Hats off to Class of 2015!
It's time to celebrate

Hundreds of students stepped out into a brand new world over the last couple of weeks as they graduated high school and now celebrate what lies ahead. Here in our area, students graduated from Cedar Springs High School, New Beginnings High School, Creative Technologies Academy, Algoma Christian School, and Tri County High School. To see photos of all the top honors students in our area and class photos, turn to pages 7-14.

Chamber to hold Renaissance Faire

Have you ever pretended to be a Pirate? Or wanted to? How about a member of royalty, such as a king, queen, prince, princess or knight? Or maybe a gypsy, fairy, hobbit or elf is more up your alley. Whatever your style, the Cedar Springs Chamber of Commerce is giving you a chance to come out and be a kid again and have some fun at their 2nd annual Renaissance Faire, June 12-14.

“It's going to be an awesome event,” said Chamber President Perry Hopkin. “We have three times as many vendors as last year (over 30) and four times the entertainment.”

The fun will start Friday June 12, at 6 p.m. at Morley Park with an outdoor Celtic dance class and grilled brats and hotdogs catered by the Cedar Springs Lions Club. At 7 p.m.; and catering.

Saturday there will be sidewalk sales all along Main Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; ice cream with Queen Victoria and cast at 11 a.m. at KC’s Kones and Cones; a petting zoo from noon to 4 p.m.; live entertainment, dunk booth, vendor and food booths from noon to 8 p.m.; and a royal dinner and entertainment from 6-8 p.m. at Morley Park.

On Sunday there will be meditation in the park at 10 a.m.; live entertainment, dunk tank, and food and vendor booths from noon to 6 p.m.; and catering.

For more information, see ad in next week’s paper, and check out their Facebook event page https://www.facebook.com/events/140694329586519/.

Something stinks

By Judy Reed

Drivers along 17 Mile and White Creek were in for a rude awakening Monday when they drove through the area and smelled what some have said was the most horrible odor they had ever smelled. And no wonder—they had just driven through the stench of treated human waste.

Casey Armstrong, of Sand Lake, had just pulled up to the intersection at 17 Mile and White Creek Monday afternoon, when he said he noticed a semi with a tanker spewing liquid manure all along the lane closest to Big Boy Restaurant.

“I saw the driver jump back into the semi while it was still spewing, and he proceeded to cross the eastbound lanes to get to the center turn lane,” noted Armstrong. “While the light was red, he turned northbound onto white creek. Everyone who passed through the intersection ended up having to drive through the manure.”

Armstrong called police, and followed the trailer of manure that sprayed on the side of the road until he turned onto Egner. “That’s when I saw him pull into a field with waiting tractors, and he proceeded to drive through the field and finish emptying the container. At that time, a Cedar Springs fire and rescue pick up truck had pulled up to the scene was talking to the farmers,” said Armstrong.

According to Solon Fire Lt. Chris Paige, the truck, which came from Wyoming with a load of treated human waste, had a problem at the 131 exit ramp. “I think he might’ve blown a tire and broke a fitting on the truck,” said Paige. “He lost the tire at the top of the ramp.” He also said someone came and picked it up.

Paige said he stayed on scene there and cleaned up the area with Cedar Springs. He met with both the MSP and DEQ there. “The MSP said it was non-hazardous. I knew it was ok to wash it down,” he said.

And for those who still have that odor in their car, even after a car wash? Paige said powdered lime will take the odor out.

Sand Lake under boil water advisory

The Village of Sand Lake issued a boil water advisory this week, due to coliform being found in the water. The advisory went out Tuesday to business owners and residents.

Under the advisory, people were told to boil their water prior to consumption, and to ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and making ice should be boiled and cooled prior to use. “The water should be brought to a vigorous, rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes,” it said.

According to Sand Lake DPW Director Jerry Dines, it was raw samples out of two different wells that showed up with coliform. “We think they may have been bad samples,” noted Dines, who said he thinks it was the bottles the samples were put in. “We had test results come back negative today (Wednesday) but we have to wait 24 hours,” he said, to see how the latest samples come out. If they come back clean, they will lift the boil water advisory.
The Grand Rapids Sweet Adeline’s Chorus traveled to Cleveland in May, for the Region 17 competition. “We were very, very pleased with the evaluation only and received two A- and many B’s on our performance, which prepares us to come back.”

By Judy Reed

Festival donates Red Flannel medallion to city

The Red Flannel Festival presented the city with a large wooden Red Flannel medallion, called the Ronny Merlington Memorial Medallion, to replace the original that was stolen after a cease and desist letter was sent by the Red Flannel Festival to the City.

The Red Flannel Festival has been in operation for many years and was destroyed after a cease and desist letter was sent by the Red Flannel Festival to the City. The Flannel medallion was created by the Cedar Springs Community Art Center.

Resident Kathy Bremmer told the Council that if the threat of a lawsuit still exists, the Planning Commission would be in violation of the law if they instruct the City Manager to hang the medallion on the wall.

Mark Fankhauser, a Keystone Cop and former Mayor of Cedar Springs, commended the Festival for honoring Merlington, and said he was a phenomenal individual. “But there are concerns that council members can survive independently. I don’t think we need to blend the logos. Regardless, Cedar Springs will always be known as the Red Flannel Town.”

Councilor Rose Powell said it was not a logo, but a symbol of the community’s culture. “It goes beyond being a sign. Hopefully it will have a legal basis, and said he was a phenom- in the same area.”

Residents celebrate National Trails Day

Each year the American Hiking Society hosts events all over the nation to highlight the importance of the national trails system. The North Country Trail hosts the event in West Michigan. This year, because of the new relationship between Cedar Springs and the North Country Trail, the event was held last Saturday at nearby Long Lake Park.

It was a rainy day, sometimes in a nice way, and sometimes in a ferocious way. But that didn’t stop over 100 people from showing up, eating a hot dog, a piece of homemade sheet cake or pie, and joining in the fun!

Tom Noreen presented an informative and enjoyable demonstration of how logging was done in the past. Tom Noreen took several people on a fun, educational hike around the park and explained the medicinal properties of various plants. They came back drenched, but a lot smarter!!

Double K Farms and Animal Junction 4H Club brought a petting zoo with chickens, Shetland Sheep, Pygmy Goats, Boar Goats, an Angora Rabbit, mini rabbits and pigs. The 4H kids had a wonderful time showing their projects to everyone.

Radio demonstration as well as informational booths for the North Country Trail and the Community Building Development Team.

As part of the Optimal Location Review, National Park Service representatives held conversations with local people to identify scenic, historical, or cool characteristics of our area as part of the process along the North Country Trail.

Route certified through our area.

Local folk singer Bruce Matthews provided a perfect concert to cap the day.

Local businesses donated several items, including door prizes, pop, water, gift certificates and popcorn.

As the trail route is determined and certified, watch the Post to keep you informed and include you in other events to celebrate this exciting National Park called the North Country Trail being routed through our area.

See more photos on our website at www.cedarspringspost.com.

City to hold public hearing on planned unit development

A plan is in the works in Cedar Springs that might give the city a friendlier image when working with developers and business owners.

Business owners and residents in the downtown Cedar Springs area should have received a letter in the mail from the City of Cedar Springs about a public hearing on Friday, May 29. This is a business walk conducted by the city.

Mrs. Bellamy’s and Mrs. Dault’s kindergarten classes went on a community walk on Friday, May 29. This hands-on learning experience included stopping at the police station, where students learned how they can stay safe and what policemen and women do. Next they stopped at the post office, where students mailed a persuasive letter they had written.

