

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Rod Krol, Mike Scott, Rich Renko and Nik Rajkovic 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 1st. quarter of 2024.

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Growth/Development


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WHMI – 2024 – Q1 – HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT-NEWS

1-3-2024 :50 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TEST THEIR HOMES RADON. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH, AND THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS WINTER IS A GOOD TIME FOR RESIDENTS TO TEST THEIR HOMES, AS FAMILIES SPEND MORE TIME INDOORS. RADON IS A TASTELESS, COLORLESS, ODORLESS GAS THAT CAN ENTER BUILDINGS THROUGH OPENINGS IN THE FOUNDATION FLOORS AND WALLS AND BECOME TRAPPED, WHICH CAN LEAD TO ELEVATED AND HARMFUL LEVELS. ONE IN EIGHT MICHIGAN HOMES IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN ELEVATED LEVEL OF RADON, AND THE ODORLESS GAS IS ESTIMATED TO BE PRESENT IN ABOUT 40% OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOMES. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS SHORT-TERM RADON TEST KITS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. THE KITS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OFFICE, LOCATED AT 2300 EAST GRAND RIVER IN HOWELL. YOU CAN ALSO FIND ONE AT PARTICIPATING LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, OR, THEY CAN BE PURCHASED AT LOCAL HARDWARE STORES, HOME IMPROVEMENT CENTERS, AND SOME SUPERMARKETS. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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1-3-2024 :38 1p 4p 6p 8p 10p

RESTAURANT OWNERS ARE URGED TO CHECK THEIR FREEZER. MORE THAN 67-HUNDRED POUNDS OF GROUND BEEF IS BEING RECALLED DUE TO E-COLI CONTAMINATION... [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC-BEEF-VCR.mp3] THE CONTAMINATED BEEF FROM VALLEY MEATS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO RESTAURANTS ACROSS FOUR MIDWESTERN STATES - INCLUDING MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO THE U-S-D-A'S FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, THE RECALL AFFECTS RAW GROUND BEEF PRODUCED DECEMBER 22 - INCLUDING 12 AND 16-POUND BOXES OF ANGUS PATTIES, ALONG WITH 13, 24 AND 28-POUND BOXES OF GROUND BEEF PATTIES. ALL HAVE A USE BY DATE OF JANUARY 15, 2024. THE U-S-D-A ENCOURAGES ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO CALL THEIR RECALL HOTLINE AT 888-674-6854.

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1-8-2024 :45 6a 730a 10a

A LOCAL CENTER UNVEILS WHAT IS CLAIMS ARE SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS IN RESEARCH RELATED TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER...[w:\MON\MATTHEWS OXFORD-AUTISM-RESEARCH.mp3] THE OXFORD CENTER HAS AN INNOVATIVE STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY OFF WHITMORE LAKE ROAD IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP. THE CENTER FIRST OPENED IN SOUTH LYON IN 2008, BEFORE MOVING TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION. THE OXFORD CENTER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS A "MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) RESEARCH." ITS LATEST PUBLICATION IS "THE EFFECTS OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT ON VERBAL SCORES IN CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER: A RESTROSPECTIVE TRIAL." THE RESEARCH IS SAID TO OFFER NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE TREATMENT OF ASD. THE CENTER SAID IT BELIEVES THE FINDINGS REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN ENHANCING COMMUNICATION ABILITIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CHILDREN WITH ASD. THE PUBLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/22/2024 :40 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p

A FREE ONE-DAY EVENT THAT HELPS CONNECT LIVINGSTON COUNTY RESIDENTS IN NEED WITH LOCAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION IS SET NEXT MONTH. THE 17TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONNECT EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD FROM 10AM TO 1PM AT 242 COMMUNITY CHURCH OFF GRAND RIVER IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. MORE THAN 60 PUBLIC SERVICE AND AGENCY EXHIBITORS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH HELPFUL BASIC NEED INFORMATION, FREE PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, AND SERVICES LIKE HEALTH SCREENINGS AND HAIRCUTS. HEALTH PROMOTION COORDINATOR COURTNEY RYNKIEWICZ WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT...SOME FREE GIVEAWAYS INCLUDE LAUNDRY DETERGENT; WINTER GEAR SUCH AS COATS, HATS AND GLOVES; BLANKETS; PERSONAL CARE ITEMS; DIAPERS; SOCKS; FOOD; AND A BOXED LUNCH TO-GO. AMONG THE FREE SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE HAIRCUTS, HEALTH SCREENINGS, ATTORNEY SERVICES, AND FLU SHOTS. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

01/22/2024 :40 6a 8a 10a 2p

THE 17TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONNECT EVENT IS ROUGHLY TWO WEEKS AWAY AND MARKS A DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CONNECTION, AND FREEBIES. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD AT 2|42 COMMUNITY CHURCH IN GENOA TOWNSHIP AND IS FREE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS IN NEED. HEALTH PROMOTION COORDINATOR COURTNEY RYNKIEWICZ WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TELLS WHMI THAT LAST YEAR THEY HAD OVER 700 GUESTS AND THEY'RE ANTICIPATING EVEN MORE THIS YEAR BASED ON INCREASED COMMUNITY NEED. SHE SAYS IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION AND SERVICES, THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF GIVEAWAYS...THE ANNUAL EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY UNITED WAY, AND LIVINGSTON SUNRISE ROTARY AMONG OTHERS. LETS TRANSPORTATION WILL ALSO BE OFFERING FREE RIDES TO THE EVENT FOR ANYONE IN NEED. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/24/2024 1:19 9a 1p

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCING ITS WATER FLUORIDATION QUALITY RECIPIENTS, AND SOME LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE ON THE LIST.[w:\WED\MARTIN-WATER-FLOURIDATION.mp3] THE LATEST WATER FLUORIDATION QUALITY AWARD RECIPIENTS INCLUDE HOWELL, DEXTER, FENTON, LINDEN, SOUTH LYON, ANN ARBOR, AND A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS MICHIGAN. THE AWARDS COME FROM THE US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. FLUORIDATION IS THE ADJUSTMENT OF FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER TO A LEVEL THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR PREVENTING TOOTH DECAY. THE AWARD RECOGNIZES COMMUNITIES THAT ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION BY MAINTAINING A CONSISTENT LEVEL OF FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER THROUGHOUT 2022. COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CDC AS ONE OF 10 GREAT PUBLIC HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

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01/25/2024 1:06 6a 8a 10a 1p

AREA RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET OUTDOORS AND TAKE PART IN A VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP WORKDAY AT A LOCAL STATE PARK THIS WEEKEND. [w:\THU\MATHEWS DNR.mp3] WORKDAYS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE AT SEVERAL STATE PARKS IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS THAT THREATEN HIGH-QUALITY ECOSYSTEMS IN THE PARKS. LOCALLY, A WORKDAY IS SET THIS SATURDAY AT THE HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA FROM 10AM TO 1PM. VOLUNTEERS WILL WORK TO REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS FROM THE PARK AS PART OF ONGOING EFFORTS TO RESTORE AN AREA TO AN OPEN GRASSLAND. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE PILING BRUSH, STACKING FIREWOOD, AND CUTTING INVASIVE SHRUBS SUCH AS AUTUMN OLIVE. DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM

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2-2-2024 :34 5a 7a 9a 12p 2p

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WILL NOW BE CONTRACTING WITH THE NON-PROFIT, ALTARUM TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUD PROVIDERS. [w:\FRI\MARTIN MDHHS.mp3] THE CONTRACT IS PART OF EFFORTS TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TREATMENT TO MEDICAID AND OTHER ENROLLEES RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE USE DISORDER. ALTARUM, WILL HELP PREPARE PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLANS, AND PROVIDERS OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOVERY INCENTIVES PILOT...ONE OF SEVERAL PROJECTS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT THROUGH MICHIGAN'S OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING. FOR THE FULL STORY, VISIT WHMI.COM.

2-5-2024 :42 5a 8a 10a 1p

A NEW IN-HOME WIC VISITING NURSE PROGRAM IS BEING LAUNCHED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY. AT A RECENT MEETING, THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT AN IN-HOME WIC VISITING NURSE PROGRAM THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IT WAS AWARDED \$20,000 IN GRANT FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE TRANSPORTATION INSECURITIES FACED BY MANY IN THE DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN OR WIC PROGRAM TO ENSURE THEY RECEIVE ESSENTIAL SERVICES DESPITE BARRIERS TO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE. HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MATT BOLANG...[w:\MON\BOLANG-1.mp3] ADDITIONALLY, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WAS AWARDED A SEPARATE GRANT TOTALING \$15,000 TO IMPLEMENT A BREAST-FEEDING SUPPLY STOCK INITIATIVE. THAT'S DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF BREAST-FEEDING SUPPLIES FACED BY MANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WIC CLIENTS, ENSURING THAT THEY RECEIVE ESSENTIAL ACCESS TO SUPPLIES DESPITE ECONOMIC BARRIERS.

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2-6-2024 :38 1p 3p 6p 9p

TRINITY HEALTH IS OFFERING GRANTS TO PROVIDE NON-PROFITS, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TRAINING, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO KICKSTART A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM...[w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC TRINITY-GRANTS.mp3] THE GOAL IS TO PREPARE THE COMMUNITY TO RESPOND TO CARDIAC EMERGENCIES THAT OCCUR OUTSIDE OF THE HOSPITAL SETTING. ACCORDING TO TRINITY HEALTH, DATA SHOWS AN INDIVIDUAL'S SURVIVAL RATE DECLINES BASED ON LACK OF EDUCATION, AWARENESS, AND COMFORT LEVEL OF USING AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR, OR PERFORMING HANDS-ONLY CPR AS A BYSTANDER UNTIL EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ARRIVE. ELIGIBLE AGENCIES MUST OPERATE WITHIN OR PRIMARILY SERVE LIVINGSTON COUNTY AND YPSILANTI. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 4.

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2-7-2024 :42 530a

THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B IS RINGING IN ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2024 WITH A NAME CHANGE AND NEW INITIATIVES IN SERVING OLDER ADULTS, ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS. IT'S NOW KNOWN AS AGEWAYS NONPROFIT SENIOR SERVICES - A NAME SAID TO REFLECT ITS MISSION OF HELPING PEOPLE AGE IN THE WAYS THEY CHOOSE. THE LOCAL REGION INCLUDES LIVINGSTON, MACOMB, MONROE, OAKLAND, ST. CLAIR, AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES. AGEWAYS CEO/PRESIDENT MICHAEL KARSON...[w:\WED\KARSON-1.mp3] KARSON DESCRIBED AGEWAYS AS A "VERY RICH CONNECTION" FOR THOSE AGED 60 AND OVER WHO NEED SERVICES IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO HELP THEM LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. HE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO REACH OUT - NOTING THERE IS NO COST FOR SERVICES AS THEY ARE PAID FOR THROUGH STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING.

2-7-2024 :39 9a

A NON-PROFIT THAT SERVES OLDER ADULTS, ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS HAS A NEW NAME. THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B IS NOW KNOWN AS AGEWAYS NONPROFIT SENIOR SERVICES. THE NON-PROFIT IS ALSO CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR AND HAS ALSO ADDED IMPORTANT NEW INITIATIVES. CEO MICHAEL KARSON TELLS WHMI AGEWAYS CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS OFFERINGS TO HELP OLDER ADULTS AGE IN PLACE WITH DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE AND PROVIDE TOOLS TO FAMILY CAREGIVERS TO REDUCE STRESS AND GAIN CONFIDENCE... [w:\WED\KARSON-2.mp3] KARSON SAID THEY'RE HOPING THE NEW NAME AGEWAYS WILL HELP THEM REACH OUT BETTER AND CONNECT WITH MORE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEIR SERVICES AND RESOURCES. HE ADDED THEY'LL BE DOING A ROLL-OUT CAMPAIGN AND ADVERTISING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ALONG WITH DIFFERENT EVENTS. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

2-7-2024 :40 10a

AAA 1-B IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A NAME CHANGE. NOW KNOWN AS AGEWAYS NONPROFIT SENIOR SERVICES, THE AGENCY WILL CONTINUE SERVING OLDER ADULTS, ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS BY CONNECTING THEM WITH SERVICES AND RESOURCES AND OFFERING CLASSES AND COUNSELING. THE NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS THE AGENCY SERVES IS GROWING AND THE SHORTAGE OF CAREGIVERS - BOTH FAMILY AND PAID - WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO GROW. CEO MICHAEL KARSON TOLD WHMI FIGURES SHOW THE BABY BOOMER POPULATION INCREASES EVERY YEAR, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT 15 TO 20 YEARS BEFORE LEVELING OUT AND DECLINING...

[w:\WED\KARSON-3.mp3] KARSON SAID THEY'RE EXCITED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LAUNCH OF THEIR NEW NAME; SAYING THE OLD ONE WAS BUREAUCRATIC, HARD TO UNDERSTAND, AND DIDN'T REALLY REFLECT WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY HELP PEOPLE. HE STRESSED AGEWAYS HAS A MULTITUDE OF PROGRAMS AND THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE NOBODY FALLS THROUGH THE CRACKS AND THAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS THEM. THE AGENCY'S INFORMATION ASSISTANCE LINE CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM.

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2-8-2024 :43 530a 730a 9a 11a 1p 3p 530p 8p 10p

TWO NEW HEPATITIS A CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN NEIGHBORING WASHTENAW COUNTY. [w:\THU\MATHEWS HEP A.mp3] IN THE PAST WEEK, TWO UN-RELATED CASES OF HEPATITIS A HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN WASHTENAW COUNTY RESIDENTS. IN LIGHT OF THE NEW LOCAL CASES, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS REMINDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO WASH THEIR HANDS AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST HEPATITIS A. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS BOTH CASES WERE LIKELY EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS DURING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AS NO COMMON SOURCES OF FOOD, BEVERAGES, OR DRUG USE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF INFECTION. BECAUSE THE GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH HEPATITIS A MAY BE SIMILAR TO OTHER COMMON ILLNESSES, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT IS SHARING INFORMATION TO ALERT RESIDENTS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL INFECTIONS. OFFICIALS SAY THE SPREAD OF THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ILLNESS IS PREVENTABLE THROUGH VACCINATION AND GOOD HANDWASHING.

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2-9-2024 :45 5a 8a

A LOCAL NON-PROFIT CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT WEEK. THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF PHEASANTS FOREVER WAS REVIVED IN 2021 AND PRESIDENT SHANE PRESTON SAYS THEY'VE BEEN RUNNING STRONG THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THE NON-PROFIT'S MISSION IS TO PROTECT, RESTORE, AND ENHANCE WILDLIFE HABITAT BY ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING LOCAL PROJECTS. PRESTON TOLD WHMI THEY DO THAT BY CREATING, IMPROVING, AND PRESERVING UPLAND BIRD HABITAT; FOSTERING YOUTH HUNTING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES; AND DEVELOPING, DISTRIBUTING, AND FOSTERING CONSERVATION EDUCATION...[w:\FRI\PRESTON-1.mp3] THE NON-PROFIT WILL BE HOSTING ITS ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH - IT'S BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR. ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE CHAPTER'S EFFORTS FOR LOCAL HABITAT DEVELOPMENT AND HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW AND YOUTH HUNTERS.

2-9-2024 :38 6a 830a

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF PHEASANTS FOREVER IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT WEEK AND IS CELEBRATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO WILDLIFE HABITAT PRESERVATION AND FOSTERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATIONISTS. CHAPTER PRESIDENT SHANE PRESTON...[w:\FRI\PRESTON-2.mp3] THE LOCAL CHAPTER WAS REVIVED IN 2021 AND PRESTON SAID THE TRAJECTORY IS VERY STRONG AND ON THE UPSWING, AND THEY'RE HOPING TO HAVE WELL OVER 150 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET NEXT FRIDAY EVENING AT CRYSTAL GARDENS IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. GUESTS CAN ENJOY GUN AUCTIONS, SILENT AUCTIONS, BUCKET RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES, GAMES, AND MORE. TICKET INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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2-9-2024 :41 7a 10a

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AN ANNUAL EVENT BENEFITTING LIVINGSTON COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER NEXT WEEK. THE NON-PROFIT CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF UPLAND BIRD POPULATIONS, WILDLIFE HABITAT PRESERVATION, AND FOSTERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATIONISTS. THE LOCAL CHAPTER WAS REVIVED IN 2021 AND GOING STRONG UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT SHANE PRESTON. HE SAID THE PAST YEAR WAS BUSY WITH A 4-H POLLINATOR PROJECT AND A YOUTH HUNT IN THE FALL AT VARIETY FARMS GAME PRESERVE IN HARTLAND THAT WENT REALLY WELL. PRESTON TOLD WHMI THEY WANT TO OFFER AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS, ADULTS, AND LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS TO GET OUTDOORS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY... [w:\FRI\PRESTON-3.mp3] TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL BANQUET ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGH A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE. PRESTON WILL ALSO BE A FEATURED GUEST ON WHMI'S VIEWPOINT PROGRAM ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:30AM.

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02/12/2024 :33 4p 6p 7p 9p 11p

SEVERAL NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT IN MICHIGAN THIS WEEK, INVOLVING GUN SAFETY, ORGANIZED LABOR AND ABORTION. [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC MI-LAWS.mp3] MICHIGAN'S NEW SAFE STORAGE GUN LAW GOES INTO EFFECT TUESDAY, ALONG WITH SEVERAL "RED FLAG" LAWS ALLOWING AUTHORITIES TO TAKE FIREARMS AWAY FROM A PERSON SAID TO BE IN DISTRESS OR CRISIS, FROM USING A GUN ON THEMSELF OR OTHERS. THERE'S ALSO A REPEAL OF THE STATE'S "RIGHT-TO-WORK" POLICY, SEEN AS A VICTORY FOR ORGANIZED LABOR AT A TIME WHEN UNION MEMBERSHIP HAS DWINDLED. GOV. WHITMER'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT FURTHER REMOVES WHAT ABORTIONISTS SEE AS BARRIERS TO ABORTION CARE AND ACCESS.

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2-14-2024 :49 7a 10a 1p 630p 8p 10p

MANY OF MICHIGAN'S STATE PARKS ARE GETTING A FACELIFT. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- PARKS.mp3] THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SAYS THANKS TO \$250 MILLION INVESTMENT MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH ARPA FUNDS, MANY STATE PARKS, TRAILS AND OTHER OUTDOOR SPACES WILL RECEIVE SOME MUCH-NEEDED TLC. NEW ROADS AND PARKING LOTS, UPGRADED ELECTRICAL AND WATER SYSTEMS, WATER JUG FILLERS, AND TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF WORK TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE STATE. IN THE WHMI LISTENING AREA, SCHEDULED CLOSURES INCLUDE THE BRIGHTON RECREATION AREA BISHOP LAKE CAMPGROUND FROM MID-AUGUST UNTIL MAY OF 2025. THE HORSEMAN'S EQUESTRIAN CAMP WILL CLOSE ON JUNE 1ST AND REOPEN OCTOBER 15TH FOR ROAD REPAIRS. ALSO IN BRIGHTON, THE ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA WILL CLOSE SOME OF THEIR PICNIC SHELTERS FOR THE SEASON, WITH REPAIRS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT YEAR. A FULL LIST OF CLOSURES CAN BE FOUND AT OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM.

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2-14-2024 :48 530a 8a 11a 530p

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY HERE, A LOCAL NON-PROFIT IS OFFERING A SWEET GIFT IDEA THAT SUPPORTS A GOOD CAUSE. TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR VINA COMMUNITY DENTAL CENTER'S CORVETTE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER. THE NON-PROFIT SERVES MORE THAN 1,500 PATIENTS IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY WITH LIMITED FINANCES. VINA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAMANTHA JORGENS SAYS IT'S A GREAT GIFT IDEA BUT ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF VETERANS, OLDER ADULTS, AND OTHER UN-INSURED PATIENTS IN NEED...

[w:\WED\JORGENS-1.mp3] THE RAFFLE WILL RUN THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH. THE WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN DURING VINA'S ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER HELD AT THE AMERICAN SPIRIT CENTRE. DETAILS ABOUT HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/15/2024 :49 630a

AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO HELP FAMILIES KEEP THE HEAT ON DURING THE COLD WINTER MONTHS IS RETURNING TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY THIS WEEKEND. OLHSA IS HOSTING ITS 34TH ANNUAL WALK FOR WARMTH. TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER, OR JUST SHOW UP ON SATURDAY. LIVINGSTON WALK FOR WARMTH COMMITTEE MEMBER LOU ANNE BALAN TELLS WHMI THAT 100% OF THE FUNDS RAISED STAY LOCAL... [w:\THU\BALAN-1.mp3] THE 2023 EVENT RAISED OVER \$33,000 AND ASSISTED 305 PEOPLE INCLUDING CHILDREN, DISABLED, AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS. ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE COSTUMED CHARACTERS, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES, GAMES, MUSIC, AND A CHANCE TO EXPLORE LOCAL VENDORS. A LINK TO REGISTER IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/16/2024 :50 630a 11a

AN EVENT NEXT WEEKEND WILL BENEFIT A LOCAL NON-PROFIT THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR WOMEN IN RECOVERY AND STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE UPCOMING ANNUAL GALA OFFERS SUPPORTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AMBER REINECK HOUSE AND LEARN ABOUT FUTURE INITIATIVES WHILE HAVING AN ELEGANT EVENING OUT. ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTLY FUND THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF THE NON-PROFIT AND ITS HOME FOR WOMEN IN HOWELL. PRESIDENT COURTNEY ATSALAKIS TOLD WHMI IT HAS BEEN A PHENOMENAL ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY... [w:\FRI\ATSALAKIS-1.mp3] THE AMBER REINECK HOUSE GALA WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY AT CRYSTAL GARDENS BANQUET CENTER IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. TICKET INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/19/2024 :54 6a 8a 10a 1p

A NEW MICHIGAN LAW WILL EXPAND ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN BOTH LOCALLY AND STATEWIDE. ONCE FUNDING IS APPROVED TO EXPAND THE DENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM KNOWN AS KOHA, KINDERGARTENERS STARTING SCHOOL THIS FALL WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET AN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT BY A DENTAL PROFESSIONAL, AT NO COST. NORM HESS WITH THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS THE ROLLOUT WILL TAKE TIME AND THERE WILL BE A GRACE PERIOD FOR PARENTS - BUT ULTIMATELY, THE PROGRAM WILL BE GOOD FOR KIDS... [w:\MON\HESS.mp3] HESS EMPHASIZED THAT ADULT TEETH AND ORAL HEALTH ARE VERY MUCH AFFECTED BY THE CONDITION OF THEIR FIRST SET OF "BABY" TEETH. THE C-D-C SAYS TOOTH DECAY IS THE MOST COMMON CHRONIC DISEASE OF CHILDHOOD IN THE UNITED STATES - AND MORE THAN HALF OF ALL KIDS HAVE HAD A CAVITY BY AGE EIGHT.

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02/19/2024 1:05 5a 630p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN'S DANA NESSEL JOINS A COALITION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL CALLING ON THE U-S FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN FROM LEAD AND OTHER TOXIC METALS IN BABY FOOD... [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC NESSEL-BABY-FOOD.mp3] THE COALITION CITED RECENT FINDINGS OF HUNDREDS OF CASES OF CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING LINKED TO RECALLED CINNAMON APPLESAUCE POUCHES THAT WERE SOLD IN STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WITHOUT FIRST BEING TESTED FOR TOXIC METALS. UNDER CURRENT FDA POLICY, BABY FOOD MANUFACTURERS ARE LEFT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO EVEN TEST THEIR PRODUCTS FOR TOXIC METALS AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS. THE NOW-RECALLED WANABANA POUCHES WERE SOLD IN DOLLAR TREE STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ANYONE WHO STILL HAS THEM IN THEIR HOMES SHOULD PITCH THEM RIGHT AWAY.

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02/20/2024 1:16 6a 730a 10a 1p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY IS HOSTING ITS 2024 COMMUNITY COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL SALE. [w:\TUE\MATHEWS COMPOST.mp3] OFFICIALS SAY BACKYARD COMPOSTING IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO REDUCE TRASH GOING TO LANDFILLS AND ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR OWN COMPOST. RAIN BARRELS HELP REDUCE WATER COSTS, KEEP WATER CLEAN, AND PROVIDE A NATURAL SOURCE OF WATER FOR PLANTS AND GARDENS WHILE REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTANTS THAT ENTER STORM DRAINS. THE EVENT IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAM. SINCE ITEMS ARE PURCHASED IN BULK; THE COMPOST BINS, RAIN BARRELS, AND ACCESSORIES ARE OFFERED AT REDUCED PRICES. ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY APRIL 12TH, OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. THEY CAN BE PICKED UP ON APRIL 10TH FROM 9AM TO NOON IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY GARAGE AT 918 NORTH STREET IN HOWELL. A LINK TO MORE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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02/20/2024 :31 11a 2p 630p

THE GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF PUTTING A SPOTLIGHT ON MENTAL HEALTH, SAYING HIS DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A MASSIVE INCREASE IN SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, BROKENNESS AND TRAGEDY OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. SHERIFF CHRIS SWANSON DELIVERING HIS MESSAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA... [w:\TUE\SHERIFF SWANSON 2.mp3] SHERIFF SWANSON ENCOURAGES ANYONE EXPERIENCING LONELINESS OR REJECTION TO REACH OUT FOR HELP -- WHETHER IT'S 9-1-1, A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR EVEN A STRANGER.

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02/21/2024 1:12 7a 10a 1p

A COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION IS SET TOMORROW FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY THE LOCAL AND STATEWIDE OPIOID EPIDEMIC TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND WEIGH IN ON HOW \$800 (M) MILLION IN OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS SHOULD BE USED. ANNE KING-HUDSON IS PART OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY WORKGROUP, WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE COMMISSION. SHE TOLD WHMI LIVINGSTON COUNTY HAS THE 9TH HIGHEST FATAL OVERDOSE RATE IN THE STATE AND WHILE THINGS ARE SOMEWHAT IMPROVING, THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO... [w:\WED\KING-HUDSON-1.mp3] MICHIGAN IS SLATED TO RECEIVE \$800 (M) MILLION OVER THE NEXT 18 YEARS FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TOMORROW'S LISTENING SESSION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/22/2024 1:21 530a 730a 11a 2p

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEER STORM SPOTTERS AHEAD OF THE COMING SEVERE WEATHER SEASON. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC WX-SPOTTERS.mp3] BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING WHAT'S CALLED THE SKYWARN NETWORK, A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT AIMS TO HELP KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE BY PROVIDING TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORMS, TORNADOS, AND LIGHTNING CAUSE HUNDREDS OF INJURIES AND DEATHS, AS WELL AS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY AND CROP DAMAGE. LAST YEAR SAW SIGNIFICANT LOCAL AND STATEWIDE EVENTS INCLUDING SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADOS, AND A MASSIVE HAIL STORM IN JULY. CLASSES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. INDIVIDUALS MUST BE AT LEAST 13-YEARS-OLD TO REPORT. LOCALLY, CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN MARCH AT THE HAMBURG TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE NOVI CIVIC CENTER. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.



02/23/2024 :30 630a 8a 11a 2p

CLEARY UNIVERSITY WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE NEXT MONTH. THE NON-PROFIT VERSITI BLOOD CENTER OF MICHIGAN IS CONDUCTING THE DRIVE AT CLEARY UNIVERSITY ON MONDAY, MARCH 18TH. VERSITI WORKS TO IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES, ADVANCE THE FIELD OF PERSONALIZED MEDICINE, AND STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES. VERSITI PROVIDES BLOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO LOCAL PATIENTS AND COLLECTS MORE THAN 135,000 UNITS OF BLOOD EACH YEAR. THE UPCOMING DRIVE IS OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. BLOOD DONATIONS HELP TRAUMA VICTIMS, SURGERY PATIENTS, PREMATURE BABIES, AND PEOPLE WITH ANEMIA AMONG OTHERS. THE ACTUAL DONATION PROCESS TAKES ABOUT 20 TO 25 MINUTES. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND MORE INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/23/2024 1:27 7a 9a 11a

THE RADON MAP FOR GENOA TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN UPDATED. [w:\SAT\RAJKOVIC GENOA-RADON.mp3] ACCORDING TO A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY; RADON IS PRESENT IN ELEVATED LEVELS IN ABOUT 40% OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOMES. THE NATURALLY-OCCURRING, TASTELESS, ODORLESS, AND COLORLESS GAS COMES FROM THE NATURAL, RADIOACTIVE BREAKDOWN OF URANIUM IN SOIL, ROCK, AND WATER AND GETS INTO THE AIR. IT ENTERS BUILDINGS THROUGH OPENINGS IN FOUNDATION FLOORS OR WALLS SUCH AS SUMP OPENINGS, CRAWLSPACES, FLOOR OR WALL JOINTS, AND CRACKS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 21,000 LUNG CANCER DEATHS EACH YEAR ARE RADON-RELATED. TESTING IS THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE AT RISK FOR HEALTH ISSUES CAUSED BY RADON. GENOA TOWNSHIP HAS FREE TESTING KITS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL OFF DORR ROAD. THE UPDATED MAP CAN BE VIEWED AT WHMI.COM.

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02/26/2024 1:48 6a 730a 9a 11a 2p 4p 8p 10p

DESPITE A MORE LOW-KEY APPROACH THAN IN THE PAST, THE BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS PACK OF DOGS PROGRAM IS ALIVE AND WELL. [w:\MON\TOM TOLEN BAS-DOGS.mp3] UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FOUNDER KAREN STOREY, THE PROGRAM WAS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS, AND MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN SOUTHEASTERN AND MID-MICHIGAN. THE 14 CANINES ARE CALLED SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING DOGS, BUT ARE TYPICALLY REFERRED TO AS THERAPY DOGS. STOREY RETIRED FROM HER DUTIES LAST MAY AND WAS HONORED WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT A BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. WITH HER DEPARTURE, ONE MIGHT THINK THE PROGRAM ENDED, BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY. BUT ACCORDING TO SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW OUTLAW, IT'S ALIVE AND WELL, AND IS NOW IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF TEACHERS KAITLYN LIPINSKI AND ROCHELLE BAXTER. THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE ITS FIRST ANNUAL PACK OF DOGS WALK FUNDRAISER IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON THIS SPRING. THE DATE AND TIMES HAVEN'T BEEN FINALIZED YET, BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS, PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO PLEDGE WHATEVER AMOUNT THEY DESIRE AND WALK WITH THE DOGS. PEOPLE CAN ALSO DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAM BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM, WHICH HAS A LINK.

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02/26/2024 :21 12p 3p 4p 6p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONFIRMS A CASE OF MEASLES IN AN OAKLAND COUNTY CHILD, ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. THIS IS THE FIRST CONFIRMED CASE OF MEASLES IN THE STATE SINCE 2019. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS RECOMMEND UNVACCINATED PEOPLE AGES 1 YEAR AND OLDER RECEIVE THE MEASLES VACCINATION TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THOSE AROUND THEM. IN ADDITION TO MICHIGAN'S CASE, 35 MEASLES CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN 2024 IN 15 OTHER STATES TO DATE.

02/27/2024 1:12 5a 7a 10a 1p 3p 530p 8p 10p

THIS WEEKEND, OAKLAND COUNTY WILL CONDUCT ITS FIRST SIREN TEST OF THE SEVERE WEATHER SEASON. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- SIREN TEST.mp3] THE OAKLAND COUNTY OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM WILL ACTIVATE AT 1 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND. THE SYSTEM HAS 275 OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, EACH CAPABLE OF COVERING ABOUT A ONE-MILE RADIUS. IN A REAL EMERGENCY, THE SIREN INDICATES A TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED OR STRONGLY INDICATED ON RADAR OR A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WITH SUSTAINED WINDS OF 70 MPH OR GREATER IS IN THE AREA. RESIDENTS WOULD BE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY AND LISTEN TO RADIO OR TELEVISION FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE SIRENS ARE DESIGNED TO ALERT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OUTSIDE. FOR INDOOR WARNINGS, RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN THE FEMA MOBILE APP OR PURCHASE A WEATHER RADIO, WHICH PROVIDES NOTIFICATIONS OF INCOMING SEVERE WEATHER. THE OAKALERT APP IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO OAKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHICH IS A SELF-REGISTERING ALERT SYSTEM THAT EMAILS PARTICIPANTS ABOUT LOCAL EMERGENCIES.

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02/28/2024 :34 2p 530p

STILL NO SERIOUS INJURIES REPORTED AFTER A POSSIBLE TORNADO RIPPED THROUGH THE GRAND BLANC AREA OVERNIGHT. FIRE CHIEF ROBERT BURDETTE URGING STORM CHASERS AND OTHERS TO STAY OUT OF THE AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOODS, AT LEAST FOR NOW. [w:\WED\CHIEF ROBERT BURDETTE TORNADO-UPDATE-3.mp3] CHIEF BURDETTE SAYS THREE INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSES SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE, AND PORTIONS OF DORT HIGHWAY REMAIN CLOSED DUE TO DOWNED POWER LINES AND OTHER DEBRIS. CONSUMERS ENERGY IS WORKING RESTORE POWER IN THE GRAND BLANC AREA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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03/08/2024 :45 9a 12p 3p 530p

MICHIGAN'S DEPARTEMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IS GRANTING M-S-U 25 MILLION DOLLARS TO ADDRESS THE STATE'S CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF DIRECT CARE WORKERS, WHO SUPPORT THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND OLDER ADULTS. KELLI OHSTAD IS A DIRECT CARE WORKER IN LANSING..[w:\FRI\KELLI OHNSTAD MI-DIRECT-CARE 1.mp3] THAT FROM WILX. THE STATE CURRENTLY HAS BETWEEN 175 AND 190-THOUSAND DIRECT CARE WORKERS, BUT ADVOCATES SAY THEY NEED 36-THOUSAND MORE. LOW WAGES AND LACK OF BENEFITS ARE JUST SOME OF THE ISSUES. THE GRANT TO M-S-U WILL HELP ESTABLISH A CAREER CENTER, TRAINING, HELP WITH JOB PLACEMENT, AND ASSISTING WITH FINANCES.

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03/08/2024 1:33 7a 10a

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY GROUND CINNAMON SOLD AT U.S. DISCOUNT STORES COULD BE CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD.[w:\FRI\ONEIL VCR- FDA ALERT.mp3] SOME GROUND CINNAMON PRODUCTS SOLD AT DISCOUNT STORES INCLUDING THE DOLLAR TREE AND FAMILY DOLLAR, COULD CONTAIN UNSAFE LEVELS OF LEAD, PROMPTING AN ALERT FROM THE FDA. LIKEWISE, CONSUMERS ARE ASKED TO THROW OUT THE PRODUCTS IMMEDIATELY. SOME RETAILERS HAVE REMOVED THE CINNAMON FROM THEIR STORE SHELVES, AND THE FDA LAUNCHED WHAT THEY CALLED A TARGETED SURVEY OF CINNAMON PRODUCTS SOLD AT OTHER STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SO FAR, NO ILLNESSES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. A LINK TO THE FULL FDA ALERT IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/01/2024 1:30 6a 9a 11a 2p

US HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE OFFICIALLY DROPPED THE FIVE-DAY ISOLATION PERIOD FOR THOSE POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\FRI\ONEIL VCR- COVID.mp3] THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL CHANGED ITS LONGSTANDING GUIDANCE, SAYING PEOPLE CAN NOW RETURN TO REGULAR ACTIVITIES IF THEIR SYMPTOMS ARE IMPROVING. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST CHANGE IN GUIDELINES- AS THE CDC ORIGINALLY ADVISED 10 DAYS OF ISOLATION IN 2020, THEN CUT IT DOWN TO 5 DAYS THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SOME EXPERTS ARGUE THAT OMITTING ISOLATION MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF WIDESPREAD INFECTION. SUPPORTERS OF THE CHANGE FEEL AMERICANS HAVE BUILT YEARS OF IMMUNITY THROUGH PAST ILLNESS AND VACCINATIONS, AND MOST WERE NOT ADHERING TO THE GUIDELINES ANYWAY. IN MICHIGAN, CASE NUMBERS HAVE PLATEAUED. IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ONLY 80 PEOPLE REPORTED A POSITIVE TEST BACK TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES- DOWN FROM OVER 150 CASES THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

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03/08/2024 01:02 9a 12p 2p 5p

THERE ARE SOME VACANCIES ON THE BRIGHTON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS BRIGHTON PC.mp3] THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL IS ACCEPTING RESUMES AND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION IS A 9-MEMBER APPOINTED BOARD THAT ADVISES THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY ON PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS. RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE PREPARING THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN, REVIEWING AND RECOMMENDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN, AND CREATING AND UPDATING THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCES. THE POSTINGS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL MARCH 24TH AND APRIL 30TH FOR EACH RESPECTIVE TERM. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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03/08/2024 :58 6a 8a 10a 12p

WITH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME THIS WEEKEND, TRIPLE-A IS WARNING THAT DARKER MORNINGS AND ONE HOUR SLEEP LOSS COULD LEAD TO MORE DROWSY DRIVERS ON THE ROADS. [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC-AAA-DST-DRIVING.mp3] AAA SAYS DROWSY DRIVING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOUT TEN TIMES AS MANY TRAFFIC FATALITIES. BETWEEN 2017 AND 2021, 18% OF ALL TRAFFIC FATALITIES WERE CAUSED BY DROWSY DRIVERS, RESULTING IN NEARLY 30,000 DEATHS. EXPERTS WARN THAT SIGNS OF DROWSY DRIVING INCLUDE FREQUENT YAWNING AND BLINKING, TROUBLE REMEMBERING THE PAST FEW MILES DRIVEN, DRIFTING FROM THEIR LANE, AND MISSING THEIR EXIT. EXPERTS ADVISE PULLING OVER AND TAKING A BREAK IF YOU FEEL TIRED WHILE DRIVING.

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03/11/2024 :54 5a 10a 1p

A LOCAL NON-PROFIT THAT PROVIDES AFFORDABLE DENTAL CARE TO THOSE IN NEED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY IS WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS AMID CLINIC IMPROVEMENTS. VINA COMMUNITY DENTAL CENTER OFFERS PREVENTIVE AND RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY SERVICES AT A COST OF ONLY \$10 OR \$25 PER APPOINTMENT. IN 2023, THE CLINIC MADE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENTS IN ITS TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENHANCE PATIENT CARE. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAMANTHA JORGENS TOLD WHMI THAT VINA ACQUIRED A CUTTING-EDGE INTRA-ORAL SCANNER AND UPGRADED TO A STATE-OF-THE-ART DIGITAL PANORAMIC X-RAY MACHINE... [w:\MON\JORGENS-1.mp3] JORGENS NOTED THERE'S A LOT OF NEED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY AND THEY ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO REACH MORE PEOPLE. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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03/13/2024 :30 630p 730a

A NO CONTACT ADVISORY HAS BEEN ISSUED ALONG A STRETCH OF THE KALAMAZOO RIVER AFTER PFIZER NOTIFIED THE CITY OF A CHEMICAL SPILL. PFIZER REPORTED ON TUESDAY THAT AN ESTIMATED 1,057 GALLONS OF METHYLENE CHLORIDE HAD BEEN RELEASED WITHIN THE PROCESS AREA OF THE MANUFACTURING FACILITY LOCATED ON PORTAGE ROAD. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW MUCH OF THE COLORLESS LIQUID WAS DISCHARGED INTO A DEDICATED SANITARY SEWER SERVING PFIZER, WHICH THEN FLOWS TO THE KALAMAZOO WATER RECLAMATION PLANT FOR TREATMENT. THE ADVISORY WAS ISSUED AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SAMPLING INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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03/15/2024 01:18 5a 7a 830a 10a

OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION IS ADVISING SPRING BREAKERS TO GET THE MEASLES JAB BEFORE TRAVELING OUT OF TOWN.... [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC MEASLES-VAX.mp3] IN LATE FEBRUARY, OAKLAND COUNTY HAD ITS FIRST CONFIRMED MEASLES CASE SINCE 2019. THE CASE WAS TRAVEL-RELATED. AS OF MARCH 7TH, A TOTAL OF 45 MEASLES CASES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN 16 STATES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES - INCLUDING CASES IN WASHTENAW AND WAYNE COUNTIES. OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION MEDICAL DIRECTOR DR. RUSSELL FAUST SAID VACCINATION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BEFORE TRAVELING AS THERE ARE OUTBREAKS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW INTERNATIONALLY AND WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID RECEIVING BOTH DOSES OF THE VACCINE IS MOST EFFECTIVE, BUT IF PEOPLE ONLY HAVE TIME TO GET ONE DOSE BEFORE A TRIP, THAT STILL PROVIDES HELPFUL PROTECTION. MEASLES CASES ARE USUALLY LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND THEN SPREAD TO PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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03/17/2024 :34 6a 11a

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES A \$25 MILLION STATE GRANT TO ADDRESS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF DIRECT CARE WORKERS -- THOSE WHO PROVIDE LONG-TERM CARE AND SUPPORT TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR OLDER ADULTS. CLARE LUZ IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IMPART ALLIANCE. [w:\FRI\CLARE LUZ MI-DIRECT-CARE 1.mp3] THAT FROM WILX LANSING. THE STATE GRANT WILL HELP M-S-U ESTABLISH A CAREER CENTER, TRAINING, AND HELP WITH JOB PLACEMENT AND FINANCES.

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03/19/2024 :36 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS CONFIRMED THE FIRST INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED PEDIATRIC DEATH IN THE STATE FOR THE 2023-2024 FLU SEASON. THE REPORTED DEATH INVOLVES A CHILD WHO CONTRACTED INFLUENZA A (H1N1). NATIONALLY, THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 93 INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED PEDIATRIC DEATHS REPORTED THIS FLU SEASON. CHIEF MEDICAL EXECUTIVE DR. NATASHA BAGDASARIAN SAID EACH YEAR INFLUENZA CLAIMS THE LIVES OF DOZENS OF CHILDREN ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT EVERYONE SIX MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER GET A SEASONAL FLU VACCINE. MICHIGAN IS CURRENTLY SEEING AN INCREASE IN INFLUENZA CASES AND THE STATE SAYS IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET THE FLU VACCINATION THIS SEASON. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE MICHIGAN FLU FOCUS REPORT, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/20/2024 :56 5a 8a 11a

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP IS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE RADON TEST KITS. THE TOWNSHIP RECEIVES THE KITS FROM THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT EVERY YEAR TO DISTRIBUTE BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THEY SOMETIMES GO TO WASTE. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET TUESDAY NIGHT AND SUPERVISOR PAT HOHL REPORTED THAT THEY JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SHIPMENT THE OTHER DAY AND IT'S A SHAME THAT EVERY YEAR THEY END UP HAVING TO DISPOSE OF LEFTOVER DETECTION KITS, WHICH HAVE A SHORT SHELF LIFE...[w:\WED\HOHL-1.mp3] ONE IN EIGHT MICHIGAN HOMES IS LIKELY TO HAVE AN ELEVATED LEVEL OF RADON, AND THE ODORLESS GAS IS ESTIMATED TO BE PRESENT IN ABOUT 40% OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOMES. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RADON AND UPDATED MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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03/21/2024 :31 6a 9a

EARLY CHILDCARE ADVOCATES ARE CALLING ON MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS TO FINALIZE GOV. WHITMER'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FREE PRESCHOOL AND OTHER PROGRAMS, TO HELP EASE THE BURDEN ON WORKING PARENTS. THEY RALLIED OUTSIDE THE STATE CAPITOL WEDNESDAY, WITH SOME SAYING THEY SPEND UPWARDS OF 16-HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH, WITH MULTIPLE CHILDREN IN DAYCARE.[w:\THU\MI-CHILD-CARE 1.mp3] THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT CORPORATION REPORTS THAT THE AVERAGE MICHIGAN PARENT SPENDS ANYWHERE FROM 30% TO 40% OF THEIR INCOME ON CHILDCARE.

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03/23/2024 :35 6a 8a 10a 12p

THE JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS ALERTING THE PUBLIC TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEASLES EXPOSURE. THE EXPOSURE OCCURRED ON MARCH 10TH AT THE HENRY FORD JACKSON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. THE CASE IS RELATED TO A CASE IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. THE JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS IT'S WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HENRY FORD JACKSON AND THE WASHTENAW COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION AND PREVENT ADDITIONAL CASES. THE INDIVIDUAL IS SAID TO BE FOLLOWING ALL ISOLATION PROTOCOLS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS CASES ARE INCREASING ACROSS THE U.S. AND OUTBREAKS ARE OCCURRING NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY. LOCALLY, THE FIRST CONFIRMED CASE OF MEASLES SINCE 2019 WAS REPORTED IN OAKLAND COUNTY. ADDITIONAL CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES.

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1-2-2024 :48 5:30a 7a 9a 12p 2p

THE FIRST STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF ISSUING BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS GETTING GOING. LAST NOVEMBER, VOTERS APPROVED THE \$258 (M) MILLION "OUR KIDS, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR FUTURE BOND PROPOSAL" – WHICH EXPECTS TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT TAX RATE OF 5.5-MILLS. AT ITS DECEMBER MEETING, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND DELEGATING THE SALE OF BONDS. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE BEN ENGELTER TOLD THE BOARD THIS MARKED THE FIRST STEP IN THE SALE OF THE BONDS...(ENGELTER-1) ENGELTER SAID THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF UP TO \$15 MILLION WORTH OF BONDS, WHICH WILL BE ENOUGH TO GET STARTED WITH SOME INITIAL PROJECTS AND GET THROUGH THE DESIGN PHASE. HE NOTED THEY ANTICIPATE BRINGING THE SALE OF THE SECOND SERIES IN 2024/2025.

1-2-2024 :45 6a 8a 11a 1p

THE HOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS APPROVED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS FOR VAST IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. LAST NOVEMBER, VOTERS APPROVED A \$258 (M) MILLION BOND PROPOSAL THAT WILL FOCUS ON FIVE KEY AREAS: SAFETY AND SECURITY, LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, TEACHING TOOLS, AGING BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND COMMUNITY NEEDS. THE BOARD APPROVED THE RESOLUTION AT ITS DECEMBER MEETING. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE BEN ENGELTER EXPLAINED THE SCHEDULE TO THE BOARD, NOTING THE \$258 MILLION WILL BE BROKE UP INTO THREE SERIES – AND THIS WILL BE FIRST SERIES...(ENGELTER-2) SEPARATELY, THE BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF FOUR NEW SCHOOL BUSES. ENGELTER SAID THEY'RE TAKING QUICK STEPS TO MOVE FORWARD ON NEEDS FOR THE BOND – SAYING THEY HAVE SOME IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND THE BUS FLEET IS ONE OF THEM. A BUS PURCHASING PROGRAM WILL GIVE THE DISTRICT THE BEST PRICING BEFORE EXPECTED COST INCREASES, AND THE BUSES WILL BE IN THE FLEET STARTING NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

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1-4-2024 :38 5a 7:30a 10a 3p

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNVEILS THIS YEAR'S BANISHED WORDS LIST... [w:\THU\MATTHEWS BANISH-WORDS-VCR.mp3] THE LIVELY TRADITION BEGAN IN 1976. THE LIST HIGHLIGHTS CERTAIN WORDS THAT ARE OFTEN MISUSED, OVERUSED, OR HAVE LOST THEIR MEANING OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED OVER 2,000 NOMINATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. TOPPING THE LIST OF BANISHED WORDS AND TERMS FOR 2024 IS "HACK," FOLLOWED BY "IMPACT," AND "AT THE END OF THE DAY." OTHERS INCLUDE "RIZZ," "SLAY," "ICONIC," "CRINGE-WORTHY," "OBSESSED," "SIDE-HUSTLE," AND "WAIT FOR IT." THE LEAST AND REASONS FOR BANISHMENT IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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1-8-2024 :39 5a 7a 830 11a

MICHIGAN DEPT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT AND POTENTIAL -- KNOWN AS MI-LEAP -- IS ANNOUNCING ITS RECONNECT SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM... [w:\MON\MARTIN CAREER-TRAINING.mp3] ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE, THE NEW CAREER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP WILL SAVE STUDENTS FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AS THEY GAIN SKILLS NEEDED FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS. THE SCHOLARSHIP IS BACKED BY A SIX MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT THROUGH THE STATE BUDGET. MICHIGANDERS WITHOUT COLLEGE DEGREES, AND AGED 21 AND OLDER, WILL BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PROGRAM, TO GET UP TO ONE-THOUSAND-FIVE-HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM IN MICHIGAN. APPLICAATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 15 OF 2024. ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND LINKS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI

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1-8-2024 :34 1p 3p

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY REOPENS BERKEY HALL, WHERE TWO STUDENTS WERE GUNNED DOWN A YEAR AGO NEXT MONTH. MANY STUDENTS HAVE MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT BERKEY'S REOPENING. [w:\MON\MSU-STUDENT BERKEY 1.mp3] THAT FROM W-I-L-X TELEVISION LANSING. COMFORT DOGS ALSO WERE BROUGHT IN THIS MORNING TO HELP STUDENTS AND STAFF TRANSITION.

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1-9-2024 :41 6a 8a 11a

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP'S CROMAINE LIBRARY UNVEILS ITS "BEAT THE WINTER BLUES SERIES..."[w:\TUE\MATTHEWS CROMAINE-VCR.mp3] THE SERIES KICKS OFF WITH THE FUNNY DUMPLINGS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH OFFERING A UNIQUE BLEND OF COMEDY AND MUSIC. OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE AN INTERACTIVE MAGIC SHOW, A MAGICAL PUPPET SHOW, AND A FUN PRESENTATION THAT EXPLORES THE EXCITING WORLD OF BOOKS AND READING. REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR THE EVENTS, ALL OF WHICH TAKE PLACE AT THE HISTORIC HARTLAND MUSIC HALL. TO VIEW THE FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, VISIT WHMI.COM.

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1-9-2024 :47 5a 7a 9a 11a

BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS IS REVISING ITS SCHOOL OF CHOICE CRITERIA...[w:\TUE\BRIGHTON-SCHOOL-CHOICE-1.mp3] THE MEASURE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE BOARD ALSO RE-ELECTED ROGER MYERS AS BOARD PRESIDENT FOR A FOURTH TERM DURING LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

1-9-2024 :28 1p 3p 5p 7p 9p

BRIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE ANDY STORM CONTINUE TO BE A THORN IN THE SIDE OF HIS COLLEAGUES ABOUT TITLE NINE PROTOCOLS, FORCING FURTHER DISCUSSION OF A THIRD-PARTY REPORT AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. [w:\TUE\BRIGHTON-TITLE-NINE-1.mp3] THE AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED BY A 6-1 VOTE, AND ADDED TO NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA. STORM EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION WITH WHAT HE SEES AS A LACK OF PROGRESS ON TITLE NINE COMPLAINTS OF SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION WITHIN BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS.

