

On March 16th, 2023 Rod Krol, Mike Scott and Rich Renko reviewed the ascertainties that were conducted with community leaders from the Livingston County area. We discussed and determined a list of issues, needs and problems for the 2nd. quarter of 2023.

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EDUCATION

NEWS

1. OXFORD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH - Aired on 04/01/23 at 6, 8 and 10 am and 12 noon. Duration: approx. 60 sec. April marks National Autism Awareness Month in Michigan, and as such, a local center is chronicling its various therapies and programs for those with autism. The Oxford recovery Center, located off Whitmore Lake Road in Brighton, includes therapy rooms, employee spaces and the innovative "Village of ORC" - the only facility of its kind in the US. The center has retail shops and stores that are open to the public for business as a therapy tool. This way, children with autism are able to learn in a non-stressful way to gain the skills they need to be successful as independent adults. At any given time, the center has 60 or more autistic children enrolled in the program.

NEWS

2. BHS ROBOTICS WINS AWARD - Aired on 4/7/23 at 6, 8 & 10 am & 12 pm. Duration: 60 sec. The Brighton High School FIRST Robotics Team won the Excellence in Engineering award last weekend in Saline. FIRST is an acronym which stands for: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The award is given to "the team that demonstrates a professional approach to the design process." In 2019, the BHS TechnoDogs won first place in the world in the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Detroit. The TechnoDogs consists of 36 members in the 8th through 12 grades. Last year the Brighton team qualified for the world championships but were unable to go.

NEWS

3. 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN IN BRIGHTON - Aired on 4/4/23 at 5, 6:30, 8 & 10 am. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The Brighton District Library has launched a program to help kids obtain early reading skills and get ready for kindergarten. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program encourages toddlers and kids under the age of 5 reach the goal of reading 1,000 books before their first day at school. If every parent or guardian reads one book each day for three years to their pre-schooler, they will have surpassed the 1,000 book goal and have given their child the necessary tools to start school. The program is free, and a prize will be given to every child who reads 100 books. Call the Brighton District Library for more information on the program.

4. BHS SR. SURVIVOR WEEK - Aired on 6/1/23 at 4 & 6 pm. Duration: approx. 1 min. 40 sec. *NEWS* A total of 18 Brighton High School seniors took part in the 2023 Survivor Week Challenge. This is the 9th year that BHS has a Sr. Survivor Week program. The total raised in previous years is \$368,000, which has gone to various charities, such as Fund a Life, I Will Right Now and esophageal cancer. The event is sponsored by the National Honor Society. Although there are no specific criteria for acceptance, candidates must submit a video application, along with teacher recommendations. Organizers hope to raise \$120,000 for charity in this year's challenge.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NEWS

1. FOWLerville SCHOOLS SOLI SAFETY SECURITY DIRECTOR - Aired on 5/15/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 am and 8 & 10 pm. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The Fowlerville Community Schools District has greatly expanded its security measures with the hiring of security monitors and the promotion of long-time school liaison Jeff Soli as Safety/Security Director. A veteran of the Fowlerville Police Dept., Soli has spent the last 26 years as the police liaison officer in the schools. Under a program made possible by funding from the state legislature, Soli has been able to hire four security monitors who are either retired police or military officers. One is assigned to the high school, another to the middle school, and there is one in each elementary school.

NEWS

2. STI AWARENESS - Aired on 4/15/23 at 6, 8 and 10 am & 12 pm. Duration: approx. 90 sec. Sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise in Michigan and locally. According to the Livingston County Health Dept., since 2013, there has been an increase of 16% in gonorrhea cases. Personal and Preventive Health Services Director Rebecca Leach tells WHMI that in 2022, there were 230 cases of chlamydia and 42 cases of gonorrhea recorded in Livingston County. She stresses the importance of routine testing to prevent the spread of STDs. In Livingston County, testing options are limited. The Brighton Planned Parenthood center in Brighton closed in 2016. The county health dept. does not perform routine testing but can refer individuals for testing and treatment.