This was followed by a trip to the fire station, where students were able to explore an ambulance, firetrucks, and fire equipment. Then they took a rest at the library, where they learned about the summer reading program and listened to a good story. The last stop was pizza and play at Morley Park.

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Library’s summer reading program kicks off Monday

Whether you are young or old, a parent or a grandparent, aunt, uncle or no relation at all...it’s time to get out to the Cedar Springs Public Library and get everyone signed up for this year’s annual Summer Reading Program! This year’s theme is “Heroes,” and 25 programs are scheduled from June 8 to August 5. There are programs for every age group, babies to seniors, and every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Middle School there is a family program, with exciting presenters, starting on Wednesday, July 17. There will be a master magician, the Kalamaazoo Nature Center, Zeemo, the Cool Scientist and Yo Yo Guy, John Ball Traveling Zoo, Master Arts Street Theatre, and the Wolverine Skyhawks will host an Air Show at their landing strip on July 29 out at 13540 West Street.

It all kicks off this Monday, June 8, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Cedar Springs Library. There will be free ice cream from Kelly’s Restaurant, free themed book bags, courtesy of ChoiceOne Bank, a huge Friends book sale (starts at 10 a.m.), and the Double “K” Petting Barn with help from Animal Junction 4H Club. The CS Fire Department will be on hand to give guided tours of our beautiful, shiny, red fire truck. The reading program ends with a huge Grand Finale Summer Reading Carnival at Morley Estates, on 18 Mile Road, on August 22. There will be free ice cream at KC’s, free Jr. meal at Kelly’s and Big Boy, breadsticks from Hungry Howi- es, pizza from Riccardi’s, cookie from Main Street, not to mention great final prizes and giveaways. It’s a double pleasure — reading and winning prizes.

For more info on the summer reading program, call 696-1910.

Sewage leaks at mobile home park

By Judy Reed

A routine sewer system flush in May reportedly caused an overflow at a local mobile home park earlier this week.

According to Heather Smith, assistant manager at Cedar Springs Mobile Estates, on 18 Mile Road, the flush last month caused a blockage, and resulted in sewage leaking into storm drains. “It started about 3:30 p.m. Monday,” she explained.

Smith said that a plumber was called in to clear the blockage, and the storm drains were pumped Wednesday. “It was taken care of by today (Wednes- day) at noon,” she said.

Smith noted that residents were notified, and both the Department of Environmental Quality and the Kent County Health Department were alerted. The Health Department was on scene Tuesday, and the DEQ was there Wednesday.

Steve Kelso, with the Kent County Health Department, confirmed that there was a sewer overflow. “DEQ is the lead investiga- tor on the case, but if an overflow is not contained, the Health Department has the authority to take samples of adjacent waterways,” explained Kelso. He said that they confirmed the overflow and took samples from Cedar Creek on Wednesday, before the leak was contained. He expects that the results will be back sometime Thursday, June 4.

The Post was unable to reach the specific DEQ investigator on the case by press time, and expects a call from them on Thursday.

Chief Deputy promoted to Undersheriff

Young served in the Army National Guard and Re- serves starting in 1985 and left as a Captain in 1988. She attended Grand Rapids Community College Police Academy; obtained her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and Masters Degree in Public Ad- ministration from Western Michigan University. She graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2012.

Young represents the Sheriff’s Office and Kent County on a variety of com- mittees locally, statewide and nationally.

As Chief Deputy, Young was one of the officials instrumental in putting to- gether the package for the City of Cedar Springs, when they decided to contract law enforcement services with Kent County.

Young replaced former Undersheriff Jon Hess, who recently retired.

Chief Deputy promoted to Undersheriff

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Weiler brings home state championship

On Saturday, May 30, three members of the Cedar Springs girls track team competed in the MHSAA Division 2 State Track Meet in Zeeland. Senior Kenzie Weiler brought home the school’s first Track and Field state championship by winning the 3200 meter run. With 500 meters to go, Kenzie took the lead and ran away from the rest of the field. She won with a new school record time of 10:41.98 and was just two seconds off from setting a new Division 2 state record in the 3200 meter run.

Kenzie received All State honors in track and field and, combined with her achievement in the classroom, she also earned Academic All State in Track and Field. In the fall, Kenzie will continue her education and running career at Michigan State University. Sophomore Tara Teepin competed in two events, in her first trip to the state finals. Tara placed 19th in the 100 hurdles and ran a career best 47.21 in the 300 hurdles, for an 11th place finish. Senior Allyson Marvel also in her first trip to the state finals placed 18th in the pole vault with a vault of 8’ 11”.

West Michigan Hawks fall in a rain filled soaker

By Shae Brophy

While the Hawks could not have asked for a better start, the game last Saturday, May 30, did not end the way they would have hoped. After kicking off to start the game, the Battle Creek Coyotes fumbled on their opening drive. Wide receiver Ryan Bell pulled in a pass from quarterback Jeff Krebs on 4th down, for the first score of the game. Team captain Ryan Bell had this to say about the touchdown: “It was just a great pass from Jeff that took advantage of a mistake by the Battle Creek defense. I was just there to capitalize.”

After a defensive struggle in the first half, the Hawks had a punt blocked at their own goal line with 1:27 left in the 2nd quarter, which Battle Creek recovered in the end zone for a Coyote touchdown. Battle Creek led 9-6 at halftime, in a half that could have been considered a washout because of the nonstop, down pouring rain.

Battle Creek rushed out of the locker room as a completely different team to start the second half, running out to a 35-6 lead after the 3rd quarter. The Coyotes eventually won the game, by a final score of 42-6.

Despite the lopsided score, the Hawks forced a whopping 8 turnovers and got some very solid contributions from every player who took the field.

“Our guys showed a lot of heart tonight, especially considering the fact that Battle Creek was a very highly ranked team, and the playing conditions were not what we would have hoped,” remarked head coach David Lange. “Moving forward, we know what we have to work on. It’s in the past now, and we welcome the opportunity to work hard in practice this week to prepare for our game this coming weekend. We played good, smash-mouth football in the first half. The second half got the best of us. This week, our focus is to keep the same intensity for the entire game.”

This Saturday the Hawks will travel to Nappanee, Indiana. They will be taking on the Michiana Thunderhawks, who are coming off a 42-40 loss to the Michigan Vipers. You are welcome to travel down to enemy territory with the team! We hope to see you there!

Shae Brophy is the Media/Public Relations Director for the West Michigan Hawks.

Meet the Hawks:
Stan Scott

Meet middle linebacker Stan Scott. Stan, originally from Indiana, is a 2011 graduate from Grove Pointe South High School. Scott was a three-sport athlete in school, where he wrestled, ran track, and played football. After high school, he attended Saginaw Valley State University, as well as joining the Army. Scott is an E4 Specialist in the United States Army, and says his biggest fans are his wife and daughter. One of his proud accomplishments in the Army was shooting 40 out of 40 with an M4.

When asked who his role models are, Scott said, “My Mom and Dad are some of the best athletes I know, so they are my biggest idols.” When he isn’t causing chaos on the gridiron, Scott says he enjoys working out, and loves to fish and shoot.

Scott chose to become a member of the West Michigan Hawks, when he met owner David Lange, and realized that David was starting a football team. The meeting just happened to occur on the very day Stan decided he wanted to continue playing football, so he took it as a sign that he was supposed to be playing for the Hawks.

When asked about what Stan brings to the team, owner/head coach David Lange said, “I can’t say enough about Stan. I am very proud of what he has accomplished with joining the military, as well as what he does on the football field. He is an absolute great guy and a beast! He is without a doubt one of the hardest hitters we have. He has a passion for the game and it shows every time he steps on that field because he plays every play as if it’s his last play. I’m proud of Stan.”