1-9-2024 :36 2p 4p 6p 8p

A BRIGHTON SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE TAKES ISSUE WITH RECENT NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE SUPERINTENDENT'S NEW CONTRACT. ANDY STORM ARGUED HIS CONCERNS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING. [w:\TUE\BRIGHTON-SUPER-CONTRACT.mp3] THE BRIGHTON BOARD OF EDUCATION LAST MONTH VOTED 4-3 TO GIVE SUPERINDENTEND MATTHEW OUTLAW A 35-THOUSAND DOLLAR A YEAR PAY HIKE, RAISING HIS BASE SALARY TO 220-THOUSAND DOLLARS THROUGH 2028.

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1-11-2024 :45 6a 830a 11a

MONDAY IS THE FEDERAL M-L-K DAY HOLIDAY, AND A LOCAL UNIVERSITY IS HOSTING A SPECIAL PROGRAM TO TALK ABOUT IT... [w:\THU\MATTHEWS CLEARY-MLK.mp3] ON MONDAY -- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY -- CLEARY UNIVERSITY WILL HOST A WORKSHOP AND TALK AT NOON ENTITLED "DISCUSSING BIAS AND CROSS-CULTURAL DIVERSITY." IT'S DESCRIBED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES, LEARN PRACTICAL STRATEGIES APPLICABLE TO VARIOUS FACETS OF LIFE, AND ENGAGE IN OPEN DIALOGUE TO FOSTER A MORE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. LATASHA ELLIS, CLEARY'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORPORATE SECTOR, WILL LEAD THE PROGRAM. SHE DIVERSITY. ELLIS SAID "THIS WORKSHOP ISN'T JUST ABOUT UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENCES, IT IS ABOUT CELEBRATING THEM." THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE PROGRAM AND NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

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1-12-2024 :45 6a 10a

A BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER HAS BEEN NAMED THE 2024 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. BHS HEALTH OCCUPATIONS TEACHER BRIELLE HAUPT IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR HER, QUOTE, "SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD INNOVATIVE AND UNIQUE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND (HAVING) SHOWN PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT" EARLY ON IN HER CAREER, ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE BY THE MICHIGAN OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. BHS GRADE PRINCIPAL TRACIE SURDU RICHARDS CALLS HAUPT "AN INSPIRATION TO STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PURSUING CAREERS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD." HAUPT WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING THE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE MICHIGAN CAREER EDUCATION CONFERENCE ON JAN. 29TH AT THE AMWAY GRAND PLAZA HOTEL IN GRAND RAPIDS. IN ADDITION TO WINNING THE STATE CTE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD, HAUPT IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARD.

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01/17/2024 :44 5a 630a 8a 10a

UNLIKE TUESDAY, LOCAL SCHOOL KIDS ARE GETTING TODAY OFF DUE TO FRIGID TEMPERATURES THIS MORNING. BOSH WILL HAVE A FULL RUNDOWN THROUGHOUT THE MORNING. PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT RICK TODD EXPLAINS THE CRITERIA FOR CALLING A "COLD DAY." HE TOLD WHMI WHEN MAKING CLOSING DECISIONS, THEY WORK OTHER SUPERINTENDENTS AND LIVINGSTON E-S-A TO REVIEW VARIOUS DATA AND INFORMATION...[w:\WED\RICK TODD 1.mp3] A WIND CHILL ADVISORY IS IN EFFECT FOR THE WHMI LISTENING AREA UNTIL NOON TODAY.

01/17/2024 :35 530a 7a 830a

FREEZING TEMPERATUES AND SUB-ZERO WIND CHILLS IS FORCING SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE WHMI LISTENING AREA THIS MORNING. THE WIND CHILL ADVISORY IN EFFECT THROUGH NOON IS CALLING FOR WIND CHILLS OF 15 TO 20 BELOW ZERO. ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LIVIGSTON E-S-A TELLING STUDENTS AND STAFF TO STAY BUNDLED UP IN BED...[w:\WED\RICK TODD 2.mp3] PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT RICK TODD TOLD WHMI UNLIKE TUESDAY, TODAY'S WIND CHILL ADVISORY MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR A SO-CALLED "COLD DAY." BOSH WILL YOU GIVE ALL THE CLOSINGS THROUGHOUT THE MORNING, OR WE'VE GOT A LIST POSTED AT WHMI.COM.

01/17/2024 :53 6a 730a 9a

THIS MORNING'S WIND CHILL ADVISORY IS FORCING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CALL OFF CLASSES TODAY. PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT RICK TODD TELLS WHMI NEWS THAT EVERY DECISION "STARTS AND ENDS WITH STUDENT SAFETY AND EVERYONE I NTHEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY." [w:\WED\RICK TODD 3.mp3] UNLIKE TUESDAY, TODD SAYS TODAY'S WIND CHILLS OF 15 TO 20 BELOW ZERO DOES MEET THE CRITERIA FOR A "COLD DAY." BOSH WILL HAVE ALL THE CLOSINGS THROUGHOUT THE MORNING, OR YOU CAN FIND AN UP TO DATE LIST AT WHMI.COM.

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01/19/2024 :52 5a 8a

A PARENT AT HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS IS RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT RECENT CHANGES THAT NO LONGER ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DISTRICT'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES -- A MOVE SCHOOL LEADERS ARE DEFENDING. BRAD BANASIK IS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS. HE SAYS THOSE DECISIONS ARE LEFT TO INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.[w:\FRI\BANASIK 1.mp3] HARTLAND SUPERINTENDENT CHUCK HUGHES TOLD WHMI THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS, SUCH AS WRITTEN LETTERS, EMAIL, PHONE CALLS, IN-PERSON MEETINGS, OR AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS.



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01/19/2024 :55 6a 9a

A RECENT CHANGE AT HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS NO LONGER ALLOWS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITS SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES, AND IT'S CAUSING CONCERN AMONG SOME PARENTS. SUPERINTENDENT CHUCK HUGHES SAID THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES ARE PERMITTED TO BE NON-PUBLIC FORUMS PER POLICY. THAT'S ALSO THE CASE FOR OTHER DISTRICTS AROUND THE STATE. MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS LEGAL COUNSEL BRAD BANASIK TOLD WHMI WHEN LOOKING AT IT FROM A RISK MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE, HAVING SOCIAL MEDIA SITES BE A "NON-PUBLIC" FORUM IS THE BEST PRACTICE...[w:\FRI\BANASIK 2.mp3] HARTLAND'S SUPERINTENDENT CLARIFIED THE DISTRICT HAS NEVER VIEWED SOCIAL MEDIA AS A TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION PROCESS AND DOES NOT HAVE SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF MONITORING COMMENTS.

01/19/2024 :56 7a 11a

THE HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DISTRICT IS DEFENDING A DECISION TO NO LONGER ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITS FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES. WHMI DID SOME DIGGING AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY A PARENT, WHO WAS NOT HAPPY WITH WHAT HE FEELS IS A VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH. HARTLAND SUPERINTENDENT CHUCK HUGHES TOLD WHMI THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES ARE PERMITTED TO BE NON-PUBLIC FORUMS PER POLICY. AND THE THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS AGREES. M-A-S-B LEGAL COUNSEL BRAD BANASIK SAID FROM A RISK MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE, HAVING SOCIAL MEDIA SITES BE A NON-PUBLIC FORUM IS THE BEST PRACTICE AND IT WON'T VIOLATE ANYONE'S FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS BY BLOCKING COMMENTS ETC...[w:\FRI\BANASIK 3.mp3] BANASIK SAID WHILE HE HASN'T TRACKED ANYTHING, HE WOULD BE "WILLING TO BET THAT THERE ARE MULTIPLE DISTRICTS OUT THERE THAT DON'T ALLOW COMMENTS ON THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE LEGAL RISKS OF VIOLATING SOMEONE'S 1ST AMENDMENT RIGHTS".

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01/24/2024 1:12 6a 8a 11a 2p 5p 7p

MICHIGAN STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR TWO UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, MADE POSSIBLE BY THE LAKE TRUST FOUNDATION. [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC LAKE-TRUST.mp3] APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW BEGINNINGS SCHOLARSHIP AND MICHIGAN IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS, LOOKING TO EXPLORE JOBS IN THE TECHNICAL FIELD, OR FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO STUDY LOCALLY. THE NEW BEGINNINGS SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS RESIDENTS CONSIDERING A CAREER IN HIGH-DEMAND TRADES SUCH AS WELDING, PLUMBING, AND CONSTRUCTION. THE MICHIGAN IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP WAS CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CLEARY UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE TUITION-FREE EDUCATION TO THOSE WHO PLAN TO STUDY AT THE SCHOOL LOCALLY OR ONLINE. APPLICATIONS FOR EITHER OPPORTUNITY ARE OPEN NOW THROUGH MARCH 10TH. YOU CAN FIND A LINK WITH MORE INFORMATION AT WHMI.COM.

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01/24/2024 1:09 7a 10a 12p 3p

EVERY GREAT BIRDER HAS TO START SOMEWHERE AND A PROGRAM AT A LOCAL LIBRARY IS SAID TO BE A GREAT PLACE TO START BIRDING FOR THE FIRST TIME OR LEARN A FEW EXTRA TIPS TO GO FROM BEGINNER TO THE NEXT LEVEL. [w:\WED\MATTHEWS-BIRDS.mp3] THE "BASICS OF BIRDING" WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY THIS THURSDAY FROM 7 TO 8PM. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES A BRIEF OVERVIEW ON THE BASICS OF BIRD IDENTIFICATION, HOW TO USE A BIRDING FIELD GUIDE, AS WELL AS HOW TO USE BINOCULARS. THE PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BY LAUREL ZOET OF BRIGHTON'S WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED. ZOET HAS WORKED AS A NATURALIST AND EDUCATOR FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. SHE'S SPENT TIME WORKING FOR THE MICHIGAN DNR, HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS, AND NON-PROFIT NATURE CENTERS BEFORE STARTING HER OWN FREELANCE NATURE EDUCATION BUSINESS. AN EVENT FLYER AND LINK TO REGISTER FOR THIS THURSDAY'S EVENT ARE AVAILABLE PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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01/26/2024 :50 530a 7a 830a 11a

LONG-TIME BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GAVIN JOHNSON ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT.... [w:\MON\TOLEN BRIGHTON-PRINCIPAL.mp3] JOHNSON, WHO IS 56, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR 30 YEARS. HE SAID AT SOME POINT HE MAY GET BACK INTO PUBLIC EDUCATION, BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S TIME TO TAKE A BREAK AND FOCUS ON HIS FAMILY. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS. ALTHOUGH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS THIS EVENING, JOHNSON'S RETIREMENT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA. HOWEVER, IT COULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO ACT ON HIS RESIGNATION LETTER.

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01/30/2024 01:08 5a 730a 10a

A HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AND CADET MAJOR IN THE SCHOOL'S AIR FORCE JUNIOR R-O-T-C PROGRAM HAS BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE A CHARACTER-IN-LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP. [w:\TUE\MATHEWS RUNYAN.mp3] AWARDED ANNUALLY TO 100 CADETS NATIONWIDE, THE J-100 SCHOLARSHIP IS A FOUR-YEAR, FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP WITH A YEARLY ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING AND BOOKS. THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOCUSES ON LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AND DIVERSITY AND SEEKS TO INSPIRE FUTURE LEADERS TO SEEK CAREERS WITHIN THE US AIR FORCE AND SPACE FORCE. CADET JOHN RUNYAN EARNING THE SCHOLARSHIP MARKS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THAT A HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL CADET HAS BEEN AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP. RUNYAN HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY AND HAS SEVERAL PENDING APPLICATIONS TO OTHER SCHOOLS.

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01/29/2024 01:23 6a 8a 11a

SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON IS JOINING EDUCATORS TO CALL FOR IMPROVED ACCESS TO DRIVER'S EDUCATION. [w:\TUE\MARTIN DRIVERS-ED.mp3] SECRETARY BENSON AND MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT CHANDRA MADAFFERI ARE WORKING TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO DRIVER'S EDUCATION THROUGH TWO VOLUNTARY GRANT PROGRAMS...BENSON SAYS, "TWENTY YEARS AGO, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN SHIFTED THE COST BURDEN FOR DRIVER'S EDUCATION DIRECTLY ONTO TEENS AND THEIR FAMILIES," ADDING, "WITH THE FIRST SEGMENT OF DRIVER'S ED COSTING AS MUCH AS \$650, MANY FAMILIES SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD IT. IN 2004, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ELIMINATED THE DRIVER EDUCATION FUND, PUTTING AN END TO MOST SCHOOL-BASED DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE MOVE TO PRIVATE INSTRUCTION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO RACIAL AND INCOME INEQUITIES. FOR THE FULL STORY, VISIT WHMI.COM.

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2-2-2024 :52 5a 730a 11a

WHEN MANY THINK OF COLLEGE STUDENTS, THEY MAY THINK OF YOUNG ADULTS STARTING OUT IN LIFE BUT A NEW REPORT POINTS TO A DIFFERENT TREND.MORE OLDER ADULTS ARE PURSUING COLLEGE EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN THAN BEFORE, ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT CALLED "LATE BLOOMERS: THE AGGREGATE IMPLICATIONS OF GETTING EDUCATION LATER IN LIFE." THE REPORT FINDS THE NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS IN COLLEGE IS RISING. CHRIS FARRELL IS THE AUTHOR OF "PURPOSE AND A PAYCHECK: FINDING MEANING, MONEY, AND HAPPINESS IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE". HE SAYS ALTHOUGH A COLLEGE DEGREE ISN'T FOR EVERYONE, MOST TEENS KNOW IT CAN LEAD TO A GOOD JOB AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. FARRELL SAYS HE DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT IT MEANT FOR OLDER ADULTS...[w:\FRI\FARRELL-1.mp3] THE REPORT, FROM THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, FINDS THAT A COHORT OF THOSE AGE 50 OR OLDER IN HIGHER EDUCATION INCLUDED AT LEAST 1-POINT-3 TIMES MORE WOMEN, HISPANICS, AND AFRICAN AMERICANS THAN THE COHORT OF THOSE YOUNGER THAN AGE 30.

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2-6-2024 :32 5a 630a 8a 10a

CLEARY UNIVERSITY HAS NAMED THREE NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS INCLUDE JOSEPH HAMWAY, ROBERT RICHARDS, AND TAYLOR WEBSTER. JOSEPH HAMWAY IS VICE PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL OF THE INDUSTRIAL DIVISION OF SIGNATURE ASSOCIATES IN SOUTHFIELD, A FULL-SERVICE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FIRM. RICHARDS' CAREER IS SAID TO HAVE ENCOMPASSED SEVEN UNIQUELY DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES AND FIVE CONTINENTS, INCLUDING SUCCESSFULLY DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES. WEBSTER BRINGS MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC AND LARGE CORPORATE ACCOUNTING SETTINGS.

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2-9-2024 :33 630a 9a

FOWLerville SCHOOLS IS CALLING ON THE COMMUNITY TO HELP KIDS FROM VAPING. SUPERINTENDENT MATT STUARD SAYS MORE AND MORE STUDENTS ARE GETTING CAUGHT WITH VAPING DEVICES AT SCHOOL. [w:\FRI\MATT STUARD FOWLerville-VAPING 1.mp3] STUARD TOLD WILX LANSING THAT FOWLerville SCHOOLS IS ENCOURAGING MORE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT TO BE PROACTIVE IN BRINGING AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF VAPING. THE U-S-D-A SAYS MORE THAN TWO MILLION KIDS AND TEENAGERS USE VAPING DEVICES.

2-9-2024 :34 7a 10a

FOWLerville SCHOOLS ASKING THE COMMUNITY'S HELP TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF VAPING ON YOUNG PEOPLE. SUPERINTENDENT MATT STUARD SAYS MORE AND MORE STUDENTS ARE BEING CAUGHT WITH VAPING DEVICES, DESPITE SCHOOL CAMPUSES BEING DECLARED "SMOKE FREE" ZONES. [w:\FRI\MATT STUARD FOWLerville-VAPING 2.mp3] THAT FROM WILX LANSING. THE U-S-D-A ESTIMATES MORE THAN TWO MILLION KIDS AND TEENAGERS USE VAPING DEVICES.

2-9-2024 :32 8a 11a

FOWLerville SCHOOL BOARD PASSES A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE VAPING. SUPERINTENDENT MATT STUARD CALLS IT AN ONGOING PROBLEM WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND THEY NEED THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY'S HELP TO DETER VAPING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. [w:\FRI\MATT STUARD FOWLerville-VAPING 3.mp3] STUARD TOLD WILX LANSING THAT FOWLerville COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS TRYING TO BE PROACTIVE IN BRINGING AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF VAPING. THE U-S-D-A SAYS MORE THAN TWO MILLION KIDS AND TEENAGERS USE VAPING DEVICES.

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2-9-2024 :46 5a 7a 830a 10a

A FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETE IS ALLEGED TO MADE COMMENTS VIEWED AS RACIST DURING A LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED DURING MONDAY'S 8TH GRADE GIRL'S BASKETBALL GAME WHEN A FOWLerville STUDENT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE USED INAPPROPRIATE, HATEFUL LANGUAGE WHEN AN EAST LANSING MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM ENTERED THE GYM. FOWLerville COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MATT STUARD SENT OUT TWO COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT DESCRIBING THE COMMENT AS "HATEFUL LANGUAGE" AND ASSURED THE DISTRICT WAS ADDRESSING THE "UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR DIRECTLY WITH THE STUDENT AND PARENTS". THE AGE OF THE STUDENT WAS NOT RELEASED AND PRIVACY LAWS PREVENT THE DISTRICT FROM SHARING ANY SPECIFIC ACTIONS TAKEN. STUARD STRESSED IN THE LETTER THAT THE DISTRICT IS "COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A COMMUNITY WHERE RESPECT AND SPORTSMANSHIP ARE PARAMOUNT". THE LANSING STATE JOURNAL REPORTS THAT EAST LANSING SUPERINTENDENT DORI LEYKO SAID A "RACIST COMMENT" WAS DIRECTED AT THE TEAM. THE TWO TEAMS ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY AGAIN AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

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2-13-2024 :54 5a 6a 7a 8a 9a 10a 11a 5:30p

THE BRIGHTON BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED 4-2 AT ITS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT TO CENSURE TRUSTEE ANDY STORM FOR COMMENTS HE MADE AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, ON JAN. 29TH. SINCE STORM WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE POSSIBLE CENSURE, HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO VOTE. THE CENSURE MOTION WAS ON THE AGENDA AS A "BOARD MEMBER DISCIPLINE" MATTER. THERE ARE NO PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENSURE RESOLUTION, NOR DOES ANY ACTION RESULTING FROM SUCH A MOTION PREVENT THE CENSURED MEMBER FROM SPEAKING OR VOTING. RATHER, IT'S CONSIDERED MORE OF A PUBLIC REPRIMAND AND A FORMAL STATEMENT OF DISAPPROVAL. THE LENGTHY RESOLUTION, MADE BY BOARD VICE PRESIDENT ALICIA REID, WAS THAT STORM "IMPROPERLY DISCLOSED AND MISREPRESENTED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSIONS BY THE TITLE IX AUDITOR, MADE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND STATEMENTS REGARDING OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF, MADE FALSE ALLEGATIONS REGARDING SERIOUS SAFETY VIOLATIONS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND VIOLATED HIS FIDUCIARY DUTY TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT." STORM CONSISTENTLY DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THE CENSURE RESOLUTION, AND THEN WENT ON THE OFFENSIVE BY INTRODUCING A MOTION OF HIS OWN. HIS RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE CENSURED BOARD PRESIDENT ROGER MYERS FOR A VARIETY OF ALLEGED IMPROPRIETIES AND INFRACTIONS SUCH AS DENYING BOARD MEMBERS THE RIGHT TO MAKE MOTIONS IN DEBATE, DENYING THEIR RIGHT TO SPEAK AND OTHER ALLEGATIONS. STORM WAS THEN TOLD HE COULDN'T MAKE THE MOTION BECAUSE IT WASN'T ON THE AGENDA. STORM THEN AMENDED HIS CENSURE RESOLUTION TO MAKE IT A "FOR FUTURE ACTION" ITEM TO BE ON THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, WHICH FAILED.

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2-14-2024 :49 7a 830a 11a 2p 5p

HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ERIN MACGREGOR WILL HOST HIS NEXT COFFEE CHAT NEXT WEEK. [w:\MON\MATHEWS COFFEE.mp3] THE THEME IS "INNOVATION IN EDUCATION." DURING THE CHAT, MACGREGOR WILL SHARE UPDATES ON NEW PROGRAMMING, CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY IN THE DISTRICT, AND HOW THE DISTRICT IS PLANNING FOR THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. MACGREGOR WILL FURTHER PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BOND PROJECTS THAT VOTERS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER. THERE WILL ALSO BE TIME FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DISTRICT FROM ATTENDEES. MACGREGOR SAID THEY'RE COMMITTED TO FOSTERING A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION WHILE PREPARING STUDENTS TO BE FUTURE-READY. HE SAID THAT CAN BE SEEN WITH THE LAUNCH OF THE DISTRICT'S NEW ELEMENTARY SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM AND IN SEVERAL OF THE NEW TEACHING AND LEARNING TOOLS THEY'RE UTILIZING. THE COFFEE CHAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH.

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2-14-2024 :46 630a 9a 1p 3p

THE BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL POM PON SQUAD TOOK TOP HONORS IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN ORLANDO OVER THE WEEKEND... TO WIN THE NATIONALS IN POM COMPETITION WAS A LOGICAL AND PROGRESSIVE STEP FOR THE BRIGHTON CONTINGENT, WHICH TOOK 4TH PLACE IN THE DTU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS JUST A YEAR AGO. TEAM MEMBERS PAY THEIR OWN WAY TO THE NATIONALS BY HOLDING FUNDRAISING EVENTS DURING THE YEAR. THERE ARE 15 MEMBERS ON THE BHS VARSITY POM SQUAD, AND ALL MADE THE TRIP TO ORLANDO. IN THE LARGE VARSITY - TEAM PERFORMANCE DIVISION, BRIGHTON AMASSED 88.66 POINTS, EDGING OUT SAPULPA HIGH SCHOOL BY TWO POINTS (86.4 PTS.). THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN IN SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA, A SUBURB OF TULSA. BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL ALSO TOOK SECOND PLACE IN THE LARGE VARSITY - POM CATEGORY, SCORING 87.42 POINTS.

2-14-2024 :35 7a 11a 6p

BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL POM PON SQUAD WON THE DANCE TEAM UNION NATIONALS IN ORLANDO THIS PAST WEEKEND, FOLLOWING A FOURTH PLACE FINISH A YEAR AGO.. THE HEAD COACH IS KENDALL GESSLER AND HER ASSISTANT COACHES ARE JENNA BELIAN AND CAMRYN TYLER. GESSLER SAID THAT AFTER FINISHING 4TH LAST YEAR THE GIRLS "WERE HUNGRY FOR MORE, COMING BACK THIS YEAR." SHE SAID THE MOTTO THIS YEAR WAS "'CHAMPIONS LIKE CHALLENGES'. THE GIRLS WERE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE AND DECLARED THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE THEIR YEAR, AND DIDN'T FINISH UNTIL THE JOB WAS DONE."

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02/20/2024 1:04 5a 630a 9a 12p 3p

KINDNESS IS BEING EMPHASIZED THIS WEEK BY THE 2,000 STUDENTS AT BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL. SINCE THERE WAS NO SCHOOL MONDAY DUE TO PRESIDENTS' DAY AND TEACHERS HAD A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY, "KINDNESS AND RESPECT WEEK" IS BEING OBSERVED TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY. INTERIM LEAD PRINCIPAL MATT EVANS SAYS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS "FIRMLY BELIEVE KINDNESS AND RESPECT SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY." EVANS SAYS THE PEER MEDIATION GROUP AND SADD - STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS - HAVE TAKEN A LEAD ROLE IN ORGANIZING THE ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE DURING KINDNESS AND RESPECT WEEK. OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE SPECIAL WEEK INCLUDE GIVEAWAYS AT LUNCHESES, AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIGN A KINDNESS PLEDGE AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ACTS OF KINDNESS, RESPECT AND INCLUSION. SCHOOL WINDOWS PAINTED WITH SCENES DEPICTING ACTS OF KINDNESS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY VARIOUS SCHOOL GROUPS. ON FRIDAY, SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED AT 1:30 FOR THE STUDENTS TO CHEER THE BRIGHTON AND HARTLAND UNIFIED SPORTS TEAMS IN A BASKETBALL GAME AT THE LARGE FIELD HOUSE. BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL WAS NAMED AN ESPN SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOP 5 NATIONAL UNIFIED SCHOOL IN 2018 FOR ITS INCLUSIVENESS AND ITS BRIGHTON UNIFIED SPORTS PROGRAMS IN BASKETBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL AND BOCCE. IN UNIFIED SPORTS, SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS ARE PAIRED WITH THEIR GENERAL EDUCATION PEERS AND PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE THREE SPORTS AS A UNIFIED TEAM.

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02/21/2024 1:38 5a 730a 11a 2p

MICHIGAN STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP MAY SOON HAVE RELIEF. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- DEBT.mp3] THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING SESSIONS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK, AIMED AT THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING RELIEF TO BORROWERS EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP ACROSS THE COUNTRY. DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE PROVIDING RELIEF TO THOSE EXPERIENCING ISSUES WITH LOAN SERVICERS, THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, AND ASSISTING STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT CLOSED. CRITICS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S DEBT FORGIVENESS HAVE CALLED THE INITIATIVE A "SLAP IN THE FACE" TO THOSE WHO ALREADY PAID THEIR LOANS, INCLUDING MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE LISA MCCLAIN. [w:\WED\MCCCLAIN.mp3] ABOUT 14% OF MICHIGAN RESIDENTS CARRY SOME KIND OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT, ACCORDING TO THE EDUCATION DATA INITIATIVE, AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH GROUP. AS OF 2022, 52.0% WERE REPORTED TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 35.

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02/22/2024 1:21 530a 730a 11a 2p

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEER STORM SPOTTERS AHEAD OF THE COMING SEVERE WEATHER SEASON. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC WX-SPOTTERS.mp3] BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL TRAINING CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING WHAT'S CALLED THE SKYWARN NETWORK, A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT AIMS TO HELP KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE BY PROVIDING TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER. THUNDERSTORMS, TORNADOS, AND LIGHTNING CAUSE HUNDREDS OF INJURIES AND DEATHS, AS WELL AS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY AND CROP DAMAGE. LAST YEAR SAW SIGNIFICANT LOCAL AND STATEWIDE EVENTS INCLUDING SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADOS, AND A MASSIVE HAIL STORM IN JULY. CLASSES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. INDIVIDUALS MUST BE AT LEAST 13-YEARS-OLD TO REPORT. LOCALLY, CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN MARCH AT THE HAMBURG TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE NOVI CIVIC CENTER. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/26/2024 :41 7a 9a 11a

A UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN TO MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOLERS. THIS SPRING, \$5,000 WORTH OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO MICHIGAN STUDENTS IN THE "KELSEY'S LAW" DISTRACTED DRIVING SCHOLARSHIP, CREATED IN HONOR OF MICHIGAN TEENAGER, KELSEY RAFFAELE OF THE UPPER PENINSULA, WHO TRAGICALLY DIED IN A CELL-PHONE RELATED CRASH. APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT A PERSUASIVE MESSAGE THAT SHOWS HOW THEY WOULD CONVINCE YOUNG DRIVERS TO REDUCE DISTRACTIONS WHILE DRIVING. STUDENTS CAN SUBMIT THEIR MESSAGE IN THE FORM OF A VIDEO, GRAPHIC, OR TWEET. THE GOAL OF THE SUBMISSION IS TO PERSUADE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY TEEN DRIVERS, TO STOP TEXTING WHILE DRIVING. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 31. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL TO COINCIDE WITH NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH. A LINK TO APPLY IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM.

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02/26/2024 1:48 6a 730a 9a 11a 2p 4p 8p 10p

DESPITE A MORE LOW-KEY APPROACH THAN IN THE PAST, THE BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS PACK OF DOGS PROGRAM IS ALIVE AND WELL. [w:\MON\TOM TOLAN BAS-DOGS.mp3] UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FOUNDER KAREN STOREY, THE PROGRAM WAS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS, AND MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN SOUTHEASTERN AND MID-MICHIGAN. THE 14 CANINES ARE CALLED SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING DOGS, BUT ARE TYPICALLY REFERRED TO AS THERAPY DOGS. STOREY RETIRED FROM HER DUTIES LAST MAY AND WAS HONORED WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT A BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. WITH HER DEPARTURE, ONE MIGHT THINK THE PROGRAM ENDED, BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY. BUT ACCORDING TO SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW OUTLAW, IT'S ALIVE AND WELL, AND IS NOW IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF TEACHERS KAITLYN LIPINSKI AND ROCHELLE BAXTER. THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE ITS FIRST ANNUAL PACK OF DOGS WALK FUNDRAISER IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON THIS SPRING. THE DATE AND TIMES HAVEN'T BEEN FINALIZED YET, BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS, PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO PLEDGE WHATEVER AMOUNT THEY DESIRE AND WALK WITH THE DOGS. PEOPLE CAN ALSO DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAM BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM, WHICH HAS A LINK.

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02/26/2024 1:20 12p 3p 6p

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL DISMISSED EARLY THIS MORNING AFTER BEING PLACED ON "SECURE PROTOCOL" DUE TO AN ALLEGED BOMB THREAT EMAILED TO THE DISTRICT. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAID THE FOCUS OF THE THREAT WAS "OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING" IN THE PARKING LOT. ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR AT LAST CHECK.

HERE IS THE FULL MESSAGE THAT WAS SENT OUT BY THE SCHOOL: AT 10 A.M. MONDAY, FEB. 26, 2024, OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL WENT INTO A SECURE PROTOCOL DUE TO A THREAT THAT HAS BEEN MADE FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE SAFE AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STAY INSIDE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER OR EXIT OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL OR THE PARKING LOT AT THIS TIME. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS THEY INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE FOCUS OF THE THREAT IS OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING IN THE PARKING LOT. POLICE ARE ON SITE, AND THEY ARE INVESTIGATING CARS IN OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL'S PARKING LOTS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. PLEASE HELP US COOPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATION. YOU ARE ASKED TO AVOID THIS AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF THE AREA IS RESTRICTED. AS A REMINDER, WE HAVE NUMEROUS SAFETY LAYERS IN PLACE, SUCH AS WEAPONS DETECTION SYSTEMS THAT OPERATE 24/7, AN ARMED SECURITY FORCE, A WEAPONS DETECTION DOG, AND VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO SAFEGUARD THE SCHOOL. SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY. WE APPRECIATE THE QUICK REPORTING AND CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO REPORT SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

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02/27/2024 1:35 5a 8a 10a 1p 3p 7p 9p 11p

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT FOR THE ANNUAL BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF FAME... [w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC-BAS-WALL-FAME.mp3] BRIGHTON SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW OUTLAW SAYS THE AWARD, IN HIS WORDS, "IS A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE STORIES OF SOME OF BRIGHTON'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED GRADUATES." TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HONOR, THE PERSON MUST HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS AND HAVE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF LIFE EXPERIENCE SINCE THAT TIME. THOSE NOMINATED SHOULD BE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RISEN TO PROMINENCE IN THEIR FIELD. THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, SERVICE TO THE NATION, CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION. THE PUBLIC CAN NOMINATE A BHS GRADUATE WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA BY E-MAILING SUPERINTENDENT OUTLAW AT OUTLAWM@BRIGHTONK12.COM. OUTLAW SAYS THE DISTRICT WILL BE SELECTING TWO ALUMNI WHO WILL BE HONORED NEXT FALL DURING HOMECOMING WEEK.

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02/29/2024 :25 6a 8a 10a

VOTERS APPROVED A NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE FOR SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION. IT'S THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPERATING MILLAGE AND HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE PER-PUPIL FOUNDATION ALLOWANCE THAT THE DISTRICT RECEIVES FROM THE STATE. THE OPERATING MILLAGE IS FOR A TEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2025-2034 AND MAINTAINS THE EXISTING 18-MILL TAX LEVY. THE RENEWAL WOULD RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$15 (M) MILLION FOR THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT IN 2025. THE MEASURE PASSED BY A SOLID MARGIN. THE DISTRICT CONTAINS AREAS OF THREE COUNTIES - OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON, AND WASHTENAW.

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03/06/2024 1:30 7a 830a

A PROGRAM CENTERED ON THE OLD ELOISE ASYLUM AND SANITORIUM IS TAKING PLACE AT THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY NEXT WEEK. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC-ELOISE.mp3] THE DETROIT AREA'S INFAMOUS ELOISE COMPLEX BEGAN IN THE 1830'S AS THE WAYNE COUNTY POORHOUSE. BY THE MID-1850S, IT BECAME A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND MOVED TO MODERN DAY WESTLAND. AS THE 20TH CENTURY BEGAN, ELOISE TOOK ON A NEW RESPONSIBILITY-CARING FOR THOSE WITH TUBERCULOSIS. IN ITS PRIME, ELOISE CONSISTED OF 78 BUILDINGS ON 902 ACRES WITH 10,000 PATIENTS ALONG WITH 2,000 STAFF. IT WAS THE LARGEST PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY IN THE UNITED STATES. ONLY FIVE OF THE 78 BUILDINGS AND THE ELOISE CEMETERY. THE UPCOMING PROGRAM WILL BE HOSTED BY JOE OLDENBURG, A RETIRED INSTRUCTOR OF MICHIGAN HISTORY AT OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HIS EXPERTISE FOR HISTORY IS SAID TO CREATE A ONE-OF-A-KIND PRESENTATION. IT TAKES PLACE NEXT WEDNESDAY FROM 7 TO 8PM.

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03/15/2024 :50 530a 7a 830a 10a

BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING COACH CHRISTINA WILSON HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE DIVISION 1 COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE COMPETITIVE CHEER COACHES ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN. IN A LETTER TO BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR JOHN THOMPSON, STATE DIRECTOR JESSICA MA SAID THAT, "THIS AWARD IS BASED ON HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPORT OF COMPETITIVE CHEER AND THE CCCAM ORGANIZATION AND HER ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SPORT. THIS IS A GREAT HONOR AS IT IS VOTED ON BY THE OTHER DIVISION 1 SCHOOLS WHO WERE IN THE STATE FINALS AND SHOWS GREAT RESPECT, DEDICATION AND SPORTSMANSHIP." THOMPSON SAYS THAT WILSON, "IS VERY DESERVING (OF THE AWARD). SHE WORKS VERY HARD AND THAT'S EVIDENT IN THE RESULTS." WILSON HAS BEEN THE BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING COACH FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS. THIS YEAR, BRIGHTON WON THE KLAAM CHAMPIONSHIP, FINISHED A CLOSE SECOND TO HARTLAND IN THE DISTRICT AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND FINISHED 6TH IN THE STATE FINALS. WILSON WILL RECEIVE HER AWARD AT THE CCCAM COACHES SUMMIT THIS FALL.

WHMI-2024-Q1-EDUCATION-NEWS

03/20/2024 01:11 6a 10a

A LONGTIME HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER FROM NOVI HAS RECEIVED AN ESTEEMED EDUCATION AWARD AND CASH PRIZE FROM THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- MI LOTTO EDUCATOR.mp3] LEE BONNER IS A HISTORY TEACHER AT NOVI HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE LATEST RECIPIENT OF THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY'S EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD, WHICH COMES WITH A \$2,000 CASH PRIZE. BONNER HAS BEEN IN THE ROLE FOR 23 YEARS AND IS KNOWN FOR BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS. HE SAID HIS CAREER IN EDUCATION WAS MOTIVATED BY THE TEACHERS IN HIS LIFE WHO DID THE SAME FOR HIM. AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ONE OF MICHIGAN'S WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS, INCLUDING BONNER, WILL BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE LOTTERY'S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD AND WILL RECEIVE A \$10,000 CASH PRIZE.

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03/20/2024 01:08 9a 12p 3p 6p 8p 10p

THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY IS HOLDING A GENEALOGY EVENT THIS MONTH FOR BOTH BEGINNERS AND SEASONED RESEARCHERS. [w:\WED\MARTIN GENEALOGY.mp3] WHETHER YOU'RE A NEWBIE TO THE HOBBY OF GENEALOGY, PERHAPS RETURNING AFTER A BREAK, OR EVEN A SEASONED RESEARCHER IN NEED OF A REFRESHER, THE LIBRARY'S MARCH 26TH SESSION IS SUITED FOR ALL LEVELS. THE LIBRARY SAYS THEY WILL BE DIVING OFFERING INSIGHTS ON WHERE TO KICKSTART YOUR GENEALOGY JOURNEY, AND HIGHLIGHTING ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE. THE EVENT IS BEING HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 26TH FROM 3:00 TO 4:30 PM AT THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY, IN IN ROOM A/B. THAT'S AT 100 LIBRARY DRIVE.

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03/22/2024 01:02 8a 11a

FOUR HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE HEADING TO THE DECA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION NEXT MONTH AFTER BEING NAMED STATE CHAMPIONS AT THE STATE COMPETITION. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS DECA.MP3] IN TOTAL, 34 HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETED IN THE STATE COMPETITION. NOLAN HUDNUT AND MARCO SANCHEZ WERE NAMED STATE CHAMPIONS IN THE BUYING AND MERCHANDISING EVENT WHILE JACKSON VOHWINKLE AND SEAN MITCHELL EARNED TOP HONORS IN THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING EVENT. DECA COMPETITIONS CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS TO TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE EXAM AND PRESENT A DYNAMIC CASE STUDY TAILORED TO INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC SCENARIOS. THE DECA INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA APRIL 27TH-30TH.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-GOVERNMENT-NEWS

1-3-2024 :30 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL SELECT THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AMID RESIGNATIONS OF TWO DEMOCRATS AND ONE REPUBLICAN AFTER A COURT RULED THE 2021 MAPS DILUTED BLACK VOTING POWER IN DETROIT. BRIGHTON STATE REP. ANN BOLLIN FEARS REDRAWING THE MAPS COULD CAUSE A CASCADING EFFECT ON OTHER DISTRICTS...[W:\WED\ANN BOLLIN MI-REDISTRICT 1.MP3] TODAY'S SELECTION PROCESS OF THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED THIS AFTERNOON.

1-3-2024 :41 6a 8a 10a 1p 4p

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A MODEL FOR THE NATION, NOW THE MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION IS EMBROILED IN TURMOIL AMID THREE RESIGNATIONS AND RECENT COURT RULING THAT 2021 MAPS DILUTED BLACK VOTING POWER IN DETROIT. TODAY, THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL CHOOSE THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS TO FILL VACANCIES. BRIGHTON STATE REP. ANN BOLLIN REMAINS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS [W:\WED\ANN BOLLIN MI-REDISTRICT 2.MP3] TODAY'S RANDOM SELECTION OF THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED THIS AFTERNOON. IT COMES JUST DAYS BEFORE A FEDERAL COURT IS EXPECTED TO INSTRUCT THE COMMISSION ON HOW IT SHOULD REDRAW ELECTION MAPS.

1-3-2024 :36 530a 730a 11a 2p

A RANDOM LIVESTREAM SELECTION LATER TODAY TO FILL THREE VACANCIES ON THE MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AFTER A RECENT COURT RULING THAT 2021 MAPS DILUTED BLACK VOTING POWER IN DETROIT. TWO DEMOCRATS AND ONE REPUBLICAN ABRUPTLY RESIGNED LAST MONTH. BRIGHTON STATE REP. ANN BOLLIN THE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ONGOING, SINCE THE COMMISSION WAS FORMED. [W:\WED\ANN BOLLIN MI-REDISTRICT 3.MP3] TODAY'S LIVESTREAM SELECTION OF THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS COMES JUST DAYS BEFORE A FEDERAL COURT IS EXPECTED TO INSTRUCT THE COMMISSION ON HOW IT SHOULD REDRAW ELECTION MAPS.

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1-3-2024 :42 6a 8a 10a 1p 5p 6:30p

THE MICHIGAN STATE CAPITOL IS ONE OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS NATIONWIDE CLOSED DUE TO BOMB THREATS TODAY... [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC-CAPITOL-VCR.mp3] MICHIGAN STATE POLICE (MSP) CONFIRMED ON 'X' THAT A THREAT WAS EMAILED TO A GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION AROUND 7:45 THIS MORNING, ADDING IT WAS AWARE OF SIMILAR THREATS AGAINST OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, MSP SAID "THE CAPITOL WAS EVACUATED, THE BUILDING SEARCHED," AND CANINE TEAMS WERE SWEEPING THE BUILDING. "OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, THE CAPITOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE DAY."

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1-3-2024 :48 530a 7a 9a 12p 2p 5p

JUST DAYS INTO THE NEW YEAR, REPORTS OUT OF WASHINGTON CONTINUE, DETAILING LAWS SIGNED IN LATE 2023... [w:\THU\MARTIN SLOTKIN-VCR.mp3] MORE THAN TWO-DOZEN PROVISIONS ENDORSED BY U-S REPRESENTATIVE ELISSA SLOTKIN WERE SIGNED INTO LAW IN LATE DECEMBER AS PART OF THE 2024 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT. SLOTKIN, A MEMBER OF BOTH THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE NDDA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, REPORTEDLY ADVOCATED FOR MICHIGAN PRIORITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. SLOTKIN SAYS, "I AM PLEASED THAT THE BILL PRESERVES THE BI-PARTISAN SPIRIT OF THE LEGISLATION" THAT HER ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE COLLEAGUES PASSED DURING THE SUMMER. PROVISIONS ADDRESSED PHARMACEUTICALS, TRAINING, AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES, AND ABORTIONS FOR SERVICE WOMEN. DAN MARTIN, WHMI NEWS.

WHMI-2024-Q1-GOVERNMENT-NEWS

1-4-2024 :34 5a 7a 9a 12p 2p

CITY OF HOWELL MOVING FORWARD WITH LITIGATION AGAINST A PROPERTY OWNER TO REMOVE AND PREVENT FURTHER ACCUMULATION OF WHAT THE CITY DEEMS "JUNK." THE OWNER OF 1270 BYRON ROAD HAS RECEIVED MULTIPLE WARNINGS, ACCORDING TO HOWELL CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA... [w:\THU\SUIDA TRASH 1.mp3] THE CITY ATTORNEY TOLD COUNCIL THE LOCAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HAS CONTINUED TO WRITE CITATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS. THE OWNER OWES MULTIPLE FINES, REFUSES TO ANSWER HIS DOOR, FAILED TO KEEP PROMISES, AND HAS VIOLATED SIMILAR PROPERTY RULES IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY.

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1-5-2024 :44 5a 630a 8a 10a

LIVINGSTON COUNTY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S INPUT AS THEY WORK TO DEVELOP THE 2025 MASTER PLAN. RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE A VOLUNTARY SURVEY REGARDING TOPICS SUCH AS LAND USE, HOUSING, RECREATION, AND OTHER TOPICS AFFECTING LIVINGSTON COUNTY. THE MASTER PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 2018 AND HIGHLIGHTS A VARIETY OF CURRENT PLANNING TRENDS WHILE PROVIDING BEST PRACTICES EXAMPLES FROM LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, THE REGION, STATE, AND COUNTRY. THE PLAN IS INTENDED TO BE USED BY LOCAL CITIES, VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS DURING THE FORMATION OR REVISION OF THEIR OWN PLANS, MAPS, AND ORDINANCES. THE SURVEY TAKES ABOUT 10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE AND ASKS FOR RESIDENTS' OPINIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES, ALONG WITH SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. A LINK IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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1-5-2024 :42 6a 8a 10a 1p 3p

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP'S CREDIT RATING WAS RECENTLY UPGRADED TO AA1 BY MOODY'S INVESTOR SERVICE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WE FIND OUT FROM WHMI'S DAN MARTIN. [w:\FRI\MARTIN HARTLAND-CREDIT.mp3] THE UPGRADE SIGNALS CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCES AND THE FAVORABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE AREA. PREVIOUSLY AA2, THE NEW DESIGNATION IS THE SECOND HIGHEST RATING POSSIBLE. ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE, THE TOWNSHIP'S CREDIT RATING HAS STEADILY IMPROVED OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, AND NOW STANDS AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL EVER. IN ANNOUNCING THE RATING UPGRADE, MOODY'S REPORTED THAT "HARTLAND TOWNSHIP BENEFITS FROM STRONG RESERVES AND LIQUIDITY" AND CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE POPULATION GROWTH DUE TO ITS ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

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1-5-2024 :49 530a 8a 11a 2p

MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR WILL BE DELIVERING HER LATEST STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 7:00PM. WHMI'S DAN MARTIN HAS A PREVIEW. [w:\FRI\MARTIN GOV-SOTS-VCR.mp3] GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER SAYS SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING HER VISION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE IN MICHIGAN. THE ADDRESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MICHIGAN HOUSE CHAMBERS IN FRONT OF A JOINT SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MICHIGAN SENATE AND BROADCAST LIVE THROUGHOUT THE STATE. DURING HER 2024 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS, THE GOVERNOR WILL LAY OUT HER PLANS WHICH INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO LOWER COSTS, CONTINUE INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION, EXPAND ACCESS TO SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOMES, PROTECT SENIORS, AND BOOST THE STATE'S ECONOMY. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO WATCH THE ADDRESS, VISIT WHMI.COM.

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1-5-2024 :38 12p 3p 5p 7p 9p

CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN AMONG THOSE CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF U-S STEEL'S ACQUISITION BY A JAPANESE COMPANY LAST MONTH...[w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC SLOTKIN-STEEL-VCR.wav] SLOTKIN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LABOR CAUCUS FIRED OFF A LETTER TO THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION CITING CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THE SALE TO NIPPON STEEL - THE WORLD'S THIRD LARGEST STEEL PRODUCER - COULD HARM U-S SUPPLY CHAINS AND NATIONAL SECURITY. IN A STATEMENT, SLOTKIN POINTED OUT SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS DURING COVID, SAYING THE SALE OF U-S STEEL "SEEMS LIKE THE OPPOSITE OF ALL THE LESSONS WE LEARNED THE HARD WAY." SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT U-S STEEL "CUT THOUSANDS OF AUTOWORKERS OUT OF THE DECISION TO BE SOLD TO A FOREIGN COMPANY AND OFFERED NO PROMISES TO KEEP GOOD-PAYING MANUFACTURING JOBS IN AMERICA."

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1-8-2024 :42 5a 7a 830 11a

MICHIGAN DEPT OF LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT AND POTENTIAL -- KNOWN AS MI-LEAP -- IS ANNOUNCING ITS RECONNECT SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAM...[w:\MON\MARTIN CAREER-TRAINING.mp3] ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE, THE NEW CAREER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP WILL SAVE STUDENTS FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AS THEY GAIN SKILLS NEEDED FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS. THE SCHOLARSHIP IS BACKED BY A SIX MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT THROUGH THE STATE BUDGET. MICHIGANDERS WITHOUT COLLEGE DEGREES, AND AGED 21 AND OLDER, WILL BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PROGRAM, TO GET UP TO ONE-THOUSAND-FIVE-HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM IN MICHIGAN. APPLICAAATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 15 OF 2024. ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND LINKS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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1-8-2024 :33 6a 9a

A NEW BALLOT INITIATIVE IN MICHIGAN AIMS TO RESTORE VOTERS' RIGHTS ON LAND USE DECISIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS. ROGER JOHNSON IS WITH THE GROUP "CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE," WHICH SAYS LOCAL CONTROL OVER GREEN ENERGY OPERATIONS WAS STRIPPED AWAY BY HOUSE BILL 51-20 LAST YEAR.[w:\MON\JOHNSON LOCAL-CHOICE-1.mp3] JOHNSON SAYS IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER GREEN ENERGY IS GOOD OR BAD, IT'S ABOUT A LOCAL COMMUNITY'S ABILITY TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT IT OR NOT. THE GROUP MUST FIRST COLLECT MORE THAN 350-THOUSAND PETITION SIGNATURES TO PUT THE ISSUE ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT.

1-8-2024 :29 7a 11a 2p

THE QUESTION OVER WHO DECIDES WHERE WIND TURBINES AND SOLAR PANELS ARE INSTALLED IN MICHIGAN IS THE BASIS OF A NEW BALLOT INITIATIVE. ROGER JOHNSON IS WITH THE GROUP "CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE," WHICH ARGUES HOUSE BILL 51-20 PASSED BY THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE LAST YEAR, STRIPS AWAY ALL LOCAL CONTROL FOR CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND COUNTIES.[w:\MON\JOHNSON LOCAL-CHOICE 2.mp3] THE GROUP STILL NEEDS MORE THAN 350-THOUSAND PETITION SIGNATURES TO GET ITS PROPOSAL ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT.

1-8-2024 :31 8a 1p 3p

THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE IS ACCUSED OF STRIPPING AWAY LOCAL CONTROL WHEN IT COMES TO PERMITTING NEW WIND AND SOLAR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. ROGER JOHNSON IS WITH THE GROUP "CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE," WHICH IS LAUNCHING A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO RESTORE VOTERS' RIGHTS IN LAND USE DECISIONS. [w:\MON\JOHNSON LOCAL-CHOICE-3.mp3] THE GROUP STILL NEEDS MORE THAN 350-THOUSAND PETITION SIGNATURES TO GET ITS PROPOSAL ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT.

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1-8-2024 :33 530p 8p 10p

A NEW BALLOT INITIATIVE IN MICHIGAN AIMS TO RESTORE VOTERS' RIGHTS ON LAND USE DECISIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS. [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC LOCAL-CHOICE.mp3] ROGER JOHNSON IS WITH THE GROUP "CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE," WHICH SAYS LOCAL CONTROL OVER GREEN ENERGY OPERATIONS WAS STRIPPED AWAY BY HOUSE BILL 51-20 LAST YEAR.[w:\MON\JOHNSON LOCAL-CHOICE-1.mp3] JOHNSON SAYS IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER GREEN ENERGY IS GOOD OR BAD, IT'S ABOUT A LOCAL COMMUNITY'S ABILITY TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT IT OR NOT. THE GROUP MUST FIRST COLLECT MORE THAN 350-THOUSAND PETITION SIGNATURES TO PUT THE ISSUE ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT.

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1-9-2024 :29 5a 830a 10a

CITY OF HOWELL BEING ASKED TO ALLOW MARIJUANA FACILITIES, OR FACE A POTENTIAL BALLOT QUESTION IN NOVEMBER. THE CITY SO FAR HAS OPTED OUT OF ALLOWING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, BUT CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA SAYS THEY'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER..[w:\TUE\SUIDA-MARIJUANA-1.mp3] NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. SUIDA STRESSED A SURVEY CURRENTLY CIRCULATING IS NOT A CITY SURVEY, NOTING THEY HAVE NOT HAD STRONG MOVEMENT FROM RESIDENTS TO PERMIT MARIJUANA BUSINESSES.