NEWS

3. LESTER THE STEER CAUGHT - Aired on 5/22/23 at 5, 6, 7, 8 & 11 a.m. Duration: Approx. 60 sec. Motorists on I-75 recently had to dodge a wayward cow that - even though it was a steer - was on the lam. It took a horse rider with a lasso and two ATV riders to successfully capture the escaped steer that had been on the loose for several weeks. The steer, named Lester, had gotten away from an animal rescue facility in Oakland County's Rose Township. A group of wranglers caught the steer, but he escaped again, finally ending up on the freeway. He was ultimately re-captured after being lassoed and was safely returned to a secure pasture in the area. State Police, who investigated the matter, said the bovine was not charged with unlawful escape in connection with the incident.

NEWS

4. DAMAGE BEING ASSESSED FOLLOWING THURSDAY'S HAIL STORM - Aired on 6/16/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 am and 1 & 3 pm. Duration: approx. 90 sec. Major damage to homes, businesses, cars and farm crops resulted from a hail storm that hit Southeastern Michigan on June 15th. Hail the size of golf balls and larger pummeled lawns, fields and vehicles, accompanied by ear-jarring lightning strikes and torrential downpours. In Livingston County, 2-inch diameter hail was reported in the Pinckney and Gregory areas. The crops and gardens of many area farmers and residents were destroyed during the unexpected hail storm, following weeks of extremely dry conditions. Farms reporting damage included the Shafer Family Farm in Webberville and Bentley Lake Farms near Howell. At Bentley Lake Farms, entire fields were completely wiped out and they will have to start anew from scratch. Owner C.J. Turner told WHMI they lost all their strawberry, potato, pumpkin, onion, pepper, cucumber and squash crops, and says in his 45 years farming, he's never seen anything like it.

GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT

NEWS

1. BRIGHTON STREETSCAPE MAIN ST. CEREMONY - Aired 04/04/23 at 5:30, 7, & 11 am. Duration: approx. 60 sec. Groundbreaking ceremonies for downtown Brighton's ambitious Streetscape project will take place on April 13th. A \$6 million Streetscape program will be unveiled which is expected to transform downtown Brighton into a user-friendly contemporary landscape that still respects its historic roots. The event will take place at 202 West Main St. at 10 am., and the general public is invited. City dignitaries including Mayor Kris Tobbe will be present along with engineers and city planners to discuss planned changes that lie ahead. Guests will also hear tips on navigating downtown, with streets and sidewalks torn up, while the changes are taking place. The event includes a "Digging for Gold" contest in which \$5,500 worth of prizes will be given away. Guests will use shovels to dig for prizes, the grand prize being a gold ring designed by Ore Creek Jewelers and valued at \$2,100. A link with more information on the groundbreaking and participating merchants can be found [at whmi.com](http://at.whmi.com).

NEWS

2. MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY - Aired on 5/10/23 at 6:30, 8 & 10 am. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The Howell City Council has given final site plan and PUD approval for a multi-purpose motorsports destination for automotive enthusiasts. Council

approved a zoning change for 273 acres from R-1 (single-family residential) to Planned Unit Development to allow development of a performance circuit with garage condos, an automotive innovation park, and public entertainment district. The property in question is located on the city's south side, along I-96 between Lucy Road and Michigan Ave.

NEWS
3. HOWELL PARK - Aired on 4/21/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 am and 1 & 3 pm. Duration: approx. 40 sec. the city of Howell will soon be getting a new public park. The facility will also include a pavilion, space for an outdoor market and an ice skating rink. The project, also known as the Howell Depot Lot and Walnut Street Improvement Project, will also include a splash pad, fire pit and parking. Funds for the \$2 million project will come primarily from Community Development Block grants. Funding is expected to be forthcoming in July. Work is expected to start this fall and the project completed by Christmas of 2025.

NEWS
4. LIVINGSTON THIRD WEALTHIEST - Aired on 6/5/23 at 5, 6, 7, 9 & 11 am. Duration: 30 sec. Livingston is the third-wealthiest county in the state, according to a new study by Smartassets.com. The study revealed that Livingston County is right behind first-place Washtenaw County, which includes the city of Ann Arbor, and Leelanau County, which is located in Northern Michigan near Traverse City. The study included three indicators: median income, income invested and median home value. And when it comes to median annual income, Livingston came in number one in the state at nearly \$89,000. Number two in income was adjacent Oakland County at \$86,300.

