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Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation awards first scholarships

By Jackie Giroux
Reporter

On Saturday, July 15 during an afternoon event that was held at the Toledo Suburban Airport, located at 4383 Section Rd. in Ottawa Lake, two recipients were awarded scholarships by the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation.

Inclement weather cancelled some of the activities that were planned for the event.

"The award ceremony was held inside with about 70 people attending. We recognized the four finalists from the scholarship program and awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to the flight schools of the two scholarship winners," said Mike Franceus, founder of the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation and Debbie's husband.

The criteria to be considered for one of the scholarships was that the applicant be female, and active aviation student with a need of resources. They had to have a passion for aviation with that passion reflected in what they wrote in the application.

Board members that selected the finalists and the scholarship recipients are: Mike Franceus, chair, Rick Stansley, Gary Swann and Suzette Biela.

Receiving one of the scholarships was Alanna Snyr of Jackson, who is getting her flight training at Sky Walker Flying in Adrian. Alanna grew up with an air strip with sky-diving across the road from her home. Her uncle took her flying and she was hooked.

"The 25-year-old was a special ed teacher. She quit

teaching so she could get licensed and fly full time. She wants to fly commercial airlines," Franceus said.

Also receiving a scholarship was Anupama Kar who flies out of Crosswinds Aviation in Howell. She is from India and working on getting her citizenship. When she was a young girl her dad gave her a remote control airplane which led to an interest in flying.

"Anupama is a mechanical engineering tech associate graduate of U of M where she currently teaches. She wants to be a fighter pilot in the Air Force," Franceus said.

Each of the four finalists received a certificate of appreciation during the ceremony. "Only seven percent of all pilots are female," Franceus said. As an aviatrix who earned her PPL (personal pilot license) on July 9, 2021 at the age of 63, Debbie Franceus was in this small percentage.

Debbie lost a 10-month battle with breast cancer earlier this year in January. "She was diagnosed with triple negative invasive ductal carcinoma, the least treatable form of breast cancer," Franceus said. To keep her aviation legacy alive, Franceus who lives in Temper-



The finalists for the first scholarships awarded by the Debbie Franceus Aviation Foundation with the certificates they received, l to r: Anupama Kar, Alanna Snyr, Mike Franceus, foundation founder and Debbie's husband, Megan Schittenhelm and Destany Parker. Anupama Kar and Alanna Snyr were the scholarship recipients.

ance, founded the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation.

Debbie graduated from Kirtland College in Grayling in 1978 with a nursing degree. In recent years she was a clin-

ical operative specialist with ProMedica at their downtown Toledo location. She has three grown children and nine grandchildren.

Franceus said he always had the desire to fly and got his li-

cense in 1980. "We got married on September 23, 1978 and before we got a house we were looking to buy a plane." He added that purchasing a plane did not happen at that time.

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Debbie Franceus got her pilot license at the age of 63. With a passion for aviation, she believed all women with the desire should have the resources to be able to learn to fly.



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BEDFORD PRESS BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Stop in at the new location for The Letterman Ink & Threads and see all they have to offer!

Jenn and Howie Scally purchased H & S Sports from Pam Norton in August 2021 and changed the name to *The Letterman Ink & Threads*. "When we moved our business to Lambertville, we expanded our business to include a retail showroom," Howie said. It was not long and *The Letterman* had a good problem to have!

The Letterman Ink & Threads had outgrown its production and showroom space, due to all of the welcoming community support. Together with their employees, they decided it was time to move to be more productive and efficient.

"We have the best team of employees around!" Jenn said. "Coming to work really feels like we are with our family all day! We try to laugh and make the best of each day together!"

Howie said, "We grew out of our space. We just moved from the corner of Summerfield and Secor roads to 8122 Secor Rd. in Lambertville. We are next to Sidelines in the Hometown Plaza." A ribbon cutting ceremony was held during the morning of Thursday, June 20 with family members, clients and employees in attendance.

The Letterman took two connecting spaces in the plaza and knocked down walls to allow the business to have a large showroom with products on display. "People are surprised that it is this large when they visit us," Jenn said.

One difference is the addition of items people can stop in to purchase when they need a gift for someone. Part of the retail space has been designated for gifts. "We are adding unique Michigan and Ohio themed gifts, jewelry and a brand called Natural Life. They have chic, positive accessories and gifts.

Items can be personalized by embroidery with a name, initials, or logo. Examples of some gift items include: blan-

kets, towels, hats, polo shirts, jackets, bags and more!

Additionally, *The Letterman* can creatively help bring your brand to life! They can assist their clients with graphic design, marketing, printing, custom apparel, embroidery, and promotional products.

Jenn is a graphic designer by trade and they also employ multiple graphic designers. If a new business needs a logo design, letterhead, t-shirt or a custom umbrella designed, one of the graphic designers can work one-on-one with the client and create something unique and professional.

"If your name's on it, we can print it," Howie said. *The Letterman Ink & Threads* can print corporate business stationary, envelopes, business cards and office forms. "We do business signs and pop-up shade canopies with logos on them as well," he added.

The Letterman can assist businesses with promotional products that can be employee gifts or items to hand out to customers. "We can print items like can Koozies, custom pens, tumblers, nice custom calendars, and so much more," Howie said.

Varsity jackets are also a large part of their business at *The Letterman*. "We embroider many different Michigan and Ohio varsity jackets and in fact have about 13 schools in stock right now," he said. The business serves schools within about a 60-mile radius.

An additional service that *The Letterman* offers is online apparel stores for teams, businesses or schools. No job is too big or too small. Jenn said, "We can do one or 100 shirts. We take a design from start to finish in a timely manner. We like to hear our customers' ideas and bring them to life."

"We are going into our busiest time of year for our business as kids are going



Jenn and Howie Scally and son Gavin at the June 20 ribbon cutting ceremony for their business, *The Letterman Ink & Threads*, open in their new location at 8122 Secor Rd. in Lambertville.