1-9-2024 :28 7a 9a

THERE'S TALK AGAIN OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA SHOPS IN HOWELL. AN YPSILANTI ATTORNEY FIRED OFF A LETTER TO THE CITY, THREATENING A BALLOT PROPOSAL IN NOVEMBER IF HOWELL CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT PASS AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING MARIJUANA BUSINESSES. THERE'S ALSO A SURVEY GOING AROUND TOWN, WHICH CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA INSISTS IS NOT ANYTHING OFFICIAL.[w:\TUE\SUIDA-MARIJUANA-2.mp3] THE FULL LETTER FROM THE YPSILANTI ATTORNEY IS POSTED AT WHMI.COM.

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1-9-2024 :36 1p 4p 6p 8p 10p

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES ARE CONSIDERING A PARK TRAIL IN MEMORY OF FOUR FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED IN THE NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND HOUSE EXPLOSION....[w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC NORTHFIELD VW.mp3] TRUSTEE JANET CHICK ADDED THE ITEM TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA, TO HONOR HOPE AND DON BRAGG, AND THEIR TWO GROWN CHILDREN, KEN AND ELIZABETH, KILLED IN THE BLAST THAT LEVELED THE HOME OF HOPE'S FATHER, WHO SURVIVED, ALONG WITH THE COUPLE'S YOUNGEST SON. HERE'S TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR KEN DIGNAN... [w:\TUE\kenneth dignan northfield-twp 1.mp3] THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION. MEANWHILE, 72-YEAR-OLD RICHARD PRUDEN AND 16-YEAR-OLD STEPHEN BRAGG ARE STILL RECOVERING. WE'VE POSTED LINKS TO GOFUNDME PAGES TO ASSIST THEM AT WHMI.COM.

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1-10-2024 :32 5a 7a 9a 11a

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP CONSIDERING A PARK TRAIL IN MEMORY OF FOUR PEOPLE KILLED IN A HOME EXPLOSION OVER NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND. BOARD OF TRUSTEES BEGAN LAST NIGHT'S MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE BEFORE DISCUSSING THE ISSUE. HERE'S TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR KEN DIGNAN...[w:\WED\KEN DIGNAN 2.mp3] FOUR MEMBERS OF THE BRAGG FAMILY WERE KILLED WHILE VISITING THEIR GRANDFATHER, 72-YEAR-OLD RICHARD PRUDEN, WHO SURVIVED THE BLAST, ALONG WITH 16-YEAR-OLD STEPHEN BRAGG. WE'VE POSTED LINKS TO GO-FUND-ME ACCOUNTS TO HELP WITH THEIR MEDICAL BILLS AT WHMI.COM

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1-10-2024 :24 5a 8a 11a

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER JAY DRICK IS THE NEW BOARD PRESIDENT, ELECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES DURING A ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THIS WEEK. [w:\WED\DRICK 1.mp3] COMMISSIONER NICK FIANI WAS VOTED BOARD VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONERS ALSO ADOPTED BOARD RULES AND MEETING DATES FOR 2024.

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1-12-2024 :35 5a 7a 9a 12p 4p

A LOCAL LAWMAKER WILL HOST A TELE-TOWN HALL EVENT NEXT WEEK TO PROVIDE A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS. REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANN BOLLIN OF BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP WILL HOST A TELE-TOWN HALL MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 6:30PM. BOLLIN SAID SHE BELIEVES IN TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN COMMUNICATION, ADDING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THESE ALLOW HER TO KEEP PEOPLE INFORMED AND ENGAGED IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. BOLLIN REPRESENTS THE 49TH HOUSE DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CITIES OF BRIGHTON, WALLED LAKE, WIXOM, AND A PORTION OF NOVI, AS WELL AS BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP, AND PORTIONS OF COMMERCE AND LYON TOWNSHIPS. DETAILS ABOUT HOW TO ACCESS THE TELE-TOWN HALL ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/12/2024 :31 10a 2p 530p 7p 9p 11p

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN AND OTHERS STILL SOUNDING THE ALARM OVER BIDEN'S OPEN BORDER POLICIES...[w:\FRI\SLOTKIN BORDER 1.mp3] SLOTKIN'S REMARKS COME AS IMMIGRATION IS TIED INTO DEBATES OVER WHAT SHE CALLS CRITICAL, MUST-PASS LEGISLATION TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FUNDED AND TO AID UKRAINE, ISRAEL AND TAIWAN.

01/12/2024 :38 11a 3p 6p 8p 10p

A MICHIGAN DEMOCRAT SOUNDS OFF ON BIDEN'S OPEN BORDER POLICIES. CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN LAYING WHAT SHE CALLS HER "FIVE PILLARS" TO SOLVE THE ONGOING CRISIS...[w:\FRI\SLOTKIN BORDER-2.mp3] SLOTKIN ALSO SAYS IT'S UP TO CONGRESS, NOT THE WHITE HOUSE, TO SET THE NUMBER OF LEGAL VISAS ISSUED EACH YEAR. SHE ALSO CALLED FOR INVESTING IN "SMART" BORDER SECURITY, AND ADDRESSING POVERTY AND VIOLENCE IN THE HOME COUNTRIES OF THOSE STREAMING INTO THE U-S.

01/12/2024 :32 12p 4p 7p 9p 11p

CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN AND U-S SENATE CANDIATE ELISSA SLOTKIN TALKING TOUGH ON BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION. SPEAKING FROM THE HOUSE FLOOR THIS WEEK, THE MICHIGAN DEMOCRAT LAID WHAT SHE CALLS HER "FIVE PILLARS" TO SOLVE THE ONGOING CRISIS...[w:\FRI\SLOTKIN BORDER 3.mp3] SLOTKIN'S REMARKS COME AS IMMIGRATION IS TIED INTO DEBATES OVER WHAT SHE CALLS CRITICAL, MUST-PASS LEGISLATION TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FUNDED AND TO AID UKRAINE, ISRAEL AND TAIWAN.

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01/18/2024 :32 5a 9a 3p

LONGTIME GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP TREASURER SUSAN DAUGHERTY IS RETIRING AFTER NEARLY TWO DECADES OF SERVICE. LAST NIGHT MARKED HER FINAL BOARD MEETING, SAYING IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS SINCE 2004[w:\THU\SUSAN DAUGHERTY 1.mp3] THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP BOARD APPOINTED CURRENT DEPUTY TREASURER TRICIA WIGGLE-BAZZY TO SERVE AS INTERIM TREASURER.

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01/18/2024 :44 6a 10a 1p

GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP TREASURER SUSAN DAUGHERTY IS RETIRING, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY FIRST. SHE ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT DURING LAST NIGHT'S TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING. SUPERVISOR MARK ST. CHARLES THANKED DAUGHERTY FOR HER DEDICATION AND CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE -- WHICH SPEAKS TO HER HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM.[w:\THU\ST CHARLES 1.mp3] THE BOARD APPOINTED DEPUTY TREASURER TRICIA WIGGLE-BAZZY AS INTERIM TREASURER FOR THE TIME BEING.

01/18/2024 :36 7a 530p

AFTER NEARLY TWO DECADES OF SERVICE, GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP TREASURER SUSAN DAUGHERTY IS RETIRING, MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING LAST NIGHT'S BOARD MEETING. DAUGHERTY RECOMMENDED, AND THE BOARD COMPLIED, APPOINTING DEPUTY TREASURER TRICIA WIGGLE-BAZZY TO SERVE IN AN INTERIM BASIS.[w:\THU\WIGGLE-BAZZY 1.mp3] WIGGLE-BAZZY JOINED GREEN OAK LAST JUNE, AFTER WORKING IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP FOR 14 YEARS. DAUGHERTY'S LAST OFFICIAL DAY ON THE JOB WILL BE JANUARY 31.

01/18/2024 :37 8a 7p 9p 11p

GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP TREASURER SUSAN DAUGHERTY IS RETIRING, BUT OFFICIALS SAY THE DEPARTMENT COULDN'T BE IN BETTER HANDS. DAUGHERTY ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT DURING LAST NIGHT'S TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING. SUPERVISOR MARK ST. CHARLES THANKED DAUGHERTY FOR HER DEDICATION AND CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE -- WHICH SPEAKS TO HER HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM.[w:\THU\ST CHARLES 2.mp3] THE BOARD APPOINTED DEPUTY TREASURER TRICIA WIGGLE-BAZZY AS INTERIM TREASURER FOR THE TIME BEING.

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01/18/2024 1:15 12p 2p 4p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL HAS JOINED A MULTI-STATE COALITION TO STOP SALES OF MILITARY-GRADE AMMUNITION THEY SAY HAS BEEN USED IN MASS SHOOTINGS...[w:\THU\RAJKOVIC AG-NESSEL-AMMO.wav] NESSEL, ALONG WITH 20 OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL, ARE CALLING ON THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT A FEDERALLY-FUNDED CONTRACTOR HAS ALLEGEDLY PRODUCED MILITARY-GRADE AMMUNITION AND SOLD IT TO CIVILIANS. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED IN MISSOURI, AND OVERSEEN BY THE ARMY. THE PLANT CAN PRODUCE 1.6 BILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION PER YEAR, MOSTLY FOR AR-15-STYLE RIFLES. THE COALITION OF AGS ARGUE ROUNDS MADE BY LAKE CITY AMMO HAVE BEEN USED IN THE BUFFALO SUPERMARKET SHOOTING, SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING IN PITTSBURGH, AND BOTH THE PARKLAND, FL AND UVALDE, TX SCHOOL SHOOTINGS.

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01/19/2024 01:08 6p 8p 10p 5a 7a 9a 11a

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S OFFICE OF RURAL PROSPERITY RELEASES ITS "ROADMAP TO RURAL PROSPERITY." [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC MI-RURAL-ROADMAP.mp3] THE FIRST-EVER REPORT FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOCUSES ON THE CHALLENGES RURAL COMMUNITIES FACE, AND STRATEGIES TO BUILD LONG-TERM PROSPERITY IN RURAL AREAS ACROSS THE STATE. THE "ROADMAP" IS THE RESULT OF A STATEWIDE SURVEY REACHING MORE THAN 2,400 RURAL RESIDENTS. STRATEGIES INCLUDE: GROWING AND DIVERSIFYING THE WORKFORCE ACROSS ALL SECTORS. IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. SUPPORTING LOCAL AND REGIONAL CAPACITY TO DELIVER SERVICES. EXPANDING QUALITY AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. A RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PROTECTING AND CONSERVING NATURAL ASSETS. YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/19/2024 :37 3p 7p 9p 11p

RECALL EFFORTS AGAINST GOV. GRETCHEN WHITMER, SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL HAVE ALL BEEN REJECTED, WITH THE MICHIGAN BOARD OF CANVASSERS ESSENTIALLY CALLING IT "HOGWASH." [w:\FRI\CANVASSERS-NESEL.mp3] QUESTIONS ALSO WERE RAISED BY THE PERSON BEHIND THE RECALL EFFORT, A REGISTERED MICHIGAN VOTER, WHO POSSIBLY NOW LIVES FULL TIME IN MEXICO.

01/19/2024 :23 2p 5p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN BOARD OF CANVASSERS HAS TOSSED OUT RECALL PETITIONS AGAINST THE STATE'S TOP THREE POLITICAL LEADERS. [w:\FRI\CANVASSERS-WHITMER.mp3] SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL ALSO WERE TARGETS OF RECALL PETITIONS. THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS REJECTED THE REASONS BEHIND THE EFFORT, CALLING IT OPINION AND CONJECTURE.

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01/24/2024 1:19 5a 7a 10a 1p

THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS WILL TAKE PLACE THIS EVENING [w:\WED\ONEILL SOTS-PRVW.mp3] GOVERNOR WHITMER'S SIXTH STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS WILL BE HELD IN THE MICHIGAN HOUSE CHAMBERS TONIGHT IN FRONT OF A JOINT SESSION OF THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MICHIGAN SENATE. THE GOVERNOR WILL OUTLINE PROPOSALS IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SENIOR CARE, EDUCATION, AND THE HIGHLY DEBATED ISSUE OF ABORTION RIGHTS, TO WHICH SHE HAS BEEN ADVOCATING SINCE THE OVERTURN OF ROE VS. WADE IN 2022. HER SPEECH WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE AT 7:00 P.M. THROUGHOUT THE STATE. TO FIND OUT WHERE, VISIT MICHIGAN.GOV. I'M APRIL O'NEIL WITH WHMI NEWS.

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01/24/2024 1:24 5a 730a 9a 12p 3p 6p

A LOCAL LAWMAKER AND LONGTIME FORMER SHERIFF IS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR. [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC BEZOTTE.mp3] 73-YEAR-OLD STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOB BEZOTTE, A MARION TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN, CURRENTLY REPRESENTS THE 50TH DISTRICT. BEZOTTE RETIRED IN 2016 FROM THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AFTER 33 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE WENT ON TO SERVE ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BEFORE BEING ELECTED TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN 2020. MEANWHILE, A CHECK OF ONLINE RECORDS SHOWS THAT TWO CANDIDATES ARE SEEKING THE SEAT AND HAVE FILED FOR THE AUGUST 6TH PRIMARY ELECTION. 27-YEAR-OLD AUSTIN BREUER OF HOWELL TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION WHILE 51-YEAR-OLD JASON WOOLFORD OF MARION TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION. A PRESS RELEASE FROM WOOLFORD STATES THAT BEZOTTE HAS ENDORSED HIM FOR THE SEAT. REQUESTS FOR COMMENT HAVE BEEN PLACED BY WHMI WITH BEZOTTE'S OFFICE.

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01/24/2024 1:14 5a 8a

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER LAID OUT PLANS TO LOWER COSTS, INVEST IN EDUCATION, EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROTECT SENIORS, AND BOOST THE ECONOMY DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS. WHITMER SAID THEY'RE STARTING 2024 "FIRED UP" AND THE STATE OF THE STATE IS "READY TO ROCK" BUT SHE ALSO FOCUSED ON THE CHALLENGES THAT MICHIGANDERS ARE FACING [w:\THU\WHITMER-1.mp3] WHITMER SAID SHE'LL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON LOWERING COSTS AND MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE, IMPROVING EDUCATION, AND ADDRESSING HOUSING CHALLENGES AMONG OTHERS. THE SECOND-TERM DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR'S SPEECH PRECEDED A LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT MAY REQUIRE LAWMAKERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE DEMOCRATS TOOK FULL CONTROL OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT LAST JANUARY. THE STATE HOUSE WILL BE TIED 54-54 UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL, WHEN SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR TWO OPEN SEATS ARE SET TO BE HELD.

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01/25/2024 1:16 6a 9a

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER DELIVERED HER SIXTH STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE AT THE STATE CAPITOL LAST NIGHT - LARGELY FOCUSED ON EDUCATION AND CUTTING COSTS FOR RESIDENTS. WHITMER'S SPEECH HIGHLIGHTED THE STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND AN INVESTMENT OF OVER A BILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD OR REHABILITATE HOUSING IN THE STATE. SHE SAID IT'S A SERIOUS CHALLENGE BUT THEY ARE MAKING SERIOUS INVESTMENTS - NOTING HOUSING IS USUALLY THE LARGEST EXPENSE IN ANYONE'S BUDGET... [w:\THU\WHITMER-2.mp3] WHITMER ALSO CALLED FOR INCREASED INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION THROUGH INITIATIVES SUCH AS FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND FREE PRESCHOOL FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS. WHITMER ALSO DISCUSSED A NEW TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$5,000 FOR CAREGIVING EXPENSES INCLUDING COUNSELING, TRANSPORTATION, AND NURSING OR RESPITE SERVICES. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH CAN BE VIEWED AT WHMI.COM

01/25/2024 1:05 7a 10a

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER DELIVERED HER 2024 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS LAST NIGHT - FOCUSING ON EDUCATION, BOOSTING THE ECONOMY, AND LOWERING COSTS. WHITMER ALSO PROPOSED THE NEW CARING FOR MI FAMILY TAX CREDIT THAT SHE SAYS COULD SAVE THOUSANDS OF MICHIGAN FAMILIES UP TO \$5,000 OFF THEIR TAXES...[w:\THU\WHITMER-3.mp3] REPUBLICAN LEADERS CRITICIZED WHITMER BEFORE HER SPEECH FOR WHAT THEY SAID HAS BEEN FIVE YEARS WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN EDUCATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE. THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS COMES AS A LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS THAT WILL REQUIRE LAWMAKERS TO WORK TOGETHER WITH A STATE HOUSE TIED 54-54 BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS. THE DEADLOCK WILL REMAIN UNTIL SPECIAL ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD ON APRIL 16TH FOR TWO OPEN SEATS.

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01/25/2024 :38 12p 3p

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS WERE OFF AGAIN TODAY, LARGELY DUE TO ICY DIRT ROADS THAT MADE IT TOO DANGEROUS FOR BUSES OR FAMILIES TO GET KIDS TO CLASS THIS MORNING. TREVOR BENNETT IS WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION...[w:\THU\TREVOR BENNETT LIV-ROADS-1.mp3] BENNETT SAYS LIMESTONE ROADS ICE UP MORE THAN GRAVEL ROADS, WHICH WERE THE BIGGEST CONCERN TODAY. HE SAYS DRIVERS HAVE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK SINCE MONDAY. THE ROAD COMMISSION TODAY, PAID A 250-THOUSAND DOLLAR SALT BILL TO KEEP THE BARN FILLED.

01/25/2024 :47 1p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION HAS 40 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, YET PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAS STILL FORCED TO CALL OFF CLASSES TODAY DUE TO ICY DIRT ROADS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. HERE'S TREVOR BENNETT AT THE ROAD COMMISSION...[w:\THU\TREVOR BENNETT LIV-ROADS-2.mp3] BENNETT INSISTS EACH ROAD HAS BEEN GRADED, SALTED OR SANDED AT LEAST ONCE. HE'S ASKING RESIDENTS TO REMAIN PATIENT AS CREWS BATTLE THE UP AND DOWN TEMPERATURES OVER THE PAST WEEK OR SO.

01/25/2024 :40 2p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JUST APPROVED ANOTHER 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ROAD SALT AS CREWS TRY TO GAIN A HANDLE ON ICY BACKROADS THAT FORCED PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO CANCEL AGAIN TODAY. HERE'S TREVOR BENNETT AT THE ROAD COMMISSION...[w:\THU\TREVOR BENNETT LIV-ROADS-3.mp3] BENNETT INSISTS EACH ROAD HAS BEEN EITHER GRADED, SALTED OR SANDED THIS WEEK, WITH 40 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT RUNNING AROUND THE CLOCK SINCE MONDAY. THE COMMISSION BUDGETED ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR SNOW REMOVAL THIS WINTER



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01/25/2024 :28 5a 630a 8a 2p

MICHIGAN SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER ARIC NESBITT DELIVERED HIS PARTY'S REBUTTAL...[w:\THU\ARIC NESBITT 1.mp3] NESBITT POINTING OUT MICHIGAN RANKS 46 IN POPULATION GROWTH UNDER GOV. WHITMER, WITH MANY MICHIGANERS SEEKING BETTER JOBS, SCHOOLS AND LIVES ELSEWHERE AROUND THE COUNTRY.

01/25/2024 :40 530a 7a 830a

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER FOCUSING ON EDUCATION, BOOSTING THE ECONOMY, AND LOWERING COSTS DURING HER STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS LAST NIGHT. MICHIGAN SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER ARIC NESBITT DELIVERED HIS PARTY'S REBUTTAL...[w:\THU\ARIC NESBITT 2.mp3] THE GOVERNOR MEANWHILE, PROPOSED A NEW FAMILY TAX CREDIT SHE CLAIMS COULD SAVE THOUSANDS OF MICHIGAN FAMILIES UP TO \$5,000 OFF THEIR TAXES.

01/25/2024 :36 6a 730a 9a 12p

MICHIGAN SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER ARIC NESBITT DELIVERED HIS PARTY'S REBUTTAL TO THE GOV. WHITMER'S SPEECH...[w:\THU\ARIC NESBITT 3.mp3] GOV. WHITMER DID CALL FOR FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND FREE PRESCHOOL FOR 4-YEAR-OLDS, ALONG WITH A NEW TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$5,000 FOR CAREGIVING EXPENSES. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH CAN BE VIEWED AT WHMI.COM.

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01/25/2024 :53 12p 3p 5p 7p 9p 11p

STATE REP. BOB BEZOTTE ISSUES A STATEMENT CONFIRMING HIS RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE...[w:\THU\RAJKOVIC BEZOTTE-STATEMENT.mp3] THE FORMER LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF AND COMMISSIONER EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE COMMUNITY FOR AFFORDING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, ADDING IT HAS BEEN HIS "HONOR TO SERVE AT YOUR PLEASURE FOR SO MANY YEARS." BEZOTTE PLANS TO FINISH OUT 2024 WITH DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN LANSING. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, BEZOTTE SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SPENDING MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HIS GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, AND NEPHEWS.

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01/26/2024 01:19 2p

IN ITS JANUARY MEETING, THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPROVED FUNDING FOR A NUMBER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS MICHIGAN. [w:\FRI\DAN MARTIN MSHDA.mp3] DEVELOPMENT AREAS INCLUDE HOLLAND, GARFIELD TOWNSHIP, CENTER LINE, LAWRENCE AND HARTFORD. MSHDA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMY HOVEY SAYS, "THE FUNDING APPROVED BY THE BOARD WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE HOMES AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES, SENIORS AND OTHERS IN AREAS WHERE OUR CURRENT HOUSING SUPPLY IS NOT MEETING DEMAND." THE BOARD APPROVED A CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF UP TO \$31 MILLION FOR H?M FLATS AT 24 EAST, A PROPOSED 202-UNIT DEVELOPMENT IN HOLLAND. THE BOARD ALSO SIGNED OFF ON A LOAN TOTALING \$20.8 MILLION TO ACQUIRE AND REHABILITATE LAWRENCE PARK, A 252-UNIT FAMILY/SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF CENTER LINE

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01/26/2024 01:02 7a 830a 11a 2p

A LOCAL LAWMAKER WILL HOST OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK. [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC BOLLIN-HOURS.mp3] REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANN BOLLIN OF BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP WILL HOST OFFICE HOURS ON MONDAY AT TWO LOCATIONS IN THE 49TH DISTRICT. LOCAL OFFICE AND COFFEE HOURS ARE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH BOLLIN TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS, QUESTIONS, OR CONCERNS. NO APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND. THE FIRST SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1 TO 2PM AT THE WALLED LAKE CITY HALL. THE SECOND WILL RUN FROM 3 TO 4PM AT THE COFFEE BEANERY OFF OLD US-23 IN BRIGHTON. AN EVENT FLYER IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/29/2024 :48 5a 7a 10

MOST LEGALLY FREE MICHIGANDERS POSSESS THEIR VITAL RECORDS, BUT SOME PEOPLE RECENTLY COMING BACK TO SOCIETY AFTER INCARCERATION DO NOT. A MICHIGAN BILL PACKAGE IS WAITING ON SENATE APPROVAL TO ENSURE THAT THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND SECRETARY OF STATE PROVIDE THOSE RETURNING TO SOCIETY WITH THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID, AND THEN ALSO WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. CHUCK WARPEHOSKI OF MICHIGAN COLLABORATIVE TO END MASS INCARCERATION SAYS PEOPLE HOPING FOR A FRESH START IN SOCIETY AFTER PRISON OFTEN CAN'T GET A BREAK...[w:\MON\WARPEHOSKI-1.mp3] WARPEHOSKI ADDS THAT MAKING SURE EVERYBODY COMES HOME WITH VITAL DOCUMENTS FROM DAY ONE GIVES PEOPLE A JUMP START ON RE-ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES, STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE AND SUCCESSFULLY RETURNING TO SOCIETY.

01/29/2024 01:02 630 8a 12p 3p

MICHIGAN ADVOCACY GROUPS ARE PUSHING FOR A LEGISLATIVE COMMITMENT FOR VITAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THOSE RETURNING TO SOCIETY AFTER INCARCERATION. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS HAS MADE PROGRESS SUPPLYING VITAL DOCUMENTS, BUT ADVOCATES WANT TO CODIFY THIS INTO LAW. CHUCK WARPEHOSKI IS THE PROJECT COORDINATOR WITH THE MICHIGAN COLLABORATIVE TO END MASS INCARCERATION. HE SAYS THE SUCCESS RATE OF GIVING PEOPLE THEIR DOCUMENTS FOR RE-ENTRY AT THE TIME OF THEIR PAROLE OR DISCHARGE IS 98 OR 99 PERCENT, ACCORDING TO THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS. WARPEHOSKI SAYS HE'S CONCERNED THAT IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR OR A CHANGE IN PRIORITIES, THIS COULD GO AWAY. HE SAYS THE GOAL IS NOT TO TRY TO CREATE A NEW POLICY, BUT TO JUST TRY TO LOCK IN THE GOOD WORK THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE DONE. [w:\MON\WARPEHOSKI-2.mp3] WARPEHOSKI ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO REACH OUT TO THEIR LOCAL LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE ISSUE.

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01/29/2024 01:32 6a 730a 9a 11a 2p

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT MICHIGAN'S COURT-ORDERED LEGISLATIVE MAP REDRAWING FOR SEVEN STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS MUST MOVE FORWARD, AND SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON SAYS RESIDENTS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS. [w:\MON\MARTIN REDISTRICTING.mp3] SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON IS ENCOURAGING MICHIGANDERS TO TAKE PART IN UPCOMING PUBLIC SESSIONS TO REDRAW SEVEN STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS. THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RECENTLY DENIED THE MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR A STAY, PENDING APPEAL, IN THE CASE CHALLENGING THE LEGISLATIVE MAPS DRAWN BY THE COMMISSION AND IMPLEMENTED IN THE 2022 STATEWIDE ELECTIONS. SECRETARY BENSON SAYS, "ALL MICHIGAN CITIZENS DESERVE A GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS FOR THEM AND REFLECTS OUR STATE'S VIBRANT DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND PERSPECTIVES." SHE ADDS THAT SHE HOPES, "ALL CITIZENS WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE AND PROVIDE THEIR INPUT THROUGHOUT THE COMMISSION'S UPCOMING OPEN MEETINGS. FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM AND CLICK ON THE NEWS TAB.

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01/30/2024 01:02 2p 4p 7p 9p 11p

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER HAS ORDERED U.S. AND MICHIGAN FLAGS WITHIN THE STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX AND UPON ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ACROSS THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO BE LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF TO HONOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPER JOEL POPP, WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE LINE OF DUTY. [w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC POPP-FLAGS.mp3] TROOPER POPP REMEMBERED AS A PROUD HUSBAND, DAD, AND PUBLIC SERVANT WHO LOVED MICHIGAN. HE JOINED THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE IN JANUARY OF 2020, AND WAS BASED OUT OF THE TRI-CITY POST HIS ENTIRE CAREER. BEFORE BECOMING AN OFFICER, POPP WORKED FOR FRITO-LAY. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL. POPP IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, STEFANIE, AND THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTER. FLAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO FULL-STAFF ON THURSDAY.

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01/30/2024 :48 5a 7a 9a

A FUNDING BOOST HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR A LOCAL NON-PROFIT THAT HELPS FEED THOSE IN NEED. THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY NIGHT AND APPROVED ALLOCATING \$20,000 TO SUPPORT BOUNTIFUL HARVEST FOR ITS "FEEDING THE NEEDY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY" PROJECT FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE COUNTY'S ALLOCATION IS COMING FROM ARPA FUNDS, WHICH IS PANDEMIC-RELATED FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND IT IS AN ELIGIBLE USE. COMMISSIONER JAY GROSS...[w:\TUE\GROSS-1.mp3] GROSS STATED THAT REVIEW IS NOT QUITE FINISHED BUT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE ARE SOME FUNDS AVAILABLE SO AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, HE'LL BE BACK BEFORE THE BOARD SEEKING TO GIVE THE NON-PROFIT SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

01/30/2024 :56 6a 8a 11a

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS APPROVED ALLOCATING \$20,000 IN FEDERAL ARPA FUNDS TO SUPPORT BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AND ITS "FEEDING THE NEEDY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY" PROJECT. COMMISSIONER JAY GROSS TOLD THE BOARD MONDAY NIGHT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE ON THE ALLOCATION AND HE INITIALLY MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BUT LATER WITHDREW IT PENDING AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTY'S ARPA FUNDING... [w:\TUE\GROSS-2.mp3] BOUNTIFUL HARVEST HELPS THOSE IN NEED BY PROVIDING GROCERIES TWICE A MONTH, AS WELL AS HOT MEALS TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. IT ALSO PROVIDES SEVEN DAYS OF LUNCH BOXES TO CHILDREN IN NEED WHO ARE BEING HOME-SCHOOLED AS WELL AS SOME WHO ARE IN SCHOOL BUT CAN'T AFFORD THE DAILY FEE FOR THE LUNCH PROGRAM. DURING THE SUMMER, THE NON-PROFIT PROVIDES LUNCH BOXES TO ANY CHILDREN WHO ARE ON A SCHOOL'S FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM.

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01/31/2024 01:18 6a 830a 11a 1p 3p 5p 630p

THE CHAIR OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS RESIGNED. [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC SMITH-GOP.mp3] CHAIR JENNIFER SMITH MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON A PODCAST, CITING HARASSMENT FROM REPUBLICANS. SHE TOLD WHMI SHE WAS ATTACKED FROM WITHIN AFTER SHE WOULD NOT AGREE TO PUBLISH A STATEMENT TAKING A POSITION AGAINST KRISTINA KARAMO, THE EMBATTLED FORMER MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN CHAIRWOMAN. THE LOCAL PARTY APPEARS TO BE PLAGUED BY DRAMA AND IN-FIGHTING AS OF LATE. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JESSICA BAREFIELD AND VICE CHAIR SEAN CARLETON BOTH RESIGNED IN EARLY JANUARY, CITING SMITH AS THE REASON. BAREFIELD STATED THEY HAVE A MASSIVE UNITY PROBLEM AND ALLEGED IMPROPRIETIES, UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR, AND PERSONAL THREATS THAT HAVE PERSISTED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SMITH. SMITH'S RESIGNATION IS EFFECTIVE THIS THURSDAY, THE SAME DAY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET.

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01/31/2024 01:37 12p 2p 4p 7p 9p 11p

M-DOT IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING RID OF THE STATE'S GAS TAX, IN EXCHANGE FOR A MILEAGE TAX ON MICHIGAN DRIVERS...[w:\WED\RAJKOVIC MDOT-SURVEY-VCR.mp3] THE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY HAS LAUNCHED AN ONLINE SURVEY, COMPLETE WITH VIDEO EXPLAINING HOW THE ROADS ARE CURRENTLY FIXED.[w:\WED\MDOT SURVEY 1.mp3] NOW MDOT IS LOOKING AHEAD AS ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATES SET IN. [w:\WED\MDOT SURVEY 1.mp3] WE'VE POSTED A LINK TO MDOT'S SURVEY AT WHMI.COM. RESPONDENTS CAN EVEN SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILOT PROGRAM TO SEE HOW A MILEAGE TAX, OR ROAD USAGE CHARGES, MIGHT WORK.

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WOULD YOU RATHER PAY A MILEAGE TAX, OR CONTINUE PAYING A GAS TAX TO FIX MICHIGAN ROADS? THAT'S THE QUESTION M-DOT IS ASKING IN AN ONLINE SURVEY AND INFORMATIONAL VIDEO ABOUT THE COST OF SWITCHING TO ALL ELECTRIC VEHICLES...[w:\WED\MDOT SURVEY 3.mp3] WE'VE POSTED A LINK TO M-DOT'S SURVEY AT WHMI.COM. RESPONDENTS CAN ALSO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN A PILOT PROGRAM TO SEE HOW ROAD USAGE CHARGES MIGHT WORK.

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01/31/2024 01:15 11a 6p 630a

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY HAS PUBLISHED ITS 2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT, SUMMARIZING THE AGENCY'S BIENNIAL MEETINGS. DAN MARTIN HAS THE DETAILS. [w:\WED\MARTIN OAKLAND-ROADS.mp3] THE REPORT SUMMARIZES THE MESSAGES SHARED BY RCOC WITH COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS THE FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY EACH COMMUNITY DURING THE MEETINGS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2023. MANAGING DIRECTOR DENNIS KOLAR SAYS, "THESE MEETINGS HELP TO ENSURE WE MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CUSTOMERS WHILE ALSO ALLOWING US TO SHARE CRITICAL INFORMATION WITH THE LEADERS OF EVERY COMMUNITY," ADDING, "THEY ALSO ALLOW US TO CHECK THE PULSE OF DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT MAY IMPACT TRAFFIC AND GAIN VALUABLE FEEDBACK ON THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE." FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM FOR LINKS.

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2-6-2024 :35 730a 9a 11a

MICHIGAN CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN PUSHING THE DIGNITY ACT DURING LENGTHY DEBATE ON CAPITOL HILL MONDAY OVER BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION... [w:\TUE\SLOTKIN DIGNITY-ACT-1.mp3] MEANWHILE, THE SENATE'S BIPARTISAN DEAL TO BOOST BORDER SECURITY APPEARS TO BE GOING NOWHERE, WITH THE HOUSE SPEAKER WARNING THE BILL AS IT STANDS IS "DEAD ON ARRIVAL" IN THE HOUSE.

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2-6-2024 :37 2p 5p 630p 8p 11p

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER'S BUDGET PROPOSAL WOULD EXTEND SUMMER E-B-T, OR ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER, FOOD BENEFITS FOR MICHIGAN CHILDREN. [w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC MI-EBT.mp3] THE FEDERAL PROGRAM, WHICH IS ENDING, SOUGHT TO CONTINUE FEEDING STUDENTS BENEFITTING FROM A FREE OR REDUCE-PRICED LUNCH PROGRAM, EVEN IF UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL DUE TO COVID. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ESTIMATES IT FED ABOUT 900-THOUSAND CHILDREN ACROSS THE STATE. DETAILS ON HOW THE MICHIGAN WILL PAY FOR IT ARE EXPECTED DURING WEDNESDAY'S JOINT MEETING OF THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

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2-6-2024 :42 5a 6a 8a 9a 11a

THE LYON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS RENEWED A TEMPORARY RESOLUTION ALLOWING OUTDOOR SALES AT BARS AND RESTAURANTS- A PACKAGE OF RULES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY PRESENTED DURING COVID. THE BOARD INITIALLY CREATED THE TEMPORARY ORDINANCE IN 2020, ALLOWING BARS AND RESTAURANTS TO EXPAND OUTDOOR SEATING AND GENERATE REVENUE WITH THE UNCERTAIN FATE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC. THE RULES HAVE BEEN RENEWED EVERY YEAR SINCE, WITH A PERMANENT RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED WITHIN THE COMING MONTHS. [w:\TUE\CARCONE.mp3] THAT WAS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE PATRICIA CARCONE. THE PERMANENT ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR DINING TOWNSHIP-WIDE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AREAS.

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2-6-2024 :53 5a 7a 8a 10a

PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THE CITY OF HOWELL TO RECONSTRUCT AND TRANSFORM THE DEPOT LOT AND WALNUT STREET AREA. CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A DESIGN ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR THE PROJECT MONDAY NIGHT. IT INVOLVES TRANSFORMING THE OLD DEPOT LOT INTO A PUBLIC GATHERING SPACE, WITH ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE EXISTING LOT AND ADJOINING AREAS, AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENTS TO WALNUT STREET. MAYOR BOB ELLIS... [w:\TUE\ELLIS-1.mp3] BATHROOMS, A CONCESSION AREA, AND BENCHES ARE ALSO INCLUDED; ALONG WITH OTHER AMENITIES THAT INCLUDE LIGHTING, A SOUND SYSTEM, AND CEILING FANS. DESIGN COMPLETION IS ANTICIPATED IN SEPTEMBER AND STAFF WILL BE HOLDING PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DESIGN ELEMENTS, LISTEN TO ANY CONCERNS, AND INFORM THOSE IN THE AREA OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. THE TARGET COMPLETION WOULD BE DECEMBER 2025.

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2-7-2024 :34 5a 6a 7a 8a 9a 10a 11a

TYRONE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES APPROVE A NEW ORDINANCE, WITHOUT DISCUSSION, THAT WOULD PENALIZE SOMEONE FOR THREATENING A TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL, OR DISRUPTING A MEETING.[w:\WED\TYRONE-DISORDERLY-1.mp3] SOME RESIDENTS CALL IT THE LATEST ATTEMPT TO SILENCE CRITICS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.[w:\WED\PUBLIC TYRONE-TWP-1.mp3] TRYONE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS DID NOT RESPOND TO THE ACCUSATIONS.

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2-7-2024 :35 7a 9a 11a 1p 4p 630p

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS WANT TO REVIVE AND REVAMP FILM INCENTIVES THAT WERE ELIMINATED IN 2015. UNLIKE THE OLD TAX REBATE, THE NEW CREDIT WOULD BE ISSUED AS A TRANSFERABLE TAX CREDIT VOUCHER, WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE CREDIT REMAINS IN THE STATE. TRAVERSE CITY REPUBLICAN JOHN ROTH IS ONE OF THE AUTHORS...[w:\WED\REP JOHN ROTH MI-FILM-CREDITS 1.mp3] CRITICS STILL ARGUE THAT SUBSIDIZING THE FILM INDUSTRY SO FAR HAS FAILED TO BRING FINANCIAL RETURNS TO MICHIGAN.

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2-7-2024 :54 5a 8a 11a

WITH THREE WEEKS LEFT UNTIL ELECTION DAY IN MICHIGAN'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, NEARLY 1.3 MILLION VOTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE REQUESTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE PRIMARY. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- BALLOTS.mp3] RECENT DATA SHOWS AN 80% INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS AHEAD OF THE MICHIGAN PRIMARY COMPARED TO 2020. ABSENTEE VOTING IS UNDERWAY; IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING BEGINS STATEWIDE ON SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH; AND ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, FEB. 27TH. ACCORDING TO MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON, JUST UNDER 1.3 MILLION MICHIGAN VOTERS HAVE SO FAR REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, WHICH INCLUDES PREPAID POSTAGE AND CAN BE RETURNED BY U.S. MAIL. VOTERS CAN RETURN THEIR COMPLETED BALLOT CAN DROP IT OFF AT THEIR CLERK'S OFFICE OR DESIGNATED SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX TO AVOID POSTAL DELAYS. MORE ELECTION INFORMATION, INCLUDING A SAMPLE BALLOT AND HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLERK'S IS POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM.

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2-7-2024 :48 5a 7a 10a

THE GOVERNOR MET WITH LEGISLATORS IN LANSING ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS THE 2025 FISCAL BUDGET. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS.[w:\THU\ONEIL VCR- WHITMER 2025.mp3] GOVERNOR WHITMER MET DURING A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES ON WEDNESDAY TO DELIVER HER 80.7 BILLION DOLLAR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. A BIG CHUNK BEING DIRECTED TOWARD SCHOOL AID- 19 BILLION TO BE EXACT, WITH SOME OF THOSE FUNDS DIRECTED TOWARD WHITMER'S 2026 GOAL OF PROVIDING FREE PRESCHOOL TO MICHIGAN FAMILIES.[w:\THU\WHITMER 2-FOUNDATION.mp3] HER EDUCATION PORTION ALSO INCLUDES \$300 MILLION TOWARD STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL SAFETY.

2-7-2024 :31 6a 8a 11a

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER UNVEILS A MORE THAN \$80 BILLION BUDGET, WHICH INCLUDES FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION, NEW HOUSING AND MORE ROAD REPAIRS. HERE'S JACKSON REPUBLICAN STATE REP. SARAH LIGHTNER...[w:\THU\REP SARAH LIGHTNER WHITMER-BUDGET 1 .mp3] THE STATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS UNTIL THE END OF JUNE TO MAKE ITS BUDGET AMENDMENTS, BEFORE IT'S SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK FOR SIGNING.

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2-8-2024 :56 5a 7a 9a 11a

A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS CAR TEAM HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CREATORS OF A PREMIER DESTINATION FOR AUTOMOTIVE ENTHUSIASTS THAT WILL BE COMING TO THE CITY OF HOWELL. THE PARTNERSHIP ENABLES NEW HUDSON-BASED PRATT MILLER MOTORSPORTS TO ESTABLISH A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE AT MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY HOWELL - A STATE-OF-THE-ART 273-ACRE AUTOMOTIVE DISTRICT, FEATURING LUXURY AUTOMOTIVE-THEMED CONDOS OVERLOOKING LARGE MEMBERS-ONLY TRACK. THE PROPERTY IS ALONG I-96 BETWEEN LUCY ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE. THE LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY HOWELL CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA AT MONDAY NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING...[w:\THU\SUIDA.mp3] MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY CEO AND CO-FOUNDER JORDAN DICK STATED THAT PARTNERING WITH PRATT MILLER, A LEGENDARY NAME IN RACING, IS A MOMENTOUS STEP FOR THEM AND THE COLLABORATION BRINGS TOGETHER THE THRILL OF RACING WITH THE LUXURY AND EXCLUSIVITY OF MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY HOWELL.

2-8-2024 :49 6a 8a 10a

CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD FOR A LARGE UPSCALE MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX IS PROGRESSING IN THE CITY OF HOWELL, AND THOSE BEHIND THE PROJECT HAVE ANNOUNCED A NEW PARTNERSHIP. MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY HOWELL HAS PARTNERED WITH PRATT MILLER MOTORSPORTS, HEADQUARTERED IN NEW HUDSON. THE PARTNERSHIP COMMENCED AT THE ROLEX 24 EVENT AT THE DAYTONA SPEEDWAY AND WILL SEE MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY BRANDING ON PRATT MILLER TEAM CARS, EQUIPMENT, AND DIGITAL ASSETS. THE LOCAL PROJECT IS ON THE OLD HIGHLAND-HOWELL PROPERTY THAT SITS ALONG I-96 BETWEEN LUCY ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE, AS WELL AS TWO ADDITIONAL PARCELS TO THE NORTH. THE NEW PARTNERSHIP WAS HIGHLIGHTED AT MONDAY NIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING. HOWELL MAYOR BOB ELLIS TOLD WHMI THAT WORK AT THE SITE IS MOVING ALONG...[w:\THU\ELLIS.mp3] THE COMPANY WEBSITE STATES THE FOCUS IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACCESS ROAD. IT'S SAID TO BE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE BACKBONE OF THE PROJECT TO ENSURE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT ACCESSIBILITY TO THE SITE. THERE WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN A FEW SETBACKS DUE TO WEATHER BUT THE TEAM IS ANTICIPATING THAT TRENCHING FOR THE GARAGE CONDO FOUNDATIONS WILL COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY.

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2-8-2024 :45 530p 8p 10p

CONGRESSWOMAN MELISSA SLOTKIN THIS WEEK INTRODUCED WHAT'S CALLED THE "CLOSING THE WORKFORCE GAP ACT," AS AN ATTEMPT TO FIX WHAT SHE CALLS A "BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM." [w:\THU\SLOTKIN WORKFORCE-GAP 1.mp3] THE DEMOCRATIC U-S SENATE CANDIDATE SAYS SEVERAL CHAMBERS AND HOSPITALITY GROUPS IN MICHIGAN ALREADY SUPPORT HER BILL.

2-8-24 :38 3p 6p 11p

AS DEBATE ON CAPITOL HILLS CONTINUES OVER THE SOUTHERN BORDER AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, MICHIGAN CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN HAS INTRODUCED WHAT'S CALLED THE "CLOSE THE WORKFORCE GAP ACT," WHICH WOULD DOLE OUT WORK VISAS ACCORDING TO HOW MANY ACTUALLY WORKERS ARE NEEDED IN THE U-S AT ANY GIVEN TIME. [w:\THU\SLOTKIN WORKFORCE-GAP 2.mp3] THE DEMOCRATIC U-S SENATE CANDIDATE SAYS SEVERAL CHAMBERS AND HOSPITALITY GROUPS IN MICHIGAN ALREADY SUPPORT HER BILL.

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2-8-2024 :41 5a 7a 9a

LYON TOWNSHIP IS ASKING FOR RESIDENTS' HELP TO WORK EARLY VOTING FOR THE FEBRUARY PRIMARY ELECTION, AS WELL AS ON ELECTION DAY. THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD IS FROM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH. TOWNSHIP CLERK MICHELLE CASH SAYS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A VARIETY OF WORKERS TO ASSIST WITH EARLY VOTING AND AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. [w:\THU\MICHELLE CASH- VOTING.mp3] MORE INFORMATION ON CONTACTING THE LYON TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM

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2-9-2024 :53 6a 8a 11a

THE MICHIGAN HOUSE HAS APPROVED STATE REPRESENTATIVE DALE ZORN'S BILL TO REDUCE REGULATIONS AFFECTING TOW TRUCK COMPANIES THAT ASSIST STRANDED DRIVERS AND HAZARDOUS ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS. [w:\FRI\MARTIN ZORN TOW.mp3] THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE LIMITS THE WEIGHT THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES CAN PLACE ON ROADS. AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS, WHEN A WRECKER MUST TOW ABOVE THEIR WEIGHT RESTRICTION, THEY NEED TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE LOCAL ROAD AGENCY. ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE, ZORN SAYS THAT "SINCE TOWING VEHICLES ARE USUALLY PROVIDING SERVICE DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY, THE STATE SHOULD REDUCE UNNECESSARY PAPERWORK THAT CAN SLOW THEM DOWN AND LEAD TO UNSAFE WAIT TIMES." HOUSE BILL 4028, WOULD EXEMPT WRECKERS FROM THOSE RESTRICTIONS WHEN TOWING OR TRAVELING TO AND FROM A DISABLED VEHICLE. THE BILL RECEIVED BIPARTISAN, UNANIMOUS SUPPORT IN THE HOUSE AND NOW MOVES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE STATE SENATE.

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2-12-2024 :46 4p 6p 7p 9p 11p

SEVERAL NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT IN MICHIGAN THIS WEEK, INVOLVING GUN SAFETY, ORGANIZED LABOR AND ABORTION. [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC MI-LAWS.mp3] MICHIGAN'S NEW SAFE STORAGE GUN LAW GOES INTO EFFECT TUESDAY, ALONG WITH SEVERAL "RED FLAG" LAWS ALLOWING AUTHORITIES TO TAKE FIREARMS AWAY FROM A PERSON SAID TO BE IN DISTRESS OR CRISIS, FROM USING A GUN ON THEMSELF OR OTHERS. THERE'S ALSO A REPEAL OF THE STATE'S "RIGHT-TO-WORK" POLICY, SEEN AS A VICTORY FOR ORGANIZED LABOR AT A TIME WHEN UNION MEMBERSHIP HAS DWINDLED. GOV. WHITMER'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT FURTHER REMOVES WHAT ABORTIONISTS SEE AS BARRIERS TO ABORTION CARE AND ACCESS.

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2-13-2024 :38 6a 8a 10a

GOVERNOR WHITMER LAUNCHED THE "FIGHT LIKE HELL PAC" IN CONJUNCTION WITH EARLY VOTING, AS THE STATE MOVES CLOSER TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION AT THE END OF THE MONTH. WHITMER KICKED OFF PHONEBANK TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE UPCOMING PRIMARY. THE PAC AIMS TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BUT ALSO- TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE EARLY VOTING DEADLINE. [w:\TUE\WHITMER- FIGHTLIKEHELLPAC.mp3] THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY OCCURS ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MICHIGAN GOP DISTRICT CONVENTION- TAKING PLACE IN DETROIT ON MARCH 2ND.

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2-13-2024 :54 6a 8a 10a 11a

THE HOWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD MET MONDAY NIGHT TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE ISSUES ON BREWER ROAD. TRUSTEE BOB WILSON REQUESTED THE ISSUE BE PUT ON THE AGENDA AND SAYS THE SITUATION INVOLVES PROPERTY ON BREWER ROAD WHERE THE OWNER HAS THEIR RAIN GUTTERS PLUMBED TO A PIPE THAT IS DIRECTED AT THE ROAD - RESULTING IN VARIOUS POTHoles AND SAFETY CONCERNS. WILSON MADE AN INITIAL MOTION THAT FAILED 6-1 TO HAVE THE TOWNSHIP DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD DAMAGE A ROADWAY. SUPERVISOR MIKE CODDINGTON AND SOME OTHERS QUESTIONED HOW THEY COULD ENFORCE SOMETHING THE TOWNSHIP HAS NO CONTROL OVER... [w:\TUE\CODDINGTON.mp3] WILSON CLARIFIED THAT HE JUST WANTED TO COVER A BROAD RANGE TO FIX THE ISSUE... [w:\TUE\WILSON.mp3] NO OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION WAS TAKEN. THE PROPERTY OWNER IN QUESTION DID NOT APPEAR TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

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2-13-2024 1:07 5a 7a 9a 1p 530p

NO OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION WAS TAKEN REGARDING DRAINAGE AND POTHOLE PROBLEMS ON BREWER ROAD IN HOWELL TOWNSHIP DURING MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING. TRUSTEE BOB WILSON SAYS RAIN GUTTERS FROM A PROPERTY ARE CONNECTED TO A PIPE DIRECTED AT BREWER ROAD, WHICH CAUSING DEEP POTHOLES AND DAMAGE TO VEHICLES BUT ALSO POSING SAFETY HAZARDS AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A FIRST MOTION BY WILSON FOR AN ORDINANCE TO BE DRAFTED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD DAMAGE A ROADWAY FAILED WITH ONLY HIM IN SUPPORT. A SECOND MOTION TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES THAT ARE ALREADY ON THE BOOKS FAILED TO GAIN ANY BOARD SUPPORT. A HANDFUL OF RESIDENTS SPOKE DURING CALL TO THE PUBLIC... [w:\TUE\RESIDENT-1.mp3] ANOTHER RESIDENT WHO LIVES ON BREWER ROAD VOICED ALLEGATIONS OF ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AGAINST WILSON THAT HE FELT COULD BE ADDRESSED INCLUDING EXCESSIVE NOISE AMONG OTHERS... [w:\TUE\RESIDENT-2.mp3] BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THAT ROADS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BUT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS FALL OUTSIDE OF THAT JURISDICTION. IT WAS FURTHER STATED THE TOWNSHIP CAN'T JUST CRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT'S TOO BROAD OR TOO NARROW, WITH SOME QUESTIONING HOW THEY COULD ENFORCE SOMETHING THE TOWNSHIP HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER.

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2-13-2024 :48 5a 7a 9a 11a 6p

BRIGHTON CITY OFFICIALS TALKED LAST NIGHT ABOUT THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN, WITH LOTS OF DISCUSSION ON POPULATION DENSITY AND NEW CONSTRUCTION DOWNTOWN. COUNCILMEMBERS MET DURING A JOINT SESSION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN, WHICH CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN HOUSING. COUNCILMEMBER BILL ALBERT MENTIONED TRAFFIC CONGESTION BETWEEN WALNUT AND 2ND STREETS, WHICH COULD INCREASE WHEN VISTA AT BRIGHTON, A 199-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX, OPENS THIS FALL. [w:\TUE\ALBERT.mp3] "THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT" REQUIRES PLANNING COMMISSIONS TO REVIEW THEIR COMMUNITY'S MASTER PLAN AT LEAST EVERY 5 YEARS. YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO THEIR MEETING AGENDA POSTED TO WHMI.COM.

