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The summer festival season is about to begin. The Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in Lakeview will be June 5-7 Summerfest is June 18-20, which is followed by the Montcalm County Fair in Greenville June 20-27. Six Lakes Dizzi Daze is July 3-5. Enjoy Michigan's summer.

Spring Forecast

Thu Partly sunny, with a high near 61. East wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.
Thu Night Mostly cloudy, low 42.
Fri A 30 percent chance of showers after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Breezy.
Fri Night Showers likely, mainly after 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Breezy.
Sat Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.
Sat Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.
Sun Partly sunny, with a high near 73.
Sun Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.
Memorial Day Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.



An Expansion of Value and Heart



By Mindy Raglin

Howard City Collision opened up in November, 2015 as a local father and son operation with over 30 years of experience. The father and son duo had a vision that they set out into becoming a reality. This vision, to offer high quality at a fair price and to serve their community by taking skills passed down for generations.

The first ten years into their business bore the loss of the father Mike VanWagner Sr in 2024. De-

spite this heartbreaking loss, they continued hard work, dedication and good service to the community continues on today.

Howard City Collision has expanded recently with more heart than ever before, and it is proud to announce the expansion and the celebration of ten years of excellent service. On May 14 the Howard City Collision owner, Mike VanWagner, smiled proudly as the ribbon was cut at his business as the community celebrated with them on the special an-

niversary. A party on May 16 offered door prizes, giveaways and delicious BBQ and refreshments along with fun family activities.

The festivities were to acknowledge the expansion of their new detailing room. The new space brings customers even more automotive care options close to home. This care includes rust proofing services and ceramic coatings. We all know how Michigan winters can easily damage that car you carefully invested in. Let's

face it, automobiles are an expensive item.

The advantage of receiving rust proofing and or ceramic coating is avoiding expensive repairs where the cost of repairing rust damage can be up to \$2000. A buyer, when looking at a sale on an auto are actively on the lookout for rust free frames and clear of rust wheel wells. The visible corrosion can instantly lower your car's value in the market. A porcelain coating is an excellent protective barrier against rust. Rust requires

both oxygen and water to thrive and a porcelain coating stops corrosion in its tracks.

An automobile should be rust proofed each year for optimal protection and for an owner's peace of mind. The *Lakeview Area News* highly recommends Howard City Collision. Howard City Collision has always been about community and all of their customers for many years and is looking forward to many more to come.

Main Street Music Studio Presents 2026 Recital

By Bethel Larsen

On Saturday, May 16, a dedicated group of young musicians assembled at First Congregational Church in Stanton to present their annual recital. The Main Street Music Studio proteges of instructor Phyllis Wells demonstrated their accomplishments in piano, violin, and vocal music ranging from beginner to advanced levels. Aiden Wells, on staff this year to teach guitar and percussion, ably showcased his command of those instruments as well as a powerful singing voice.

The program opened with Aiden Wells on percussion and Isaac Patterson on piano teaming up on "Vienna" by Billy Joel. The combined talents of the two young men always equal more than the sum of their parts as each reflects and amplifies each other's passion for music and has tremendous fun in the process.

Todd Wells then welcomed the audience

and introduced first-year piano student Liam Stevens, who demonstrated a promising sense of rhythm and a strong touch on "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven and the French folk song "Alouette." When first-year violin student Joyce Robinson stepped to the microphone, I couldn't help wondering what challenges might arise for a right-handed teacher instructing a left-handed student on this difficult instrument, but the challenges clearly had not become obstacles. Joyce played the theme from Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony and John Newton's beloved hymn "Amazing Grace" with a smoother flow than many beginning students achieve.

Jameson Stevenson graced his first piano recital with "Au Clair de Lune" by Debussy and the folk favorite "Arkansas Traveler", concluding with a gentlemanly bow to the audience.

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Aiden Wells, left, and Isaac Patterson, right, challenge each other's talents when they play together.

Happy Memorial Day

We will be closed Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day



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