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## 18 - Mill Non-Homestead Election - May 8

May 2018

### History

- In 1994, Michigan voters approved Proposal A, which revamped how schools would be funded.
- Voters in our district have approved the 18 mill non-homestead property tax renewals since the passing of Proposal A. Most recently this millage was passed in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, (when we had non-homestead elections every year) and 2012. It is set to expire in 2018.
- Now, we try to save election costs and not go to the voters each year.

### What does Non-Homestead mean?

- Non-homestead includes commercial, industrial, business, "second home" and some agricultural properties.
- It DOES NOT include a family's primary residence.

### Why?

- To receive the full foundation allowance from the state, the district must first levy 18 mills on non-homestead property.
- This proposal is for a renewal period of 4 years, from 2019 to 2022.

### What is different this time?

- The ballot language will ask for permission to assess the non-homestead tax as well as "override" the Headlee amendment.

### I've heard of the Headlee Amendment. What is that?

- The Headlee Amendment is a millage reduction when property tax values grow faster than the cost of living. The Headlee Amendment reduced non-homestead from 18 mills to 17.8168 mills. Thus, NPS is not receiving the full per pupil foundation allowance. Overriding the Headlee Amendment will allow NPS to levy the full 18 mills on non-homestead property.

### What is the money used for and what is it worth?

- The tax revenues are used for the school district's general operations. 18 mills on non-homestead property will generate approximately \$2.8 million each year for NPS.

### What if this is voted down?

- The state will not replace the funding.

### Didn't NPS just pass a bond election for the new/renovated elementary school?

- Yes, this passed in 2016. That was a school improvement millage vote which allows voters to decide on whether to build, renovate, or improve facilities. The 18-mill non-homestead is a tax on commercial, industrial, business, "second homes" and some agricultural properties and is used for general operations.
- Essentially, they are distinct elections for different purposes as determined by law.

### So if I own one home and no other properties, I do not pay the 18 mill non-homestead tax?

- Yes, that is correct. Homeowners vote on the tax, but homeowners don't pay for it.

### Where and when do I vote?

- The election is Tuesday, May 8, 2018 and you vote at your regular voting precinct.

Questions? Contact Peg Mathis, Superintendent, Newaygo Public Schools, Phone 231-652-6984

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# Class of 2018 Top Ten

Newaygo High School Principal, Brad Reyburn, is pleased to announce the top ten for the graduating class of 2018: Valedictorian Dana duChemin, Salutatorian Madison Bush, and Honor Students Daisy Hagen, Taylor Fisher, Ike Reynolds, Kate Youmans, Kacie Fetterley, Hunter Green, Brianna Martinez and Dylan White.

Baccalaureate service for the Newaygo High School Class of 2018 will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 6:00 PM, at Grace Bible Church, 200 Mill Street, in Newaygo. Commencement will be on Thursday, May 24, at the Newaygo Athletic Field at 7:30 P.M., weather permitting.



**Valedictorian Dana duChemin**  
Dana is the daughter of Dean and Bethanie duChemin. Throughout high school, she has been a three sport athlete participating in volleyball, basketball, and softball and club volleyball in the off-season. Dana is a member of the yearbook committee and is involved with Newaygo's Fellowship of Christian Athlete program. She has been a member of student council for three years including Senior Class President. She is also Vice President of National Honor Society.

In her community, Dana enjoys volunteering in her church youth programs and helping at sports youth camps. In the fall, Dana will be attending Grace Bible College to play volleyball and pursue a degree in secondary education majoring in mathematics and minoring in physical education. Even though she will be a tiger at Grace, she will always be a Lion at heart.

## Salutatorian Madison Bush

Madison is the daughter of Steve and Cris Bush. She is actively involved in her school and her community. Throughout high school, Madison has participated in basketball, volleyball, and softball and has been a member of the National Honor Society. In her free time, she is actively involved in Newaygo's Youth Girls Basketball Program. In the fall, Madison will be attending Central Michigan University to study marketing research and logistics.



