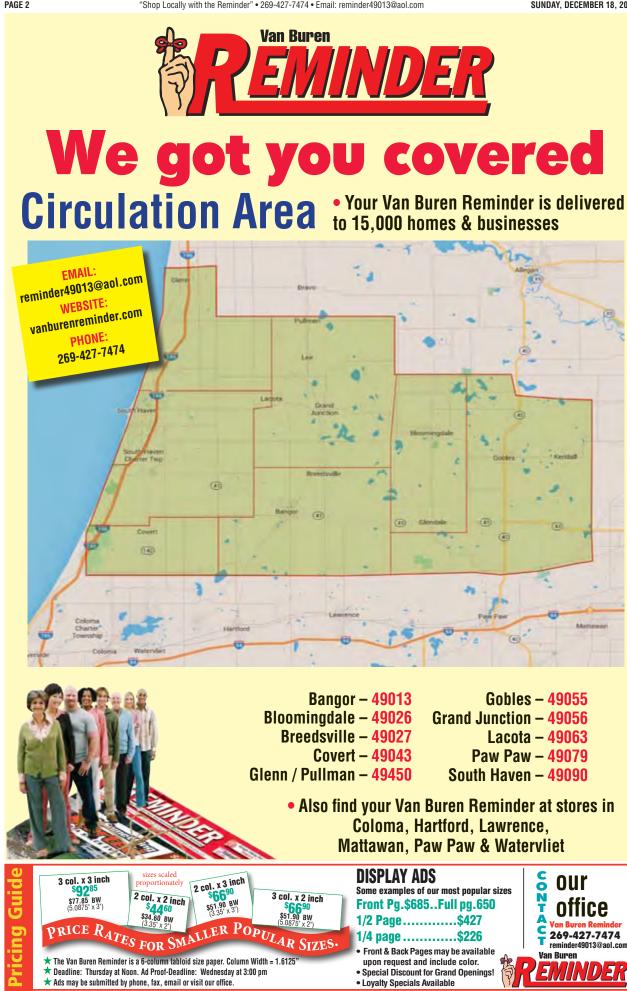


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Cedar Street Students Foster Community Connections

Students from the Aspire program at the Cedar Street Campus competed in a scavenger hunt called the "Paw Paw Scramble." This activity was used as a way to get to know the community better and to foster better relationships within the Aspire program as well. Students were challenged in many areas, such as creative problem-solving. Paw Paw history, interviewing or assisting citizens and even math! They had to travel throughout downtown Paw Paw to get photos, talk to residents and police officers, and to explore what Paw Paw has to offer as a community. Students took photos outside local restaurants and churches, interviewed police officers, identified landmarks, and performed acts of kindness in the community. Their joy and willingness to participate and compete with the other groups was overwhelming. The students enjoyed getting outside and walking around the neighborhood and even enjoyed interviewing multiple police officers! We are all looking forward to next year's Scramble out in the Paw Paw community!





Red Wolves Run Club Takes Flight

The inaugural year of the Rosie and Rufus Run those leas for a great day of community fun! while learning about cross country running from Paw Paw's high school cross country coaches and runners alike

The ultimate goal of the program was to get kids outside and active, and introduce them to running for fun at an early age. Healthy running and activity are great for everyone, and getting kids excited to be a part of running early will hopefully encourage them to find success as active participants in a great lifetime sport for vears to come

Paw Paw Later Elementary School's Dean of Students and Varsity Cross Country Coach, Chris DePierre said, "This whole experience was incredible and exceeded my wildest expectations! I had initially hoped to get as many as 30 kids to join this year. I was blown away by the level of interest shown by our students and families when over 90 youngsters came out to participate."

The culminating event for the season took place on October 15. The runners and their families were invited to participate in the inaugural 1-mile and 2-mile fun races at Paw Paw High School on the newly-developed cross country trail. The turnout was incredible! It truly highlighted the excitement of the youngest runners and the leadership of the high school cross country teams, as those runners led and encouraged their respective aroups of vounasters through both of the events that day. A community 5K run is already planned and will be added to the list of races next year. So runners and walkers of all ages, start training





Club is in the record books! Paw Paw's youngest Kudos to Coach DePierre, our cross country staff, and all of the runners runners, grades K-5, got the opportunity this that made this experience such an incredible success for our kids and fall to stretch their legs and test their endurance our community. This is sure to be an event for all of Paw Paw to enjoy and celebrate for years and years to come.