The move to *The Letterman's* new location allows for more room for a large showroom with products on display. Unique gift items have been added to what the business offers. Customers can walk in and purchase a gift for a family member or a friend.

back to school and people begin Christmas shopping," Howie said. If you want to give something that is one-of-a-kind with personalization, keep *The Letterman Ink & Threads* in mind for Christmas shopping for apparel, including varsity jackets, and other items, that can be embroidered or printed.

The Scally's enjoy being business owners and especially enjoy talking with customers that come through their doors.

Jenn grew up in Bedford and is a Notre Dame graduate. Howie grew up in Toledo and graduated from Catholic Central. The couple have a background in corporate design, printing and apparel since 1993. Before becoming entrepreneurs, Jenn was a graphic design manager for Xerox and Howie was in corporate healthcare sales.

They are parents to four children. "We have raised four kids in Bedford: Madalin and Olivia are grown, Gavin is in college and Quinn is a freshman in high school," Howie said. Gavin works at the business when school and sports allow and so has Quinn on a limited basis.

Business hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. In the fall there will be a weeknight where they are open until 7:30 p.m. "*The Letterman* is always available for after-hours appointments if people want to schedule," Howie said.

For questions or more information, call *The Letterman Ink & Threads* at (734) 847-3881, visit their website at <http://www.lettermanclub.com> or find them on Facebook.

"Bedford has been very supportive of us. We have been blessed to be in this community," Jenn said.

"We would like to thank everyone who has supported us, and invite them to see what we have to offer in our new location," Howie added.

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Born on "Paper Day" ... Third-generation Daggett joins staff at Bedford Press

By Jackie Giroux
Reporter

Bedford Press owner/editor Karen Daggett is proud that with the recent addition of her granddaughter to the staff, three generations of Daggetts will be involved in the operations and publication of the free bi-weekly paper. Other staff members include Loretta Thieroff and Jackie Giroux, who have been with the paper for many years.

"My granddaughter Briana Daggett-Dierkes is the third-generation of Daggetts now working," Karen said. Karen's daughter Dawn Daggett and son Daniel Daggett comprise the second generation.

Briana will be performing a wide variety of jobs for the paper. "She will finish putting the Bedford Press on email billing to help save time and cut costs. She will work on finding more story ideas, taking pictures, sales, ad design, formatting, proof-reading, and helping wherever needed. She is very creative and loves detail," Karen said.

For over 15 years, after closing the Lambertville office in the Old Schoolhouse, Karen has been running/coordinating the paper out of her Lambertville home office. "When we started doing everything online and by phone, there was no need for an open office. Everyone works remotely and emails their information to us," Karen explained.



Briana Daggett-Dierkes has joined the staff of the Bedford Press, making three generations of Daggett's currently involved with the operations and publication of the paper.

"I will be working in the 'office' and working from home. Working from my grandma's is giving me a more hands-on view of everything, and I have been learning a lot of great information from her and Loretta," Briana said.

Having a grandma that spent time with her, patiently showing and explaining different aspects of the paper, fostered Briana's interest in the paper as she was growing up.

"I grew up going to the office with my mom and grandma when I was younger. It was my first job and I got to use a time

clock to punch my time card. It was great!" Briana said.

"I remember going to the BBA Trade Fairs or just local events, and she would be taking pictures and would always show me what it looked like once it was printed. I found it interesting to see it in print," Briana said. "She would always say 'that would be a great story' about various things."

Briana is excited about this next chapter in her life – joining the Bedford Press staff. "My grandma has been doing this since before I was born, and it has always been around me. I love working with her and learning about what she has built and what has been a huge part of my family's life. I have been interested in helping/working for the paper for years!" she said.

Briana is the daughter of Dawn Daggett. Briana and her husband, Chris Dierkes, live in Wyandotte, MI. Together they have three children: Addison (16), McKenna (12), and Willow Dawn (13 months).

Briana went to school to obtain an education in business, worked for a major corporation, and ran her own business for three years, leaving to have a baby in 2022.

The Bedford Press is in its 38th year. The first issue was delivered to homes, and newspaper stands on February 24, 1986. Karen founded the paper to focus on the positive and good things about Bedford Township, including human

interest stories. This focus has continued all these years.

The main story for that first issue was the announcement of plans for the school building on the corner of Monroe and Secor roads, which became the Olde Schoolhouse Commons – a positive for the business environment in the township and the residents.

Briana will call on new and established businesses to introduce herself and point out the benefits of advertising in the Bedford Press. She will also look for those positive and/or human-interest stories.



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FISH TALES ... AND OTHER STORIES



Fishin' in the rain

By Lew Horn
Feature Columnist

In the the midst of summer dog days, hot sunny weather usually drives fish into the depths, where they sulk and make angling difficult. What's the solution? Well fishing at low light helps; right at sunrise or just after sunset can be very productive. But there is another option – fish on rainy days.

Twice in the last month I have been able to find some pretty nice fish during a rain-storm. I'm not talking about thunderstorms! If you see lightning or even hear thunder, get off the water. Lightning is attracted to the tallest object, which happens to be you if you're in a boat on the water. The best situation is a nice all-day rain or even a day with off-and-on showers.

Why do fish bite better on a rainy day? A couple of theories: first, all the clouds deaden the bright summer sun, so fish are likely move nearer to the sur-

face. They don't mind the rain as they're not going to get any wetter; but sunlight will drive them deep, both to both cool off and get some cover. Many people believe a falling barometer will also make fish active.

Raindrops often knock bugs into the water, treating fish to an unexpected feast. Runoff from streams will also carry worms and other tasty morsels. When the smaller fish start snatching insects, the bigger fish begin snatching the smaller ones. If you're there when this feeding frenzy starts, you will find the fishing fast and furious.

In mid-July, two of my grandkids, Jack and Ali, were spending a week with us at our cottage. We had caught a few nice fish, but things were slowing down. Then the rain came. We sat out the heavy downpours, but when a break came, we ventured out.