2-13-2024 :46 6a 8a 10a 12p 3p

THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A JOINT SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN. ONE SPECIFIC AREA OF CONCERN INCLUDED THE POPULATION DENSITY OF THE AREA BETWEEN WALNUT AND 2ND STREETS, WHICH CONTAINS MULTI-UNIT CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX, "SECOND STREET FLATS" AND ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF VISTA AT BRIGHTON- A 199-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FALL. COUNCILMEMBER PAUL GIPSON NOTED THE INTENSE GROWTH WITHIN THE AREA, MAINLY DUE TO BRIGHTON'S SMALL-TOWN FEEL. [w:\TUE\GIPSON.mp3] OTHER TOPICS INCLUDED TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PARKING REGULATIONS. TO WATCH THE FULL MEETING, VISIT THE YOUTUBE LINK PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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2-14-2024 :53 7a 10a 1p 630p 8p 10p

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02/14/2024 1:23 530p 630p 8p 10p 5a 8a

DESPITE A PETITION DRIVE WITH MORE THAN 52,000 SIGNATURES, A VINTAGE ARCADE AND MUSEUM IS SLATED TO BE DEMOLISHED. [w:\WED\MATHEWS MUSEUM.mp3] MARVIN'S MARVELOUS MECHANICAL MUSEUM WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT INCLUDES A MEIJER STORE. THE FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL VOTED MONDAY NIGHT TO APPROVE A NEW STRIP MALL ON ORCHARD LAKE ROAD NEAR 14 MILE. THE MUSEUM FEATURES VINTAGE COIN-OPERATED MACHINES, ODDITIES, UNUSUAL NOSTALGIA, AND VIDEO AND ARCADE GAMES. FOUNDED IN THE EARLY 80'S, THE MUSEUM SAYS IT NOT ONLY STANDS AS A MONUMENT TO ALL THINGS SILLY AND GOOFY BUT AS A TESTAMENT TO MARVIN YAGODA'S PHILOSOPHY. THE MUSEUM IS OPERATED BY MARVIN'S SON, JEREMY YAGODA, WHO HAS VOWED TO FIND A WAY TO STAY OPEN AND MOVE THE MUSEUM. HE HOPES TO STAY WITHIN THE SAME GENERAL AREA.

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02/15/2024 :36 5p 630p

FORMER BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVIZOR MEL PAUNOVICH IS RUNNING FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IF ELECTED, HE WOULD REPRESENT DISTRICT 7, CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY MARTIN SMITH, WHO HAS NOT YET FILED FOR RE-ELECTION. PAUNOVICH SERVED AS BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR FROM 1991-94. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, AND WAS A POLICE OFFICER IN DETROIT, THEN BECAME A DETECTIVE IN SOUTHFIELD UNTIL HE RETIRED AS A LT. COMMANDER OF THE DETECTIVE BUREAU IN 1993. HE EARNED A B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY FROM DETROIT INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THEN EARNED BOTH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLICE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS A LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT. HE CURRENTLY PRACTICES AS AN ATTORNEY IN BRIGHTON. HE AND HIS WIFE, CAROL, HAVE TWO GROWN CHILDREN, BOTH ATTORNEYS.

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02/15/2024 1:08 5a 8a 10a 2p 6p

WITH ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY, ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS ALREADY CAST IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ARE UP DRAMATICALLY. [w:\THU\MARTIN BALLOTS.mp3] MICHIGAN'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IS ON FEBRUARY 27TH, AND MORE THAN 600-THOUSAND VOTERS HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BE COUNTED - A 67% INCREASE OVER THE SAME TIME IN 2020. ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS ALSO CONTINUE TO OUTPACE THOSE IN THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. A LINK TO AN UPDATED BREAKDOWN OF ABSENTEE BALLOT NUMBERS BY JURISDICTION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM. VOTERS WHO STILL HAVE THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOT SHOULD HAND DELIVER IT TO THEIR LOCAL CLERK'S OFFICE OR SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX TO AVOID POSTAL DELAYS.

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02/16/2024 :30 6a 9a

STUDENTS FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WERE AT THE STATE CAPITOL DEMANDING STRICTER GUN LAWS. THE PROTEST COMES JUST DAYS AFTER MSU MARKED ONE YEAR SINCE THE MASS SHOOTING ON CAMPUS, AND NEW GUN LAWS TOOK EFFECT. HOWEVER, STUDENTS ARE CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO DO MORE. [w:\FRI\STUDENTS GUNS 1.mp3] MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS INSISTS THE NEW GUN LAWS ARE A GOOD FIRST STEP AND HOPE OTHER STATES USE MICHIGAN AS A MODEL FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION.

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02/16/2024 1:19 5a 7a 10a

RESIDENTS REPRESENTING THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD'S HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN FORUM IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS.[w:\FRI\ONEIL VCR- HOA.mp3] THE FIRST ANNUAL HAMBURG PUBLIC SAFETY HOA OPEN FORUM WILL DISCUSS A VARIETY OF ISSUES RELATING TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THE MEETING TAKES PLACE AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH AT THE HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOCATED ON MERRILL RD. SOME OF THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE TRAFFIC AND NOISE COMPLAINTS, ASSOCIATION BYLAWS, HOME AND VEHICLE SAFETY, AND TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES. RESIDENTS REPRESENTING THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD HOA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. UPON REGISTERING, ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADD OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION THAT MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THEIR COMMUNITY. INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN RSVP TO THE EVENT IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM. I'M APRIL O'NEIL WITH WHMI NEWS

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02/19/2024 :53 7a 9a 11a 2p

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER'S EXPANSION OF THE KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IS POISED TO BEGIN THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR. CHILDREN GETTING READY TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN IN MICHIGAN WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FREE SERVICE PROVIDED BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH ARE PUSHING FOR QUICK FUNDING AND SAY THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE OVERALL HEALTH BENEFITS IT COULD BRING. UNITEDHEALTHCARE DENTAL DIRECTOR DR. PAUL MCCONNELL SAYS TIME IS A GREAT TIME TO FOCUS ON BUILDING HEALTHY DENTAL HABITS FOR CHILDREN THAT WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE. HE SAYS PARENTS SHOULD START SHOWING CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF A DENTAL-HEALTH ROUTINE THAT INCLUDES BRUSHING AND FLOSSING FROM AS EARLY AS A FEW MONTHS OF AGE, SO IT ISN'T A BIG ADJUSTMENT WHEN THEY ARE OLDER...[w:\MON\MCCONNELL.mp3] THE NEW LAW WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR WHITMER IN DECEMBER.

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02/19/2024 1:18 5a 7a 9a 11a 2p

SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON, ALONG WITH MORE THAN 6,500 VOTERS ACROSS THE STATE, CAST A BALLOT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON THE FIRST DAY OF IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING. [w:\MON\MARTIN EARLY-VOTING.mp3] SECRETARY BENSON SAYS SHE WAS PROUD TO CAST HER VOTE ALONG WITH OVER 6,500 VOTERS STATEWIDE WHO CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN MICHIGAN'S FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING. SECRETARY BENSON SAYS, "ALL ACROSS THE STATE, THOUSANDS OF CLERKS AND ELECTION WORKERS ENSURED THE HISTORIC DAY WAS A SUCCESS." ACCORDING TO POLL BOOK TOTALS, 6,587 VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS FRIDAY AT EARLY VOTING SITES AROUND THE STATE. EARLY VOTING IS AVAILABLE FOR A TOTAL OF NINE CONSECUTIVE DAYS THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 25. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EARLY VOTING, INCLUDING LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF EARLY VOTING SITES, VISIT WHMI.COM AND FOLLOW THE LINKS.

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02/19/2024 1:05 5a 630p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN'S DANA NESSEL JOINS A COALITION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL CALLING ON THE U-S FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN FROM LEAD AND OTHER TOXIC METALS IN BABY FOOD... [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC NESSEL-BABY-FOOD.mp3] THE COALITION CITED RECENT FINDINGS OF HUNDREDS OF CASES OF CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING LINKED TO RECALLED CINNAMON APPLESAUCE POUCHES THAT WERE SOLD IN STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WITHOUT FIRST BEING TESTED FOR TOXIC METALS. UNDER CURRENT FDA POLICY, BABY FOOD MANUFACTURERS ARE LEFT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO EVEN TEST THEIR PRODUCTS FOR TOXIC METALS AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS. THE NOW-RECALLED WANABANA POUCHES WERE SOLD IN DOLLAR TREE STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ANYONE WHO STILL HAS THEM IN THEIR HOMES SHOULD PITCH THEM RIGHT AWAY.

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02/20/2024 :42 4p 8p 10p

HUNDREDS OF WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS IN GENOA TOWNSHIP WILL SOON SEE A RATE HIKE. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES LAST NIGHT APPROVED WHAT AMOUNTS TO A 5.3% INCREASE FOR OAK POINTE WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS, AND A 7% RATE HIKE FOR FLAT-RATE SEWER CUSTOMERS. HERE'S GREG TATARA WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S UTILITY DEPARTMENT... [w:\TUE\GREG TATARA GENOA-WATER-RATES-2.mp3] TATARA SAYS STATE ENVIRONMENTAL MANDATES ALSO ADDED ANOTHER \$41,000 FOR P-FAS -- OR TOXIC CHEMICAL TESTING. GENOA TOWNSHIP HAS APPLIED FOR GRANTS TO HELP OFFSET THE ADDED COST.

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02/21/2024 1:05 6a 8a 12p 3p

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP IS ISSUING A COMMUNITY REMINDER TO KEEP DOGS ON LEASHES. [w:\WED\MATHEWS DOG LEASH.mp3] THE TOWNSHIP SAYS IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION THAT SOME VISITORS OF THE NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY PARK, NEXT TO THE WHITMORE LAKE POST OFFICE, HAVE BEEN LETTING THEIR DOGS RUN OFF-LEASH. FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF PARK VISITORS, THE TOWNSHIP SAYS DOGS NEED TO BE LEASHED - PER ORDINANCE. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF DOG OWNERS, THE TOWNSHIP HAS A DESIGNATED DOG PARK WHERE DOGS ARE ALLOWED TO RUN OFF-LEASH WITHIN THE 1-ACRE FENCED AREA. THE WHITMORE LAKE BARK PARK IS LOCATED AT THE BACK END OF THE JENNINGS ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX. LINKS TO THE ORDINANCE AND A MAP OF THE DOG PARK ARE PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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02/21/2024 :39 12p 3p 5p

FEDERAL EMERGENCY OFFICIALS ARE WARNING ANYONE LOOKING TO BE REIMBURSED FOR DAMAGES FROM LAST SUMMER'S TORNADOES AND STORMS TO BE AWARE OF SCAM ARTISTS WHO PREY ON THOSE DESPARATE FOR HELP. FEMA'S DARRELL HABISCH SAYS HIS AGENCY WILL NEVER CALL AND ASK FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BANKING INFORMATION OR MONEY UP FRONT. [w:\WED\DARRELL HABISCH FEMA-SCAMS 1.mp3] ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL FEMA'S FRAUD HOTLINE. WE'VE POSTED ALL THE INFO AT WHMI.COM.

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02/22/2024 1:11 530p 8p 10p

AS FEMA WORKERS GO DOOR-TO-DOOR ASSESSING DAMAGE FROM LAST SUMMER'S SEVERE STORMS AND TORNADOES, THE AGENCY SAYS IT ALREADY DOLED OUT MORE THAN THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE.... [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC FEMA-NUMBERS-CENTER.mp3] THE BULK OF THAT, ROUGHLY 2.8 MILLION, HAS GONE TO 947 INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS THAT SUFFERED DAMAGE DURING THE STORMS LAST AUGUST. FEMA TEAMS ALREADY HAVE VISITED 3,000 HOMES ACROSS THE WHMI LISTENING AREA, AND WILL CONTINUE OVER THE NEXT WEEK. THE AGENCY ALSO OPENED A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER IN WILLIAMSTON TO HELP APPLY FOR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, UPLOAD DOCUMENTS, AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. IT'LL LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST INGHAM EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY ON GRAND RIVER THROUGH MARCH 2, BUT OTHER LOCATIONS WILL FOLLOW. STORM VICTIMS HAVE UNTIL APRIL 8 TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE.

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02/16/2024 :27 6a 10a

MICHIGAN'S NEW EARLY VOTING PERIOD GETS UNDERWAY SATURDAY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS. SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON INSISTS IT WORKS JUST LIKE VOTING IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY, EXCEPT YOU'LL HAVE NINE DAYS TO CAST A BALLOT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. [w:\FRI\BENSON EARLY-VOTING 1.mp3] MULTIPLE OTHER STATES HAVE ALREADY USED EARLY VOTING FOR SEVERAL ELECTION CYCLES. MICHIGAN'S PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS FEBRUARY 27.

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02/26/2024 :31 12p 3p

MICHIGAN LEADERS ARE PRAISING THE STATE'S FIRST IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING PERIOD AS A SUCCESS. SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON GIVING A FINAL TALLY THIS MORNING... [w:\MON\JOCELYN BENSON EARLY-VOTE-1.mp3] COMPARE THAT TO THE MORE THAN 927-THOUSAND MICHIGANDERS WHO CHOSE TO CAST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTEAD. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM SEVEN A-M UNTIL EIGHT P-M FOR TUESDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

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02/26/2024 :33 5p 7p 9p 11p 6a

ROUGHLY ONE MILLION MICHIGAN VOTERS CAST A BALLOT EARLY FOR TUESDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS. SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON SAYS A VAST MAJORITY DID SO BY ABSENTEE BALLOT. [w:\MON\JOCELYN BENSON EARLY-VOTE-2.mp3] THAT'S COMPARED TO THE 78-THOUSAND WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE'S FIRST IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING PERIOD WHICH ENDED SUNDAY. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM SEVEN A-M UNTIL EIGHT P-M TUESDAY.

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02/27/2024 1:08 5a 7a 9a 12p 2p 4p

A PROPOSED PROJECT THAT CALLS FOR NEW TOWNHOMES, A RETAIL BUILDING, AND AN UPDATED GAS STATION IS MOVING FORWARD IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP. THE PLANNING COMMISSION MET RECENTLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPLICATION FOR THE HAMBURG VILLAGE TOWNHOMES" PROJECT LOCATED AT HAMBURG ROAD AND M-36. 40 TOWNHOMES ARE BEING PROPOSED IN NINE, TWO-STORY BUILDINGS OF VARYING SIZES. THE APPLICANT IS RONNY HAMAMA WITH RDH PROPERTIES, WHO IS THE LONGTIME OWNER OF THE EXISTING MOBIL GAS STATION AT THE SITE THAT WILL BE REVAMPED. COMMISSIONER JOHN HAMLIN WAS THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE, SAYING HE FELT SOME REQUIREMENTS WEREN'T BEING FOLLOWED WITH LANDSCAPE BUFFERING AND THEY OWE IT TO AFFECTED NEIGHBORS TO MAKE SURE RULES ARE FOLLOWED... [w:\TUE\HAMLIN-1.mp3] [w:\TUE\HAMLIN-2.mp3] THE PROJECT NEXT HEADS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR REVIEW IN APRIL.

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02/27/2024 :43 5a 8a 11a

GENOA TOWNSHIP RESIDENT JANENE DEATON (PICTURED) ANNOUNCED SHE HAS FILED AS A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GENOA TOWNSHIP CLERK. THE ROLE IS CURRENTLY MAINTAINED BY POLLY SKOLARUS, WHO HAS NOT YET FILED FOR RE-ELECTION. SKOLARUS HAS SERVED AS GENOA TOWNSHIP CLERK SINCE 1986. GENOA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE AND FORMER BRIGHTON CITY CLERK DIANA LOWE HAS ALSO FILED FOR THE POSITION. LOWE RETIRED FROM THE BRIGHTON CLERK POSITION AFTER 25 YEARS AND CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE HOWELL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AS VICE-CHAIR AND GENOA TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION, AMONG OTHER ROLES. JANENE DEATON IS THE WIFE OF 6TH DISTRICT COUNTY COMMISSIONER ROGER DEATON, WHO IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR. SHE SAYS HER 23 YEARS IN REAL ESTATE HAS GIVEN HER A RINGSIDE SEAT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. MORE INFORMATION ON LIVINGSTON COUNTY CANDIDATE FILINGS FOR THE AUGUST 6TH PRIMARY ELECTION CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM

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02/29/2024 1:04 1p 5p 7p 9p 11p

MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS IS BEING URGED TO STEP INTO A DISPUTE OVER LEADERSHIP OF THE STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY.. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC KARAMO-APPEAL.mp3] LAWYERS FOR KRISTINA KARAMO ASKED THE COURT WEDNESDAY TO THROW OUT A DECISION BY A KENT COUNTY JUDGE, WHO SAID A JANUARY VOTE TO OUST HER WAS VALID. KARAMO WAS VOTED OUT OF LEADERSHIP AFTER MONTHS OF INTERNAL FIGHTING OVER FINANCES AND STRATEGY. SHE HAD BEEN A TRUMP SUPPORTER AND UNSUCCESSFUL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE WHEN SHE WON THE TOP PARTY POST IN 2023. KARAMO WANTS THE APPEALS COURT TO MAKE A RULING BY FRIDAY, A DAY BEFORE SHE HAD PLANNED TO HOLD A MAJOR MEETING IN DETROIT TO SELECT PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES FOR THE PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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03/08/2024 :35 7a 11a 2p

TIME TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR THIS SUNDAY. HOWEVER, LOWELL REPUBLICAN STATE SEN. THOMAS ALBERT WANTS TO GET RID OF DAYLIGHT SAVING, ARGUING HE SEES ZERO BENEFIT TO SWITCHING OUR CLOCKS TWICE A YEAR.[w:\FRI\SEN THOMAS ALBERT DAYLIGHT-SAVING 1.mp3] SEN. ALBERT INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WHAT WOULD PUT THE QUESTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ON THIS NOVEMBER'S BALLOT, ALLOWING MICHIGAN VOTERS TO DECIDE THE ISSUE ONCE AND FOR ALL.

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03/11/2024 1:36 5a 7a 9a 11p 2p

A LIST OF LOCAL PROJECTS IS SLATED TO RECEIVE NEARLY \$2 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING. WHMI'S April O'Neil reports.[w:\MON\ONEIL VCR- SLOTKIN SECURES FUNDS.mp3] U.S. REP. ELISSA SLOTKIN (MI-07) ANNOUNCED A TOTAL OF 13 PROJECTS IN MICHIGAN'S 7TH DISTRICT ARE ON THEIR WAY TO RECEIVING A COMBINED 18.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDING- JUST UNDER 2 MILLION DOLLARS BEING ALLOCATED TO PROJECTS WITHIN LIVINGSTON AND OAKLAND COUNTIES. IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, THE UNADILLA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE \$850,000 IN FUNDING. ADDITIONALLY, OVER \$1 MILLION WILL GO TO OAKLAND COUNTY PROJECTS, INCLUDING \$161,000 TO THE MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT \$850,000 TO LYON TOWNSHIP FOR SEWER & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS. THE HOUSE PASSED A "MINIBUS" FUNDING PACKAGE, WHICH IS SET TO BE PASSED BY THE SENATE WITHIN THE COMING WEEKS. OTHER PROJECTS UP FOR FEDERAL DOLLARS INCLUDES STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN'S MAIN STREET PROJECT, AND OVER 8 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD LANSING'S CAPITAL REGION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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03/12/2024 :26 4p 7p 9p 11p 5a 730a 9a

A MARION TOWNSHIP ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IS SEEKING A SPOT ON THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. 29-YEAR-OLD PAUL GIESSNER IS THE ONLY DEMOCRAT WHO HAS FILED TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 5, WHICH COVERS THE CITY OF HOWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION. DURING HIS CANDIDACY, GIESSNER SAID HE WOULD FOCUS ON THE EVERYDAY ISSUES AFFECTING LIVINGSTON COUNTY FAMILIES, INCLUDING CLEAN AIR AND WATER, CHILD AND ELDER CARE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE. MORE INFORMATION ON GIESSNER'S CAMPAIGN AND THE OTHER CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR COUNTY COMMISSION IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/12/2024 :47 5a 9a 1p 4p

A DEBATE OVER TOLL ROADS IN MICHIGAN CONTINUES IN LANSING. RON DAVIS IS A PROJECT MANAGER WITH H-N-T-B, THE FIRM HIRED TO STUDY POSSIBLE TOLLING ACROSS THE STATE.[w:\TUE\RON DAVIS MI-TOLLS-1.mp3] DAVIS TOLD LAWMAKERS LAST WEEK THAT A SIX CENT-PER-MILE TOLL ON PASSENGER CARS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR TRUCKS COULD EVENTUALLY SUSTAIN THE COSTS OF A TOLL SYSTEM IN MICHIGAN, FREEING UP EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES FOR OTHER USES AND OFFSET PROJECTED DECLINES IN TRADITIONAL GAS TAXES DUE TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. HOWEVER, HE SAYS THERE'S NO GUARANTEE A CONSENSUS WILL BE REACHED IN LANSING ANYTIME SOON.

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03/13/2024 :39 6a 9a

GOV. WHITMER'S CURRENT BUDGET PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ALL MICHIGAN DRIVERS TO AUTOMATICALLY PAY 14 DOLLARS FOR A STATE PARK PASSPORT WHEN THEY RENEW THEIR REGISTRATION, IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE MORE MONEY. SOME CALL IT A SCAM, SO LAWMAKERS AND STATE D-N-R OFFICIALS ARE NOW WORKING ON AN OPT-OUT CLAUSE. STATE REP. JULIE BRIXIE CHAIRS THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES..[w:\WED\JULIE BRIXIE STATE-PARKS 1.mp3] THAT FROM WILX LANSING. DESPITE FEDERAL COVID FUNDING, MICHIGAN'S D-N-R SAYS IT STILL NEEDS \$300 MILLION TO FUND OTHER PROJECTS AND AT LEAST \$45 MILLION A YEAR TO KEEP UP WITH REPAIRS.

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03/15/2024 01:23 6a 9a 1p 3p

MHOG IS ASKING SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE SURVEY TO DESCRIBE THE PIPING MATERIALS INSTALLED ON THEIR WATER METERS. [w:\FRI\ONEIL VCR- MHOG.mp3] MHOG IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WITH AN INVENTORY OF ALL DISTRIBUTION MATERIALS REGARDING THE TYPE OF MATERIAL USED ON RESIDENTIAL WATER METERS, AND THE INFORMATION IS A REQUIREMENT MHOG TO MAINTAIN A DRINKING WATER LICENSE WITH THE STATE. THE SURVEY WAS CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR CUSTOMERS SERVED BY THE MHOG & OAK POINTE WATER SYSTEMS AND EXCLUDES LAKE EDGEWOOD-CITY OF BRIGHTON WATER CUSTOMERS. MGH SAYS THE ONLINE SURVEY MAKES FOR A LOWER COST AND MORE PRIVATE METHOD TO DOCUMENT MATERIALS THAN STAFF HAVING TO ENTER HOMES IN ORDER TO MEET THE STATE REQUIREMENT. WHEN COMPLETED, PARTICIPATING CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE A \$10.00 CREDIT ON THEIR NEXT UTILITY BILL. A LINK TO THE SURVEY IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/08/2024 :25 4p 8p 10p 5a 630a

TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, PART OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH. GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER SAYS IT'S A DAY TO UPLIFT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN IN MICHIGAN. [W:\FRI\WHITMER INTL WOMENS DAY.MP3] MICHIGAN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST STATES TO PASS THE 19TH AMENDMENT, GRANTING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE, PASSED FEDERALLY IN THE YEAR 1919.

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03/14/2024 1:05 12p 3p 530p 630p 7p 9p 11p

ON TOP OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO LAST SUMMER'S SEVERE WEATHER, FEMA IS KICKING IN A FEW HUNDRED BUCKS FOR THOSE WHO HAD TO CLEAN AND SANITIZE THEIR HOME.. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC FEMA-SANITIZE.mp3] BOTH HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR 300 BUCKS, EVEN IF THEY'VE ALREADY SCRUBBED, MOPPED, AND BLEACHED AWAY THE STORM. YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE WAS DAMAGED BY THE DISASTER, AND YOU WERE LIVING THERE AT THE TIME. IF YOUR RESIDENCE NEEDED TO BE CLEANED AFTER THE DISASTER, OR IF THE DAMAGE WAS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE OR YOU LACK INSURANCE. FEMA IS OFFERING FOUR WAYS TO APPLY: EITHER ONLINE, THE AGENCY'S MOBILE APP, 800 HOTLINE OR IN-PERSON DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS. WE'VE POSTED LINKS AT WHMI.COM.

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03/13/2024 :46 5a 7a 11a

TODAY IN LANSING, VOLUNTEERS WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S CANCER ACTION NETWORK URGE LAWMAKERS TO DO THEIR PART IN REDUCING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TOBACCO USAGE. MOLLY MEDENBLIK IS MICHIGAN'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE ORGANIZATION, URGING LAWMAKERS TO INCREASE STATE FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CESSATION, AND LOWERING DRUG COSTS. [w:\WED\MEDENBLIK 2.mp3] THE SECOND BEING THE "ALL COPAYS COUNT" LEGISLATION, WHICH ALLOWS PAYMENTS FOR MEDICATION TO GO TOWARD A PATIENT'S INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE, OFFERING IMEDIATE RELIEF, ESPECIALLY ON HIGH-COST DRUGS. THE BILL IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN THE MICHIGAN HOUSE.

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03/14/2024 1:23 7a 11a 1p

A LOCAL LAWMAKER TESTIFIED THIS WEEK IN SUPPORT OF A BI-PARTISAN PLAN TO HELP SAVE LIVES BY CRACKING DOWN ON FENTANYL DISTRIBUTION IN MICHIGAN. [w:\THU\MATHEWS BOLLIN.mp3] STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANN BOLLIN SAID STATISTICS CLEARLY SHOW THAT FENTANYL IS INCREASINGLY KILLING PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES AND THEY CANNOT JUST SIT BACK AND WAIT. THE BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN SAID THE BI-PARTISAN PLAN ADDRESSES THE ISSUE HEAD-ON BY INCREASING PENALTIES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTING FENTANYL. BOLLIN NOTED THAT FENTANYL WAS ATTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 100,000 OVERDOSE DEATHS IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD AND IS INCREASINGLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GROWING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSES. SHE SAID IT WAS FURTHER RECENTLY REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 67% OF DRUG OVERDOSES INVOLVE FENTANYL. BOLLIN IS SPONSORING PART OF THE BI-PARTISAN PLAN. HOUSE BILLS 5124-5126 REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HOUSE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE.

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03/18/2024 :57 5p 630p 8p 10p

A RETIRED FOWLerville TEACHER IS JUMPING IN THE RACE FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS...[w:\MON\RAJKOVIC SEXTON-LIV-CO-BOARD.mp3] DEMOCRAT BOB SEXTON PLANS TO BRING WHAT HE CALLS "A MORE MODERATE VOICE TO THE COUNTY'S GOVERNING BODY." HE'S SEEKING THE DISTRICT 7 SEAT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CITY OF BRIGHTON AND A MAJORITY OF BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP. THAT SEAT IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY COMMISSIONER MARTIN SMITH. IN A PRESS RELEASE, SEXTON SAYS HE PLANS TO FOCUS ON SENIOR SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. HE TAUGHT ENGLISH AND SPEECH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVELS, WHILE ALSO SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE FOWLerville EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

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03/20/2024 :47 6a 9a

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE CONTINUES TO ADD UP FOR VICTIMS OF STORMS, TORNADOES AND FLOODING LAST AUGUST...[w:\WED\RAJKOVIC FEMA-MONEY.mp3] IN JUST OVER A MONTH SINCE THE BIDEN WHITE HOUSE DECLARED A MAJOR DISASTER FOR MICHIGAN FOLLOWING SEVERE WEATHER LAST AUGUST, FEMA SAYS MORE THAN \$105 MILLION IN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SO FAR HAS BEEN DOLED OUT TO HELP WITH RECOVERY. HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS WHOSE HOMES AND PROPERTY WERE DAMAGED BY LAST SUMMER'S STORMS HAVE UNTIL APRIL 8 TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. WE'VE POSTED LINKS AT WHMI.COM.

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03/22/2024 :42 2p 4p 6p 8p 10p

THE CITY OF BRIGHTON ISSUED A PROPOSED PARKING STRATEGY FOR EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS TO BETTER COORDINATE THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE DOWNTOWN. THE CITY ADVISES THAT EMPLOYEES OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES UTILIZE THE LEAST CONGESTED PARKING LOTS IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE SURE SPACES ARE DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS. EMPLOYEES ARE RECOMMENDED TO UTILIZE THE SECOND STREET LOT ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS, CENTER STREET LOT, MAIN STREET CSX PARKING LOT OR THE OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY LOT. TO FURTHER ALLEVIATE PARKING CONCERNS, THE CITY IS ACTIVELY PURSUING THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES. THE DDA RECENTLY APPROVED A LEASE TO ADD 45 SPACES IN A PARKING LOT AT THE CORNER OF W. ST. PAUL AND EAST STREET. THE SPACES ARE SLATED TO BECOME AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE STARTING MAY 1ST. A LINK TO BRIGHTON'S INTERACTIVE PARKING MAP AND MORE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.



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03/26/2024 :43 6a 830a

CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE IS BUSY COLLECTING PETITION SIGNATURES TO GET THEIR ISSUE ON THE STATEWIDE BALLOT THIS YEAR. THE GROUP IS UNHAPPY WITH A NEW STATE LAW FORCING LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO GO THROUGH THE STATE FOR ZONING APPROVAL ON WIND TURBINES AND SOLAR PANELS. TOM PARKER IS THE CAMPAIGN'S CO-CAPTAIN HERE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY. [w:\TUE\TOM-PARKER LOCAL-CHOICE 1.mp3] TO DATE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY HAS HAD OVER 6,000 REGISTERED VOTERS SIGN THIS PETITION. CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE WILL BE COLLECTING MORE SIGNATURES THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT THE MUGG & BOPPS IN HARTLAND.

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03/26/2024 :54 6a 12p

SPRING IS REVVING UP, AND SO TOO ARE COMPLAINTS ABOUT LOUD VEHICLES AND EXHAUST AROUND THE CITY OF HOWELL. COUNCIL MET MONDAY NIGHT AND HEARD FROM A COUPLE OF RESIDENTS ABOUT BOTH NOISE AND SPEEDING ISSUES... ANOTHER AGREED THE NOISE FROM VEHICLES IS "AWFUL AND OUTRAGEOUS UPTOWN", AND IS USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY SPEEDING. ISSUES HAVE BEEN WELL DISCUSSED OVER THE YEARS BY COUNCIL, AND STAFF AND MEMBERS SYMPATHIZE BUT IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO ENFORCEMENT AS THE NOISE ORDINANCE AND MOTOR VEHICLE CODES DIFFER. STAFF PLANS TO STRATEGIZE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

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03/23/2024 :28 5a 730a 9a 11a 2p 4p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY IS HOSTING A TOWN HALL MEETING ON AVAILABLE FEMA SERVICES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOS, AND FLOODING LAST SUMMER. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING ON REGARDING THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO HELP RECOVER FROM DAMAGES LAST AUGUST. IT WILL BE HELD THURSDAY EVENING AT THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AND BE FACILITATED BY LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. FEMA WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON SITE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, ASSIST WITH NEW APPLICATIONS, PROVIDE UPDATES ON CURRENT APPLICATIONS, AND THE SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LOAN PROCESS. THE FEMA DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY, APRIL 8TH.

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1-5-2024 :44 5a 630a 8a 10a

LIVINGSTON COUNTY'S PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S INPUT AS THEY WORK TO DEVELOP THE 2025 MASTER PLAN. RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE A VOLUNTARY SURVEY REGARDING TOPICS SUCH AS LAND USE, HOUSING, RECREATION, AND OTHER TOPICS AFFECTING LIVINGSTON COUNTY. THE MASTER PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 2018 AND HIGHLIGHTS A VARIETY OF CURRENT PLANNING TRENDS WHILE PROVIDING BEST PRACTICES EXAMPLES FROM LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, THE REGION, STATE, AND COUNTRY. THE PLAN IS INTENDED TO BE USED BY LOCAL CITIES, VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS DURING THE FORMATION OR REVISION OF THEIR OWN PLANS, MAPS, AND ORDINANCES. THE SURVEY TAKES ABOUT 10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE AND ASKS FOR RESIDENTS' OPINIONS OF THE COMMUNITIES, ALONG WITH SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. A LINK IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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1-8-2024 :43 530a 7a 9a 11a 1p

A POPULAR BOOKSHOP IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON IS EXPANDING. TWO RETIRED BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS TEACHERS, JERI KAY THOMAS AND JEANNE BLAZO, FOUNDED TWO DANDELIONS BOOKSHOP AT 428 W. MAIN STREET IN 2019 AND IT QUICKLY FILLED A VOID. AT THE TIME, DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON— WHICH AT ONE TIME HAD THREE BOOK STORES — HAD NONE. THE TWO HAVE FOUND GREAT SUCCESS IN THE FEW YEARS THEIR BOOKSTORE HAS BEEN OPEN, AND EXPANDING HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE BACK OF THEIR MINDS. THAT OPPORTUNITY RECENTLY SURFACED, AND THE TWO BEST FRIENDS PURCHASED THE CONCORD MORTGAGE BUILDING NEXT DOOR. NOW, THOMAS AND BLAZO ARE PLANNING TO REMODEL THE ADJACENT BUILDING SO THEY CAN EXPAND AND EFFECTIVELY DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THEIR BOOKSHOP. THOMAS SAYS THEY ARE WORKING ON A DESIGN, AND THE EXPANSION WILL TAKE PLACE THIS COMING SPRING.

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1-9-2024 :28 5a 830a 10a

CITY OF HOWELL BEING ASKED TO ALLOW MARIJUANA FACILITIES, OR FACE A POTENTIAL BALLOT QUESTION IN NOVEMBER. THE CITY SO FAR HAS OPTED OUT OF ALLOWING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, BUT CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA SAYS THEY'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER..[w:\TUE\SUIDA-MARIJUANA-1.mp3] NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. SUIDA STRESSED A SURVEY CURRENTLY CIRCULATING IS NOT A CITY SURVEY, NOTING THEY HAVE NOT HAD STRONG MOVEMENT FROM RESIDENTS TO PERMIT MARIJUANA BUSINESSES.

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1-11-2024 :34 530a 730a 9a 11a

SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MICHIGAN'S ROADWAYS...[w:\THU\ONEILL MDOT-COMPLETE-STREETS.mp3] AN ALL-NEW ONLINE SURVEY HAS BECOME AVAILABLE AS PART OF MDOT'S COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE. COMPLETE STREETS IS AN MDOT POLICY THAT ENCOMPASSES ITEMS THAT SERVE FOR BETTER MOBILITY AND SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION USERS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, MOTORISTS, AND FREIGHT VEHICLES. THE ONLINE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE THROUGH FEB. 9 AND ALL MICHIGAN RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. SOME QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT ITEMS SUCH AS PARTICIPANTS' ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS, ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL PLANNING, AND SUGGESTED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. YOU CAN FIND A SURVEY LINK POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM.

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01/16/2024 01:07 7a 830a 11a

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AN UPCOMING PROJECT IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP...[w:\TUE\ONEILL FAUSETT-BRIDGE-VCR.mp3] THE FAUSETT ROAD BRIDGE OVER ORE CREEK SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED STARTING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH. THE BRIDGE'S SUPERSTRUCTURE IS SET TO BE REPLACED AND CREWS WILL ALSO CONDUCT SURROUNDING ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECTS. FAUSETT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BOTH WAYS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY. ENTIRE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY MONDAY, JUNE 3RD. THE LCRC SAYS CONSTRUCTION DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER ADVERSITIES AND CONTRACTOR SCHEDULING. A PHOTO WITH THE POSTED DETOUR IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM. I'M APRIL O'NEIL WITH WHMI NEWS.

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01/17/2024 :54 9a 11a 1p 3p

THE LONG-AWAITED SIDEWALK GAP PROJECT IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY IN BRIGHTON...[w:\WED\TOLEN BRIGHTON-SIDEWALK-PROJECT 2.wav] THE CITY HAS OFTEN DISCUSSED THE NEED TO NOT ONLY REPAIR OR REPLACE SIDEWALKS IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BUT ALSO TO ADD SIDEWALKS IN PARTS OF TOWN WHERE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NONE. THE CITY HAS IN ITS 2023-24 BUDGET THE ADDITION OF SIDEWALKS ON NELSON STREET FROM NORTH CHURCH ST. TO WILLIAMSEN DRIVE, WILLIAMSEN FROM NELSON TO FLINT ROAD (EXCEPT FOR A SMALL PORTION NEAR THE PONDVIEW CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT THAT ALREADY HAS SIDEWALKS) AND ON FLINT ROAD, FROM WILLIAMSEN TO SPRING MOUNTAIN DRIVE. AS THE FIRST PHASE OF THAT EFFORT, THE CITY WILL BEGIN REMOVING TREES ALONG THE ROADWAY ON THE CITY'S NORTHEAST SIDE ON FLINT RD., WILLIAMSEN DR. AND NELSON ST., BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY, JAN. 22ND.

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01/18/2024 01:31 6a 8a 10a

A LOCAL NON-PROFIT THAT HELPS VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT HAS FINALLY MOVED INTO ITS NEW FOREVER HOME...THE LACASA CENTER HAS RELOCATED TO A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FACILITY ON TOOLEY ROAD IN HOWELL AND A PHASED-MOVE TO THE NEW 50,000-SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY IS COMPLETE. IT SITS ON A 20-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMS HEADQUARTERS. THE NEW CENTER IS DESIGNED TO CREATE AN EMPOWERING ENVIRONMENT FOR ABUSE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. IT FEATURES A NEW CRISIS SHELTER AND A NEW SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE CENTER UNIT. LACASA PRESIDENT AND CEO BOBETTE SCHRANDT SAID THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN GRAPPLING WITH SEVERE OVERCROWDING FOR YEARS AND THEY'VE BEEN EAGERLY ANTICIPATING THE COMPLETION OF THE MOVE - WHICH WILL ENHANCE EVERY ASPECT OF THE WAY THEY PROVIDE SERVICES FOR VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES. SCHRANDT ADDED THEY HAVE NOW BEGUN THE PUBLIC PHASE OF THEIR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/19/2024 01:08 6p 8p 10p 5a 7a 9a 11a

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY'S OFFICE OF RURAL PROSPERITY RELEASES ITS "ROADMAP TO RURAL PROSPERITY." [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC MI-RURAL-ROADMAP.mp3] THE FIRST-EVER REPORT FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOCUSES ON THE CHALLENGES RURAL COMMUNITIES FACE, AND STRATEGIES TO BUILD LONG-TERM PROSPERITY IN RURAL AREAS ACROSS THE STATE. THE "ROADMAP" IS THE RESULT OF A STATEWIDE SURVEY REACHING MORE THAN 2,400 RURAL RESIDENTS. STRATEGIES INCLUDE: GROWING AND DIVERSIFYING THE WORKFORCE ACROSS ALL SECTORS. IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. SUPPORTING LOCAL AND REGIONAL CAPACITY TO DELIVER SERVICES. EXPANDING QUALITY AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. A RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PROTECTING AND CONSERVING NATURAL ASSETS. YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/19/2024 1:17 5a 8a 11a

MDOT NEXT MONTH, WILL UNVEIL ITS PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AHEAD OF A PLANNED U-S 23/WASHTENAW AVENUE PROJECT... [w:\FRI\MATTHEWS MDOT-US23.mp3] MDOT IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 1ST ABOUT THE US-23 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, M-17 OR WASHTENAW AVENUE PLANNING, AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES OR PEL STUDY IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. THROUGH THE US-23 IMPROVEMENT STUDY, MDOT WILL PREPARE ROAD AND BRIDGE DESIGN CONCEPTS ALONG US-23 FROM I-94 TO M-14. THAT CORRIDOR CARRIES APPROXIMATELY 80,000 VEHICLES ON A TYPICAL WEEKDAY. A FEDERALLY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS ALSO UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP AND EVALUATE DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES FOR THE CORRIDOR TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS AND SAFETY. THE OPEN HOUSE WILL FEATURE TWO TIME SLOTS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - FROM NOON TO 2PM AND FROM 4 TO 8PM. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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GOVERNMENT 01/26/2024 01:19 2p

IN ITS JANUARY MEETING, THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPROVED FUNDING FOR A NUMBER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS MICHIGAN. [w:\FRI\DAN MARTIN MSHDA.mp3] DEVELOPMENT AREAS INCLUDE HOLLAND, GARFIELD TOWNSHIP, CENTER LINE, LAWRENCE AND HARTFORD. MSHDA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMY HOVEY SAYS, "THE FUNDING APPROVED BY THE BOARD WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE HOMES AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES, SENIORS AND OTHERS IN AREAS WHERE OUR CURRENT HOUSING SUPPLY IS NOT MEETING DEMAND." THE BOARD APPROVED A CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF UP TO \$31 MILLION FOR H?M FLATS AT 24 EAST, A PROPOSED 202-UNIT DEVELOPMENT IN HOLLAND. THE BOARD ALSO SIGNED OFF ON A LOAN TOTALING \$20.8 MILLION TO ACQUIRE AND REHABILITATE LAWRENCE PARK, A 252-UNIT FAMILY/SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF CENTER LINE.

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BUSINESS 01/26/2024 01:12 3p

BEER AFICIONADOS IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY WILL SOON HAVE A NEW MICROBREWERY AND TAPROOM. [w:\FRI\DAN MARTIN MINE-MICROBREWERY.mp3] BRAD JONCKHEERE, FOUNDER OF SCHMUCK'S BREWERY IS ALSO THE OWNER OF AMERICAN CONCRETE PRODUCTS ON MASON ROAD IN HOWELL. HE'S PLANNING TO CONVERET AN OLD OFFICE BUILDING INTO THE BREWERY'S FIRST PHYSICAL LOCATION. WITH MINING COMPLETED, JONCKHEERE SAYS CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE SPRING, WITH THE LOCATION BECOMING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATERNG HOLE. ADDITIONAL PLANS INCLUDE A RESTAURANT, AND POSSIBLE CAMPGROUND. REDEVELOPMENT IDEAS NEAR THE SITE'S 30 ACRE LAKE HAVE BEEN BREWING FOR YEARS. THE TOTAL SITE IS AROUND 100 ACRES, AND IS EXPECTED TO EVENTUALLY HAVE AREAS FOR TENTS, RVS AND CABINS.

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01/26/2024 :59 7a 10a 3p

COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A BREAKFAST EVENT FOCUSED ON PROMOTING AND EXPANDING ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY WHILE WORKING TO INCREASE ACCESS FOR TRANSIT-DEPENDENT PEOPLE. THE 3RD ANNUAL LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROSA PARKS TRANSIT EQUITY DAY WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT CLEARY COMMONS AT CLEARY UNIVERSITY. IT'S HOSTED BY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION, WHICH LIKE ROSA PARKS, IS ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL. PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR MARK HYMES [w:\FRI\HYMES-2.MP3] BREAKFAST WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT PROGRAM RECOGNIZING THOSE WORKING TO EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. ANY MUNICIPALITY THAT OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMS FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024 AS ROSA PARKS TRANSIT EQUITY DAY WILL BE RECOGNIZED, ALONG WITH THOSE THAT ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY CONTRACTING WITH LETS. REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

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01/31/2024 01:15 11a 6p 630a

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY HAS PUBLISHED ITS 2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT, SUMMARIZING THE AGENCY'S BIENNIAL MEETINGS. DAN MARTIN HAS THE DETAILS. [w:\WED\MARTIN OAKLAND-ROADS.mp3] THE REPORT SUMMARIZES THE MESSAGES SHARED BY RCOC WITH COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS THE FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY EACH COMMUNITY DURING THE MEETINGS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2023. MANAGING DIRECTOR DENNIS KOLAR SAYS, "THESE MEETINGS HELP TO ENSURE WE MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CUSTOMERS WHILE ALSO ALLOWING US TO SHARE CRITICAL INFORMATION WITH THE LEADERS OF EVERY COMMUNITY," ADDING, "THEY ALSO ALLOW US TO CHECK THE PULSE OF DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT MAY IMPACT TRAFFIC AND GAIN VALUABLE FEEDBACK ON THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE." FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM FOR LINKS.

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2-6-2024 :46 5a 6a 8a 9a 11a

THE LYON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS RENEWED A TEMPORARY RESOLUTION ALLOWING OUTDOOR SALES AT BARS AND RESTAURANTS- A PACKAGE OF RULES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY PRESENTED DURING COVID. THE BOARD INITIALLY CREATED THE TEMPORARY ORDINANCE IN 2020, ALLOWING BARS AND RESTAURANTS TO EXPAND OUTDOOR SEATING AND GENERATE REVENUE WITH THE UNCERTAIN FATE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC. THE RULES HAVE BEEN RENEWED EVERY YEAR SINCE, WITH A PERMANENT RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED WITHIN THE COMING MONTHS. [w:\TUE\CARCONE.mp3] THAT WAS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE PATRICIA CARCONE. THE PERMANENT ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR DINING TOWNSHIP-WIDE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AREAS.

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2-6-2024 :51 5a 7a 8a 10a

PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THE CITY OF HOWELL TO RECONSTRUCT AND TRANSFORM THE DEPOT LOT AND WALNUT STREET AREA. CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A DESIGN ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR THE PROJECT MONDAY NIGHT. IT INVOLVES TRANSFORMING THE OLD DEPOT LOT INTO A PUBLIC GATHERING SPACE, WITH ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE EXISTING LOT AND ADJOINING AREAS, AS WELL AS IMPROVEMENTS TO WALNUT STREET. MAYOR BOB ELLIS... [w:\TUE\ELLIS-1.mp3] BATHROOMS, A CONCESSION AREA, AND BENCHES ARE ALSO INCLUDED; ALONG WITH OTHER AMENITIES THAT INCLUDE LIGHTING, A SOUND SYSTEM, AND CEILING FANS. DESIGN COMPLETION IS ANTICIPATED IN SEPTEMBER AND STAFF WILL BE HOLDING PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DESIGN ELEMENTS, LISTEN TO ANY CONCERNS, AND INFORM THOSE IN THE AREA OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. THE TARGET COMPLETION WOULD BE DECEMBER 2025.

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2-8-2024 :54 6a 8a 10a

CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD FOR A LARGE UPSCALE MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX IS PROGRESSING IN THE CITY OF HOWELL, AND THOSE BEHIND THE PROJECT HAVE ANNOUNCED A NEW PARTNERSHIP. MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY HOWELL HAS PARTNERED WITH PRATT MILLER MOTORSPORTS, HEADQUARTERED IN NEW HUDSON. THE PARTNERSHIP COMMENCED AT THE ROLEX 24 EVENT AT THE DAYTONA SPEEDWAY AND WILL SEE MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY BRANDING ON PRATT MILLER TEAM CARS, EQUIPMENT, AND DIGITAL ASSETS. THE LOCAL PROJECT IS ON THE OLD HIGHLAND-HOWELL PROPERTY THAT SITS ALONG I-96 BETWEEN LUCY ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE, AS WELL AS TWO ADDITIONAL PARCELS TO THE NORTH. THE NEW PARTNERSHIP WAS HIGHLIGHTED AT MONDAY NIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING. HOWELL MAYOR BOB ELLIS TOLD WHMI THAT WORK AT THE SITE IS MOVING ALONG... [w:\THU\ELLIS.mp3] THE COMPANY WEBSITE STATES THE FOCUS IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACCESS ROAD. IT'S SAID TO BE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE BACKBONE OF THE PROJECT TO ENSURE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT ACCESSIBILITY TO THE SITE. THERE WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN A FEW SETBACKS DUE TO WEATHER BUT THE TEAM IS ANTICIPATING THAT TRENCHING FOR THE GARAGE CONDO FOUNDATIONS WILL COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY.

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2-12-2024 :48 5a 8a 11a 2p 5p

CONSUMERS ENERGY IS CONTINUING WORK TO STRENGTHEN MICHIGAN'S ELECTRIC GRID, IMPROVE RELIABILITY, AND MAKE POWER OUTAGES AS INFREQUENT AND AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE. LAST YEAR, THE UTILITY UNVEILED ITS RELIABILITY ROADMAP - A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY AND RESTORE ALL CUSTOMERS IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS, EVEN AFTER SEVERE STORMS. CONSUMERS ENERGY SPOKESMAN BRIAN WHEELER TELLS WHMI THEIR COMMITMENT IS TO HAVE FEWER AND SHORTER POWER OUTAGES FOR CUSTOMERS... [w:\MON\WHEELER-1.mp3] WHEELER SAYS CONSUMERS ENERGY EXPECTS TO MAKE EVEN MORE INVESTMENTS IN THE ELECTRIC GRID THIS YEAR, WHICH IS BEING BOOSTED BY A \$100 MILLION FEDERAL FUNDING COMMITMENT TO ITS RELIABILITY ROADMAP. THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL START SPENDING THOSE FUNDS, FOCUSING ON UPGRADES TO THE GRID IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.

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2-13-2024 GOVERNMENT 6a 8a 10a 12p 3p

THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A JOINT SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN. ONE SPECIFIC AREA OF CONCERN INCLUDED THE POPULATION DENSITY OF THE AREA BETWEEN WALNUT AND 2ND STREETS, WHICH CONTAINS MULTI-UNIT CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX, "SECOND STREET FLATS" AND ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF VISTA AT BRIGHTON- A 199-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FALL. COUNCILMEMBER PAUL GIPSON NOTED THE INTENSE GROWTH WITHIN THE AREA, MAINLY DUE TO BRIGHTON'S SMALL-TOWN FEEL. [w:\TUE\GIPSON.mp3] OTHER TOPICS INCLUDED TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PARKING REGULATIONS. TO WATCH THE FULL MEETING, VISIT THE YOUTUBE LINK PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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02/19/2024 2:53 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

WHEN GRAND RIVER BREWERY OPENS IN BRIGHTON IT WILL BE THE FOURTH BAR-RESTAURANT IN JUSTIN DALENBERG'S GROWING CHAIN... [w:\MON\TOLEN GRAND-RIVER-BREWERY.mp3] DALENBERG IS INVESTING \$400,000 IN THE RENOVATION OF THE FORMER GINOPOLIS ON W. MAIN STREET INTO THE GRAND RIVER BREWERY AND SAYS HE'S REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING TO BRIGHTON. HIS FIRST BREWPUB WAS IN JACKSON, THEN HE ADDED HISTORIC MARSHALL, AND THE DETROIT SUBURB OF CLAWSON VENUE WAS ADDED LAST FALL. DALENBERG WILL BE INSTALLING A 3-BARREL BREW HOUSE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO PRODUCE THREE BARRELS, OR 93 GALLONS PER BATCH. THE BUSINESS GETS ALL ITS MEATS, BAKED GOODS AND SPECIALTY ITEMS FROM THE MANCHESTER MARKET, WHICH HE ALSO OWNS. THE STORE IS A BUTCHER SHOP, BAKERY AND CONNOISSEUR KITCHEN ALL IN ONE. THE COMPANY ALSO MAKES ITS OWN BREADS AND THEY GET THEIR BEEF FROM NOGGLE FARMS IN MANCHESTER. THEY ALSO MAKE AGAVE SPIRITS, SEVERAL KINDS OF WHISKEYS, BARBECUE AND TEXAS-STYLE BRISKET, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, AND WILL HAVE A LARGE AND VARIED SEAFOOD MENU. IN ADDITION TO A MICROBREWERY, HE ALSO HAS A SMALL DISTILLERY AND WINERY. HE HAS A MICROBREWERY LICENSE, TASTING ROOM LICENSE, DISTILLERY LICENSE AND A SMALL WINEMAKER'S LICENSE. HE HOPES TO OPEN THE BRIGHTON LOCATION IN MAY OR JUNE.

