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## IN THE NEWS

### Raisin Twp. seeks master plan input

Raisin Township's planning commission is developing its master plan and is seeking community input to help guide the development of the township. Township residents are encouraged to visit [raisinchartertownship.com](http://raisinchartertownship.com) or Charter Township of Raisin on Facebook to access a link to a confidential survey. The survey will end on March 1.

### Lakes annual Tip-Up Festival this weekend

The 68th Annual Devil's and Round Lake Tip-Up Festival will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7, 8 and 9 in Manitou Beach. Due to unsafe ice conditions, activities will take place on land and will include an outhouse race, family fun, music and entertainment at various establishments, and more. For more information, visit the Devil's & Round Lake Men's Club on Facebook.

### THS choir concert set for Feb. 12

The Tecumseh High School Choir will hold its Pre-Festival Concert Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts, 400 N. Maumee St. Join the choir as they perform and prepare for their upcoming Choral Festival. Admission is free.

### TYT to present Willy Wonka Jr. Feb. 7-9

Tecumseh Youth Theatre will present Willy Wonka Jr. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-9 at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts. Candy manufacturer Willy Wonka stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whoever comes up with the tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday's show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [thetca.org](http://thetca.org), by calling 423.6617, or at the TCA box office Tuesday-Friday from noon-5 p.m. or one hour prior to each show.

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## 'Redevelopment Ready' certificate 'a big deal'

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The Tecumseh City Council saw several presentations on Monday night, including a presentation of the Redevelopment Ready Community certificate, the annual report of the police department, and a demonstration of the new city website.

The presentation of the Redevelopment Ready Community certification was performed by Bronna Kahle, representative for Michigan's 57th district. The city was formally recognized at a ceremony on January 30 and received a

plaque and certificate.

"It is a big deal that Tecumseh has earned the certification of a Redevelopment Ready Community," Kahle said. "It is a rigorous and aggressive undertaking."

Kahle hopes that this accomplishment will help drive business into Tecumseh and allow more and more people to move back to the city as Michigan makes its comeback.

With this certification, City Manager Dan Swallow hopes to use the tools of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to begin to prime redevelopment sites for potential devel-

opers. This includes a marketing assistance program that will help supply marketing materials to potential buyers.

The annual report of the police department was presented by Chief Brett Coker. He highlighted changes in personnel within the department, as well as new programs that were implemented during 2019. These programs include car seat checks, free bike helmets for children, an upgrade to the radio system, and a drug drop-off box at the department for unwanted prescriptions.

Chief Coker also discussed the numbers of arrests and calls for service within the city during the past year. These num-

bers were slightly up from 2018. Chief Coker expressed surprise at the increase in arrests, given that many driving and marijuana misdemeanors have been decriminalized.

Drunk-driving arrests were slightly increased from 2018, but still much lower than 2015 and 2016.



Bronna Kahle

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School Resource Officer Chad Rogers

PHOTO BY EMILY LITTLE

## How we keep our students safe

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Safety is always the number one priority for children at local schools. As dangerous situations continue to exist at public schools, it has become increasingly important that security be taken seriously at these institutions. This has resulted in a number of new policies and upgrades, such as video surveillance and increased officer presence.

In Tecumseh, students are under the school's responsibility from the moment they step off the bus at school to the time they get to their home bus stop. During this time, school officials are responsible for keeping students safe.

Tecumseh Public Schools (TPS) was awarded a grant from the Competitive School Safety Grant Program for the installation of new security cameras on the exterior of academic buildings in June of 2019. This gave \$210,000 to the schools to complete this project by June 1 of this year. Other schools in the area, such as Sand Creek Community Schools, Addison Community Schools, Sacred Heart School in Hudson, and Lenawee Christian School in Adrian have benefited from this grant. School Resource Officer Chad Rogers at TPS hopes that these cameras will deter criminal activity at the school and increase visibility for those in security roles.

"The grant is for any kind of school security, but we identified video cameras as being

the best use, as well as infrastructure and servers to house the recordings," Rogers said. "It'll put a number of additional cameras in the buildings, specifically the exterior."

A bid proposal was submitted to the TPS Board of Education on January 27 outlining how this grant money would be used to improve the security systems at local schools. The grant would be used to add external cameras to all academic buildings in Tecumseh as well as some internal cameras at Tecumseh High School. The board will vote on whether or not to award this bid on February 10.

The cameras are being placed on the exterior of the buildings to monitor the perimeter of the schools. The inside of the buildings are already well-monitored by school staff and faculty and that is less of an issue at elementary schools. Only the high school will be upgrading their interior cameras with this grant.

Within the schools, the number of incidents has been fluctuating in the past few months. Officer Rogers hopes that the security cameras will not only help with preventing such incidents, but also will allow school administrators to identify suspects after the fact and take the appropriate measures. He also hopes that these security systems will help the educators be aware of security issues and more ready to respond if something does happen in the schools.

Being well-informed on all safety mea-

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## Credit Union donates \$10,000 to HLG project

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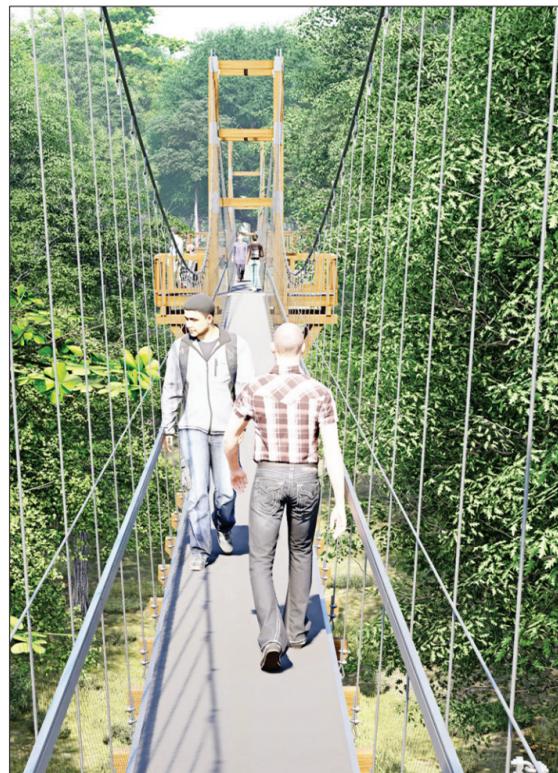
TLC Community Credit Union recently donated \$10,000 to Hidden Lake Gardens of Michigan State University in support of their Reach for the Sky project.

Hidden Lake Gardens is building a 700-foot-long canopy walk and 100-foot tree tower on the Hidden Lake Gardens property located in Tipton. The project includes construction of a 10-story ADA accessible tree top tower and a 700-foot canopy walk. This addition will give visitors an up-close observa-

tion of trees, birds, insects, and animals. By walking among the tree-tops and enjoying a 360-degree bird's eye view of Hidden Lake Gardens, the Irish Hills, and Lenawee, Jackson, Hillsdale, and Washtenaw counties, it is sure to excite adventure seekers and nature lovers alike.

Randy Smith, president and CEO of TLC Community Credit Union, is pleased that TLC is in a position to assist in helping this innovative project come into fruition. "When Chuck Gross approached us regarding

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Artist rendering of the Reach for the Sky project at HLG.

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## Inner Space

By Jackie Koch

Personal finance expert Suze Orman has a saying, "People first, then money, then things." I would add "nature" to that list, right after people.

One can't do much without money — unless one is Rob Greenfield, an adventurer, activist and humanitarian who has found ways to live with very little money and bring attention to environmental issues, recently by spending 365 days feeding himself solely with food he grew, foraged, hunted or produced himself. Greenfield shows us what can be done with very little while still caring deeply about people and the earth.

Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus, "The Minimalists," ditched their six-figure incomes, luxury cars, oversized houses and excess possessions in 2009 after realizing their discontent with consumer-driven lives and 80-hour workweeks. Now they help others find meaning in their lives, focusing less on money and more on other priorities.