We headed to a little bay with a nice drop-off and found the smallmouth to be super active. In just over an hour, we



Ali shows off a nice rainy-day smallmouth.

landed eight beauties, with each of us landing one over twenty inches. And we lost a few good ones on jumps too. Then the rain picked up and we heard a few rumbles of thunder, so we headed home. During that one hour of fishing, a break in the downpours saved the day!

Fast-forward a week and grandsons Marcus and Matt came up for a short visit. They only had two days to fish and the first one produced a steady rain. Since there was no thunder or lightning, I broke out the rain gear and we headed out. We started at an abandoned dock and caught a few rock bass and one little smallmouth. Matt had a pike remove his plastic worm, but not much else happened. We moved to a point, but the wind pushed us around, so I decided to try the same little bay I had success on the week before. It was on the North shore and sheltered from the wind, so we could anchor and carefully fish the area. The action wasn't quite as fast, but pretty darned good. Each of the boys got a fish in the twenty-inch range, and we landed a few more around fifteen or sixteen inches.

Again, the rain and wind chased us off, but after supper it let up and we convinced the boys' mom and dad to join us. We tried a drop-off and caught

several nice rock bass; then Matt hooked a big fish. After a few nice jumps, a hefty smallmouth came to the net. It was Matt's biggest ever, a little over 20 inches and although we didn't weigh it, it would have topped five pounds.

The next day's weather was a complete turn-around. The rain cleared and the sun beat down; and you guessed it, we couldn't buy a bite. Fishing the same areas, same baits, we got skunked. We even hit another lake and emptied the tackle box trying every lure – same result. So, we switched to swimming and kayaking to cool off.

As evening approached, we tried again. In an hour of hard fishing, Marcus landed one smallie. But rock bass helped us salvage the night. They aren't as picky as smallmouth and pike, so we had some fun with them. A few little smallmouths joined the rockies and we all got to watch a nice sunset, so all was not lost.

As I write this, our guests are all gone, and once more the rain and thunder have returned, but if it clears up later, I have a spot I might just visit!

We hope you are enjoying this column. If you have any questions for Lew, please email them to BedfordPress@aol.com.



Matt and Marcus gear up for wet weather.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Macon Creek Antiques & Collectibles announce new business hours

Macon Creek Antiques & Collectibles, located at 8952 Lewis Ave. in Temperance, will now be open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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BEDFORD VETERANS CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Kathy Torony

The Bedford Veterans Center (BVC) invites you to buy a brick to honor the service of your family and friends who have served or are serving. The engraved bricks are 4" x 8" and will be installed on the front exterior of the Bedford Veterans Center.

A donation of \$150 per brick will memorialize your loved one for years to come. There is a limit of one name per brick. You may purchase as many bricks as you would like. The bricks can honor living or deceased veterans and active-duty military.

Forms will be available at the Center, located at 8020 Lewis Ave. in Temperance. For questions call (734) 224-7032.

We now have three Veteran Service Officers at the BVC. If you have questions regarding veteran or veterans' widows claims or benefits, please call to make an appointment.

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3. Lewis Ave., larceny, theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories
4. Buerk Dr., domestic violence, non-aggravated assault
5. S. Telegraph Rd., break enter, burglary forced entry
6. S. Telegraph Rd., break enter, damage to property
7. Crabb Rd., unlawful driving away an automobile, motor vehicle theft
8. Crabb Rd., unlawful driving away an automobile, burglary entry without force (intent)
9. Temperance Rd., disturbance, disorderly conduct
10. Temperance Rd., malicious destruction of property, damage to property
11. Lewis Ave., OUIL or OUID
12. Consear Rd., warrant, obstructing justice
13. Consear Rd., domestic violence, non-aggravated assault
14. Summerfield Rd., juvenile runaway
15. Lewis Ave., fraud-bad checks

JULY 23-JULY 29, 2023

1. Wembly Ct., unlawful driving away an automobile, motor vehicle theft
2. Smith Rd., unlawful driving away an automobile, motor vehicle theft
3. Bennington Rd., larceny-theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories
4. Oldbury St., domestic violence, non-aggravated assault
5. Bedford Dr., larceny-theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories
6. stalking, intimidation/stalking
7. Oldbury St., violation of bond, obstructing justice
8. Taylor Ave., fraud-false pretense/swindle/confidence game
9. Lewis Ave., fraud-credit card/ATM
10. S. Telegraph Rd., family offense, non-aggravated assault
11. Camden Ln., fraud-identity theft
12. Douglas Rd., stalking, intimidation/stalking
13. Marlow Dr., domestic violence, non-aggravated assault
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OLMC holding weekly adult religious education classes

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes are being held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church (OLMC), located at 8330 Lewis Ave. in Temperance on Monday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. throughout the year.

The classes are free and open to Catholics as well as anyone with an interest from other denominations.

The classes are being let by Deacon Marty Selmec and team. The OCIA program is an ongoing learning and a journey of the Catholic teachings to learn more about the faith. As a person learns and grows, hopefully it will conclude with baptism, traditionally at Easter time.

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What were those red bags recently seen alongside Bedford's roadways?



Bedford Township Lions Club members, l to r: John Cousino, Bob Cook, Roxann Satkowski, John Satkowski and Andy Nieman picked up trash on the club's designated stretch of road for the Adopt-A-Road program. This is the second planned pick-up of the season. The next and final one for the year will be at the end of September.

By Jackie Giroux
Reporter

Some of Bedford's residents were recently speculating about the red bags they were seeing alongside Bedford's main roadways.

Thanks to the work put in by Gail Keane, Bedford has a very active Adopt-A-Road program in conjunction with the Monroe County Road Commission. Keane, a long-time volunteer with Adopt-A-Road, successfully coordinates the volunteers with roads so that all areas of the township with qualifying roads are covered.

Volunteers from businesses and groups/organizations are assigned a designated stretch of roadway that is marked with a sign with their name. They commit to pick up trash three times during the warm weather season. There are designated weekend dates for these trash pick-ups that occur in the spring, summer and fall. The road clean-up dates for 2023 were April 28, 29, 30, July 21, 22, 23 with the remaining pick-up scheduled for September 29, 30, October 1. Adopt-A-Road volunteers can choose one of the three weekend dates to complete clean-up of their designated stretch of road.

