the right direction, but we need to make sure this doesn't happen again. While she claims that she won't again use the state administrative board at the expense of our communities, she is unwilling to put that promise into law.

I'm not afraid to work with my friends on the opposite side of the aisle. I've done it before and I'll do it again. But we must be able to trust that the governor will do the right thing. We need her to approve a law that ensures this is the last time she uses those powers, and the last time Michigan families will face a budget crisis because a governor didn't get their way.

We have at least three more budgets to pass under Gov. Whitmer. It's going to take a great deal of work, some tough conversations and compromise. More than anything, it's going to require trust.

The governor may have lost our trust this time around. Now it's time for her to earn it back.

Sen. Kevin Daley represents the 31st state Senate District, which includes Bay, Lapeer and Tuscola counties. Sen. Kevin Daley, 31st Senate District

Make Small Business Saturday More Than a One-Time Event

By: Quint Studer

November 30, 2019, is Small Business Saturday®. Starting in 2010, American Express designated this day—the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year—to encourage people to “Shop Small.” The financial services company reports that since the commemoration began, “Consumers have reported spending an estimated \$103 billion across all Small Business Saturdays combined.”

As a community revitalization expert, I welcome every chance to shine a spotlight on the small businesses and local entrepreneurs who make up the economic engine of most small and mid-size towns and cities.

Days like Small Business Saturday can help business owners get face time with customers who might not normally shop there. And consumers get to see what they might be missing—the personal connections and experiences they may not always get from online or big box retailers.

Still, shopping small and local can and should be more than a symbolic one-day-a-year event. Anyone who wants a stronger, more vibrant community needs to support their small businesses every day. They are the key to economic revitalization. They play a vital role in creating the “sense of place” that gives a community its competitive advantage.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses create two out of every three net new jobs in the private sector. What's more, over half of all Americans own or work for a small business.

There's a symbiotic relationship between residents and small business owners. They really need each other. Small businesses provide jobs and keep the dollars circulating locally. Their owners have an active and personal interest in the well-being of the community. They live there. Their kids go to school there. They care about what happens.

When wealth is created, business owners are more likely to turn around and reinvest in the community.

In fact, small businesses have a far more important role in their communities than ever before. The old “pillars”—big institutions like banks, hospitals, media outlets, and other businesses—are no longer locally owned. The executives who work for them play a critical short-term role in the community, but often they're not there for the long haul. It's no longer a given that

they'll retire there. So small business leaders must step in to fill this leadership void.

A few decades ago, the owners of these “pillar” businesses were committed to keeping their communities vibrant. They knew their economic health depended on it. But now that the owners of these former “pillars” live elsewhere, they just don't have the same intimate connection to the community.

It makes sense for small businesses to take the lead in pulling communities out of the economic slump many have been in for years. When communities are vibrant, there are more high-paying jobs, and people can afford to shop. Quality of life improves. There's more money for schools and programs that lift people out of poverty. Everyone wins.

That's what happened in Pensacola, which in recent years has seen a surge in new businesses and explosive growth in property values. Small businesses have galvanized into a solid group, and they take an active role in the leadership of the community.

The city's business leaders mentor new entrepreneurs. They've put systems in place to ensure that all small business owners are well trained in the leadership skills they need to thrive long-term. And successful small businesses give back. Hopefully other communities will use Pensacola's journey as a blueprint.

Many small businesses have made their commitment to their local community part of their brand. This is what customers want. The more chaotic and uncertain the world becomes, the more people crave a safe and stable home base. This is a huge trend, and it's taking place all over America.

This is how you, the small business owner, can compete with the mega-retailers. Create an experience for your community. Citizens will know they're being looked after, and they will want to do business locally. This can become your competitive advantage. Take care of the community, and it will take care of you.

The bottom line? Don't shop locally only on Small Business Saturday. Do it every chance you get, all year long.

A purchase from a small business owner is an investment in your community. Who better to support than those who are working so hard to create a better future for everyone?

Holiday Tips for Houseguests And Hosts This Season

(StatePoint) Planning for the holiday season? Whether you're a guest or a host, there are easy ways to ensure that everyone enjoys their time with family and friends. Check out these tips for a joyful holiday season:

A Helping Hand

Holiday hosts are often bogged down by tasks and chores. Make yourself useful. Keep areas you are using clean and offer to help around the house.

If you're the host, don't be shy about delegating simple tasks to your guests. Most guests will appreciate the opportunity to make their stay less stressful on you.