"We focus on making room for more: more time, more passion, more creativity, more experiences, more contribution, more contentment, more freedom," their website says. "Clearing the clutter from life's path helps make that room."

Money is important, yes. But at what point do some folks decide that it's more important than people? People seem to matter less if they are strangers, or "others."

On January 30 United States Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said that the coronavirus outbreak that has sickened thousands and killed hundreds in China could be positive news for the U.S. economy, according to USA Today. I don't want to take his words out of context — he did say that it was a very unfortunate situation, and that "every American's heart has to go out to the victims of the coronavirus."

But he also said that the U.S. could benefit because businesses would consider the risk factor before doing business with China, which he thought would accelerate the return of jobs to North America by replacing some of the Chinese production. He was being practical. However, I think it's unfortunate that more caustic remarks are being said about China's people in

general, which fuels hatred for those "other" people we don't know who are now facing a serious health threat. Anti-China sentiment has gone on for decades, and the coronavirus situation is fanning the flames.

People are more important than money. Anyone who's glad that this virus will cause fewer products to be made in China is lacking in compassion and needs a spiritual intervention.

At what point does one decide that money is more important than nature?

A new U.S. government plan has cleared the way for coal mining and oil and gas drilling on land stripped from Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante monument by the Trump administration, according to an August 23 story in The Guardian. The Bureau of Land Management said the plan would open more lands to cattle grazing and recreation and said there could be "adverse effects" on land and resources in the monument.

In 2017, President Trump drastically shrank the monument as well as Bears Ears National Monument in the largest elimination of public lands protections in our country's history, removing around 800,000 acres from the Grand Staircase.

A study by the public land advocate and nonprofit Wilderness Society showed that in the past two years more than 153 million acres of ecologically sensitive habitats, from the California desert to the Arctic national wildlife refuge, have had conservation protections rolled back, and 280 million acres have been made available for offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico and along almost 90% of the U.S. coastline.

What's the bottom line? Money. There's money to be made as a result of illness and from stripping the land.

What about "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? Why does anyone think we can decimate nature and expect to survive as a species? We're finding out how greed can make our country a callous entity. Money can't take the place of people or nature, and we are bound to learn that in devastating ways.

Our only hope is that we come to our senses, individually and nationally. I dream we will.

## OBITUARIES



**PATRICIA L. LAMB**

Patricia Lynn Lamb, 77, of Tecumseh, Mich. passed away

on February 1, 2020 at Tecumseh Place. She was born Oct. 21, 1942 a daughter of the late Otto Anthony and Estella Ann (Kvedor) Laurel. On June 15, 1963 she married Gordon O. Lamb and they shared 20 years together before his passing in 1983.

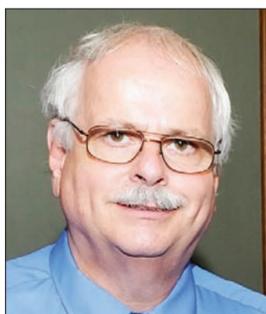
Patricia worked as an administrative assistant for The Tecumseh Products International Division. She was a lifelong member of the Adrian Historical Society and also served on the Tecumseh American Legion

Auxiliary. She had the distinction of being the longest serving member of the Tecumseh Township Board.

Patricia is survived by her siblings, Jim (Donna) Laurel of Spotsylvania Twp., Va., and Carol (John Pazdernick) Gramer of Grays Lake, Ill.; nieces and nephews, Jeff (Elizabeth) Laurel, Cynthia Laurel Weymann, Megan (Jim) Hagerty, Ken (Cathy) Laurel, Keith (Dina) Laurel, Karl Laurel Jr. and Karen (Chris) Pozek Laurel and several great-nieces

and nephews. Along with her husband and parents she was preceded in death by her father and mother-in-law, Russ and Gertrude (Dean) Lamb and a brother and sister-in-law, Karl and Regina Laurel.

A private graveside service will be held for Patricia at Brookside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee and Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made to the family at handlerfuneralhomes.com.



**STEVEN E. MARTIN**

Steven Edward "Steve" Martin, 65, of Newbern, Tenn. went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, at Harborview Nursing Home in Dyersburg, Tenn. Originally from Tecumseh, Mich., he had been living

in Newbern, Tenn.

Born Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1954 in Tecumseh, Mich., he was the son of the late Edward F. Martin and the late Thelma L. Ashenfelter Martin. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Dean Martin.

Steve Martin attended RETS Institute of Technology in Ohio and was a graduate of Stautzenburger College Technical School in Ohio. He was a former Correctional Officer at West Tennessee State Penitentiary in Henning, Tenn.; drove a school bus for Tecumseh Public Schools in Michigan; former employee of Peerless Gear Manufacturing, Clinton, Mich.;

worked at the GM Plant in Michigan, and school bus driver and maintenance for the Dyersburg County School System.

In his younger years he enjoyed playing the guitar and singing in the choir with the praise and worship team at his church. Steve was also very involved with the Prison Ministry at Northwest Correctional Facility in Tiptonville, Tenn.

A natural storyteller, Steve had a flair for sharing human interest stories, and telling you about the latest movie he had seen. He just loved to make people laugh and feel good about themselves. A simple man who accepted people the way they were, Steve always had a

kind word about everyone. He also had a passion for buying and restoring older cars. Above all, Steve greatly loved his family, and he was greatly loved by them.

A memorial service for Steve Martin was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at the Maury City Church of God in Maury City, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Burkeen Martin of Newbern, Tenn.; two sons, Mike Martin of Tecumseh, Mich. and Trevor Martin of Alamo, Tenn.; two sisters, Lori Martin and Shirley (Bryan) Van Benschoten and two grandchildren, Riley Martin and Carter Martin, all of Tecumseh, Mich.



**JON MYERS**

Jon Myers passed away

peacefully on January 8, 2020 at Hospice of Lenawee. He was born in 1943 in Lansing, Mich. to Edward and Caroline Myers. After graduation from Charlotte High School he attended Lansing Community College and continued his studies at Michigan Technological University where he received a BS degree in Forestry in 1968, and at Lake Superior State University where he received an MBA in 1989.

He married Rebecca Ruth Gladden in Owosso, Mich. on

September 10, 1966 and they made their home in Houghton, Mich., until he received his degree. The couple had two children: Charles (Raina) Myers of Blackshear, Ga. and Rachel Myers (Ronald) Moore of Fargo, N.D. Jon is survived by his wife of 53 years, his children, several grandchildren, his brother Fred (Sherry) Myers and sister Martha (Charles) Powers. He was predeceased by his parents.

Jon's professional career was as maintenance manager at the

Lafarge cement plant in Alpena and the Holnam cement plant in Dundee. Jon served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Charlevoix Lodge 282 F.&A.M. He loved flying and was a certified flight instructor. At home he enjoyed stained glass work and woodworking, even building his own sailboat.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be shared on American Cremation Events Facebook page.

## Hidden Lake Gardens' Reach for the Sky project



Artist renderings of Reach for the Sky project at HLG.

HLG PROJECT FROM 1A

### TLC Community Credit Union makes donation to HLG project campaign

the project, we discussed with our board and the support was quickly approved. We have a hidden gem in our county and our hope is that with TLC's monetary support the project gets completed quickly for everyone to enjoy."

Paul Pfeifer, managing director at the Hidden Lake Gardens, thanked TLC for their support of the project and is looking forward to inviting the public back for the early summer canopy walk unveiling.

For more information on how to assist with this worthy cause, contact Pfeifer at Hidden Lake Gardens, 431.2060 or pfeife21@msu.edu.

Pictured at top is the planned 700-foot long canopy walk, and at right, the 100-foot tree tower that will be ADA accessible.

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COMMUNITY

# New York, NY Dueling Pianos returns to the TCA February 15

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Popular duo Drew De Four and Kin Curran of Ann Arbor will return to the Tecumseh Center for the Arts (TCA) Saturday, Feb. 15 to present the New York, NY Dueling Pianos show as part of the 2019-20 National Touring Season. The pianists and husband and wife team perform a high-energy, comedy-based dueling piano show.