Scott and the West Michigan Hawks will be in action again this Saturday, May 6, as they travel down to Nappanee, Indiana. They will be taking on the Michiana Thunderhawks. As always, you are encouraged to travel with the team, and show your support for the Hawks!

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**HOMETOWN Happenings**

Hometown Happenings articles are a community service for non-profit agencies only. Due to popular demand for placement in this section, we can no longer run all articles. Deadline for articles is Monday at 5 p.m. This is a not guaranteed space. Articles will run as space allows. Guaranteed placement is $10, certain restrictions may apply. You may now email your Hometown Happenings to happenings@cedarspringspost.com please include name and phone number for any questions we may have.

**AA Meetings at Rebos House**

Rebos House, 10 N. First St., Cedar Springs is open on Sunday, 9 am, 2 pm and 7 pm, Monday, noon, 7 pm Big Book, 8:15 pm, Tuesday, noon, 5:30 women’s, 7 pm men’s & women’s, Wednesday, noon, 5 pm 12X12, 8:15 pm, Thursday, noon, 5 pm, Al anon 7 pm, Friday, noon, 7 pm and Saturday, 8:30 am, 10 am, 2 pm and 7 pm.

**Blessing of the Bicycles**

June 6: A “Blessing of the Bicycles” event will be held at First and Oak St. at The Springs Church parking lot on Saturday, June 6th from 1 to 3 pm. Parents, bring your kids with their bikes for the blessing. Minor bike repairs, bike safety information and demonstration, decorating toons and new bike drawing. Don’t have a bike? While supplies last, several used bikes have been graciously donated for this event! Hope to see you there.

**Red Flannel Queen Scholarship Pageant Meeting**

June 7: Seeking pageant contestants! The Red Flannel Queen Scholarship Pageant is open to all girls who will be juniors this fall (2015-2015 academic year), with a 3.0 GPA or greater, who attend a school in the Cedar Springs School District or live in the Cedar Springs School District and attend a different school such as Creative Technologies Academy, Algoma Christian School, homeschool, etc. If interested, please email redflannelpageant@gmail.com. Also, please plan to attend the parent and contestant meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 2 pm at the new Red Flannel Festival Office on Main Street.

**Tom Plunkard: Magic to the Rescue**

June 10: This entertaining and hilarious show includes animals, audience involvement and amazing magic. For Families. Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 pm at the Nelson Township/Sand Lake KDL Branch, 88th E. #22

**Hooper Heros at KDL**

June 13: Grab your magical lace and learn how to hoop! Angela Hooper will teach basic hoop dancing techniques for both fun and fitness. For Families. Saturday, June 13th at 1:30 pm at the Nelson Township/Sand Lake KDL Branch, 88th E. #22

**Summer Spectacular at HNC**

June 13: Come and enjoy live music, community expo – meet local artists and organizations, lunch, kid’s programming, K-9 demonstrations, meet and greet with firefighters, animal demonstrations, informative seminars. Concessions on site all day. Saturday, June 13th from 9 am to 4 pm. FREE but donations are greatly appreciated. Howard Christmas Nature Center, 16190 Red Pine Dr., Kent City. 616-675-3158. #22

**Summer Celebration Fireworks – View From the Hill**

June 13: You’re invited to enjoy the Rockford Start of Summer Celebration fireworks from the hill at Rockford Reformed Church, 4890 – 11 Mile Rd. NE on Saturday, June 13th. Popcorn, refreshments and children’s activities provided. Please bring a chair, blanket, or bring your family and friends, and enjoy the beauty of the fireworks from atop the hill at Rockford Reformed Church. Hope to see you there? #22

**Vacation Bible School at Solon Center Wesleyan Church**

June 14: Hey kids! Come for “G-Force” beginning Sunday, June 14th from 6:30 – 8:30PM. It’s family Night with an obstacle course there will keep everyone on the move. There will be a hot dog on site so no need for dinner before you come! VBS continues through Thursday where you’ll make new friends, sing great songs, experience God’s unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. “G-Force” is for children 4 years old through the 5th grade. Please pre-register by calling the church office @ 696-3229 or online at scwchurch.org. The church is located at 15671 Algoma Avenue, just north of 19 Mile Road. All children welcome? #22.

**Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Concert**

June 14: Ragtime and boogie woogie pianist Bob Milne performs in the Barn Theatre on Montcalm Community College’s Schuyler campus on June 14 at 2 pm. Admission is $10 at the door. For more information, call 989-328-2111, ext. 334 or email k mastfeld@montcalm.edu. #22

**Cedar Area Soccer Association Tryouts**

June 15-17: CASSA will be holding open tryouts at Boomer Park, 13440 Ritchie NE, Cedar Springs MI 49319. Monday, June 15: U19 – U13 boys, Tuesday, June 16: U9 – U13 girls, Wednesday, June 17: U14 – U19 boys and girls. Registration is at 6 pm, tryouts last approximately 2 hours. Please come prepared but do NOT wear any CASSA apparel. Please visit www.cassasoccer.com for details or contact the registrar, Anthony Shaw 616-292-4429.

**Auditions announced for upcoming CSCP production**

June 20-22. The Cedar Springs Community Players are pleased to announce auditions for its upcoming summer production of “Postal” by Herb Hasler, a wacky, two-act comedy. They will be held at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 20 from 10 am to noon and Monday, June 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Needed are 6 men and 6 women, ages between 18-60+. Production dates are August 15-15, 2015, at the Kent Theatre. Please like our FB page and to see details? #22-24

**Bus Trip to Tigers Game**

July 19: On July 19th Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation is hosting a bus trip to Comerica Park to watch the Baltimore Orioles vs the Detroit Tigers! This bus trip includes transportation via motor coach, a ticket in the right field stand (Section 104), free riders on the cursored and fents wheels for the kids, and kids can run the bases after the game! The cost of this trip is $85.00 per person and the deadline is June 17th. The bus will leave and pick up at Cedar Springs Public Schools Campus. For more information or questions you can log onto www.csaparksandrec.com or call 616-696-7200. #22

**Longest Day 5K Trail Run/Walk**

The 3rd annual Longest Day 5K Trail Run/Walk will be held on Friday, June 19, at 6 p.m., starting at Blandford Nature Center. The evening run/walk will benefit Blandford Nature Center, raising funds for their education, recreation and wildlife programs. In addition to the race, there will be a family-friendly “Summer Celebration” party, with children’s activities, live music, and food and beer sponsored by local businesses. Runners can register online at www.longest-day.org or at Blandford Nature Center.

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**A Finer Family Restaurant and Catering**

356 North Main St., Cedar Springs (616) 696-0620

**Solon Market opening day community sale**

Saturday, June 6, is Community Sale Day at Solon Township Office! Solon Township is opening up the grounds and parking area to the public for a huge sale all in one location! Everyone is welcome!

There is no charge. Solon Market is asking residents to bring your garage sale items and join them for a fun and profitable day of come and check out the sales. Set-up is on the blacktop and the area behind the township office. Sale hours are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and set-up begins at 8 a.m.

The event will coincide with Solon Market’s Opening Day and Solon Park Committee’s unveiling of the most recent concept drawings. Residents are invited to check out the drawings, make suggestions or comments and enjoy refreshments.