Comfort is Key

When extended family or friends get together for the holidays, ensure everyone has a comfortable place to sleep. A must-have for both travelers and hosts is a high-quality air mattress that's compact and easy to inflate, and these days, some brands have elevated their offerings to luxury standards, helping to create a more comfortable night's rest.

For example, Intex offers a range of comfortable airbeds with impressive features, such as a headboard, raised bed height (up to 24 inches), built-in USB chargers, a plush dual air pillowtop system, various sizes and supports to choose from and more. Their airbeds provide enough comfort and luxury that guests may even consider extending their stay.

Worried about the time and energy of set-up? With internal electric air pumps, these high-quality, durable airbeds take just minutes to inflate and deflate, saving families both time and energy. That means more time spent enjoying each other's company and making memories. And they're super easy to stock up on, available online or in-store at most major big box retailers.

Snack Time

Beyond the main holiday meal, there are breakfasts, snacks and other meals to consider. Guests and hosts should work together on this one to ensure that there are foods and beverages on hand that meet everyone's dietary needs and restrictions. Hosts should ask their guests in advance if there are any allergies, sensitivities or particular foods to avoid. Children can be particular about food, so knowing if there are any favorites to stock the fridge and pantry with can also be helpful. As a guest, consider packing your own snacks to take with you. You can also help your hosts by letting them know of any issues in advance: from peanut allergies to medical restrictions.

Whether you are traveling or staying put, with a bit of preparation you can make sure everyone feels comfortable, so that you can focus on what the holidays are all about -- making great memories together.

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in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

The Social Security OIG will also continue to take reports of fraud, waste, and abuse in Social Security's programs and operations. A separate online form for those reports remains available at their website.

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Bay County, at 11:00 AM, on December 20, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): JOHN AUGER AND STEPHANIE AUGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND DAVID AUGER, a married man. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-5 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-5. Date of Mortgage: August 31, 2006. Date of Mortgage Recording: September 7, 2006. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$69,387.79. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: The South 1/2 of Lots 10 and 11, Block 9, E.T. Carrington's Addition, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 30 of Bay County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 20, 2019. Trott Law, P.C. 1401820 (11-20)(12-11) 47-4

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Bay County, at 11:00 AM, on December 20, 2019: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): STEVE BOKS, a single man. Original Mortgagee: Ross Mortgage Corporation. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association. Date of Mortgage: July 31, 2007. Date of Mortgage Recording: August 3, 2007. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$63,213.11. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Kawkawlin, Bay County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 427.75 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 14, Town 15 North, Range 4 East, Kawkawlin Township, Bay County, Michigan; thence North 09 degrees 01 minutes West 620 feet along the Easterly line of M-13 to the point of beginning; thence North 09 degrees 01 minutes West 70.2 feet; thence North 81 degrees 36 minutes East 363.23 feet; South 88 feet; thence South 84 degrees 16 minutes West 346.75 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 20, 2019. Trott Law, P.C. 1401947 (11-20)(12-11) 47-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE – BRIAN T. BRACHER, a married man, granted a mortgage to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2001, and recorded on August 23, 2001, Liber 1794, on Page 423, and assigned by said mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc., as assigned, Bay County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven and 33/100 Dollars (\$72,987.33). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Bay County Court Facility, Bay City, Michigan, at 11:00 AM, on December 20, 2019. Said premises are located in Bay County, Michigan and are described as: The North 415 feet of the following described parcel: Beginning 1,063.03 feet East of the North 1/4 corner of Section 25, Town 15 North, Range 3 East; thence East 105 feet along the North Section line; thence South 1 degree 09 minutes 25 seconds East 2,074.29 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds East 105 feet; thence North 1 degree 09 minutes 25 seconds West 2,074.29 feet to the place of beginning. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. CitiMortgage, Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335. 1402044 (11-20)(12-11) 47-4

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JILL A. MEINHOLD, a single person AND LEE A. HOWIE, a single person, to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 1999 and recorded May 12, 1999 in Liber 1610, Page 157 Bay County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven and 14/100 Dollars (\$47,997.14), including interest at 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Bay County, Michigan at 11:00 AM on DECEMBER 13, 2019. Said premises are located in the Township of Bangor, Bay County Michigan, and are described as: A PIECE OF LAND IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWN 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, BANGOR TOWNSHIP, BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 166.56 FEET SOUTH OF A POINT 200 FEET WEST OF THE EAST 1/4 POST ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 31; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 133.56 FEET; THENCE WEST 160.62 FEET; THENCE NORTH 133.50 FEET; THENCE EAST 158.78 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE WEST 60 FEET THEREOF. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: November 13, 2019. File No. 19-010122. Firm Name: Orlans PC (11-13)(12-04) 46-4