There are no out-of-pocket costs for equipment for the volunteers, trash bags are provided by the Road Commission - red bags. When debris is collected, the filled bags are left by the roadside where the Monroe County Road Commission workers will pick up the bags when the collection has ended.

Red bags are used because they can easily be seen by motorists and also by the Road Commission workers that pick them up.

Each year, through the pro-

gram and its groups of volunteers, an average of 1,000 bags of trash are removed from Bedford's roadsides. Clean roadsides reflect pride in the community as well as making

a good impression with visitors to Bedford Township, perhaps checking out the area as a potential place to move to or as a place to open or start a new business.



Families can also commit to the Adopt-A-Road program in memory of a loved one. The second of three trash pick-ups was held over the July 21-23 weekend.

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Annual Corn Roast continues to be a huge success!

The annual Corn Roast sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of Erie United Methodist Church held on July 26 was a huge success!

More than 175 ears of roasted and steamed corn were served. To go along with the first sweet corn of the season were pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and salads.

The funds raised will be used to support the activities of the Men's Brotherhood, including the distribution of fruit baskets to shut-ins and others at Christmas and camping scholarships for youth in the church.



Ed Utcai, Markus Hathaway, Kevin Pawlak serving up roasted and steamed corn, pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and salads at the Erie UMC annual Corn Roast.



People from the church and the community enjoyed eating fresh, local sweetcorn at the annual Corn Roast sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of Erie United Methodist Church.

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This year National Health Center Week will be held from August 7-11. Various health centers across the country offer special events for their communities to attend. Our own local Family Medical Center of Michigan, located at 8765 Lewis Ave., Temperance, will be holding an event on Wednesday, August 11, from 9 a.m.

until 12:30 p.m. The first 150 Family Medical Center patients to attend will receive a food box and goodie bag.

This year's theme of National Health Center Week is "The Roadmap to a Stronger America," and that's what health centers offer us. Every day the staff of health centers offer services for their patients through quality care, passion and love to help their communities strengthen their health. A great resource on more information and events is on National Health Center Week's website: www.healthcenterweek.org..

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Humane Society of Monroe County assumes operations of animal control shelter

By Jackie Giroux
Reporter

On July 19, Monroe County Sheriff Troy Goodnough announced that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a lease and operation agreement transferring operations of the animal shelter, located at 911 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe, from the Sheriff's Office to the Humane Society of Monroe County. Effective immediately the Humane Society will be responsible for day-to-day operations and the pets housed at the shelter.

Sheriff Goodnough stated that he is honored and proud of the partnership and agreement with the Humane Society of Monroe County. He feels this agreement will greatly benefit the citizens of Monroe County, but especially the pets housed at the shelter. The goal at the shelter has always been to adopt out the pets as quickly as possible and the Humane Society specializes in adoption.

The Sheriff's Office Animal Control Division, which formerly operated out of the shelter on Raisinville Rd., will now operate out of the Sheriff's Office located at 100 E. Second St. in the City of Monroe.

The Animal Control Officers will still be responsible for enforcing all animal laws. With the Humane Society taking over operations at the animal control shelter, the animal control officers will be able to focus on abuse and neglect prevention and investigation, Sheriff Goodnough stated.

Jackie Monteer, board president and acting executive director of the Humane Society of Monroe County said, "We are going to see what works best for the community and the animals. I think this will be best for the animals and the community by combining forces."

The animal control shelter is more spacious than the Humane Society facility located

at 833 N. Telegraph Rd. in Monroe. "All of our adoptions and day-to-day operations will now be out of Raisinville. Telegraph will be used for stray pets brought in or dogs having trouble adjusting," Monteer said.

"When animal control picks up a stray, it will be taken to Telegraph to evaluate, to get shots and then moved to the other population," she explained.

This larger facility will enable the Humane Society to do a lot more with the community, she said. "We hope to have a medical room where we can offer low-cost vaccinations, microchips and euthanasia for older pets. A lot of older people with older pets can't afford the cost of euthanasia at a veterinarian's office. We don't want an animal suffering, we want to do whatever we can to alleviate pain at the end of life."

She said that additionally, the shelter staff, board members and volunteers will be taking an online course to become Fear Free Certified. This program focuses on how to handle shelter animals.

As was the case when strays were picked up by animal control, the Humane Society will seek a permanent home for the stray animals through adoption.

Since 1969 licensed shelters in Michigan that take in strays have been required to follow a four- to seven-day (depending on if the animal has ID) stray hold law (MCL 287.388) for an animal found loose without an owner.

Before trying to find a home for a stray, Monteer said they check for a microchip and also follow lost pet postings on social media. "We have a person that monitors," she said.

Animals ready for adoption at the Humane Society are given their shots and vaccinations and groomed if needed. "We don't adopt first-come, first-served. They have to fill



The Hero Fence at the Humane Society of Monroe County facility located on Telegraph Rd. is filled with engraved dog tags. For \$15 anyone can purchase a tag and it will be engraved with information. Many tags are in honor of someone or a pet. When the HSMC receives a memorial donation in someone's name they have a tag made in honor of the loved one. The fence is permanent and on display all the time and will be moved to the new location on Raisinville Rd.

out an application. We go over the applications to find the best match so the animal doesn't end up back in the system. So far it is working out well," Monteer said.

"Adoption costs for dogs start at \$150, cats \$70 and kittens \$90. The cost doesn't cover all of the medical or for boarding, etc." she said.

Monteer said funding is tight and donations are always greatly appreciated. The shelter also relies on volunteers. "People are always welcome to volunteer," she said.

Monteer said they are ex-

cited about this new venture for the Humane Society of Monroe County and the move to a more spacious facility. "I'm hoping the community gives us a chance," she said.