## Daisy Hagen

Daisy is the daughter of Angela Napieralski and Todd Hagen. She was involved in volleyball, softball, basketball, and track during her four years at Newaygo. She was the Student Body President as well as the President of the National Honor Society. She enjoyed volunteering at the youth Lady Lions' Camps and the Special Olympics. In the summer, Daisy will begin her studies at the University of Michigan. Her goal is to attain a

bachelor's degree in physiology, and ultimately pursue her career as a physician's assistant.

## Taylor Fisher

Taylor is the daughter of Tammy Newberg and Rodney Fisher. Taylor has participated in cheerleading and is a captain of the squad. She is an active member of PRIDE of Newaygo County, Newaygo High School's National Honor Society and an officer of student council. In her spare time, she worked a part time job and volunteered for many organizations, including, Special Olympics and Toys for Tots. In the fall, Taylor will be attending Northern Michigan University to major in social work with an intent to attend law school and become a child advocate lawyer.







### Ike Reynolds

Ike is the son of Rebekah and Robert Anton. Throughout high school, he has participated in several activities including wrestling, quiz bowl, and track and field. Ike has over 300 community service hours earned by running a church youth program, tutoring a student in Spanish, and improving the community through the River Country Chamber of Commerce. Ike is the student body Vice President, and was President of his sophomore class. He is also a college ambassador and has been the class representative of the PBIS organization since his junior year. In the fall, Ike plans to attend Michigan State University to double major in human biology and Spanish language with hopes of becoming a specialized operating room surgeon.



### Kate Youmans

Kate is the daughter of Scott and Kara Youmans. She has been an active officer in Student Council and National Honor Society during her time in high school. She has also spent the past two years as a yearbook editor for the Newaygo Legend. Outside of school, she has spent time doing volunteer work such as organizing fundraisers and traveling to Mexico on a mission trip. In the fall, Kate will be attending Central Michigan University to pursue a major in interior design with a minor in business communications.



### Kacie Fetterley

Kacie is the daughter of Wayne and Chris Fetterley. She has participated in concert band, jazz band, pep band and marching band. Kacie was awarded best marcher in marching band. In her free time, Kacie enjoys refereeing for her community's AYSO program for Newaygo's youth and their VIP program to get children with disabilities active. Kacie plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University in their research psychology program and childhood development. She plans to be a mental illness advocate and an inspiration for change.

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### Hunter Green

Hunter is the son of Patti Bailey and the late Randy Green. He is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as the Newaygo Public School's band program. He actively participates in church activities and library committees. Hunter is an officer for the Newaygo County Career Tech Center chapter of Business Professionals of America. This fall, Hunter plans to attend Northern Michigan University to study accounting before pursuing law school.



### Brianna Martinez

Brianna is the daughter of Pedro and Jenelle Martinez. She is involved in the National Honor Society and participates in the school talent show by creating videos of Newaygo's extracurricular activities. After graduation, Brianna plans to attend Muskegon Community College for two years and then transfer to Lake Superior State University to pursue a degree in forensic chemistry. With this degree, Brianna hopes to become a crime lab analyst.



### Dylan White

Dylan White is the son of Rob and Angela Pullman and John White. Dylan has participated in marching band, varsity soccer and track. He served as a section leader for concert, pep, jazz, and marching bands. He also attended several honors bands, and earned superior ratings at district and state Solo and Ensemble. He was selected to join the Michigan Ambassadors of Music as they toured and performed throughout several countries in Europe. Dylan is a member of the National Honor Society and has spent many hours volunteering at his school's concession stand, the First Congregational Church of Fremont, and other churches in his community. He has played AYSO soccer for 12 years and has volunteered as a referee and coach at VIP soccer. Dylan is dual-enrolled at MCC where he made the Academic Honors list. Dylan was also invited to the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston. After graduation, Dylan plans to attend Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in computer science.