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02/20/2024 1:30 530a 8a 11a 2p 6p

SOMEDAY IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HOP A TRAIN FROM ANN ARBOR TO TRAVERSE CITY, PETOSKY OR CADILLAC...WE GET THE STORY FROM WHMI'S DAN MARTIN. [w:\TUE\MARTIN TRAIN.mp3] THE GOAL OF A PASSENGER TRAIN CONNECTING SOUTHEASTERN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS GETTING A BIT CLOSER TO COMPLETION, AS PHASE TWO OF THE LONGTIME PLAN IS NOW IN THE WORKS. THE "NORTHERN MICHIGAN PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT" IS HEADED BY THE GROUNDWORK CENTER FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES. THE PUSH BEGAN IN 2018, WHEN THE GROUNDWORK CENTER AND A NUMBER OF STATE, FEDERAL, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS BEGAN LOOKING INTO THE IDEA OF HOW TO HAVE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON AN EXISTING FREIGHT LINE BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO JIM BRUCKBAUER, TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IT COULD INCLUDE STOPS IN TRAVERSE CITY, PETOSKEY, CADILLAC, ANN ARBOR AND POSSIBLY DETROIT. THE PROJECT, IS NOW IN ITS SECOND PHASE. FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM

WHMI-2024-Q1-GROWTH-DEVELOPMENT-NEWS

02/26/2024 :52 6a 8a 10a 12p

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE STARTING UP SOON ON A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP, RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF A BUSY INTERSECTION. THE NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION IS HOSTING A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROJECT AND RELATED TRAFFIC IMPACTS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 11AM. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS CONTRACTED WITH BRIGHTON-BASED FONSON COMPANY FOR THE FEDERAL AID SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. THE CONTRACTOR IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO CLOSE THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD THIS COMING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH. THE INTERSECTION WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 12 WEEKS WHILE CREWS BEGIN FORESTRY WORK, REMOVE PAVEMENT, AND DO EXCAVATION OPERATIONS. THE ROAD COMMISSION SAYS THE CLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS AND CONSTRUCTION CREWS. ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED ONLY FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE, WORK, RENT, OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CLOSURE LIMITS. DETOUR MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/26/2024 :22 12p 3p 5p 7p 9p 11p

MDOT'S 160-MILLION DOLLAR RESURFACING AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON I-75 IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THURSDAY. THE FOUR-YEAR-PROJECT WILL IMPACT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND LANES OF I-75 BETWEEN M-15/ORTONVILLE AND OAKLAND COUNTY'S BORDER WITH GENESEE. THERE WILL BE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, UPDATED SIGNAGE AND NEW GUARDRAILS ALONG 15 MILES OF I-75. BRIDGE REPAIRS ON THE NORTHBOUND SIDE OF THE FREEWAY ARE EXPECTED TO BE DONE BY LATE FALL. WORK STARTS ON THE SOUTHBOUND LANES IN 2025.

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02/27/2024 1:04 6a 8a 10a 630a

A REVISED PROPOSAL FOR A TOWNHOME PROJECT AND REVAMPED GAS STATION IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP HAS CLEARED AN INITIAL STEP. THE PLANNING COMMISSION MET RECENTLY AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY SITE PLANS FOR THE "HAMBURG VILLAGE TOWNHOMES" PROJECT, SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION AT M-36 AND HAMBURG ROAD. SOME CHANGES WERE MADE BASED ON INPUT DURING A DECEMBER MEETING WHEN THE ITEM WAS TABLED. 40 TOWNHOMES ARE BEING PROPOSED AND THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING TO REVAMP THE EXISTING MOBILE GAS STATION WITH A NEW CONVENIENCE STORE AND ATTACHED RETAIL STOREFRONT. TRAFFIC ENTRANCES WOULD BE OFF M-36 AND CAMPBELL COURT. SOME CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC FROM THE PROJECT AND CHANGES TO THE OVERALL LOOK OF THE AREA. COMMISSIONER VICTOR LEABU EXPLAINED THEY HAVE NO LOCAL CONTROL OVER THE INTERSECTION... [w:\TUE\LEABU.mp3] THE PROJECT NEXT HEADS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR REVIEW.

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03/05/024 1:02 :5a 8a 11a

LIVINGSTON AND GENESEE COUNTIES ARE AMONG SIX SELECTED FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO BURY OVERHEAD POWER LINES TO IMPROVE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY AND REDUCE CUSTOMER OUTAGES. CONSUMERS ENERGY ANNOUNCED MONDAY THAT A TARGETED UNDERGROUNDING PILOT PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. A \$3.7 (M) MILLION INVESTMENT WILL ENABLE THE COMPANY TO BURY 10 MILES OF OVERHEAD POWER LINES IN THE NEXT YEAR. CONSUMERS ENERGY SPOKESMAN BRIAN WHEELER...[w:\TUE\WHEELER LINES-1.mp3] IN ADDITION TO LIVINGSTON AND GENESEE, THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL TARGET CIRCUITS IN ALLEGAN, OTTAWA, MONTCALM, AND IOSCO COUNTIES THAT HAVE FREQUENT, LENGTHY OUTAGES AND ARE IN AREAS WITH DENSE TREES - WHICH ARE OFTEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OUTAGES. WHEELER SAID MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WILL BE SHARED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

WHMI-2024-Q1-GROWTH-DEVELOPMENT-NEWS

03/06/2024 1:04 7a 9a 11a

A NEW CLUBHOUSE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED FOR THE FAULKWOOD SHORES GOLF COURSE IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. THE CLUBHOUSE WAS DESTROYED BY A FIRE IN 2022 AND SUSTAINED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE, WHICH ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN IT BEING TORN DOWN. OWNER MATT DELAPP DELIVERED A PRESENTATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MONDAY NIGHT, STATING THE COURSE HAS BEEN A STAPLE IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1969 WITH 117 ACRES THAT INCLUDE NATURAL FEATURES. IT'S LOCATED OFF HUGHES ROAD, NEAR GRAND RIVER AND GOLF CLUB ROAD. SUPERVISOR BILL ROGERS AND OTHERS ON THE BOARD COMMENTED THAT IT'S EXCITING TO SEE SOMETHING HAPPENING AGAIN AND BRINGING BACK THE CLUBHOUSE WILL BE GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY...[w:\WED\ROGERS.mp3] THE NEW CLUBHOUSE BUILDING WILL HAVE A RESIDENTIAL FEEL WITH A LARGE WRAPAROUND PORCH TO MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE APPLICANT IS ALSO WORKING WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO IMPROVE SAFETY WITH THE GOLF CART CROSSING ON HUGHES ROAD WITH ADDED SIGNAGE AND STRIPING.

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03/08/2024 :54 5a 9a

THE SALVATION ARMY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY IS LOOKING TO MAKE A MOVE TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY. THE LOCAL CORPS IS IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING THE OLD HUMANE SOCIETY BUILDING ON DORR ROAD IN GENOA TOWNSHIP AS A PHILANTHROPIC OR NON-PROFIT CENTER TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WITH SOCIAL NEEDS. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES AND AN ACCESSORY CHURCH. LIEUTENANT ROBERT LEACH TOLD WHMI THEIR CURRENT 503 LAKE STREET LOCATION IN THE CITY OF HOWELL IS SMALL AND PAST ITS USEFUL LIFE...[w:\FRI\LEACH-1.mp3] LEACH AND VARIOUS OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD - WHICH APPROVED A SPECIAL USE PERMIT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, AND SITE PLAN FOR THE PROJECT. THE APPROVALS WERE NEEDED BEFORE ANY SALE CAN BE COMPLETED.

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03/20/2024 :33 5a 9a

UP TO 10 FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WILL HAVE ASSISTANCE PURCHASING A HOME IN GENESEE COUNTY. THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COUNTY'S DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH IS BACKED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. JULIA GORDON IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE UP TO \$10,000 PER HOMEOWNER. [w:\WED\JULIA GORDON.mp3] ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST BE FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS AND PURCHASE THEIR HOME OUTSIDE OF MAJOR CITIES SUCH AS FLINT AND CLIO.

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03/25/2024 1:02 5a 7a 9a 11a 2p

NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION IS PICKING BACK UP AGAIN FOR THE SEASON. [w:\MON\MATHEWS B2B.mp3] STARTING TODAY, THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BORDER-TO-BORDER OR B2B TRAIL NEAR HURON RIVER DRIVE, BETWEEN ZEEB ROAD AND EAST DELHI ROAD IN SCIO TOWNSHIP. THE ROAD WILL NOT BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, BUT DELAYS ARE LIKELY DUE TO LANE RESTRICTIONS. THE ROAD COMMISSION ENCOURAGES MOTORISTS, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND OTHERS TO USE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE. THE LANE RESTRICTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. HOWEVER, ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-PUBLIC SAFETY-NEWS

1-2-2024 1:06 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p 3p

AUTHORITIES HAVE RELEASED THE NAMES OF THE FOUR FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED IN A HOME EXPLOSION OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND. A LIKELY CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT HAS ALSO BEEN DETERMINED. NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE SAY A TOTAL OF SIX PEOPLE WERE INSIDE THE RESIDENCE ON WINTERS LANE, LOCATED BETWEEN SOUTHBOUND US-23 AND JENNINGS ROAD, WHEN AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED JUST AFTER 4PM ON SATURDAY. THE SOUND COULD BE HEARD FOR MILES AWAY. POLICE SAID AN UNDETERMINED FUEL AIR EXPLOSION WAS THE LIKELY CAUSE BUT THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING. LT. DAVID POWELL...(POWELL-2) THE BRAGG FAMILY FROM ARKANSAS WAS VISITING 72-YEAR-OLD RICHARD PRUDEN AT HIS HOME, WHO IS HOSPITALIZED IN CRITICAL CONDITION. RICHARD'S DAUGHTER, HOPE BRAGG, WAS KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, 53-YEAR-OLD DON BRAGG, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, 22-YEAR-OLD KENNETH BRAGG AND 19-YEAR-OLD ELIZABETH BRAGG. HOPE AND DON'S THIRD CHILD, 16-YEAR-OLD STEPHEN BRAGG, WAS HOSPITALIZED AND LAST LISTED IN STABLE CONDITION. GOFUNDME ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN CREATED TO ASSIST WITH MEDICAL COSTS. A LINK IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM. A VIGIL IN SUPPORT OF THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES IS THIS SATURDAY AT THE WHITMORE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL.

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1-2-2024 :55 6a 8a 10a 12p 2p

A MAN CHARGED WITH A FELONY FOR POINTING A LASER BEAM AT A MICHIGAN STATE POLICE HELICOPTER HAS BEEN SENTENCED. DOUGLAS ALAN FLEURY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, WHO WAS 44-YEARS-OLD AT THE TIME, WAS CHARGED WITH A SINGLE COUNT OF FLYING A BEAM OF LIGHT OR ENERGY AIMED AT A PLANE OR TRAIN. HE PLEADED GUILTY IN OCTOBER AND WAS LATER SENTENCED TO THREE DAYS IN JAIL, WITH CREDIT FOR THREE SERVED. FLEURY WAS ALSO ORDERED TO SERVE 11 MONTHS OF PROBATION. THE CHARGE STEMMED FROM AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED THE EVENING OF MAY 16TH, 2023 WHERE THE DEFENDANT POINTED A LASER AT A MICHIGAN STATE POLICE HELICOPTER AS IT FLEW OVER HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP. A PILOT SPOTTED A BRIGHT GREEN LASER POINTED DIRECTLY AT THEIR HELICOPTER MID-FLIGHT. THE CHOPPER WAS CONDUCTING A TRAINING EXERCISE OVER THE AREA OF A HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL AREA NEAR HICKORY RIDGE AND CLYDE ROADS. ONCE THE PILOT IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION OF THE LASER, HE WAS ABLE TO DIRECT OFFICERS ON THE GROUND TO THE RESIDENCE AND EXACT WINDOW FROM WHICH THE LASER WAS BEING POINTED.

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1-3-2024 :33 530a 7a 9a 11a 1p

A POUND OF SUSPECTED METHAMPHETAMINE WAS SEIZED DURING A WEEKEND TRAFFIC STOP IN INGHAM COUNTY. AT AROUND 1AM SATURDAY, AN INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MADE A TRAFFIC STOP ON OKEMOS ROAD NEAR I-96. TWO OCCUPANTS IN THE VEHICLE HAD WARRANTS AND A SHERIFF'S CANINE ALERTED TO THE PRESENCE OF NARCOTICS IN THE VEHICLE. DEPUTIES LOCATED A ONE-POUND PACKAGE OF SUSPECTED METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE CAR. BOTH OCCUPANTS WERE ARRESTED AND LODGED IN THE INGHAM COUNTY JAIL. 43-YEAR-OLD ADRIAN PERSON AND 37-YEAR-OLD MELISSA SCHAUB, BOTH OF LANSING, WERE ARRAIGNED IN 55TH DISTRICT COURT ON CHARGES OF POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER METHAMPHETAMINE.

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1-3-2024 :43 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p 3p

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE IS PARTNERING WITH TRUCKERS ON A WEEK-LONG CRACKDOWN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEXT WEEK. SGT. JASON ZYLSTRA IS ASKING ALL DRIVERS KEEP THEIR EYES AND EARS OPEN TO ANY POTENTIAL CASES AND CALL 9-1-1 IF THEY NOTICE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, SUCH AS ANYONE NOT DRESSED FOR WINTER WEATHER OR YOUNG PEOPLE HANGING OUT AT PLACES THEY WOULDN'T NORMALLY BE. [W:\WED\SGT JASON ZYLSTRA MSP-HUMAN-TRAFFICKING 1.MP3] THAT FROM W-I-L-X TELEVISION LANSING. YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE, FREE, TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING APP TO REPORT TIPS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SIGNS. YOU CAN ALSO REPORT SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY CALLING THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCES CENTER.

WHMI-2024-Q1-PUBLIC SAFETY-NEWS

1-3-2024 :31 5a 8a 11a 2p 4p

THE MICHIGAN STATE CAPITOL IS ONE OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS NATIONWIDE CLOSED DUE TO BOMB THREATS TODAY.... [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC-CAPITOL-VCR.mp3] MICHIGAN STATE POLICE (MSP) CONFIRMED ON 'X' THAT A THREAT WAS EMAILED TO A GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE MICHIGAN STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION AROUND 7:45 THIS MORNING, ADDING IT WAS AWARE OF SIMILAR THREATS AGAINST OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, MSP SAID "THE CAPITOL WAS EVACUATED, THE BUILDING SEARCHED," AND CANINE TEAMS WERE SWEEPING THE BUILDING. "OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, THE CAPITOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE DAY."

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1-9-2024 1:04 5a 7a 9a 11a

POLICE INVESTIGATING ANOTHER SHOPLIFTING CASE AT THE ULTA BEAUTY SHOP IN GREEN OAK VILLAGE PLACE MALL... [w:\TUE\ONEILL SHOPLIFTING-VCR.mp3] 30-YEAR-OLD SHANEL WEBSTER WAS SENTENCED THURSDAY IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AND WAS ORDERED TO SERVE 25-60 YEARS BEHIND BARS AFTER EARLIER PLEADING GUILTY TO 15 CHARGES THAT INCLUDED ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME, CONDUCTING A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE, ASSAULTING/RESISTING/OBSTRUCTING A POLICE OFFICER, FELONIOUS ASSAULT, AND UTTERING AND PUBLISHING. AS PART OF THE PLEA DEAL, PROSECUTORS AGREED TO A SENTENCE OF 25 YEARS ON THE MINIMUM. WEBSTER RECEIVED CREDIT FOR 356 DAYS ALREADY SERVED AND MUST ALSO PAY RESTITUTION. FOUR OTHER DEFENDANTS WERE ALSO CHARGED IN THE CASE. GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP POLICE AND MICHIGAN STATE POLICE RESPONDED TO THE ULTA STORE ON JANUARY 12TH, 2023 AFTER A REPORT OF SUSPECTS FILLING BAGS WITH MERCHANDISE. AS POLICE ARRIVED, TWO SUSPECTS FLED WITH THE MERCHANDISE ON FOOT BUT WERE PURSUED BY OFFICERS. ONE MADE IT INTO A VEHICLE AND WAS ABLE TO DRIVE AWAY BUT STRUCK A VEHICLE. SHOTS WERE FIRED BY POLICE AT THE SUSPECT VEHICLE BUT NOBODY WAS INJURED AND THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER IT STRUCK THE BACK WALL OF A STORE.

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1-9-2024 :23 7a 9a 12p 2p

IT WAS A WILD NIGHT IN ANN ARBOR, WHERE THOUSANDS TOOK TO THE STREETS AFTER LAST NIGHT'S VICTORY IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP... [w:\TUE\UM-FANS-3.mp3] ANN ARBOR FIRE CREWS RESPONDED TO MULTIPLE FIRES AROUND THE CITY, BUT NONE REPORTEDLY INVOLVED ANY STRUCTURES OR VEHICLES. NO REPORTS OF ANY MAJOR INJURIES EITHER.

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1-10-2024 :38 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p 3p

MICHIGAN'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS WARNING LIONS FANS OF ONLINE TICKET SCAMS HEADING INTO SUNDAY NIGHT'S PLAYOFF GAME AGAINST THE RAMS.... [w:\WED\NESSEL-LIONS-SCAMS.mp3] AG DANA NESSEL WARNS ONLINE TICKET SALES COME WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RISK, AND IT'S EASY FOR SCAMMERS TO CREATE A PHONY SCREENSHOT OF A TICKET THAT EITHER DOESN'T EXIST, OR HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN SOLD, POSSIBLY MULTIPLE TIMES. SHE URGES LIONS FANS TO DO THEIR RESEARCH THROUGH HER OFFICE'S CONSUMER PROTECTION TEAM OR BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU. USE A CREDIT CARD THAT OFFERS PROTECTIONS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN USING CASH, CHECK, OR APPS LIKE VENMO AND CASH APP. ALWAYS USE A SITE THAT BEGINS WITH "HTTPS" INDICATING THAT IT IS SECURE. THE CHEAPEST SEATS ON TICKETMASTER AT LAST CHECK WERE \$449 EACH. STUBHUB WAS \$431 EACH.

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1-11-2024 :33 530a 7a 9a 12p 2p 4p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER THERESE CREMONTE IS URGING RESIDENTS TO GET THEIR SUPPLIES AHEAD OF A WINTER STORM HEADING OUR WAY FRIDAY. SHE SAYS THE PEAK OF SNOWFALL WILL BE FRIDAY OVERNIGHT INTO EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. [w:\THU\THERESE CREMONTE 2.mp3] THE CITY OF HOWELL AND THE VILLAGES OF PINCKNEY AND FOWLerville HAVE ALREADY DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES, PROHIBITING ON STREET PARKING TO ALLOW FOR PLOWS AND EMERGENCY CREWS TO GET THROUGH.

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01/13/2024 :41 5a 7a 11a

MICHIGAN'S ATTORNEY GENERAL WARNS OF DISASTER SCAMS AFTER THE FIRST WINTER STORM OF THE SEASON... [w:\SAT\RAJKOVIC WX-SCAMS.mp3] AG DANA NESSEL RE-ISSUED TWO ALERTS TO HELP CONSUMERS UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS, AND HOW BEST TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM POSSIBLE SCAMS AND FRAUDSTERS. IN THE RUSH TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO HOMES OR VEHICLES AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER, CONSUMERS OFTEN DON'T TAKE TIME TO DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE. NESSEL SAYS YOU NEED TO FIRST TAKE A BREATH, THEN IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR INSURANCE AGENT. THEY'LL GIVE YOU A LIST OF CONTRACTORS ALREADY APPROVED. THE AG'S OFFICE URGING ANYONE NEEDING REPAIRS NOT TO JUST HIRE ANYONE, AND GET EVERYTHING IN WRITING FIRST. DON'T PAY IN CASH, AND NEVER PAY IN FULL BEFORE REPAIRS ARE MADE. HER OFFICE HAS SEVERAL LINKS TO HELP, WHICH WE'VE POSTED AT WHMI.COM.

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01/15/2024 :27 1p 4p 6p 10p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER THERESE CREMONTE SAYS THIS WEEK'S SUB-FREEZING TEMPERATURES NOT ONLY POSES A RISK TO YOU AND I, BUT OUR ELDERLY NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES AS WELL. [w:\MON\THERESE CREMONTE COLD-1.mp3] THE FORECAST IS CALLING FOR A WIND CHILL ADVISORY AT LEAST THROUGH WEDNESDAY, AND SUB-FREEZING TEMPERATURES INTO NEXT WEEK.

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01/16/2024 :35 530a 730a 9a 11a

POLICE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY AND WESTERN OAKLAND COUNTY ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEN WHO USED STOLEN CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS TO BUY ALMOST \$3,000 WORTH OF MERCHANDISE. ACCORDING TO GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP POLICE, THE TWO MEN ENTERED THE COSTCO STORE AT WHITMORE LAKE AND LEE ROADS SOUTH OF BRIGHTON MONDAY AND LIFTED THE CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS OUT OF THE PURSES OF SHOPPERS. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS THEN USED THE CARDS TO BUY MERCHANDISE AT THE WALMART STORE IN NEW HUDSON AND BEST BUY IN BRIGHTON. POLICE SAY BY THE TIME THEIR SPENDING SPREE WAS OVER, THE MEN HAD MADE ABOUT \$3,000 IN FRAUDULENT PURCHASES. IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THEM, PLEASE CONTACT GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP POLICE OR YOUR NEAREST POLICE AGENCY.

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01/16/2024 :30 2p 4p 6p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AND OAKLAND COUNTY AUTHORITIES TRACK DOWN A MAN WHO STOLE FROM A LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHARITY... [w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC-CHARITY-THEFT-VCR.mp3] 41-YEAR-OLD JOHN ROWELL WAS ARRESTED AT A FLINT AREA MOTEL, ACCUSED OF STEALING CASH AND CHECKS TOTALING ABOUT \$500 FROM THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF OAKLAND COUNTY, DURING A FUNDRAISER AT A BOWLING ALLEY OFF HIGHLAND AVENUE IN WATERFORD THIS MONTH. THE MIRACLE LEAGUE PROVIDES CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES A WAY TO PLAY BASEBALL IN AN ORGANIZED LEAGUE. VIDEO FOOTAGE AND A HOTEL KEY LEFT AT THE SCENE HELPED DETECTIVES TRACK DOWN ROWELL, WHO CONFESSED TO THE THEFT DURING HIS ARREST. THE BROWN BANK BAG HE STOLE, ALSO WAS RECOVERED.

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01/18/2024 1:15 12p 2p 4p 8p 10p

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL HAS JOINED A MULTI-STATE COALITION TO STOP SALES OF MILITARY-GRADE AMMUNITION THEY SAY HAS BEEN USED IN MASS SHOOTINGS... [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC AG-NESSEL-AMMO.wav] NESSEL, ALONG WITH 20 OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL, ARE CALLING ON THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT A FEDERALLY-FUNDED CONTRACTOR HAS ALLEGEDLY PRODUCED MILITARY-GRADE AMMUNITION AND SOLD IT TO CIVILIANS. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED IN MISSOURI, AND OVERSEEN BY THE ARMY. THE PLANT CAN PRODUCE 1.6 BILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION PER YEAR, MOSTLY FOR AR-15-STYLE RIFLES. THE COALITION OF AGS ARGUE ROUNDS MADE BY LAKE CITY AMMO HAVE BEEN USED IN THE BUFFALO SUPERMARKET SHOOTING, SYNOGOGUE SHOOTING IN PITTSBURGH, AND BOTH THE PARKLAND, FL AND UVALDE, TX SCHOOL SHOOTINGS.

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01/19/2024 :56 11a

A 21-YEAR-OLD MAN REMAINS JAILED FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH A WATERFORD TEENAGER REPORTED MISSING FOR THREE DAYS EARLIER THIS WEEK...[w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC WHITE-LK-PERV.mp3] WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE SAY DOUGLAS CORBEAU IS SITTING IN THE OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL PENDING A REVIEW OF THE CASE BY PROSECUTORS. INVESTIGATORS SAY CORBEAU WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY TUESDAY, AS POLICE TRACKED DOWN A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL REPORTED MISSING LAST SUNDAY. THE GIRL WAS QUICKLY RE-UNITED WITH HER PARENTS. SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD FRIENDS THAT SHE MET A 21-YEAR-OLD MAN OVER THE INTERNET AND HAD PLANNED TO RUN AWAY WITH HIM. FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST CORBEAU ARE STILL PENDING.

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01/22/2024 :55 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p 3p

THE COURT HEARING FOR A MAN CHARGED IN A HOWELL SHOOTING HAS BEEN PUSHED OUT. 22-YEAR-OLD REESE HAMMIE WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 11TH OF LAST YEAR IN THE FATAL SHOOTING OF 20-YEAR-OLD OGHENEVWEDE "WEDE" OKAGBARE AT A HOME ON THE 400 BLOCK OF WEST STREET IN DOWNTOWN HOWELL. FELONY CHARGES OF HOMICIDE-OPEN MURDER AND WITNESS INTIMIDATION WERE FILED FOLLOWING OKAGBARE'S DEATH. OKAGBARE WAS A JUNIOR AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDYING COMPUTER SCIENCE. FAMILY MEMBERS SAID HE WAS VISITING HIS GIRLFRIEND'S HOME IN HOWELL, WHEN HAMMIE SHOT HIM SIX TIMES. POLICE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT AS A "TRAGIC AND SENSELESS SHOOTING DEATH". HAMMIE IS ALSO FACING SEPARATE FELONY CHARGES STEMMING FROM PREVIOUS INCIDENTS. HE'S CHARGED WITH 1ST DEGREE HOME INVASION, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM LESS THAN MURDER, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN A SEPARATE CASE TIED TO AN INCIDENT ON AUGUST 1ST. A PRE-TRIAL HEARING WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR JANUARY 19TH IN BOTH CASES IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT BEFORE JUDGE MIRIAM CAVANAUGH. COURT RECORDS SHOW THAT HAS SINCE BEEN MOVED OUT TO APRIL 19TH.

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01/24/2024 :36 12p 3p

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT TUESDAY'S ROAD CLOSURE IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS SAY A 53-YEAR-OLD BRIGHTON MAN STOPPED TO ASSIST IN GETTING A WORK VAN BACK ON THE ROADWAY, AFTER IT SLID OFF CONRAD ROAD. A 20-YEAR-OLD MASON MAN ALSO STOPPED HIS 2017 GMC SIERRA PICKUP TRUCK NEXT TO THE FORD VAN TO SEE IF HE COULD ALSO ASSIST IN GETTING THE VAN BACK ON THE ROADWAY. AS THE GMC PICKUP TRUCK WAS STOPPED, THE GMC SLID DOWN THE ROADWAY PINNING THE PEDESTRIAN BETWEEN THE GMC PICKUP TRUCK AND THE FORD VAN. THE PEDESTRIAN WAS TAKEN TO UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION. THE AREA OF CONRAD ROAD AND TIMBERIDGE COURT WAS SHUT DOWN FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS TUESDAY EVENING. THE INCIDENT REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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01/24/2024 1:26 6a 830a 2p

THE HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY DRONE TEAM HAS OBTAINED A SPECIAL DESIGNATION[w:\WED\MATTHEWS HAMBURG-DRONES.mp3] ON TUESDAY, THE TEAM RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION THAT IT HAD EARNED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS VALIDATION STATUS FROM THE MICHIGAN MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM. HAMBURG'S DRONE TEAM IS ONLY THE FOURTH TEAM IN THE ENTIRE STATE TO RECEIVE THE DESIGNATION AND THE FIRST TEAM COMPRISING OF MEMBERS FROM A SINGLE AGENCY. THE TEAM BEGAN IN 2021 AND SPENT THE PAST YEAR PREPARING FOR THE VALIDATION PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THEY MET THE STRICT STANDARDS - WHICH INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR FAA LICENSING, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING, DEPARTMENT POLICIES, TEAM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, ACTIVATION/MOBILIZATION PLANS, AND AIRCRAFT PROFICIENCY. PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR RICK DUFFANY COMMENDED THE TEAM FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN OBTAINING THE DESIGNATION, STATING HE'S PROUD THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE THE INVALUABLE RESOURCE TO THEIR COMMUNITY ON A DAILY BASIS BUT TO OTHERS IN NEED DURING SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS.

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01/24/2024 :41 12p 3p

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE SAY A HOWELL MAN IS DEAD, MULTIPLE OTHERS INJURED AFTER A THREE-CAR CRASH SHUT DOWN THE NORTH SIDE OF 23 IN HARTLAND TOWNSHIP EARLY THIS MORNING. LT. RENE GONZALEZ SAYS IT STARTED WHEN THE 60-YEAR-OLD DRIVER FROM HOWELL SLAMMED INTO A DISABLED VEHICLE STOPPED ALONG THE SHOULDER NEAR CLYDE ROAD AROUND ONE-30 A.M. HIS CAR CAME TO A STOP IN THE ROADWAY AND WAS STRUCK BY ANOTHER DRIVER, KILLING HIM AND CRITICALLY INJURING A PASSENGER. SHE SAYS EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE SUGGEST IT WASN'T JUST THE FOG AT PLAY...[w:\WED\RENE GONZALEZ FATAL-CRASH-2.mp3] ANOTHER PASSENGER AND THE OTHER TWO DRIVERS, A 33-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM GRAND BLANC AND 57-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM FENTON, SUFFERED NON-LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES.

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01/25/2024 :59 5a 6a 7a

IT IS WITH THE UTMOST SADNESS THAT THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE (MSP) CONFIRMS THE ON-DUTY DEATH OF TPR. JOEL POPP OF THE TRI-CITY POST. AT 7:12 P.M., ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24, POPP AND OTHER TROOPERS WERE INVESTIGATING A SUSPECTED IMPAIRED DRIVER WHO WAS STOPPED ON NORTHBOUND I-75 NEAR BIRCH RUN IN A CURVED LANE OF TRAVEL. ANOTHER MOTORIST, AN 81-YEAR-OLD MALE, STRUCK TWO PATROL CARS AND POPP, WHO WAS OUTSIDE HIS PATROL VEHICLE. POPP WAS TRANSPORTED TO HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER WHERE HE SUCCEMDED TO HIS INJURIES AND PASSED AWAY. THE OTHER DRIVER HAD SERIOUS INJURIES BUT IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. POPP, 39 YEARS OF AGE, ENLISTED WITH THE MSP IN JANUARY OF 2020, GRADUATING AS A MEMBER OF THE 137TH TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL. HE HAS SERVED AT THE TRI-CITY POST HIS ENTIRE CAREER. POPP IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE STEFANIE AND A YOUNG DAUGHTER. THE MSP WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR MANY POLICE PARTNERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WHO ASSISTED AT THE SCENE AND WHO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OUR DEPARTMENT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THE STAFF AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AT HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER FOR THEIR CARE AND COMPASSION. POPP IS THE 56TH MICHIGAN STATE TROOPER TO BE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

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01/29/2024 01:03 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

A MAN CHARGED WITH THREATENING TO PEPPER SPRAY STAFF AND PATRONS AT A LOCAL BOWLING ALLEY IS DUE IN COURT THIS WEEK. [w:\MON\MATHEWS BOYER.mp3] THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND 11PM ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT CHELSEA LANES ON SOUTH MAIN STREET. COURT RECORDS SHOW 25-YEAR-OLD JON BOYER IS CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF FELONIOUS ASSAULT. HE'S DUE IN 14-A DISTRICT COURT FOR A PROBABLE CAUSE CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY. MLIVE.COM REPORTS BOYER WAS DETAINED AND SEARCHED BUT REFUSED TO PROVIDE A STATEMENT TO CHELSEA POLICE. HE WAS ARRESTED AFTER POLICE INTERVIEWED WITNESSES AND VICTIMS. BOYER REMAINS LODGED IN THE WASHTENAW COUNTY JAIL ON A \$25,000 BOND.

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01/29/2024 :48 2p

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NEAR THE HURON RIVER ARE PREPARING FOR FLOODING AS MELTED SNOW AND ICE IS EXPECTED TO RAISE WATER LEVELS BEYOND FLOOD STAGE THIS WEEK. HERE'S TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR PAT HOHL...[w:\MON\PAT HOHL FLOOD 3.mp3] HOHL SAYS OFFICIALS WILL USE DRONES TO MONITOR THE SITUATION, BUT SAYS AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING INCLUDE BRANCH DRIVE ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ORR LAKE, AND ALSO LAGOON AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON THE EAST AND SOUTH SIDES OF ORR LAKE ARE AFFECTED. THE TOWNSHIP IS ALSO KEEPING EYE ON STRAWBERRY LAKE AS WELL. THE FLOOD WARNING ALSO INCLUDES PARTS OF MILFORD AND ANN ARBOR.

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01/30/2024 01:02 2p 4p 7p 9p 11p

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER HAS ORDERED U.S. AND MICHIGAN FLAGS WITHIN THE STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX AND UPON ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ACROSS THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO BE LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF TO HONOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MICHIGAN STATE POLICE TROOPER JOEL POPP, WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE LINE OF DUTY. [w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC POPP-FLAGS.mp3] TROOPER POPP REMEMBERED AS A PROUD HUSBAND, DAD, AND PUBLIC SERVANT WHO LOVED MICHIGAN. HE JOINED THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE IN JANUARY OF 2020, AND WAS BASED OUT OF THE TRI-CITY POST HIS ENTIRE CAREER. BEFORE BECOMING AN OFFICER, POPP WORKED FOR FRITO-LAY. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL. POPP IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, STEFANIE, AND THEIR YOUNG DAUGHTER. FLAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO FULL-STAFF ON THURSDAY.

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01/30/2024 :32 4p 10p

TENSE DAYS ALONG THE HURON RIVER IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP AS RESIDENTS LIKE LINDA SCHWEIZER WATCH THE WATER RISE INTO THEIR BACKYARDS...[w:\TUE\LINDA SCHWEIZER 2.mp3] SCHWEIZER HAS LIVED ALONG THE RIVER 13 YEARS, AND BELIEVES THE FLOODING HAS GOTTEN WORSE OVER THE PAST COUPLE YEARS. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE EXPECTED TO GIVE UP UPDATE ON ITS FLOOD WARNING LATER THIS EVENING.

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01/31/2024 01:24 5a 7a 10a 12p 2p

CARPOOL LANE ENFORCEMENT IS IN EFFECT ON A PORTION OF I-75 IN OAKLAND COUNTY - MEANING MOTORISTS CAN NOW BE TICKETED FOR VIOLATING THE RULES. [w:\WED\MATHEWS 75.mp3] THE FAR-LEFT HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE OR HOV LANES WERE ADDED IN EACH DIRECTION ON I-75 BETWEEN 12 MILE ROAD IN MADISON HEIGHTS AND SOUTH BOULEVARD IN AUBURN HILLS, TOTALING A ROUGHLY 14-MILE STRETCH. MOTORISTS WITH TWO OR MORE OCCUPANTS, OR THOSE DRIVING ON A MOTORCYCLE, CAN UTILIZE THE ADDITIONAL LANE DURING DESIGNATED HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 6AM TO 9AM AND 3PM TO 6PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WILL BE MONITORING FOR SAFE MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF THE HOV LANES, AND TO ENSURE DRIVERS HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS. CIVIL INFRACTIONS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO VIOLATORS STARTING THIS WEEK. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT BEEN ENFORCING THE HOV RULES BUT SOME ISSUED WARNINGS. TICKETS COULD COST UP TO \$135 EACH FOR VIOLATIONS, PLUS POTENTIAL POINTS ON A DRIVER S RECORD.

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2-2-2024 :58 5a 7a 8a 10a 11a

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE URGING SAFETY FOLLOWING A TRAGIC INCIDENT THURSDAY AFTERNOON ON A POND IN MILFORD TOWNSHIP. THE MILFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WERE DISPATCHED AROUND 1:41PM TO HUBBELL POND FOR A DOG THAT APPEARED TO BE STUCK ON THE ICE. CREWS WERE ABLE TO RESCUE THE DOG, BUT IN DOING SO, OBSERVED SEVERAL PERSONAL ITEMS NEAR THE EDGE OF THE ICE. THE OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM WAS REQUESTED AND DEPLOYED SEVERAL PUBLIC SAFETY DIVERS TO SEARCH THE POND. A COAT WAS OBSERVED NEAR THE SURFACE AND DIVERS WERE ABLE TO RECOVER THE VICTIM WHO FELL THROUGH THE ICE, APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET FROM THE EDGE. LIFESAVING MEASURES WERE INITIATED AND THE VICTIM, A 75-YEAR-OLD MILFORD WOMAN, WAS TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL AND PRONOUNCED DECEASED. OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE BOUCHARD SAID GIVEN THE TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS RECENTLY, THEY URGE THE COMMUNITY TO ASSUME ALL ICE IS NOT SAFE FOR PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, ADDING PEOPLE SHOULD NEVER GO OUT TO TRY AND SAVE AN ANIMAL ON THE ICE BUT CALL AUTHORITIES INSTEAD.

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2-5-2024 :48 5a 7a 10a 1p

A THIRD PERSON HAS BEEN SENTENCED IN CONNECTION TO A ROBBERY THAT OCCURRED LAST YEAR AT ULTA BEAUTY STORE IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\MON\ONEIL ULTA-VCR.mp3] 37-YEAR-OLD JOYA WILLIAMS WILL SERVE 12-40 YEARS IN PRISON AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO FIRST-DEGREE RETAIL FRAUD, ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME, AND CONCEALING STOLEN PROPERTY. POLICE RESPONDED TO ULTA BEAUTY IN THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP ON JANUARY 12TH OF 2023 ON REPORTS OF CUSTOMERS FILLING THEIR BAGS WITH STOLEN MERCHANDISE. THEY FLED THE STORE AND SHOTS WERE FIRED BY POLICE AT THE SUSPECT VEHICLE, WHICH CAME TO A HALT IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER IT STRUCK A WALL. WILLIAMS IS ONE OF FIVE WOMEN CHARGED IN THE CASE. 30-YEAR-OLD SHANEL WEBSTER AND 51-YEAR-OLD TIREZAH SCOTT WERE SENTENCED EARLIER THIS MONTH. 26-YEAR-OLD LARONDA CHASE AND 28-YEAR-OLD KARI WILLIAMS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SENTENCING IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON FEBRUARY 8TH.

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2-5-2024 :44 530a 6a 8a 9a 11a 12p 2p 3p

A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF MELISSA BORDEN, WHO OPERATES THE DEVOTED BARN IN NORTHEASTERN LIVINGSTON COUNTY. [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC DEVOTED-BARN 1.mp3] SOME 64 ANIMALS WERE SEIZED FROM THE PROPERTY IN JANUARY, INCLUDING GOATS, SHEEP, PIGS, DONKEYS, A LLAMA AND AN ALPACA. THE COMPLAINTS HAVE INCLUDED LACK OF SHELTER, INSUFFICIENT FOOD AND MULTIPLE SPECIES BEING KEPT IN THE SAME PENS. BORDEN RESPONDS THAT THE ANIMALS ARE WELL FED, GET ROUTINE VETERINARY CARE, AND ALL ARE ELDERLY. TYRONE TOWNSHIP FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST DEVOTED BARN AND BORDEN LAST NOVEMBER. A STATUS HEARING IS SCHEDULED IN MAY.

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2-7-2024 :38 8a 10a 12p 2p 4p

CITY OF MASON NOW LOOKING FOR ITS FOURTH POLICE CHIEF IN SEVEN YEARS. CHIEF MARK WRIGGLESWORTH ABRUPTLY RESIGNED LAST WEEK, HIS WIFE BLAMING CITY MANAGER DEBORAH STUART DURING LAST NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING... [w:\WED\WIFE MASON POLICE CHIEF 1.mp3] IT'S THE LATEST IN A SERIES ALLEGATIONS ABOUT STUART'S TREATMENT OF MASON CITY EMPLOYEES AND HER LEADERSHIP.

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2-8-2024 :36 7a 10a

MICHIGAN'S NEW SAFE STORAGE LAW GOES INTO EFFECT TUESDAY, REQUIRING GUN OWNERS TO KEEP UNUSED FIREARMS UNLOADED AND LOCKED UP IF A MINOR IS IN THE HOME. SUPPORTERS ARGUE IT WILL HELP PREVENT ANOTHER OXFORD SCHOOL SHOOTING, BUT STEVEN DULAN WITH MICHIGAN'S COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNERS, DISAGREES. [w:\THU\STEVEN DULAN SAFE-STORAGE 1.mp3] HALF OF ALL U-S STATES HAVE SOME SORT OF SAFE GUN STORAGE LAW -- INCLUDING ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA.

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2-9-2024 :39 1p 3p 530p 8p 10p

A WATERFORD WOMAN IS DUE BACK IN OAKLAND COUNTY COURT LATER THIS MONTH FOR A DEADLY DRUNK DRIVING CRASH THAT KILLED A MOTORCYCLIST FROM WHITE LAKE [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC DWI-COURT.mp3] THE SEPTEMBER CRASH IN PONTIAC KILLED 70-YEAR-OLD KIRT STALKER -- DESCRIBED AS A MARRIED FATHER OF TWO, STEPFATHER OF THREE AND GRANDFATHER OF 11. JESSICA KELLER IS CHARGED WITH OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED CAUSING DEATH AND OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED WITH HER 15-YEAR-OLD IN THE CAR. NEITHER SHE NOR THE TEEN WERE HURT IN THE WRECK. KELLER REMAINS FREE ON \$25,000 BOND, AND FACES UP TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON IF CONVICTED.

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2-9-2024 :42 5a 7a 10a

WITH SUPER-BOWL SUNDAY FAST APPROACHING, MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL IS CAUTIONING RESIDENTS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR POTENTIAL SCAMS, AND SOMETIMES DECEPTIVE GAMING SITES. NESSEL SAYS, "THE SUPER BOWL IS THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR FOR THE PLAYERS, THE FANS, THE BETTING PLATFORMS, AND SADLY TOO, FOR THE BAD ACTORS LOOKING TO RIP OFF GAMBLING MICHIGANDERS." NESSEL URGES ANYONE PLANNING ON BETTING, TO ENGAGE IN IT ONLY AS A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR WHEN AND HOW MUCH TO PARTICIPATE. IF GAMBLING IS A PROBLEM, YOU ARE URGED TO CALL 800-270-7117. A LINK FOR THE MICHIGAN PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM.

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2-12-2024 :34 12p 3p 8p 10p

A CHANGE OF VENUE REQUEST IN A HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE IN GENESEE COUNTY, WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARGUING SHERIFF CHRIS SWANSON TAINTED THE JURY POOL WITH A SOCIAL MEDIA RANT ABOUT THE DEFENDANT. SHERIFF SWANSON TOOK TO FACEBOOK IN DECEMBER 2022, CALLING OUT MICHAEL BARAJAS BY NAME, SHOWING PICTURES OF HIS TEETH THAT HAD BEEN SHARPENED TO POINTS.[w:\MON\CHRIS SWANSON 2.mp3] A PRETRIAL HEARING IS SCHEDULED MARCH 5. SHERIFF SWANSON DISPUTED THE CLAIMS IN THE MOTION, SAYING HE USES THE SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEOS TO REACH A WIDER AUDIENCE AND TO SERVE AS CALLS TO ACTION.

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2-12-2024 :51 4p 530p 630p 8p 10p

A PILOT ESCAPED INJURY AFTER CRASHING A SMALL PLANE IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP. POLICE SAY A REPORT OF A PLANE THAT CRASHED ON A SMALL PRIVATE AIRFIELD LOCATED OFF RUSHTON ROAD NEAR 8 MILE CAME IN AROUND 1PM. WHEN OFFICERS ARRIVED, THEY FOUND THE SMALL SINGLE-ENGINE PIPER CUB PLANE SUSPENDED IN THE TREES WITH SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE BUT NOTHING LEAKING. THE LONE OCCUPANT, A 72-YEAR-OLD PILOT OUT OF CANTON, WAS NOT INJURED IN THE CRASH AND WAS ABLE TO CLIMB OUT AND GET TO THE GROUND ON HIS OWN. THE PILOT STATED HE WAS COMING IN FOR A LANDING WHEN A GUST OF WIND CAUSED HIM TO TIP A LITTLE TO THE LEFT AND HIS WING CAUGHT A TREE LIMB FORCING HIM TO CARTWHEEL INTO THE TREES. THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED ON SCENE. THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND THE INCIDENT REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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2-13-2024 :42 5p 6p 7p 9p 11p 5a 630a 11a

A FATAL CRASH IN WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP EARLY MONDAY MORNING IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. POLICE RESPONDED TO A ROLLOVER CRASH NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF COOLEY LAKE ROAD AND LONG LANE AROUND 4:30AM, WHICH WAS SHUT DOWN FOR SEVERAL HOURS. THE VICTIM DIED AT THE SCENE AND HAS ONLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A 19-YEAR-OLD COMMERCE TOWNSHIP MAN. POLICE SAID PRELIMINARY THE TEEN WAS DRIVING A SMALL SUV THAT LEFT THE ROAD AND STRUCK TWO CEMENT PILLARS AND A TREE BEFORE ROLLING OVER. POLICE SAID IT IS UNKNOWN IF ALCOHOL WAS A FACTOR IN THE CRASH. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS ASKED TO CONTACT WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP POLICE.

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2-14-2024 :47 530a 830a

MICHIGAN IMPLEMENTED NEW GUN LAWS THIS WEEK, FOLLOWING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ON-CAMPUS SHOOTING AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- GUN LEGISLATION.mp3] MICHIGAN'S NEW GUN REGULATIONS ARE NOW IN EFFECT, IMPLEMENTING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL GUN PURCHASES, SAFE STORAGE, AND RED FLAG LAWS. IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE THE ON-CAMPUS SHOOTING AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, THAT CLAIMED THE LIVES OF THREE STUDENTS. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR GARLIN GILCHRIST SAID THE LEGISLATION COMES WITH THE GOAL OF PREVENTING ANOTHER TRAGEDY LIKE THE ONE AT MSU. [w:\WED\GILCHRIST.mp3] MORE THAN HALF OF MICHIGAN'S 83 COUNTIES HAVE PASSED RESOLUTIONS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS "SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARIES", INCLUDING LIVINGSTON COUNTY, OPPOSING LAWS THEY BELIEVE INFRINGE ON GUN RIGHTS. WITH WHMI NEWS, I'M APRIL O'NEIL.



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02/14/2024 :38 2p 4p 7p 9p 11p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE MURPHY TAKING TO SOCIAL MEDIA THIS WEEK, REMINDING RESIDENTS TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN IN PLACE FOR THEIR FAMILY, ADDING ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK ON U-S SOIL IS -QUOTE- "GOING TO HAPPEN." [w:\WED\SHERIFF MURPHY PREPPER 1.mp3] SHERIFF MURPHY INSISTED HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PLANNED ATTACKS AT THIS TIME, HE JUST WANTED TO REMIND OUR RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED AS A BEST PRACTICE.

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02/15/2024 :52 5a 630a 10a

A GENOA TOWNSHIP MAN WILL SERVE PRISON TIME FOR THE DEATH OF HIS INFANT SON MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. 28-YEAR-OLD JOSHUA ALAN WOY WAS CHARGED WITH OPEN MURDER AND 1ST DEGREE CHILD ABUSE IN THE JUNE 2019 DEATH OF 2-MONTH-OLD KANE WOY. JOSHUA WOY EARLIER PLEADED GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF HOMICIDE-MANSLAUGHTER IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ORIGINAL TWO COUNTS BEING DROPPED. HE WAS SENTENCED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECENTLY AND ORDERED TO SERVE 13 TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON, WITH CREDIT FOR 974 DAYS SERVED. KANE WOY WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE AFTER MICHIGAN STATE POLICE WERE CALLED TO A GENOA TOWNSHIP RESIDENCE ON THE REPORT OF AN UNRESPONSIVE CHILD. AN AUTOPSY DETERMINED THE CHILD HAD SUFFERED A SKULL FRACTURE, MULTIPLE BRAIN HEMORRHAGES, OPTIC NERVE DAMAGE, AND A FRACTURED RIGHT ARM. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS LISTED AS HOMICIDE BY BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA. AN ADDITIONAL AUTOPSY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CHILD PROTECTION TEAM WITH TESTIMONY INDICATING THE CHILD ALSO HAD OTHER INJURIES THAT INDICATED ONGOING PHYSICAL ABUSE. WOY HAS BEEN HELD WITHOUT BOND IN THE CASE.

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02/15/2024 :49 530a 8a 10a

A WOMAN CHARGED IN AN ANIMAL WELFARE CASE WHO OPERATES A SANCTUARY IN NORTHEASTERN LIVINGSTON COUNTY WAS IN COURT TUESDAY. [w:\THU\MATHEWS BORDEN.mp3] THE DEVOTED BARN WAS KEEPING DIFFERENT KINDS OF FARM ANIMALS ON PROPERTY OFF FOLEY ROAD, EAST OF HARTLAND ROAD IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP. NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS WERE REGISTERED WITH AUTHORITIES AND A SEARCH WARRANT WAS EXECUTED IN JANUARY WITH 64 ANIMALS SEIZED INCLUDING GOATS, PIGS, DONKEYS, SHEEP, A LLAMA, AND AN ALPACA. THE ANIMALS WERE ALL RELOCATED AND WERE TO BE EVALUATED. THE DEVOTED BARN IS OPERATED BY 50-YEAR-OLD MELISSA BORDEN, WHO IS CHARGED WITH A FELONY COUNT OF ABANDONING/CRUELTY TO 25 OR MORE ANIMALS. SHE WAS ARRAIGNED EARLIER THIS MONTH AND A \$10,000 PERSONAL BOND WAS SET. BORDEN APPEARED IN 53RD DISTRICT COURT TUESDAY FOR A PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING, WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY MOVED OUT TO MARCH. AN ANIMAL FORFEITURE HEARING WAS ALSO PUSHED OUT. PAST VOLUNTEERS RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE ANIMALS AND A NUMBER ATTENDED TUESDAY S COURT HEARING. COMPLAINTS HAVE INCLUDED A LACK OF SHELTER, INSUFFICIENT FOOD, AND MULTIPLE SPECIES BEING KEPT IN THE SAME PENS. BORDEN HAS DENIED THE ACCUSATIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. A SEPARATE LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST BORDEN BY TYRONE TOWNSHIP IS ALSO PENDING.