For more information view <https://www.monroe-humane.org> or follow on Facebook at Humane Society of Monroe County.

Don't forget, your dog is required to be licensed. Dog licenses can be purchased at the Sheriff's Office, 100 E. Second St. downtown Monroe, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Bedford Class of 1983 to hold 40th reunion

The Bedford Class of 1983 will be holding their 40th reunion on Friday, September 29 at The Yard, located at 8040 Summerfield Rd., Lambertville.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person. Payment needs to be received by Friday, August 25.

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Vendors and artisans needed for September pop-up market

Olde Schoolhouse Commons will be hosting a pop-up market, "An Autumn Market After Dark," on Thursday, September 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at, 8336 Monroe Rd. in Lambertville.

Vendors and artisans are needed for "An Autumn Market After Dark." If you are interested in having a space at the event, email to breakingbeanscoffee@outlook.com and include your business name, what you make/sell and if you prefer inside or outside space.

You will be contacted with more information.

BHS Class of '57 reunion planned

The Bedford High School Class of '57 will have their 66th Reunion at Quimby's Restaurant in Lambertville on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 12 to 3 p.m.

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~ Jeremy Lin
American basketball player

Changes in leadership roles within Bedford Public Schools

MRE Principal Alex Chapman takes new leadership role at BPS

A long-time principal at Monroe Rd. Elementary School, Alex Chapman has moved into a central administration role within Bedford Public Schools: Executive Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Mr. Chapman stepped into the position following the retirement of Howard Schwager who led the HR Department for 13 years.

Mr. Chapman is excited to welcome new staff members to a district that offers so many advantages and celebrates the employees that make Bedford schools such an amazing place to learn.

"After spending 20 years on the instructional side of public education, I'm thrilled to advance my career with Bedford Public Schools as the new Executive Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations," states Mr. Chapman, "I look forward to the challenges and opportunities for professional growth that come with my new position."

A Job Fair is one of the new initiatives he is starting for potential employees to discuss the openings and opportunities at BPS. Two dates have already been set: Thursday, August 10 and Thursday, August 17. Each will go from 10 a.m. until noon in the Board Room at Smith Road Elementary, 1135 Smith Rd.

Mr. Chapman will be hosting the event for anyone interested in finding out more about the current openings prior to the

start of the school year, the hiring process, job qualifications, etc. Anyone interested in working for BPS is encouraged to come and chat in an informal, casual setting. No appointments are necessary; no need to bring in any paperwork with you – you are welcome to just drop in.

"The goal is to connect with community members interested in working for Bedford Public Schools. We have a variety of current and potential openings in several departments. We encourage potential applicants to stop-in on August 10 or 17 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Smith Rd. Elementary Board Room," he said. Mr. Chapman looks forward to having conversations with interested community members,

"We can answer questions, provide resources, and share information about opportunities within BPS. As an example of the resources offered within the district, BPS offers training opportunities for some of the positions we have. Our Adult Ed program runs Parapro training sessions that include the Parapro Certification Test. Our Transportation Department has a bus driver trainer on staff and they will guide you through the entire process of becoming a licensed bus driver with the perk of paid training!"

Look for additional Job Fair dates to be scheduled periodically in the future. Mr. Chapman can be reached at (734) 850-6020 or by email at alex.chapman@mybedford.us.



Alex Chapman



Deanna Kline



Dr. Amy Kochendoerfer



Nicole Macke

With Mr. Chapman moving from the principal's office at Monroe Rd. Elementary over to the Administration Building, there have been a few other changes at the building administrative level at BPS.

Deanna Kline will be moving from the assistant principal spot at Douglas Rd. Elementary to become the new principal at Monroe Rd. Elementary School.

Dr. Amy Kochendoerfer will be broadening her experience within the district by shifting from Monroe Rd. Ele-

mentary over to Douglas Rd. Elementary as their new assistant principal. Dr. Kochendoerfer's move allows a teacher to grow into a new leadership role within the school: Nicole Macke will be leaving the 5th grade classroom she has occupied since the building opened, to become the new assistant principal at Monroe Road Elementary.

Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Macke and Dr. Kochendoerfer and are all looking forward to meeting their students and families at their Welcome Back Open House events on Wednesday, August 30.

Get a team together and register for the BBA Golf Outing!

Everyone, regardless of skill, is invited to get a team together and join in the fun at the Bedford Business Association Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, August 25.

This year's outing will be held at Maple Grove Golf Club, located at 6360 Secor Rd. in Lambertville. Check-in will be at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$300 per team or \$75 per golfer. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, cart and steak dinner (steaks by Howard's Meats) at the clubhouse. If you want to come for the steak dinner only, the cost is \$15 per person.

For added fun, mulligans, string games and skins are \$20 each per team. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, closest to pin, longest drive and longest putt (men and women).

TJ Roofing made a donation of \$500 and is a sponsor of the golf outing. Hole sponsors are still needed. The cost is \$50 per hole, you can sponsor as many holes as you would like. Signage showing your sponsorship

will be placed at the hole/holes.

The BBA awards scholarships annually to Bedford grads who are going to be furthering their education. A portion of the proceeds from the Memorial Golf Outing will benefit the BBA Scholarship Fund enabling the organization to continue to award scholarships.

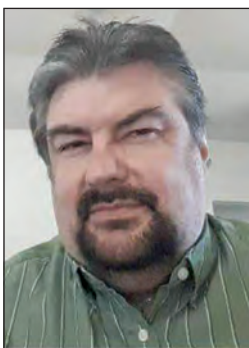
To sign up your team, sponsor a hole or to make a reservation for the steak dinner, payments can be made easily online with a credit or debit card at bba.org. Payment can also be mailed to the BBA office. Make checks payable to BBA and mail to 8204 Secor Rd., P.O. Box 293, Lambertville, MI 48144.

There is an August 15 deadline to register a team. The number of teams are limited to keep the golf outing running smoothly. Get your registration in today to ensure some fun golfing at the BBA Memorial Golf Outing!