GOVERNMENT

NEWS
1. BRIGHTON TWP. TO GET ITS FIRST PARK - Aired on 5/18/23 at 9 & 11 am, and 12, 2, 5:30 & 6:30 pm. Duration: approx. 45 sec. Brighton Twp. officials have approved the township's first-ever township park, called Veterans Park, to be located in the US-23-WeberSt. area. The park will include a playground for children of all ages and abilities, a half-court basketball area a veteran's memorial and war dog memorial. There will also be a dog-friendly area, walking areas both large and small pavilions picnic tables, a bike rack and benches. Township Manager Brian Vick said the part is he expects a contractor to be named by next month.

NEWS
2. BRIGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD - Aired on 4/15/23 at 6, 8 and 10 am and 12 pm. Duration: Approx. 40 sec. The Brighton Area Historical Society has been accorded a singular honor by being named the Community Award winner. The award will be presented at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's annual conference on Mackinac Island May 12th. The restoration has been ongoing since 2012, after the group took professional training in how to restore old headstones. Through 2022, the group had spent 3,145 hour painstakingly repairing and restoring 163 damaged headstones, along with removing and resetting another 163 headstones that were leaning over or partially buried.

NEWS
3. CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT VIOLATIONS ALLEGED - Aired on 6/30/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 am. Duration: Approx. 2 min. The Michigan Secretary of State's office has notified a local attorney that she may have violated portions of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. The Secretary of State's office responded to a complaint filed by Brighton area attorney Daniel Wholihan. In her campaign to recall two Brighton Board of Education members, attorney Sarah Cross is alleged to have violated rules regarding filing a statement of organization, required campaign statements and an independent expenditure report, among other alleged rules violations. The SOS office stated that since the alleged infractions were not resolved before the June 9th deadline, the matter has been referred to the Michigan Attorney General's office with a request that Cross be prosecuted.

NEWS
4. BRIGHTON 4TH OF JULY PARADE - Aired on 6/28/23 at 6, 8 & 10 am and 1, 3 & 5 pm. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The City of Brighton's annual 4th of July Parade will have a different route this year due to downtown construction. The parade will take place on Tuesday, July 4th - Independence Day - at 10 am. Rather than starting at the high school, this year the parade will start near the Meijer store at Second and Cross streets. The parade will go down Second to Center, turn onto First and then onto Main St. The parade will still end at the high school on Seventh St., however. Registration is open and they are still looking for more participants in the form of floats, community groups and walkers.

ROADS/TRANSPORTATION

NEWS
1. PEAVY ROAD BRIDGE DONE - Aired on 5/16/23 at 5, 7 & 9 am and 5 pm. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The new Peavy Road Bridge over the Marion-Genoa Drain in Marion Twp. has been completed and reopened to traffic. According to the Livingston County Road Commission, the bridge was closed between Kettle and Mason roads last November and remained closed for the duration of the project. The old bridge was demolished and a new span constructed at a cost of \$1.5 million, with \$900,000 of it coming from federal and state grants, added to a local match. The old bridge had been steadily deteriorating for many years and more recently, load restrictions had been placed on it.

NEWS

2. BRIGHTON GRAND RIVER PAVING - Aired on 5/10/23 at 5:30, 6:30, 8 & 10 AM. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The Grand River paving project was to begin today on the portion of the street from roughly Cross St. to the east city limits at Borderline Drive. The first stage of the project requires the middle three lanes to be closed with the outside lane in both directions being the only lanes open to traffic. Beginning on May 16th the closure will shift to the outside lanes and thru traffic will shift to the middle three lanes. Also, left turns may be prohibited at some intersections during this phase. Motorists are asked to expect delays and exhibit patience.

NEWS

3. FOWLerville ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - Aired on 5/31/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 am. Duration: approx. 60 sec. A major road rehabilitation project is expected to start on Fowlerville Road in Handy Twp. on June 7th. According to the Livingston County Road Commission, the project will have a high impact on traffic, with the road closures and detours posted. In addition, all I-96 entrance and exit ramps will be closed. Phase I will be completed before the Independence Day holiday and the road reopened. After July 4th the road will again be closed for Phase II. The Fowlerville Road Bridge over I-96 will be closed, as well as the on-off ramps to westbound I-96. Access to businesses along the closed portion of the road will be maintained to and from the north.