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02/15/2024 1:48 6a 9a 6p

THREE MEN WERE ARRESTED AFTER TAKING ITEMS FROM PARKED CARS AT A WIXOM APARTMENT COMPLEX. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\THU\ONEIL VCR- WIXOM.mp3] ACCORDING TO THE WIXOM POLICE DEPARTMENT, A WITNESS CONTACTED OFFICERS ON SATURDAY, FEB. 11 AT AROUND 3:45 A.M. AFTER WATCHING THREE MEN GOING THROUGH CARS IN THE PARKING LOT OF BRISTOL SQUARE APARTMENTS, LOCATED NEAR BECK ROAD AND PONTIAC TRAIL, ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF DOWNTOWN WIXOM. THE SUSPECTS WERE DRESSED IN BLACK CLOTHING AND WERE SEEN LEAVING THE AREA IN A CHEVY SEDAN, FOLLOWED BY WIXOM OFFICERS AND OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES INTO COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, WHERE THEY WERE PULLED OVER AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. INSIDE THE VEHICLE, ABOUT \$1,900 WORTH OF STOLEN ITEMS WERE RECOVERED AND SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM A TOTAL OF FOUR VEHICLES IN THE PARKING LOT. THE MEN WERE TAKEN TO THE OAKLAND COUNTY JAIL AND RECEIVED FELONY CHARGES, INCLUDING BREAKING & ENTERING A VEHICLE WITH INTENT TO STEAL PROPERTY AND UNLAWFUL DRIVING AWAY. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED THE SAME THREE SUSPECTS WERE CONNECTED TO AN ATTEMPTED CAR THEFT EARLIER IN THE NIGHT AT ANOTHER NEARBY APARTMENT COMPLEX. A LINK TO THE ORIGINAL PRESS RELEASE FROM THE WIXOM POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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02/16/2024 :21 5a 7a

WINTER WEATHER CAUSED MULTIPLE CRASHES AND A 30-CAR PILEUP ON US-23 IN GENESEE COUNTY THURSDAY MORNING - SHUTTING DOWN ALL LANES OF THE FREEWAY. THE GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTED THAT BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND US-23 WERE CLOSED NEAR BALDWIN ROAD IN MUNDY TOWNSHIP. SEPARATELY, NORTHBOUND US-23 WAS CLOSED AT THOMPSON ROAD IN THE FENTON AREA DUE TO A CRASH. THAT SCENE WAS CLEARED AT AROUND 12:45PM. BOTH DIRECTIONS OF US-23 RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC AROUND 1PM.

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02/19/2024 :40 12p 3p 630p

AN ELDERLY MAN IS INJURED, HIS HOME DESTROYED IN WHAT ANN ARBOR OFFICIALS CALL A PROPANE EXPLOSION EARLY THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER 5 AM ALONG S. 7TH STREET NEAR PRINCETON. THE HOME COLLAPSED INTO THE BASEMENT. FIRE OFFICIALS SAY THE HOMEOWNER WAS USING PROPANE TO HEAT THE HOUSE BECAUSE HIS NATURAL GAS SERVICE HAD BEEN SHUT OFF.[w:\MON\CHIEF KENNEDY HOUSE-EXPLOSION 1.mp3] NEARBY STREETS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OFF WHILE CREWS USE AN EXCAVATOR TO CLEAN UP THE SCENE.

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02/20/2024 :31 11a 2p 630p

THE GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF PUTTING A SPOTLIGHT ON MENTAL HEALTH, SAYING HIS DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A MASSIVE INCREASE IN SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, BROKENNESS AND TRAGEDY OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. SHERIFF CHRIS SWANSON DELIVERING HIS MESSAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA... [w:\TUE\SHERIFF SWANSON 2.mp3] SHERIFF SWANSON ENCOURAGES ANYONE EXPERIENCING LONELINESS OR REJECTION TO REACH OUT FOR HELP -- WHETHER IT'S 9-1-1, A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR EVEN A STRANGER.

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02/20/2024 :27 5a 8a 12p 3p

A FLINT FATHER IS THE FIRST TO BE CHARGED UNDER MICHIGAN'S NEW SAFE STORAGE GUN LAW. GENESEE COUNTY OFFICIALS SAY 44-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL TOLBERT FAILED TO SECURE HIS GUN, NOW HIS 2-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER LOST HER RIGHT EYE AND REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. BAY CITY STATE SEN. KRISTEN MCDONALD RIVET SPONSORED THE NEW LAW... [w:\WED\SEN MCDONALD RIVET 1.mp3] MICHIGAN STATE POLICE REMIND GUN OWNERS THAT GUN LOCKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE AT MANY STATE POLICE POSTS.

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02/21/2024 :31 5a 8a 11a 2p

GREEN OAK POLICE OFFICER ANDREW EVANS WILL RECEIVE A COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD THIS EVENING FOR HIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY "GIVING TREE." OFFICER EVANS SPEAKS WITH LOCAL TEACHERS AND OTHERS TO FIND OUT WHICH CHILD OR FAMILY IS MOST OF NEED OF GIFTS AND OTHER ITEMS DURING CHRISTMAS. [w:\WED\ANDREW EVANS GIVING-TREE-1.mp3] OFFICER EVANS ORGANIZED TWO "GIVING TREES" THIS PAST CHRISTMAS, A NEW TRADITION HE PLANS TO CONTINUE.

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02/21/2024 1:05 6a 8a 12p 3p

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP IS ISSUING A COMMUNITY REMINDER TO KEEP DOGS ON LEASHES. [w:\WED\MATHEWS DOG LEASH.mp3] THE TOWNSHIP SAYS IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION THAT SOME VISITORS OF THE NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY PARK, NEXT TO THE WHITMORE LAKE POST OFFICE, HAVE BEEN LETTING THEIR DOGS RUN OFF-LEASH. FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF PARK VISITORS, THE TOWNSHIP SAYS DOGS NEED TO BE LEASHED - PER ORDINANCE. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF DOG OWNERS, THE TOWNSHIP HAS A DESIGNATED DOG PARK WHERE DOGS ARE ALLOWED TO RUN OFF-LEASH WITHIN THE 1-ACRE FENCED AREA. THE WHITMORE LAKE BARK PARK IS LOCATED AT THE BACK END OF THE JENNINGS ROAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX. LINKS TO THE ORDINANCE AND A MAP OF THE DOG PARK ARE PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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02/21/2024 :39 12p 3p

FEDERAL EMERGENCY OFFICIALS ARE WARNING ANYONE LOOKING TO BE REIMBURSED FOR DAMAGES FROM LAST SUMMER'S TORNADOES AND STORMS TO BE AWARE OF SCAM ARTISTS WHO PREY ON THOSE DESPARATE FOR HELP. FEMA'S DARRELL HABISCH SAYS HIS AGENCY WILL NEVER CALL AND ASK FOR A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BANKING INFORMATION OR MONEY UP FRONT. [w:\WED\DARRELL HABISCH FEMA-SCAMS 1.mp3] ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL FEMA'S FRAUD HOTLINE. WE'VE POSTED ALL THE INFO AT WHMI.COM.

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02/22/2024 1:02 6a 9a 11a 2p

THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A NEW RESCUE BOAT THAT WILL ALLOW IT TO BETTER RESPOND TO WATER EMERGENCIES IN ALL OF THE AREAS IT SERVES. IT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION. THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS ONE RESCUE BOAT AT THE RUSHTON ROAD FIRE STATION. FIRE CHIEF KEVIN GENTRY TOLD WHMI THEY SOUGHT THE NEW RESCUE BOAT WITH THE FORTHCOMING OPENING OF THE NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS AT SILVER LAKE ROAD AND WHITMORE LAKE ROAD. WITH THE NEW ADDITION, GENTRY SAYS THEY'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE RESCUE BOATS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TOWNSHIP WITH ON-DUTY CREWS READY TO RESPOND TO WATER EMERGENCIES... [w:\THU\GENTRY-2.mp3] THE RESCUE BOAT MARKED THE THIRD GRANT THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION. IT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A LUCAS AUTOMATED CPR MACHINE AND SEVERAL SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR.

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02/24/2024 1:31 5a 7a 10a 1p

A JURY HAS CONVICTED A GRAND BLANC MAN IN CONNECTION WITH A COLD CASE MURDER. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS OLSON.mp3] A CLINTON COUNTY JURY ON THURSDAY FOUND 35-YEAR-OLD THOMAS OLSON OF GRAND BLANC GUILTY OF 2ND DEGREE MURDER AND FELONY FIREARMS IN THE NOVEMBER 2018 SHOOTING DEATH OF 68-YEAR-OLD CHONG MOUA YANG AT THE ROSE LAKE STATE PARK IN BATH TOWNSHIP. YANG WENT HUNTING AT THE PARK - A FREQUENT HUNTING SPOT FOR HIM - BUT NEVER RETURNED HOME. HE WAS EVENTUALLY FOUND LYING FACE DOWN WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD. WITNESS TESTIMONY AND A PLASTIC BAG WITH HUNTING SPRAY THAT WAS RECOVERED NEAR THE SCENE LED POLICE TO OLSON. OLSON WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED YANG WHILE HUNTING, AND STOLE THE VICTIM'S HEADLAMP, KNIFE, BACKPACK, AND SHOTGUN. MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL SAID SHE'S GRATEFUL FOR THE DEDICATED WORK OF EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THEIR YEARS-LONG PURSUIT IN RESOLVING THE COLD CASE NOTING THE MURDER SHOCKED THE BATH TOWNSHIP AND MICHIGAN HUNTING COMMUNITIES. OLSON WILL BE SENTENCED APRIL 8TH.

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02/26/2024 1:20 12p 3p 6p

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL DISMISSED EARLY THIS MORNING AFTER BEING PLACED ON "SECURE PROTOCOL" DUE TO AN ALLEGED BOMB THREAT EMAILED TO THE DISTRICT. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAID THE FOCUS OF THE THREAT WAS "OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING" IN THE PARKING LOT. ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR AT LAST CHECK.

HERE IS THE FULL MESSAGE THAT WAS SENT OUT BY THE SCHOOL: AT 10 A.M. MONDAY, FEB. 26, 2024, OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL WENT INTO A SECURE PROTOCOL DUE TO A THREAT THAT HAS BEEN MADE FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE SAFE AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STAY INSIDE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER OR EXIT OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL OR THE PARKING LOT AT THIS TIME. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS THEY INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. THE FOCUS OF THE THREAT IS OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING IN THE PARKING LOT. POLICE ARE ON SITE, AND THEY ARE INVESTIGATING CARS IN OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL'S PARKING LOTS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. PLEASE HELP US COOPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATION. YOU ARE ASKED TO AVOID THIS AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. TRAFFIC IN AND OUT OF THE AREA IS RESTRICTED. AS A REMINDER, WE HAVE NUMEROUS SAFETY LAYERS IN PLACE, SUCH AS WEAPONS DETECTION SYSTEMS THAT OPERATE 24/7, AN ARMED SECURITY FORCE, A WEAPONS DETECTION DOG, AND VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO SAFEGUARD THE SCHOOL. SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY. WE APPRECIATE THE QUICK REPORTING AND CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO REPORT SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

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02/27/2024 1:16 5a 8a 10a 1p 3p 8p

A MOTORIST WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A CRASH ON I-96 IN THE FOWLerville AREA ON MONDAY MORNING. [w:\TUE\MATHEWS CRASH.mp3] THE FOWLerville AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED OUT AROUND 7:40AM TO THE CRASH ON WESTBOUND I-96 AT THE WEIGH SCALES. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS A MINIVAN LEFT THE FREEWAY - EJECTING THE SOLE OCCUPANT ROUGHLY 70-FEET FROM WHERE THE VEHICLE WAS LOCATED ON ITS SIDE, A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE LIVINGSTON/INGHAM COUNTY LINE. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND A WILLIAMSTON POLICE OFFICER ALL ASSISTED ON SCENE. LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMS REQUESTED A DRIVER FROM THE FOWLerville DEPARTMENT DUE TO THE EXTENT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED BY THE DRIVER. THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT FOWLerville FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT CALLS REGULARLY BEING ON THE I-96 CORRIDOR AND COVERING 7 MILES OF M-43 AS WELL. OFFICIALS REMINDED MOTORISTS TO STAY ALERT AND USE DUE CARE WHEN DRIVING TO "AVOID BECOMING ANOTHER ROADWAY STATISTIC".

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02/27/2024 2:12 5a 7a 10a 1p 3p 530p 8p 10p

THIS WEEKEND, OAKLAND COUNTY WILL CONDUCT ITS FIRST SIREN TEST OF THE SEVERE WEATHER SEASON. [w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- SIREN TEST.mp3] THE OAKLAND COUNTY OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM WILL ACTIVATE AT 1 P.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND. THE SYSTEM HAS 275 OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, EACH CAPABLE OF COVERING ABOUT A ONE-MILE RADIUS. IN A REAL EMERGENCY, THE SIREN INDICATES A TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED OR STRONGLY INDICATED ON RADAR OR A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WITH SUSTAINED WINDS OF 70 MPH OR GREATER IS IN THE AREA. RESIDENTS WOULD BE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY AND LISTEN TO RADIO OR TELEVISION FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE SIRENS ARE DESIGNED TO ALERT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OUTSIDE. FOR INDOOR WARNINGS, RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN THE FEMA MOBILE APP OR PURCHASE A WEATHER RADIO, WHICH PROVIDES NOTIFICATIONS OF INCOMING SEVERE WEATHER. THE OAKALERT APP IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO OAKLAND COUNTY RESIDENTS, WHICH IS A SELF-REGISTERING ALERT SYSTEM THAT EMAILS PARTICIPANTS ABOUT LOCAL EMERGENCIES.

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02/28/2024 :29 12p 3p

A 48-HOUR BOIL WATER NOTICE IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR SOME M-HOG CUSTOMERS. UTILITY DIRECTOR GREG TATARA SAYS CONTRACTORS ACCIDENTALLY BUSTED A MAIN WATER LINE NEAR TRINITY HEALTH LIVINGSTON HOSPITAL, LEADING TO A LOSS OF PRESSURE WHILE REPAIRS WERE MADE. [w:\WED\GREG TATARA BOIL-WATER 1.mp3] A BOIL WATER NOTICE IS ONLY FOR CONSUMING OR COOKING WITH TAP WATER. TATARA SAYS WASHING HANDS OR BATHING SHOULD BE FINE. HE'S HOPEFUL THE NOTICE WILL BE LIFTED BY MIDDAY FRIDAY.

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2/28/2024 :30 3p 4p 7p 9p 11p

PICKING UP THE PIECES IN GRAND BLANC WHERE A POSSIBLE TORNADO BLEW THROUGH OVERNIGHT. FIRE CHIEF ROBERT BURDETTE SAYS THREE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS SUFFERED HEAVY DAMAGE...[w:\WED\CHIEF ROBERT BURDETTE TORNADO-UPDATE-1.mp3] POWER OUTAGES ARE EXPECTED TO LAST INTO THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING AS CREWS CLEAR DOWNED LINES AND TREE LIMBS. NO REPORTS OF ANY SERIOUS INJURIES.

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02/29/2024 :58 12p 3p 530p 630p 8p 10p

A MARINE CORPS VETERAN FROM WIXOM IS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR HIS ROLE IN JANUARY SIX.... [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC JAN-6-VCR.mp3] FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAID 33-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL FOY THREW A POLE AT POLICE AND STRUCK OFFICERS WITH A HOCKEY STICK AS TRUMP SUPPORTERS STORMED THE U-S CAPITOL THREE YEARS AGO. FOY APOLOGIZED TO THE OFFICERS AND HIS COUNTRY BEFORE THE SENTENCE WAS HANDED DOWN WEDNESDAY. HE ALSO THANKED THE JUDGE FOR RELEASING FROM CUSTODY IN JULY 2021, ALLOWING HIM TO FIND WORK AND SEEK MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. FOY IS AMONG MORE THAN 800 SO-CALLED JANUARY SIXERS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED SO FAR.

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03/02/2024 :38 WASHTENAW CO TESTS SIRENS AT 12PM SATURDAY AO

THE WASHTENAW COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER WILL BE CONDUCTING A TEST OF 89 OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS ON SATURDAY AT NOON. THE SIRENS ARE TESTED ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM MARCH THROUGH OCTOBER. IN THE CASE OF A REAL EMERGENCY THE SIRENS WILL BE ACTIVATED FOR A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WITH WINDS OVER 75MPH, A TORNADO WARNING, DETECTION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR, IF AN ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES IS IMMINENT, UNDERWAY OR HAS RECENTLY OCCURRED. THE SIGNAL INDICATES THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GO INDOOR. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIVATION, AND ARE MAINTAINED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNDER VENDOR SERVICE AGREEMENTS. IN OAKLAND COUNTY, A SIMILAR TEST OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED AT 12PM.

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03/05/2024 01:24 5a 8a 4p

A LONGTIME MEMBER OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS PASSED AWAY. [w:\TUE\ONEIL VCR- KRICHKE.mp3] POLICE CHIEF ROBERT "BOB" KRICHKE PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY, MARCH 4TH 2024 AT THE AGE OF 83. KRICHKE HELD A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN LIVINGSTON COUNTY FOR OVER 30 YEARS. BORN IN DETROIT, KRICHKE WAS AN OFFICER WITH THE DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 12 YEARS, THEN MOVED TO FOWLerville, WHERE HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR 10 YEARS, THEN MOVING ON TO HIS LONGTIME POSITION AS CHIEF OF POLICE IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP FOR OVER 20 YEARS, UNTIL 2006. IN A SOCIAL MEDIA POST, THE HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT SAID, "HE WAS A GREAT MAN TO WORK FOR AND WILL BE MISSED." FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN FOWLerville LATER THIS WEEK, A LINK TO HIS OBITUARY IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM.

WHMI-2024-Q1-PUBLIC SAFETY-NEWS

03/11/2024 :50 8a 12p 3p

A SHOOTING SUSPECT LEADS POLICE ON A CHASE THROUGH BRIGHTON. CAR THIEVES DRIVE BRAND NEW DODGE CHARGERS OFF THE LOT OF PINCKNEY CHRYSLER. IT WAS A BUSY WEEKEND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS LIVINGSTON COUNTY. HERE'S SHERIFF MIKE MURPHY...[w:\MON\SHERIFF MURPHY CRIME 1.mp3] THE BRIGHTON SUSPECT WAS ARMED WHEN POLICE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, BUT NO SHOTS WERE FIRED. HE WAS WANTED OUT OF EASTPOINTE FOR A SHOOTING THERE. SAME FOR THE CAR THIEVES IN PINCKNEY, NOBODY WAS HURT IN THAT INCIDENT EITHER. THE SUSPECTS NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED.

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03/12/2024 01:38 6a 830a 11a 1p 4p

HOWELL POLICE REMINDS RESIDENTS TO NEVER GIVE AWAY PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE AFTER A RESIDENT REPORTED A SERIES OF SCAM CALLS. [w:\TUE\ONEIL VCR- HOWELL PD SCAM.mp3] HOWELL POLICE REMIND RESIDENTS TO NEVER GIVE AWAY PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE AFTER A RESIDENT RECEIVED TWO SCAM CALLS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL DUNN TOLD WHMI, THE TARGETED RESIDENT TOLD POLICE THE CALLER CLAIMED TO BE A SPECIAL AGENT, AND SAID THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED IN A DRUG SCHEME. THE PERSON THEN RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM "SGT. BRIGGS" FROM A CITY NUMBER THAT WAS LIKELY SPOOFED TO APPEAR AS LEGITIMATE. AFTER FEELING THE SECOND CALL WAS ODD, THE PERSON PROCEEDED TO CALLED HOWELL PD THEMSELVES, WHO CONFIRMED THE INCIDENT TO BE A SCAM. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THEY HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF A PHONE SCAM SHOULD CALL LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH TO FILE A COMPLAINT, OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY.

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3/14/2024 :39 6a 11a 2p 5p

STILL NO WORD ON A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S LT. BRAD FETNER WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEKEND FOLLOWING A TWO-YEAR BATTLE WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS. THE DEPARTMENT POSTED ITS END OF WATCH FOR FETNER ON SOCIAL MEDIA...[w:\THU\FETNER 1.mp3] LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ASKS RESIDENTS TO KEEP THE FETNER FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

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03/18/2024 :29 7a 12p 3p

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ADJUSTING ITS HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT POLICY, INSTRUCTING TROOPERS ONLY TO ENGAGE IF THE DRIVER HAS COMMITTED A LIFE-THREATENING CRIME OR A VIOLENT FELONY, LIKE MURDER, ARSON OR ASSAULT. LT RENE GONZALEZ IS WITH THE LANSING POST...[w:\MON\LT RENE GONZALEZ 1.mp3] THAT FROM WILX. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN 33 HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS INVOLVING MICHIGAN STATE POLICE THIS YEAR. TROOPERS ENGAGED IN A TOTAL OF 236 HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS IN 2023.

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03/18/2024 :45 9a 11a 12p 2p 3p 4p 5p 630p 7p 9p 11p

A MAN WAS JAILED AFTER STEALING AND LATER CRASHING A TREE-TRIMMING TRUCK IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP OVER THE WEEKEND. AROUND 4:30PM SATURDAY, TROOPERS FROM THE MSP BRIGHTON POST WERE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A LARGE TREE TRIMMING TRUCK PULLING A WOODCHIPPER DRIVING RECKLESSLY. CONCERNED CITIZENS REPORTED TO 911 THE TRUCK WAS DRIVING OFF THE ROAD AND HITTING MAILBOXES, AND ALMOST HIT SEVERAL VEHICLES HEAD-ON. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THE TRUCK WAS STOLEN AND A PURSUIT WAS TERMINATED AFTER THE SUSPECT HIT ONE OF THE REDFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE CARS. DISPATCH ADVISED THE SUSPECT WAS POSSIBLY ARMED WITH A HANDGUN, HAD STOLEN A DOG AT GUNPOINT PRIOR TO THE PURSUIT, AND WAS POSSIBLY HIGH ON METH. THE 35-YEAR-OLD REDFORD TOWNSHIP MAN EVENTUALLY CRASHED INTO A TREE AT THE CORNER OF HILTON ROAD AND OLD US-23 AND FLED ON FOOT. HE WAS LOCATED BY A K-9 UNIT HIDING INSIDE A LARGE RUBBERMAID CONTAINER AT A NEARBY RESIDENCE AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

WHMI-2024-Q1-PUBLIC SAFETY-NEWS

03/20/2024 :27 5a 6a 830a 10a

A 27-YEAR-OLD MAN FACES 16 COUNTS, INCLUDING HOMICIDE, IN THE ALLEGED MURDER TUESDAY MORNING OF HIS 59-YEAR-OLD FATHER TIMOTHY KILDEE - THE BROTHER OF FLINT-AREA CONGRESSMAN DAN KILDEE. A WARRANT WAS ISSUED TODAY AGAINST TIMOTHY KILDEE OF MOUNT MORRIS. HE FACES ONE COUNT OF FELONY MURDER, SIX COUNTS OF FELONY FIREARMS, TWO COUNTS OF ARMED ROBBERY, CARJACKING, TWO CONCEALED CARRY VIOLATIONS, HOME INVASION, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, INTERFERING WITH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY. KILDEE IS BEING TREATED AT HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ARRAIGNED FROM THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW MORNING.

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03/20/2024 01:14 730a 11a

THE INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE USED DRONES TO LOCATE THREE PEOPLE LOST IN A STATE GAME AREA. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC INGHAM-DRONE.mp3] ON WEDNESDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 5:45 A.M. DEPUTIES RESPONDED TO THE AREA OF SEVEN GABLES AND DEXTER TRAIL IN INGHAM TOWNSHIP TO LOCATE 3 ADULT SUBJECTS WHO WERE LOST IN A STATE GAME AREA NEAR DANVILLE. THE 3 PEOPLE ADVISED DISPATCH THAT THEY WERE NOT FROM THE AREA AND WERE WET AND STRUGGLING WITH COLD EXPOSURE. DANVILLE FIREFIGHTERS SEARCHED ON FOOT BUT HAD DIFFICULTY LOCATING THE SUBJECTS DUE TO THE SWAMPY TERRAIN. A DRONE WAS UTILIZED TO LOCATE ALL THREE SUBJECTS, WHO WERE GUIDED TO SAFETY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAID THE HARD WORK OF DEPUTIES AND LOCAL EMERGENCY CREWS HELPED BRING THIS INCIDENT TO A SAFE CONCLUSION.

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03/21/2024 01:02 5a 630a 8a 11a 2p 4p

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING MULTIPLE REPORTS OF THEFT FROM VEHICLES PARKED IN NEIGHBORHOODS NEAR STRAWBERRY LAKE ROAD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING. [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC-HAMBURG-LARCENY.mp3] MANY OF THE THEFTS OCCURRED IN THE BOB WHITE BEACH/PINE BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD. ACCORDING TO RING CAMERA FOOTAGE, AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE ARE SHOWN DURING THE EVENING HOURS NEAR RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS. ONE SUSPECT, WEARING A HALLOWEEN MASK, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE ENTRY INTO TWO VEHICLES, AND TWO MORE SUSPECTS WERE ABLE TO BREAK INTO ANOTHER VEHICLE. POLICE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED WHAT ITEMS WERE STOLEN. ANY INFORMATION OR VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM RESIDENTS IS ASKED TO BE FORWARDED TO INVESTIGATOR LEEDS. CONTACT INFORMATION IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM.

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03/25/2024 :37 5a 10a 1p

A GUNMAN REMAINS ON THE LOOSE IN ANN ARBOR AFTER SHOOTING A MAN WHO INTERFERED DURING AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN THE SHOOTER AND A WOMAN. IT HAPPENED OFF NORTH MAIN IN DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THIS MAN HEARD THE COMMOTION FROM HIS HIGH-RISE APARTMENT... [w:\MON\ANN ARBOR SHOOTING 1.mp3] THAT FROM WDIV. THE VICTIM DROVE HIMSELF TO A PARKING LOT ON EAST HURON STREET TO CALL FOR HELP. HE WAS HOSPITALIZED AT LAST CHECK. ANN ARBOR POLICE ARE CALLING IT AN ISOLATED INCIDENT, WHICH REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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03/22/2024 :44 630a 830a 11a

THE BRIGHTON CITY POLICE DEPT. AND BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY ARE SCHEDULING 7-DAY SUMMER CAMPS THIS YEAR FOR LIVINGSTON COUNTY YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SUMMER CAMP WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 20TH, 21ST AND 24TH AND THE FIRE AUTHORITY'S FROM JUNE 25TH THROUGH 27TH. AT THE SUMMER CAMP, YOUTHS WHO ARE ENROLLED WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF FIREFIGHTING AND POLICING, DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND PROMOTE TEAMWORK. THE NUMBER OF OPENINGS IS LIMITED, SO YOUTHS INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR THE CAMP ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ENROLLEES CAN PICK EITHER POLICE OR FIRE FOR A FEE OF \$60, OR BOTH, FOR \$100. AREA YOUTHS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ENROLL IN THE CAMP ARE ASKED TO GO TO BRIGHTONAREAFIRE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP.

WHMI-2024-Q1-BUSINESS-EMPLOYMENT-NEWS

1-3-2024 :28 530a 7a 9a 12p 2p

A POPULAR, UPSCALE RESTAURANT IN DEXTER HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS. THE LAST DAY OF BUSINESS FOR THE FILLMORE BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 7954 ANN ARBOR STREET WAS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. NO REASON FOR THE CLOSURE WAS GIVEN. THE RESTAURANT WAS PREVIOUSLY TERRY B'S BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO THE FILLMORE BAR & GRILL IN 2017. A MESSAGE ON THE RESTAURANT'S WEBSITE STATES THAT GIFT CARDS WILL BE HONORED AND REFUNDS ISSUED.

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1-3-2024 :34 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p 3p

RESTAURANT OWNERS ARE URGED TO CHECK THEIR FREEZER. MORE THAN 67-HUNDRED POUNDS OF GROUND BEEF IS BEING RECALLED DUE TO E-COLI CONTAMINATION... [w:\WED\RAJKOVIC-BEEF-VCR.mp3] THE CONTAMINATED BEEF FROM VALLEY MEATS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO RESTAURANTS ACROSS FOUR MIDWESTERN STATES - INCLUDING MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO THE U-S-D-A'S FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE, THE RECALL AFFECTS RAW GROUND BEEF PRODUCED DECEMBER 22 - INCLUDING 12 AND 16-POUND BOXES OF ANGUS PATTIES, ALONG WITH 13, 24 AND 28-POUND BOXES OF GROUND BEEF PATTIES. ALL HAVE A USE BY DATE OF JANUARY 15, 2024. THE U-S-D-A ENCOURAGES ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO CALL THEIR RECALL HOTLINE AT 888-674-6854.

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1-4-2024 :29 6a 8a 10a 12p 4p 6p

FORD IS RECALLING NEARLY 113-THOUSAND OF ITS POPULAR F-150 PICKUP TRUCKS [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC FORD-RECALL-VCR.mp3] THAT'S BECAUSE THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE REAR AXLE HUB BOLT "MAY FATIGUE AND BREAK" AND LEAD TO "VEHICLE ROLL AWAY WHEN THE VEHICLE IS IN PARK WITHOUT THE PARKING BRAKE APPLIED, OR CAUSE A LOSS OF DRIVE POWER." FORD SAYS IT HAS NOT LEARNED OF ANY CRASHES OR INJURIES STEMMING FROM THE REAR AXLE HUB BOLT PROBLEM AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A SOLUTION.

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1-5-2024 :28 12p 2p 4p 6p 8p 10p

MOTHER NATURE IS FINALLY COOPERATING WITH MICHIGAN SKI RESORTS. MT. BRIGHT'S MIKE GIORGIO SAYS THE SNOW MACHINES HAVE BEEN WORKING 36 HOURS STRAIGHT AT THE HILL LAUNCHES "COLLEGE NIGHT" EVERY FRIDAY THIS MONTH, THROUGH FEBRUARY. [w:\FRI\MIKE GIORGIO MT-BRIGHTON-1.mp3] GIORGIO SAYS MT BRIGHTON WILL ALSO HAVE A LIVE D-J THIS, FIRE PITS AND S'MORES, TO MAKE UP FOR CLOSING OVER NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND.

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1-8-2024 :48 530a 7a 9a 11a 1p

A POPULAR BOOKSHOP IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON IS EXPANDING. TWO RETIRED BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS TEACHERS, JERI KAY THOMAS AND JEANNE BLAZO, FOUNDED TWO DANDELIONS BOOKSHOP AT 428 W. MAIN STREET IN 2019 AND IT QUICKLY FILLED A VOID. AT THE TIME, DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON— WHICH AT ONE TIME HAD THREE BOOK STORES — HAD NONE. THE TWO HAVE FOUND GREAT SUCCESS IN THE FEW YEARS THEIR BOOKSTORE HAS BEEN OPEN, AND EXPANDING HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE BACK OF THEIR MINDS. THAT OPPORTUNITY RECENTLY SURFACED, AND THE TWO BEST FRIENDS PURCHASED THE CONCORD MORTGAGE BUILDING NEXT DOOR. NOW, THOMAS AND BLAZO ARE PLANNING TO REMODEL THE ADJACENT BUILDING SO THEY CAN EXPAND AND EFFECTIVELY DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THEIR BOOKSHOP. THOMAS SAYS THEY ARE WORKING ON A DESIGN, AND THE EXPANSION WILL TAKE PLACE THIS COMING SPRING.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-BUSINESS-EMPLOYMENT-NEWS

1-6-2024 1:10 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

A LOCAL CONTRACTOR CHARGED WITH FRAUDULENTLY BILLING THE CITY OF DETROIT OVER \$1 (M) MILLION AS PART OF A DEMOLITION PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN COURT. DAVID MACDONALD OF HOWELL IS CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE AND 10 COUNTS OF FALSE PRETENSES AFTER OBTAINING BACKFILL DIRT FROM CONTAMINATED SOURCES BACK IN 2017 WHEN THE COMPANY HE WORKED FOR WAS CONTRACTED BY THE CITY OF DETROIT'S DEMOLITION PROGRAM. IN 2017, MACDONALD WAS EMPLOYED BY THE DEN-MAN COMPANY TO LEAD THE COMPANY'S DEMOLITION PROGRAM. HIS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED FINDING BACKFILL FOR ALL THE DEMOLITION SITES FOR WHICH DEN-MAN WAS CONTRACTED BY THE CITY OF DETROIT TO HANDLE. THE CONTRACT MADE DEN-MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR BACKFILLING THE SITES OF DEMOLISHED PROPERTIES WITH DIRT FROM APPROVED SOURCES, AND THE COMPANY WAS ENTITLED TO BILL THE CITY FOR THE ACQUISITION PRICE OF THAT DIRT. THE MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS MACDONALD REPEATEDLY CLAIMED TO HAVE PAID FOR DIRT USED AT THESE SITES HE HAD OBTAINED AT NO COST, LIED ABOUT THE SOURCE OF THE DIRT, AND BILLED THE DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY FOR FICTITIOUS SUMS. DEN-MAN RECEIVED \$1,148,513.61 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR BACKFILL MATERIAL WITHOUT ACTUALLY INCURRING THOSE COSTS. FURTHERMORE, THE ALLEGED UNAPPROVED SOURCE OF BACKFILL MATERIAL WAS CONSIDERED ENVIRONMENTALLY CONTAMINATED. ALL OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES IN WHICH MACDONALD'S COMPANY WAS CONTRACTED, HAD TO BE TESTED. THOSE RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN MACDONALD'S CASE IS CURRENTLY PENDING IN WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. A PRETRIAL CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED ON MONDAY. THE OFFICE NOTED THAT AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THE DIRT WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED AND OBTAINED FROM AN UNAPPROVED SOURCE.

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1-10-2024 :31 9a 11a 2p 4p

MICHIGAN'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS LOOKING INTO D-T-E'S LATEST REQUEST FOR A 10-PERCENT RATE HIKE, ON TOP OF ANOTHER RATE INCREASE ALREADY APPROVED LAST MONTH. D-T-E VICE CHAIRMAN TREVOR LAUER ARGUES THE UTILITY NEEDS THE ADDITIONAL 266 MILLION IN REVENUE FOR CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVES.[w:\WED\TREVOR LAUER 1.mp3] ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL'S OFFICE ARGUES THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE MAY NOT DIRECTLY BENEFIT CONSUMERS. THE CHANGE WOULD IMPACT 1.3 MILLION D-T-E NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS.

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1-10-2024 :46 12p 2p 4p 6p 8p 10p

U.S. CONSUMERS LOOKING TO GET A TAX CREDIT ON AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE WILL HAVE FEWER MODELS TO CHOOSE FROM UNDER NEW RULES THAT LIMIT THE COUNTRIES WHERE AUTOMAKERS CAN BUY BATTERY PARTS AND MINERALS.[w:\WED\RAJKOVIC EV-CREDITS.mp3] ONLY 11 OF THE MORE THAN 50 EVS ON SALE IN THE U.S. ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDITS SO FAR THIS YEAR. THE CREDITS, WHICH RANGE FROM \$3,750 TO \$7,500, ARE AIMED AT BOOSTING EV SALES AS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TRIES TO CUT PLANET-WARMING EMISSIONS. CARMAKERS SAY THEY'RE SCRAMBLING TO SOURCE PARTS THAT WILL MAKE THEIR MODELS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX CREDITS, BUT THOSE PARTS CAN'T BE SOURCED OVERNIGHT. SOME EXPERTS SAID THEY EXPECT THE REDUCED SELECTION OF TAX-CREDIT-ELIGIBLE EVS TO HAVE ONLY A PASSING IMPACT ON GROWING CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE OF EVS.

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01/17/2024 :51 6a 8:30a 10a 1p 4p 8p 10p

DETROIT MAY BE THE AUTO CAPITAL OF THE U-S, BUT IT'S NOT THE BEST PLACE TO FIND A JOB IN ANY OF THE STEM FIELDS...[w:\WED\RAJKOVIC STEM-VCR.mp3] THAT'S ACCORDING TO WALLET HUB, WHICH RANKED THE BEST U-S METRO AREAS FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH -- OR STEM -- WORKERS. METRO DETROIT RANKED 89TH OUT OF 100 -- WITH LOW SCORES FOR STEM READINESS AND PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. GRAND RAPIDS WAS NUMBER 40 ON THE LIST. WALLET HUB'S TOP FIVE PLACES FOR STEM WORKERS WAS AUSTIN, SEATTLE, ATLANTA, BOSTON AND SACRAMENTO.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-BUSINESS-EMPLOYMENT-NEWS

01/19/2024 :50 530a 8a 11a 1p 4p

MICHIGAN'S JOBLESS RATE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER...[w:\FRI\MARTIN MI-JOBLESS-1.mp3] A RECENT REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET SAYS MICHIGAN'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED CONSTANT BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AT 4-POINT-3 PERCENT. EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE ADVANCED BY EIGHT-THOUSAND WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT WAS UNCHANGED OVER THE MONTH. MICHIGAN'S LABOR FORCE ROSE BY NINE-THOUSAND IN DECEMBER. THE NATIONAL JOBLESS RATE ALSO REMAINED UNCHANGED, HOLDING AT 3.7 PERCENT.

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01/24/2024 1:14 5a 8a 11a 1p

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER LAID OUT PLANS TO LOWER COSTS, INVEST IN EDUCATION, EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PROTECT SENIORS, AND BOOST THE ECONOMY DURING WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS. WHITMER SAID THEY'RE STARTING 2024 "FIRED UP" AND THE STATE OF THE STATE IS "READY TO ROCK" BUT SHE ALSO FOCUSED ON THE CHALLENGES THAT MICHIGANDERS ARE FACING[w:\THU\WHITMER-1.mp3] WHITMER SAID SHE'LL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON LOWERING COSTS AND MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE, IMPROVING EDUCATION, AND ADDRESSING HOUSING CHALLENGES AMONG OTHERS. THE SECOND-TERM DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR'S SPEECH PRECEDED A LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT MAY REQUIRE LAWMAKERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE DEMOCRATS TOOK FULL CONTROL OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT LAST JANUARY. THE STATE HOUSE WILL BE TIED 54-54 UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL, WHEN SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR TWO OPEN SEATS ARE SET TO BE HELD.

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01/25/2024 1:24 5a 7a 9a 11a 2p

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN. WHMI'S JESSICA MATHEWS REPORTS...[w:\THU\MATHEWS TAXES.mp3] THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SAYS THAT MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH WILL BE THE OFFICIAL START DATE OF THE 2024 TAX SEASON, WHEN THE AGENCY WILL BEGIN PROCESSING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS. INDIVIDUALS CAN FILE THEIR STATE INCOME TAX RETURN ONLINE, WITH A TAX PROFESSIONAL, OR BY MAILING IN PAPER FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION. ALL STATE OF MICHIGAN INCOME TAX RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF ANY TAXES OWED MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15TH. THE STATE'S DEADLINE IS THE SAME DATE SET BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. ALL EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO MAIL W-2S AND 1099S TO THEIR EMPLOYEES BY JANUARY 31ST. DEPUTY STATE TREASURER KAVITA KALE SAID THEY'LL WORK AS FAST AS PRACTICAL TO PROCESS RETURNS AND ISSUE REFUNDS - ESPECIALLY WITH SOME OF THE RECENT CHANGES TO STATE LAW REGARDING THE MICHIGAN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND THE RETIREMENT TAX ROLLBACK.

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01/26/2024 01:12 3p 530p 7p 9p 11p

BEER AFICIONADOS IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY WILL SOON HAVE A NEW MICROBREWERY AND TAPROOM. [w:\FRI\DAN MARTIN MINE-MICROBREWERY.mp3] BRAD JONCKHEERE, FOUNDER OF SCHMUCK'S BREWERY IS ALSO THE OWNER OF AMERICAN CONCRETE PRODUCTS ON MASON ROAD IN HOWELL. HE'S PLANNING TO CONVERET AN OLD OFFICE BUILDING INTO THE BREWERY'S FIRST PHYSICAL LOCATION. WITH MINING COMPLETED, JONCKHEERE SAYS CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN THE SPRING, WITH THE LOCATION BECOMING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATERNG HOLE. ADDITIONAL PLANS INCLUDE A RESTAURANT, AND POSSIBLE CAMPGROUND. REDEVELOPMENT IDEAS NEAR THE SITE'S 30 ACRE LAKE HAVE BEEN BREWING FOR YEARS. THE TOTAL SITE IS AROUND 100 ACRES, AND IS EXPECTED TO EVENTUALLY HAVE AREAS FOR TENTS, RVS AND CABINS.

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01/26/2024 :35 2p 4p 6p 8p 10p

HONOLULU BLUE CONTINUES TO FLY OFF THE SHELVES AHEAD OF THE LIONS' N-F-C TITLE MATCHUP AGAINST THE NINERS THIS SUNDAY. LOCAL BAR AND GRILLS, RESTAURANTS AND PIZZA SHOPS ALSO ARE CASHING IN WITH THE LIONS SUCCESS. STEVE MILLER IS MANAGER AT A LITTLE CAESERS IN HOWELL....[w:\FRI\STEVE MILLER CAESERS 1.mp3] THE SILVER PIG AND DIAMOND'S ALSO OFFERING DRINK AND FOOD SPECIALS FOR THOSE LOOKING TO STAY IN HOWELL. CHEMUNG HILLS ALSO AMONG THOSE HOSTING LIONS WATCH PARTIES THIS SUNDAY.

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01/26/2024 :35 10a 2p 530p 7p 9p 11p

LOCAL BUSINESSES HONORED BY THE HOWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST NIGHT. PHOTOGRAPHER RICHARD LIM RECEIVED THE CHAMBER'S "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD. CHAMBER PRESIDENT JANELLE SMITH SAYS THEY ALSO RECOGNIZED A "BUSINESS OF THE YEAR." [w:\FRI\JANELLE SMITH CHAMBER-COY-3.mp3] OTHER RECIPIENTS INCLUDED RHONDA CALLAHAN OF TORCH 180 WITH THE "EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT AND INNOVATOR" AWARD, AND BRAD TAIT AT AGAPE CITY CHURCH, WINNING THE "COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY" AWARD.

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01/29/2024 1:36 6a 8a 10a 1p

A LOCAL MAN HAS AGAIN BEEN NAMED A SEMI-FINALIST FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS JAMES BEARD RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS. [w:\MON\MATHEWS HEWITT.mp3] THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION'S RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS ARE ONE OF FIVE SEPARATE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS OF THE JAMES BEARD AWARDS. THE 2024 RESTAURANT AND CHEF SEMI-FINALISTS ARE RECOGNIZED ACROSS 22 CATEGORIES. AMONG THEM IS DOUG HEWITT OF HOWELL, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE CHEF AT BOTH CHARTREUSE KITCHEN & COCKTAILS AND FREYA IN DETROIT. HE'S A SEMI-FINALIST IN THE BEST CHEF GREAT LAKES CATEGORY THAT INCLUDES MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, AND OHIO. IN 2023, HEWITT WAS A JAMES BEARD SEMIFINALIST IN THE OUTSTANDING RESTAURATEURS CATEGORY. HE'S WORKED AT VARIOUS RESTAURANTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS ALL OVER MICHIGAN, INCLUDING SOME LOCALLY, AND IS A HOWELL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE. HE'S SAID TO ENJOY UTILIZING LOCAL INGREDIENTS TO CREATE SEASONAL AND INNOVATIVE DISHES. NOMINEES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE JAMES BEARD RESTAURANT AND CHEF AWARDS CEREMONY IN JUNE IN CHICAGO.

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02/05/2024 :48 9a 12p 2p 5p 630p 9p 11p

FOWLerville's TORCH 180 IS NAMED A NEW EXTENSION CAMPUS FOR THE MICHIGAN CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. [w:\MON\TORCH-180-EXTENSION.mp3] THE NON-PROFIT CAFE AND COFFEE SHOP WILL PROVIDE FOOD-INDUSTRY TRAINING FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. IN A PRESS RELEASE FROM MICHIGAN'S DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, TORCH 180 PRESIDENT RHONDA CALLAHAN SAYS IT "GIVES STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN CERTIFICATIONS HERE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, AND ADDS A WELCOMED LAYER OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND CHALLENGE TO OUR PROGRAMMING." M-C-T-I IS WORKING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WORKING-AGE ADULTS IN MICHIGAN WITH A SKILL CERTIFICATE OR COLLEGE DEGREE TO 60% BY 2030.

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02/06/2024 :42 5a 6a 8a 9a 11a

THE LYON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS RENEWED A TEMPORARY RESOLUTION ALLOWING OUTDOOR SALES AT BARS AND RESTAURANTS- A PACKAGE OF RULES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY PRESENTED DURING COVID. THE BOARD INITIALLY CREATED THE TEMPORARY ORDINANCE IN 2020, ALLOWING BARS AND RESTAURANTS TO EXPAND OUTDOOR SEATING AND GENERATE REVENUE WITH THE UNCERTAIN FATE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC. THE RULES HAVE BEEN RENEWED EVERY YEAR SINCE, WITH A PERMANENT RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED WITHIN THE COMING MONTHS. [w:\TUE\CARCONE.mp3] THAT WAS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE PATRICIA CARCONE. THE PERMANENT ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR DINING TOWNSHIP-WIDE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AREAS.

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02/07/2024 :31 7a 9a 11a 1p 4p 630p

MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS WANT TO REVIVE AND REVAMP FILM INCENTIVES THAT WERE ELIMINATED IN 2015. UNLIKE THE OLD TAX REBATE, THE NEW CREDIT WOULD BE ISSUED AS A TRANSFERABLE TAX CREDIT VOUCHER, WHICH WOULD ENSURE THE CREDIT REMAINS IN THE STATE. TRAVERSE CITY REPUBLICAN JOHN ROTH IS ONE OF THE AUTHORS...[w:\WED\REP JOHN ROTH MI-FILM-CREDITS 1.mp3] CRITICS STILL ARGUE THAT SUBSIDIZING THE FILM INDUSTRY SO FAR HAS FAILED TO BRING FINANCIAL RETURNS TO MICHIGAN.

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02/07/2024 :36 10a 12p 3p 5p

A BRIGHTON-BASED PIZZERIA IS JOINING HUNDREDS OF RESTAURANTS AROUND THE COUNTRY IN FEEDING THE HUNGRY THIS FRIDAY ON NATIONAL PIZZA DAY. CAPTAIN'S ON MAIN IS PARTICIPATING IN WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE LARGEST PIZZA DELIVERY IN AMERICA, DONATING PIZZAS TO BOUNTIFUL HARVEST FOOD PANTRY IN BRIGHTON. OWNER NICK MANNISTO SAID THIS WEEK, CUSTOMERS CAN HELP THE RESTAURANT MEET THEIR GOAL OF DONATING 20 PIZZAS TO THE FOOD PANTRY THIS FRIDAY AND BEYOND.[w:\WED\MANNISTO 2.mp3] CAPTAIN'S ON MAIN IS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON. MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN DONATE CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM.

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02/08/2024 :47 5a 7a 9a 11a

A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS CAR TEAM HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CREATORS OF A PREMIER DESTINATION FOR AUTOMOTIVE ENTHUSIASTS THAT WILL BE COMING TO THE CITY OF HOWELL. THE PARTNERSHIP ENABLES NEW HUDSON-BASED PRATT MILLER MOTORSPORTS TO ESTABLISH A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE AT MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY HOWELL - A STATE-OF-THE-ART 273-ACRE AUTOMOTIVE DISTRICT, FEATURING LUXURY AUTOMOTIVE-THEMED CONDOS OVERLOOKING LARGE MEMBERS-ONLY TRACK. THE PROPERTY IS ALONG I-96 BETWEEN LUCY ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE. THE LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY HOWELL CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA AT MONDAY NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING...[w:\THU\SUIDA.mp3] MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY CEO AND CO-FOUNDER JORDAN DICK STATED THAT PARTNERING WITH PRATT MILLER, A LEGENDARY NAME IN RACING, IS A MOMENTOUS STEP FOR THEM AND THE COLLABORATION BRINGS TOGETHER THE THRILL OF RACING WITH THE LUXURY AND EXCLUSIVITY OF MOTORSPORTS GATEWAY HOWELL.

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02/08/2024 :32 3p 6p 11p

AS DEBATE ON CAPITOL HILLS CONTINUES OVER THE SOUTHERN BORDER AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, MICHIGAN CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN HAS INTRODUCED WHAT'S CALLED THE "CLOSE THE WORKFORCE GAP ACT," WHICH WOULD DOLE OUT WORK VISAS ACCORDING TO HOW MANY ACTUALLY WORKERS ARE NEEDED IN THE U-S AT ANY GIVEN TIME. [w:\THU\SLOTKIN WORKFORCE-GAP 2.mp3] THE DEMOCRATIC U-S SENATE CANDIDATE SAYS SEVERAL CHAMBERS AND HOSPITALITY GROUPS IN MICHIGAN ALREADY SUPPORT HER BILL.

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02/09/2024 1:06 6a 8a 11a

THE MICHIGAN HOUSE HAS APPROVED STATE REPRESENTATIVE DALE ZORN'S BILL TO REDUCE REGULATIONS AFFECTING TOW TRUCK COMPANIES THAT ASSIST STRANDED DRIVERS AND HAZARDOUS ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS. [w:\FRI\MARTIN ZORN TOW.mp3] THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE LIMITS THE WEIGHT THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES CAN PLACE ON ROADS. AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS, WHEN A WRECKER MUST TOW ABOVE THEIR WEIGHT RESTRICTION, THEY NEED TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE LOCAL ROAD AGENCY. ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE, ZORN SAYS THAT "SINCE TOWING VEHICLES ARE USUALLY PROVIDING SERVICE DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY, THE STATE SHOULD REDUCE UNNECESSARY PAPERWORK THAT CAN SLOW THEM DOWN AND LEAD TO UNSAFE WAIT TIMES." HOUSE BILL 4028, WOULD EXEMPT WRECKERS FROM THOSE RESTRICTIONS WHEN TOWING OR TRAVELING TO AND FROM A DISABLED VEHICLE. THE BILL RECEIVED BIPARTISAN, UNANIMOUS SUPPORT IN THE HOUSE AND NOW MOVES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE STATE SENATE.