# Students of the Month



February  
Starley Vanrooyen and Lesley Rivera-Zamarron



March  
Rebecca Perkins, Shaina Timmer and Sophia Frisbie

# Citizens of the Month



February  
Mitch Karrip , Daniella duChemin,  
Viviana Hernandez and Midya Giffen



March  
Katie Deur and Olivia Lacy



Penny Prince, Dan Charette and Penny Princess, Sage Beerman



Freshmen: Hudson Harkness and Alexis Feutz, Juniors: Penny Prince, Dan Charette and Penny Princess, Sage Beerman  
Seniors: Chase Pendock and Alexis Bocker  
Sophomores: Jake Klekotka and Sophia Frisbie

Newaygo's Jarrod Hoskings takes 1st place in State Welding Competition.

In partnership with the MEWDC, Michigan Energy Workforce Development Consortium, the energy companies have launched the first-ever statewide



welding competition for Career Technical Education welding programs at all Michigan high schools. The high school students were challenged to create a welding project that represents energy in the state of Michigan and were judged by welders in the industry. NHS Senior, Jarrod Hoskings, took home \$500.00, as a welder and \$2,000 for the program.

Newaygo's Nick Simington took 4th place in the state and was also awarded a welder.

Nice work, gentlemen! Special

thanks to Mr. Aaron Brandon and Mr. Jim Swenson, at the Career Tech Center, for all you do for our students.



This semester, Mrs. Westcott and Mrs. Abbott's "Peer to Peer" Class is rocking out new shirts that the class designed. Two days a week, the students run the N Den, our school store. One day a week, they do all the aspects of running a business: counting money, bookkeeping, advertising, taking orders, decorating, and inventory. On the other two days, the students tutor, do group activities and work with the autistic program. The class is also in charge of planning the alternate day of instruction, which is coming up in April.





rop, Emma Mortensen, Grace Painter, Jayden Joseph  
 Performers: Naomi Schillman, Xavier Heath, Tyler Chaplinski, Rhys McCoy, Garrett Wolven, Gracie Bazzett, Autumn McCoy, Kendall Beisiegel, Lilly Cook, Connelly Hefferan-Nordland, Sarah Andrews, Hailee Dejohn, Sydnee Kirk, Chloe Bush, Kija Westbrook, Madison Christensen, Emma Youmans, Lauren Bull, Rita Zuker, Erin Decan, Jozlin Kurtzhals, Aubrey Date-  
 ma, Iris Herrera, Carle Bruggema  
 Backstage crew: Johan Walker, Xavier Stroud, Andrea Emory, Leah Ruehmeier, Natalie Roszell, Trinity Roszell, Alexis Nichols  
 Light crew: Jake Sekach, Dakota Bazzett, Dyllan Bazzett, Parker Christensen  
 Technology: Grant Harkness  
 Videographer: Trevir Kral, Hudson Harkness

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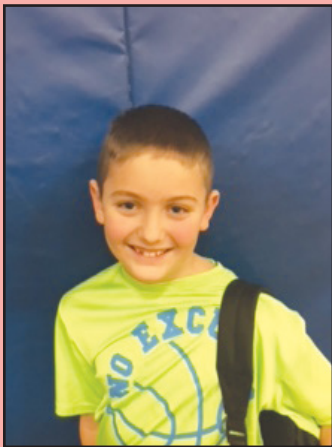
The 2018 NMS “Celebration of Talents” once again, was a HUGE success! Under the supervision and direction of Mrs. Graff and Mrs. Harkness, the students amazed the audience with their courage, charisma, and talent. Each year, beginning in January, the students audition, and then work together to put the show together. The performers diligently practice their acts. The emcees work on the script along with their public speaking and acting skills. The backstage crew make posters, programs, plan decorations, and help out in any other way needed. The Technology crew puts together the music and slideshow. An enormous amount of time, effort, planning, and practice is needed for the show to go smoothly. This year’s theme was “Kindness.” The students did a wonderful job of sharing this important message. With skits, facts, ideas, videos, and pictures, the students were able to show that “Kindness Matters.” They shared that if we all showed a little more kindness, we could change our country, our community, and our schools.