De Four and Curran have performed their own music in Japan, Ireland, England, Poland, Switzerland, and most of the U.S. and Canada, and they've performed Dueling Pianos on cruise ships in the Caribbean and Mediterranean, military tours in the Middle East and Asian Pacific, and corporate events all over the world. De Four started playing internationally in 2006 and Kin joined him in 2010. The couple met their first week attending Eastern Michigan University and began playing music together in 2001. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2006 and she graduated in 2005.

De Four, a songwriter as well as a performer, has released six albums of his music and Curran has released two, which are available through drewdefour.com and kincurran.com, as well as on iTunes and Spotify.

According to a TCA press release, New York, NY Dueling Pianos is a high-octane fiesta that's part rock show, part comedy show and all sorts of craziness rolled into one big outrageous party. The audience becomes part of the show in a request-driven sing-along, dance-along, thump-the-tables-along extravaganza.

Started in New York City in 2012, New York, NY Dueling Pianos became a fast success as they began traveling all over the United States. Today, they have traveling shows, complete with pianos, sound and lighting, based in major cities in Texas, California, the Midwest and Florida. The group carefully added to their performer roster until they had what they call "the very best dueling piano talent anywhere."

This year's show sponsor is Visit Lenawee. According to Justin Gifford,



Ann Arbor's Kin Curran and Drew De Four to perform at the TCA

executive director, Visit Lenawee works closely with TCA Director Kelly Jo Gilmore and the staff at the TCA. "When we discussed sponsorship this year with Kelly Jo we wanted an event that would be high energy. Last year we sponsored the Fitzgeralds and loved the energy they brought to the TCA stage." Gifford said. "We feel that New York, NY Dueling Pianos will create the same type of high energy, fun environment this year."

Besides sponsoring shows, Visit Lenawee assists in promotion and advertising of the TCA shows and events through digital communication focusing on the immediate Lenawee County community as well as specific target markets in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

"Visit Lenawee feels that the partnership we have developed and will continue to develop with the City of Tecumseh, the TCA and many other establishments in the community will allow us to be successful in bringing new and returning visitors to Tecumseh as well as Lenawee County," said Gifford.

The TCA is offering several seating

options for this year's performance of New York, NY Dueling Pianos. Patrons can purchase individual seats in the house for \$30, or \$25 for senior citizens age 60 and over, youth and military members. Patrons can also purchase seats onstage for \$40. Seating onstage includes a catered dinner by 3 Dudes and Dinner, personal wait staff, complimentary concessions of popcorn, nuts, and more, and a cash bar.

The TCA is located at 400 N. Maumee St. Dueling Pianos will take place Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and both concessions and the TCA bar will begin serving at that time. Beer and wine will be available for \$6 per bottle of beer or glass of wine.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 423.6617, at the box office Tuesday-Friday from noon-5 p.m. or one hour before the show, or at [thetca.org](http://thetca.org). The TCA's 39th season is sponsored by 3 Dudes and Dinner. The National Touring Season is sponsored in part by Tuckey's Big Boy and Carpet on Wheels.

# Kiwanis Club travelogue to feature Hells Canyon at the TCA February 11

By JACKIE KOCH  
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Hells Canyon is a 10-mile-wide canyon along the border of eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and western Idaho, now part of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. It is North America's deepest river gorge at 7,993 feet, and an arm of the Snake River flows at its base. In 1942, two cinematographers with a Technicolor movie camera embarked on a journey by boat from Lewiston, Idaho to explore America's deepest gorge and document the country's most dangerous mail route, while capturing snippets of the lifestyles of homesteaders and ranchers who depended on that boat for lives.

The February 11 installment of the Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series will feature footage from that journey, as part of "Remembering Hells Canyon," a film Patricia Keith of Lewiston, Idaho created in 2011 with vintage stock shot by the early adventurers who journeyed by mailboat into some of the most remote parts of the Great Northwest. Hells Canyon contains raging rapids and craggy basalts, and is populated by ranchers who once received their mail and supplies at remote landings in the canyon.

According to the United States Forest Service, the Seven Devils mountain range is 9,393 feet above sea level. Hells Canyon plunges far below, even deeper than the



Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

Grand Canyon. The earliest indication of human life in the canyon comes from a rock shelter at Bernard Creek estimated to be 7,100 years old, rock art, petroglyphs carved into the rock, and pictographs painted on rock there.

"Talk to almost any rancher who once lived in America's deepest gorge and you are likely to hear the phrase 'not a day goes by.' What made living in Hells Canyon such an unforgettable experience for the child growing up in a place where the chief prepositions were 'up' and 'down'? For the young bride seeing her new home from the back of a one-eyed mule named Jack? For the young man returning to the canyon, searching for meaning after the devastation of World War II? Weaving 16mm film shot in 1942, contemporary video footage, and interviews with fascinating women and men who lived on the isolated ranches of Hells Canyon from 1920s to the 1980s, this film

documents an enduring love of place," reads an anonymous review on the Internet Movie Database at [imdb.com](http://imdb.com).

Tickets for the Kiwanis Travel and Adventure series showing of "Remembering Hells Canyon," which will start at 7:30 p.m. on February 11, are \$7 each and can be purchased online at [thetca.org](http://thetca.org), by calling 423.6617, or at the TCA box office Tuesday-Friday from noon-5 p.m. or one hour before the show.

Continuing the season will be "On Assignment: Alaska" on March 10, and "Spain and Portugal" on April 14. The Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh, celebrating its 63rd year of existence, is comprised of a group of individuals who gather weekly to enjoy fellowship, breakfast, and a program early on Tuesday mornings, with the goal of "changing the world one child and one community at a time." Proceeds from Kiwanis Club travelogue films and other fundraisers to

toward providing services and filling needs for children and the community, such as funding college scholarships and summer reading programs at the Tecumseh District Library, and contributing to Boy Scouts, Little League teams, hospice support, and holiday parties for children with special needs.

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## ON THE STREET

If you could host a travelogue program, what location would you feature?



*I would absolutely do the unexplored lakes, streams and rivers of Michigan's back country. Places that are maybe close to home but we don't notice because we go to more exotic locations.*

— Jeremy Siegrist



*I would probably want to feature Africa or Egypt.*

— Don Jordan



*I would feature the rain forest because there is so much deforestation and I think people need more information about it and how pretty it is.*

— Ashley Moore



*I would pick the Dominican Republic. They are less fortunate than we are in the United States, and a perspective on different living would be beneficial.*

— Jeremy Ingram



*England, of course! I'm from there and my tea shop is based on it.*

— Alice Williams



*Italy because I would like to see all of the art.*

— Sharon Taylor

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This week's online poll:

**Do you think ending the divisiveness in Washington should be a top priority for all politicians?**

Yes  No  Other

Results from last week's poll:

**What do you think benefits society more, lower taxes or higher taxes?**

**64% Lower 24% Higher 12% Other**

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## OPINION

# Newsweek names DiggyPOD one of America's Best Customer Service Companies

DiggyPOD, an industry-leading online digital book printing company located in southeast Michigan, has recently been named by Newsweek as one of "America's Best Customer Service Companies for 2020" in the book printing services category.

Newsweek partnered with Statista Inc., the respected global data research firm, to identify America's Best Customer Service brands based on an independent survey of more than 20,000 U.S. customers who have either made purchases, used services, or gathered information about products or services in the past three years. Customers were asked whether they would recommend brands to friends or family and they were also asked to assess brands in the following areas: quality of communications, professional competence, range of services, customer focus, and accessibility. The results provided information about brick and mortar as well as online retailers and service providers from 160 categories, spanning a broad spectrum of customer experiences.