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02/09/2024 :38 5a 7a 10a

WITH SUPER-BOWL SUNDAY FAST APPROACHING, MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL IS CAUTIONING RESIDENTS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR POTENTIAL SCAMS, AND SOMETIMES DECEPTIVE GAMING SITES. NESSEL SAYS, "THE SUPER BOWL IS THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR FOR THE PLAYERS, THE FANS, THE BETTING PLATFORMS, AND SADLY TOO, FOR THE BAD ACTORS LOOKING TO RIP OFF GAMBLING MICHIGANDERS." NESSEL URGES ANYONE PLANNING ON BETTING, TO ENGAGE IN IT ONLY AS A FORM OF ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR WHEN AND HOW MUCH TO PARTICIPATE. IF GAMBLING IS A PROBLEM, YOU ARE URGED TO CALL 800-270-7117. A LINK FOR THE MICHIGAN PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM.

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02/10/2024 1:06 6a 8a 10a 12p

A LOCAL RIDESHARE SERVICE IS OFFERING INSIGHT INTO METHODS OF REDUCING TRAFFIC ALONG US-23. THOUSANDS OF COMMUTERS DRIVE INTO ANN ARBOR EVERY DAY, MOSTLY ON US-23 FROM TOWNS IN LIVINGSTON, OAKLAND, AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES. THE ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THERIDE, IS OFFERING TO ASSIST THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ONGOING STUDY OF TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON US-23 WITH EXPANDED RIDESHARE OPTIONS. THE SERVICE PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM BIG CITIES INCLUDING ANN ARBOR, LANSING, AND DETROIT, COMMUTER SERVICES LIKE PARK & RIDE AND VANPOOLS, BUS SERVICE TO LOCAL EVENTS INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAMES, AND SHUTTLE SERVICES TO THE AIRPORT. THERIDE ENVISIONS UPSCALING THEIR PARKING CAPABILITIES FOR RIDESHARE USERS WITH SEVERAL 2,000-STALL PARKING LOTS PROPOSED ALONG NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND US-23, M-14, AND I-94 EAST OF ANN ARBOR. RIDERS WOULD THEN BE SHUTTLED TO AND FROM THEIR DESTINATIONS USING THERIDE'S BUS SERVICE. THE INITIATIVE SEEKS TO SAVE DRIVERS GAS MONEY AND MILEAGE ON THEIR VEHICLES BY DIVERTING AN ESTIMATED 8,000 CARS DAILY FROM THE US-23 CORRIDOR.

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02/12/2024 :48 5a 8a 11a 2p 5p

CONSUMERS ENERGY IS CONTINUING WORK TO STRENGTHEN MICHIGAN'S ELECTRIC GRID, IMPROVE RELIABILITY, AND MAKE POWER OUTAGES AS INFREQUENT AND AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE. LAST YEAR, THE UTILITY UNVEILED ITS RELIABILITY ROADMAP - A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY AND RESTORE ALL CUSTOMERS IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS, EVEN AFTER SEVERE STORMS. CONSUMERS ENERGY SPOKESMAN BRIAN WHEELER TELLS WHMI THEIR COMMITMENT IS TO HAVE FEWER AND SHORTER POWER OUTAGES FOR CUSTOMERS...[w:\MON\WHEELER-1.mp3] WHEELER SAYS CONSUMERS ENERGY EXPECTS TO MAKE EVEN MORE INVESTMENTS IN THE ELECTRIC GRID THIS YEAR, WHICH IS BEING BOOSTED BY A \$100 MILLION FEDERAL FUNDING COMMITMENT TO ITS RELIABILITY ROADMAP. THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL START SPENDING THOSE FUNDS, FOCUSING ON UPGRADES TO THE GRID IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.

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02/13/2024 :52 630p 8p 10p 5a 8a

DESPITE A PETITION DRIVE WITH MORE THAN 52,000 SIGNATURES, A VINTAGE ARCADE AND MUSEUM IS SLATED TO BE DEMOLISHED. [w:\WED\MATHEWS MUSEUM.mp3] MARVIN'S MARVELOUS MECHANICAL MUSEUM WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT INCLUDES A MEIJER STORE. THE FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL VOTED MONDAY NIGHT TO APPROVE A NEW STRIP MALL ON ORCHARD LAKE ROAD NEAR 14 MILE. THE MUSEUM FEATURES VINTAGE COIN-OPERATED MACHINES, ODDITIES, UNUSUAL NOSTALGIA, AND VIDEO AND ARCADE GAMES. FOUNDED IN THE EARLY 80'S, THE MUSEUM SAYS IT NOT ONLY STANDS AS A MONUMENT TO ALL THINGS SILLY AND GOOFY BUT AS A TESTAMENT TO MARVIN YAGODA'S PHILOSOPHY. THE MUSEUM IS OPERATED BY MARVIN'S SON, JEREMY YAGODA, WHO HAS VOWED TO FIND A WAY TO STAY OPEN AND MOVE THE MUSEUM. HE HOPES TO STAY WITHIN THE SAME GENERAL AREA.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-BUSINESS-EMPLOYMENT-NEWS

02/15/2024 :38 530p 8p 10p

THE POST-COVID HANGOVER CONTINUES FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. JANUARY'S OPTIMISM INDEX FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS MARKED THE 25TH CONSECUTIVE MONTH BELOW ITS 50-YEAR AVERAGE. AMANDA FISHER IS THE N-F-B-I STATE DIRECTOR HERE IN MICHIGAN...[w:\THU\AMANDA FISHER SMALL-BIZ-INDEX-2.MP3] ONE-OUT-OF-FIVE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS REPORT INFLATION AS THEIR NUMBER ONE PROBLEM, FOLLOWED BY THE NEED FOR RELIABLE WORKERS. FISHER ARGUES POLICIES COMING OUT OF LANSING ARE MAKING IT HARDER TO OWN A SMALL BUSINESS IN MICHIGAN.

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02/15/2024 1:11 2p 530p 7p 9p 11p 6a

NEW HOUSING DATA SHOWS VALUES CONTINUE TO RISE ACROSS THE WHMI LISTENING AREA, WHILE INVENTORIES CONTINUE TO DWINDLE...[w:\THU\RAJKOVIC HOUSING-DATA.mp3] YEAR-OVER-YEAR FIGURES FROM JANUARY SHOW THE MEDIAN SALES PRICE ROSE NEARLY 12 PERCENT IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ALMOST NINE PERCENT IN OAKLAND COUNTY AND MORE THAN 20 PERCENT IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. ALL THREE COUNTIES WERE WELL ABOVE THE 300-THOUSAND DOLLAR MARK, ACCORDING TO REALCOMP. GENESEE COUNTY SAW A MEDIAN SALES PRICE HIKE OF JUST THREE PERCENT TO 175-THOUSAND LAST MONTH. MEANWHILE, THE NUMBER OF HOMES ON THE MARKET COMPARED TO JANUARY 2023 FELL 22 PERCENT IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, WAS DOWN NEARLY 14 PERCENT IN OAKLAND COUNTY AND DROPPED 41 PERCENT IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. YEAR-OVER-YEAR UNITS ALSO FELL ABOUT 16-PERCENT IN GENESEE COUNTY LAST MONTH.

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02/16/2024 1:30 530a 830a

A LOCAL CINEMA HAS LAUNCHED A WINTER FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN AMID FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS CINEMA.mp3] THE MILFORD INDEPENDENT CINEMA WAS A FAMILY-OWNED CINEMA FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS WHEN THE PANDEMIC HIT CAUSING IT TO CLOSE. A GROUP OF LOCAL INDIVIDUALS LATER CAME TOGETHER TO RE-OPEN IT AS A NON-PROFIT. THE CINEMA IS SAID TO BE FACING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES AND IN RESPONSE IS LAUNCHING A WINTER FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN TODAY - WITH THE GOAL OF RAISING \$10,000 IN 10 DAYS. THE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO RAISE VITAL FUNDS TO COVER ESSENTIAL EXPENSES SUCH AS RENT, UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE, AND PROGRAMMING TO ENSURE THE CINEMA REMAINS A VIBRANT CULTURAL HUB AND A CHERISHED GATHERING PLACE FOR MOVIE ENTHUSIASTS OF ALL AGES. ORGANIZERS SAY EVERY DONATION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, WILL MAKE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE IN HELPING THEM SUSTAIN OPERATIONS AND CONTINUE SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH ENRICHING CINEMATIC EXPERIENCES. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WINTER FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/19/2024 2:53 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

WHEN GRAND RIVER BREWERY OPENS IN BRIGHTON IT WILL BE THE FOURTH BAR-RESTAURANT IN JUSTIN DALENBERG'S GROWING CHAIN... [w:\MON\TOLEN GRAND-RIVER-BREWERY.mp3] DALENBERG IS INVESTING \$400,000 IN THE RENOVATION OF THE FORMER GINOPOLIS ON W. MAIN STREET INTO THE GRAND RIVER BREWERY AND SAYS HE'S REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING TO BRIGHTON. HIS FIRST BREWPUB WAS IN JACKSON, THEN HE ADDED HISTORIC MARSHALL, AND THE DETROIT SUBURB OF CLAWSON VENUE WAS ADDED LAST FALL. DALENBERG WILL BE INSTALLING A 3-BARREL BREW HOUSE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO PRODUCE THREE BARRELS, OR 93 GALLONS PER BATCH. THE BUSINESS GETS ALL ITS MEATS, BAKED GOODS AND SPECIALTY ITEMS FROM THE MANCHESTER MARKET, WHICH HE ALSO OWNS. THE STORE IS A BUTCHER SHOP, BAKERY AND CONNOISSEUR KITCHEN ALL IN ONE. THE COMPANY ALSO MAKES ITS OWN BREADS AND THEY GET THEIR BEEF FROM NOGGLE FARMS IN MANCHESTER. THEY ALSO MAKE AGAVE SPIRITS, SEVERAL KINDS OF WHISKEYS, BARBECUE AND TEXAS-STYLE BRISKET, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, AND WILL HAVE A LARGE AND VARIED SEAFOOD MENU. IN ADDITION TO A MICROBREWERY, HE ALSO HAS A SMALL DISTILLERY AND WINERY. HE HAS A MICROBREWERY LICENSE, TASTING ROOM LICENSE, DISTILLERY LICENSE AND A SMALL WINEMAKER'S LICENSE. HE HOPES TO OPEN THE BRIGHTON LOCATION IN MAY OR JUNE.

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02/20/2024 :34 5p 630p 8p 10p 530a 830a 11a 2p

THERE'S NOW A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE FROM THE SKY. DELTA AIR LINES IS OFFERING A SPECIAL FLIGHT THAT WILL LET PASSENGERS VIEW THE 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE ON APRIL 8TH THAT IT SAYS WILL TRAVEL DIRECTLY WITHIN THE PATH OF TOTALITY. BASIC ECONOMY SEATS QUICKLY SOLD OUT. THE AIRLINE IS ALSO OFFERING ECLIPSE-VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES ON FIVE ADDITIONAL ROUTES. THE APRIL 8TH ECLIPSE IS THE LAST TOTAL ECLIPSE THAT WILL BE SEEN OVER NORTH AMERICA UNTIL 2044. THE ECLIPSE WILL LAST MORE THAN TWICE AS LONG AS THE ONE THAT OCCURRED IN 2017, AND THE PATH IS NEARLY TWICE AS WIDE. THE ECLIPSE WILL BEGIN AT 1:58PM AND REACH MAXIMUM TOTALITY, OR COVERAGE, AROUND 3:14PM IN DETROIT AND SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN.

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02/20/2024 :48 6a 9a 1p 4p 530p

CONSUMERS ENERGY SAYS IT WILL BE EXPANDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND FOCUSING ON THOSE WHO TRADITIONALLY HAVE BEEN UNDERSERVED. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RECENTLY APPROVED THE UTILITY'S NEARLY \$600 MILLION ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN, WHICH OFFERS NEW AND GROWING PROGRAMS TO CONNECT WITH VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. CONSUMERS ENERGY SPOKESMAN BRIAN WHEELER TOLD WHMI WHILE THEY'LL BE WORKING TO HELP ALL CUSTOMERS IN DIFFERENT WAYS, THEY WILL BE WORKING MORE INTENSELY FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP THE MOST... [w:\TUE\WHEELER-2.mp3] WHEELER SAID THE UTILITY WILL BE COMMUNICATING MORE WITH CUSTOMERS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD ABOUT HOW THEY CAN HELP MAKE A LARGER POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR LIVES, WHICH INVOLVES MORE DIRECT OUTREACH. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/20/2024 1:12 5a 7a 9a 630p

A UNIQUE EXPO WILL BRING TOGETHER LOCAL BUSINESSES, HOMEOWNERS, AND GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS, ALL UNDER ONE ROOF. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\TUE\ONEIL VCR- EXPO.mp3] THE GREATER BRIGHTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS HOSTING THE BUSINESS & OUTDOOR OASIS EXPO NEXT MONTH AT THE CRYSTAL GARDENS EVENT CENTER IN HOWELL. THE EVENT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC FROM 3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH. OVER 60 BUSINESSES HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE EVENT, INCLUDING THOSE WITH A HOME AND GARDEN EMPHASIS, TO KICK OFF THE SPRING SEASON. A CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE AND GUESTS DO NOT NEED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER TO ATTEND. INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATING VENDORS IS PROVIDED AT THE BRIGHTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S WEBPAGE. A LINK IS UP NOW AT WHMI.COM.

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02/20/2024 1:30 530a 8a 11a 2p 6p

SOMEDAY IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HOP A TRAIN FROM ANN ARBOR TO TRAVERSE CITY, PETOSKY OR CADILLAC...WE GET THE STORY FROM WHMI'S DAN MARTIN. [w:\TUE\MARTIN TRAIN.mp3] THE GOAL OF A PASSENGER TRAIN CONNECTING SOUTHEASTERN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS GETTING A BIT CLOSER TO COMPLETION, AS PHASE TWO OF THE LONGTIME PLAN IS NOW IN THE WORKS. THE 'NORTHERN MICHIGAN PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT' IS HEADED BY THE GROUNDWORK CENTER FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES. THE PUSH BEGAN IN 2018, WHEN THE GROUNDWORK CENTER AND A NUMBER OF STATE, FEDERAL, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS BEGAN LOOKING INTO THE IDEA OF HOW TO HAVE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON AN EXISTING FREIGHT LINE BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO JIM BRUCKBAUER, TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IT COULD INCLUDE STOPS IN TRAVERSE CITY, PETOSKEY, CADILLAC, ANN ARBOR AND POSSIBLY DETROIT. THE PROJECT, IS NOW IN ITS SECOND PHASE. FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM

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02/20/2024 :40 5p 7p 9p 11p

BUSINESS OWNERS ACROSS THE WHMI LISTENING AREA INVITED TO A "PUNDITS AND POLLSTERS" BREAKFAST PUT ON BY THE GREATER BRIGHTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOMORROW MORNING. CHAMBER PRESIDENT PAM MCCONEGHY SAYS EXPERTS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE WILL TALK ABOUT NEW LAWS AND LITIGATION OVER TIPPED-WAGES, MICHIGAN'S INCOME TAX AND OTHER ISSUES. [w:\TUE\PAM MCCONEGHY PUNDITS-POLLSTERS-2.mp3] TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. \$35 ALSO INCLUDES BREAKFAST, BEGINNING AT 8 A-M WEDNESDAY AT WALDENWOODS CONFERENCE CENTER.

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02/22/2024 :29 10a 1p 4p

MICHIGAN RETAILERS REPORT LOW JANUARY SALES, BUT A POSITIVE FUTURE OUTLOOK. THE STATE'S RETAILERS ASSOCIATION SAYS LAST MONTH'S SALES LANDED AT 48 ON THE GROUP'S 100-POINT INDEX. [w:\THU\ANDREA BITELY RETAIL-INDEX-1.mp3] THE ASSOCIATION'S ANDREA BITELY URGING MICHIGANDERS TO CONTINUE BUYING LOCALLY, FROM THE MOM-AND-POP SHOPS ALONG GRAND RIVER, OR EVEN CHOOSING MEIJER OVER OTHER LARGE OUTLETS. NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF MICHIGAN RETAILERS STILL EXPECT POSITIVE SALES HEADING INTO SUMMER.

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02/23/2024 1:17 6a 730a 11a 2p

YAHOO FINANCE NAMES ANN ARBOR "THE MOST EXPENSIVE CITY" IN MICHIGAN [w:\FRI\RAJKOVIC ANN-ARBOR-EXPENSIVE.mp3] THE NATIONWIDE LIST PULLED RANKINGS FROM FINANCIAL WEBSITES 24/7 WALL ST. AND GOBANKINGRATES, WHICH USED DATA FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, ZILLOW, DATA USA, AND THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS TO FIND THE MOST EXPENSIVE METROPOLITAN AREAS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. WHILE ANN ARBOR'S COST OF LIVING IS ABOUT 1% LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE NATIONWIDE AVERAGE, 24/7 WALL ST SAYS THE CITY'S POVERTY RATE IS 13.9%, A TICK HIGHER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE. HOWEVER, ANN ABOR HAS A HIGHER MEDIAN INCOME, AT JUST UNDER \$76,000, COMPARED TO THE STATE AVERAGE OF \$59,000. OTHER PRICY MIDWEST CITIES INCLUDED COLUMBUS, OHIO; INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA; IOWA CITY, IOWA; AND MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

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02/27/2024 1:08 7a 9a 11a 530p

A POPULAR BAKERY HAS RELOCATED TO SALEM TOWNSHIP. [w:\TUE\MATHEWS ENCHANTED.mp3] THE ENCHANTED OVEN CAFÉ IS LOCATED OFF NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD IN THE BUILDING FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY FLOWER BAR. IT MOVED AFTER OUTGROWING ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN SALINE, WHICH CLOSED IN JULY. IN ADDITION TO BAKED GOODS, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE SERVED. OWNER AMBER WARDIA TOLD MLIVE.COM SHE'S EXPLORING OPENING A SECOND LOCATION TO KEEP UP WITH BUSINESS, EXPAND, AND CONTINUE SERVING BOTH LONGTIME AND NEW CUSTOMERS. IN A RECENT POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WARDIA SAID THEY'RE CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT NEW SYSTEMS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BETTER SERVE PATRONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE BUSINESS IS HIRING FOR AN EXPERIENCED CAKE DECORATOR, BAKER, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE/BAKERY INTERNS.



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02/28/2024 1:13 6a 8a 11a

A LOCAL RESTAURANT IS SOUNDING THE ALARM ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT A RECENT INCIDENT INVOLVING AN ATTEMPTED THEFT OF A DIFFERENT KIND AND ALLEGED SCAMMERS IN THE AREA. [w:\WED\MATHEWS GREASE.mp3] GRIFF'S GRILL IS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AND NATIONAL STREET IN DOWNTOWN HOWELL. A RECENT FACEBOOK POST WAS DIRECTED AT ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE GREASE RECYCLING BINS OUTSIDE. IT SAID A MAN IN A WHITE F-450 PUMPER TRUCK WITH NO MARKINGS OR A LICENSE PLATE TRIED TO STEAL THEIR GREASE. THE POST SAYS IT'S BECOME A LUCRATIVE BLACK-MARKET SCAM IN WHICH THIEVES STEAL THE GREASE AND SELL IT TO RECYCLERS. A REPORT WAS MADE WITH THE HOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT. SURVEILLANCE VIDEO WAS PROVIDED ON THE GRIFF'S GRILL FACEBOOK PAGE AND THE OWNER SAID HE WANTED "EVERYONE AROUND TOWN TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE SCAMMERS".

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02/29/2024 :40 530p 8p 10p 7a

KELLOGG'S C-E-O DREW FIRE ON SOCIAL MEDIA THIS WEEK, AFTER SUGGESTING THAT STRUGGLING AMERICAN FAMILIES EAT CEREAL FOR DINNER. U-S-D-A SAYS AMERICANS ARE SPENDING MORE ON GROCERIES AND DINING OUT THAN THEY HAVE IN 30 YEARS. HERE'S WHAT SOME MEIJER SHOPPERS IN GENOA TOWNSHIP HAD TO SAY TO WHMI NEWS... [w:\THU\MOS FOOD-COSTS 3.mp3] RESTAURANT AND FOOD COMPANIES POINT TO THEIR LABOR COSTS AS A KEY FACTOR DRIVING UP PRICES, WITH 22 STATES -- INCLUDING MICHIGAN -- RAISING THEIR MINIMUM WAGES IN JANUARY.

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03/08/2024 :32 11a 2p 5p 7p 9p 11p

MACKINAC CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY WILL LIKELY APPEAL A MICHIGAN APPEALS COURT DECISION CONFIRMING A ROLLBACK OF THE STATE'S INCOME TAX BACK IN 2015 WAS ONLY TEMPORARY. [w:\FRI\PATRICK WRIGHT MI-INCOME-TAX-1.mp3] THE MACKINAC CENTER'S PATRICK WRIGHT IS CONVINCED THE BEST READING OF THE LAW REQUIRES A PERMANENT TAX CUT. HE ARGUES MICHIGAN DIDN'T EVEN HAVE AN INCOME TAX UNTIL 1967. NINE OTHER STATES DON'T HAVE AN INCOME TAX AT ALL.

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03/11/2024 1:21 6a 8a 10a 1p

AREA EMPLOYERS ARE BEING SOUGHT TO TAKE PART IN AN UPCOMING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FAIR. [w:\MON\MATHEWS EMPLOYERS.mp3] STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS FROM ACROSS LIVINGSTON COUNTY ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ONE-DAY EVENT ON APRIL 24TH FROM 5:30 - 7:30PM AT THE LIVINGSTON EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY OFF GRAND RIVER IN HOWELL. THE PURPOSE OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FAIR IS TO EXPOSE STUDENTS TO CAREER LADDERS AND BENEFITS THAT THEY CAN START TO ACCESS AS ENTRY LEVEL EMPLOYEES AND CONTINUE TO GROW WITH A COMPANY AS THEY BROADEN THEIR EDUCATION. THERE IS NO COST FOR REGISTRATION AND A TABLE WILL BE PROVIDED. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY ARE HOPING TO GET AS MANY EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE AS POSSIBLE, NOTING EMPLOYER REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 12TH. A LINK TO A REGISTRATION FORM IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/14/2024 :35 630a 9a 11a 2p

THE HOUSING MARKET WITHIN THE WHMI LISTENING AREA IS SHOWING SIGNS OF STABILIZING. NEW CONSTRUCTION STARTS ARE HELPING BOOST INVENTORIES, BUT THE MARKET REMAINS SUPER TIGHT IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, WHERE SELLERS ARE GETTING OFFERS AVERAGING CLOSE TO 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER HOME. [w:\THU\todd buckley real-estate-3.mp3] LOCAL REALTOR TODD BUCKLEY SAYS THE MEDIAN SALES PRICE YEAR-OVER-YEAR IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY IS UP ABOUT FIVE PERCENT FROM 2023. BUT HE SAYS IT APPEARS INTEREST RATES HAVE LEVELLED OFF.

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03/15/2024 :21 2p 5p 7p 9p 11p

NOW THAT DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS, LOCAL IRISH PUBS ARE EXPECTING BIG CROWDS THIS ST. PATTY'S DAY WEEKEND. HERE'S AARON BOYLE WITH JEZEBELS SALOON... [w:\FRI\IRISH PUBS 2.mp3] WHMI'S ELLEN MORGAN WILL BE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM JEZEBELS SALOON IN BRIGHTON FROM ONE UNTIL THREE SUNDAY.

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03/13/2024 1:06 :1p 3p 5p 6p 8p 10p

FEMA IS HIRING MICHIGANDERS TO HELP WITH RECOVERY FROM LAST SUMMER'S SEVERE STORMS, TORNADOS AND FLOODING...[w:\WED\RAJKOVIC FEMA-HIRING.mp3] FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR WORKERS NEAR LANSING, DETROIT AND GRAND RAPIDS TO FILL POSITIONS WITHIN FEMA'S OPERATIONS, LOGISTICS, PLANNING, VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIASON AND INTERAGENCY RECOVERY COORDINATION SECTIONS. THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF 120 DAYS CAN BE EXTENDED OR REDUCED DEPENDENT ON MISSION NEEDS. THE JOBS INCLUDE FEDERAL BENEFITS. LEARN MORE ON HOW TO APPLY AT WHMI.COM. MORE THAN \$67 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS HAS ALREADY BEEN DOLED OUT TO VICTIMS OF SEVERE WEATHER LAST AUGUST. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THAT ASSISTANCE IS MONDAY, APRIL 8.

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03/13/2024 1:07 1p 2p 4p 5p 7p 9p 11p

DOLLAR TREE PLANS TO CLOSE NEARLY 1,000 STORES AFTER POSTING A SURPRISE FOURTH QUARTER LOSS...[w:\WED\RAJKOVIC DOLLAR-TREE-CLOSURES.mp3] DOLLAR TREE ALSO TOOK A RELATED \$1 BILLION GOODWILL IMPAIRMENT CHARGE. THE NEWS CAUSING SHARES TO TUMBLE 15% BEFORE THE OPENING BELL WEDNESDAY. DOLLAR TREE PLANS TO CLOSE ABOUT 600 FAMILY DOLLAR STORES IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AND 370 FAMILY DOLLAR AND 30 DOLLAR TREE STORES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. DOLLAR TREE ACQUIRED FAMILY DOLLAR FOR MORE THAN \$8 BILLION ALMOST A DECADE AGO AFTER A BIDDING WAR WITH RIVAL DOLLAR GENERAL, BUT IT HAS HAD DIFFICULTY ABSORBING THE CHAIN. NO WORD YET IF ANY OF THE STORE CLOSURES WILL BE IN THE WHMI LISTENING AREA.

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3/25/2024 :42 4p 8p 10p 10a

FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT SKIPPING TOWN THIS SPRING BREAK OR EASTER, THE CITY OF BRIGHTON IS OFFERING KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES ALL WEEK LONG, INCLUDING A DOWNTOWN SCAVENGER HUNT INVOLVING 36 BUSINESSES. KELLY BLAZO IS WITH 2 DANDELIONS BOOK SHOP, WHICH IS HOSTING ITS OWN ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK. [w:\MON\KELLY-BLAZO BRIGHTON-STAYCATION 2.mp3] WE'VE POSTED LINKS ON HOW TO R-S-V-P OR REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS AT WHMI.COM.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-ROADS-TRANSPORTATION-NEWS

1-4-2024 :28 5a 7a 9a 12p 2p

A GUARDRAIL REPAIR IS SCHEDULED IN ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP TODAY THAT COULD IMPACT TRAFFIC FOR SOME MOTORISTS. THE GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL BE REPAIRING THE GUARDRAIL ON MCCASLIN LAKE ROAD BETWEEN SILVER LAKE ROAD AND FINCH DRIVE FROM 7:30AM TO 1:30PM. THE ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES MCCASLIN LAKE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AND MOTORISTS SHOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO REACH THEIR DESTINATION.

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1-4-2024 :27 6:30a 8a 11a 2p 5:30p 7p 9p 11p

FORD IS RECALLING NEARLY 113-THOUSAND OF ITS POPULAR F-150 PICKUP TRUCKS [w:\THU\RAJKOVIC FORD-RECALL-VCR.mp3] THAT'S BECAUSE THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE REAR AXLE HUB BOLT "MAY FATIGUE AND BREAK" AND LEAD TO "VEHICLE ROLL AWAY WHEN THE VEHICLE IS IN PARK WITHOUT THE PARKING BRAKE APPLIED, OR CAUSE A LOSS OF DRIVE POWER." FORD SAYS IT HAS NOT LEARNED OF ANY CRASHES OR INJURIES STEMMING FROM THE REAR AXLE HUB BOLT PROBLEM AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A SOLUTION.

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1-8-2024 :31 9a 12p 2p

A WINTRY MIX IN THE FORECAST FOR TUESDAY'S MORNING COMMUTE, PUTTING LOCAL ROAD CREWS ON STAND BY. HERE'S STEVE WASYLK AT THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION...[w:\MON\STEVE WASYLK LIV-ROADS 1.mp3] WASYLK SAYS LIVINGSTON COUNTY HAS PLENTY OF ROCK SALT AND FULL TIME DRIVERS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED. THE FORECAST HAS SNOW EARLY TUESDAY MORNING, TURNING TO RAIN BY THE AFTERNOON.

1-8-2024 :36 11a 5a

EXPECT TO SEE ROAD CREWS ON AREA FREEWAYS AND STATE ROUTES EARLY TUESDAY MORNING, AS A WINTRY MIX OF SNOW AND RAIN MOVES IN. M-DOT'S AARON JENKINS URGES DRIVERS TO GIVE PLOW DRIVERS "ROOM TO GROOM" AS THEY TREAT HIGHWAYS WITH ROCK SALT EARLY TUESDAY. [w:\MON\AARON JENKINS MDOT-ROADS 1.mp3] ON RAMPS AND EXIT RAMPS, AS WELL AS ANY OVERPASSES TEND TO FREEZE AHEAD OF WELL-DRIVEN, LONGER STRETCHES OF ROAD. TUESDAY MORNING'S SNOW IS EXPECTED TO TURN TO RAIN BY AFTERNOON.

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1-11-2024 :52 530a 730a 9a 11a

M-DOT IS SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MICHIGAN'S ROADWAYS...[w:\THU\ONEILL MDOT-COMplete-STREETS.mp3] AN ALL-NEW ONLINE SURVEY HAS BECOME AVAILABLE AS PART OF MDOT'S COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE. COMPLETE STREETS IS AN MDOT POLICY THAT ENCOMPASSES ITEMS THAT SERVE FOR BETTER MOBILITY AND SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION USERS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, MOTORISTS, AND FREIGHT VEHICLES. THE ONLINE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE THROUGH FEB. 9 AND ALL MICHIGAN RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. SOME QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT ITEMS SUCH AS PARTICIPANTS' ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS, ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL PLANNING, AND SUGGESTED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS. YOU CAN FIND A SURVEY LINK POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM.

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01/12/2024 :26 7p 9p 11p 5a 6a 7a 8a 9a 10a 11a 12p

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY HAS PROMPTED LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES TO DECLARE SNOW EMERGENCIES.

CITY OF BRIGHTON -- THROUGH NOON SATURDAY

CITY OF HOWELL - THROUGH 5PM SATURDAY

VILLAGE OF FOWLerville - THROUGH NOON SATURDAY

VILLAGE OF PINCKNEY - THROUGH 5PM SATURDAY

WHEN A SNOW EMERGENCY IS IN EFFECT, THERE IS NO ON-STREET PARKING PERMITTED TO ALLOW THE SAFE REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND DEBRIS. VEHICLES PARKED ON CITY OR VILLAGE STREETS FACED BEING TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. THE WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT FOR THE LOCAL LISTENING AREA AND THE REGION FROM THROUGH SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

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01/16/2024 01:07 7a 830a 11a

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AN UPCOMING PROJECT IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP...[w:\TUE\ONEILL FAUSETT-BRIDGE-VCR.mp3] THE FAUSETT ROAD BRIDGE OVER ORE CREEK SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED STARTING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH. THE BRIDGE'S SUPERSTRUCTURE IS SET TO BE REPLACED AND CREWS WILL ALSO CONDUCT SURROUNDING ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECTS. FAUSETT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BOTH WAYS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE WHILE CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY. ENTIRE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY MONDAY, JUNE 3RD. THE LCRC SAYS CONSTRUCTION DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER ADVERSITIES AND CONTRACTOR SCHEDULING. A PHOTO WITH THE POSTED DETOUR IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM. I'M APRIL O'NEIL WITH WHMI NEWS.

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01/17/2024 1:01 5a 730 10a

CITY OF BRIGHTON CLOSED PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET OVERNIGHT FOR SNOW REMOVAL. NEXT WEEK THE CITY WILL REMOVE TREES TO MAKE ROOM FOR SIDEWALKS...[w:\WED\ONEILL BRIGHTON-TREE-REMOVAL-VCR.mp3] CREWS WILL BEGIN REMOVING TREES ALONG SIDES OF FLINT ROAD, WILLIAMSEN DRIVE AND NELSON STREET, EAST OF GRAND RIVER, STARTING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND. THE WORK IS ANTICIPATED TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK. DURING THAT TIME, INTERMITTENT TRAFFIC DELAYS ARE LIKELY. THIS TREE CLEARING PROJECT IS BEING DONE IN PREPARATION FOR THE CITY'S SIDEWALK GAP PROGRAM, WHICH OFFICIALS SAY WILL COMMENCE LATER THIS YEAR. A MAP OF THE TREE REMOVAL AREA IS PROVIDED AT WHMI.COM. I'M APRIL O'NEIL WITH WHMI NEWS.

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01/17/2024 :54 9a 12p 3p 6p 8p 10p

THE LONG-AWAITED SIDEWALK GAP PROJECT IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY IN BRIGHTON...[w:\WED\TOLEN BRIGHTON-SIDEWALK-PROJECT 2.wav] THE CITY HAS OFTEN DISCUSSED THE NEED TO NOT ONLY REPAIR OR REPLACE SIDEWALKS IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BUT ALSO TO ADD SIDEWALKS IN PARTS OF TOWN WHERE THERE ARE CURRENTLY NONE. THE CITY HAS IN ITS 2023-24 BUDGET THE ADDITION OF SIDEWALKS ON NELSON STREET FROM NORTH CHURCH ST. TO WILLIAMSEN DRIVE, WILLIAMSEN FROM NELSON TO FLINT ROAD (EXCEPT FOR A SMALL PORTION NEAR THE PONDVIEW CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT THAT ALREADY HAS SIDEWALKS) AND ON FLINT ROAD, FROM WILLIAMSEN TO SPRING MOUNTAIN DRIVE. AS THE FIRST PHASE OF THAT EFFORT, THE CITY WILL BEGIN REMOVING TREES ALONG THE ROADWAY ON THE CITY'S NORTHEAST SIDE ON FLINT RD., WILLIAMSEN DR. AND NELSON ST., BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY, JAN. 22ND.

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01/18/2024 :28 5a 630a 8a

ANOTHER WHITE KNUCKLE MORNING OUT ON AREA ROADWAYS WITH WET BLOWING SNOW ALONG 96 AND 23 THIS HOUR. SALT TRUCKS ARE ALREADY OUT, BUT MDOT'S DIANE CROSS SAYS IT'S ULTIMATELY UP TO YOU TO STAY SAFE OUT THERE...[w:\THU\DIANE CROSS WX-ROADS-1.mp3] QUICK CHECK OF MDOT'S MI-DRIVE MAP -- NO MAJOR INCIDENTS OUT ON THE HIGHWAYS SO FAR.

01/18/2024 :32 530a 7a 830a

SLICK DRIVING CONDITIONS AGAIN THIS MORNING WITH WET BLOWING SNOW ALONG 96 AND 23. MDOT'S DIANE CROSS SAYS THE SALT TRUCKS OUT AND ABOUT, WITH TEMPERATURES WELL ABOVE WHAT THEY WERE A FEW DAYS AGO.[w:\THU\DIANE CROSS WX-ROADS-2.mp3] LOOKING AT MDOT'S MI-DRIVE MAP -- JUST ONE CRASH UP IN THE FENTON AREA -- SOUTHBOUND 75 JUST AFTER DIXIE. AGAIN THAT'S SOUTHBOUND 75 JUST AFTER DIXIE IN THE FENTON AREA. OTHERWISE IT'S RELATIVELY QUITE ON THE ROADS THIS HOUR.

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01/19/2024 1:17 5a 8a 11a

MDOT NEXT MONTH, WILL UNVEIL ITS PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AHEAD OF A PLANNED U-S 23/WASHTENAW AVENUE PROJECT... [w:\FRI\MATTHEWS MDOT-US23.mp3] MDOT IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 1ST ABOUT THE US-23 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, M-17 OR WASHTENAW AVENUE PLANNING, AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES OR PEL STUDY IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. THROUGH THE US-23 IMPROVEMENT STUDY, MDOT WILL PREPARE ROAD AND BRIDGE DESIGN CONCEPTS ALONG US-23 FROM I-94 TO M-14. THAT CORRIDOR CARRIES APPROXIMATELY 80,000 VEHICLES ON A TYPICAL WEEKDAY. A FEDERALLY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS ALSO UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP AND EVALUATE DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES FOR THE CORRIDOR TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS AND SAFETY. THE OPEN HOUSE WILL FEATURE TWO TIME SLOTS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - FROM NOON TO 2PM AND FROM 4 TO 8PM. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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01/24/2024 :36 12p 3p

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT TUESDAY'S ROAD CLOSURE IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS SAY A 53-YEAR-OLD BRIGHTON MAN STOPPED TO ASSIST IN GETTING A WORK VAN BACK ON THE ROADWAY, AFTER IT SLID OFF CONRAD ROAD. A 20-YEAR-OLD MASON MAN ALSO STOPPED HIS 2017 GMC SIERRA PICKUP TRUCK NEXT TO THE FORD VAN TO SEE IF HE COULD ALSO ASSIST IN GETTING THE VAN BACK ON THE ROADWAY. AS THE GMC PICKUP TRUCK WAS STOPPED, THE GMC SLID DOWN THE ROADWAY PINNING THE PEDESTRIAN BETWEEN THE GMC PICKUP TRUCK AND THE FORD VAN. THE PEDESTRIAN WAS TAKEN TO UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION. THE AREA OF CONRAD ROAD AND TIMBERIDGE COURT WAS SHUT DOWN FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS TUESDAY EVENING. THE INCIDENT REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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01/24/2024 :41 12p 3p

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE SAY A HOWELL MAN IS DEAD, MULTIPLE OTHERS INJURED AFTER A THREE-CAR CRASH SHUT DOWN THE NORTH SIDE OF 23 IN HARTLAND TOWNSHIP EARLY THIS MORNING. LT. RENE GONZALEZ SAYS IT STARTED WHEN THE 60-YEAR-OLD DRIVER FROM HOWELL SLAMMED INTO A DISABLED VEHICLE STOPPED ALONG THE SHOULDER NEAR CLYDE ROAD AROUND ONE-30 A.M. HIS CAR CAME TO A STOP IN THE ROADWAY AND WAS STRUCK BY ANOTHER DRIVER, KILLING HIM AND CRITICALLY INJURING A PASSENGER. SHE SAYS EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE SUGGEST IT WASN'T JUST THE FOG AT PLAY...[w:\WED\RENE GONZALEZ FATAL-CRASH-2.mp3] ANOTHER PASSENGER AND THE OTHER TWO DRIVERS, A 33-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM GRAND BLANC AND 57-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM FENTON, SUFFERED NON-LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES.

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01/25/2024 :38 12p 3p

PINCKNEY SCHOOLS WERE OFF AGAIN TODAY, LARGELY DUE TO ICY DIRT ROADS THAT MADE IT TOO DANGEROUS FOR BUSES OR FAMILIES TO GET KIDS TO CLASS THIS MORNING. TREVOR BENNETT IS WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION...[w:\THU\TREVOR BENNETT LIV-ROADS-1.mp3] BENNETT SAYS LIMESTONE ROADS ICE UP MORE THAN GRAVEL ROADS, WHICH WERE THE BIGGEST CONCERN TODAY. HE SAYS DRIVERS HAVE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK SINCE MONDAY. THE ROAD COMMISSION TODAY, PAID A 250-THOUSAND DOLLAR SALT BILL TO KEEP THE BARN FILLED.

01/25/2024 :40 2p

LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION JUST APPROVED ANOTHER 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ROAD SALT AS CREWS TRY TO GAIN A HANDLE ON ICY BACKROADS THAT FORCED PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO CANCEL AGAIN TODAY. HERE'S TREVOR BENNETT AT THE ROAD COMMISSION...[w:\THU\TREVOR BENNETT LIV-ROADS-3.mp3] BENNETT INSISTS EACH ROAD HAS BEEN EITHER GRADED, SALTED OR SANDED THIS WEEK, WITH 40 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT RUNNING AROUND THE CLOCK SINCE MONDAY. THE COMMISSION BUDGETED ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR SNOW REMOVAL THIS WINTER.

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01/26/2024 :41 5a 8a 11a 2p

SOME FREEWAY RAMP CLOSURES ARE SCHEDULED THIS WEEKEND. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS 23-94.mp3] A TRAVEL ADVISORY HAS BEEN ISSUED BY MDOT FOR THE US-23 RAMPS TO I-94 IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. THE SOUTHBOUND US-23 RAMPS TO EASTBOUND I-94 WILL BE CLOSED FOR PERMIT WORK FROM 9PM SUNDAY, LASTING THROUGH 4AM ON MONDAY. TRAFFIC WILL BE DETOURED VIA US-12 TO EASTBOUND I-94.

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01/31/2024 01:24 5a 7a 10a 12p 2p

CARPOOL LANE ENFORCEMENT IS IN EFFECT ON A PORTION OF I-75 IN OAKLAND COUNTY - MEANING MOTORISTS CAN NOW BE TICKETED FOR VIOLATING THE RULES. [w:\WED\MATHEWS 75.mp3] THE FAR-LEFT HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE OR HOV LANES WERE ADDED IN EACH DIRECTION ON I-75 BETWEEN 12 MILE ROAD IN MADISON HEIGHTS AND SOUTH BOULEVARD IN AUBURN HILLS, TOTALING A ROUGHLY 14-MILE STRETCH. MOTORISTS WITH TWO OR MORE OCCUPANTS, OR THOSE DRIVING ON A MOTORCYCLE, CAN UTILIZE THE ADDITIONAL LANE DURING DESIGNATED HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 6AM TO 9AM AND 3PM TO 6PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WILL BE MONITORING FOR SAFE MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF THE HOV LANES, AND TO ENSURE DRIVERS HAVE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS. CIVIL INFRACTIONS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO VIOLATORS STARTING THIS WEEK. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT BEEN ENFORCING THE HOV RULES BUT SOME ISSUED WARNINGS. TICKETS COULD COST UP TO \$135 EACH FOR VIOLATIONS, PLUS POTENTIAL POINTS ON A DRIVER S RECORD.

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01/31/2024 01:15 11a 6p 630a

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY HAS PUBLISHED ITS 2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT, SUMMARIZING THE AGENCY'S BIENNIAL MEETINGS. DAN MARTIN HAS THE DETAILS.[w:\WED\MARTIN OAKLAND-ROADS.mp3] THE REPORT SUMMARIZES THE MESSAGES SHARED BY RCOC WITH COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS THE FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY EACH COMMUNITY DURING THE MEETINGS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2023. MANAGING DIIRECTOR DENNIS KOLAR SAYS, "THESE MEETINGS HELP TO ENSURE WE MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR CUSTOMERS WHILE ALSO ALLOWING US TO SHARE CRITICAL INFORMATION WITH THE LEADERS OF EVERY COMMUNITY," ADDING, "THEY ALSO ALLOW US TO CHECK THE PULSE OF DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT MAY IMPACT TRAFFIC AND GAIN VALUABLE FEEDBACK ON THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE." FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM FOR LINKS.

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2-1-2024 :42 6a 730a 11a 1p 3p 5p 7p 9p 11p

A BUSY ROAD WILL CLOSE TO DRIVERS STARTING ON MONDAY IN FENTON TOWNSHIP. THE GENESEE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION CONTINUES WORK ON THE SOUTHERN LAKES WATER EXTENSION, CLOSING OFF A PORTION OF TORREY ROAD. THE NORTHBOUND SIDE OF TORREY ROAD WILL CLOSE TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN LAHRING ROAD AND THOMPSON ROAD UNTIL EARLY MAY. THE SOUTHBOUND LANE WILL REMAIN OPEN. GROUND BROKE FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT IN NOVEMBER 2022 AND PHASE 1 FINISHED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER TOWER AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THOMPSON AND FENTON ROADS.

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2-1-2024 :49 5a 7a 830a 11a 1p 3p

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE ENACTING SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FRIDAY - AN ANNUAL MOVE TO PROTECT ROADS. [w:\THU\MATHEWS WEIGHT.mp3] EFFECTIVE 6AM FRIDAY, WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED AND ENFORCED ON ALL STATE TRUNKLINE HIGHWAYS IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF MICHIGAN. STATE ROUTES TYPICALLY CARRY M, I, OR US DESIGNATIONS. WHEN ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN FROZEN ALL WINTER BEGIN TO THAW FROM THE SURFACE DOWNWARD, MELTING SNOW AND ICE SATURATE THE SOFTENED GROUND. DURING THE SPRING THAW, THE ROADBED IS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE - WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO POTHOLE PROBLEMS ALREADY OCCURRING DUE TO THIS WINTER'S NUMEROUS FREEZE-THAW CYCLES. DRIVERS MUST FOLLOW THE SPEED LIMITS FOR WEIGHT-RESTRICTED ROADS, PER STATE LAW, FOR SPEED RESTRICTIONS FOR TRUCKS AND THE RULES FOR PROPANE FUEL DELIVERY AND PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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2-2-2024 :53 6a 9a 11a 2p 4p

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY (RCOC) URGES DRIVERS TO USE CAUTION WHILE TRAVELING ON GRAVEL ROADS, AS EXCEPTIONALLY WET CONDITIONS CONTINUE IN THE AREA.[w:\FRI\ONEIL GRAVEL-ROADS.mp3] ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, JANUARY 2024 BROKE A RECORD FOR BEING THE WETTEST MONTH IN HISTORY IN THE DETROIT REGION. DUE TO CONTINUED WEATHER CHANGES, MELTING SNOW, AND FLOODED WATERWAYS, ABOUT 750 MILES OF GRAVEL ROADS IN OAKLAND COUNTY HAVE BECOME "CHALLENGING" AS DESCRIBED IN A SOCIAL MEDIA POST BY THE ROAD COMMISSION. WITH LITTLE TO NO FROST ON THE GROUND, AND TEMPERATURES ABOVE FREEZING, SOME PORTIONS OF DIRT ROADS HAVE BECOME SATURATED AND UNSTABLE. TO HELP, CREWS GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO GRAVEL AND DIRT ROADS THIS PAST WEEK, ADDING GRAVEL AND EXTRA MATERIAL WHERE POSSIBLE. SPOT GRADING IS ALSO UNDERWAY, AS "FULL GRADING OF A GRAVEL ROAD WILL CREATE AN OATMEAL-LIKE SURFACE." DRIVERS ARE REMINDED TO TAKE IT SLOW ON GRAVEL ROADS AND TO LEAVE PLOWS AND SALT TRUCKS ADDITIONAL SPACE.

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2-2-2024 :24 7a 9a 12p 2p

A WEIGHT RESTRICTION IS NOW IN EFFECT ON AN AREA BRIDGE DUE TO STRUCTURAL DETERIORATION. THE RESTRICTION IS FOR THE CURTIS ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE WAGNER DRAIN, BETWEEN NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND BROOKVILLE ROAD IN SALEM TOWNSHIP. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVISED THAT IT REDUCED THE LOAD RATING ON THE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE THURSDAY. A SCHEDULE FOR MAINTENANCE AT THE LOCATION IS UNDETERMINED.

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2-2-2024 :34 11a 12p 2p 4p 530p 7p 9p

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION HONORING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS DURING ITS 3RD ANNUAL ROSA PARKS TRANSIT EQUITY DAY. THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT EXPANDING LETS AND OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES LOCALLY. HERE'S COUNTY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HELZERMAN...[w:\FRI\DOUGLAS HELZERMAN TRANSIT-1.mp3] HELZERMAN SAYS MUCH OF IT DEPENDS ON FEDERAL FUNDING THAT IS FUNNELED THROUGH THE STATE. AND THERE'S THE ADDED COST OF SERVING MORE RURAL AREAS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY AS WELL.

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2-7-2024 :49 7a 9a

AREA COMMUTERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS ARE INVITED TO WEIGH IN ON A LARGE PROJECT IN INGHAM COUNTY. [w:\WED\MATHEWS MDOT.mp3] THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS HOSTING A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH FOR INTERESTED RESIDENTS, COMMUTERS, COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AND LOCAL BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE US-127/I-496 PROJECT. THE OPEN HOUSE WILL RUN FROM 4:30PM TO 7:30PM AT THE FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER IN LANSING. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN AT 4:45 AND 6PM, FOLLOWED BY QUESTION-AND-ANSWER OPPORTUNITIES. THE WORK IS PART OF A \$205 MILLION INVESTMENT TO REBUILD US-127/I-496 FROM I-96 TO I-496 TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS, IMPROVE ROADWAY GEOMETRICS, AND IMPROVE VEHICULAR MOVEMENT. THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE AND REBUILD BRIDGES THROUGH THE SEGMENT AND UPDATE DRAINAGE, SIGNS, AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS IN INGHAM COUNTY.

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2-10-2024 :33 6a 8a 10a 12p

DAYTIME ROAD CLOSURES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK IN THE NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP AREA HAVE BEEN CANCELED. JOY ROAD WAS EXPECTED TO BE CLOSED DURING DAYTIME HOURS FOR CREWS TO PERFORM FORESTRY WORK BETWEEN WHITMORE LAKE ROAD AND EARHART ROAD IN BOTH NORTHFIELD AND ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIPS. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES THAT THE WORK WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO A LATER DATE AND UPDATES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES. ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE, RENT, WORK, OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS.

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2-10-2024 :54 6a 8a 10a 12p

A LOCAL RIDESHARE SERVICE IS OFFERING INSIGHT INTO METHODS OF REDUCING TRAFFIC ALONG US-23. THOUSANDS OF COMMUTERS DRIVE INTO ANN ARBOR EVERY DAY, MOSTLY ON US-23 FROM TOWNS IN LIVINGSTON, OAKLAND, AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES. THE ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THERIDE, IS OFFERING TO ASSIST THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ONGOING STUDY OF TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON US-23 WITH EXPANDED RIDESHARE OPTIONS. THE SERVICE PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM BIG CITIES INCLUDING ANN ARBOR, LANSING, AND DETROIT, COMMUTER SERVICES LIKE PARK & RIDE AND VANPOOLS, BUS SERVICE TO LOCAL EVENTS INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAMES, AND SHUTTLE SERVICES TO THE AIRPORT. THERIDE ENVISIONS UPSCALING THEIR PARKING CAPABILITIES FOR RIDESHARE USERS WITH SEVERAL 2,000-STALL PARKING LOTS PROPOSED ALONG NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND US-23, M-14, AND I-94 EAST OF ANN ARBOR. RIDERS WOULD THEN BE SHUTTLED TO AND FROM THEIR DESTINATIONS USING THERIDE'S BUS SERVICE. THE INITIATIVE SEEKS TO SAVE DRIVERS GAS MONEY AND MILEAGE ON THEIR VEHICLES BY DIVERTING AN ESTIMATED 8,000 CARS DAILY FROM THE US-23 CORRIDOR.