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated in this year’s “Celebration of Talents!” A job well done, AND a message much needed and well received!

Emcees: Karla Nelson, Parker Wade, Remington Arney, Ally Graff, Lyda Lath-



Velma Matson Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Noah McLaughlin (1st place), Allen Chen (2nd place), and Olivia Alexander (Alternate). They are moving on to Fremont to represent Newaygo at the next level!



The Velma Matson’s Pawsome Readers!

To celebrate “March Is Reading Month” the students at the Velma Matson were all about being “Pawsome” Readers! Each Tuesday was a different spirit day to encourage the enjoyment of reading. On Thursdays throughout the month students received a postcard from the Pawsome Reader’s Dog House. Students were given special “treats” to remind them to “paws” to read every day. All students that earned 25 or more Accelerated Reader points got their paws on the walls in the library. We were also fortunate to have members from our community come in to read to our students. On March 20th the students listened to Newaygo’s very own Joe Berger read “The Old Man and the Bear”. A big thank-you to all of our special guest readers and a great job goes out to all of students for remembering to make reading a pawsitive part of their daily life!

4th Grade Lion Pride Night

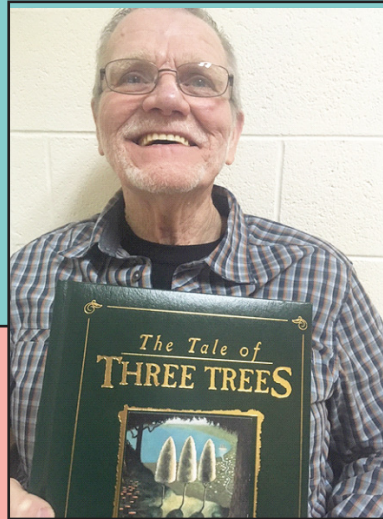
Mrs. Behnke’s, Mrs. Franks’, Mrs. McVicker’s, Mrs. Morse’s and Mrs. Youman’s 4th grade students presented their research projects to their families on Lion Pride Night. The students picked a state they wanted to learn more about. Many of the students picked states they have been to or states where someone special they know lives in. The students worked extremely hard as they researched information on their states. The boys and girls found out their state mammal, bird, fish, rock or gem. They googled pictures of what each looks like and then labeled the pictures. The students also researched a famous person who lives in the state they chose. Did you know Joe Berger is Michigan’s famous person? He was born in Fremont Michigan and plays for the Minnesota Vikings. The boys and girls also found out what their state flag looks like and what the state motto is. California’s state motto is “Eureka” and Georgia’s state motto is “Wisdom, Justice and Moderation”. After researching famous places to visit, the students turned all their information into a research paper consisting of 5 paragraphs. Each student then assembled their information onto a display board. It was exciting to listen to the students as they read their research papers to their families and talked about the state they chose. Thank you to all the parents and families that celebrated Lion Pride Night!



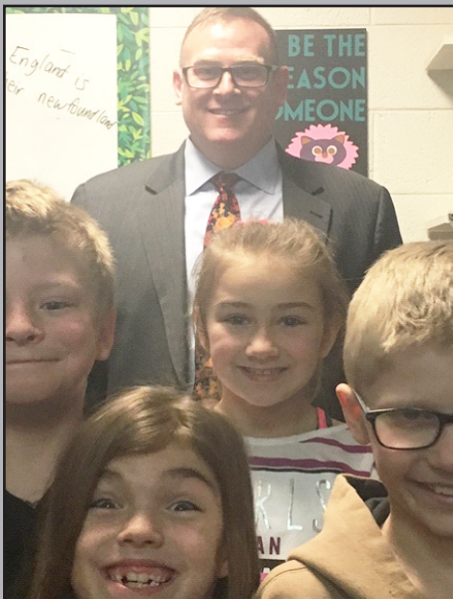




Deputy Green and his dog Remie from the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department read a book to the class!



