

As I See It: The COVID Chronicles

by Kay Schten McAdam

Long time readers of *The News* may recall a regular feature titled "As I See It." As the title suggests, the musings were one writer's point-of-view. The Editor hereby lays claim to the feature, due to the circumstances discussed below.

Although it may not be readily apparent, as I see it, this week's edition of *The News* is Slim Pickens or more appropriately slim pickings. . . . The term originated in the 1600's and alludes to animals devouring a carcass of carrion (thefreedictionary.com).

So, What's Up, Doc?
COVID came to call about ten days ago and impeded the Editor's ability to move freely about society, therefore, making newsgathering a bit challenging. Thank you for asking; the Editor is fine and, as it turns out, a pretty doggone good COVID caretaker. Over the past ten days, this "opportunity," she puts in quotes to emphasize the euphemistic nature of its use here, has included many lessons, discoveries, and potential harm to the liver.

In order to protect the identity and privacy of the person to whom care was given, the person will be, henceforth, referred to as Thon the Roommate.

Well, Thon – fully vaccinated and boosted – could not evade the predacious virus. And this virus, as we all should admit, is a voracious predator. A virus, according to Britannica.com, is an "infectious agent of small size and simple composition that can multiply only in living cells of animals, plants, or bacteria. The name is from a Latin word meaning 'slimy liquid' or 'poison.'"

Fortunately, Thon was able to be sequestered (locked down, locked in, stay-away-from-me, please) in relative comfort. It's the caretaker's job to stay positive (in attitude – negative in testing), SANITIZE like it's 2020 all over again, mask up, and respond to the patient's requests via text message in a timely fashion. (If any of this comes across as flippant, remember, COVID is no joke. It can be one tough opponent and a sense of humor can help preserve one's sanity.)

At first, when you realize you're not going anywhere, the experience is similar to a few Snow Days. Shall I bake today? Watch TV? Read a book? Edit a newspaper? There is time to contemplate many of life's entertaining offerings, such as *The Alligator People*.

As a devotee of B-grade sci-fi and horror movies of the '50s and early '60s, I was astounded that I hadn't discovered this gem in the sixty-three years since its release. I was mesmerized as "a woman [Beverly Garland] in a hypnotic state recounts to two doctors the details of a horrific experience from her past life that began with the mysterious and sudden disappearance of her husband [Richard Crane]." As was common in many 1950s sci-fi/horror films, there is a lot of radiation and something always goes wrong when you get bombarded by a pulsating ray. Yes, the husband was turned into an alligator. Lon Chaney, Jr. was deliciously devilish as an aggrieved victim of an alligator and the doctors thought they could cure the husband with a stronger jolt from the pulsating ray. I won't spoil the ending here, but it is a tight film. Well written, well acted, pretty well staged, except for the rubber alligator suit. I say, well done, which is pretty much how the lab ended up. . . .

I learned that Mike Woodsen is one heck of a college basketball coach. Living with a Hoosier during an abysmal basketball season makes for one long winter. Thankfully, this season is still promising. The former professional coach and player, and 1980 Big Ten Player of the Year guided the unranked Hoosiers in a big win over #4 Purdue. The euphoria didn't last past the Hoosiers matchup with Michigan, but it felt great for four days.

There were lessons to be learned about COVID too, especially testing and the Omicron variant. Rapid tests might not detect the virus even if you're experiencing symptoms. PCR tests, still the gold standard, can detect very small traces of the virus. Rapid tests need a bit more virus in order to register a positive. So, keep testing. A negative one day may be a positive the next.

Coronaviruses are not new. Many winter colds are caused by a coronavirus. COVID 19 is caused by one of seven coronaviruses, SARS-CoV-2. That's why COVID causes symptoms similar to a cold. Have you had a cold in the past 4-6 weeks? I did and I didn't think it worth taking a test. After all, it was just a cold. Or was it?

Thon's symptoms were just like a cold for about a week. . . . until they weren't. COVID is tough. COVID kills. COVID is no fun. But COVID is here and we need to live with it. Some people will get through a bout of COVID with few symptoms. Some people will have to fight pretty hard to overcome it. Some people won't win.

Fortunately, Thon was eligible for monoclonal antibody treatment, which at this writing, seems to be helping immensely.

Marcellus Memories January 28, 1971



Nat Mooy, the congenial and very well known "man-about-the-country" so to speak, began his 40th year in the Postal Service this week.

Nat began his career in Bloomingdale where he served for 7 years. He and his family came to Marcellus in 1938 and he has been a rural mail carrier here ever since.

Nat has worked his way through three Postmasters and is still going strong-well, pretty strong. He is one of those wonderful guys with so much compassion and concern for other people that a great deal of his spare time is spent doing errands and favors for many of the folks on his route.

MEC Scholarships for High School Seniors

(Cassopolis, MI) – High school seniors whose families receive monthly service from Midwest Energy & Communications (MEC) at their primary residence are invited to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship for their post-secondary education.

This year's application challenge asks seniors to submit a 60 - 90 second video resume for one of the jobs listed at teammidwest.com/scholarships: Accounting, Customer Solutions Agent, Engineer, HR, IT, Lineman Marketing/PR, or Mechanic.

Selection for the scholarship is based on the video's creativity and thoroughness. Academic performance, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, employment, honors, and awards are also considered. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a four-point scale, and an official transcript is required for final approval.

The deadline is Mar. 14, 2022, and MEC will announce four winners in April. See full details at teammidwest.com/scholarships.



Freshman Yona Goodlow gets set to make a pass during the Wildcats road game against Cassopolis, January 21. As of that date, the 'Cats had played six road games in a row and had yet to play at home.

Photo courtesy of Megan Schuur Photography

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As I see it, we are moving toward herd immunity, but COVID will not be eradicated, not in my lifetime anyway. With better treatments, more effective testing and vaccines, we are getting there, but the journey is often exhausting.

Remember to be kind. Be selfless. Be sympathetic to those who could potentially have a tougher fight than you against COVID. We are getting there. . . together. Thank you for staying vigilant.

What on Earth Did We Just Watch???

Watch football over the weekend?

Turbo makes sense of the NFL

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Submission Deadline for The Marcellus News is 10:00am each Tuesday (earlier is always appreciated!)

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Ladycats Improve to 7-3 Overall



Senior Jenna Wells evades a tough Cassopolis defense Friday, January 21, at Cassopolis. The Ladycats defeated Bangor, Tuesday, January 18, at home, but fell to the Rangers, 46-38.

Photo courtesy of Megan Schuur Photography



#40 Sophomore Lily Scoggin joined other JV Ladycats in playing Varsity Friday, January 21, at Cassopolis. Three of the Ladycats' key players were sidelined due to COVID protocols.

As of January 24, the Ladycats are fourth in the Conference behind Hartford, Bloomingdale, and Mendon. More scores on page four.

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Class of 1972:

Where are You?