Come to market, visit your neighbors, check out crafts, produce and garage sale items as well as other merchandise. Solon Township Office is located at 15185 Algoma Ave. between 18 and 19 Mile Rds. Contact Vicky at 616-696-4277 for more information. See you there!
The ordinance

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SPENCER
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE
AMENDMENTS
AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on May 19, 2015 the Township Board of the Township of Spencer, Kent County, Michigan, adopted Ordinance No. 2015-001-Z amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Spencer. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

1. Backlot Definitions. The ordinance amends Section 8.03 of the zoning ordinance so as to add subsection (e) which would allow accessory buildings and structures on backlots within the LR District as a special land use. The amended ordinance also contains restrictions and regulations regarding any such accessory buildings or structure allowed as a special land use.

2. Effective Date. The amending ordinance will become effective on June 11, 2015. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the office of the Spencer Township Clerk, 14960 Meddler Avenue, Gowen, Michigan, during normal business hours.

Dated: June 4, 2015
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF SPENCER

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF SOLON
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Solon will hold a public hearing on June 24, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the Solon Township Hall, 15185 Algoma Avenue, N.E., Cedar Springs, Michigan, to consider and receive comments on the request for a special land use by applicant 2nd Chance Corporation. The applicant requests a special land use to construct and operate a riding academy in the AR – Agricultural Residental District. The property is located at 810 – 17 Mile Road and legally described as follows:

810 – 17 Mile Road
The North 468 feet of the West 560 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, T10N, R11W, Solon Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above-stated address up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: June 4, 2015
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SOLON

restore our city as the Red Flannel Town,” she said. Councilor Perry Hopkins said he didn’t know Merlington, but thought it would be honorable to honor him. “If we could have the cease and desist removed, it would be an honorable thing to hang on the wall,” he said.

“I don’t think the division is what Ronny would want for us,” said Councilor Dan Clark. “I hope hanging this would be some type of unification.”

Red Flannel President Michele Tracy and the board was in attendance for the presentation, and so was Shirley Merlington, Ronny’s wife, and this year’s RFF Grand Marshal. Ronny was Grand Marshal in 1994.

The Cedar Springs Red Flannel committee and the Red Flannel Festival will meet Thursday evening, June 4, at 5:30 p.m., at the Creative Technologies lounge to discuss a potential Red Flannel Festival agreement.

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Nature Center, located at 1715 Hillburn Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI.

All ages are welcome to participate in the run/walk. In fact, 80-year-old Ruth McCarty was one of the first to register. The Grand Rapids clergy member is an avid walker with a long-time connection to Blandford and the outdoors. As an elementary school teacher in the 1950’s, McCarty welcomed Blandford founder Dr. Mary Jane Dockery as a nature educator in her classroom. She also has a Master’s degree from Michigan State University in Outdoor Education.

Now living nearby, McCarty is able to come to Blandford to reconnect with nature and walk the 4 miles of Blandford trails. “Being out in nature is beneficial for the mind, body and spirit,” says McCarty. “It gives you a deeper awareness that everywhere is holy ground.”

“We are so excited to have Ruth join us to walk in the Longest Day 5k. Our goal is to host an event that brings the community together—people of all ages and fitness levels—all outside in nature,” said Corey Turner, Development Manager for Blandford Nature Center. “We have families, co-workers and friends of all ages registered to run or walk together to support Blandford in a fun way.” For more information, please visit www.longestday5k.org.
Congratulations Class of 2015
Tri County High School - Class of 2015 Graduates

Brenden Armstrong, son of Edward Armstrong & Michelle Germain, graduated Valedictorian of his class at Tri County High School. His favorite subject in school was math, Spanish, and physics. Extracurricular activities included soccer, National Honor Society, golf, student council, and bowling. He plans to attend University of Michigan, and the Engineering Department for a bachelor's degree and also plans to study abroad.

Morgan Zudweg, daughter of Matt & Mishaun Zudweg, graduated Valedictorian of her class at Tri County High School. Her favorite subjects in school were band and Spanish. Extracurricular activities included marching band, track & field, student council, National Honor Society, and bowling. She plans to attend Taylor University to double major in psychology and science, with a minor in political science and plans to go to medical school and ultimately become a missionary, opening up an orphanage in Africa.

Morgan Bean, daughter of Timothy & Paula Bean, graduated Valedictorian of her class at Tri County High School. Her favorite subjects in school were band and Spanish. Extracurricular activities included band, jazz band, track & field, student council, National Honor Society, and bowling. She plans to attend Valparaiso University to double major in psychology and science, and plans to attend medical school for her M.D.

Nicole Smith, daughter of Eslita Smith & Lyle Durham, graduated Salutatorian of her class at Tri County High School. Her favorite subjects in school were band, anatomy, and jazz band. Extracurricular activities included marching band, NHS, student council, BPA, yearbook, and Key Club. She plans to attend the University of Michigan for a major in biology and a minor in music and plans to eventually go to medical school to become a surgeon.

Rylee Gross, daughter of David & Brenda Gross, graduated Valedictorian of her class at Tri County High School. Her favorite subject in school was U.S. history. Extracurricular activities included marching band, jazz band, soccer, golf, basketball, track, cross country, and NHS. He plans to attend GRCC and transferring to get an information technology degree.

Samantha Iman, daughter of Scott & Mary Iman, graduated Valedictorian of her class at Tri County High School. Her favorite subject in school was psychology. Extracurricular activities included 4 years varsity volleyball, 2 years JV soccer, 2 years varsity soccer, and 2 years NHS. She plans to major in advertising and minor in psychology at Michigan State University.

Brett Armstrong

Class Motto: “You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.”

–Christopher Robin

Class Charity: Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital

Class song: “Centuries” by Fall Out Boy

Class Colors: Black & Gold

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Last Name, First Name

Aho-Lawrens, Ricky
Armstrong, Brenden
Aurelius, Claire
Baak, Lauren
Bartholomew, Rachelle
Batesburg, Ricki
Bean, Megan
Billiet, Jennie
Boylest, Lauren
Bowden, Krystal
Brandow, Arika
Brimmer, Hunter
Britten, Alexander
Britton, Jesse
Bromm, Katlyn
Brown, Nicholas
Burnows, Rachel
Callender, Don
Castillo, Austin
Cheek, Carley
Ching, Austin
Choi, Wei-Bo
Clement, Dayln
Daley, Ryne
Dejong, Samantha
DeLaure, Missy
DeLong, Jack
DeVault, Morgan-Michele
Dillon, Jessica
Drosnin, Karly
Duch, Ceballos
Duran, Alexandria
Edwards, Tyler
Esch-Vining, Kaylee
Evers, Elizabeth
Fielding, Emily
Fitieli, Morgan
Finch, Allison
Fish, Mariah
Flynn, Shannon
Foote, Autumn
Gabbard, Ellicia
Gardner, Jackson
Gardner, Marcus
Garvon, Bethany
Gilman, Jordan
Gould, Emma
Grantham, McKenzie
Grinnell, Bryan
Gross, Rylee
Hackworth, Kelsy
Hall-Patton, Joel
Hauenstein, Lilia
Hawkins, Dylan
Haywood, Jesse
Heckman, Madison
Henk, Clayton
Herman, Rebecca
Hornich, Luke
Hornich, Roger
Houck, Cody
Huang, Human
Inman, Samantha
Johnson, Michael
Jones, Aaron
Kammerman, Benjamin
Kargenian, Cierra
Karl, Tristan
Kavan, Dru
Kebabty, Kassidy
Keelaar, Joshua
Kiger, Alan
Killian, Ashley
Lagunas, Marco
Lalonde, Natalie
Lassen, Therdahl
Lawe, Shawn
Leach, Levi
Lehmkuhle, Joseph
Lindsey, Katherine
Lippner, Deona
McAmber, Aaron
Martin, Tim
Martinez, Austin
Meece, Gary
Mendoza, Andrew
Miles, Megan
Millar, Alich
Millar, Kelsey
Minard, Nicole
Moore, Katlyn
Nagelhout, Dillon
Nelson, Hannah
Nielsen, Clara
Olson, Brandon
Osborne, Natalie
Overzet, Amber
Pausch, Nicole
Palazzolo, Amber
Parker, Timothy
Parker, Troy
Paulon, Madelyn
Peterman, Kyle
Poortenga, Tristan
Posthum-Harmom, Hayleigh
Ramirez, Rennie
Red, Seven
Reetz, Cody
Richards, Austin
Riens, Emily
Rostrom, Wilma
Robbins, Ralph
Robbins, Raymond
Rodero-Rodriguez, Eduardo
Rutherford, Stirling
Sanford, Cheyanne
Sanford, Kaylee
Schamburek, Nicholas
Schneider, Parker
Scott, Bryan
Second, Brianna
Sedney, Kaleb
Sherburne, Ian
Sherburne, Kaitlyn
Siple, Collin
Slater-Bakhan, Kaye
Small, Justin
Smith, Kenneth
Smith, Nicole
Smith, Sara
Snyder, Andrew
Staffen, Melayna
Steemers, Jordan
Sundeen, Colin
Teelander, Rachael
Toft, Kyle
Tomkins, Harley
Uplinger, Bradley
Uplinger, Thomas
Vanderliind, Austin
Vidro, Michael
Wainwright, Kaylee
Wall, Abigail
Whitlock, Alexis
Wilcox, Dustynn
Wilson, Tanner
Wood, Holly
Wosinski, Hanna
Wroblewski, Abigail
Younger, Jonathan
Zudweg, Morgan
Zuzula, John
Creative Technologies Academy - Highest Honors