Mr. Ron Parsley from Parsley's Sports Shop stops for a quick picture before reading to several classes!

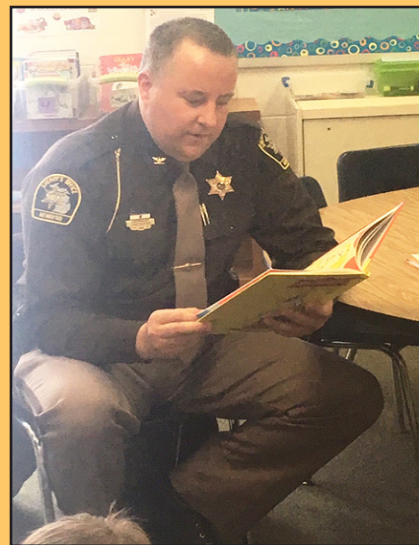


Mr. Scott Swinehart from Edward Jones poses with Sydney Sherwood, Maison Peterman, Miabella Varrooyen, and Dawson VanDoorne. Mr. Swinehart wore his favorite Dr. Seuss tie to the occasion.



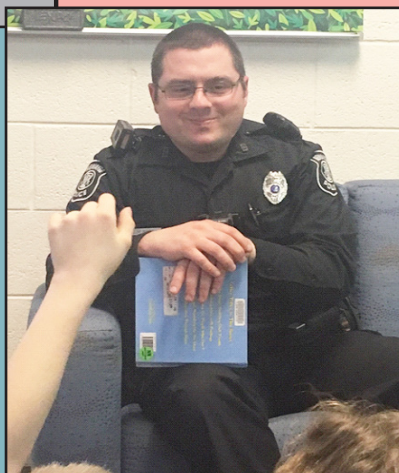
Fourth Grader, Olivia Alexander, loves to read! She is wearing a Dr. Seuss dress and headband created by her mom, Tara Cruz. Her outfit celebrates today's Read Across America.

Newaygo County Undersheriff Chad Palmiter takes time to read to students.



Sheriff Mendham and McGruff the Crime Dog took some time to read to Mrs. Youmans' class. Among the lucky students are Anthony Barajas-Ceja, Gracie Knudsen, Brock Wismar, Clara Riedinger, Peyton Johnson-Conine, and Hailey Melle.

Officer Rood from the Newaygo Police Department shares a book and answers a few Questions in Ms. Deubner's Class.







This year in K-5 Music, we have been fortunate enough to receive a \$1500 grant from Michigan Youth Arts. Through that grant, we purchased 10 soprano ukuleles, six tubanos (drums), and castanets and bells.

With the drums, we have worked on keeping a steady beat as well as drumming various rhythms.

Fifth graders have been using the ukuleles to learn the C scale, as well as beginning to learn some chords and easy songs.

Elementary students look forward to using our new instruments to accompany various songs and finger plays. Thank you, Michigan Youth Arts!



Congratulations to this year's Newaygo County Youth Arts Winners! The competition was for Newaygo County children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade. The winning artwork was displayed at the NCAA Artsplace in Fremont, during "March is Youth Arts Month". The following students were also honored at the Dogwood Center, where each winner received an award along with free art supplies! Please congratulate them, if you see them!

6th grade winner, Sydney Kirk



5th grade winners: Aydn Carlson, Chloe Bush, Tiffany Needham



Velma Matson winners: Caleb Acheson, Laura Castrejo'n, Miabella VanRooyen, Luella Hilden, Johnny Bischoff (not pictured, Gracie Knudsen)