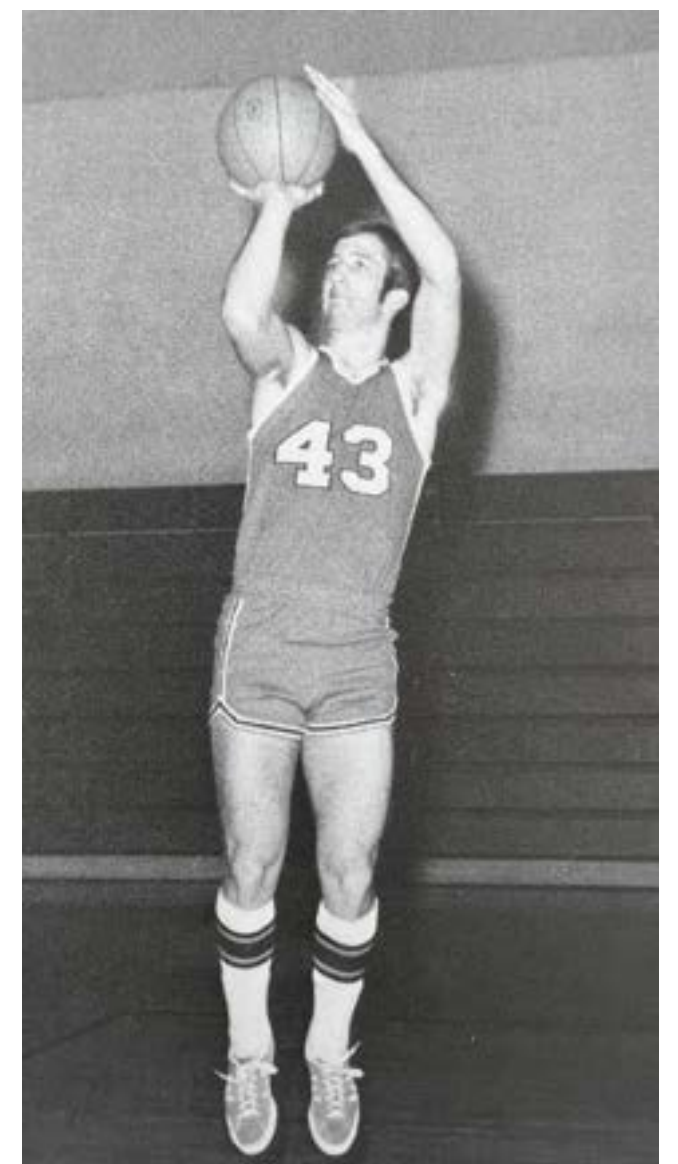


The year was 1972. The year the Cowboys defeated the Dolphins, 24-3, in Super Bowl VI; Elvis and Priscilla separated, The Godfather was released, five White House operatives were arrested for burglarizing the office of the Democratic National Committee; Don McLean's *American Pie* held the #1 spot for four weeks starting January 15, and basketball players still wore relatively short shorts.

Those memories and many more will likely be part of the conversation during the MHS Class of '72's 50th Reunion, Saturday, September 17, at Pine View Golf Course. Organizers are seeking help in locating a number of graduates and classmates in order to send them a formal invitation to the event. Contact information is needed for the following: Betsy Collins, Anita Froman, Sheldon Gladney, Shirley Heath (Eagle), Charles Howard, Cheryl Lamkin, B. Lee, S. Lee, Lois Mc-Ninch, Deborah Mann, Gary Moore, Chuck Nichols, David Peck, Janice Reits, Bob Way, and Tom Wolford.

Anyone having information is asked to forward it to either Laura Bair Dunn laura_dunn@msn.com, 269-535-2422, or Dawn Adams Sivley, dsivley2@hotmail.com, 269-365-6316. Any classmates who have not yet received notification of the reunion are also asked to contact Laura or Dawn.

For more information and updates, look for Marcellus MI Class of 1972 Reunion at Pineview Golf Course on Facebook.



Phillip "Pepper" Powers, MHS Class of '72, shows off the uniform style of the era as well as his form.

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Obituaries

David Michael Grames

May 18, 1950 ~
January 3, 2022



David Michael Grames, age 71, of Three Rivers, Michigan, passed away Monday, January 3, 2022. David was born in Three Rivers, Michigan, on May 18, 1950, the son of George Edward Grames and Rose Mary (Sitar) Ball.

On November 18, 1995, in Marcellus, he married Jennifer Lee Wyman, who survives him.

David was a cement truck driver working at Consumers Concrete for 30 years.

David graduated from Marcellus High School in 1968. He was an avid card player and he started playing at the age of 11. He loved sports, especially football and basketball. His favorite team was The Ohio State University. He made numerous lifelong friends while bartending at the Inn-Between in Dowagiac, owned by good friends Carl and Ronnie Reuter. The biggest part of his personality was his ability to make friends easily. He was also a member of the Men's Auxillary at the Marcellus VFW Post 4054.

David is survived by his children Dawn (Paul) Jones of Fritch, TX; Derrick (Jennifer) Grames of Bossier City, LA; Donnie (Jennifer) Grames of Elgin, TX; stepchildren; Scott (Terri) Wyman of Edwardsburg, MI; Stefany Thornburgh (Jeff Etter) of Marcellus, MI; Stacy (Spencer) Holmes of Marcellus, MI; grandchildren; Mychal Grames, Zachary Grames, Benjamin Grames, Elaina Grames, Nicholas Grames, Jack Grames, and Zoe Grames; step-grandchildren; Ashley Wyman, Tyler Wyman, Sara Wyman, Josh Wyman, Kylie Jones,

Carter Thornburgh, Cole Thornburgh, Ellie Holmes, and Emma Holmes; step-great-grandchildren; Sawyer Jones, Logan Jones, and Ella DeMorrow; brothers; Greg Grames of Marcellus, MI; Tom (Virginia Slentz) Ball of Constantine, MI; sisters; Charlene (Ted) Paddock of Brighton, MI; Phyllis Baker of Shipshewana, IN. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

David is preceded in death by brothers James Grames and Doug Ball; and son Desi Grames; sister-in-law Klover Grames.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date in the spring. Memorial donations may be directed to Animal Rescue Fund P.O. Box 593 Centreville, MI 49032. Online condolences may be left at www.materralstonfuneralhome.com.

News from Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library

Library News for the week of January 24, 2022

When you visit the library, you might have noticed that certain areas are used to display and highlight a certain subject or theme that we think patrons might find useful! These items are always available and can be easily found using our online catalog at marcellus.bibliolionix.com or by asking any library staff member!

According to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, more than 6.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and that number is expected to double by the year 2060. With over 11 million Americans providing over 15.3 billion hours of unpaid care for their loved ones with Alzheimer's, we have the following materials that might be helpful for those traversing the difficulties of this condition.

Alzheimer's with My Mother, Eileen by Jim Dicke II is "a candid look at what the Alzheimer's sufferer's family can expect."

