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TOWN TOPICS

Lakeview's schools opened for face-to-face learning on Monday of this week, but on Tuesday we got hit with an ice storm so schools were closed. The students and teachers don't have to just deal with COVID, but with Mother Nature as well.

Need some work done? Check out our business directory on page 8 for local pros. If you would like to advertise in the directory, call our office for details.

Tomorrow, Friday, January 15, Governor Gretchen Whitmer is scheduled to release the restrictions on indoor dining in Michigan, but it is unclear whether or not the restrictions will be lifted. We just have to wait and see.

Have a good week.

The Blue Room Gallery & Gift Shop: a Must See in Edmore



Priscilla Jeffers (left) and Alyx Halsey in front of the Blue Room Gallery & Gift Shop

By Linda Huckins

The Blue Room Gallery and Gift Shop in Edmore is a wonderful place to browse and buy unique artisan pieces and gifts. It is located in the Edmore Market Place building (the old Bag Factory) and is curated by the Mid-Michigan Art Council. Alyx Halsey and president of the art council, Priscilla Jeffers, head up five volunteers who keep the place running smoothly. The gallery and gift show officially opened on September 11, 2020.

"We had been helping out getting the building ready," Halsey said, "and when space became available to lease, we decided to reach out to local artists to join us. We wanted to be a platform where artisans could show and sell their work."

It has worked out great. Since opening, The Blue Room Gallery & Gift

Shop has hosted an art extravaganza and a craft show, and currently, has approximately 30 vendors showing and selling creations in a variety of mediums. They have jewelry, wood burning and carving, fiber art, photography, pottery, painting, and more.

They even offer what they call "Kids Art", featuring the work of young entrepreneurs ranging in age from 8 to 17. "They are learning about business," Halsey said.

The gallery and gift show is usually open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., however, this month they are open by appointment only. The reason is that the ladies are helping with renovations on the building. They are also working on creating an online gallery and shop. Right now, you can find them on Facebook, but stay tuned for more information on their upcoming website.

Also in the works are classes that are expected to start in February. They have an upstairs teaching space for vendors of all mediums to teach their craft.

The gift shop offers antique collectibles, craft gifts, art supplies, and more.

Displays are always changing in the gallery because of different seasons and holidays, so there is always something new to see.

If you are an artist or crafter and are interested in showing your work in The Blue Room Gallery & Gift Show, or if you just want more information about the business, you can contact Alyx Halsey at 517-230-9466 or Priscilla Jeffers at 989-444-2033.

Turn to page 2 for more gallery and gift shop pictures.

Stanton Mourns Former Police Chief



Former Police Chief Jose Patino

This week the City of Stanton mourned the loss of Retired Chief of Police Jose Patino who passed away on Friday, January 8, 2021 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 67 years old.

According to his obituary on the Simpson Family Funeral Home website, "Joe dedicated his life to serving and protecting others. For 36 years he worked for the Montcalm County Sheriff's Department retiring as a Detective Lieutenant, during that time he also worked for the Edmore Police Department. After his retirement from the sheriff's department, Jose served as the Chief of Police for the City of Stanton, retiring this past September. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and Command Officers Association of Michigan."

A police procession honoring Chief Patino

was held on Tuesday, January 12th at 10 a.m. in the downtown corridor of Main Street, Stanton. The public was invited to view the procession from sidewalks. Visitation was held that afternoon from 3-8 p.m. at Simpson Funeral Home in Stanton. Funeral services were private and for the family only.

The City of Stanton Commission Meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. was canceled due to the funeral visitation. Public notice will be given if the meeting is rescheduled. The next regular meeting of the City Commission is Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

If you want to make a memorial donation in Chief Patino's memory, send them to the Fraternal Order of Police.

We express our condolences to the City of Stanton and the Patino family.

First Baby of 2021

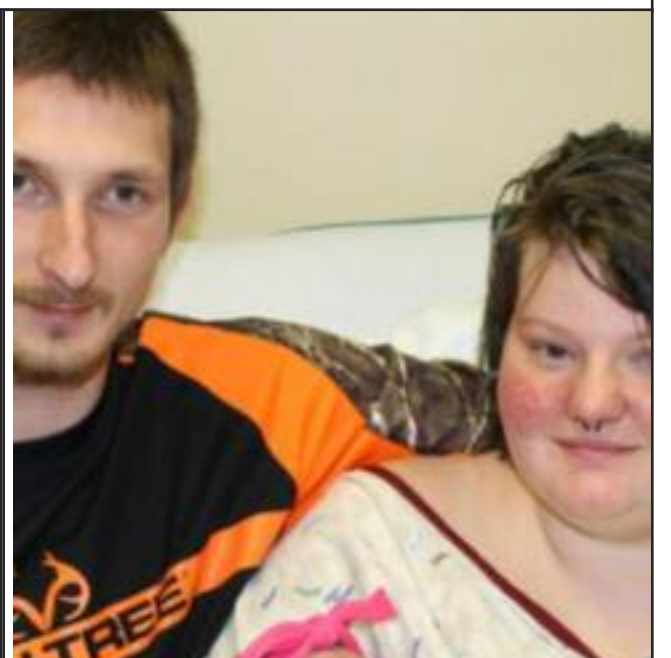


The first baby born in 2021 at Spectrum Health United Hospital in Greenville is **Passilee Ilean**. She entered the world at 10:28 a.m. on January 1, weighing 6 lbs 9 oz.

Her parents are Nancy Robinson and Austin Story of Belding.

Congratulations to the new family.

Little Passilee's mom and dad are pictured to the right.



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Winter Forecast

Thurs., pm rain/snow, high 37, low 32; Fri., snow showers, high 36, 26; Sat., mostly cloudy, high 33, low 25; Sun., cloudy, high 31, low 22; Mon., cloudy, high 29, low 22; Tues., cloudy, high 29, low 25.

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