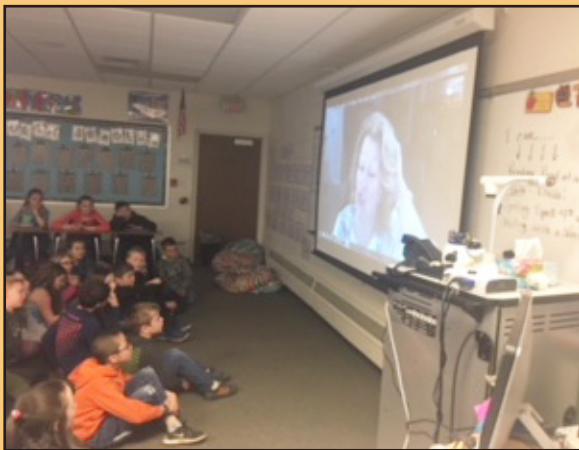


Vera Wilsie Winners: Kazia Slominski, Zaiden Longoria, Dru Selzer, Ricardo Centeno-Alvarez (not pictured, Alberto Alvarez, Maggie Smith, Ava Scheidel, Samantha Walma)





Barn by Laura Castrejo'n  
 Cake -first place for 5th grade, Tiffany Needham  
 Cow by Dru Selzer  
 Pie by Chloe Bush  
 Sun/Moon by Gracie Knudsen



Some 3rd and 4th grade classrooms has the chance to skype with Janie Panagopoulos. We asked her various questions concerning writing. We had a great time Skyping with her!! She has such a great sense of humor!



Aidan Ramsey takes a minute to show off his reading skills with Mr. Berger and Mr. DeShano.



Alex Johnson, Arden Jensen, David Casterjon, Johnny Schultz, and Abigail Mathers have an opportunity to ask Joe Berger questions about literacy.



Joe Berger Youth Football Camp

Camp Date: Tuesday, June 26th 2018 Camp Location: Newaygo Practice Field, Newaygo High School

Camp Times: Registration will be at 7:15 am. Camp will begin at 8:00 and conclude at 2:00 pm.

Camp Cost: FREE to boys and girls who will be in grades K-8 during the 2018-2019 School Year.

Purpose: This camp is a non-contact camp designed to have young children get outside and play. The camp will have a football theme but is not exclusively for football players, anyone who enjoys the outdoors and having fun is able to attend. Children will have the opportunity to play and interact with Joe throughout the camp. All campers will receive a picture of Joe and have a chance to win prizes and get autographs.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent of Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*By signing this form you agree to hold harmless and waive any liability for Joe Berger, the NFL, Minnesota Vikings, any other NFL team, Newaygo Public Schools, Newaygo Football programs of any kind, camp director, or any camp volunteer from injury, accident or illness or any other unforeseen issue arising from this camp.**

All registrations must be received by June 15th in order to receive a shirt.

Please send or email registrations to Kevin Harkness at 20140 Orchard Lane, Howard City MI. 49329 or Kharkness1832@gmail.com

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We are happy to announce the winners of the 2018 carnival poster contest! The kindergarten winner is Levi Klomp from Ms. Simmons class. In first grade, Layton Bokee from Mr. W's class was the winner. Ava Scheidel from Mrs. Voshel's class won for 2nd grade. In 3rd grade, Gabe Mull from Mrs. Wilbur's class won and in 4th grade the winner was Lillian Sloan from Mrs. Morse's class. All winners received a FREE wristband to the 2018 Newaygo JR. Lions PTO Carnival! Congratulations!! (Not pictured, Gabe Mull.)



“Get Your Paws on a Good Book!”

Vera Wilsie’s theme for reading month this year was “Get Your Paws on a Good Book!”. The “Book Hound” sent the kids letters at the end of each week to promote reading and got them surprises in their class “doggy bags” like pencils, note pads, erasers, Scooby snacks and bracelets. Mrs. Hubert, Mrs. Yoder and Miss Sarah from the Newaygo Downtown Library hosted a “Book Tasting” event in the library and encouraged kids to try something new from the browsing baskets. We had Michigan’s Family Funny Man come and perform the Super Reader Show to promote reading too.