Tim Simpson, the president of DiggyPOD, stated, "I was shocked when I heard the news that we were awarded this prestigious distinction. It's quite an honor to be listed in America's Best Customer Service



Owner of DiggyPOD Tim Simpson

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Companies from Newsweek for 2020. Especially when you consider that these types of awards usually go to Fortune 500 companies, and we are a small family business located in Tecumseh. This award is a direct result of our employees continuously striving to exceed our customers' expectations and delivering small-town customer service."

DiggyPOD, Inc., located at 301 Industrial Drive, provides book printing services to small publishing com-

panies and authors wanting to self publish a book. Through their website, they offer video tutorials, book templates, and online ordering for publishers all over the United States. DiggyPOD has the highest customer satisfaction in the book printing industry based on independent reviews collected by ResellerRatings.com with a 99.5% customer satisfaction rating. For more information, please contact Kevin Osworth or visit [diggypod.com](http://diggypod.com).



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A celebration was held Thursday at 106 E. Chicago Blvd., home to illuminaTe Dance and Arts Center and Jazzercise Tecumseh Fitness Center, for the City of Tecumseh's recent successful certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community. The award was presented to Mayor Jack Baker by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The certification recognizes the city's efforts to integrate transparency, predictability and efficiency into economic development practices. Among those attending the event were (l-r) Nicole Noll-Williams, director for Senator Gary Peters; councilman Gary Naugle, Mayor Baker, council member Vicki Riddle; Kali Fox, manager for Senator Debbie Stabenow; and Tracy Oberleiter, district liaison for Senator Dale Zorn. Others in attendance were Jessica Sattler, Tecumseh's economic development director; Brad Raymond, Tecumseh's building services director; and Paula Holtz, MEDC community assistance team member and former economic development director for Tecumseh.

CITY COUNCIL FROM 1A

## Police chief reports fewer drunk drivers

"Speaking to my officers on nights who specialize in locating these drivers, they have told me that there are a lot fewer of them out there," Coker said. "Hopefully people are getting smarter and safer."

The final presentation was given by Economic Development Director Jessica Sattler regarding the new website for

the City of Tecumseh. She and several others from City Hall worked together with web developers to make a website that is easy to use and gives citizens all of the necessary information.

"There is only one click," Sattler said. "You can see everything that you would need to go to."

With this upgrade, city em-

ployees can easily update the website to make sure that it has all current information. Sattler will continue to update the website in the coming weeks to make sure that it stays relevant in search engines.

Citizens can use this website to contact city hall personnel, find information about events in the city, and pay their tax and

utility bills. Businesses can also use the website to find information on economic development in Tecumseh.

In addition to these presentations, the City Council voted to award masonry and mechanical contracts for the Tecumseh Park bathrooms and to use the state revolving fund to finance the clean water projects in 2020.



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OPINION

# Clock's ticking as tax season looms

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It's that time of year again, when taxpayers across the country start thinking about filing their income tax forms and hoping they complete the process correctly. For those who prefer to have a professional cross all the t's and dot all the i's to ensure the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) receives an accurate tax return, there are local businesses that can help.

Chris Masters of Masters Accounting, Inc. and Masters Tax, LLC said the IRS began accepting e-filed individual income tax returns on Monday, Jan. 27. What documents do filers need to gather to get their income tax forms completed at his office? "This varies from client to client depending on their individual income tax situation," he said. "I work with each client individually to ensure they understand what we need and why we need it."

Besides preparing and filing individual, business and nonprofit tax returns, Masters provides tax planning for clients, working with the client's financial planners, attorneys and insurance providers to ensure they are in compliance with and taking advantage of current tax law.

John D. Lapham of Preferred Financial Solutions, LLC, provides clients with a list of items that may be helpful for their tax appointment. They include W-2 forms for all wages earned; student loan interest paid; property taxes paid, as well as those billed but not paid; a W-2G form for gambling winnings; Social Security cards for new dependents; income and expenses for self-employment; a 1095A form from the Health Insurance Marketplace; medical expenses if applicable; mortgage interest statements; 1099R forms for retirement income; educator expenses; license plate tabs; statements for daycare expenses; a 1098T form for tuition and fees expenses; receipts for charitable contributions; rental income and expenses; interest, dividend and

capital gains statements, and Social Security statements. These documents are also important for those who complete their own tax returns.

There are a few changes in this year's tax filing season, said Masters. "There are some additional due diligence requirements preparers must undertake this year, so don't be surprised if your preparer asks for additional documentation regarding dependents, filing status and credits," he said.

How can a taxpayer ensure they don't pay too much income tax throughout the year, or not enough? The IRS has a revised Form W-4 for 2020 as well as a comprehensive "withholding estimator" that taxpayers can use to estimate the correct withholding, which can be found at [irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator](http://irs.gov/individuals/tax-withholding-estimator). Masters said they help their clients fill out their federal and Michigan W-4 forms to ensure they are having the correct amount withheld.

For those hoping to receive a refund of excess taxes paid throughout the year, e-filing is the best way to get a return accepted quickly and to see that refund money sooner. According to Masters, the IRS estimates that nine out of 10 e-filed returns with direct deposit will be processed within 21 days of e-file acceptance. "In the past, I have seen refunds direct deposited in as little as 10 to 14 days," he said.

Other tips Masters had to share include providing your preparer with good records and detailed tax documentation and asking questions of your tax preparer. "An experienced and knowledgeable tax preparer can help you optimize your individual tax situation, saving you money and avoiding headaches down the road," he said. "Always file as early as possible."



Chris Masters



PHOTOS BY JACKIE KOCH

Emma Taylor (l) and Kalli VanBogelen, (left photo), members of the Tecumseh-Manchester Gymnastics team, practice on the balance beam at Tecumseh Gymnastics Academy; and Taylor (right photo) performs a flip during practice on Monday.

# Gymnasts give their best

By JACKIE KOCH  
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Tecumseh Gymnastics Academy (TGA) started in 2009 as an extension of the high school program at Tecumseh High School (THS), to give gymnasts a place to learn and practice their skills. Located at 7688 N. Adrian Hwy., the facility serves as the home base for the Tecumseh-Manchester Gymnastics team. Tecumseh has had a varsity program since 2001.

According to TGA owner and THS Gymnastics Head Coach Jennifer Posten, TGA has always had girls enrolled from other school districts, so when it came time for the two Manchester gymnasts to move into high school the TGA staff proposed to both schools to create a co-op team. "This was our first year as a co-op team, however most of our girls have been on a team together since elementary school," she said.

The team has two gymnasts from Manchester, Emma Taylor and Kalli VanBogelen, both freshmen. Posten said Manchester High School once had a co-op program with Napoleon High School, but has not had a gymnastics program for many years. Ann Arbor also has a co-op team but did not have a coach this year, so TGA also welcomed ninth-grader Emily Greene from Ann Arbor's Skyline High School. Tecumseh team members include seniors Brittney Kedziorek and Dani Macomber, junior Haley Talicska, sophomore Sydney Brown, and freshmen Ella Boatright and Jordyn Wright.

Posten has help from Assistant Coach Kirsten Seal, a former THS gymnast who has been coaching at TGA for eight years. The team practices five to six days each week, and even though they are from different schools, they are

a solid team. "They actually get along and relate really well, mostly because they all grew up in the gym together, but they spend time together outside of the gym too," said Posten.

The team is regional qualified and there have been several individual qualifiers, as well.

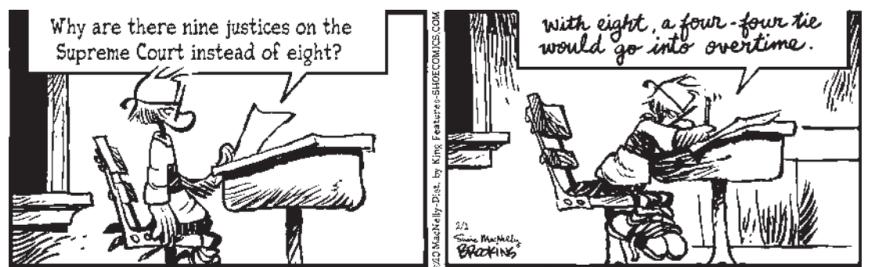
The TGA website quotes Posten, "As a coach it is my job to be a leader both in the gym and out, but also to guide my athletes to be strong leaders themselves by involving them in their training plans, skill goals, and team bonding. I strive to find balance between empowering athletes with ownership over their goals and plans, while maintaining structure and discipline to ensure productivity in their gymnastics career."