CTA - Class of 2015 Graduates

Brianna Bricker # *
Gregory Denney
Hunter George # ***
Preston Hawkins
Jonathan Hoops # **
Rebekah Hoops
Hannah Hubbard # ***

Thomas Kindle
Kaitlin Larsen #
Renee Maxim
Logan Ogden
Brian Parker
Grace Price # ***
Jonathan Shively

Cassandra Spoelhof
Rachel Temple #
Brittany Wellman
Derek Winters # **
Olivia Wozt #
Dylan Yarrington **

FlexTrac Graduates:
Kayslyn Borruff
Kelsey Eskola
Maegan Roach

Hannah Hubbard, daughter of Todd & Tanya Hubbard, graduated Salutatorian of her class at Creative Technologies Academy with a 4.06 GPA. Her favorite subject in school was English. Extracurricular activities included cross country, varsity basketball, National Honor Society, and Solon Center Wesleyan Church youth group. She will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University to major in public relations and is undecided at this time as to what career he’d like to pursue.

J. Hunter George, son of Dan & Debi George, graduated Valedictorian of his class at Creative Technologies Academy with a 4.09 GPA. His favorite subject in school was physical education. Extracurricular activities included basketball, cross country, leadership team, Sequoia leadership team, National Honor Society, and Solon Center Wesleyan Church youth group. He will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University to major in mass communications, and is undecided at this time as to what career he’d like to pursue.

Class Colors:
Camouflage

Class Flower:
Lotus

Class Song:
"Time of Your Life"
by Green Day

Class Motto:
“We have come a long way, but not half as far as we will go.”

Alix Paige Millar
Tri County High School

We wish you all the best in all your endeavors. We’re so proud of you and know your mother would be too. Congratulations and good luck!

Love,
Aunt Myrna & Uncle Bruce Chapman,
Bruce, Demetria, Belinda, Mike, & Autumn

Alexander Gardner
New Beginnings High School

My wonderful boy is now a man and will soon be off to see the world. You’re Fantastic!

Love you, sweetie.
Mom

Perry’s Place LLC
3575 White Creek Ave
901 Mill St Suite B
616-439-0890

Congrats 2015 Grads

Cedar Springs Animal Hospital
5705 Genesee Way
616-696-1212

Cedar Car Co.
Cedar Springs
616-696-0100

Grand Rental Station
3351 3 Mile Rd
616-866-7670

Kent County
14111 White Creek Ave
616-696-3650

Nugent Builders Inc.
3575 White Creek Ave
11625 Northland Dr
616-866-7663

Perry’s Place LLC
901 Mill St Suite B
616-439-0890
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First Middle Last