The kids had guest readers come into their rooms to share a story during the month. Dr. Mathis, Chris Wren- the County Administrator and several parents volunteered to come in and read to our kids. Project Citizen 5th Graders read books with the elementary kids and listened to our little readers too. Our 8th Annual Book Swap welcomed books from home that got “swapped” for different books. One more thing to read over breaks from school!



All these things help to reinforce how important reading is and how enjoyable it can be. Children learn to read by reading and their abilities will grow with each new book! Remember to keep books in your kids’ hands over the summer and make regular trips to the library so your children will continue to develop as readers! Look for more information to come about our Summer Reading Program!



Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Running programs gain speed at the Velma Matson!

This year, the Velma Matson hosted two running programs, Girls on the Run (3rd and 4th grade girls) and Total Trek Quest (3rd-5th grade boys). These programs provide students with an opportunity to get fit, while they learn important life skills that include teamwork, self-confidence, trust, positive choices, and more. The life skills taught increase confidence while creating a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness. At the end of each program, students will participate in a 5K running race to show off their skills!



Dominick Shreve gives the program two thumbs up!



Making friends Olivia Hether, Ella Soules, and Hallie Mirkle take time for a group hug!



Congrats to Sam Eager & Lola Lopez on winning 2 tickets each to a Detroit Red Wings over Spring Break!! The students had to read 4th grade novels to have their name put in a drawing. Sam & Lola's names were drawn and they were able to meet Justin Abdelkader along with receiving a goodie bag.

Great Lakes Energy came to present electrical safety to our 4th graders. We learned what to do when there is a downed line and how FAST electricity can travel.



Debbie Taylor, author of Sweet Harlem Music, came to the Velma Matson to introduce her book to the 3rd & 4th graders. Ms. Taylor also answered individual questions in two 4th grade classrooms and two 3rd grade classrooms. We had a great time!!! THANKS for coming to Newaygo, Ms. Taylor!!!

## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Audience Participation – Senior student presented to the board a proposition to have National Art Honors Society stand at graduation showcasing their achievements with honor cords.

Fremont Area Community Foundation – Children's Savings Accounts

Amy Moore & Todd Jacobs presented

Upper Peninsula Student Trip – Madeline Roman

This is a county wide trip allowing 8-9 students from each school to visit Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and Northern Michigan University (NMU). Grant monies will be used to support the trip. College Advisors from each high school will be attending.

South Manitou Island Summer Trip – Deb Iwema  
Ms. Iwema presented her itinerary to the board.  
Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS)  
Mr. Jim Grugett, Assistant Middle School Principal and other building Principals talked to the board about Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS), School Wide Information System (SWISS), Office Discipline Referrals (ODR).

Junior Achievement – Jeff Milbourne

Mr. Milbourne talked to the board about how these programs are developed with primary emphasis on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. He also suggested it be used for After School Program (ASP).

Letters of resignation were received by a Middle School Teacher, 2 Elementary School Teachers, a Bus Mechanic, and a Bus Driver.

The Board of Education took the following actions:

-Approved the Upper Peninsula Student Overnight Trip request;

-Approved the South Manitou Island Summer Trip – Middle School Students;

-Approved Bid Category #1: A/V System;

-Approved Bid Category #2: Video Security;

-Approved Bid Category: Networking System;

-Approved the Naming of New/Renovated Elementary Building.

The Board was updated on the finances of the district.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

-Leasing 2 Busses – Holland Bus Company.

Principals updated the board on their buildings.

## Regular Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2018

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018.

Community Service Project – The Little Free Library – Mrs. Tina Ratliff

4th grade students presented along with Mrs. Ratliff the Little Library and suggestions for its new location at the Newaygo Elementary School. Students were proud of the idea they came up with.

Bond Project, TowerPinkster – Tom Kaywood  
Presented Secured Entrance plans for the Middle School. Also presented plans on parking area at bus garage and maintenance building and the demolition plans at Vera Wilsie.

The Board of Education took the following actions:

-Denied the request for Art Honor Society Recognition at graduation, as presented at the February 21, 2018 Regular Board of Education meeting;

-Approved Bid Package #2 Secured Entrances, Maintenance Parking Lot & Vera Wilsie Demolition.

