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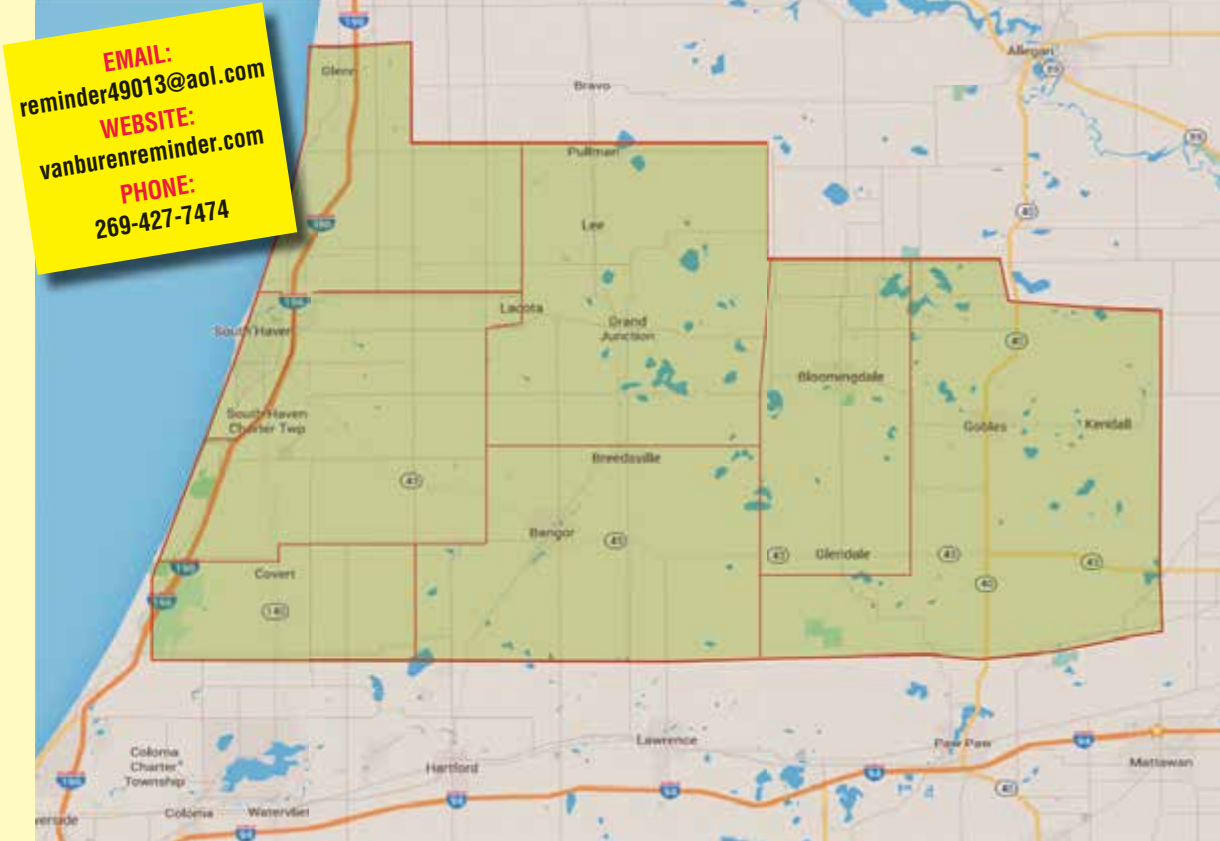




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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**DECEDENT'S TRUST STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF VAN BUREN**

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARL G. BAYHA AND NANCY E. EDWARDS TRUST  
Date of Birth: September 18, 1947

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

barred unless presented to John J. Bayha, co-Trustee of the Carl G. Bayha and Nancy E. Edwards Trust Agreement dated October 13, 2023, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: November 18, 2024

John J. Bayha, co-Trustee  
6658 West YZ Avenue  
Schoolcraft, Michigan 49087

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**A THANK YOU LETTER TO THE SUPPORTERS OF GAIL PATTERSON-GLADNEY**

No one can achieve anything of significance without other people's support. Thank you to the voters of Van Buren County Commission, District 1, for lifting me up to serve them for a fifth term as county commissioner. It will be my honor to continue to serve all residents in my district.

