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Alpha Family Services Ambassadors Prepare for 5K4Life Run/Walk



Alpha Family Services Executive Director Karen Marsmann reports record-breaking results to supporters at the 2025 5K4Life Run/Walk.

By Bethel Larsen

While celebrating "Thirty Years of Faithfulness" since the founding of its pro-life pregnancy resource center in Greenville, Alpha Family Services gathered its "Ambassadors" from eleven area churches on Saturday morning, April 18, to prepare for the annual 5K4Life Run/Walk scheduled for June 13. Represented were Smyrna Bible Church in Smyrna, Trinity Church in Stanton, Holy

Trinity Lutheran Church in Lakeview, Covenant Church, McBride Church of Christ, Spencer Mills Church, Carson City Baptist, Living Faith Family Church, and Sidney Christian Church. Calvary Baptist in Greenville and St. Charles/St. Joseph/St. Mary's Catholic parishes also plan to participate in the event but were not represented at the meeting. (Of sixty-six churches in its surrounding area, only eighteen actively support

Alpha Family Services. If you are not receiving information about Alpha through your church, visit alphafamilyservices.org to learn more and encourage your church leaders to do the same.) After opening with prayer, Director Karen Marsmann outlined some recent progress and future plans for the center, which offers a comprehensive range of services to support families and promote healthy outcomes for children. In addition to pregnancy testing

and ultrasounds (currently referred to as Assure Women's Center in Cedar Springs while Alpha searches for a new sonographer), Alpha offers "Pathways to Parenting" programs for expectant and new parents. Participation is rewarded with "Alpha Bucks", which may be redeemed for diapers, clothing, and other items from the Baby Boutique. A Family Support Pathway also offers Boutique access to other primary caregivers such as foster parents,

grandparents and others. A new fatherhood support program will offer a "boot camp" in May. Support groups are also available to help heal the emotional pain of a past abortion or the loss of a baby before or after birth. Last year, Alpha provided 5,170 services to 204 families, all to carry out its mission to "Encourage, Equip, and Empower" parents as they care for their children.

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Trivia Night Kicks Off RAHS America250MI



Linda Howard, President of the Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS) welcomes guests to Trivia Night last week. The event was a fundraiser for the RAHS in support of local programs.

By Cindy Havens

It was a rousing night at the Remus Tavern last Tuesday when five trivia teams rolled in to see how much they knew about the Revolutionary War, 1776 and the Declaration of Independence. The trivia fundraiser was the first in a series of community events being sponsored by the Remus Area Historical Society (RAHS). Trivia Night

was a great success with the silent auction proceeds going to support RAHS. Items donated for the auction included handmade quilts, gardening tools, a pair of Wheatland Festival Sunday tickets and several other gifts donated by local businesses. RAHS Board Members Dawn Snyder and Ken Todd facilitated the silent auction, while President Linda Howard gave an overview of

RAHS. With our nation celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence this year – the RAHS has wasted no time in getting on board with several upcoming community events they have christened America250MI. RAHS is leading a collaboration called the Remus-Mecosta Area America250MI committee in partnership with

America250MI – the statewide commemoration of the nation's 250th anniversary in celebrating Michigan's past, present and future. Last Tuesday's Trivia Night was just one of the events kicking off America's Semiquincentennial (yes, that means 250th celebration). Another event will take place from May 18-22nd, when 150 third grade students will visit the one

room Little River Schoolhouse for a day of fun and learning. The 1905 Little River Schoolhouse is a historic Michigan landmark, located at 9003 90th Avenue, its original site, which is now part of School Section Lake Veteran's Park in Mecosta. The students will wear old-time clothing that will be provided and have their pictures taken. They will read from McGuffey readers, practice cursive writing skills with quill pens and do basic arithmetic using slates and slate pencils. They will also enjoy traditional games and receive a packet of information printed compliments of Ferris State University. For those interested, volunteers will be available at the schoolhouse on Saturdays in July and August to lead tours for families.

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Spring Forecast

Thu A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. Northwest wind 6 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

Thu Night Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Fri Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

Fri Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Sat Sunny, with a high near 52.

Sat Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Sun Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

Sun Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Mon A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 61.



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