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Spring has sprung. Have you ordered your garden seeds yet? Warmer weather is coming.

Lakeview Baptist Church will have a 3 on 3 basketball tournament this Saturday at the Lakeview High School gymnasium. We will have a report next week.

Spring Forecast

Thu A slight chance of snow showers before 8am, then a chance of rain showers between 8am and 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 45. Southwest wind 5 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Thu Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Fri Partly sunny, with a high near 48.

Fri Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sat Partly sunny, with a high near 51.

Sat Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Sun Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48.

Sun Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Mon Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.



CALLING ALL VENDORS!

WHERE COMMUNITY CONNECTS!
Showcase your products or services (inside sales are allowed).

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Carnival-themed family fun! Food Trucks, Student Art Display, Community Photo Contest and More!

3rd Annual Community Business Expo

Saturday, April 11, 2026
10:00am - 2:00pm
Tri County High School
Howard City, MI

Registration & Payment due by March 27th, 2026

\$40 - Chamber Members (Ruby/Sapphire)
Diamond Members - No Fee
\$70 - Non-Chamber Members (10x5 booth)
+\$25 if electricity is needed (limited availability, first come first served)

All registered vendors will be entered to win a 2027 DIAMOND MEMBERSHIP!

Call 231-367-6473 or email info@howardcitychamber.com

Quilts of Valor – Warming Tributes



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Quilts = Healing
Join us to provide comforting and healing Quilts of Valor



Over a quarter-million lives changed since 2003

By Cindy Havens

Last November, at the Edmore VFW luncheon for Veterans Day, two quilts were presented as gifts to veterans as a way to say “thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation.” The quilts were gifted by an organization called Quilts of Valor. (QOV) This organization is made up of volunteers who make quilts and present them to service members and veterans. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) is to “cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.” That day, local representatives of QOV were on hand to present a quilt to local Veteran Tom Dobberstein. They honored this local veteran by wrapping him in one of their handmade quilts and reading aloud the details of his service. “Tom achieved the rank of E-4, did his basic training in San Diego, California as a Radio Operator Communications center man. He then went to El Toro MCAS, 3rd Marine Airwing from 1976 to 1978

and to Camp Butler in Okinawa in the 1st Marine Airwing from 1978 until 1979. Additionally, he served at Camp Lejeune in the 2nd Field Support Service Group in 1979.”

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003, when founder Catherine Roberts had a dream. At the time Roberts’ son was deployed in Iraq. The dream motivated her to start Quilts of Valor. “The dream,” she recalls, “was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change.” The message she took away from the dream was that quilts can help heal. She called them her “Quilts of Valor,” and so the organization was born. The first QOV was awarded in No-

vember 2003 at Walter Reed Medical Center to a young soldier from Minnesota who lost his leg in Iraq. In 2014, QOVF reached a milestone by awarding 100,000 QOVs to service members and veterans across the nation. Five years later that number was over a quarter-million. Volunteers worked towards 500,000 comforting and healing QOVs three years ago for their 20th Anniversary in 2023. One volunteer explained her commitment to the Quilts of Valor organization. “Our QOVs touch the recipients much deeper than we will probably ever know. And if just one quilt that I make touches a veteran such that it gives him or her the motivation to keep going, it’s worth the effort.”

“I never expected to have the hurt I have been carrying to be so miraculously softened,” said a US Navy Vietnam Veteran. And SSgt RC, US Army, Iraq 2005 said this, *“My quilt isn’t another military medal to be placed in a box and sit on my shelf. I was moved to tears.”*

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County Fires Under Control Continued



By Mindy Raglin

March 10 a structure fire in Greenville was reported on Tuesday night at 11:30 pm from the corner of Walnut and Coffren Street. The inferno was right across from Walnut

Hills Elementary and was quickly contained. Local fire departments and command center crew all worked together as one to keep everyone safe. The cause is unsure, as of now. Tuesday February 17 a fiery blaze broke out in a

garage on 414 South Bower street. The flames were contained due to quick action from neighbors and firefighters. A passerby also helped to put out the inferno.

The blaze started in the garage and was extinguished by the fire crews before it reached the home. Thankfully everyone was safe due to a group effort. Multiple fire departments showed up on scene including the Greenville fire department. The officials are yet to determine the

cause.

A DTE Ore Ida gate station had a huge amount of smoke billowing from inside the fencing in Montcalm Township on Vining Road. Thanks to Greenville public safety who saw the smoke and called it into dispatch. Montcalm fire department arrived on scene. Police stopped traffic nearby from getting too close to the danger. The fire report is still being filled out on the cause of the fire.

Where would we be without our heroes whether, civilian, to departments and dispatchers, always on the lookout for one another. Thank you to all involved for keeping our local communities safe. Please make sure your fire alarms are in working order and for more tips on safety please visit the American Red Cross <https://www.redcross.org> Home Fire Prevention and Safety Tips. We are all in this life together.

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