Team members and other gymnasts at the academy are expected to give the best of themselves even on hard days, and to be dedicated and committed to giving 100% effort. They are to maintain a balance of hard work, social interaction, and rest, both physically and mentally; be physically and mentally strong and to know when to take a break; and interact with grace and elegance with respect for the team, gym, coaches, parents, officials, and opponents.

Posten said she is happy to have been a part of having gymnastics at Tecumseh, and providing a place for young people to practice and learn the sport. "I am very passionate about gymnastics, but especially high school gymnastics. I think it's an important part of high school to be able to represent your school in the sport you love, so I am happy to be able to provide that opportunity for these girls," she said.

The Tecumseh-Manchester gymnastics team was 5-4 so far for the season before traveling Wednesday, Feb. 5 to Coldwater for a South Central Gymnastics League dual meet.

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## Tips from the Tecumseh/Lenawee LWV

### NEW VOTING RIGHTS

Citizens may register to vote right up to and including Election Day. Note: From the 14th day before and through Election Day at 8 p.m. (last two weeks before the election) it must be in person in your clerk's office.

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All citizens can register to vote if:

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- You are 18 years old or will be by Election Day
- You are not incarcerated on Election Day after being convicted and sentenced for a misdemeanor or a felony.

Please note the absentee ballot envelopes are a different color this year. The incoming envelope is what and blue and the outgoing ballot (mailed to your clerk) is green.

If you have received your absentee ballot with several candidates listed, you might want to hold on to the ballot until March 2 in case any of the candidates drop out of the primary.

### 2020 Census

The source for facts about the 2020 Census and Census rumors is the site: [2020CENSUS.GOV](http://2020CENSUS.GOV) If you have a question about the Census email: [rumsors@census.gov](mailto:rumsors@census.gov)

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Tecumseh's Jason Ardini shoots over two Maple defenders.

## THS boys basketball comes up short

On Friday, Jan. 31, the Tecumseh varsity boys basketball team hosted the Adrian Maples. The Indians won the conference game by a score of 54-40. Leading the Indians was Cormac Phelan with 20 points. Leading the Maples with a game high 25 points was Joe Francis. The Indians are home Friday, Feb. 7 to host Ypsilanti.

## Tecumseh second, Clinton third at cheer invitational

BY JEFF STEERS  
*Special writer*

The Tecumseh varsity cheer team finished second and Clinton placed third as the Indians hosted the Tecumseh Cheer Invitational on Saturday,

Feb. 1. The Indians celebrated senior day by placing second in the Division 2/3 competition at home.

Onsted cheer team won the upper division with a three-round score of 750.42. The

Indians were second with 690.48.

In the Division 4 competition, Clinton finished third behind Adrian Madison (717.4) and Blissfield (626.4). The Redskins finished with a three-round total of 625.84.



PHOTO BY JEFF STEERS

Members of the Tecumseh varsity cheer team compete during round three of the Tecumseh Invitational on Saturday.



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Sean Kelly of Tecumseh has signed with intention to play lacrosse at Siena Heights University. Pictured sitting (l-r), are mother Shawna, Sean, and father Michael Kelly. Standing are Steve Ayre, THS Boys lacrosse coach, Ed Maloney, SHU coach and Shawn Lewandowski, Betta Lax coach.

## Tecumseh wrestling celebrates two wins on senior night

On January 29, the Tecumseh Indians wrestling team hosted Ypsilanti and county rival Adrian on an exciting night highlighting seniors on Senior Night. The Indians defeated Ypsilanti in the opening match 51-18 in a match that saw Tecumseh go down early 9-0 in the first three matches before Ben Solis got the Indians on track with a fall in the first period. From that point forward Tecumseh really did not look back.

During a brief intermission the seniors were honored. Wrestling for the last time at home in Tecumseh were Victor Coscarelli, Lucas Petty, Nick Tincher, Olen Boatright, Cayce Leclerc, Deandre Blayer, Byron Tate, and Mychal Bryan. Coach George Lesko said, "These seniors are leading the way for our younger guys. I have had to count on them in a big way all season, and they have stepped up. Senior night is always an emotional experience for us, these young men have put so many hours of work in a very difficult and demanding sport, and it comes to an end so quickly for them. And no matter the level of success that they have experienced, they have earned our respect and the respect of the wrestling community. Their commitment in this sport will serve them well during the rest of their lives." Lesko continued, "In each senior night for many years now we have had a tradition for the seniors to sign the mat. We have a section of wrestling mat that the seniors have been signing since 2005. It has become a pretty special tradition."

In the second match of the evening the Indians defeated Adrian 50-24. As usual it was an exciting match up. The wrestlers on both sides provide an extra level of effort when it comes to the Tecumseh and Adrian dual. Lesko said, "I was very happy with the effort for both our younger and more experienced guys. The match of the evening was at weight class 135. Two of the higher level kids matched up, and Victor Coscarelli came out on top with a late escape in the match to win 3-2 against Ramiro Guerro of Adrian." Lesko continued, "Victor is very driven and focused right now, he is a senior

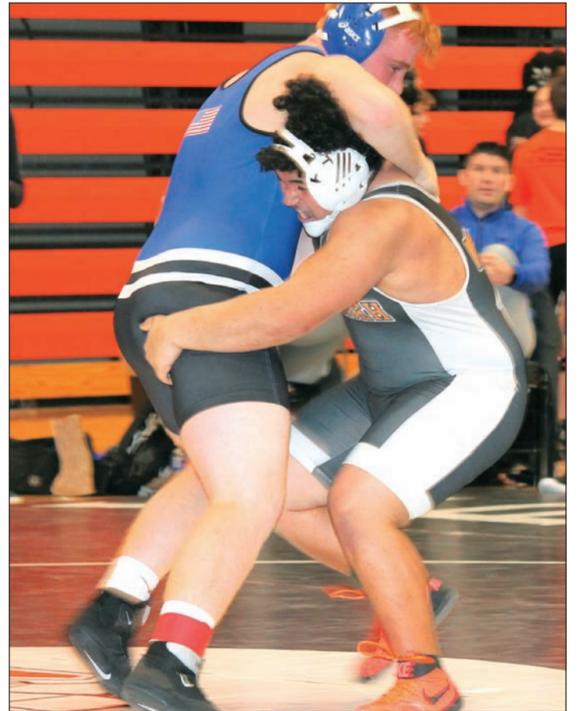


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Senior Byron Tate defeats Adrian's Connor Wimmer to start the match.



Tecumseh's Nick Tincher signs the Indian wrestling mat as part of "Senior Night" tradition.

on a mission. Ramiro is also a great wrestler and competitor, we knew it would be a great match. But, it was important that we got started off big in the match with Adrian and build on some momentum. And we got that from senior Byron Tate. Byron knew we needed a fast start and he provided that with

a fall over Connor Wimmer of Adrian at 215. So much of high school competition is momentum, and getting that kind of win early fired up our effort."

Going 2-0 on the night were Ben Solis, Bruce Rhodea, Coscarelli, Petty, Tincher, Brandon Rau, and Blayer.

## Redskins competitive cheer finishes third

Saturday, Feb. 1 proved to be a nail bitter finish for the Clinton Competitive Cheer team at Tecumseh. The Redskin girls took third place with a final score of 625.84, only .56 points behind the second place Blissfield Royal team score of 626.4. The tight race for second started in round one with the Clinton girls scoring 196.5 and the Royals scoring 196.6. The Royals took a slightly stronger lead in round two with a score of 183.8, and the Clinton girls scoring 177.74. The Redskin girls buckled down and scored a 254.6 with an eight point penalty in round three, beating the 246.0 Royal round three, but it just wasn't quite enough to clench the second place trophy.