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New Wilderness Skills Class Ignites Learning for PPHS Students

On a beautiful 76-degree day in late October, several classes from Paw Paw High School took part in a wilderness survival primitive cooking experience. Unlike most days when students are required to sit at a desk in a classroom and look out the window on this day students happily took to the Michigan out-of-doors. Rural school districts like Paw Paw have their advantages. Students have access to wideopen spaces that allow for things like campfires and creative outdoor instruction.

As part of a new elective class called Wilderness Survival, High School Teacher Mr. Baleja challenged students to plan and prepare a three-course meal over an open campfire that they built themselves using only a match and natural materials

Based on Paw Paw Public Schools' five Core Values: Integrity, Community, Success, Innovation and Kindness, this new class checks many of the boxes, especially Innovation. Does allow students the opportunity to adapt to new challenges? they can master rather than threats to avoid.

Absolutely. Finally, does it push students to grow? Without question

> As outlined in the Wilderness Survival Course Proposal, this class includes first aid, plants, animals, environments, survival skills how to make survival kits what to do in emergencies, how to control emotions, building fires using multiple methods, construction of survival shelters, and more. With the goal of helping kids get out of their seats and into nature, they engage in more hands-on learning, improve their physical fitness, mental health, social skills and environmental awareness.

Innovative, new classes like Wilderness Survival allow students at Paw Paw Public Schools opportunities to experience the world around them through a new lens while teaching them essential skills that contribute to a safe and enjovable experience. At the same time, students learn respect for nature, self-reliance, new ways to work together it allow students new opportunities to create? Yes, Does it toward common goals and view challenges as something

Paw Paw Middle School Students Lead With Integrity

Kindness, Integrity, Community, Innovation, and Success of learning." The staff then makes a daily promise to the are more than just words you hear around Paw Paw Middle students, "I promise to show kindness, lead with integrity School. In Mrs. Campbell's class at Paw Paw Middle School, and protect your right to learn so we can have a successful students are working hard to recognize and live out these day of learning." While the student and teacher roles vary, core values in many ways.

At the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Campbell's class Student examples of their promise and commitment are had many discussions about core values and what they evidenced in the unique jobs they perform around the school. mean. Students shared examples of ways they demonstrate these values recounting experiences in the classroom in middle school's new Mediation Garden They also care for the school, and even in the community. While taking the their own classroom needs. Every Wednesday is designated first few weeks to build the foundations of the classroom as "Work Together Wednesday." It is a day that focuses on community, these values seemed to be at the forefront of working together and helping to maintain a safe and healthy many discussions. When shown how these values correlate school community. Students work together to clean the to how they work and learn, then students made an authentic classroom. Some of the tasks include dusting, sweeping, connection

Throughout the discussions, it was decided that students read their daily promise aloud. "I promise to work hard and lead with integrity so I and others can have a successful day

the core values all remain the same.

Students have worked hard weeding and maintaining the vacuuming, cleaning and drying dishes, mopping, and laundry

and teachers would make a commitment to one another Mrs. Campbell's class continues to work hard together every day and call it a daily promise. Together, students as they strive to keep the core values of Paw Paw Public Schools held in the highest regard.



Footloose The Musical Returns to the PAC

The very first musical in the Paw Paw Performing Arts turned upside down. This rockin' city kid finds himself in summer, the production team designed an aggressive plan debut as part of our first full season produced at the PAC.

After much planning, the production team settled on something upbeat and full of energy. Footloose the Musical was the clear winner and the rest is history. No one could have predicted the level of success that the first musical would achieve. After three powerhouse performances, the show had more than doubled its estimated income, and the extra funds were used to create the Paw Paw High School Performing Arts Department. With funding locked in, the department could produce a play and a musical every year. This one musical production literally set the stage for future success and would change the PAC forever.