NEWS

4. PINCKNEY EV CHARGING STATIONS - Aired on 6/7/23 at 4, 6, 8 and 10 pm and 12 am. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The Village of Pinckney has responded to requests for electric vehicle or EV, charging stations by installing two, Level II Blink charging stations capable of charging four vehicles simultaneously. The stations are located in the DDA parking lot at the corner of Marion and Livingston streets. Rates being charged customers using the service will be based on actual electricity costs. As more and more people switch to EVs, the Pinckney DDA says it wants to be ahead of the game and for motorists from outside the area to add Pinckney as a destination stop.

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT

NEWS

1. HEALTHY FAMILIES LIVINGSTON ACCREDITATION - Aired 05/31/23 at 4, 6 8 and 10 pm and 12 am. Duration: approx. 60 sec. A local program that provides in-home support for new and expectant parents has achieved national accreditation. Prevent Child Abuse America and Healthy Families America have announced that the LACASA Center's Healthy Families Livingston program has been awarded the recognition after successfully completing a rigorous accreditation process. The goal of the program is to provide high-quality services in the client's home for families who want to improve their child's health, nutrition and development potential. Healthy Families has served hundreds of families and children since the program was initiated in 1996.

NEWS

2. TYRONE MORATORIUM - Aired on 4/11/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 am. Duration: approx. 40 sec. Trustees in Livingston County's Tyrone Twp. have unanimously voted to place a moratorium on any solar projects in the township. Tyrone thus now joins four other townships in the county - Conway, Genoa, Iosco and Cohoctah - in approving the moratorium of either six months or one year on any commercial solar farms. Township planners say the moratorium will give them the time they need to study the issue, review the ordinance and determine the best course for township residents. County residents have been greatly concerned about an increase in noise during construction, a decrease in property values and possible environmental impacts if such a project were approved.

NEWS

3. MICHIGAN AIR QUALITY ALERT - Aired on 6/28/23 at 12pm and 2 pm. Duration: approx. 60 sec. Air quality in Livingston County and surrounding areas this week is being severely affected by smoke from the Canadian forest fires emanating from the province of Quebec. Meteorologists at the Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE, have issued air quality alerts for high levels of fine particulates in the atmosphere. The air quality is expected to fluctuate between unhealthy for sensitive people to unhealthy for everyone, regardless of the state of their health. There will be times when the particulate air concentration can cause the Air Quality Index to be hazardous for all persons, particularly in the Northern regions.

NEWS

4. HAYNOR LAKE CLOSED DUE TO BACTERIA - Aired on 6/30/23 at 5, 7, 9 and 11 am. Duration: approx. 45 sec. The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services is reporting that a local beach is among several beach closures in Southeastern Michigan heading into the July 4th holiday period. Haynor Lake at the Hamburg Fitness Center and Camp in Livingston County's Hamburg Twp. has been closed since June 21st due to high concentrations of an "unknown" type of bacteria. The Livingston County Health Dept. is monitoring the situation and will notify residents when the lake is safe for public use. Two beaches in Northeast Oakland County are also closed due to high bacteria levels. Families are also urged by HHS to check the air quality index before going outside this holiday weekend with an air quality alert still in effect for most of Southeast Michigan.

BUSINESS/EMPLOYMENT

NEWS

1. BELIEVE IN BRIGHTON - Aired on 5/22/23 at 5, 7, 9 & 11 a.m. Duration: 1:40. An organization has been formed to help downtown Brighton businesses survive during a \$6 million Streetscape project that has streets torn up and stores difficult to get to. The group, which calls itself "Believe in Brighton", was originally formed a century ago when the downtown needed a boost, and the present generation of merchants borrowed the theme from the 20th Century version. The group has a professional website called believeinbrighton.com. The website includes an interactive mp with links to every downtown business and how to get there, and further clicks display information on the type of business and other details.