1 Erik Lee Adams
2 Alyssa Maggy Age
3 Seth Henry Anes
4 Alyssyn Nicole Arnold
5 Trever John Ash
6 Joshua David Barnes
7 Jessica Jean Black
8 Zachary Allen Blackmer
9 Brianna Elizabeth Blair
10 Amy LeRoy Bobs
11 Kambrie Karen Boomgaard
12 Bethany Jo Bosch
13 Shyanne Dawn Bowlin
14 Bradley Michael Breiching
15 Robert Allen Bricault-Peckham
16 Elena Emily Brownell
17 Brianna Rose Brugel
18 Nicholas J Brunner
19 Kristin Noel Burley
20 Caden Gar Bor Burrows
21 Ryan David Caron
22 Riley Lynne Cherry
23 Derrick Frederick Chong
24 Kaci Logan Clark
25 Zachary Reid CoXen
26 Abby Lynn Cook
27 Ethan Royal Cooper
28 Mikayla Marie Cooper
29 MarkLee Cook CoXen
30 Caitlin Ann Daniels
31 Lucas Wyatt DuBois
32 Justin Ellen Davis
33 Elizabeth Lynn DeBoe
34 Kevin Charles DeCauter
35 Aaron Isaac DeYoung
36 Jessica Leigh Dillon
37 Sydney Marie Dreyer
38 Cody Lee Dumrine
39 Theodore Robert Edwards
40 Nicole Renee Eldred
41 Mara Soree Ellison
42 Jennifer Marie Engler
43 Kaitlyn Ann Evola
44 Tanner Jordan Farver
45 Nicholas James Femmesty
46 Cassidy Jay Firth
47 Fawna Jean Flanigan
48 Ryan Nicholas James Flores
49 Charles Lynwood Frodl
50 Kati Mae Fuller
51 Madison Paige Garza
52 Elliott Edward Golczynski
53 Alyssa Marie Grace
54 Georgianna Irene Gray
55 Kassidy Taylor Gulubmo
56 Aaron Wade Hallax
57 Katelyn Rene Hallengren-Lansford
58 Taylor Marie Hansen
59 Paige Renee Hawkins
60 Prussia LeAnn Hawley
61 Brandon Keith Hemler
62 Taylor McKenzie Hollaway
63 Taylor Nicole Homrich
64 Cody Michael Hoogerheide
65 May Marie Hoorn
66 Brianna Joann Hull
67 Erin Rae Johnson
68 Mitchell Jennings Lee Johnson
69 Nathan Edward Johnson
70 Robert Eugene Johnson
71 Haley Marie Johnson-Dahms
72 David Joel Johnston
73 Travis Lee Jouderama
74 Justin Brooks Jones
75 Nicole Marie Kaupa
76 Katelyn Marie Kent
77 Jacob Louis Kernen
78 Autumn Nicole Kessel
79 Kelsey Janae Kiander
80 Charlotte Nicole King
81 Caylana Whitney Klco
82 Jade Marie Klop
83 Andrew Scott Knappen
84 Kyle Robert Kneir
85April Catherine Kneip
86 Summer Reign Kusmierski
87 Haley Kwiatkowski
88 Alex Steven Lachmiet
89 Hunter Alan Larsen
90 Tillery Irissa Larsen
91 David Allen Latham
92 Dalton Duane Learned
93 Gerritt Hunter Liggett
94 Shelby Kryna Link
95 Samuel McKirl Long
96 Trisha Ashley Long
97 Alexsis Marie Lucarelli
98 Autumn Nicole Lucayk
99 Tyler Philip Luevano
100 Alora Dianne MacDonald
101 Joshua Lee Magoon
102 Shayne McKenzie Mann
103 Olivia Grace Maslin
104 Alyssa Renee Mccall
105 Logan Marshall McGahan
106 Jacob Michael Melson
107 Krystyn Marie Messermist
108 Heather Marie Miller
109 Branden Brian Miracle
110 Madison Elaine Minter
111 Emily Ann Miszeski
112 Cameryn Ray Mitchell
113 Marisa Alexis Morales
114 Nicole Marie Marshall Morris
115 Aubree Noelle Mouthaan
116 Sean Nelson Murphy
117 Kaden Jeffrey Myers
118 Elizabeth McKenzie Nelnson
119 Marta Jillynn Norkus
120 Taylor Kathleen Noskey
121 Roland Michael Nulph
122 Matarina Kothryn Oakes
123 Kyle Robert Oberdorfer
124 Cortney Ann O’Brien
125 Karlee Kathryn Olsen
126 Samantha Rose Owens
127 Brennan Troy Smith Paepke
128 Logan Anthony Passage
129 Brooke Renee Phippis
130 Courtney Faye Piatt
131 Taylor Renee Pierson
132 Cody Robert Pope
133 Alex Michael Porter
134 Nicole AnnKit Porter
135 Julian Quiroga
136 Santiago Quiroga
137 Alesia Michelle Reszke
138 April Blossom Roberts
139 Kellise Lenea Rypma
140 Austin Michael Sargent
141 Tyler Anthony Savickas
142 Gabriella Alixtra Schatz
143 Jordan Lin Scheidle
144 Katie Ray Schumann
145 Julianne Adele Schulte
146 Parker William Selleck
147 Hannah Marie Serek
148 Emily Louise Shaa
149 Jonathan Gray Shaw
150 Michelle Anne Sheele
151 Benjamin Aaron Shelden
152 Joseph Paul Sherman
153 Dillon James Shimek
154 KrisTan Michael Siegel
155 Dew Tyler Simonson
156 Jeffrey Frank Simomes
157 Brandon Skyler Sipka
158 Aaron Matthew Slater
159 Megan Nicole Stocum
160 Michael David Smith
161 Tyler Jeffrey Smith
162 Allison Margaret Snaylev
163 Ashley Nicole Soles
164 Hannah May Sommer
165 Hannah Nicole Spence
166 Kelsey Marie Stanley
167 Nicholas Scott Steed
168 Jordan Marzianna Stevens
169 William James Stockref
170 Cierra Marie Stroh
171 Rider Lee Swanson
172 Sarah Marie Swinehart
173 Bryan Thomas Taylor
174 Dylan Michael Taylor
175 Maddison Rae Taylor
176 Ronald Gordon Tennant Jr
177 James Robert Testip
178 Tamara Ann Tiehoff
179 Tyler Steven Timmers
180 Joshua Stanley ValenTne
181 Michael Allen VanAssen
182 Sergio Daniel VanAssen
183 Jesse Alan VanHunen
184 Kendall Christopher VanPutten
185 Maggie Martina Villareal
186 Charles Lee Vincent
187 Anastasia Aubreii Vronko-Holka
188 Austin James Walters
189 Zachary David Wamser
190 MacKenzie Ann Weiler
191 Mariah Lauren Westgate
192 Becca Patrice Wheeler
193 Josi Ruth Whipple
194 Breena Sue White
195 Connor Ann White
196 Samantha Noel Willer
197 Jakob Quin Wingate
198 Bayley Lynne Wolfe
199 Carly Louise Wynne
200 Brittany Nicole Yeeck
201 Hayley Jo Zoorman
202 Gabriel Alan Zwinger
203 Bailey Morgan Zywicki

Exchange Students
1 Damilo
2 Yuki
3 Salla Marja
4 Olivia Catherine
5 Maitahla Mure

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Parish. She will be attending Michigan Kids Club, and our lady of Consolation athletic leadership council, Red Hawks national Honor Society secretary, softball, and beauty and the Beast, and was a math & science tutor for 6th-12th graders. She plans on attending the University of Michigan to major in physics.

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The Vanderhyde's Are Horse Tradin' In Sparta

Cedar Springs High School - Highest Honors

Bailey Zywicki, daughter of Jamie Zywicki & Angela Zywicki, graduated valedictorian of her class at Cedar Springs High School with a 4.00 GPA. She participated in extracurricular activities including student council, senior class vice president, National Honor Society secretary, softball, volleyball, H Productions - Snootik & Beauty and the Beast, and was a math & science tutor for fifth-12th graders. She plans on attending the University of Michigan to major in physics.

Kenza Weiler, daughter of Pat and Julie Weiler, graduated Salutatorian of her class at Cedar Springs High School with a 4.00 GPA. Her extracurricular activities included NHS, cross country, track & field, student leadership council, newspaper, athletic leadership council, Red Hawks Kids Club, and Our Lady of Consolation Parish. She will be attending Michigan State University to major in psychology.

Congratulations Class of 2015!
616-887-1791
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Corner of M-37 & Sparta Ave.
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Gabriella Schutz, daughter of Julie Schutz, graduated third in her class with a 4.108 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included varsity soccer, National Honor Society, and volunteer at Sound Bend Center for the Homeless. She is planning to attend Aquinas College to major in special education.

Paige Hawkins, daughter of Ken and Maggie Hawkins, graduated fourth in her class with a 4.106 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included 4-H, FFA, student council, athletic leadership council, varsity soccer, National Honor Society, and volunteer for Saving Argo Dog Rescue. She is planning to major in nursing at the University of Michigan and minor in Spanish.

Nathan Sorensen, son of Bob & Terri Sorensen, graduated fifth in his class with a 4.00 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. His favorite subject in school was History. His extracurricular activities included football, basketball, track, yearbook, NHS, and an usher at John Paul II. He plans to attend University of Michigan - college of LSA.

Parker Selleck, son of Christine and Ken- neth Selleck, graduated sixth in his class with a 3.999 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. His extracurricular activities included NHS (2 years), varsity soccer (1 year), student council (2 years), and was on the honor roll (4 years). He plans on studying pre-med at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

Bryan Taylor, Son of Scott and Jane Tay- lor, graduated seventh in his class with a 3.982 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. His favorite subjects in school were yearbook, newspaper, drama, AP Literature, composition, and AP Calculus. Extracurricular activities included varsity soccer, NHS, athletic leadership council, student council, CStV, theatre, Thespian Society, 4-H. He currently plans on attending Michigan State University to major in Humanities-prelaw or political science.

Samantha Owens, daughter of Craig & Betsy Owens, graduated eighth in her class with a 3.977 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her favorite subjects in school were math and theatre. Extracurricular activities included cheer, 6 plays & musicals, advanced drama, CStV, NHS, Thespian Society, youth group, and volunteer at John Ball Zoo. She is planning to attend GVSU to study business and telecommunications.

Bayley Wolfe, daughter of David & Heath- er Wolfe, graduated ninth in her class with a 3.941 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included 4H (horse, swine, bee, shooting sports), tennis, equestrian team, and NHS. She plans to attend Montcalm Community College and then on to an undecided university to study elementary education.