Fast forward 20 years and what began as a musical every other year has become four major theatrical productions every year. It seems only fitting that as we celebrate the 20 Anniversary of the PAC, that we should bring back the show that started it all and present Footloose the Musical as it is set to celebrate 25 years since its Broadway debut.

When Ren McCormick and his mom have to leave Chicago for the little Midwestern town of Bomant, Ren's world is

Center (the PAC) was presented in February of 2003. Before a town where music and dancing are against the law. Ren's that time, productions took place every other year and love for music and big city attitude makes him a target for were funded as part of the choir department's budget. That the whole town and catches the eye of Ariel Moore, Bomant's local rebel and daughter of Reverend Moore. Ren must go that would make the musical a yearly event. From there, lively toe-to-toe with the reverend and the whole town as he tries discussions focused on what would be the first musical to to show them that Dancing Is Not A Crime. Songs like Let's Hear It For The Boy, Holding Out For A Hero, and Footloose will have you tapping your feet to the beat. Almost Paradise will show you the power of emotion and Mama Says will bring a smile to your face. Footloose features music by Kenny Loggins, Sammy Hagar, and Eric Carmen, "Our 2023 production is going to pay homage to the original Paw Paw production using the same show logo and some similar set elements," said PAC Director Kris Perkins. He will make one major change to this year's production as he takes the helm as director and not just production designer "We have lots of awesome things planned for the production. I really hope the students are as excited as I am."

> Footloose The Musical will be presented February 17-19. 2023, at the Paw Paw Performing Arts Center at Paw Paw High School. Tickets will be available online or at the door.

Visit www.ppps.org and look for the High School Musical Page for more information.

















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Hernicok woolly adelgid (HWA) and elongate hemlock scale (EHS) are two tiny insects that harm hemlocks and can be found on them in winter. Hemlocks are a beloved Michigan evergreen tree, found in both forests and landscaping alike. Check beneath hemlock needles for round white turts (HWA) or whitish-yellowish rectangles

English livy - this everyment vine will sometimes spread by seeds, but usually spreads when pulled and tosse into a woodlot. Be sure to burn or bag your English vivy wreath at the end of the season.

Teasel - this spiky ten-gallon-hat is often used to adorn wreaths, but each one can hold hundreds of seeds.

Avoid spreading this persistent weed by shaking the seed out into a garbage bag before moving it.
 Multiflora rose - in addition to prickly green stems, this rose has pinkish-red "hips" often used in wreaths.
 Remove these rosehips from the plant and dispose of them in the garbage.

Oriental bittersweet - this vine is prevalent in part because of wreath-making, but it is the last thing you want
in your community. The bright orange and red berries can begin an infestation that is very difficult to get rid of.

To avoid spreading invasive species in your community, buy locally-made wreaths and be sure to check for these common invasive species. You may even consider using common native species for a splash of color! Berries

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Please take notice that the South Haven Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and regular meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at South Haven Township Hall, 09761 Blue Star Highway, South Haven,

At this meeting, the Planning Commission will consider the following:

Frieda Anstonson Trust - 71989 CR 388, 80-17-012-028-00 / 011-029-01 Amended -preliminary site plan review for Planned Unit Development - 12 acres 2 acres of commercial and 10 acres 100 housing units (multi-housing buildings) Representative: Peter Jobson

Amend the zoning map to create a Marihuana Business Overlay District within which medical marihuana provisioning centers and adult-use marihuana retailers would be allowed to operate a special land use subject to Township and state approval. The District would be located (1) on each side of M-140 from 14th Avenue to Blue Star Highway, and (2) on each side of Blue Star Highway from 12th Avenue to M-43. This constitutes an amendment to the zoning map that affects groups of 11 or more adjacent parcels under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Adopt zoning regulations for medical marihuana provisioning centers and adultuse marihuana retailers, including but not limited to minimum distances from schools, churches, and dwellings; operational requirements; design requirements; special use approval requirements; and penalties and remedies for violations.

Any other business that may come before the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is receiving written comments concerning the proposed amendments. Written comments must be received by the Township prior to the start of the public hearing. Members of the public also may speak at the public hearing. A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the Township Hall or by contacting the Zoning Administrator, shtwp.zoninga@gmail.com

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