NEWS

2. CAREGIVER SURVIVAL WORKSHOP - Aired on 5/31/23 at 6, 8 & 10 am and 12 & 5:30 pm. Duration: approx. 60 sec. The Area Agency on Aging 1-B is sponsoring a Caregivers Workshop this Friday, June 2nd, from 2-4 pm at the Hartland Senior Center. Dementia caregiving expert Jill Gafner Livingston will give her insights, based on her personal experiences, on caregiving, and will offer tips and tools for caregivers of those with dementia. Livingston says many people do not know how to go about being a caregiver because there is no job description on how to properly proceed.

NEWS

3. BALLOONFEST SPONSORS VOLUNTEERS - Aired on 6/27/23 at 9 am, 11 am and 4 pm. Duration: approx. 40 sec. The 38th annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest in Howell was an unqualified success, despite less than favorable weather. Some 32 hot air balloons launched Friday night, the opening day of the festivities, although their flyover was cut short by storms. Saturday's events took place with no problems, including the Balloon & Brew event, which is a fundraiser for the Fantasy of Lights Parade in December. Stormy weather on Sunday forced vendors to pack up early. However, the new shuttle system, which transported people from downtown Howell to the Balloonfest, was a big success. Also successful was the new "app", which provided push alerts on cell phones about launch times and other Balloonfest-related news.

NEWS

4. STILL COUNTRY, STILL LINE DANCING, BACK TO GINOPOLIS BAR-BQ - Aired on 6/30/23 at 4, 5:30, 8 & 10 pm. Duration: approx. 60 sec. A Brighton night spot that changed its name briefly has changed it back again. In April, the Ginopolis Bar-BQ at 201 W. Main changed its name to the "Cowgirl Country Bar", complete with live country music, line dancing and a new menu. Apparently the name and menu change wasn't very successful, because the business has now reverted back to Ginopolis Bar-BQ and the classic bar-be-que menu has returned as well. However, there is still line dancing, and the lower level still has a comedy club - now called the "Main Street Comedy Club". People may also reserve banquet space for private parties such as baby showers, graduations and receptions. Co-manager Alena Ginopolis says the changes, in effect for a few weeks now, have been very popular with customers.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS FOR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE, 2023:

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - April 1-30, 2023:

April 1 - The Pinckney Congregational Church is sponsoring a pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt on Sat., April 1, at the church beginning at 8:30 am. The Easter egg hunt will follow. Call 734-878-3410 for more info.

April 1 - The Pinckney American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 1st from 9-11 am at the Pinckney Memorial Post 419, at 9807 Whitewood Road in Hamburg Twp. On the menu are pancakes, sausage, juice and milk, and there will be games and treats for the kiddies. Cost is \$5 per person. Bring your camera!

April 1 - The Oak Grove United Methodist women are now taking orders for their beef pasties. Place your order by calling or texting 810-923-8546. Cost is \$6 each. Proceeds go to support the mission of the United Women in Faith. Pick up date is Thur., April 20th from 10 am-7 pm at the church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell.

April 4 - The Hartland Audubon Nature Club will meet on April 4th at the former Howell High School at 9525 E. Highland Road. The program will be on "Meet the Mason Bee - Our powerful Pollinator", presented by Wild Birds Unlimited of Brighton. Members and guests are welcome.

April 4 - A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held for the new Brighton Area Fire Dept. fire station located on Weber Road off Grand River and Old US-23 on April 4th from 6 to 7:30 pm. The general public is invited to attend.

April 5 - The LACASA Center and CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) Council are kicking off Child Abuse Prevention Month on Wed., April 5th, at the Howell Carnegie Library at noon. The free awareness event culminates with the planting of blue pinwheels along the library's front walkway garden. Contact lacasacenter.org for more info.

April 6 - The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet via Zoom on Thur., April 6, at 7 pm. Presenter is Jessica Brooks on "Tuberculosis at the Turn of the Century". A link to the virtual meeting can be found on the group's Facebook page.

April 7 - The Howell Eagles Club is having Karaoke along with fun and games, 50/50's, Queens of Hearts (with a jackpot of over \$10,500), pool table and shuffleboard, on April 7th. The club is located at 141 Schroder Park Dr. in Howell.

April 8 - The Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene will have an Easter Egg-stravaganza at on April 8th from 10 am to 1 pm at the church, located at 8040 Country Corner Drive in Fowlerville. An Easter egg hunt, Easter story, bounce house, face painting, treats, goody bags, games, music and lunch will be provided. Register at fowlervillenazarene.org.