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by HOLLY M. LINTERN of Bay County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 22nd day of April, 2010, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Bay and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of April, 2010, Instrument No. Liber 2736 Page 212 of Bay Records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$42,590.70 (forty-two thousand five hundred ninety and 70/100) plus accrued interest at 5.75% (five point seven five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 13th day of December, 2019, at 11:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance #4, to the Bay County Court Facility, 1230 Washington Ave, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Bay County, MI, Bay County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Bangor, in the County of Bay and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: The North 22 feet of Lot 637 and the South 38 feet of Lot 638 of Lagoon Beach, Bangor Township, Bay County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 44 of Bay County Records. Commonly known as: 643 Roseland Dr, Bay City, MI 48706 010-L10-000-638-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 13, 2019 By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 323 W. Lakeside Ave. Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 44113 WWW# 10150207 (11-13) (12-04) 46-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE – KENA M. BUBLITZ, an unmarried woman, granted a mortgage to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2003, and recorded on May 26, 2003, Liber 2042, on Page 677, and assigned by said mortgagee to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, as assigned, Bay County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine and 39/100 Dollars (\$31,749.39). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Bay County Court Facility, Bay City, Michigan, at 11:00 AM, on

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December 13, 2019. Said premises are located in Bay County, Michigan and are described as: The South 42 1/2 feet of Lot 6, Block 25, Van Husan's Re-Sub of part of Birney's Addition to Bay City, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45 and a piece of land in Lot 1, Block 1, Subdivision of Out Lot 15, John Riley Reservation, commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence running South 10 feet; thence Westerly to the Northwest corner of Lot 1; thence Easterly along the North line of Lot 1; thence Easterly along the North line of Lot 1 to the place of beginning, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 28. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1401348 (11-13)(12-04) 46-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by KENNETH WILSON and ERIN K. WILSON as Mortgagors, to Credit Union Plus (n/k/a GREAT LAKES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION) as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated December 4, 2015, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Bay County, Michigan, on December 15, 2015, in Liber 3128 at Pages 344-358, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$37,215.89, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 27, 2019, at 11 a.m., at the main entrance to the Bay County Courthouse, 1230 Washington Avenue in the City of Bay City, County of Bay, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Bay where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 8.5 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Essexville, County of Bay, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West line of Main Street which is 320 feet South of a point on the South line of Borton Avenue, 295 feet East from the West line of Lot 1, Section 23, Town 14 North, Range 5 East, running thence South 70 feet, thence West 130 feet, thence North 70 feet, thence East 130 feet to the place of beginning. Parcel ID: 170-023-100-370-00. Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. DATED: November 4, 2019. Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662), Attorney for Mortgagee, 903 N. Jackson Street, Bay City, MI 48708, (989) 893-9511. 46-4

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN P.C., is attempting to collect a debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE – DAVID G. ZINNBAUER, a single man and KRISTEN N. WENZLICK, a single woman, granted a mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2017, and recorded on April 5, 2017, Liber 3208, on Page 333, and assigned by said mortgagee to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as assigned, Bay County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty and 27/100 Dollars (\$77,550.27). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Bay County Court Facility, Bay City, Michigan, at 11:00 AM, on December 06, 2019. Said premises are located in Bay County, Michigan and are described as: Beginning on the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 15 North, Range 4 East, at a point 425 feet West of the East Boundary line of said Section; thence south 200 feet; thence West 200 feet; East along the said North line of said Southeast 1/4, 200 feet to the place of beginning. The

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redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 1400729 (11-06)(11-27) 45-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by JAMES E. FLOOD, SR. and ISABELL M. FLOOD, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to CHEMICAL BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, now known as TCF NATIONAL BANK, a national banking association, successor by merger to CHEMICAL BANK, having an office at 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640-6511 (the "Mortgagee"), dated December 9, 2010, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Bay County, Michigan on December 27, 2010, in Liber 2778, Page 306 (the "Mortgage"). Evidence of the consolidation (merger) and resulting assignment of the Mortgage is being recorded. By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage. As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Fifty-Four and 43/100 Dollars (\$42,054.43). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the Bay County Court facility in Bay City, Michigan on Friday the 10th day of January, 2020, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Faser, County of Bay, State of Michigan, and are described as follows: That part of the South half of the North half of Lot Two (2), Section 35, T16N, R4E, lying West of the D & M Railroad right of way, excepting a piece of land commencing at a point 33 feet East of the Northwest corner post of the South half of the North half of Lot Two (2); thence East 100 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence North 100 feet to the place of beginning; also excepting therefrom the South 100 feet of the West 440 feet of that part of the South half of the North half of Lot Two (2), Section 35, T16N, R4E, lying West of the D & M Railroad right of way. Together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of the Michigan Land Division Act, as it shall be amended; all water, water rights, watercourses and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits, relating to the premises, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas geothermal and similar matters. Commonly known as: 330 N. Elevator Road, Linwood, Michigan 48634. P.P. #09-040-035-200-025-03. Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned. If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period. Dated: November 27, 2019. TCF NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee, Timothy Hillegonds, WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP, 1500 Varner Building, 50 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487 (616) 752-2000 19242316 48-4