The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth is a fictional novel centering on a 38-year-old experiencing early-onset Alzheimer's

The Mind Span Diet: Reduce Alzheimer's Risk, Minimize Memory Loss, and Keep Your Brain Young by Preston Estep

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MARCELLUS TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 MARCELLUS TOWNSHIP HALL 13163 MARCELLUS HWY, MARCELLUS MI 49067

Supervisor Koshar called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call vote: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Moved by Koshar, supported by Schick, to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Schick, supported by Hess, to approve as presented and place on file the minutes of the Regular Meeting 11-16-21 and the Special Meeting 11-30-21. All ayes, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND prior approved
8564 - US Post Office - tax bill postage 812.00
8565 - RLI - bond insurance 578.00
8566 - Paulette L. Hutson - post box rent, postage, picture frame 108.59
8567 - void

8568 - Lee Ann Mroz - postage, tax supplies 69.05
8569 - Consumers Energy - hall 118.66
8570 - Village of Marcellus - sewer 95.71
8571 - Preferred Printing - office supplies for Blight Officer 272.15
8572 - Indiana Michigan Power - flag 6.28
Federal withholding tax 914.25
State Withholding 106.10
SUB TOTAL \$3083.79

GENERAL FUND

8573 - B & J Lawn Service LL - sexton contract 1800.00
8574 - EMC - insurance coverage for 2022 8737.37

8575 - Griffin Pest Solutions - pest treatment 74.00
8576 - Timothy K. Hutchens CPA - services 300.00

8577 - Indiana Michigan Power - cemetery, hall 97.73
8578 - Marcellus News - public hearing notices 575.26

8579 - MEC - telephone, internet 190.43
8580 - Roberts Bros. Excavating - opening graves 500.00

8581 - Seber Tans, PLC - audit and financial statements 2500.00
8582 - G.W. Jones Bank - safe deposit box 32.00

8583 - Shalice Northrop - PC 3 60.94
8584 - Don Hess PC 3 60.94
8585 - David Bowlby - PC 2 40.63

8586 - Jim Reynolds - PC 2 40.63
8587 - Patsy Wilburn - PC 2 40.63
8588 - Jay Shugars - BOR 8.63

8589 - Josephine Schultz - BOR 8.63
8590 - Greg Grames - BOR 8.63
8591 - Matthew Schick - MAESA 3 50.58

8592 - Carol Yesburger - supplies 12.01
8593 - Carol Yesberger - maintenance 160.00
8594 - Don Hess - trustee salary 262.05

8595 - Matthew Schick - trustee salary 277.05
8596 - Lee Ann Mroz - treasurers salary 1243.50

8597 - Northrop Assessing Inc. - assessors' salary 1738.00
8598 - Edward J. Koshar - supervisors salary 1385.25

8599 - Paulette L. Hutson - clerks' salary 1218.57
SUB TOTAL \$21423.45
TOTAL \$24507.24

PERMITS & LICENSING
Marcellus Township - 4th quarter invoice \$5250.00

LASA
Northrop Assessing Inc. - assessment 200 parcels 2021 tax \$3000.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR PERMITS
Dobberteen Mechanical and Plumbing- permit fee \$1594.80

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Community Directory

Village of Marcellus

177 East Main
M/T/Th/F:
8:45am - 12noon
1:00 - 4:30-pm
Wed: 9am - 12pm
Council Meetings:
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:00pm
269.646.5485

Marcellus Township

13163 Marcellus Hwy
Board Meetings
3rd Tuesdays
6:00 pm
269.646.2305

Marcellus TWP Wood Memorial Library

205 E. Main
M - Th: 10am - 7pm
Fri: 10 am - 2pm
Sat: 10 am - 2pm
Board Meetings
1st Thursdays
269.646.9654

Hudson Memorial Building

Regular Meeting:
2nd Tuesdays
5:00pm
Hudson Building
178 N Jones
Rental Info:
Tonya Jansen
269.506-9633

Marcellus Area Emergency Services Board (MAESA)

Regular Meeting
2nd Mondays
6:30pm
Village Hall
117 E Main Street

Village of Marcellus Planning Commission

Meetings
January - April
July - October
2nd Wednesdays
7:00pm
Village Hall
117 E Main Street

Marcellus VFW Post #4054 VFW Auxiliary

53550 M-40
Tues - Fri: 3 - 8pm
Sat/Sun: 12p - 8pm
Meetings
4th Wed.
7:00pm

Marcellus Township Planning Commission

Meetings
3rd Wednesdays
Odd Months
7:00pm
Marcellus TWP Hall
13163 Marcellus Hwy

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Meetings
2nd Thursdays
6:00pm
Village Hall
117 E Main Street

Marcellus Lions Club

Meetings
4th Thursdays: 6pm
Big Tony's
290 S Centre

Volinia Township

Meetings
2nd Mondays
6:30pm
Township Hall
Corner of
Marcellus Hwy and
Goodenough Road

Newberg Township

Meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00pm
Newberg Twp
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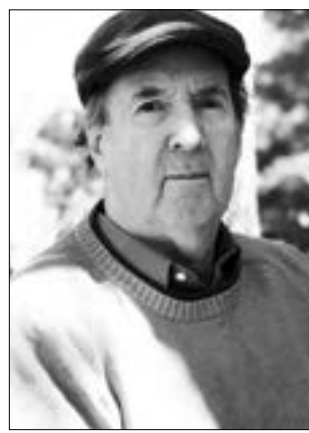
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The True Book of Mostly Unrelated Stories

The Book Report
by John Mooy

Do you recall being in high school and a teacher announced that your next assignment was to give a book report? You were immediately filled with dread that was further enhanced when it was announced you would be required to stand up in front of your class and orally give the report. The next thing that crept into your mind was that you were going to not only have to select a book, but also read it.

The search was on to find a good story, a short story, and as a high schooler, a book that was filled with pictures. At that point in my life, I wasn't interested in the content of a book or the storyline. Perhaps that develops over time which was true in my case.

As you know if you've ever read one of my articles I'm always on the lookout for a good story. When I find one I often think, "that's a story that could have taken place in Marcellus." So, let me introduce to you a great story that came to me in book form.

So class, the name of the book I read is titled, "The Boys in the Boat," which was written by Daniel Brown. What I liked most about this story is it highlights the underdog - nine young men who grew up in the state of Washington, western Washington, during the Depression and just prior to the United States entry into WWII. This true story examines the lives of each young man who came from far less than desirable backgrounds. They lived in logging camps, on dairy farms, and labored in shipyards and came from small dusty towns. They endured what we might refer to as hardscrabble lives. I described the story to a friend recently as being similar to the basketball movie, "Hoosiers" only on water. The story follows these young men coming together at the University of Washington in Seattle where they became acquainted with one another through the sport of rowing, which is sometimes called crew. The long narrow boat they would propel through the water was referred to as a shell. The story includes a man by the name of Jim Pocock who designed the boat which was instrumental to their ultimate success.

Interestingly, none of these men had ever rowed in such a boat prior to attending to the uni-versity. But their backgrounds built on determination and not giving up would serve them well.

The shell was a well-designed vessel with nine men in single file all facing the same direction except for one man, known as the coxswain, technically known as the coxswain. He sat in the back of the boat facing his teammates. His job was not to row but to call out a cadence so the men pulling on the oars would pull in a synchronized fashion. At the same time the coxswain would steer the boat. All of this was critical to efficiency and propelling the shell through the water as fast as possible. The eight oarsmen were each responsible for not two oars but only one. So, the oars were on alternate sides from the front of the boat to the back.

The more these young men worked together the more proficient they became at moving their shell through the waters. Interestingly rowing was always thought to be more a sport of the elite. This notion was being challenged. About this time the team set their sights on the 1936 Olympics which was to be held in Berlin under the eyes of Adolf Hitler. Hitler had invaded Europe by this point and was attempting to show the world that Germans were indeed a superior race. His goal was to rule the world.