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2-12-2024 :47 5a 630a 8a 11a 2p 630p

A STRETCH OF WIXOM ROAD IN NOVI WILL REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS.[w:\MON\ONEIL VCR- WIXOM RD.mp3] WIXOM ROAD BETWEEN BIRCHWOODS DRIVE AND BRAEBURN LANE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 5TH FOR CREWS TO BEGIN REPAIRS TO A SEWAGE LINE BENEATH THE ROAD. THE CLOSURE IS NOW EXPECTED TO REMAIN FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS TO A MONTH. AS A DETOUR, DRIVERS CAN TAKE 11 MILE ROAD TO BECK ROAD TO 10 MILE ROAD, AND VICE VERSA. THE CITY OF NOVI INITIATED THE PROJECT TO UPSIZE THE SEWAGE LINE BETWEEN TWO PUMP STATIONS LOCATED ALONG WIXOM ROAD. IN THE SPRING, IMPROVEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE ACTUAL PUMP STATIONS, SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TO NO IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS OR TRAFFIC. MORE INFORMATION ON THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM. WITH WHMI NEWS, I'M APRIL O'NEIL.



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2-13-2024 1:11 5a 7a 9a 1p 530p

NO OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION WAS TAKEN REGARDING DRAINAGE AND POTHOLE PROBLEMS ON BREWER ROAD IN HOWELL TOWNSHIP DURING MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING. TRUSTEE BOB WILSON SAYS RAIN GUTTERS FROM A PROPERTY ARE CONNECTED TO A PIPE DIRECTED AT BREWER ROAD, WHICH CAUSING DEEP POTHOLES AND DAMAGE TO VEHICLES BUT ALSO POSING SAFETY HAZARDS AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A FIRST MOTION BY WILSON FOR AN ORDINANCE TO BE DRAFTED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD DAMAGE A ROADWAY FAILED WITH ONLY HIM IN SUPPORT. A SECOND MOTION TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES THAT ARE ALREADY ON THE BOOKS FAILED TO GAIN ANY BOARD SUPPORT. A HANDFUL OF RESIDENTS SPOKE DURING CALL TO THE PUBLIC... [w:\TUE\RESIDENT-1.mp3] ANOTHER RESIDENT WHO LIVES ON BREWER ROAD VOICED ALLEGATIONS OF ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AGAINST WILSON THAT HE FELT COULD BE ADDRESSED INCLUDING EXCESSIVE NOISE AMONG OTHERS... [w:\TUE\RESIDENT-2.mp3] BOARD MEMBERS NOTED THAT ROADS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BUT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS FALL OUTSIDE OF THAT JURISDICTION. IT WAS FURTHER STATED THE TOWNSHIP CAN'T JUST CRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT'S TOO BROAD OR TOO NARROW, WITH SOME QUESTIONING HOW THEY COULD ENFORCE SOMETHING THE TOWNSHIP HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER.

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2-14-2024 :47 6a 9a 12p 2p 4p 630p 8p 10p

A TRAFFIC SHIFT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THIS WEEKEND AS PART OF THE I-696 "RESTORE THE REUTHER" PROJECT. BOTH DIRECTIONS OF TRAFFIC ARE BEING SHIFTED TO THE EASTBOUND I-696 SIDE BETWEEN I-275 AND M-10 WHILE CREWS REBUILD THE WESTBOUND SIDE FROM M-10 TO I-275. TO PREPARE FOR THE TRAFFIC SHIFT, MDOT ADVISES THERE WILL BE LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES TO INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND REALIGN THE BARRIER WALLS. BEGINNING 7AM THIS SATURDAY EASTBOUND I-696 WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO LANES FROM I-275 TO M-10 THROUGH LATE FALL, WHILE WESTBOUND I-696 WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO LANES FROM M-10 TO I-275 FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. ALL OF THE WORK IS WEATHER-DEPENDENT, AND IF NECESSARY, WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. COMPLETE DETAILS ABOUT ALL OF THE CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/15/2024 1:19 5a 7a 11a 4p 7p 9p 11p

A START-DATE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR A ROAD PROJECT IN HARTLAND TOWNSHIP. WHMI 'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\THU\ONEIL VCR- OLD US 23.mp3] STARTING FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, ROAD WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN TO OLD US-23 SOUTH OF BERGIN ROAD TO M-59, RESULTING IN INTERMITTENT LANE CLOSURES AND FLAG CONTROL. THE PROJECT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER WITH THE FINAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING A 3-WEEK PERIOD OF NIGHT-TIME FULL CLOSURES TO OLD US-23 IN THE LATER STAGES OF THE PROJECT, LIKELY IN LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL. AN ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY WILL BE POSTED FOR DRIVERS WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS CREWS GET CLOSER TO THAT STAGE. THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH. YOU CAN FIND A MAP OF THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION AREA POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE, WHMI.COM. WITH WHMI NEWS, I'M APRIL O'NEIL.

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02/16/2024 :21 5a 7a

WINTER WEATHER CAUSED MULTIPLE CRASHES AND A 30-CAR PILEUP ON US-23 IN GENESEE COUNTY THURSDAY MORNING - SHUTTING DOWN ALL LANES OF THE FREEWAY. THE GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTED THAT BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND US-23 WERE CLOSED NEAR BALDWIN ROAD IN MUNDY TOWNSHIP. SEPARATELY, NORTHBOUND US-23 WAS CLOSED AT THOMPSON ROAD IN THE FENTON AREA DUE TO A CRASH. THAT SCENE WAS CLEARED AT AROUND 12:45PM. BOTH DIRECTIONS OF US-23 RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC AROUND 1PM.

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02/01/2024 1:08 530a 8a 10a 1p

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED TO AN UNPAVED PORTION OF JOY ROAD IN NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP. WHMI'S APRIL O'NEIL REPORTS. [w:\MON\ONEIL VCR- JOY RD.mp3] IN PREPARATION FOR LIMESTONE RESURFACING FORESTRY WORK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ARE SLATED TO BEGIN TO A STRETCH OF JOY ROAD BETWEEN WHITMORE LAKE ROAD AND EARHART ROAD IN NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE THREE-MILE PROJECT IS \$600,000, THANKS TO THE FOUR-YEAR ROADS AND NON-MOTORIZED MILLAGE, RENEWED BY WASHTENAW COUNTY VOTERS IN 2020. PER THE ROAD COMMISSION, DRIVERS CAN EXPECT DAYTIME FULL CLOSURES TO JOY ROAD, SINGLE-LANE CLOSURES, AND LANE RESTRICTIONS STARTING THIS SPRING. MORE INFORMATION IS POSTED TO WHMI.COM.

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02/19/2024 :50 630a 830a 11a 2p

CULVERT REPLACEMENT WORK WILL FORCE A ROAD CLOSURE STARTING TODAY IN THE DEXTER AREA. [w:\MON\MATHEWS CULVERT.mp3] THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES THAT HURON RIVER DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND CHAMBERLIN ROAD IN DEXTER AND WEBSTER TOWNSHIPS TO REPLACE A CROSSROAD CULVERT. THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE. HOWEVER, THE ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES THAT ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. A DETOUR MAP IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/20/2024 1:30 530a 8a 11a 2p 6p

SOMEDAY IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO HOP A TRAIN FROM ANN ARBOR TO TRAVERSE CITY, PETOSKY OR CADILLAC...WE GET THE STORY FROM WHMI'S DAN MARTIN. [w:\TUE\MARTIN TRAIN.mp3] THE GOAL OF A PASSENGER TRAIN CONNECTING SOUTHEASTERN AND NORTHERN MICHIGAN IS GETTING A BIT CLOSER TO COMPLETION, AS PHASE TWO OF THE LONGTIME PLAN IS NOW IN THE WORKS. THE 'NORTHERN MICHIGAN PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT' IS HEADED BY THE GROUNDWORK CENTER FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES. THE PUSH BEGAN IN 2018, WHEN THE GROUNDWORK CENTER AND A NUMBER OF STATE, FEDERAL, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS BEGAN LOOKING INTO THE IDEA OF HOW TO HAVE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON AN EXISTING FREIGHT LINE BETWEEN NORTHERN AND SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO JIM BRUCKBAUER, TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IT COULD INCLUDE STOPS IN TRAVERSE CITY, PETOSKEY, CADILLAC, ANN ARBOR AND POSSIBLY DETROIT. THE PROJECT, IS NOW IN ITS SECOND PHASE. FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, VISIT WHMI.COM

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02/20/2024 :43 4p 6p 8p 10p

A PORTION OF WIXOM ROAD IN NOVI WILL NOW REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MID-MARCH FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT WORK. [w:\TUE\RAJKOVIC WIXOM-RD-CLOSURE.mp3] THAT PART OF WIXOM ROAD REMAINS CLOSED BETWEEN 11 AND 10 MILE ROADS WHILE A SEWER IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS PORTION OF WIXOM ROAD CLOSED FEB. 5; THE CITY OF NOVI INITIALLY SAYING IT WOULD LAST THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. THE EXTENDED DETOUR IS STILL WEST 11 MILE ROAD TO BECK ROAD TO WEST 10 MILE ROAD AND VICE VERSA.

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02/21/2024 12 4p 530p 8p 10p 730a 9a

CULVERT REPLACEMENT WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE IN DEXTER AND WEBSTER TOWNSHIPS. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES IT RE-OPENED HURON RIVER DRIVE BETWEEN NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND CHAMBERLIN ROAD. WORK TOOK PLACE MONDAY. IT WAS ORIGINALLY PROJECTED TO LAST AROUND THREE DAYS.

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02/26/2024 :52 6a 8a 10a 12p

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE STARTING UP SOON ON A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP, RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF A BUSY INTERSECTION. THE NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION IS HOSTING A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROJECT AND RELATED TRAFFIC IMPACTS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 11AM. THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS CONTRACTED WITH BRIGHTON-BASED FONSON COMPANY FOR THE FEDERAL AID SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. THE CONTRACTOR IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO CLOSE THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD THIS COMING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH. THE INTERSECTION WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 12 WEEKS WHILE CREWS BEGIN FORESTRY WORK, REMOVE PAVEMENT, AND DO EXCAVATION OPERATIONS. THE ROAD COMMISSION SAYS THE CLOSURE IS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS AND CONSTRUCTION CREWS. ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED ONLY FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE, WORK, RENT, OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CLOSURE LIMITS. DETOUR MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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02/26/2024 :43 5a 8a 6p

IT'S POTHOLE SEASON ACROSS LIVINGSTON COUNTY AND THE STATE AGAIN - AND IT SEEMS TO BE EARLIER AND WORSE THAN USUAL GIVEN THE MICHIGAN WEATHER. MDOT COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNIVERSITY REGION AARON JENKINS... [w:\MON\JENKINS-1.mp3] IF THE POTHOLE IS LOCATED ON A STATE TRUNKLINE - EITHER A M, I, OR US ROUTE - IT CAN BE REPORTED TO MDOT'S POTHOLE HOTLINE AT 888-296-4546 OR VIA AN ONLINE FORM. JENKINS NOTED IF A POTHOLE IS LOCATED ON A CITY STREET OR COUNTY ROAD, THEN IT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE PROPER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION OR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

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02/26/2024 :22 12p 3p 5p 7p 9p 11p

MDOT'S 160-MILLION DOLLAR RESURFACING AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON I-75 IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THURSDAY. THE FOUR-YEAR-PROJECT WILL IMPACT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND LANES OF I-75 BETWEEN M-15/ORTONVILLE AND OAKLAND COUNTY'S BOARDER WITH GENESEE. THERE WILL BE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, UPDATED SIGNAGE AND NEW GUARDRAILS ALONG 15 MILES OF I-75. BRIDGE REPAIRS ON THE NORTHBOUND SIDE OF THE FREEWAY ARE EXPECTED TO BE DONE BY LATE FALL. WORK STARTS ON THE SOUTHBOUND LANES IN 2025.

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02/26/2024 :42 6a 8a 11a 2p 530p 7p 9p 11p

A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A CULVERT REPLACEMENT IS PLANNED IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP THIS WEEK. [w:\MON\MATHEWS COLBY.mp3] COLBY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN DONNER ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD TO REPLACE A CROSSROAD CULVERT STARTING WEDNESDAY. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE. HOWEVER, ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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02/27/2024 1:16 5a 8a 10a 1p 3p 8p

A MOTORIST WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A CRASH ON I-96 IN THE FOWLerville AREA ON MONDAY MORNING. [w:\TUE\MATHEWS CRASH.mp3] THE FOWLerville AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED OUT AROUND 7:40AM TO THE CRASH ON WESTBOUND I-96 AT THE WEIGH SCALES. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS A MINIVAN LEFT THE FREEWAY - EJECTING THE SOLE OCCUPANT ROUGHLY 70-FEET FROM WHERE THE VEHICLE WAS LOCATED ON ITS SIDE, A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE LIVINGSTON/INGHAM COUNTY LINE. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND A WILLIAMSTON POLICE OFFICER ALL ASSISTED ON SCENE. LIVINGSTON COUNTY EMS REQUESTED A DRIVER FROM THE FOWLerville DEPARTMENT DUE TO THE EXTENT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED BY THE DRIVER. THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT FOWLerville FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT CALLS REGULARLY BEING ON THE I-96 CORRIDOR AND COVERING 7 MILES OF M-43 AS WELL. OFFICIALS REMINDED MOTORISTS TO STAY ALERT AND USE DUE CARE WHEN DRIVING TO "AVOID BECOMING ANOTHER ROADWAY STATISTIC".

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02/29/2024 :53 5a 7a 9a 11a 1p 3p 530p 8p 10p

CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECTS ARE FORCING SOME ROAD CLOSURES THIS WEEK. [w:\THU\MATHEWS CULVERT.mp3] THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL CLOSE COLBY ROAD BETWEEN DONNER RD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP STARTING TODAY TO REPLACE A CROSSROAD CULVERT. THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE. ADDITIONALLY ON WEDNESDAY, A PROJECT WAS PLANNED TO START ON ZEEB ROAD BETWEEN JOY ROAD AND DALY ROAD IN WEBSTER TOWNSHIP. THE ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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03/04/2024 :16 6a 12p 3p

DITCHING OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP TODAY. THE GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL BE DOING DITCHING ON WHITAKER ROAD BETWEEN OWEN ROAD AND LINDEN ROAD. THE WORK IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 7AM AND 1PM. THE ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES THAT WHITAKER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC AND MOTORISTS SHOULD SEEK AN ALTERNATE ROUTE.

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03/04/2024 01:05 5a 12p 3p

CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP, RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF A BUSY INTERSECTION. THE NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GOT UNDERWAY LATE LAST WEEK. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION HELD A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROJECT AND RELATED TRAFFIC IMPACTS. PROJECT MANAGER JAMES HUI (HWAY)...[w:\MON\HUI-1.mp3] HUI SAID UTILITY WORK HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE AND THEY'LL ALSO BE REPLACING A FAILING CULVERT EAST OF THE INTERSECTION THAT HAS RESULTED IN FLOODING IN RECENT YEARS. TREE REMOVAL IS ALSO PART OF PLANS TO WIDEN AND IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION AND SAFETY FOR MOTORISTS. COMPLETE PROJECT DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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03/05/2024 01:23 7a 11a 5p

REHABILITATION WORK HAS STARTED TO A BUSY PORTION OF WIXOM ROAD, AFFECTING DRIVERS IN THE CITIES OF WIXOM AND NOVI. [w:\TUE\ONEIL VCR- WIXOM RD.mp3] ORANGE BARRELS ARE PRESENT ON WIXOM ROAD FROM SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE TO TEN MILE ROAD- IT'S ALL PART OF A LARGE ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT, IMPACTING RESIDENTS AND DRIVERS TRAVELLING THROUGH THE CITIES OF WIXOM AND NOVI. ROADWORK INCLUDES ALMOST TWO MILES OF ASPHALT RESURFACING TO WIXOM ROAD, AND ADDING A LEFT TURN LANE THAT CONNECTS INTO THE LARGE ISLAND LAKE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS UPGRADES TO THE STORM SEWER AND LOCAL SIDEWALKS. WIXOM ROAD FROM GRAND RIVER AVE. TO 10 MILE WILL ALLOW TRAFFIC ON THE NORTHBOUND SIDE ONLY, WITH NO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALLOWED ON WIXOM ROAD FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. A DETOUR IS POSTED WITH EXPECTED COMPLETION SOMETIME THIS FALL.

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03/05/2024 :21 5p 6p 8p 10p 7a 830a 11a

A ROAD CLOSURE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN TOMORROW IN NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WILL CLOSE SPENCER ROAD BETWEEN NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND 5 MILE TOMORROW DURING DAYTIME HOURS TO REPLACE A CROSSROAD CULVERT.THE ROAD WILL RE-OPEN AT THE END OF EACH DAY UNTIL WORK RESUMES THE FOLLOWING MORNING.THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS. HOWEVER, ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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03/08/2024 01:08 5a 8a 11a

A PORTION OF EASTBOUND I-696 AND SOME RAMPS WILL BE CLOSED FOR WORK THIS WEEKEND. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS 696.MP3] MDOT ADVISES THAT EASTBOUND I-696 WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO LANES FROM M-10 TO LAHSER ROAD FROM 7AM TO 2PM THIS SATURDAY TO REMOVE PAVEMENT MARKINGS. THEN ON SUNDAY, CREWS WILL BE CLOSING EASTBOUND I-696 FROM M-10 TO LAHSER ROAD FROM 6AM TO 2PM IN ORDER TO SHIFT TRAFFIC ONTO THE LEFT LANE AND OUTSIDE SHOULDER. THE ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED TO PAVE THE OTHER SHOULDER BEFORE THE FULL TRAFFIC SHIFT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN THAT AREA. RAMPS IN THE AREA WILL ALSO BE CLOSED. MORE INFORMATION AND DETOURS ARE POSTED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/12/2024 :47 5a 9a

A DEBATE OVER TOLL ROADS IN MICHIGAN CONTINUES IN LANSING. RON DAVIS IS A PROJECT MANAGER WITH H-N-T-B, THE FIRM HIRED TO STUDY POSSIBLE TOLLING ACROSS THE STATE.[w:\TUE\RON DAVIS MI-TOLLS-1.mp3] DAVIS TOLD LAWMAKERS LAST WEEK THAT A SIX CENT-PER-MILE TOLL ON PASSENGER CARS AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR TRUCKS COULD EVENTUALLY SUSTAIN THE COSTS OF A TOLL SYSTEM IN MICHIGAN, FREEING UP EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES FOR OTHER USES AND OFFSET PROJECTED DECLINES IN TRADITIONAL GAS TAXES DUE TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES. HOWEVER, HE SAYS THERE'S NO GUARANTEE A CONSENSUS WILL BE REACHED IN LANSING ANYTIME SOON.

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03/13/2024 01:42 6a 10a

A SERIES OF CLOSURES BEGINNING NEXT WEEK IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP.[w:\WED\ONEIL VCR- CONSTRUCTION.mp3] BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 18TH, BOTH EAST AND WESTBOUND SILVER LAKE ROAD FROM WHITMORE LAKE ROAD TO FIELDCREST DRIVE WILL CLOSE THROUGH MID-AUGUST. IT'S ONE OF A FEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE AREA THAT WILL HAVE ROAD CREWS BUSY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. THE CARPOOL LOT AT US-23 AND SILVER LAKE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THAT TIME, ALONG WITH BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND US-23 RAMPS TO SILVERLAKE ROAD, WITH TRAFFIC DETOURED ONTO M-36. ROAD CREWS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS, FROM 7AM THROUGH 5PM, AND ALL CONSTRUCTION DATE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE WEATHER.

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03/15/2024 :55 6a 730a 10a

MORE WEEKEND CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES ON TAP. [w:\FRI\MATHEWS US-23.mp3] THIS LATEST TRAVEL ADVISORY IS FOR US-23 IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. MDOT ADVISES THE EASTBOUND M-14 RAMP TO SOUTHBOUND US-23 WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7AM TO 7PM SATURDAY FOR BRIDGE WORK. TRAFFIC WILL BE DETOURED VIA NORTHBOUND US-23, NORTH TERRITORIAL TO SOUTHBOUND US-23. ADDITIONALLY, NORTHBOUND US-23 WILL HAVE A DOUBLE-LANE CLOSURE FROM NIXON ROAD TO PONTIAC TRAIL FROM 7AM SATURDAY THROUGH 7PM SUNDAY FOR LANE RESTRIPING.

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03/18/2024 01:19 6a 8a 10a 1p

A LOCAL COMMUNITY IS RECEIVING FUNDING FOR A RAIL PROJECT. [w:\MON\MATHEWS RAIL.mp3] THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2024 MICHIGAN RAIL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM THAT WILL INVEST \$16 MILLION TOWARD FREIGHT RAIL PROJECTS ACROSS MICHIGAN. THE LAKE STATE RAILWAY COMPANY WAS AWARDED \$761,925 FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW TRANSLOAD FACILITY IN WIXOM. THE TOTAL PROJECT COST IS MORE THAN \$1 (M) MILLION. THE 10 PROJECTS WERE COMPETITIVELY SELECTED MAKE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN FREIGHT RAIL CORRIDORS AND FACILITIES TO IMPROVE RAIL SAFETY, OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, ACCESSIBILITY, CAPACITY, AND CONDITION. THE STATE SAYS THE GRANTS WILL ASSIST RAILROADS IN MAKING CRUCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION. A COMPLETE LIST OF PROJECTS IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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03/21/2024 01:13 5a 7a 10a

WORK IS PICKING BACK UP ON THE I-96 FLEX ROUTE PROJECT WITH LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES AND ASSOCIATED DELAYS. [w:\THU\MATHEWS FLEX.mp3] MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT CREWS WILL BE REBUILDING THE WESTBOUND SIDE OF I-96 AS PART OF THE FLEX ROUTE PROJECT IN OAKLAND COUNTY THIS YEAR - WITH PREP WORK BEGINNING TODAY AND LASTING THROUGH FALL. BY MID-APRIL, TRAFFIC WILL BE REDUCED TO TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION WITH TRAFFIC SHIFTED TO SHARE THE EASTBOUND SIDE. THERE WILL ALSO BE NUMEROUS LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES IMPACTING TRAVEL. BOTH TODAY AND TOMORROW, DAILY LANE CLOSURES WILL BE IN EFFECT ON EASTBOUND I-96 FROM KENT LAKE ROAD TO I-275 FROM 9AM TO 3PM. COMPLETE TRAFFIC IMPACTS ARE LISTED AT WHMI.COM.

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03/21/2024 :20 6a 8a 11a 2p

NEW WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT FOR A WELL-TRAVELED BRIDGE IN THE ANN ARBOR AREA DUE TO STRUCTURAL DETERIORATION. THE NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE FOR THE OLD DIXBORO ROAD BRIDGE OVER HURON RIVER BETWEEN DIXBORO ROAD AND GALLUP PARK IN ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ADVISES THAT EFFECTIVE TODAY THE LOAD RATING HAS BEEN REDUCED ON THE STRUCTURE TO 20 TONS. A SCHEDULE FOR MAINTENANCE AT THE LOCATION IS UNDETERMINED.

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03/25/2024 :46 5a 7a 9a 12p 3p

SOME SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED IN THE CITY OF HOWELL AT VARIOUS NON-MOTORIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS. CITY MANAGER ERV SUIDA... [w:\MON\SUIDA-1.mp3] THE EXACT LOCATIONS OF THE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS ARE ON MICHIGAN AVENUE AT HIGGENS, RIDDLE, INVERNESS, AND PAULINE STREETS; AND ON CLINTON AT THE STATE STREET CROSSING. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

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03/25/2024 01:09 11a 2p 4p 530p 630p 8p 10p 5a 8a

GET READY FOR MORE ROAD WORK ON A BUSY STRETCH NEAR DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.... [w:\MON\RAJKOVIC WIXOM-GRAND-RIVER-RESURFACE.mp3] ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY SAYS BEGINNING APRIL 1, GRAND RIVER AVENUE WILL BE WIDENED AND RESURFACED BETWEEN NAPIER AND WIXOM ROAD. THE \$5.4 MILLION PROJECT INCLUDES A CONTINUOUS CENTER LEFT-TURN LANE BETWEEN NAPIER AND 12 MILE, ALONG WITH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, NEW CURB AND GUTTERS, NEW CROSSWALKS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS. WHILE THAT SECTION OF GRAND RIVER WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR TRAFFIC, NAPIER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AT GRAND RIVER AND DETOURED FOR ABOUT A MONTH, BUT NO WORD YET WHEN NAPIER WILL CLOSE. THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO LAST THROUGH AUGUST. WE'VE POSTED DETAILS AT WHMI.COM.

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03/22/2024 :36 530p 6p 7p 9p 11p 7a 9a 11a

THE WINTRY WEATHER IS AFFECTING WORK ON THE I-96 FLEX ROUTE PROJECT - WITH SCHEDULED LANE CLOSURES BEING MOVED TO THIS WEEKEND AND MONDAY IN OAKLAND COUNTY. MDOT CONTRACT CREWS WILL BE REBUILDING THE WESTBOUND SIDE OF I-96 AS PART OF THE PROJECT IN THIS YEAR, WITH PREP WORK BEGINNING THIS SATURDAY, LASTING THROUGH FALL. SPECIFICALLY THIS WEEKEND, EASTBOUND I-96 WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE AT KENT LAKE ROAD FOR PAVEMENT REPAIR FROM 5AM SATURDAY THROUGH NOON SUNDAY. THE NORTHBOUND KENT LAKE ROAD ENTRANCE RAMP TO EASTBOUND I-96 WILL ALSO BE CLOSED. THE SOUTHBOUND KENT LAKE ROAD RAMP TO EASTBOUND I-96 WILL ALSO BE CLOSED STARTING AT 5AM THIS SATURDAY, LASTING THROUGH NOON NEXT THURSDAY WITH TRAFFIC DETOURED. COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IS AVAILABLE AT WHMI.COM.

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03/23/2024 01:13 6a 8a 10a 12p

Road crews are expected to begin construction of a brand new roundabout at Challis and Bauer Roads in Genoa Township. [w:\SAT\ONEIL VCR- ROUNDABOUT.mp3] CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE ON A BRAND NEW ROUNDABOUT INTERSECTION, LOCATED AT CHALLIS AND BAUER ROADS NEAR MT. BRIGHTON IN GENOA TOWNSHIP. THE LIVINGSSTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WAS AWARDED \$450,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT BY THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AS A MEANS OF DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM ON-ROAD VEHICLES. GENOA TOWNSHIP IS ALSO CONTRIBUTING \$500,000 TO THE PROJECT. PREP WORK BEGAN IN LATE 2023 WITH TREE REMOVAL OPERATIONS TAKING PLACE THIS PAST JANUARY. DRIVERS ARE ADVISED OF ROAD CLOSURES IMPACTING THE AREA. MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT CAN BE FOUND AT WHMI.COM.

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Description Of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration Of Type/Description of Program
Education	Bosh & Madison	1/8/24	9:30AM	4mins	Brighton HS students chat about upcoming Acapella concert.
Education	Bosh & Madison	1/22/24	9:30AM	4mins	Bosh and Madison chat with the student actors at Prelude Children's Theater about "Descendants".
Education	Bosh & Madison	1/29/24	9:30AM	5 mins	The cast of Community Theatre Of Howell's "Moon Over Buffalo" chat about their upcoming performance.
Education	Bosh & Madison	1/29/24	7:20AM	5 mins	Dan Leach in California with a wrap up of the Lions game experience.
Education	Bosh & Madison	2/2/24	9:25AM	5 mins	Bryan Bradford talks about the upcoming benefit "Victory For Veterans" dinner.
Education	Bosh & Madison	2/6/24	9:30AM	4 mins	Larry Ciofu and Melinda Bernardi chat with us about the upcoming Winterfest in Hartland.
Education	Bosh & Madison	2/8/24	9:30AM	6 mins	The cast of Finding Nemo Jr. from Encore Youth Theater discuss the upcoming live stage show.



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Business- Employment	Bosh & Madison	2/13/24	7:20AM	5 mins	Bosh visits Brittany at Dough Creations in Howell on Paczki Day.
Education	Bosh & Madison	2/23/24	9:30 AM	4 mins	Katee Cole discusses the upcoming Sip, Savor & Support event at Cleary University.
Education	Bosh & Madison	3/4/24	9:30AM	6 mins	Local Girl Scouts chat about cookies and what being a girl scout means.
Education	Bosh & Madison	3/5/24	9:30 AM	5mins	Brighton High School students discuss the upcoming performance of "High School Musical".
Education	Bosh & Madison	3/7/24	9:30AM	4mins	Parker Middle School student actors discuss their upcoming production of "Shrek-The Musical"

Education	Bosh & Madison	3/18/24	9:30AM	3mins	Howell High School senior Natalie Chaplin discusses charity event Senior Survivor.
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WHMI-2024-Q1-VIEWPOINT – SUNDAYS 8:30 AM - 30 MINS

Viewpoint - Huron Valley MLK Day - Bennett's Beavers Fundraiser – EDUCATION

Air Date: January 7, 2024

"JUSTICE FOR ALL" IS THE THEME FOR ONE OF THE AREA'S LARGEST M-L-K CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH. HURON VALLEY HOSTING NUMEROUS EVENTS AS PART OF ITS 19TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION, INCLUDING MONDAY NIGHT'S SPECIAL SCREENING OF "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER" AT THE MILFORD INDEPENDENT CINEMA. COMMITTEE CHAIR ISAAC PERRY. A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER TO HELP BRING A SMILE TO HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN. BENNETT'S BEAVERS BASED IN HAMBURG TOWNSHIP, PRODUCES WOODEN CUTOUTS THAT ARE SHIPPED TO OVER 50 CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. PRESIDENT STEVE LINDEMORE.

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Viewpoint - MDOT - STC Chair Mike Hayes – ROADS-TRANSPORTATION

Air Date: January 14, 2024

MIKE HAYES, RECENTLY NAMED CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. HAYES WILL DISCUSS HOW HIS BACKGROUND AS A COMMUNITY LEADER AND LAWMAKER INFORMED HIS THINKING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOW HIS VIEWS HAVE EVOLVED.

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Viewpoint - Invasive Box Tree Moth in Michigan – HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT

Air Date: January 21, 2024

THE INVASIVE BOX TREE MOTH WAS FIRST DETECTED IN MICHIGAN IN THE FALL OF 2022. THE INVASIVE PEST, NATIVE TO EAST ASIA, POSES A MAJOR THREAT TO THE BOXWOOD PLANT, AN ORNAMENTAL SHRUB THAT IS A VALUABLE PART OF THE U.S. (AND MICHIGAN) NURSERY AND HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRY. SUSIE IOTT, AN INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM SPECIALIST WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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Viewpoint - Governor Whitmer 2024 State of the State Address -- GOVERNMENT

Air Date: January 28, 2024

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER'S SIXTH STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS. THE SECOND-TERM DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR DELIVERED HER SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN FRONT OF A JOINT SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

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Viewpoint - OLHSA Walk for Warmth - AAA 1B Now AgeWays – HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT

Air Date: February 4, 2024

THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY OR OLHSA WILL HOST ITS 34TH ANNUAL WALK FOR WARMTH EVENT ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT THE HARTLAND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE SUPPORT CENTER. MEMBER LOU ANNE BALAN. THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B IS RINGING IN ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY IN 2024 WITH A NAME CHANGE. IT'S NOW KNOWN AS AGEWAYS NONPROFIT SENIOR SERVICES - A NAME THAT REFLECTS ITS MISSION OF HELPING PEOPLE TO AGE IN THE WAYS THEY CHOOSE. CEO/PRESIDENT MICHAEL KARSON ABOUT THE CHANGE AND THE REBRANDING INITIATIVE...

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WHMI-2024-Q1-VIEWPOINT – SUNDAYS 8:30 AM - 30 MINS

Viewpoint - Livingston County Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet – EDUCATION

Air Date: February 11, 2024

THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CHAPTER OF PHEASANTS FOREVER. CHAPTER PRESIDENT SHANE PRESTON ABOUT THE NON-PROFIT'S UPCOMING ANNUAL BANQUET, AS WELL AS WHAT IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST YEAR.

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Viewpoint - Amber Reineck House Gala - Felix Foundation – HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT

Air Date: February 18, 2024

AMBER REINECK HOUSE WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH. THE LOCAL NON-PROFIT PROVIDES SUPPORT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR WOMEN RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE. PRESIDENT COURTNEY ATSAKAKIS ABOUT THEIR MISSION AND THE UPCOMING EVENT. JOLENE MATOUSEK - FOUNDER OF MOTHER OF MANY WILDLIFE REHAB, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FELIX FOUNDATION. IT HAS ISSUED A CALL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOLLOWING CHALLENGES FACED IN 2023.

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Viewpoint - Opioid Epidemic - Michigan Settlement Funds – HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT

Air Date: February 25, 2024

FUNDS FROM NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS ARE BEING RECEIVED BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING LIVINGSTON. THE DOLLARS ARE BEING AWARDED FOR ALLEGED HARMS CAUSED BY THE COMPANIES THAT MARKETED, MANUFACTURED, DISTRIBUTED, AND SOLD PHARMACEUTICAL OPIOIDS. MICHIGAN IS SLATED TO RECEIVE \$800 (M) MILLION OVER THE NEXT 18 YEARS. ANNE KING-HUDSON, THE DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY ADVOCATES IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY. SHE AND 16 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY WORKGROUP

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Viewpoint - North Territorial & Dexter Town Hall Road Safety Project – ROADS-TRANSPORTATION

Air Date: March 3, 2024

CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED UP ON A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP, RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF A BUSY INTERSECTION. THE NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD AND DEXTER TOWN HALL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GOT UNDERWAY THIS PAST WEEK. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION RECENTLY HELD A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROJECT AND RELATED TRAFFIC IMPACTS.

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Viewpoint - MDOT - Poll: Fuel Pump Taxes – ROADS-TRANSPORTATION

Air Date: March 10, 2024

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM WILL HIGHLIGHT A SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS THAT SHOWS AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER WANT THE TAXES THEY PAY AT THE GAS PUMP TO FIX ROADS AND BRIDGE BUT OFFICIALS SAY IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. THE FOLLOWING SEGMENT COMES FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND FEATURES A VETERAN STATE POLLSTER WHO DISCUSSED THE SURVEY RESULTS.

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WHMI-2024-Q1-VIEWPOINT – SUNDAYS 8:30 AM - 30 MINS

Viewpoint - Justice For Pearl - Dangerous Dog Events – PUBLIC SAFETY

Air Date: March 17, 2024

ON THIS MORNING'S SHOW, TWO EVENTS ARE SET IN MAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF DANGEROUS DOGS AND HELP BRING AWARENESS TO THE ISSUE. FOWLerville RESIDENT LETICIA SPAGNUOLO IS AMONG THOSE INVOLVED IN A MOVEMENT TO STRENGTHEN LAWS RELATED TO DANGEROUS DOGS IN MICHIGAN. HER 4 ½-YEAR-OLD YORKIE NAMED PEARL WAS VICIOUSLY ATTACKED OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN 2022 AND DIED FROM HER INJURIES. SPAGNUOLO LATER STARTED JUSTICE FOR PEARL.

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Viewpoint – Toll Roads in MI? – Livingston Co. Sheriff Mike Murphy on Crime. – ROADS-TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY

Air Date March 24, 2024

HOW TO FUND MICHIGAN ROADS? STATE LAWMAKERS AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING EVERYTHING FROM A MILEAGE TAX TO TOLL ROADS. WE'LL TALK WITH RON DAVIS OF HTNB, A FIRM HIRED TO STUDY THE ISSUE. ALSO, LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE MURPHY WEIGHS IN ON RECENT POLICE CHASES THROUGH HIS COUNTY.

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Viewpoint – Petition to Restore Local Control Over Wind, Solar Projects – GOVERNMENT

Air Date March 31, 2024

MORE THAN 6,000 LIVINGSTON COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED ONTO A STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL, PUSHING BACK ON A NEW STATE LAW THAT CRITICS ARGUE TAKES AWAY LOCAL CONTROL OF PERMITTING WIND TURBINES AND SOLAR PANELS. TOM PARKER IS WITH THE GROUP CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE, WHICH STILL NEEDS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PETITION SIGNATURES TO GET THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT.

WHMI -- COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JANUARY 1-31, 2024:

Jan. 1 - Nominations for the 2024 class of the Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor will be accepted through Jan. 31st. Candidates must have made contributions of an enduring nature to the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, state or nation. Nomination forms are available online at [brightonlibrary.info/roll of honor](http://brightonlibrary.info/roll%20of%20honor). Or call 810-227-0656.

Jan. 5 - A Trauma Reboot Recovery Course will be held providing practical help for anyone struggling with crisis or trauma. It'll take place at Warrior Path Home starting Jan. 5th at 6 pm and the course will take 12 weeks. Register at [rebootrecovery.com/trauma#join](http://rebootrecovery.com/trauma#join). Meals and childcare will be available.

Jan. 6 - The Big Red Barrel will be at Recycle Livingston on Sat., Jan. 6th from 9 am-1pm to collect unused medications and used needles. Recycle Livingston is located at 170 Catrell Dr. in Howell. This is a free service, no questions asked. Please put pills in a zip lock container.

Jan. 8 - The HV MLK Day Committee is sponsoring January's FAN (Film Appreciation Night) at the Milford Independent Cinema at 945 E. Summit with a screening of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, which starred black actor Sidney Poitier. Admission is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested to support the cinema. Discussion of the film and its message will take place after the presentation.

Jan. 8 - Enjoy a night of Swing dancing at the historic Howell Opera House, Monday night beginning Jan. 8th, from 7-10 pm. If you don't know how to swing dance, we'll teach you! Lessons begin at 7:15 pm. All ages are welcome, but if over 40 we ask that you bring a partner. Admission is just \$5 at the door.

Jan. 9 - The Putnam Twp. Senior Center is hosting an eye clinic by 2U Vision on Tue., Jan. 9th from 11 am-2 pm. The center is located at 3280 West M-36, west of Pinckney. Reserve an appointment for an eye exam, and if your glasses need repairing, they will do it free of charge. Call 734-260-8793 for more info.

Jan. 10 - The Livingston County Photographers Group will hold its regular meeting at 7 pm on Wed., Jan. 10th at the lower-level conference room of the Genoa Medical Center, 2305 Genoa Business Park Dr., west of Brighton. The meeting will include election of officers for 2024 and planning of the year's programs and activities. Go to [livingstonphotographers@yahoo.com](mailto:livingstonphotographers@yahoo.com) for more info.

Jan. 12 - The Howell Opera House is having a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show with the Leaky Tiki's on Jan. 12th. Call 517-540-0065 or go to [howelloperahouse.com/calendar](http://howelloperahouse.com/calendar) for more info.

Jan. 12 - A High Energy 80's party with Miranda and the 80's Band will be held on Jan. 12th from 8-midnight at the Howell Elks Lodge, 2830 E. Grand River in Howell. Call 517-546-4941 for more info.

Jan. 13 - The Brighton Center for the Performing Arts will present a night of vocal music on Sat., Jan. 13th at 7 pm. The Brighton High School De Capo, Chicapella, Nottorious and Chamber choirs will be joined by the Scranton Singers, EMU Emerald Harmony and MSU Accafellas. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$1 at the door and are available at [brightonperformingarts.com](http://brightonperformingarts.com).

Jan. 15 - Area residents are invited to observe the MLK National Day of Service by purchasing and donating special non-perishable soup ingredients to assist local families in need. Community Sharing Outreach Center is partnering with the HVMLK Day Committee to design a family friendly community service event to support efforts to combat insecurity faced by families in the area. A \$20 donation is recommended to support this effort, and checks can be made payable to HVMLK Day, or go to their website - [HVMLK.org](http://HVMLK.org).

Jan. 16 - The Career and Technical Education Dept. at Hartland High School will be hosting an open house on Tue, Jan. 16th. The open house will allow students, parents and members of the community the opportunity to explore several programs including automotive, building trades, business, engineering, architecture, nutrition, fashion & fabrics, housing and design, parenting, computer science, marketing, finance, teacher preparation and technology. It will run from 5-7 pm at Hartland High School and food will be provided.

Jan. 18 - Euchre Night will be held on Jan. 18th at the Howell Opera House, 123 W. Grand River in Howell, at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$22 with a 40-person maximum. Please purchase tickets in advance by going to [howelloperahouse.com](http://howelloperahouse.com) or call 517-540-0065.

WHMI -- COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JANUARY 1-31, 2024:

Jan. 19 - St. Mary School in Pinckney will hold an open house for preschool families on Wed. Jan. 19th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Come and meet the preschool director, Mrs. Beth Stodart, visit the classroom and ask questions. Call 734-878-5616 to let them know you will be attending or for more info.

Jan. 19 - The Livingston Arts Council presents the 2024 Acoustic Series at the Howell Opera House on Jan. 19th at 7:30 pm. This week features Matthew James Adkins Live with country soul. Tickets are on sale now by calling 517-546-0065 or going to [howelloperahouse.com/calendar](http://howelloperahouse.com/calendar).

Jan. 20 - A Hygge (Hooga) Party will be held at the Hartland Cromaine Library on Jan. 20th. The concept of Hygge is about taking time away from the daily rush to be with people you care about, to relax and enjoy life's quieter pleasures. It'll be a cozy afternoon of crafts and activities for all ages. For more info, go to [cromaine.org](http://cromaine.org).

Jan. 21: The Howell Winter Marketplace will take place through April on two Sundays per month from 10 am-2pm at the Howell Opera House, 123 W. Grand River. Get baked goods, microgreens, jewelry, handmade bags, honey, crochet and knitted items. Free admission.

Jan. 21 - A Roxanne Kania Slotnick Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held on Sun., Jan. 21st at the Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club, 6060 E. M-36 in Hamburg Twp. from 3-6:30 pm. 100% of the funds raised will go toward Roxanne and her family to help with medical expenses from cancer treatments. Admission is \$10 per person.

Jan. 23 - The Great Hartland Home and Garden Club will present a program on plant combinations at the Cromaine District Library on Tue., Jan. 23rd at 6:30 pm. The speaker will be Janet Macunovich, who will offer suggestions for trees, shrubs and perennials. The program begins at 6:30 pm and doors open at 6.

Jan. 25 -Join Great Start Livingston Playdate for free playdates. They are open to Livingston County families raising children ages 0-8 and are designed for social connections, physical activity, literacy support and sharing community resources. The GSLP for Jan.25th will take place at the Oceola Twp. Community Center. There will one free book and snacks given out while supplies last.

Jan. 26 - The Livingston Arts Council presents the 2024 Acoustic Series at the Howell Opera House, 123 W. Grand River. This week's feature is Annie & the Rod Capps Quartet. Doors open at 7 and the show is at 7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale by calling 517-540-0065 or going to [howelloperahouse.com/calendar](http://howelloperahouse.com/calendar).

Jan.27 - St. Mary Parish in Pinckney will host a Trivia Night on Sat., Jan. 27th. Trivia starts promptly at 6:45 pm, doors open at 6. For more info, call 734-878-5616.

WHMI -- COMMUNITY CALENDAR - FEB. 1-29, 2024:

Feb. 3 - St. Mary's Parish in Pinckney is hosting a Mardi Gras Gala Dinner and Auction Fundraiser on Sat., Feb. 3rd. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 after Jan. 24th. Doors open at 6 pm and attendees must be 21 or older. Enjoy New Orleans cuisine with Mardi Gras culinary favorites, a cash bar, silent and live auction, raffles and more. All proceeds will benefit St. Mary School. Call 734-878-5616 for more info.

Feb. 5 - A Euchre Tournament, sponsored by the Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Feb. 5th at the South Lyon Hotel beginning at 6:30 pm. VIP reception at 5:30 and the tournament begins an hour later. The cost is \$25 per person. Details and registration can be found at [business.brightoncoc.org/events](http://business.brightoncoc.org/events).

Feb. 7 - The Great Start Livingston Virtual Preschool Open House will be held on Feb. 7th from 6-7 pm via Zoom. There will be representatives from Child Care Network who can provide resources regarding child care, preschool, quality, scholarships and more. LESA early childhood special education programs reps will be present to answer questions and share information. Register in advance by going to [bit.ly/preschoolopenhouse24](http://bit.ly/preschoolopenhouse24).

Feb. 9 - Night to Shine, an unforgettable prom night experience, will be held on Fri., Feb. 9th from 6-9:30 p, at the 2/42 Church on West Grand River in Brighton. The event, for adolescents ages 14 and over, is held to honor those with special needs and to celebrate those with disabilities. For more info, visit the Tim Tebow Foundation website.

Feb. 14 - The Livingston Lamplighter Family Barbershop Chorus is offering singing telegrams for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th. Say I Love You with a singing telegram. Deliveries will be available all day Wednesday. The prices start at \$50, within Livingston County. It includes the Livingston Lamplighter quartet, a rose and an e-mailed photo. Schedule today at 517-258-2544 or go to [livlamplighters@gmail.com](mailto:livlamplighters@gmail.com).

Feb. 15 - The Community Theatre of Howell announces performances of "A Year with Frog and Toad Kids", March 15th through 17th. The theatre is located in the Howell High School Freshman Campus auditorium. Showtimes are 7:30 pm on March 15 & 16 and a matinee performance on March 17 at 2 pm. It's the story of a friendship that endures with the passage of time. Tickets are \$15 and can be had by going to [cththeatre.ludus.com](http://cththeatre.ludus.com).

Feb. 16 - Cleary University of Howell and the Livingston County Diversity Council present two events on Feb. 16th in honor of Black History Month. They include True Black History Museum Day at the Cleary Commons, 3750 Cleary Drive, from 11 am to 4 pm and it's free to the public. Enjoy a collection of over 150 artifacts from the 1600s to the 21st Century. Then True Black History, an evening with Fred Saffold III, will be held that evening from 6-9 pm. Dinner is served at 6:45 pm; the cost is \$45 per person which includes dinner and the talk. For ticket info go to [livingstondiversity.org](http://livingstondiversity.org).

Feb. 16 - Old St. Pat's will host its 46th annual Lenten Friday fish fry, from Feb. 16-March 22 from 4:30-7 pm at the church, located on Whitmore Lake Road north of Ann Arbor. Price is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 60 or older, \$5 for kids 5-12 and free to kids 4 and under. Alaskan pollack, potatoes, salad bar, beverage and dessert at extra cost. Call 734-662-8141.

Feb. 17 - The 34th annual Livingston County Walk for Warmth will be held on Feb. 17th from 8:30 am-11am at the Hartland Educational Center, 9525 E. Highland Road in Hartland. Contributions will support emergency services provided by OLHSA that keep our neighbors warm and safely housed. Games will include bingo, hopscotch and a kids' scavenger hunt. Also, there will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and exhibits /by local vendors.

Feb. 18 - The Howell Winter Marketplace will have its regular indoor market on Feb. 18th that runs from Nov. through April two Sundays per month from 10 am-2 pm at the Howell Opera House, at 123 W. Grand River. They have baked goods, microgreens, jewelry, handmade bags, honey, crochet and knitted items and other locally-sourced products. Admission is free; bring the entire family.

Feb. 23 - The Livingston County Diversity Council, in cooperation with Cleary University, is presenting a Motown Museum field trip on Fri., Feb. 23rd. The tour group will meet at the Cleary Commons at 10:45 am and the vans will return at 5:30 pm. The cost of \$30 includes transportation and the museum tour. Tour guides will share the history of the Motown record label and the many successful musical artists who emerged from the Detroit black community.

WHMI -- COMMUNITY CALENDAR - FEB. 1-29, 2024:

Feb. 23 - The Knights of Columbus of S. Mary's Catholic Parish in Pinckney is sponsoring its annual Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday evenings during Lent. The dinner is served from 4-7 pm featuring fish, potato choice, beets, coleslaw, homemade rolls and desserts, clam chowder and pasta. \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$9 for kids under 12, with a family plan available for \$50. Call 734-878-3161 for more info.

Feb. 24 - The Phil Hale Jazz Quartet will come to the Hamburg Twp. Library on Feb. 24th to perform. They will bring their traditional jazz, interspersed with bebop and post-bop styles a/k/a Miles Davis style to the library. Call the library at 810-231-1771 for more info.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR - MARCH 1-31, 2024:

Mar. 1 - St. Augustine Catholic Church at 6481 Faussett Road in Hartland will have the best fish fry in Livingston County on Friday, March 1st from 4:30-7 pm. It's a 5-piece fish dinner at \$15, 3-piece for \$13 and 1-piece for \$7. Baked or fried cod, cole slaw, potatoes, roll, pickle, coffee, tea or lemonade & homemade desserts. For more info, go to: [cmjwickman@gmail.com](mailto:cmjwickman@gmail.com).

Mar. 2 - The Big Red Barrel will be at Recycle Livingston, located at 170 Catrell Drive in Howell, on Sat., Mar. 2, from 9 am-1 pm to collect unused medications and used needles. This is a free service with no questions asked. Put your pills in a Ziplock container and they can be mixed together. Do your part to keep medications from being abused.

Mar. 3 - St. Mary Knights of Columbus in Pinckney will be sponsoring their monthly country style breakfast at the parish hall, south of M-3 at 10601 Dexter-Pinckney Road on Sunday, March 3rd from 8:30-11 am. There will be all sorts of good things to eat - even an omelet station. For more info call 734-878-3161.

Mar. 5 - The Hartland Audobon Nature Club welcomes Sue Wright with her program "Madagascar" on March 5th at the old Hartland High School on M-59, just west of US-23, at 7 pm. Wright is past president of Oakland Audobon and a well-known traveller and photographer. Meetings are free and open to the public. Please use the West entrance. Contact: [hartlandaudobon.weebly.com](http://hartlandaudobon.weebly.com) for more info.

Mar. 6 - The Livingston County United Way will have its annual meeting on March 6th. The event will highlight the board of directors, reflect on the 2023 year, announcement will be made of award winners and a look at the future. For info on

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the location of the event, the time it is scheduled and other information, go to [lcunitedway.org](http://lcunitedway.org).

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Mar. 9 - A basketball fundraiser will take place on March 9th pitting the local sheriff's office against a special group of athletes comprising Special Ministries from Livingston County Catholic Charities. It will be at the Oceola Community Center, at 1661 N. Latson Road east of Howell, beginning at 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door, kids under 3 admitted free.

Mar. 14- Spotting Scams - a workshop on staying safe from scams - will take place on March 14th at the Fowlerville Library at 130 S. Grand Ave. from 10 am-2 pm. There will be prizes and light refreshments, No registration is required. Go to: [gudrun@livingstoncc.org](mailto:gudrun@livingstoncc.org) for more info.

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Mar. 17 - Brighton High School Musical Theater is presenting Disney's High School

Musical on stage from March 8-17 at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts, based on the beloved Disney movie. Tickets are \$17 for students and \$22 for adults, available at [brightonmusical.com](http://brightonmusical.com).

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Mr. 29 - A Good Friday service will be held on March 29th at 7 pm at the Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Hilton and Hunter roads in Brighton Township. It will be live-streamed at [cornerstonebrighton.com](http://cornerstonebrighton.com).

Mar. 31 - The Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, located at the intersection of Hilton Road and Hunter Road in Brighton Twp., will have Easter morning services at 8, 9, and 11am. Childcare will be available for all services. For more information, go to: [cornerstonebrighton.com](http://cornerstonebrighton.com).