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BAY. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate. Estate of Charles E. Compeau, Date of birth: 8/22/1941. TO ALL CREDITORS:- NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CHARLES E. COMPEAU, died 10/29/2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joan C. Childs, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1230 Washington Ave, #715, Bay City and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: November 25, 2019. Joan C. Childs, 156 N Eight Mile Rd., Linwood, MI 48634, 989-697-3362. Attorney: Paul E. Wenzloff P27662, 903 N. Jackson, Bay City, MI 48708 989-893-9511. 48-1

Jean Bakers
Lemon Meringue
Pie (Microwave)

Ingredients:
9 inch Baked Pastry Shell
Filling:
1 1/2 Cup Sugar
1/3 Cup Corn Starch
1 1/2 Cup Boiling Water
3 Tbs. Lemon Juice (I use juice of one Lemon)
1 Tbs. Grated Lemon Rind
3 Egg Yolks - Slightly Beaten
3 Tbs. Butter or Margarine
Meringue:
3 Egg Whites
1/4 Tsp. Cream of Tartar
6 Tbs. Sugar
Directions
Combine Sugar, Cornstarch & boiling water in 1 Quart Measurer.
Microwave 3 to 4 min. on high or until thick & clear, stir once with wire whip.
Stir a little of the hot mixture into egg yolks. Add warmed yolks to hot filling.
Microwave 1 min. on high. Add butter, lemon rind and lemon juice. Cool.
Pour into baked pie shell.
Beat egg whites with cream of tartar until foamy.
Gradually beat in sugar.
Continue beating until stiff peaks form.
Gently spread meringue over lemon filling, sealing meringue to edges of crust.
Brown under conventional oven broiler.

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Fall Seat Belt
Enforcement
Results
Released

By: Michigan State Police
With Michigan's October Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign now complete, preliminary reports indicate law enforcement officers from 96 police departments, sheriff offices, and Michigan State Police posts in 36 counties conducted 7,227 traffic stops resulting in 2,108 seat belt and child restraint citations between October 17 and Halloween.

In addition to issuing seat belt violations, officers during the Click It or Ticket campaign issued 1,199 speeding citations, made nine alcohol-and-drug-related arrests, and 38 other felony arrests.

“Motorists need to remember that buckling up is the easiest thing they can do to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on Michigan roads,” said Michael L. Prince, director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). “Our goal is to save lives, not write tickets. Remember to buckle up every trip, every time, every passenger.”

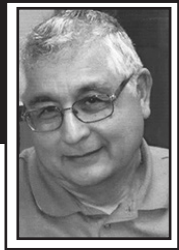
Seat belt use in Michigan stands at 94.4 percent, higher than the national seat belt use rate of 89.6 percent in 2018, according to the statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Buckling up can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by 45 percent. In Michigan, 192 people killed in traffic crashes in 2018 were not wearing a seat belt.

The Click or Ticket effort is funded through federal highway safety grants and coordinated by the OHSP. Michigan law requires drivers, front seat passengers, and passengers age 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are eight years old or 4'9”.

LOCAL VOICES

The Lighthouse of Freedom

Submitted by: Pastor Carlos Vargas



Having a Joyful Heart

James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. NIV

The word of God tells us to have a joyful heart or attitude when we're facing trials and times of adversity. There was a time, when I found it very difficult to smile, as the burdens and trials of life were trying to wear me down physically and emotionally.

We are living in a time when cost of fuel, food and the needs of life seem to be getting higher every day. Our Country is dealing with an immigration problem, high unemployment, a medical crisis with Obamacare, and a possibility of war in the far east. As many Americans continue to struggle to make ends meet, our government's answer is to raise taxes so that it can spend more money trying to find solutions. It's an ever going cycle that causes confusion and separates people in every walk of life.