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Acceptable materials include, but are not limited to: pesticides and fertilizers, oil-based paints, automotive fluids, cleaning products, flammable items, all types of batteries, mercury-containing items, and fluorescent bulbs. For additional accepted items, please visit www.greenmonroecounty.com.

Residents are strongly discouraged from pre-event arrival, as this tends to create longer wait times. To save time and avoid a line, arrive in the middle of the event.

"Proper disposal of hazardous materials and sensitive documents is essential for the protection of our environment

and our identity," said Dan Rock, Recycling and Green Community Program Coordinator. "We encourage all residents to take advantage of these free services and help us keep Monroe County green and clean." Over 1,356,898 pounds of hazardous materials were collected through this program since 2015.

During this event, Monroe County residents can have their documents shredded on-site and recycled. From drop-off to destruction and recycling, all documents will be constantly monitored and protected. There is a limit of 100 pounds per vehicle (strictly enforced) to ensure capacity for all wishing to participate.

Mark your calendars for the final household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, September 16, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Indian Creek Park (HHW only).

For more information on the Recycling and Green Community Programs please contact: Dan Rock, (734) 240-7909, dan_rock@monroemi.org or visit www.greenmonroecounty.com.

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Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation

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Debbie enjoyed flying with her husband once they did have that plane. "She sat in the right seat flying with me some 1,000 hours," Franceus said.

Debbie talked about flying with the ladies she worked with and was asked what would happen if something happened to her husband when they were in the air, would she be able to land the plane.

"In 2019 at the age of 61 she took some lessons and liked it," Franceus said. Debbie developed a passion for flying as a pilot. "She loved to fly and everything aviation. She joined the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots, as a student pilot member in 2019. Shortly before she was diagnosed with cancer in 2022, she was asked to be vice chair for Michigan. She gracefully declined to fight her battle with cancer."

Her passion for everything aviation was so great that Franceus said Debbie often would hang out at the airport. When a pilot would land, she would go out and get into a conversation with the pilot. "She loved to talk to people about flying," he said.

Debbie believed that all women, young or old, should have the resources to be able to learn to fly. Franceus said Debbie would have approved of the Debbie Franceus Memorial Foundation and its scholarship program and making women's dreams of becoming a pilot come true. "If Debbie were alive she would say, 'Let's do this!'" he said.

To get the foundation's scholarship program off the ground, Franceus said he self-funded the first two scholarships. The foundation now is designated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. People desiring to do so can make a tax-deductible donation with an online donation option. "Donations automatically go into the

foundation's bank account," Franceus said.

Planning ahead to 2024, aviation flight schools involved in the scholarship applications will again be Suburban Flight School, Sky Walker Flight School, BGSU Flight School, and Crosswinds Aviation Flight School with additional flight schools added.

This year's scholarship recipients and finalists are eligible to apply again in 2024. Girls and women, with a passion for aviation, from 16 to 65 and older that are an active flight student with a need of resources are invited to apply. Scholarship applications will be released on April 1, 2024 with a deadline of June 15, 2024 to have them returned, either online or by mail. Scholarships will be awarded on July 13, 2024 at Toledo Suburban Airport again.

Franceus has plans for the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Foundation that include being able to give larger scholarships and/or more scholarships. "In 2025 and beyond I want to expand the program to throughout the midwest and in the next five years have it open to women across the country," he said.

Franceus has proclaimed the second week of July every year to be the Debbie Franceus Memorial Aviation Scholarship Week.

Debbie had some thoughts and words of wisdom that she often shared with people. "She believed that rewards are greater if you live outside your comfort zone rather than within," he said. "This is a quote from her, 'Challenging your abilities will bring rewards that will take you places you never thought you would go.' She said that to lots of people. She was a great lady!" Franceus said.

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"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

I woke up this morning at 6:15; the sun was just coming up. I sadly realized that it is rising a little later every day. I don't know why that is surprising. I have experienced this 57 times in my life, yet I don't look forward to summer ending. I see the school supplies are out, we are planning for the fall small groups and Emotionally Healthy classes. I ran into some adults I remember as children, my beard has more gray, and the miles on my truck keeps increasing. Time keeps moving, the earth keeps rotating on its axis, and we ride along with it most of the time, unaware.

As time passes, opportunities pass also. When we are not intentional with our time, we don't "number our days" or "gain a heart of wisdom." Life is an opportunity, and every day is a gift from the Lord. Here are some opportunities we all have.

- To slow down, rest, and enjoy the presence of Jesus.
- Take a day off, a Sabbath, and do something fun.
- To visit that friend or call about that lunch you say you all need to do soon.
- To volunteer to be a blessing in someone's life.
- To visit someone who is lonely.
- To forgive a friend, neighbor, a person that has wronged you.
- To detach from things you can't control and possibly something you can.
- To engage in your Christian community to grow in a small group or serving team.
- To break patterns that perpetuate feelings of worthlessness and depression.
- To get outside, take a walk, and enjoy the Lord in nature.
- To make memories for your kids without screens.
- To grow in Christ, and not return to the things Jesus saved you from.
- To read the Bible daily, commune with God, pray and talk to Jesus and listen also.
- To take that class, learn that instrument, try some art.
- To open your heart to healing and be proactive to do something so that healing would begin.
- To date your wife.
- To cut down on staring at your phone.

Yes, Jesus has given us life, and with life come our choices to say yes to opportunities or even to make them happen.

I close with a couple of Scriptures:
"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." (Colossians 4:5, NIV)

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money.' Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" (James 4:13-15, NIV)

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

8100 Jackman Rd., Temperance, MI
July 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Paul Pirrone, Clerk Trudy Hershberger, Treasurer Krista Jandasek, Trustees Todd Bruning, Craig Montri & Rick Steiner.
ABSENT: Joe Gore, Trustee.
The Regular Meeting of the Bedford

Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ROLL FOR BEDFORD DRIVE ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek, to open the public hearing. Motion carried.

Catherine Gerst, 1065 Bedford Drive – spoke against the road work.
Russell Drennan, 1055 Bedford Drive – spoke against the road work and asked questions.