Thank you to all who helped me with my campaign. I'm especially grateful to all my family members, friends, neighbors and supporters who donated to the campaign, knocked on doors, made telephone calls, helped prepare my campaign materials, wrote letters to the editor, displayed my yard signs, sent text messages and voted for me. The successful campaign was due to a team effort! Winning the election showed the trust placed in me to continue to represent the county and is much appreciated.

In 2025 I will begin my ninth year serving the county as commissioner representing residents of Covert Township, South Haven Township and South Haven City. My three top priorities will be to continue focusing on improving economic development, mental health services and senior/youth services. I am eager to hear from any residents who have concerns about or ideas for improving county services. I will work together with residents and the other county commissioners to help our county be an even greater place to live, work and play.

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT GAIL PATTERSON-GLADNEY,  
914 KALAMAZOO STREET, SOUTH HAVEN, MI 49090

**VERY LARGE ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - 10:00 A.M.  
5075 RUSSCHER ROAD, HOLLAND, MI

**COLLECTIBLES:** John Wayne bronze bust; Pyrex stack bowls; large showcase of sterling silver jewelry; Landmarks of American coins-silver; lawn jockey; collection of 1/64 die cast trucks; lots of vintage metal toys; Coleman Lanterns; Western hunting knives; hunting cloths; various ammo/calls; Competition Air rifles Gamo & BSA; US Military swords; 31"x49" lighted advertisement sign; cement garden statues; wood churn; Empire Metal ware child's/salesman sample stoves; Griswold 10 fry pan; metal signs; various cake pedestal plates; Hull blue/yellow bowl; **FURNITURE:** BEAUTIFUL locally handcrafted shuffled board table w/inlays-NEW (2); Tiffany style table lamps; Crystal candelabras w/prisms; birds eye maple bedroom set; mirrored side board w/curved panel doors; Victorian sofa and 3 chairs; Victorian wicker baby buggy w/parasol; antique cabinets; trunks; PLUS MUCH MORE COMING IN DAILY..... WATCH FOR UPDATES!!

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## Townline United Methodist Church

9:15 am - Sunday School for ALL ages  
10:30 am - Sunday Worship Service  
10:30 am - Worship on Facebook Live  
Wednesday - 2nd and 4th - Pastor Office Hours 5pm-7pm at TCMC  
Thursday - every other - Team Jesus Youth Group  
Saturday - 1st of every month - Hands of Jesus 8am Breakfast at Robin's Nest

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## Bangor Baptist Church

55661 M-43 East P.O. 236, Bangor, MI  
Phone (269) 427.7067  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
BBkids Church 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Monday Prayer & Praise 6:00 pm  
Everyone Welcome  
Wed. Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm

## Horseshoe Community Bible Church

4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, MI  
Phone (269) 521-4580  
Sunday School 10 am  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Evening Services 6pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30pm  
Pastor Don Miller

## Bloomingdale Christian Church

Sunday School 9:45 am (classes for all ages)  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday Gospel Kidz 5:15 pm (3yrs-6th Grade)  
Tuesday Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm  
Senior Bible Study 1st & 3rd Friday 11:00 am  
208 East Pine Street, Bloomingdale  
(269) 521-4233 • bdalechurch1858@gmail.com  
Church Office - Friday

## Northpoint Ministries of Gobles

04077 M40, Gobles MI 49055  
269-628-9199 • northpointgobles@gmail.com  
Pastors: Gary Lounsberry & John Losen Jr.  
Sunday - Worship Service 11am  
Monday - Bible Study 7:00  
Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7pm

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Pastor Alan Carson

## Merson Church

3313 102nd Ave., Gobles  
Sundays  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Service 6 pm

## Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday 9:30-11:00 am

Wednesday Nights Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Call (269) 673-5274 for transportation services

Sr. Pastor Alan Carson Sr.  
Youth Pastor Jim Davis

## Kibbie Christian Reformed Church

00479 CR 687 South Haven, MI 49090  
269-637-6575  
11am Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Vern Swieringa (vswier245@gmail.com)  
Additional activities:  
Children's Worship ages 4-8yrs old  
AA Meetings every Thursday 7pm  
Principe de Paz-Spanish Church  
3 pm Sunday Worship Service-Pastor Alfredo De La Rosa (pastoralarosa72@hotmail.com)  
Additional activities:  
Spanish Bible Study every Wednesday 6pm  
www.kibbiechurch.com  
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Pastor Douglas Yoder