So what is the answer to all these problems? There isn't any. This is the way the world system operates. The world system is driven by greed and a lust for control and power. The Word of God tells us that all these things would be happening in the last days, so as Christians, we shouldn't be surprised. But, in the midst of all these trials and problems, we can have peace and joy because our faith and trust is not in people or in our government, it's in God. We can persevere and take our stand, because God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ever think or ask on our behalf.

Our leaders have tried to remove God from our schools, our government buildings, our malls and even from our Pledge of Allegiance. Don't be a fool. Return to your first love, seek Him with all your heart, and He will give you peace of mind and put an everlasting joy in your heart. Blessings.

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3 Holiday Gift Ideas That Keep on Giving

(StatePoint) One of the best parts of the holiday season is watching loved ones open thoughtful gifts you've selected just for them. Now suppose your holiday gifts went even further than just bringing cheer to friends and family.

For long-lasting global impact, consider these cool gift ideas:

Water Filter Bottles with Impact

Whether for the adventurer, eco-conscious hiker, or to keep your friends and family safe in a disaster, LifeStraw's innovative line of water filter straws, bottles and household filter pitchers provides access to safe, clean drinking water and ensures every purchase has positive social impact.

LifeStraw products protect against bacteria, parasites and microplastics, while reducing chlorine, organic chemical matter, bad taste and odor. Built for longevity and portability, the brand's bottles are ideal for hiking, camping, international travel and emergencies. In addition, the LifeStraw Home household water filter pitcher removes lead, mercury, PFAS and other contaminants found in tap water.

The best part? Whether you select a kid-friendly or limited-edition bottle, water filter pitcher or replacement accessories, your purchase has global impact because for every product purchased, a school child in need receives safe water for an entire school year. LifeStraw's Give Back program involves more than just dropping off water filters and extends beyond a one-for-one donation. With dedicated local teams residing in Kenya, Mexico and other locations around the world, the program ensures sustainability through comprehensive planning, training, education and quarterly follow-up visits. To-date, the program has reached 1,870 schools worldwide, provid-

ing over 3.3 million students with one year of safe water.

"Clean drinking water is absolutely fundamental to human health," says Tara Lundy, head of brand, LifeStraw. "We are therefore deeply committed to expanding our reach and making water safe to drink in communities not only here in the U.S. but around the world."

To shop or learn more, visit lifestraw.com.

Sustainable Writing Tools

Some of the best gifts are those that last. Enter Sprout pencils. Not just ordinary writing and coloring tools, when the pencils become too short to use, your gift recipient can plant them, and over time, watch flowers, herbs or vegetables grow. The process gives the gift a whole new life. This is a great option for doodlers, writers, artists and anyone who cares about the planet -- as well as beauty enthusiasts -- as the brand now makes plant-able makeup pencils too. Learn more at sproutworld.com.

Soaps Supporting Women

Unique soaps and votive candles are always a thoughtful gesture. Now, these gifts can do more than just pamper. When shopping with the Adventure Project, purchases of delightful-smelling candles and soaps support efforts to provide women in Kenya and Tanzania with entrepreneurial skills, teaching them to make and sell clean cookstoves and solar lights. The program helps its beneficiaries earn a living and improves the health of their communities. To learn more, visit shop.theadventureproject.org.

Spread cheer at home and beyond with thoughtful holiday gifts that not only deliver delight to recipients, but at the same time, make the world a better place.

City Manager Position

The City of Pinconning is accepting applications/resumes for the position of City Manager.

The City of Pinconning is a home rule city that is one square mile in size, with an estimated population of 1100 people. Pinconning Area Schools are located within the city limits. The City of Pinconning also owns and operates a waste-water treatment plant. Pinconning City is classified as a distressed city.

City Council meetings are held monthly in the evenings.

The current City Manager also holds the following titles;

City Treasurer
Deputy City Clerk
Zoning Administrator
Street Administrator
Superintendent of Public Works
Superintendent of Public Safety
Social Media Administrator
City Administration Representative to City of Pinconning Downtown Development Authority

Current Manager's salary is \$50,000 per year, salary will doq

The City of Pinconning has the following active community organizations such as the Pinconning-Linwood Chamber of Commerce, Pinconning-Standish Rotary, etc...

JOB DESCRIPTION CITY MANAGER, CITY OF PINCONNING

POSITION BACKGROUND

The City of Pinconning desires to hire an exceptional person capable of handling a variety of roles within this growing and progressive community. The right candidate has the opportunity to expand the relationship with the Pinconning community and market area to attract commerce and household growth.