April 8 - The Livingston County Coin Club's Spring Coin Show will be held on April 8th from 9:30 am-3 pm at the Howell Eagles Hall, 141 Schroeder Park Drive in Howell. Coins, paper currency and precious metals will be bought and sold and there will be exhibits, door prizes and gift bags for the youngsters. Call 734-645-7265 for more info.

April 8 - An Easter Eggstravaganza will be held at the Brighton Assembly of God Church at 7770 Whitmore Lake Road on April 8th from 11 am-1 pm for babies to 6th grade. There will be carnival games, popcorn, hot dogs, face painting, balloon animals and a huge egg hunt with 10,000 eggs. Sign up at brightonag.org.

April 12 - The Livingston County Photographers Group meeting will be held at 7 pm on April 12th in the lower level conference room at the Genoa Medical Center, 2305 Genoa Business Park Dr., west of Brighton. The meeting will include a live demo of the club's Flickr Photo Sharing Account. E-mail livingstonphotographers@yahoo.com for info.

April 14 - Howell Senior Survivor Harrison Putkela of Team Hookela is hosting a fundraiser at Castaway Play Cafe on April 14th from 3-7 pm. Wristbands will allow access to structure and bounce, 3 laser tag games, and 30 min. of challenge zone. All proceeds will support Howell Hounds, whose goal is to place therapy dogs in Howell schools. Contact: www.castawayplay.pcsparty.com/store for info.

April 15 - The Plainfield Methodist Church will have a chicken supper on April 15th beginning at 5 pm. The church is located at 17845 M-36 in Gregory. Takeouts only and it will be a free will donation.

April 15 - The Cinderella's Closet Prom Boutique opens on Sat., April 15th and runs through April 22nd at the LACASA Collection in Howell. The eco-friendly event provides gently used formal wear for high school students at vintage prices. All gowns, dresses and suits are just \$25. Proceeds go to fund awareness programs for teens at the nonprofit LACASA Center.

April 15 - Join the Hive Youth & Teen Center at 925 W. Grand River in Howell on April 15th for a flashlight egg hunt event beginning at 8:30 pm. Bring your flashlight, and find your eggs for a chance to win cool prizes and raffles. Price is \$10 or \$5 for Hive members.

April 16 - The annual Ostringo Spring Egg Hunt will be held on April 16th at the Oceola Soccer Complex at 1557 N. Latson Road from 11 am-3 pm. Price is \$10 for residents or \$12 for non-residents. Participants will collect eggs and trade them in for prizes.

April 20 - The Hartland Senior Center is sponsoring a Spring Music Concert on April 20th. Ticket prices \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Contact bethbates@hartlandschools.us for more info.

April 24 - Celebrate Cinco de Mayo early with the Lyon Area Chamber's Mexican Festival at the South Lyon Hotel. \$25 per person for dinner or \$30 a person for dinner and one drink. Cash bar available. Register at business.brightoncoc.org.

April 25 - The Livingston Fine Art Association meeting will be held on Tue., April 25th at the first Presbyterian Church in Howell at 7 pm. Guest speaker will be Breanne Oleski, a wood burning artist. A business meeting will follow. Go to lfaaofini.com for more info.

April 30 - The Michigan Jeep Babes Club is hosting a charity event for the Howell Nature Center on April 30th. The event will be held onsite and is open to the public. Guests will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the animals, learn about volunteer opportunities, tour the habitat and support the nonprofit group. For more info go to: yorkca@sbcglobal.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - May 1-31, 2023:

May 4 - Senior Celebration Day is being held at the Hartland Senior Center on May 4th. It will be an afternoon of fun, food, entertainment, games and prizes - all for just \$5.00. Contact livingstoncoa.org for more info.

May 6 - LACASA's Journey to Healing, an afternoon of self-care to show support for victims and survivors of sexual assault and sexual violence, will be held on May 6th from noon-3 pm at Bock's Big Acre in Pinckney. Guests will enjoy a variety of relaxation and self-care activities. Go to: lacasacenter.org for more info.