Karen Welch, 1413 Bedford Drive – spoke against the project.

April Kipt, 1095 Bedford Drive – spoke against the project.

John Cobb, 1271 Bedford Drive – spoke against the project.

Libbey Kaczorowski, 1421 Bedford Drive – spoke against the project and asked questions.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek, to approve the Resolution to establish the Bedford Drive Road Special Assessment District roll in the amount of \$9,600.00 per parcel over a 15-year period, as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Bruning, to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Bruning to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT – Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek, to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$103,099.33, Fire District-\$12,714.09, Fire Equipment-\$5,069.34, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$3,579.50, Library Operating Fund-\$3,356.97, Stoneybrook/Brookwood SAD-\$1,017.50, Building Department-\$246.83, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,946.15, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$145.00 for a total of \$131,174.71. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO CONVERT A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER TO PART-TIME STATUS – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Bruning, to approve the request to move firefighter Jeremy Zientek from current full-time status to part-time firefighter. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, MiPMC
Bedford Township Clerk
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OBITUARIES

Betty Jane (Macklin) Palmer



Betty Jane (Macklin) Palmer of Sunset Village, Sylvania, OH, passed away on Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

Betty was born on April 22, 1941 in Wheeling, WV to loving parents August and Mary Macklin. She would move to Sandusky, MI to raise her children.

Betty's greatest love and hobby was her children. No greater love exists than that of a mother to her child and this was true of Betty. She relished visits from her daughters and grandchildren. The chaos only brought her joy and comfort. She was a woman of little financial means, but her generosity was that of a millionaire.

Betty leaves a legacy of love through her four surviving daughters: Mary Jane Pridgeon (Bill) of Lambertville, MI and their five children, Michelle Jones of Sandusky, MI and her four children and six grandchildren; Denise Klosterman (Ron) of McMinnville, TN and their three children and six grandchildren; Regina Moran of Sandusky, MI and her three children and five grandchildren. She also leaves behind six other grandchildren living in Florida, North Carolina, Texas, and Michigan, as well as 24 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Naomi DiLoretta of Wheeling, WV.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Gene Palmer (Wheeling, WV); three of her children, Michael Palmer (Sandusky, MI), Sandra McCann (Marlette, MI), and Gordon Palmer (Toledo, OH); a grandson, Michael Palmer Jr. (Sandusky, MI); brothers, William Herron (Bentwood, OH); Kenneth Herron (Sandusky, MI); sisters, Aalice Thomason (Madison Heights, MI) and Sandra Macklin (Toledo, OH).

A visitation was held in Betty's honor at the Marsh Funeral Chapel, Sandusky, MI. A private burial was held after.

In lieu of flowers the family would ask that your support the Toledo Human Society (Toledo Humane Society, 827 Illinois Ave., Maumee, OH 43537, 419-891-0594).

Obituaries

for your loved ones can be printed in the *Bedford Press* for \$45 (or \$10.50 an inch over 4 inches) which includes a picture. You can request that your funeral home email the obituary and picture to us or you can send it yourself to: **BedfordPress@aol.com**

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She was a New Jersey State Trooper Sergeant's little girl.

She was a two-time Cub Scout Den Mother.

She knitted hats for chemo patients with Midwest Head huggers.

She taught in the Lucas County Library's Reading for Literacy program.

She loved ice cream, a good mystery novel, and going to plays. And her face held all the warmth and love of the universe.

To her husband and her two little boys.

Arrangements entrusted to Urbanski's Bedford Funeral Chapel, 8300 Lewis Ave., Temperance, MI.

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Register for the 5K Dash & Splash!

Brookwood Swim Club, located at 1565 W. Dean Rd. in Temperance, will be holding their 5K Dash & Splash on Sunday, August 13. Participants can choose to either run or walk, starting and finishing at Brookwood. After their run or walk is completed they are invited to swim until 2 p.m.

Overflow parking for the event will be at Jackman Rd. Elementary School. Check-in is between 8:30 and 8:50 a.m. Be sure to allow enough time to walk from the overflow parking area.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/BYbFy56PDDxJTJST6>. Registration is not needed for kids in strollers.

"This is a Brookwood fundraiser with funds being targeted towards improved member experiences and/or capital improvement of our pool. We are aging gracefully, but we are aging, said Brookwood Board President, Brenda Sowash.

The idea for a pool in the Indian Acres neighborhood came about in 1964 by two residents, one being John Zack. Greenhills had a pool and they wondered if people in this area would be receptive to the idea.

The interest was positive from the residents of the area.



Brookwood Swim Club holds many events for members during the season. Nine-year old Stella Wood discovered a mermaid in the Brookwood pool (Mia Mermaid) during the recent Mermaid and Pirate Party event.

To fund the project stock was sold with anyone being able to buy in and become a stockholder. Architectural drawings were submitted and construction of the outdoor pool was completed at a cost of \$50,000, which for the time was a considerable amount of money.

Use of the pool was, and continues to be, available through memberships. Brookwood Swim Club is not owned by a business or an individual, rather by its members. The yearly membership fees pro-

vide funding for the pool to operate.

"We are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. We are still accepting applications. Half-price memberships began on Monday July 31. Senior and military discounts are available," Sowash said.

For more information about the swim club or memberships, visit brookwoodswimclub.weebly.com, find them on Facebook or call (734) 847-8484.

Young students learn how to stay safe during Safety Town program

By Jackie Giroux
Reporter

Over 70 kids, ages four to six years old, learned how to stay safe during Safety Town held this summer.

"Safety Town has been a part of the Community Education program for over 30 years and is an important part of getting them ready for school," said Nancy Crandell, Director of Community Education Services & Operations.

Safety-themed subjects at Safety Town included: school bus safety, fire prevention, stranger danger, home safety, bike and pedestrian safety, along with animal, water, electrical and poison safety.

In addition to classroom activities, there were visits from safety personnel with hands-on learning. The kids even had the opportunity to "drive" big wheel types of cars learning traffic rules.