Abby Cook, daughter of John & Tonya Cook, graduated tenth in her class with a 3.9043 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included National Honor Society, color guard, and concert band. She plans to major in pre-pharmacy at Ferris State University.

Vivian Westgate, daughter of Raymond Westgate & Carolyn Westgate, graduated eleventh in her class with a 3.9396 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included Student Government Association, varsity soccer, Key Club, Angel Ministries, Fantasy of Trees, Operation Christmas Child, school carnival, and yearbook. She will be attending Ferris State University to major in pre-medicine for pediatrics.

Emily Miszewski, daughter of Patricia and Jeffery Miszewski, graduated fifteenth in her class with a 3.9154 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included marching band, United Methodist Church, and National Honor Society. She is planning to attend Central Michigan University’s pre-med and medical schools to major in biology.

Julianne Schut, daughter of Joel and Jane Schut, graduated sixteenth in her class with a 3.9153 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included golf, tennis, bowling, band, court member of the Red Flannel Queen’s Court 2013-2014, and mission trips with her church youth group. She will be getting a bachelor’s degree in the professional golf management program at Ferris State University.

April Roberts, daughter of Yoko Roberts, graduated thirteenth in her class with a 3.9291 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included National Honors Society, Thespian Society, theatre (plays & musicals), and jazz band. She will be attending CMU for a major in music education.

Andrew Knappen, son of Connie and Scott Knappen, graduated fourteenth in her class with a 3.9154 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. His extracurricular activities included national Honors Society, Thespian Society, theatre (plays & musicals) and band. He plans on attending Ferris State University to major in professional golf management.

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Shayne Mann, daughter of Leslie & Mi- chael Mann, graduated twelfth in her class with a 3.9298 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. Her extracurricular activities included NHS (2 years), cross country (4 years), track (3 years). She is planning to study fashion merchandising and creative writing at Central Michigan University.

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Ryan Schut, son of Christine and Ken- neth Selleck, graduated sixth in his class with a 3.999 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. His extracurricular activities included NHS (2 years), varsity soccer (1 year), student council (2 years), and was on the honor roll (4 years). He plans on studying pre-med at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

Logan McGahan, son of Brian & There- sa McGahan, graduated seventeenth in his class with a 3.9073 GPA from Cedar Springs High School. His extracurricular activities included wrestling (9th-12th), Knights of Columbus, Saint John Paul II (Cedar Springs). He plans on majoring in machine programming and CAD drafting at GRCC to obtain a journeyman die makers card and a builder’s license.

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New Beginnings Alternative High School

Front Row: Maddie Yoder, Curtis Russell, Jake Hoskins, Matt VanderWeide, Trevor Eary, Ted Proctor, Dylan Kroes, Charisa Becker, Raleigh Baehre

Back Row: Candy Morales, Blair Moulden, Christina Ji, Sara Deurloo, Ellen Park, Aida Alvarez, Ashley Woodard, Ben Fales

*Sara Deurloo, daughter of Robert Deurloo, graduated Valedictorian of Algoma Christian High School with a 3.94 GPA. Her favorite subjects in school were biology, chemistry, English, and art. Extracurricular activities included National Honor Society, 5th grade tutor, and being a spiritual mentor for middle schoolers. She will be studying veterinary medicine at Ferris State University and Michigan State University in hopes of a career as a veterinarian.

*Madeline Sarah Yoder, daughter of Terry and Melanie Yoder, graduated Salutatorian of Algoma Christian High School with a 3.92 GPA. Her favorite subjects in school were chemistry, biology, and AP English Language. Extracurricular activities included varsity basketball, varsity soccer, NHS, and worship orchestra at Blythefield Hills Baptist Church. She plans to earn a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry with a minor in string performance from Liberty University in hopes of a career in Pharmacology or Pathology.

Congratulations to all the area graduates!
congratulations class of **2015**
Ranger Steve's Nature Niche

By Ranger Steve Mueller

Spring to summer wildflowers

As summer kicks off in Michigan, national ATV Safety Week (June 6-14) is a good opportunity for the Department of Natural Resources to remind riders of important safety tips that can help ensure a more enjoyable off-road experience.

“ATV riding continues to grow in popularity in our state, and it’s important that riders observe safety at all times while on the trail and in the woods,” said DNR Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler. “These common-sense safety reminders can save lives and reduce accidents and injuries.”

Here are the DNR’s top 10 safety tips for ATV riding:

• Know your trail. Study the map for where you are riding before you head out and become familiar with where the sharp curves are located.
• Know where you’re riding. Before going out, make sure you know whether or not the county you’re riding in allows ORV use on county roads. Do not mistake state forest roads for county roads. Contact the county sheriff’s department, road commission or county clerk’s office for information about each county’s ORV ordinances. The DNR also keeps updated ORV maps on its website at http://1.usa.gov/2v0yy4m.
• ORV’s primarily are designed for off-road use. Driving on paved surfaces is hazardous because of handling issues. Riding on paved roads is a common cause of ORV-related fatalities.

For a complete overview of ORV rules and regulations in Michigan, go to the Michigan ORV Handbook online at http://www.offroad-ed.com/michigan/handbook-book.html. If, while out riding, you encounter someone violating land-use rules for ORVs, please contact the DNR’s Report All Poaching law enforcement line at 800-292-7808.

State Veterinarian stops bird movement to protect health of Michigan poultry

Due to the potential for highly pathogenic avian influenza in 2015, poultry exhibitions are canceled throughout the state.

After much deliberation and consideration with the Michigan Association for Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE), Michigan 4-H leadership and the Michigan Allied Poultry Industry, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development’s State Veterinarian Dr. James Averill made the difficult decision to cancel all 2015 poultry and waterfowl exhibitions in Michigan to prevent the commingling of birds from different locations. This includes, but is not limited to shows, exhibitions, swap meets, petting zoos at fairs, game bird and waterfowl fair displays, and Miracle of Life exhibits.

“We know the tremendous amount of time, money and passion the kids and other exhibitors invest into their birds and the importance of having livestock at these events to interact with the public,” said Averill. “The rapid spread of these avian flu viruses is historic and has impacted more than a dozen states across the U.S. While there are currently no known cases of HPAI in Michigan, commitment to protecting the health of all of the state’s poultry flocks—backyard and commercial farmers—led us to make this difficult decision.”

MDARD has been working in conjunction with the Michigan Association for Fairs and Exhibitions, Michigan State University Extension, 4-H programs, and other partners to identify ways to engage Michigan’s youth poultry exhibitors and allow them to still have the experience.

“The impact this disease has had on the poultry industry and how quickly it is spreading is clear,” said Lisa Reiff, MAFE Executive Director. “While it’s unfortunate that poultry exhibitions are canceled for this year, it’s crucial youth still have an opportunity to participate in fair activities. MAFE is working with MDARD, MSU and 4-H to identify alternatives for poultry exhibitors and will use this opportunity to help further educate the public about our state’s poultry industry.”

County fairs and local exhibitors are encouraged to go to the MSU Extension website - msue.msu.edu/poultryshows - to get a list of options for poultry exhibitors. Those options include suggestions for showmanship, breed classes, market classes and auctions.

MDARD, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture Veterinary Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, and MSU are working together to conduct avian influenza surveillance and to monitor health of poultry, livestock and wildlife in Michigan.

Michigan residents who notice the death loss of three or more WILD birds should report it to DNR at 517-336-5030. If your backyard poultry flock has a high death loss or consistent pattern of death loss, call 517-336-5030.