Earlier last week the Clinton girls took a little dip in their

scores at the Hillsdale LCAA meet on January 29. Clinton scored 184 in round one, 161.98 in round two, but pushed through a rough night to get a round three score of 245.4, giving them a total score of 591.38 and a seventh place finish ahead of Dundee's score of 586.8. Though the Redskins aren't part of the LCAA league until next school year, the league was gracious to allow the team to join the league meets early as a way to introduce the team to the process, as the TCC does not currently have a Competitive Cheer League. The Redskin cheer squad want to thank all the teams of the LCAA for welcoming them to the fold. Clinton looks forward to being a part of a league that has such strong teams.



PHOTO BY JEFF STEERS

Clinton competitive cheer team finished third in the Division 4 competition at the Tecumseh Cheer Invitational on Saturday.

## Tecumseh gymnastics travel to Walled lake for two victories

On Friday, January 31 the Tecumseh-Manchester high school gymnastics team and Ann Arbor gymnastics team traveled to Walled Lake for a meet with Walled Lake Gold and Maroon. Tecumseh won with a 126.95 to Gold's 125.05 and Maroon's 125.35. Tecumseh freshman Jordyn

Wright won vault with a season high 9.05, followed by junior Haley Talicska in second (8.65), and Ann Arbor's Emily Greene in third (8.6). Wright also won bars with a 7.525 and beam with a 8.3 and was second on floor with her 8.55.

Tecumseh-Manchester is 5-4 for this season.

## BD boys basketball defeats Whiteford

On January 31, Britton Deerfield varsity boys basketball team won their home conference game against Whiteford by a score of 70-41.

**SPORTS**

# 10 Redskins crowned county champs

The Clinton wrestling team had 14 entries into the county tournament for the most in school history on Friday, Jan. 31 at Adrian College. The team then went on a historic run at the championships that featured 12 Redskins making the championship match round and 10 winning the title for the most from one school in county history.

Connor Busz, Chase Packard, Landis Gillman, AJ Baxter, Kent McCombs, Spencer Konz, Brayden Randolph, Logan Badge, Jack Voll, and Will Felts all claimed titles. Zak Shadley and Ethan Younts finished second in their weight classes. Noah Deshano was third and George Ames was fourth. Busz won his title by defeating the #3 ranked wrestler in the state in overtime 5-3. Packard upset the #4 ranked wrestler in the state in his semi-finals match before winning a barn-burner in the finals 14-13. Gillman was able to win his title with a 5-4 decision over the #6 ranked wrestler.

Baxter got an 11-6 win and then 5-0 decision in the final over the #6 and #5 ranked wrestlers in the state. McCombs needed just 26 seconds to win his title getting a pin over his opponent early in the final match. Konz earned his



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Clinton Redskin team members makes school history by having 14 wrestlers qualify for Lenawee County championship tournament held at Adrian College January 31.

title with a 1-0 decision over the #6 ranked wrestler in the state. Randolph won his third straight county title with a 5-3 decision over the #8 ranked wrestler in the state.

In the 189-pound final it was #1 vs. #2 in Division 3 and Badge was able to pull out the decision 1-0. Badge earned upper weight Most Valuable Wrestler for his efforts. Voll dominated his way to the title with two second

period pins to claim his title at 215. Felts capped the night off for the Redskins with his second of two pins to earn his second straight title at 285.

Earlier in the night Younts erased a 7-2 deficit to start the third period with a flurry of late takedowns to tie it at nine and push it to overtime, where he was able to secure one more takedown to advance to the finals. Shadley got a pin in the

semi-finals to earn his way to the title match where he finished second. At 160 Deshano rebounded from a tough loss in his semi-final match to get a pin in 1:43 for third.

It ended a great night that saw Casey Randolph, Clinton assistant coach, be inducted into the Hall of Fame for Lenawee County. The team will travel to Madison for a tournament on Saturday, Feb. 8.

# Tecumseh swimming

The Tecumseh boys swim team competed against the Jackson boys swim team on Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Tecumseh Community Pool. The final score was Jackson 127, Tecumseh 46. Tecumseh ended the day with two first place finishes by Giovanni Lore, one in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.79 and the other in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 59.09. The boys also

put up seven season best times, including two high school career best times. High school career best times included Max Gilbert in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:33.19 and Noah Manuszak in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:20.72. The Tecumseh boys will next compete against Adrian on Thursday, Feb. 6 at home (the Tecumseh Community Pool) at 6 p.m.

# THS girl bowlers move to 8-1 on season

On Monday, Feb. 3, the Tecumseh High School (THS) bowling teams traveled to the Whitmore Lanes to bowl the Pirates of Pinckney. The Tribe came away with victories for each team. The THS varsity girls moved their season record to 8-1 with a 21-9 win. THS junior Liza Verrier pitched a strong 227 game. Tecumseh sophomore Abby Werden fired a 212 game to help secure the victory. The THS boys varsity moved their season record to 4-5 with their 27-3 victory over the Pirates. THS junior Brendan Stolaruk rolled a crushing 265 game to lead the Tribe to victory. Sophomore Tyson Tennyson rolled a 199 game.

The THS JV girls won their match 23-7. Tecumseh junior Megan Warren led the girls with games of 160 and 173.

Last Friday the Indians bowling teams traveled to Maplewood Lanes, to bowl the Hornets of Saline. The lady Tribe defeated Saline, 28-2. THS senior Kaylee Pinter led the team with a strong 226 game. The boys didn't fair too well against their Saline opponents. The Hornets earned a 26-4 win against Tribe in the SEC competition. Tecumseh junior Jack Burnett had two games of 214 and 213 to help the Tribe's cause. THS junior Hunter Rapaich pitched a 213 game, as well.

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EDUCATION



Emma Eldred  
6th Grade

# Youthful ART



Julian Martinez  
Kindergarten

By **JACKIE KOCH**  
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The featured artist at the Tecumseh District Library is not one, but many artists just starting out in their creative endeavors. Students from Compass Learning Center completed projects as part of the standard curriculum, and the results are colorful and expressive works of art.

Art teachers Ashley LaVoy and Jesse LaFountain worked with third and fourth grade students to create the projects. The third grade has a Michigan Landscape project on display, which connects to their classroom learning about the state. Each student chose a Michigan landmark like Sleeping Bear Dunes or Pictured Rocks and used India ink and layered oil pastel to make an image.

The third grade also worked on a snowflake project, which features the art concept of layering different media such as liquid watercolor, colored glue, glitter, and paper collage. Fourth grade students created paper mache Alebrijes, which are a type of Mexican folk art made largely popular from the Pixar movie "Coco."

Student artists featured in the display are third grade students Wyatt Soule, Jaden Wilson and Olivia Gray. Fourth grade students with art featured are Deagan LaFountain, Caroline Eldredge, Penne Schuyler and Leana Taynor.

Third grader Brooke Hayes enjoyed working on her project. "I liked the steps we used to make it and the layered look," she said. "I also liked when you cut out the snowflakes it made these cool designs which made our artwork look cooler."

"I liked how you could put whatever you want on the paper and you didn't need to use a stencil or use certain colors," said third grade student Ava Zimmer. "You could make it look

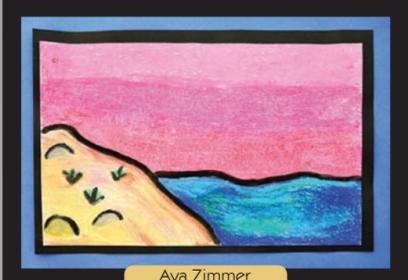
like you would want it to look. I liked how you could add texture too."

Isla Wager, another third grader, said, "I liked that you could use glue to make the snowflakes and add layers with iridescent glitter and fake snow. When you put on the watercolor it kind of exploded on our paper which I liked."