"A special thank you to all of the safety personnel that came to class to share and show safety tips and techniques," Crandell said.

If your child will fall in the four to six year old age range next summer, consider having them attend a Safety Town session. They will learn good safety habits at home and away as well as how to get to and from school safely.



Kids got to get up close to a firefighter in gear and to ask questions as part of learning about fire prevention and how to stay safe during Safety Town sessions held in June and July.



Sixteen-year-old Hope on Four Hooves author Ana B. Elise with Tim Welbaum (former Temperance resident, now of Adrian), the winning bidder of her book proof at a recent fundraiser. All of the money received from the bid went to Little Blessings. Ana will also be donating a portion of her book sales to the organization.

Teen writes book with goal of helping military kids and their families

By Jackie Giroux
Reporter

Sixteen-year-old Ana B. Elise is the author and illustrator of a book, *Hope on Four Hooves*, that is now available to purchase.

She has used her personal experiences as well as that of her family to write a true story of the difficulties of being a military family along with the struggles of a loved one dealing with PTSD and how it affects the whole family.

At 42 pages, *Hope on Four Hooves* was written primarily as a children's book. "It can be for a lot of ages. It was written as a kid's book for about eight years old and older," Ana said. "It's a kid's book, but it's deep. Adults could read it," Ana's dad, William Bruck added.

Ana said, "It's about our family and our struggles with PTSD. Dad was in the Army, and how we found Little Blessings (Little Blessings Veteran and Community Outreach in Ottawa Lake) – how the horse program helped the family."

A part of the services that Little Blessings offers is an equine program for the veteran dealing with PTSD, a program for a spouse and a kid's program. "Mom went through the program and four of my siblings and I went through the military kids program," Ana said.

Ana had a twofold purpose for writing and getting *Hope on Four Hooves* published. "I wanted to help military families. The goal of the book is to help kids and their families with PTSD and to raise awareness and that help is available. Also, for people not in the military, to make them aware that military families are struggling in that way. And I want to raise money for Little Blessings. A portion of the book sales will go to Little Blessings," she said.

Writing the book was a slow process. The idea came from Ana's mom, Natalie, who had the idea to write about Little Blessings. Instead of writing the book, she asked Ana to do it.

Ana decided to give it a try. "I started when I was 14. I've been working on it off and on until now. It's been a process. It was hard, but it was a good learning process," she said.

Ana is also a talented artist and did all of the illustrating for *Hope on Four Hooves*. "This year she came in third place in the state in the VFW patriotic art contest. She is very artistic," William said.

Ana's brother Zechariah Bruck was her publisher as well as editor of the book. "It was a hard process, but he got it done," she said.

The goal of raising money for Little Blessings through her book has already allowed Ana to donate money to the organization. She donated her proof copy to a fundraiser to be auctioned off to the highest bidder who paid \$625 for it. "All of it went to Little Blessings," William said.

Ana comes from a large family that lives in Erie. "I have eight brothers and sisters, three are grown," she said.

Art, horses and Little Blessings are Ana's special interests. She is home schooled and plans on attending college. When asked what she would like to do after finishing her education, she said, "I might become a missionary."

Her father has had a long career in the military. He just retired July 27. "I was in the Army for 31 years, 4 months and 17 days," William said that during those years he was often away from his family for long periods of time.

After reading *Hope on Four Hooves*, he said he had always known in the back of his mind that PTSD was affecting more than just himself. "Her writing that book made me aware of what effect it had on the children – what effect I was having on the family."

Hope on Four Hooves is available to purchase through Amazon and Barnes & Noble as a hard copy. An ebook is also available.



Crime Dog McGruff was on hand to teach kids about stranger danger during this summer's Safety Town, presented by Bedford Community Ed.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church hosts ice cream social to support Veterans Center

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1690 W. Sterns Rd. in Temperance, held an ice cream social on Saturday, July 16 to support the Bedford Veterans Center.

Despite uncooperative weather, including torrential downpours, there were over 75 community and church member attendees at the ice cream social. Attendees were given the option of chocolate or vanilla ice cream with a variety of toppings to choose from. Ken and Pam Samples provided homemade nachos. The event also featured raffle prizes, face painting for kids, and games.

Boxed and canned food and personal hygiene items were collected for donation to the Bedford Veterans Center. St. Luke's Vacation Bible School (VBS) program collected an additional 190 food items for donation during their VBS week June 26-30. The event raised \$415 in monetary donations to give to the Center.



In addition to the option of chocolate or vanilla ice cream with toppings, those attending the St. Luke's ice cream social could eat some homemade nachos provided by Ken and Pam Samples.

Bedford High School Class of 1973 announces date for 50th Reunion

The Bedford High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th reunion on Saturday, September 16 at The Back Forty, 5215 Monroe St., Beverly Hills Shopping Plaza, in Toledo from 5-10 p.m.

The cost will be \$45 per person payable by Thursday, August 31. This cost includes BBQ buffet with beef brisket, pork and chicken, three sides, soft drinks, coffee, tea, all tax-

es, room rental fees and gratuity. A full-service cash bar will also be provided.

Payment by check should be mailed to: Bedford High School Class of 1973, P.O. Box 73, Lambertville, MI 48144. Make check payable to BHS Class of 1973. Space is limited so don't delay sending your reservations with payment before Aug. 31.

Join in at a casual mixer on Friday, September 15 at

5:30 p.m. in the banquet room at Forest View Lanes, Dean Rd. Cash bar only.

If you would like to share high school pics or memories, please copy and send to the post office box above or scan and send to the Class of 1973 gmail account and you will added to the wireless streaming at the event.

Also, send your contact information to the gmail account

including your name, phone number and email address so organizers will have them for future events. If you have contact with out of town classmates, please forward this information to them. Organizers don't want to leave anyone out!

Visit Facebook page "Bedford Temperance, MI Class of 1973 Reunion" or email inquiries to Bedfordclassof1973reunion@gmail.com.

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