## Calvary Baptist Church

403 E. Van Buren  
Gobles, MI  
(269) 628-4100  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
-for all ages-  
Morning Service 11:00 am  
Jr. Church Program for Children  
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night @ 7:00 pm  
King's Kids Program  
-ages 4 & up  
Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am

### CPM STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED NETWORK: PAY-PER-CALL ADS

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## Give Thanks

This little message of our appreciation, is stuffed with best wishes and admiration; Trimmed with our thanks, and dressed up to say... "Hope you enjoy a great holiday!"

Van Buren REMINDER

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## South Walnut Elementary

### Welcome New Elementary Principal



Haley Crowton

Dear South Walnut Elementary Families,  
I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well. I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Principal of South Walnut Elementary. It is truly an honor to join such a dynamic and committed school community, and I look forward to partnering with you to provide an exceptional educational experience for your children. I will be starting on Monday, November 4th. Through my interview process and visits, I have had the opportunity to meet a large number of students and staff already. I look forward to meeting all of your families as well.

My background includes teaching in both Kalamazoo Public Schools and Portage Public Schools, where I had the privilege of serving on various leadership teams at both the district and building levels. These experiences allowed me to collaborate closely with colleagues, students, and families, enhancing the learning environment for everyone. Having worked with students across multiple grade levels, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible impact that a supportive and inclusive atmosphere can have on their growth and success.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in Sterling Heights, MI. I earned both my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and my Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. I currently reside in Portage, MI, with my significant other, Mitch. In my free time, I enjoy spending time on the water with friends and family, diving into a good book, and exploring new places. These activities keep my life balanced and fulfilling, and I cherish the memories they create.

My dedication to education and student well-being has always guided my career, and I am excited to bring this commitment to South Walnut Elementary. As your new principal, I am devoted to ensuring that every student receives a high-quality education in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. I aim to create a welcoming space where every student and family feels valued and empowered. I believe that strong partnerships among families, teachers, and the community are vital for our students' success, and I am committed to fostering open communication and collaboration.

I understand that transitions can come with challenges, but please know that my door is always open for you. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and feedback, and I am here to support both you and your children in any way I can. Together, we can create a positive and enriching educational experience that prepares our students for success both in and out of the classroom. I am eager to work alongside all of you to ensure that South Walnut Elementary remains a place where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know each of you better and learning more about the unique strengths and needs of our school community. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, ideas, or concerns you may have. Your partnership is essential, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work together in support of our students' education. Thank you for the warm welcome to South Walnut Elementary and Bangor Public Schools as I embark on this new chapter. I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together!

### A Happy Halloween!



### Congrats Students of the Month



**Winter Break**  
**HALF DAY - 12/19 & 12/20**  
**NO SCHOOL - 12/23/2024 - 1/3/2025**

**Happy Thanksgiving Break**  
**HALF DAY - 11/27**  
**NO SCHOOL - 11/28 & 11/29**

## Bangor Middle School

### Q & A with Sergeant Tim Tracy



Thank you to Sergeant Tim Tracy for coming to speak to Bangor Middle students on October 25. He shared his experiences as a Marine and also a Q & A session with the students.

### WMU Honors Band



This month, three band students performed with the WMU Mid-fest MS Honors Band. Congrats to Evan Broyles, Hailey Hernandez, and Ben Loomis!

### Giving Trees

Dear Parents,  
I hope this message finds you well! As we approach the season of giving, we are excited to continue our Giving Tree tradition. There will be giving trees located at South Walnut Elementary, Middle and High School. Each building will only sponsor students in their own buildings.

This program aims to support families in our school community during this special time of year. To participate, simply fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return to your child's school by November 29th. This information will remain anonymous to anyone who picks up an ornament.

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## Bangor High School

### Veterans Day Assembly



The annual Bangor Public Schools Veterans Day assembly took place on Monday, November 11.