The "boys in the boat" did in fact make it all the way to the 1936 Olympics. On an afternoon in mid-August, 1936, some 75,000 spectators gathered on the banks of the Langer See at Grunau, Germany to watch the finals of the rowing competition. Tensions ran high as the race started and the United States team got off to a slow start. But as they often say, "It's not how you start but how you finish" that's important.

And so, class, if you'd like to know how the race finished, I suggest you make your way to the public library and ask Chris Nofsinger or one of the other helpful individuals there to help you locate the book. There you will find the finish of the race and a more in depth look at: Gordon Adam, Chuck Day, Don Hume, George Hunt, Jim McMillin, Bob Moch, Roger Morris, Joe Rantz and John White Jr., otherwise known as "The Boys in the Boat."*



Have a great week Marcellus.
You're the best, because you pull together.
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*Learn more about The Boys of '36 at PBS.org: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/boys36/>

Bits and Pieces: Napping and Refreshing

by Paula Johnson

Napping is an art. Not all people can nap well. I know of no other family whose nearly all its members take napping as seriously as mine does. In fact, napping has spanned generations from my grandparents to my nieces and nephews.

My brother John, one of our best nappers, sent me an article recently about the science of napping and its effect on creativity.

I can remember the days when the workdays had moments of pause built into them. People could read journals, papers and other work-related information during the course of their work hours. People were also allowed to think while working - quite a concept today.

Today, we are expected to give 110% or more during the work hours and do our reading and thinking on our own outside time, which has dwindled.

Today, all too often pausing to read updated information or (heaven forbid) corollary information is taken as wasting time. Sometimes, employees are even written up or reprimanded for being unproductive.

According to a study at the Paris Brain Institute and published in Science Advances, a unique napping habit of the past might be one way to unlock your creativity.

The researchers followed a napping pattern used by



Thomas Edison (below) and Salvador Dali (at left). The trick of this pattern is to allow yourself to enter what is called N1. N1 is hypnagogia, a period of light sleep that allows perception of shapes and colors, possibly even a distant dream.



Edison and Dali would begin their nap process holding an object - like a spoon. Just as they would begin to doze and their muscles would relax, the object would fall to the floor. The noise would awaken them, and they would return to work, refreshed and creative.

In the study, those participants not in the control group (no napping there) would be given a cup to hold. As with the spoon concept above, the cup would fall, possibly break but certainly awaken the person.

Testing for creativity was another matter. The researchers developed a math problem with a "hidden" resolution - much like clues in Jeopardy!

Thirty percent of those in the control group with no napping spotted the hidden solution. Whereas 83% of those in the test group with a minimum of 15 seconds of dozing were successful. Those who fell into a deeper sleep showed no signs of benefit to the program.

From my non-scientific mind, I can believe that moments of pause can lead to not just more creativity but at least a fresher mind. Studies have found that even when one's mind is the default mode (DM), it is working. That study suggests that multi-tasking is more detrimental than humans are led to believe.

Aristotle believed that those who did not play (or vacation, relax, rest) were "rigid, hopeless and driven." He said that people who were "play deprived" could be led toward depression. This thinking was researched by the National Institute of Play. Its conclusion parallels Aristotle. Its findings resulted in: "The opposite of play is not work. The opposite of play is depression."

So, I guess that the old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is only part of the puzzle. Looks like All Work and No Play Can Make Jack Depressed.

Teaching used to allow time for creativity for both the teacher and the student. But no more! There is barely time for a bathroom break. When I was in the business workforce, I would sometimes take a walk outside to clear my head and remove myself from the intensity.

My take on all this is:

- Take the road less travelled and explore something new
- Short naps can be beneficial
- Not all time away from the grindstone is wasted
- If you lose track of time, maybe you'll find yourself
- Multi-tasking isn't all it's cracked up to be
- Schedule moments for yourself (this is an old stress management tool)

Marcellus Memories

January 24, 1957

S.A. Champ. . . featuring smile, roses and scanty costume, Paris model Ann-Marie Dujardin, 22, was chosen "Miss Sex Appeal" of 1957.



Retirement used to be a time to explore those areas or opportunities that had been put off during work years. I don't find that so much anymore. Demands are still here. Whether it is family or organizations or financial strains or just life itself in the 21st century.

Be kind to yourself. You are the one person you must live with for the rest of your life.

Township continued from page two

Moved by Schick, supported by Mroz, to authorize payment of bills as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Koshar, supported by Hess, to approve Treasurers' Report, All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

REPORTS

1. Sheriff Behnke presented the 2022 Budget for police coverage and the 2022 Contract.

Moved by Koshar, supported by Schick, that the Board approve the Cass County Sheriff Departments' Contract for 2022 for \$133,432.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Sexton Kruger reported to activity's and gravel for some of the roads in the cemetery.

2. Blight Officer Games discussed the cemetery fence needs.

3. MAESA - Schick presented the Proposed 2022 Budget and an invoice for repair and maintenance for \$16,062.05 from the Maintenance and Capital Purchase Tax account.

Moved by Schick supported by Hess, to pay MAESA's invoice for repairs and maintenance for \$16,062.05 and approve the Proposed Budget for 2022. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Planning Commission - the Proposed Lake Residential District for the Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Schick, supported by Hess, to approve the Planning Commission Proposed Zoning Lake Residential Districts. The Ordinance to be published in the newspaper and will become effective on date of publication. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Sexton Contract - a two year contract was discussed

Moved by Koshar, supported by Hess, that the Board approve the two year contract with B & J Lawn Service LLC for cemetery maintenance at \$1800.00 per month or annual \$21,600.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Nays: None.

2. Board appointments

Moved by Koshar, supported by Hess, to approve the Supervisors appointment - Planning Commission 3 year terms: Patricia Welburn, Donald Hess, Shalice Northrop, terms to expire 2024, MAESA 3 year terms: Joshua Datema, Matthew Schick, terms to expire 2024, LASA 3 year terms: Matthew Schick, Edward Koshar, terms to expire 2024, Roll call vote. Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

Moved by Hess, supported by Hutson, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Time: 7:25 P.M.
Paulette L. Hutson Edward J. Koshar
Township Clerk Township Supervisor

Village of Marcellus Council Proceedings Regular Meeting December 28, 2021

President Welburn called the regular meeting of the Marcellus Village Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 28, 2021. Trustees present: Simmons, Irwin, Thomas, Wilcox and Webb. Trustee Oswalt attended via telephone.

Agenda

Motion by Simmons, seconded by Thomas, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion by Webb, supported by Welburn, to approve and place on file the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting and the November 30, 2021, Special Meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bills

Motion by Simmons, supported by Irwin, to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of \$54,947.79. Roll call vote - Ayes: Irwin, Thomas, Welburn, Wilcox, Oswalt, Webb, and Simmons. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jonathan Hallberg - Proposal for Market Analysis at Rental Buildings

Motion by Webb, supported by Irwin, to hire Jonathan Hallberg, of Wisinski of West Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan, to perform a market analysis at the Village-owned commercial building sites/lots at a cost of \$1,200.00 and authorizing the Village Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll call vote - Ayes: Thomas, Welburn, Wilcox, Oswalt, Webb, Simmons and Irwin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Webb, supported by Oswalt, to receive and place on file all items on the Consent Agenda. Additionally, the new required language for the Village's annual Consumer Confidence Report for water must include the language on page three of the December 17, 2021, letter from EGLE regarding Lead and Copper Monitoring of Drinking Water Taps. Ayes: All.