May 6 - The Second Chance Support Network is hosting "One Enchanted: Murder Mystery Dinner" on May 6th at the American Legion Post 141 at 3265 W. Grand River in Howell. Tickets, at \$50 per person, include dinner, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and a large raffle. Call 810-522-5531 for more info.

May 6 - A "Faith Fireflies" Paint Party will be held on May 6th at the Benchmark Church, 5530 Runyan Lake Road, from 2-4 pm. This is an instructor-led event where you will paint your own masterpiece - fireflies twinkling their way out of a faith mason jar on a beautiful summer night. The \$35 fee includes canvas, paint supplies, light snacks and refreshments. Call 810-632-3417 for details.

May 6 - A used book sale will be held on Sat. May 6th, at the Howell Carnegie Library from 9:30 am-3:30 pm in the lower level. Hard-and-soft-cover books and children's books, plus CDs and DVDs will be available for \$1 or less.

May 7 - A Senior Center Wheel of Fortune will be held on May 7th from 10 am-noon at the Fowlerville Senior Center. Multiple events are being held throughout the month of June in recognition of Elder Abuse Awareness Month. For more info, go to livingston.org or register in advance at the Senior Center at 517-223-7102.

May 12 - The Community Theatre of Howell is presenting one of the greatest musicals in history: "The Sound of Music" from May 12-14 and from May 19-21 at the Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River in Howell. For ticket information go to: cththeatre.ludus.com.

May 13 - The Lingenfelter Fundraiser for Chapter EF of the P.E.O. Sisterhood will be held on May 13th from 1-3 pm at the Lingenfelter Collection. An amazing display of classic and exotic cars will be on display, while attendees can contribute to scholarships and grants for the education of women. Tickets are \$20 per person. Contact lydiabangert@chartermi.net for more info.

May 15 - A foster parent informational meeting will be held on May 15th at Livingston County Catholic Charities, Suite #101, 2020 E. Grand River in Howell. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month from 5-7 pm. Call 517-545-5944 for more info.

May 17 - For those needing help in caring for a person with dementia or other memory-related disease, Zoom meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month from 5-6 pm. Register in advance by e-mailing livingstoncc.org.

May 18 - The Livingston Centre Historic Village at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds is holding its annual fundraiser - Grandma's Attic, which is a huge rummage sale - on May 18th from 9 am-5 pm. There is free parking and admission is free. Call 517-294-6710 for more info.

May 19 - The Livingston Centre Historic Village at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds is having its annual fundraiser - a huge rummage sale. It will be held from 9 am-4 pm on May 19th. There is free parking and no admission fee. For more info, call 517-294-6710.

May 19 - Th 2nd annual Livingston County All-Stars Softball Game will be held on May 19th at 6 pm at the Brighton High School baseball field, 7878 Brighton Road. Tickets are \$10 and available at the gate. It'll be an evening of family friendly fun with hot dogs, popcorn, water and other refreshments. Proceeds will go to Bountiful Harvest, The Dance Project and Second Chance Support Network.

May 20 - Shanti World Music and the Detroit Indian Women's Association have jointly organized Harmony 2023, a world music event, on May 20th at the Brighton Performing Arts Center. This is a fundraiser for the LACASA Center in Howell. Event sponsorships are \$500 and artist sponsorships are \$250. For ticket info, go to lacasacenter.org or app.arts-people.com/index.

May 20 - Howell Township's annual Spring CleanUp Day will be held on May 20th from 9 am to noon. You must be a township resident and proof of residency will be required. The event takes place at the Spencer J. Hardy Airport west of Howell. No hazardous waste, household garbage or yard waste will be accepted. Call 517-546-2817 for more info.

May 20 - The Livingston Symphony Orchestra will have its final concert of the season, "Music from the Movies" on Sat., May 20th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and admission is free for children 12 and under. Go to: lso.org for more info.

May 20 - The 100th annual Hartland Alumni Banquet will take place on May 20th at Ore Creek Middle School on Hartland Road. The event began in 1923 by the class of 1922. For more info, call 810-523-2327.

May 20 - A used book sale will be held on May 20th at the Howell Carnegie Library from 9:30 am-3:30 pm in the lower level. Hard-and-soft-cover books and children's books, plus CDs and DVDs will be available for \$1 or less.