Congratulations to the poster and essay contest winners: Middle School- Poster Winners, Jesus Rosas-Andrade - 1st place, Izmaveth Jose-Santiago- 2nd place, Taiyari Trinidad-Bautista- 3rd place; High School- Poster Winners, Angelina Mejia-Merino - 1st place, Aalyah Mitchell - 2nd place, Paityn Geary - 3rd place; Middle School- Essay Winners, Leah Small - 1st place, Ellie Guminski - 2nd place, Eduard Gamino - 3rd place; High School- Essay Winners, Emily Rathburn - 1st place, MyLi Griego-Carter - 2nd place, and MaryAnn Williams - 3rd place.

Also, a big thank you goes out to all the Veterans who attended, including our phenomenal guest speaker, Captain Anthony P. Bannister. To view more images of the event, view the Veterans Day Assembly album on the School Facebook Page, Bangor Public Schools.

### Bangor Bands Fall Showcase Concert



Last month, the Bangor Bands held the Fall Showcase concert which included performances from the 6th Grade Band, MS Jazz Band, MS Concert Band, HS Jazz Band and the HS Marching Band.

Marching Band awards were presented by Mrs. Doe to Kyra Shull (Excellence in Colorguard), Wes Summerhill (Excellence in Marching), James Gleason, Adrian Hernandez and Wes Summerhill (Excellence in Music), and the Section of the Year went to the Drumline.

"Thank you to all for the support, donations, and encouragement this fall. We have a lot to celebrate," stated Mrs. Doe.

### SW Michigan College Visit



Mrs. Munro and Mrs. Powell took a group of Juniors and Seniors to visit Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac campus this month. SMC is free to all graduating seniors from Bangor High School.

### Umoja Group Visits Historical Sites of the Underground Railroad



This month, the Umoja Club traveled to Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti to take a bus/walking tour led by Deborah Meadows, to learn more about the Underground Railroad and to walk in the actual places where the escaped enslaved people walked, hid, and also saw some of their final resting places.

### Grandparent's Day

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**Historical events from November 1924**



The month of November has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in November 1924.

- The Meteorological Flight Service is introduced by the British Royal Air Force on November 1. The service is implemented to identify temperature, pressure, humidity, and general weather conditions.
- Éamon de Valera, future President and Taoiseach of Ireland, is sentenced to a month in prison on November 1 for illegally entering Ulster, Northern Ireland.
- A freight train hits a street car after midnight in Chicago on November 2. Witnesses reported the freight train had no lights on as it reached the railroad crossing at the intersection of North Avenue and Kingsbury Street.
- On November 3, presidential hopefuls Calvin Coolidge, who is seeking to be elected after succeeding to the presidency upon the sudden death of President Warren G. Harding in 1923, and John W. Davis make their final appeals to voters via radio addresses. Coolidge is elected the following day.
- A mutiny occurs on the Brazilian battleship Sao Paulo on November 4. Eight Brazilian Navy officers and 260 sailors are involved in the failed rebellion.
- Despite having no experience in finance, Winston Churchill is appointed

British Chancellor of the Exchequer on November 6.

- Korean nationalist Syngman Rhee announces plans to gain independence for Korea from the Japanese Empire on November 8. Rhee makes the announcement in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- In a political misstep, 185 opposition members fail to show up for a new session of the Italian Parliament on November 12. The move is a protest against the Fascist Party, which uses the members' absence to enact Prime Minister Benito Mussolini's restrictive program.
- On November 14, noted explorers Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth announce plans for a joint polar flight expedition in 1925.
- Nine members of the infamous, St. Louis-based bank robbing gang Egan's Rats are each sentenced to 25 years in federal prison on November 15. The conviction puts an end to the gang, which had employed hundreds of people over the course of more than three decades.
- Major-General Sir Lee Stack, British Governor-General of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, is shot in Cairo by Egyptian nationalist students on November 19. Stack dies the following day, and the British government later blames his death on its Egyptian counterpart for its failure to suppress anti-British agitation.



**Healthy holiday recipe swaps**

Although presents garner most of the fanfare during the holiday season, there is no denying that food and entertaining also figure prominently this time of year. Delish magazine reports that Christmas food consumption ranks third, behind Thanksgiving and Super Bowl Sunday, among Americans, and that a single Christmas meal can weigh in at 3,000 calories, not factoring in any other food consumed that day.