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- Ryan 'Turbo' Jackson



What on Earth Did We Just Watch???

After last weekend's NFL action I did as I am sure most NFL fans were left with a "What in the world just happened" feeling. It is a good feeling but in the back of my head I am thinking how

can the NFL live up to this? What is left to see?

With all honesty, could we have watched the last game that Tom Brady ever played? Could we have watched Aaron Rodgers last game ever or his last game with the Packers? If we did, it seems weird to me that two great competitors walk off on the losing end of things. Yes I get it that Brady isn't a spring chicken and his time is limited even though he seems to be the only player ever to defy Father Time. Add on top of that Ben Roethlisberger seemingly playing his last game, could we have really witnessed the end of three dynasties? If that is the case, there is a TON of Super Bowl rings walking out the door. I for one, do not believe Brady or Rodgers are done quite yet. But if they aren't leaving, are we seeing the dawning of a new era in the NFL? With quarterbacks like Josh Allen, Patrick Mahomes, Joe Burrow, and Justin Herbert cementing their place in the game it looks like the game is in good hands when folks like Brady and Rodgers do eventually end up hanging things up.

Last weekend we saw three out of the four games end in game ending field goals and the fourth game went into overtime and had more scoring in the final minute than most of the other games. We saw Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes battle things out until the last second of regulation and then go into a crazy overtime period which caused a ton of buzz because the Chiefs won the coin toss and took the ball and scored a touchdown. This is the NFL's version of overtime. This has caused a lot of talk about how the overtime rules are junk and need to be fixed because Allen and the Bills never had a chance to answer what the Chiefs did. This should be interesting to see how the NFL addresses this because it would have been cool to see that game keep going for sure!

So after this weekend's games, where does this leave us as fans? We have the 49ers playing the Rams and the Bengals playing the Chiefs. Keeping in mind that the winners of these games get a ticket to the Super Bowl, the match ups just aren't really sexy. As I mentioned before, Brady and Rodgers are out. However, if you are a fan of offense, there are guys like Burrow and Mahomes still left. If you are a Lions fan Matthew Stafford is still in. The 49ers have one of the most explosive players in the NFL with Debo Samuel. So there is plenty of offense left in the playoffs. If you haven't had the chance to watch the Bengals or 49ers I think you are in for a treat. Are we going to have as much excitement and nail-biting moments as last weekend? Well I guess we will just have to tune in and find out. I have faith that we are in store for some amazing football yet to come!

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Nays: None. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Budget Amendments

Motion by Webb, supported by Irwin, to amend the budgets for all funds in the Village of Marcellus for 2021 and 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Welburn, Wilcox, Webb, Simmons, Irwin and Thomas. Nays: None. Motion carried. Trustee Oswalt abstained.

Cass County RFP/ARPA Funds - Submitted with Letters of Support

Motion by Webb, supported by Welburn, to approve and place on file the Cass County RFP for ARPA Funds and the four letters of support for the application. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Board Member Position Description and Board or Commission Application Forms

Motion by Webb, supported by Welburn, to approve, as revised the Planning Commission Board Member Position Description and Board or Commission Application forms. Roll call vote - Ayes: Wilcox, Oswalt, Webb, Simmons, Irwin, Thomas and Welburn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Krugger Lawton CPA - Engagement Letter and Contract for 2021 Audit

Motion by Simmons, supported by Thomas, to approve and execute the Engagement letter and agreement with Krugger Lawton CPA for performing its 2021 audit of Village funds for the previously agreed upon amount of \$11,250.00. Roll call vote - Ayes: Oswalt, Webb, Simmons, Irwin, Thomas, Welburn and Wilcox. Nays: None. Motion carried.

DPW

HS Fleet Services-Repairs to Chevrolet Dump Truck

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MARCELLUS WILDCATS SPORTS WINTER 2022

MHS Hosts Wildcat Invitational



Marcellus played host to teams from around the state Saturday, January 22, during the Wildcat Invitational. Wrestlers competed for individual championships as well as team champion. The Wildcats finished 5th overall. Individual finishers with Head Coach Sam Adams (left) and Assistant Coach Trent Kane (far right) are Travis Marsh, 1st place #171; Nolan Robinson, 3rd place #145; James Smith, 4th place #160; and Adan Deer, 4th place 189#.

On Wednesday January 19, the 'Cats went 1-1 in SW10 action: Bangor 51, MHS 19; MHS 36, Bloomingdale 12. Nolan Robinson and Travis Marsh went 2-0 during the meet, James Smith and Carlee Osborn, 1-0, Adan Deer, Gabriella Allen and Jackson Krzycki, 1-1.

Results and photo courtesy of Coach Sam Adams

Varsity Wrestling Schedule

Wednesday	1/26	Mendon	H	6:00
Senior Night				
Saturday	1/29	Greater Berrien	Tourney	
			A	9:00
Wednesday	2/2	Cassopolis	A	6:00
Saturday	2/5	Cassopolis	A	
		SW 10 Tourney		9:00

Boys Varsity Basketball

Scores for January 18

Centreville 70	Comstock 50
White Pigeon 67	Mendon 43
Cassopolis 72	Bloomingdale 32
Hartford 55	Decatur 41

Scores for January 19/21

Cassopolis 83	Marcellus 27
Centreville 57	Hartford 48
Comstock 58	White Pigeon 51
Decatur 45	Mendon 40
Bloomingdale 61	Mendon 39
Bloomingdale 55	Bangor 42



PORTER TOWNSHIP VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS IN PORTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Sec. 1. Purpose.

The Township Board finds that the Short-Term Rental of Single-Family Dwellings within Porter Township is a matter closely connected with the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. The Township Board has enacted this Ordinance in an attempt to strike an appropriate balance between the interests of community residents, land owners, community business owners, visitors to the community, and real property owners wishing to engage in Short-Term Rental of Single-Family Dwellings.

While visitors to the community who rent Single-Family Dwellings on a short-term basis bring many benefits to the community, they can simultaneously create concerns surrounding issues of traffic, parking, congestion, litter, noise, and other similar issues. Meanwhile, issues related to fire safety and life safety codes must be considered in order to maximize the safety and well-being of all in the community. This Ordinance is intended to strike a balance between competing interests.

The Township Board finds that the areas of the township with predominately Single-Family Dwellings are especially susceptible to the negative effects of Short-Term Rentals, since these areas are the most intensively developed residential areas in the Township. Thus, this Ordinance will regulate Short-Term Rentals of only Single-Family Dwellings.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Dwelling - Shall have the same definition as in the Porter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Owner - A person holding legal or equitable title to a Single-Family Dwelling. An Owner may designate an agent to perform duties or receive notice under this Ordinance.

Rent or Rental - The permission, provision, or offering of possession or occupancy of a Single-Family Dwelling with some type of remuneration paid to the Owner for a period of time to a person who is not the Owner, pursuant to a written or verbal agreement.

Short-Term Rental - The rental or subletting of a single-

family dwelling for compensation for any period of less than 28 days.

Single-Family Dwelling - Shall have the same definition as in the Porter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Sec. 3. Applicability.