NATURE OF WORK

The City Manager, plans, organizes, integrates, fiscally controls, directs, administers, reviews and evaluates the activities, operations, programs and services of the City of Pinconning. Takes direction from and performance is reviewed by the City Council of Pinconning. The City Manager will represent the City at various city and community committees, boards and commissions, meetings, and events.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- The City Manager is responsible for planning, organizing, controlling, integrating and evaluating work of all City departments to ensure operations and services comply with policies and direction set by City Council and in accordance of applicable laws and regulations.
- Directs and oversees tasks as assigned by the City Council consistent with the City Council's vision and guidance.
- Attends all City Council meetings and Council Committee meetings as assigned and community functions representing the City.
- Coordinates with the Mayor and others on the Council, the meeting agenda and prepares data and reports as assigned.
- Provides link between the ODA Coordinator/Chairperson and assists with ODA achievement of DOA plans, programs and activities.
- Prepares the preparation of a wide variety of reports and presentations for the City Council, citizen committees and outside agencies; prepare press releases and materials for dissemination to the media and the public.
- Assists Council, and Council committees with Civic Engagement and presentational social media and web

development and maintenance.

- Participates in local, regional and state meetings and conferences to stay abreast of trends and technology related to municipal programs and operations.
- Provides personal leadership for projects and programs that are assigned.
- Conducts research as assigned and necessary.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIREMENTS

- Knowledge of theory, principles, practices and techniques of organization design and development, long-range planning, public administration, public financing and budgeting, program and policy formulation, organization and functions of an elected City Council; principles and practices of effective leadership and management; techniques to effective public relations.
- Ability to use a variety of computer software such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, BS&A. and accounting software. As well as, work with contracted IT services to develop/manage and change City Website.
- Ability to perform complex analyses and research, evaluate alternatives and develop sound conclusions and recommendations.
- Ability to present proposals and recommendations clearly and logically in public meetings.
- Ability to prepare clear, concise and comprehensive correspondence, reports and other written materials.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with City Council and community, all levels of City Management, other governmental officials, community and civic organizations, employee organizations, employees, the media and the public.
- Ability to exercise tact and diplomacy in dealing with highly sensitive political, public policy and community issues and situations with employees, council members and the public.
- Possess a high degree of self-initiative.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- The physical demands and work environment described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- Work involves sitting, walking, talking, hearing, using hands to handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls, and reaching with hands and arms.
- Vision abilities required by this job include close vision of monitors and reports.
- The noise level in the work environment is usually low.

MENTAL DEMANDS

- While performing the duties of this position, the incumbent is regularly required to use written and oral communication skills; observe and interpret situations; read and interpret data, information and documents; analyze and solve complex problems; use math and mathematical reasoning; perform highly detailed work under changing, intensive deadlines, on multiple concurrent tasks; work with constant interruptions; and interact with peers, subordinates, officials and the public.

"The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned this classification. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all job duties performed by personnel so classified."

Education: Graduation from a four-year college or university, with a major in public or business administration preferred.

Experience: A typical way of obtaining the knowledge, skills and abilities outlined above is graduation from a four-year college or university with major course work

in public or business administration or at least four years of progressively responsible experience in the management and administration of a municipal government; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Necessary Special Requirements: A valid Michigan Driver's license. A pre-employment physical, credit check, and drug screening are requested of final candidates.

Compensation: Dependent upon qualifications.

"The qualifications listed above are guidelines. Other combinations of education and experience which could provide the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the job should be considered."

"For purposes of Employment Standards, this classification is "Exempt" from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act."

PROCESS

Since the City of Pinconning desires to hire an exceptional community orientated person and one who will represent our community well, the hiring process may be lengthy and exhaustive. All applicants will be reviewed. Those best meeting, or exceeding, the requirements may be scheduled for initial interviews. As an accommodation to applicants the initial interviews may be conducted in- person or via telephone. Following the initial interview, remaining applicants will be scheduled for panel interviews in Pinconning. The panel may include a variety of persons such as Council members, staff and community persons may be expected. Finalists may expect a final interview with Council Members, and other pre-employment activities.