No one wants to feel held back while having fun with family and friends, but smart food choices can mean healthier living during this season of festivities. Dish up these alternatives when holiday entertaining.

- Lean on leaner cuts of meat. A strong body is built on protein, and holiday hosts often make a meat or poultry dish the star of the holiday dinner table. When selecting holiday fare, choose leaner options such as "round" or "loin" roasts; otherwise, select white-fleshed fish and skinless poultry in lieu of other options.
- Use broths instead of creams. Soups and gravies are popular this time of year, and both can be made healthier by opting for stock or broth bases over more fattening milks or creams when creating these recipes.
- Create a one-crust pie. Pie is one of the more popular holiday desserts, and plenty of the calories come from a rich, buttery crust. Lighten up by serving a one-crust pie, such as pumpkin or sweet potato. Fruit-based pies like apple or blueberry also can be made with one crust. Simply top the fruit with a light crumb

coating.

- Find ways to incorporate vegetables. Vegetables are low in calories and rich in vitamins and nutrients. Many also are high in fiber, so they can help people avoid overeating. According to dietary experts from the American Heart Association, people should aim for four to five servings of vegetables each day. When making a plate, fill half of the plate with vegetables. Enhance dishes like lasagna or other pastas with fresh vegetables as well.
- Skip the fried bird. Although deep-frying a turkey can reduce cooking time, frying historically is not the best cooking method for those who are making health-conscious choices. Rather than frying, consider spatchcocking (also known as butterflying) the turkey to enable it to cook faster. Use fresh herbs and seasonings instead of butter and oil to flavor your turkey as well.
- Skip the cocktails. The Center for Science in the Public Interest says that classic cocktails with little to no added sugar typically fall into the 150- to 200-calorie range, while others can be about 200 to 300 calories each. Many people will want to save those extra calories for dessert or another indulgent dish rather than drinking them away. If you want to simulate a cocktail, make a spritzer with sparkling water and unsweetened cranberry juice.

Celebrants can make some smart choices in the foods and beverages they eat to enjoy a healthier holiday season this December. HL24A327

**Why do the Detroit Lions always play on Thanksgiving?**

Households have their own unique Thanksgiving traditions, but one custom common in many homes come Turkey Day involves watching football. Each year on Thanksgiving, the National Football League hosts a handful of games, and it's customary in many households to gather around the television with friends and family and take in some of the action on the gridiron, excitement that always features the Detroit Lions. This unique tradition has endured for decades, but when did it start? According to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the tradition of the Lions playing on Thanksgiving can be traced to George A. Richards, who purchased the franchise in 1933 when they were the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans. Richards felt competing in a game on Thanksgiving Day would attract Motor City fans who were more devoted to the Detroit Tigers, the city's baseball team. Fans who attended the Lions' first Thanksgiving Day game in 1934 were treated to a nail-biter, with the hometown Lions falling 19-16 to the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit Stadium. The Bears had won the league championship the previous year. In a quirk unique to the game in 1934, the two teams locked horns again just three days later, with the Bears once more emerging victorious in another close contest that ended with a 10-7 score. In the modern era of the NFL, the teams that play on Thanksgiving Day do not play on the following Sunday. TF24B417



**Common giving scams and how to spot them**

December is a season of giving, and that charitable spirit is evidenced by the uptick in donations over the final month of the year. Perhaps inspired by Giving Tuesday, which is celebrated annually on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, donors tend to be especially generous in December. According to Donorbox, which provides an online fundraising platform to facilitate charitable donations, 31 percent of yearly charitable giving happens in December.

Nonprofit organizations undoubtedly recognize the spirit of generosity that surfaces each December, but criminals are likewise cognizant of individuals' desire to give back during the holiday season as well. Indeed, a 2023 press release from the United States Attorney's Office in the Western District of North Carolina cited fake charities as one of the most common scams encountered by consumers during the holiday season. With that in mind, well-meaning prospective donors can learn to recognize common giving scams to ensure they are not victimized by criminals looking to prey on their generosity this holiday season.