This Ordinance shall apply only to Short-Term Rentals in the Township.

Sec. 4. Registration required.

(a) Annual Registration required. All Short-Term Rentals must be registered with the Township. No Single-Family Dwelling may be used as or advertised for a Short-Term Rental unless registered in accordance with this Ordinance.

The annual fee is based on a calendar year and shall be set by the Township Board from time to time.

(b) Application. To register a Short-Term Rental, the Owner shall satisfy the following requirements.

(1) The Owner shall provide and certify as true the following on a form provided by the Township:

(A) Name, address, and telephone number of the Owner of the Single-Family Dwelling to be used as a Short-Term Rental (if the Owner does not reside within 30 minutes of the Single-Family Dwelling, the Owner shall name a local agent); the Owner, a local agent, or the designee of either shall be on site within one hour of being contacted by the Township or law enforcement concerning an issue regarding the Short-Term Rental;

(B) The address of the Single-Family Dwelling to be used as a Short-Term Rental (plus additional identification as necessary if there is more than one Single-Family Dwelling at the same address);

(C) The number of bedrooms in the Single-Family Dwelling to be used as a Short-Term Rental and the location of such bedrooms therein;

(D) The number of off-street parking spaces provided for the Single-Family Dwelling to be used as a Short-Term Rental, subject to any applicable local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or ordinances (this information must also be included in the rental agreement and any online or other advertising for the Single-Family Dwelling). All parking MUST fit within boundary of lot up which Short-Term Rental is located;

(E) The maximum number of occupants and visitors for the Single-Family Dwelling to be used as Short-Term Rental, subject to any applicable local, state, or federal laws, regulations, or ordinances (this information must also be included in the rental agreement and any online or other advertising for the Single-Family Dwelling);

(F) Date range that the Owner intends to rent the Single-

Boys Varsity Basketball

SW 10 Conference Standings

Team	Conf	Overall
Centreville	6-0	6-1
Comstock	5-1	5-2
White Pigeon	4-2	4-2
Cassopolis	4-2	4-4
Hartford	4-3	4-3
Decatur	3-3	3-4
Bloomingdale	3-3	3-5
Mendon	1-5	1-7
Bangor	0-5	0-7
Marcellus	0-5	0-6

Boys Varsity Basketball Schedule*

Friday	1/28	Mendon	H	7:30
Tuesday	2/1	Comstock	A	7:30
Friday	2/4	Hartford	A	7:30
Tuesday	2/8	White Pigeon	H	7:30

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

Friday	1/28	Mendon	H	6:00
Tuesday	2/1	Comstock	A	6:00
Thursday	2/3	Hartford	H	7:30
Tuesday	2/8	White Pigeon	H	6:00

*Schedule subject to change



Girls Varsity Basketball

Scores for January 18

Marcellus 40	Bangor 14
Hartford 31	Decatur 26
Bloomingdale 56	Cassopolis 44
Mendon 50	White Pigeon 19
Centreville 39	Comstock 35

Scores for January 19

Bloomingdale 42	Mendon 36
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Scores for January 20/21/22

Cassopolis 46	Marcellus 38
Hartford 38	Centreville 34
Bloomingdale 60	Bangor 15
Mendon 60	Decatur 15
Comstock 34	White Pigeon 33
Constantine 45	White Pigeon 26

Girls Varsity Basketball

SW 10 Conference Standings

Team	Conf	Overall
Hartford	9-0	9-0
Bloomingdale	8-1	9-1
Mendon	6-2	8-1
Marcellus	5-3	7-3
Cassopolis	5-3	6-4
Centreville	4-4	4-6
Comstock	3-5	4-6
Decatur	1-7	1-9
White Pigeon	1-7	1-9
Bangor	0-8	0-9

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*Schedule subject to change



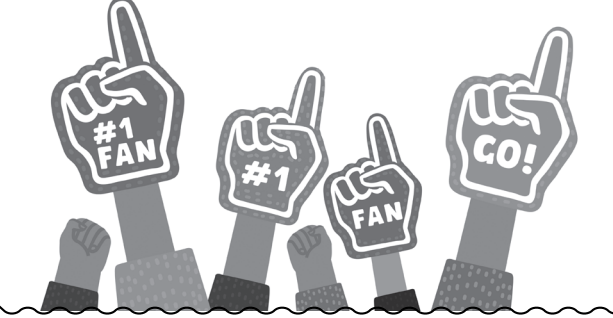
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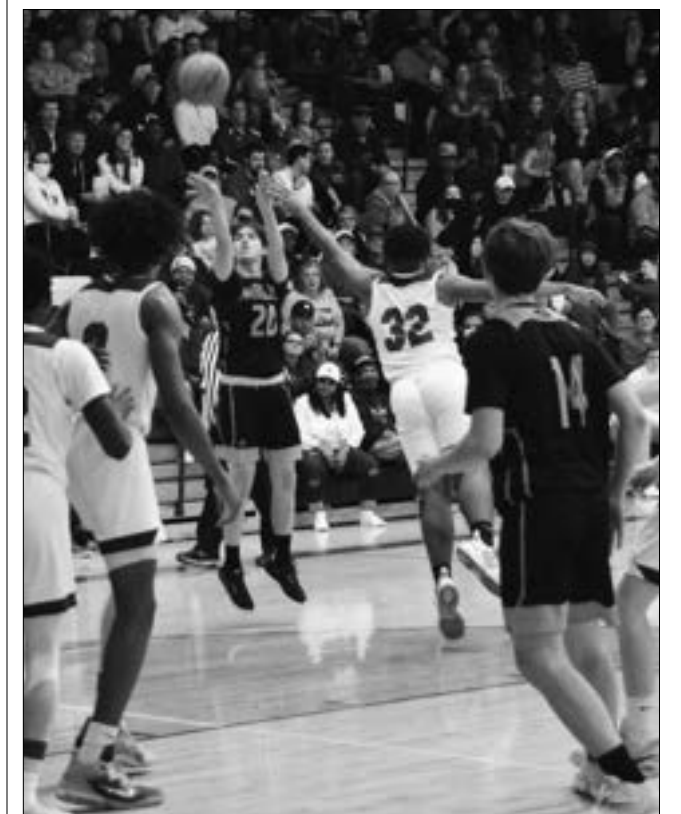
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(with or without an explanation), a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, or a court's determination of responsibility or guilty by the Owner or any renter for a violation of one or more of the following:

(A) Any provision of this Ordinance;
(B) Any provision of any other Township Ordinance, including its Zoning Ordinance; or
(C) Any violation of any other local, state, or federal law or regulation

(2) Revocation Procedure. Upon a determination, by an official designated by the Township Board to enforce this ordinance, that the Short-Term Rental registration is subject to revocation, such official shall issue a notice to the Owner that the township intends to revoke the rental registration. The notice shall inform the Owner of a right to a hearing to show cause as to why the registration should not be revoked, if a hearing is requested within 14 days of the service of this notice. The Township shall schedule a hearing before the Township Board or its designated representative as a Tribunal and notify the Owner in writing of a time and place for that hearing. At the hearing, the Owner may present evidence that the requirements for revocation provided in subsection (b)(1) are not satisfied, or that the Owner should not be held responsible for one or more of the two requisite violations due to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances may include circumstances such as: (i) the violation was committed by a non-renter and the renter(s) attempted to prevent or halt the violation; (ii) the violation resulted from an act of God; or (iii) other circumstances that the Owner could not reasonably anticipate and prevent, and could not reasonably control.