"I liked hopping my brush around the paper like a crazy bunny!" said kindergartener Aubree Gwilt, and first grader Qortni Freiburger said, "I enjoy learning about art. I liked making the winter collage. It looks pretty!"

Other students with art on display include Young Five student Noah Sharpe; kindergarten students Lilah Keller, Hank Schmidt, Rielyn Jarvela, Trinity Menzel and Julian Martinez; first grade students Declan Blanchard, Grayson Calvin, Kennedy Lenart, Avariece Bagrowski, Audrey Pawlisch and David Merrell III; fifth graders Piper Holtz and Lucas Westgate; and sixth graders Kellen Cadieux, Lindsey Justice, Emma Eldred and Gavin Jones.

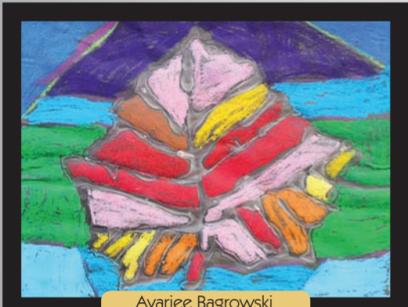
The artwork will be on display through the end of February, and can be seen at the library at 215 N. Ottawa St. from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.



Ava Zimmer  
3rd Grade



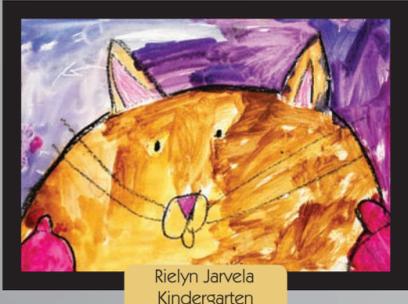
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Avariece Bagrowski  
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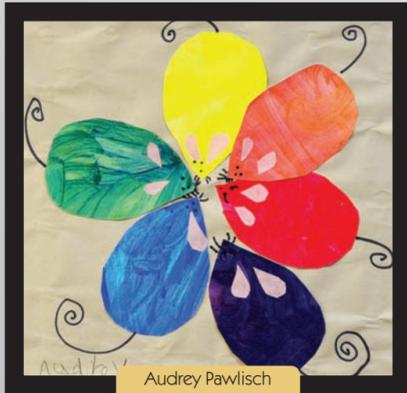
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Hank Schmidt  
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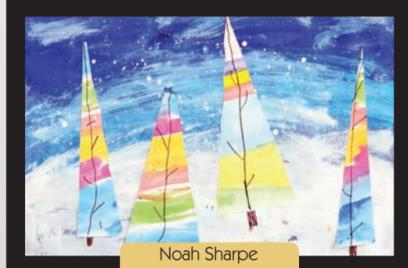
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Lilah Keller  
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Brooke Hayes  
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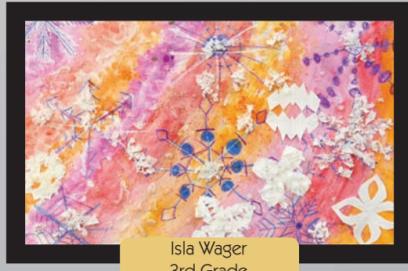
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Young Fives



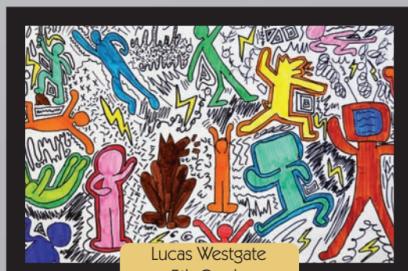
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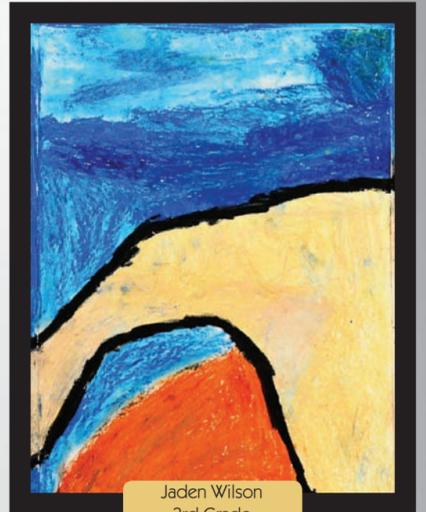
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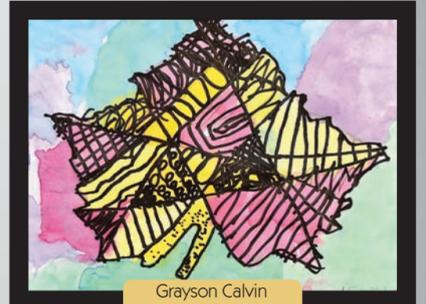
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Lucas Westgate  
5th Grade



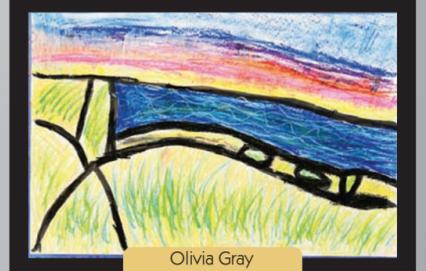
Jaden Wilson  
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Grayson Calvin  
1st Grade



Kennedy Lenart  
1st Grade

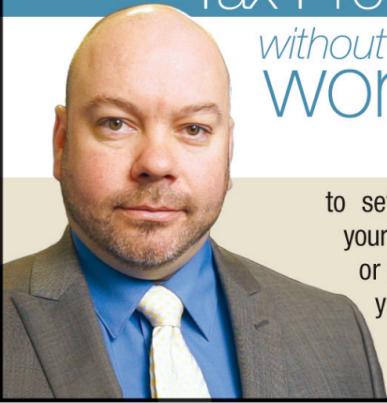


Olivia Gray  
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Trinity Menzel  
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An application for a variance has been filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals by:

**PAL Eastside Inc**, 413 E. Chicago Blvd, Tecumseh, MI 49286. The property is located in a Downtown Edge District (B-2). This request, if approved, would allow a drive thru entry sign to be located closer than 20' from a side property line of an adjacent residential district. Thus, a 13-foot setback variance is being requested.

The Board, under certain conditions and safeguards, has the authority to grant the request.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals will receive any written comments on the above appeal at the meeting place and time specified above or you may mail to: City of Tecumseh, 309 E. Chicago Blvd., PO Box 396, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

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Dated: January 29, 2020  
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Foreclosing Assignee (if any): American Advisors Group
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Date of Mortgage Recording: June 5, 2018
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$80,794.51

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Common street address (if any): 5261 Macon Hwy, Tecumseh, MI 49286-0619
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## Questions and Answers

By Aden Mead, President  
Board of Education

(Following is a sampling of some questions asked by interested folks at recent public meetings about Tuesday's school election. Questions here are ones asked most often.)

### We Oppose "Frills" Which We Have Seen in Many School Buildings. How "Frilly" Do You Propose to Make the New High School?

We have never favored "Frills" or excessive ornamentation in any of our buildings. We believe if you will inspect the elementary buildings which have been constructed in recent years, this will be borne out. We have chosen the same firm of architects to design the buildings who have designed Patterson, Tipton, Tecumseh Acres and the new Sutton School. This is a firm which specializes in school design, and we believe their ideas are sound and practical. However, we might say in defense of some of the features such as glazed tile walls in many places where cement block could have been used, or terrazzo floors where asbestos tile might have been used, that we have also considered long wear and economy of maintenance. Sometimes putting a little better material at the beginning costs less in the long run and looks much better without excessive maintenance costs for a much longer period of time.

### With Building Costs Rising and Interest Rates Going Up, Wouldn't It Be Better to Wait and Launch This Program After Our Economy Has "Cooled Off"?

Building contractors, investment brokers and economists

whom we have consulted all seem to agree that costs are due to rise steadily for some time to come. Figures we have at hand which show that costs per square foot of school building have risen each year since 1950 seem to prove this. Under the circumstances we feel it is foolish to wait, since cost next year or the year after will surely be more than they are now. Another factor to consider is what our needs are now; if we wait longer our problems of space will be compounded.