TYPICAL TASKS FOR THE CITY MANAGER

- Plan, organize, direct, motivate and control all functions of the City of Pinconning.
- Be well versed in City of Pinconning Ordinances and Zoning regulations as the City Manager is also the Zoning Administrator and enforce ordinances.
- Possess strong analytical skills to analyze opportunities/financial condition/budget control and personnel management.
- Website development/maintenance and update
- Implements assigned tasks and goals of the City Council on a timely basis.
- Conduct of a household income survey to determine whether the City meets the Community Development Block Grant qualifications. Should the City meet the qualifications, more beneficial state grant opportunities open up that would be beneficial to the City.
- Review and update of the Five-Year Recreation Plan and the Master Plan and Charter of the City of Pinconning
- Supplemental oversight/direction/ and coordination of DOA activities and communicate with ODA Board and City Council to maximize cooperation and activity opportunities and implementation.
- Additional Grant searching and writing
- Attendance at a variety of work groups, forums, governmental bodies whose conflicting schedules make it hard for me to regularly attend.

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2019 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. (all l-r) Front row: Chase Caffrey, Arthur Dennison, Lucas Lauzon, Blake Schumann, Tristan Dycewicz, Brandon Fryzel, Kyle Reynolds. Second Row: Zach Szafranski, Dallas Foor, Dakota Maes, Tommy Yanoski, Ethan Steelman, Gage Krzysiak, John Norman, Anthony Reszke. Third Row: Defensive Coordinator Randy Moore, Assistant Coach Dominic Williamson, Assistant Coach Jason Brazeau, Head Coach Dave LeVasseur, Defensive Coordinator Don LaBean, Assistant Coach Rod Schumann, Offensive Coordinator Brad Wagner. Fourth Row: Line Coach Mike Ellsworth, Broc Bodrie, Seth Horwath, Brevin Herner, Cameron Childs, Dominic Ross, Noah LaLonde, Special Teams Coordinator Brad Dubay. --Courtesy Photo



2019 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM SENIORS: (above, l-r) Tristan Dycewicz, Zach Szafranski, Kyle Reynolds, Blake Schumann, Brevin Herner, Seth Horwath, Noah LaLonde, John Norman, Anthony Reske, Dallas Foor, Gage Krzysiak. --Journal Photo

2019 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AWARD WINNERS: (l-r) Tristan Dycewicz, Most Valuable Defensive Player; Tommy Yanoski, Most Valuable Offensive Player; Anthony Reszke, Team Most Valuable Player; John Norman, Spartan Award; Lucas Lauzon, Most Improved Player. --Journal Photo

Former Spartan to Play for USA Collegiate Team

Kayla Gauthier's softball career has taken her from Pinconning Area High School, to Delta College, to Lourdes University in Ohio, and now sees her selected as a member of the USA Collegiate Team that will tour Italy in June after her senior year at Lourdes. As a Spartan she was a four-year Varsity player who played a significant part in a few conference championships and a Final Four run. Former Spartan Coach Fred Yanoski said, "It was a privilege to coach Kayla, she's a great ambassador for the game of softball. She plays the game the right way: her work ethic, attitude and love for the game has always been exceptional. I am sure she is representing all of Spartans Nation very well at Lourdes and beyond!" Her father Scott Gauthier is expected to succeed Yanoski as the PHS Varsity Softball Coach, after several years as an Assistant Coach. At Delta, she started 33 games as a freshman (appearing in 38 total), and hitting for a .295 average with 14 RBI's, and being named to the District All-Tournament Team. Her second year she improved her average to .326 with 37 RBI's and repeated on the District All-Tournament Team, earning her an offer from Lourdes. Her first year at Lourdes, where she

is majoring in Middle Childhood Education, saw her appear in 21 games and hit .321 in 56 At Bats, with only 4 strikeouts. A fundraiser to help cover the cost of the tour is being held through December 20th. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes. Shoes can be dropped off at Chemical Bank in Pinconning, or you can contact tgauthiers@sbcglobal.net to arrange for a pickup. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs in helping them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.



KAYLA GAUTHIER, former Pinconning Spartan and Delta Pioneer, and current Lourdes University Gray Wolf Softball standout --Courtesy Photo

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29th Annual Pheasant Hunt



THIS GROUP OF PHEASANT HUNTERS participated in the 29th annual Pheasant Hunt on the Country Estate Farm, Pinconning, in October. A wild game lunch was enjoyed following the morning hunt. --Courtesy Photo

Thanksgiving Is By Far The Leading Day For U.S. Home Cooking Fires

More than three times as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving Day as on a typical day of the year. That's according to the latest U.S. Home Cooking Fires report recently released by the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA), which shows that there were 1,600 reported home cooking fires on Thanksgiving in 2017, reflecting a 238 percent increase over the daily average. Unattended cooking was the leading cause of these fires.

“With people preparing multiple dishes, often with lots of guests and other distractions in and around the kitchen, it's easy to see why the number of home cooking fires increases so dramatically,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “Fortunately, the vast majority of cooking fires are highly preventable with a little added awareness, and by taking simple steps to minimize those risks.”