May 21 - "Flying Start" - a free event - is for people interested in learning how to fly an airplane. The event is sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association and will be held at the Livingston County Airport terminal building on Sunday, May 21st, from 9-11 am. Register at flying_start.org or call 248-830-8448 for more info.

May 26 - The American Red Cross, which is experiencing a severe blood shortage, is holding a blood drive on Friday, May 26th, from 9 am to 3 pm at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartland. Go online to register by typing in the church's zip code (48353) at redcrossblood.org.

May 28 - The annual Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom will take place May 28th at Motor City Harley, 24800 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills. Registration begins at 6:30 am and the ride starts at 8:30 am with an escorted ride to the Lansing State Capitol with a tribute to POW/MIA. Contact: jeffshortfuce@gmail.com for more info.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - June 1-30, 2023:

June 1 - The Livingston Genealogical Society will have a Zoom meeting titled "A Civil War Research Journey: Corp. Thomas Moran of Pinckney" on Thur., June 1st, at 7 pm. LCGS Society President Tom Shehan will present a program on his great-great grandfather, Thomas Moran of Pinckney, who was wounded in battle and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

June 2 - A Spring Book Sale will be held at the Pinckney Library on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Books are priced at \$5 a bag. The event will be held from noon-6pm on June 2, 10 am-6pm on June 3 and 10 am-2 pm on June 4.

June 3 - The Hartland Farmer's Market takes place Sat., June 3rd, from 9 am to 2 pm at the Rural King parking lot, 10400 Highland Road. Spring plants, produce, eggs, jams, honey, syrup, baked goods, artisans and much more. Vendors are asked to inquire at hartlandmarket200@gmail.com.

June 3 - The 32nd Annual Antique Tractor Show & Pull will be held on June 3rd at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Besides the tractor pull and show, there will be a flea market with craft vendors, bake sale, kids' pedal pull and kids' games. Contact hmpcinfo@gmail.com for more info.

June 3 - The Howell Friends of the Library will have a used book sale on Sat., June 3rd from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the library's lower level Friends book room. Kids books are 25 cents, small paperbacks are 50 cents. Most hard covers and larger books, plus CDs and DVDs, are \$1.

June 4 - St. Mary's Men's Club in Pinckney is sponsoring its monthly country style breakfast at the parish, located south of M-36 at 10601 Dexter-Pinckney Road. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 11 am and is a free will donation. Proceeds are used to financially support St. Mary's School. For more info call Kim at the parish office at 734-878-3161.

June 8 - The Brighton Senior Center is having a Card Sharks event on June 8th from 10 am to noon. It's free and open to all seniors. Lunch will be provided. Register in advance at the Brighton Senior Center, 810-299-3817.

VIEWPOINT PGMS. FOR April 1-June ³⁰, 2023: (The public service/public affairs programs are 30 minutes in length and are broadcast Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.):

APRIL 2023:

- 4/2/23 - Oxford Recovery Center; Autism Awareness Month - *HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT*
- 4/9/23 - Cong. Elissa Slotkin, Gun Violence Prevention Research Act - *PUBLIC SAFETY*
- 4/16/23 - Hartland Cons. Schools Non-Homestead Millage Renewal - *EDUCATION*
- 4/23/23 - Senior Celebration Days-Livingston Consortium on Aging - *GOVERNMENT*
- 4/30/23 - League of Women Voters - Livingston County Health Dept. Disease Prevention - *HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT*

MAY 2023:

- 5/7/23 - MDOT - US-23 Flex Route project - *ROADS/TRANSPORTATION*
- 5/14/23 - Fowlerville Community Schools Safety/Security program - *EDUCATION*
- 5/21/23 - MDOT: Distracted driver legislation - *ROADS/TRANSPORTATION*
- 5/28/23 - Metroparks summer programs and AAA 1-B "Caregiving Survival" - *GOVERNMENT*

JUNE 2023:

- 6/4/23 - Livingston County Libraries, Part 1 - *EDUCATION*
- 6/11/23 - Livingston County Libraries, Part 2 - *EDUCATION*
- 6/18/23 - 38th Annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest - *BUSINESS/EMPLOYMENT*
- 6/25/23 - BAFA Deputy Fire Chief Retiring; LACASA Garden Tour - *PUBLIC SAFETY*