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By Melinda Myers

Reduce your workload, increase productivity and be water wise, whether you are planning, planting or already harvesting produce or enjoying beautiful floral displays from your garden.

Commercial and homemade self-watering devices can also reduce watering frequency. Just make sure to test their effectiveness before leaving town. Or consider a one-time investment in a drip irrigation system designed for container gardens. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are also a great way to water in-ground plantings.

These irrigation systems apply the water directly to the soil, which reduces water lost to overspray, evaporation and runoff. They also reduce the risk and spread of disease by preventing water from settling on the leaves of the plants.

For a micro irrigation system if your water has a high mineral content. These minerals can build up and clog soaker hoses. Micro irrigation systems experience fewer problems and the nozzles can be cleaned to prevent clogs. Because the nozzles can be clipped onto stakes, tomato towers or other supports, this system makes it easy to deliver water right to the plants.

Raised bed gardens will also benefit from irrigation systems. Elevated gardens often dry out more quickly than their in-ground counterparts and need more frequent watering. Some, like the Raised Bed Snap-n-Drip soaker system (growers.com), are easy to assemble and allow you to water when needed. Further save time by using preformed corners with built-in spigots when constructing raised beds. Simply slide the boards into the metal corner pieces to create the raised bed. Some corner systems, like Aquacorner, have built-in spigots to make installation even simpler. Correctly installed irrigation systems can help conserve water by ensuring you water properly and only when needed. Plus, using a timer and an irrigation system allows you to apply water at the best time for the plants. Just set the timer for early in the morning, when less water is lost to evaporation, and the plants will be watered even if you are not home. Always water thoroughly and only as needed to encourage plants to develop deep root systems that are more drought-tolerant. Be sure to avoid high nitrogen, fast release fertilizers that promote lush, succulent growth, which needs more frequent watering.

Further conserve water and time spent watering by grouping moisture-loving plants together. You can provide needed water more efficiently and avoid overwatering nearby drought-tolerant plants.

The Kent County Health Department is offering clients of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) the opportunity to get $20 worth of free food from area farmers markets beginning June 1. In addition, participants receive a brief class about the program, nutritional tips, and recipes. Those who qualify for the program will also get an insulated tote perfect for bringing fresh fruits and vegetables home from area farmers markets and participating roadside stands.

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Several Kent County Farmers Markets and Roadside stands are equipped to transact sales using the EBT or Bridge cards. Anyone who is eligible and attends the class will receive a list of those locations.

“The benefits of this program are two fold,” said Christopher Bendekgey, FReSH - continues on page 19

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Jeans Jesus is on my mind. Do you ever sit back and wonder how he did it? How did He live day in and day out, completely surrendered in obedience to the will of His Father, and never sin? He loved people perfectly. He walked around literally with the weight of the world on His shoulders, yet He never threw in the towel. He never exploded at someone because of stress. He never said an unkind word or, for that matter, thought an unkind thought about anyone. He never got His priorities all mixed up. He was’t distracted or discouraged by the things of this world because He was focused on a mission that was bigger than this world. And in the midst of being this amazing Superman, he promised that if we would just come to Him, He would give us the rest and peace that we desperately need, along with the wonderful promise that He would then carry our burden for us. Does that make any sense? Why would He do that for us? Why would He do that for me?

As I sit and ponder Matthew 11:28-30 and try to apply it to my life, the words of this old Hymn keep running through my mind, and I suddenly realize, that it truly is this simple. It goes like this...“Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.” The key to what we need isn’t a solution for all of my problems but isn’t a better way to manage all my stress. The key to what I need is so simple that it is contained in one beautiful name...JESUS! And the only thing he requires of me is to “come.” I don’t need to bring anything. I don’t need to do any work, I don’t even need to get everything in order, simply need to “come.” He’s saying, “come to me and I’ll give you the rest and peace that I and I’ll take care of that heavy burden you’re struggling to carry,” “come to me and I’ll exchange all that struggle and stress for peace and joy,” “come to me and you’ll find everything that you need.”

So, what’s on my mind? Jesus. And suddenly everything else that seemed so big and so important and so needy, grew strangely dim. Thank you Jesus!

Matthew 11:28-30 – “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
Nellie Alberda

Nellie Alberda, age 84, passed away Friday, May 29, 2015 at Metro Health Cedar Springs after a long battle with Alzheimer’s Disease. The daughter of Martin and Berlena (Moorlag) Van Duyne, she was born on March 18, 1931 in Rock Valley, Iowa and worked as an accountant with the Michigan Department of Corrections at the prison in Coldwater. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wesley Dale Alberda; a son, Gary Alberda; her stepmother, Merna Van Duyne; and a sister, Jean Feenstra. Surviving are her children, Doug and Lisa Alberda, Patricia Alberda, Rick and Nancy Alberda; a daughter-in-law Beverly Alberda; her grandchildren, Chad (Janelle) Alberda, Shannon (Bill) Crane, Jennifer (Todd) Frazier, and Monica (Scott) Moore; her great grandchildren, Zachery and Elyn Alberda, Addyson and Mason Crane, Aubree Hughes, Zeke (Mandy) Finch, Brianna (Garry) Genao; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Finch; six brothers and sisters. The family will greet friends Tuesday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs. Pastor Steve Lindeman officiating. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Cedar Springs. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Clara Jo Gust

Clara Jo Gust, 94 of Cedar Springs, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Sanctuary at St. Mary’s. Mrs. Gust was born March 28, 1921 in Ovid, Michigan, the daughter of George and Nellie (Lockwood) Sillaway. She graduated from Cedar Springs High School, Class of 1939 as Salutatorian. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and had worked at Pollocks Department Store and the Red Flannel Factory. She was an avid golfer, bowler and bridge player. She enjoyed traveling and spending time in Florida, was a wonderful mother and had a special love for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Surviving are her children, Gary (Lolly) Gust, Joanne Gust; son-in-law, Tom Finch; grandchildren, Jeff (Barb) Gust, Michelle Tackmann, Elissa Hughes & Mike Mondy, Zachary (Connie) Finch, Zeke (Mandy) Finch, Brianna (Garry) Genao; great grandchildren, Jason, Brooke and Jacob Gust, Isabelle Tackmann, Afion Glynn, Elizabeth and Annabelle Finch; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Finch; six brothers and sisters. The family will greet friends Tuesday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs. Pastor Steve Lindeman officiating. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Cedar Springs. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Dick and Arlene Pierce

Dick and Arlene Pierce are blessed to celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 14, 2015. They were married June 12, 1965 in the Courtland-Oakfield Methodist Church in Courtland Center Township, Rockford, Michigan. Dick’s uncle Rev. Lawrence Lewis performed the ceremony. Their children are Carmen (Keith) Corbin of Noblesville, Indiana, Wayne (Christine) Pierce of Cedar Springs, Michigan, and Jeff Pierce of Pierson, Michigan. Their grandchildren are Catelin, Madelin and Brielle Pierce and Isak Corbin. They will celebrate with an “Open House” June 14, 2015 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pierson Bible Church CMB Fellowship Building in Pierson, Michigan. Please, no gifts. The secret of their success is “Knowing the Lord is in control.”

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We love you both,
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Grandma Hall; Uncle Al & Aunt Sandra, Austin & Alyssa

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Director of the Community Clinical Services Division at the department. “We are able to get fresh fruits and vegetables into the hands of our clients, free of charge to them, and we’re able to keep the funding for the program in the local economy by supporting the farmers and growers of Kent County.”

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While the program runs from June 1, 2015 until October 31, Project FRESH is a once a year benefit, meaning each recipient will only receive the $20 benefit one time this season.

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