- **Fraudulent charities:** Criminals targeting people who want to donate during the holiday season may set up fraudulent charities in an effort to trick generous individuals into thinking they have a past relationship with a charity they believe is reputable, which might make them less inclined to vet the person or organization thanking them. Scammers are banking on establishing that false sense of security and trust, particularly during a notably busy time of year when donors may feel as though they don't have the time to research organizations they want to support.
- **Scammers prey on individuals' generosity each holiday season.** More information about giving scams and how to avoid them is available at consumer.ftc.gov. GB24C450

**Simplify your holiday menu**

Thanksgiving is a much anticipated and beloved holiday. Celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada and the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, Thanksgiving in each country offers families and friends an opportunity to gather and break bread together.

Food is indeed a focus of Thanksgiving in both Canada and the United States, and that can be a little overwhelming if not intimidating for those tasked with hosting the celebration. Guests might come to expect certain Thanksgiving staples, including turkey and mashed potatoes. Such expectations can make it easier to plan a Thanksgiving menu, and sticking to Turkey Day standard bearers is not the only way to simplify meal planning on this beloved holiday.

- Accept help, but keep it limited. It's customary for loved ones invited to Thanksgiving celebrations to offer to bring a dish to dinner, and that can alleviate some of the work hosts are tasked with managing. However, hosts can keep things simple by asking only a small handful of guests to prepare a side dish. Once the quota is filled, politely decline any additional offers to bring food. It can be hard to find space on the table if too many guests bring dishes from home, and that can lead to hurt feelings if certain sides are ignored or left on the kitchen counter due to a lack of real estate.
- Explain your desire to reduce food waste. Another way to simplify the meal is to avoid succumbing to the temptation to cook too much food. Guests may expect to go home with full bellies. Indeed, the Calorie Control Council notes that Americans consume

between 3,000 and 4,500 calories during Thanksgiving celebrations. Such consumption is not only unhealthy for humans, but the planet as well. The U.S.-based nonprofit ReFED, which is devoted to stopping food waste, estimated that Americans would waste 312 million pounds of food on Thanksgiving 2023. Hosts who want to avoid cooking excessive amounts of food, much of which may eventually end up in the trash can, can simplify meal prep by cooking less and explaining to guests that they aspire to reduce food waste this Thanksgiving.

- Keep table settings simple. Unless you're planning to post photos of the family meal on Instagram this Thanksgiving, you can skip the more elaborate formal table settings in favor of a simple setup you might use on most nights when dining at home. Polishing the fancy silver and folding cloth napkins in a way that would impress a seasoned maître d' is a time-consuming task that can complicate meal preparation. Keep it simple with less formal settings, which will allow guests to direct their focus to the task at hand: eating a delicious, homecooked holiday meal.
- Purchase a premade dessert. It might be tempting to try your hand at a homemade dessert, but it's far easier to purchase pies and ice cream from a local farmer's market in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. This approach ensures hosts have it a little easier once the main course has been served and consumed.
- Hosting Thanksgiving dinner is no small task. However, hosts can take various steps to simplify Thanksgiving meal planning this year. TF24B414





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Uniform Response took a couple of Larceny Complaints in Geneva Township. In both cases, farms were the locations, and multiple catalytic converters were stolen off vehicles.

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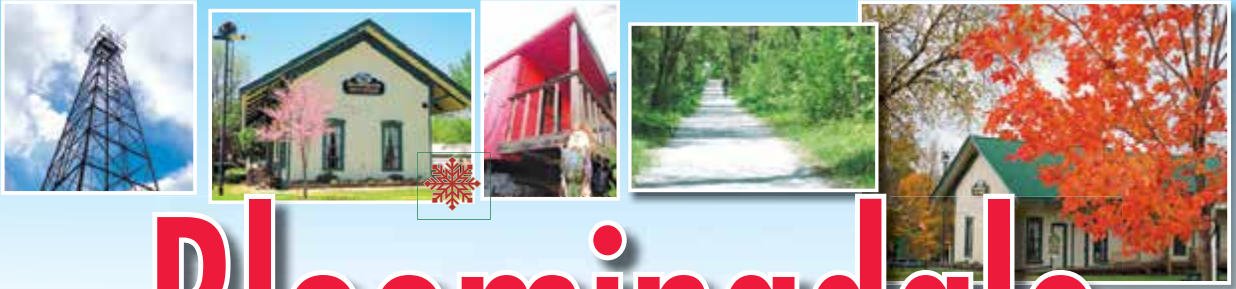
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