According to the NFPA report, cooking is the leading cause of home fires year-round, accounting for almost half of all US home fires (49 percent) and reported home fire injuries (45 percent). Cooking is the second-leading cause of home fire deaths, accounting for 22 percent of all fire deaths. The report also shows that less progress has been made in reducing deaths from home cooking fires than deaths from most other fire causes. There were more cooking fire deaths in 2013--2017 than in 1980--1984, despite total home fire deaths falling by 46 percent over the period.

Following are tips and recommendations from NFPA for cooking safely this Thanksgiving:

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.
- When cooking a turkey, stay in your home and check

on it regularly.

- Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.
- Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that could come in contact with a heat source.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If you have a fire, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time. Never throw water or use a fire extinguisher on the fire.

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OBITUARIES

Dena Armantrout

Dena Armantrout, age 62, of Cheboygan, passed away Saturday, November 23, 2019, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A resident of Cheboygan for the past 17 years, moving from Pinconning, Dena was born January 1, 1957, in Alpena, the daughter of William and Rayma (DuFrense) Chevalier. On January 4, 1975, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Cheboygan, she married Greg Armantrout. Dena was employed by the Pinconning Public Schools for many years, retiring in 2002. After moving to Cheboygan, with her husband Greg, enjoyed day trips traveling in northern Michigan and the U.P., seeing the fall colors, and watching the freighters on the Great Lakes. She also volunteered at the St. Thomas Food Pantry, crafted jewelry and earrings, and often made scarfs for people in need, and was a member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Surviving are her husband, Greg, five children, Shannon (Jeff) Sequin of Rhodes, Lindsay Douglas of Arkansas, Mackenzie (Adam) Gary of Standish, Allisha (Matt) Roden of Dearborn, and Gregory (Amy) Armantrout, Jr., also of Rhodes, ten grandchildren, Michelle, Cody, Brandon, Dominic, Ally, Hannah, James, Emma, David, and Kelsey, two sisters, Hila (Kiyoshi) Mitsuta of Cheboygan, and Inez (Tom) Aultman, of Zeeland, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and three siblings, Candy Mosher, Bill Chevalier, and an infant sister, Maribeth.

A memorial service will be held in Rhodes, Michigan on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 11:00am, with the family greeting friends beginning at 10:00 am, at Hope Lutheran Church, with Rev. Roger Bauer officiating.

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, in Cheboygan, a memorial service will be held at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, with the family greeting friends beginning at 10:00 am, with Rev. Dave Hueter officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Dena's family. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. The Nordman-Christian Funeral Home of Cheboygan is caring for the family.

Lucille Virginia Jasura

Lucille, age 91, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister passed away peacefully Friday, November 22, 2019, at Eden Fields of Standish with her loving family by her side. She was born on November 29, 1927, in Standish, Michigan to the late Andrew and Sophie (Kucharski) Rokosz Sr. She married the love of her life, John Jasura, on April 22, 1950, at St. Agnes Church. He predeceased her on October 25, 2011. Lucille was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She enjoyed putting her heart and soul into raising her family, spending time with her family and friends was her greatest joy as well as playing a few hands of cards. She is survived by her daughter Joyce (Ron) VanTol, four grandchildren Shawn (Amber) Rivard, Nicole Gage, Aaron (Jennifer) Datzko, and Stacie (Brian) Kelsey, 11 great grandchildren; Kasie, Megan and Zackary Rivard, Austin and Hannah Gage, Teaguen Datzko, Brittany, Keifer, Jesse Shute, Hunter and Cade Traver and three great great grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister Elaine Proulx, two brothers Andrew Rokosz, Jr and Bernard (Veronica) Rokosz. She was predeceased by her husband, a beloved daughter Janice Datzko, a sister Irene Johnston, sister-in-law Margaret Rokosz, brothers-in-law Clifford LaFave and Ron Proulx.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 11 am from Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Kevin Maksym presiding with burial in St. Agnes Cemetery. On Wednesday friends may call at the church from 10 am until time of service.

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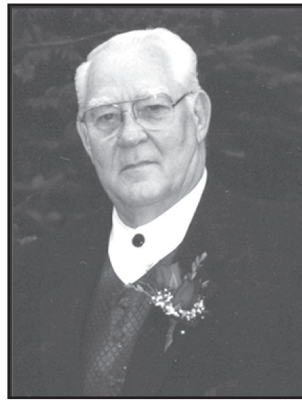
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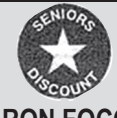


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