(3) Should the owner fail to present such evidence, the Tribunal shall revoke the registration for up to one year.

(4) Revocation Period and Effect. Upon revocation of registration, a Dwelling cannot be re-registered as a Short-Term Rental for a period of one year, and cannot be used for Short-Term Rentals until re-registered.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

PORTER TOWNSHIP

BY:

Charles Meade, Jr., Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Charles Meade, Jr., the Clerk of Porter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, do hereby certify that a regular meeting of the Porter Township Board held on January 12, 2022, at the Porter Township Hall, at which, the following members were present, the Board enacted and passed the ordinance.

Motion by Nesbitt, second by Bitley: Roll call vote: All yes.

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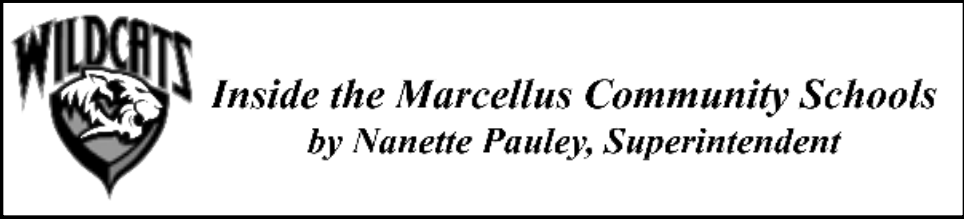
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Thank you,
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Last November, Marcellus Community Schools solicited parent, community, and staff input to help identify priorities for the use of anticipated Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. The survey results were shared in a previous *Marcellus News* column and at the November 2022 school board meeting. Based on that input, school officials have been working to design and implement some of the valuable and thoughtful suggestions provided by the school community.

Below is a brief overview of the district's progress related to survey responses:

The number one parent selected priority is to deliver interventions to struggling students and provide small group instruction. A close second is to implement strategies to address the learning gap caused by the pandemic.

Among the ways in which the district is responding to those priority needs is through redesigned, small group interventions. This intervention time, also known as "Wildcat Time", has already been incorporated into the daily elementary schedule. With the assistance of an instructional coach, teacher teams periodically review student proficiencies, assemble small groups based on proficiency data, and design small group instruction specific to the groups' areas of need. Moving forward, teams will evaluate the program and work to continuously improve it's system of delivery, as well as the resources used. The district also plans to host after school tutoring for elementary students, beginning next month.

At the middle school, paraprofessional support has been added in order to assist students who may be below proficiency or who have struggled with classwork material and/or completing coursework. Faculty and staff have also increased math achievement time within the regular school day. Further, Homework Hour is available for students to get extra help and to complete class/ homework.

At the high school, a tutor has been assigned to specific math classes to support instruction and student learning. With a goal of better preparing students for the SAT test, additional math instruction is also being provided to tenth graders through a Math Applications class. The course is designed to meet the students where they are in terms of math standards proficiency and to build from that point. Homework Hour continues to be available for all high school students in need of support or simply a good space to complete homework assignments.

Another priority identified from the survey is to ensure students receive high quality instructional materials. Toward that end, curriculum chairs and teachers are vetting potential new textbooks and resources and will make purchasing recommendations in the coming months. Several subject and course resources will be updated when the work concludes. The district has already purchased teacher requested supplies and classroom materials such as microscopes, dissection and lab materials, library materials and more.

Providing social emotional learning opportunities such as counseling, mental health and wellness resources is also at the top of the survey results. Several survey respondents listed, in the comment section, the need for school nursing services. To address this need, the district is pursuing the services of a registered nurse with an anticipated start date in the next few weeks. Additionally, the district is actively looking for another social worker or counselor to support middle school students and families. (Finding a qualified person is proving to be a challenge, but school officials are continuing the search). Finally, character and citizenship lessons, facilitated by the elementary school social worker, have been incorporated into the elementary school program.

Upgrades to facilities (air quality, safety, etc.) rounded out the top five priorities. Much work has already taken place to address health and safety needs, particularly at the middle school building. Additional cameras, as well as secure entry and HVAC upgrades are completed or in progress. Further, a board approved facilities assessment is underway and will help identify and prioritize additional building needs.

Upcoming:

Family and Student Information Night is scheduled for February 17, at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held in the high school cafeteria. High School parents are urged to attend the information session to learn more about several student learning opportunities, including Van Buren Technology Center, dual enrollment, Career Academies and Early College.

All buildings will host Parent- Teacher Conferences on February 17, from noon- 3:00p.m, and 4:30 -7:30 p.m. February 17 is a ½ day for students.

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Alzheimer's & Dementia for Dummies, published by John Wiley & Sons in conjunction with The American Geriatric Society and The Health in Again Foundation; *My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver* by Martin J. Schreiber; *Caregiver's Handbook: A Complete Guide to Home Health Care* published by the Visiting Nurse Associations of America.

These selections are part of our current display on Alzheimer's awareness. If you request items on MeL.org, items generally arrive within 1-2 weeks and library staff will call you when your requested items are ready to pick up!

2022-2023 Michigan Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force Application Period Open

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has announced that the application to serve on the 2022-2023 Michigan Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force is now open to college and university students across the state. The Michigan Department of State (MDOS) will accept applications through Feb. 15, 2022, for this nonpartisan group aiming to improve youth voter engagement.

"One of the most important things citizens of every age can do this year is actively participate in our democracy, and this task force provides an excellent opportunity for our young people to do that," said Secretary Benson. "We look forward to hearing directly from task force members again about ways we can support and empower students at Michigan colleges and universities to fully understand their rights and how to exercise them."

The task force, first founded by Benson in 2019, brings together students from across the state who are passionate about civic engagement. Task force members will serve as liaisons between MDOS, their student body, school administrators and peers. The group will advise on the unique experiences and barriers to student voters, helping to ensure the voice of young people are heard in our state's elections. The task force will also develop and enact solutions to promote voter engagement and identify resources to implement solutions. Members are selected to serve for one calendar year from April 2022 until April 2023.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or university in Michigan and demonstrate a commitment to voting and enthusiasm for voter engagement through their past experience, answers to application questions, and an interview. A total of 20 to 25 students from around the state will be selected to serve, with no more than two students representing any one school. Students set to graduate during the tenure of the task force will not be considered.

Additional information, as well as the task force application, can be found at Michigan.gov/SOSStudentTaskForce. Students can also email Secretary@michigan.gov with questions or comments.