### Why Do You Consider Such a Long Bonding Period as 30 Years?

First of all, it does not necessarily mean that we will use the full 30-year period as set up, since as our property evaluation rises as a result of new building in the area within the next few years, we will be collecting more money at the same rate. This will enable us to pay off the bond issue faster, as we have done with every building we have built. None of our previous bond issues went the full length of time. However, there is something further to be said in favor of a long-term bond issue. This makes it possible to extend the payment for building facilities to new families who will be enjoying these buildings for years to come. In this way, the one generation of parents are not asked to build buildings which otherwise might be used free of purchase payment by parents of children who will be enjoying them many years hence. It is a method of spreading the responsibility over a larger group of parents.

### I Understand Your High School Classes Average About 30 to 35 Students Each. Then

### Why Do You Say the High School is "Overcrowded"?

It is true that we have tried to keep down class size in order to maintain the best possible teaching situation. Certainly a teacher can give more time to individuals in a smaller class. But, when we refer to overcrowding, we are referring to the number of students who must pass through narrow corridors and narrow stairs which were originally designed to handle less than half the number of students they are now handling. Also, in order to prevent over crowding of classrooms, we have had to put many more students in study halls each period. Our main library study hall is now crowded far beyond its original capacity, and we have had to set up auxiliary study halls which have more than 150 students during some periods of the day. If the size of our study halls were cut down, we would not have classrooms enough to accommodate the students.

### What Will Happen If the Bond Issue Does Not Pass?

We suppose that we will just have to try again at a later date, because the problem just will not go away merely by our turning our backs to it. Since the projected completion date of a new high school is 1973, we can see many problems becoming acute long before that time. If our high school continues to grow, we would probably have to undertake half-day sessions with one group of students going to school from 7 to 12 and another group from 12:30 to 5:30, or similar hours. We are now operating a 7-hour day in high school in order to accommodate all students, and we cannot lengthen the day since this would not accomplish our purpose for all pupils in school cer-

tain periods of the day. It would also mean continuing use of sub-standard rooms in our present Junior High and probably a return to some sub-standard rooms for elementary students.

### Why Will Building a New High School Relieve Over Crowding in Our Elementary Schools?

The new high school is only part of the package program. Also included is a remodeling program for the present High School to make it into a Middle School for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This will allow us to pull all 6th grade students from our elementary buildings and to use those rooms vacated for other elementary students. This in itself is the equivalent of building one new Elementary Building.

### If the Present High School Now Accommodates Over 1,000 Students, Why Do You Need to Make it Larger in Order to Handle Several Hundred Fewer Middle School Students?

Like our present Junior High, a Middle School does not operate similar to a High School. In a Middle School each student is in a class room each period — there are no study halls. Supervised study is handled within each class room. So you need more rooms to handle the number of students who will be involved. Also, newer teaching methods which include team-teaching and closed circuit television requires that rooms can be opened up by sliding walls so that several groups of students can be brought together on occasion for special group study. Fixed walls and fixed room sizes in our present high school building do not allow this.

## Clean City Hall for \$350 a Month

P and R Janitorial Service was given a six-month contract for cleaning city hall by Council Monday night.

Cal Zorn, city manager, told officials that it was costing the city about \$400 per month plus materials at the present, and the janitorial service would do it for \$350 per month, including materials.

## Control System for Five Wells Is Authorized

Purchase of a well pumping control station for five wells was approved by Council Monday night.

A low bid of \$7,110 was accepted. Ralph Sager, local electrician, will be employed for wiring and installation, estimated to run \$500.

Control center will be located at the wastewater plant with emergency signals at the police station.



**COOKIE SALE BEGINS** — Herald staffer, Mrs. Robert Hunt, accepts delivery on the tasty new "Frostie" cookie, one of several kinds being sold by Girl Scouts Cathy Retan, 12, center and her sister, Brownie Connie Retan, 8. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Retan, N. Maiden Lane. Mrs. Loyd Slagh is chairman of the Girl Scout cookie sale, which began last Saturday.

## VOICE of THE HERALD

### Miracle Is Needed

Only a blizzard or a miracle will pass next Tuesday's eight mills for a \$9.7 million construction program for the Tecumseh schools.

There is practically little or no support for the program, although most will agree that the schools need a new high school — or a bond issue will be passed "some-time" for a new high school.

The fact that many agree that a new high school is justified, or that a bond issue will be approved in the future, would indicate a vote of confidence in the local schools. It won't happen, though.

Tuesday's school program is doomed for defeat, only to reappear in the future. Perhaps, as Monroe voters have discovered, it will come again before the electorate at a greater cost to the voters themselves.

We can defeat the bond issue

and appreciate the reality that "another" school tax will not be tacked on to what is already a tax burden. Or, we can approve the bond issue, and breathe a bit easier, realizing that what we did was necessary, for the good of education and our youngsters, and at a far lesser cost than what may be necessary in the future.

Tecumseh is going to have a new high school, one we can be proud of. We are going to vote for a new high school, and vote the extra millage necessary to build one.

It may not be eight mills we act upon, but we are going to pass the necessary millage — perhaps 10, 11, or 12 mills — for that new school. It may be in 1972. It may be in 1975.

Why not face our problems now and pass the millage next Thursday?

## Firemen Opposing Move of Station

Although plans for years have placed a new city fire station at city hall, such may not be the case. The subject was brought up at Council Monday night, and though it was apparently decided previously that a new station would be located at city hall, officials now appeared not so sure.

Wallace MacGeorge, fire chief, presented a letter to each official, expressing the department's opinion about moving from its present location on South Evans St.

He cited where volunteer firemen live in relation to a city hall site, the time which would be lost in traveling to city hall, additional busy intersections which firemen would have to cross in unmarked cars, need of full-time firemen, and the greater population in the west section of town.

"We have stated in the past that we would rather operate as an efficient department in the old building, than be part of a show place at city hall — we

still feel this way," remarked the fire chief in his letter.

It has been no rumor that most firemen do not want the station to be relocated at city hall. In his letter, MacGeorge reported that some men on the department will drop out of the station is moved.

He said that when a major change in policy or change in location is in the planning, "we would assume the changes would in some way improve the service, or be more economical to operate, or have some major advantage to warrant a change. In my opinion, this is not the case in relocating the fire station at City Hall."

Cal Zorn, city manager, told Council that he was simply carrying out plans that were made before he came to Tecumseh. He said original plans had called for the station to be relocated and built adjacent to city hall, and that he had known nothing about changing these plans.

He referred to MacGeorge's letter and told officials that perhaps we had better take another

look "if firemen are going to quit the department."

City officials discussed the advantages and disadvantages of traffic to the present station and to city hall, the efficiency at both stations, the possibility of rebuilding the north section of the present station, and a station now scheduled for the architectural drawings at city hall.

At the present Tecumseh has three full-time drivers and firemen, four auxiliary firemen and 16 volunteers.

Although most of Council's discussion took into consideration Mr. MacGeorge's letter, the fire chief was present at the meeting, answered a few questions, and invited the Council to the department's regular meeting Tuesday night.

Three Councilmen, Harold Easton, Don Sunderland and Ray Puffer, attended the firemen's meeting and generally agreed that if the firemen wanted the station at its present site, there was no reason why it couldn't stay there.



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**FACE BIGGEST TEST** — Tecumseh wrestlers, undefeated in the Huron League, face their stiffest test this Thursday evening when a likewise undefeated team from Flat Rock invades the local gym. Jayvee matches will start at 6:30 and the varsity at eight o'clock. Steve Tilton, one of Coach Pat Connors' top wrestlers, is shown here in a recent match and has gained a big advantage. He and his teammates will have their hands full against the Rams in what Connors calls a toss-up. Tecumseh will defend its league crown at Blissfield on Feb. 14.

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