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Motion by Irwin, supported by Thomas, to approve the payment for repairs to the Village-owned Chevrolet Dump Truck by HS Fleet Services in the amount of \$4,034.29. Roll call vote - Ayes: Webb, Simmons, Irwin, Thomas, Welburn, Wilcox and Oswalt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing January 12, 2022

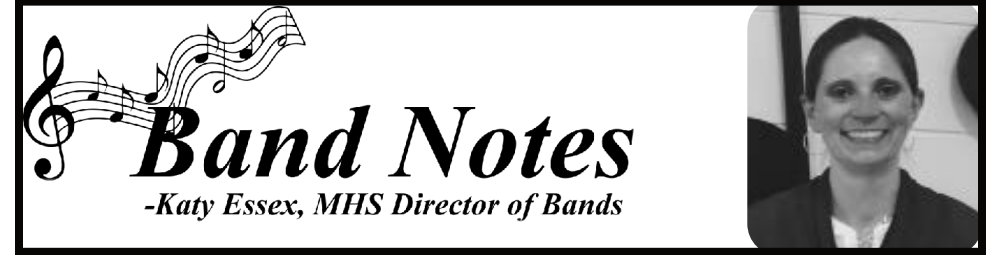
James R. Thomas, Jr., reminded Village Council members and those in attendance that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 12, 2022, on the following matters:

1. A public hearing on the Rezoning Request of A. J. Douglas High, of 450 South Centre Street, Marcellus, Michigan, to rezone a property tax parcel currently zoned Service Commercial, 14-051-622-008-00, legally described as 365- 1089 277A UNPL SEC 22 T5S R13W UNPLATTED VIL MARCELLUS BEG ON W 1/8 LINE 1204 1/2 FT S OF NE COR W 1/2 NW 1/4, TH N 89 DEG 30' W 300 FT, S PARA SD 1/8 LINE 100 FT, S 89 DEG 30' E 300 FT, N IN CEN CENTRE ST 100 FT TO BEG. to Multi-Family Residential, and
2. A public hearing on the Rezoning Request of James R. Sr. & Barbara J. Thomas, 503 South Worden Street, Marcellus, Michigan, to rezone parcel currently zoned Mobile or Manufactured Home Park, 14-051-622-034-20, legally described as 386-408 297 A PIECE OF LAND 6 RDS WIDE & 21 RDS LONG TO/ WIT COM 4 RDS E OF SE COR LOT 128, WORDEN & SHILLITO'S ADD, N 21 RDS, E 6

RDS S 21 RDS, W 6 RDS TO BEG. ALSO, COM AT A PT 33 FT S & 66 FT E OF SE COR LOT 125 WORDEN & SHILLITO'S ADD, TH N 0 DEG 37'31"W 33 FT, S 89 DEG 47'38"E 84.23 FT, S 0 DEG 40'31"E 33.05 FT, N 89 DEG 45'08"W 84.27 FT TO PT OF BEG. SEC 22 UNPLATTED VIL- LAGE OF MARCELLUS PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT 2.26.19 PARENTS: 14-051-622-035-00 AND 14-051-622-034-00 CHILDREN: 14-051- 622-035-01 AND 14-051-622-034-20, to Single Family Residential.

Adjournment

Motion by Simmons, supported by Irwin, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.
Jacqueline A. Terrill
Village Clerk
Ronald Welburn
Village President



Band Notes for the week of January 24

Why Band Matters - Part 5*

*From the article "Why Band Matters" - Readers' Collaborative Post from the website banddirectorstalkshop.com

In a collaborative post on the website banddirectorstalkshop.com, directors were asked to summarize "Why band matters" in 20 words or less. For the next few weeks, we will share the categorized lists of the hundreds of responses that directors around the country submitted to the survey. *Note - Miss Essex did NOT take part of the survey, she is merely sharing the responses.

Teamwork

- Band matters because every kid plays and contributes to the team. Every kid is engaged and participating and can enjoy the final product.
- Band teaches students to work together in an environment where everyone is important all the time.
- Because kids need positive role models in an atmosphere where kids learn how to respectfully work together towards a goal that is bigger than themselves.
- Biggest group project the students do all year. Results and process to take pride in.
- It's a team where everyone wins and no one is ever on the bench.
- It's team building, problem-solving, skill building hard work that is immensely rewarding.
- Students become part of a group and learn to think beyond themselves.
- Working together to achieve a common goal with students who may have little in common.
- Band is an important outlet for students to be a part of a team and express themselves musically.

6th Grade Band

The 6th grade band is using practice cards for the second marking period. Practice cards are logs of what each student has practiced and how many minutes were practiced. The goal is to get 60 minutes of playing time each week; of course, students are encouraged to practice more. Practice cards must be signed by a parent or guardian. Cards are passed out each Monday and are due the following Monday. This is 25% of each marking period grade.

HS Solo and Ensemble

We are down to our final two weeks before our February 5 event. Students who are participating in the S&E event at SMC, or the virtual event, should continue to practice with Miss Essex after school. The practice schedule is available on the band room office window.

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TOWNSHIP OF MARCELLUS COUNTY OF CASS, STATE OF MICHIGAN RESOLUTION FOR MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR OUTDOOR GROW AND FURTHER STACKING UNDER MEDICAL AND/OR ADULT-USE MARIHUANA ORDINANCES

THEREAS, the Township has in place ordinances and procedures to apply for Medical and/or Adult-Use Marihuana facilities, and WHEREAS, it is anticipated there will be a number of substantial changes in Michigan law to both the Medical and Adult-Use Marihuana laws, and WHEREAS the Township believes, at this time, it is in the best interest of all to place a moratorium on accepting any new applications for outdoor grow under the Medical and/or Adult-Use Marihuana Ordinances.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED a moratorium is placed on any and all future applications for outdoor grow under the Marihuana and/or Adult-Use ordinances effective January 19, 2022.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this moratorium does not prohibit current applicants and license holders to stack additional licenses. Approval of stacking additional licenses is contingent upon the applicant/licensee paying the appropriate fees to the Township for the additional licenses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is in effect immediately.

Motion by KOSHAR, seconded by HUTSON.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hess, Hutson, Koshar, Mroz, Schick

Nays: None

Absent: None

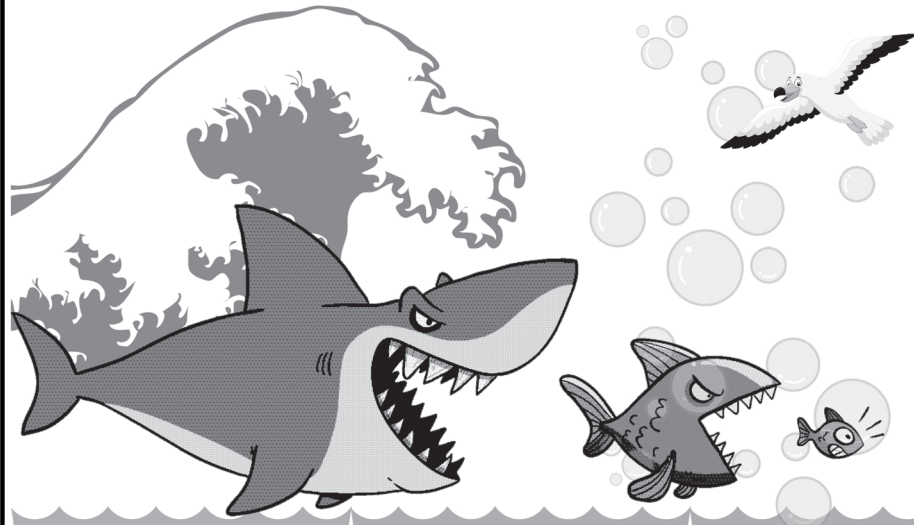
Resolution declared adopted

Date: January 18, 2022

Paulette L. Hutson

Clerk, Marcellus Township

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