Informational Items

-Memorandum of Understanding – Kickstart to Career Program – Dr. Peggy Mathis

-The Board was updated on the finances of the district.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

-Senior Class Trip to Chicago

-Marching Band Camp

Principals updated the board on their buildings.

## Regular Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Academic Highlight – Literacy

Presented to the board by Dr. Mathis, Superintendent and Mrs. Wells, Vera Wilsie Principal  
K-4 literacy, phonics curriculum information was presented outlining county initiative (from NCRESA) and at a local level.

A letter of retirement resignation was received from a high school teacher.

The Board of Education took the following actions:

-Approved Marching Band Camp at Little Pine Island August 16-19, 2018;

-Approved the Senior Class Trip to Chicago, May 21, 2018;

-Adopted the resolution to authorize issuance of the Installment Purchase Agreement for the purchase of new school buses.

Informational Items

-The Board was updated on the finances of the district

-School Assigned Police Officer Program

-18 Mill Non Homestead Renewal

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

-Cross Country Camp

-Volleyball Camp

Principals updated the board on their buildings.

## Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education meets on the third Monday of every month. Meetings are held in the Library of the Newaygo High School, 200 East St., Newaygo, MI 49337. Meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting Minutes are available on the district website.

[www.newaygo.net](http://www.newaygo.net)

Anyone with questions regarding any meeting of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education is invited to contact any member of the Board of Education or Superintendent Peggy Mathis at (231) 652-6984. Minutes of any meeting of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education are available for review in the school district's administration office, 360 S. Mill Street, Newaygo, MI 49337.

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NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2017-2018 School Calendar



May 28 No School - Memorial Day

June 5 Half-Day of School - Teacher Records in p.m.

June 6 Half-Day of School - Last Day of School

Late Start - School will begin one hour later than normal and morning bus routes will run one hour later in the morning on these days.

Alternate Days of Instruction - If additional days of instruction are needed to comply with State requirements of minimal number of hours of instruction (1,098) they will be added at Winter Break (February 19), and/or the end of the school year.

NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2018-2019 Tentative School Calendar

August 27 - First Day of School for Students

August 31 - September 3 - No School - Labor Day Weekend

November 15 - No School - Deer Day

December 22 - January 2 - No School - Christmas Break

February 15 - 18 - No School - Winter Break

March 29 - April 7 - No School - Spring Break

June 5 - Last Day of School

2018-2019 Schools of Choice

Newaygo County Choice Application

Students that are requesting release from Big Jackson, Grant, Fremont, Hersperia or White Cloud schools to attend Newaygo Public Schools for the 2018-2019 School Year need to complete a Schools of Choice application and turn it into the student's resident Superintendents office by June 1, 2018.

NOTE: A current active schools of choice student with Newaygo Public Schools that was released from Big Jackson, Grant, Fremont, Hesperia or White Cloud DO NOT HAVE TO REAPPLY. Their current form will be used for the 2018-2019 school year.

105c Schools of Choice Application

Students that are requesting release from Morley Standwood, Tri County or any other school district not in Newaygo County are considered a 105c school of choice applicant. Turn the application into the Newaygo Public Schools Superintendent office by August 31, 2018.

NOTE: A current active 105c school of choice student with Newaygo Public Schools that was released from Tri County, Morley Stanwood, others outside of our NCRESA area DO NOT HAVE TO REAPPLY. Their current form will be used for the 2018-2019 school year.

For more information and forms, visit our website at [www.newaygo.net](http://www.newaygo.net)

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# Mother Son Dance

Saturday, May 12th

6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Newaygo Middle School Cafeteria

Hosted by the NMS *E.T.* Club

## Pay at Door

\$10 1 Son

\$15 2+ Sons

## Photos Package Available!

Proceeds support the E.T. Club & Cyber Cafe.

*Semi-Formal*  
Wear your best  
dress clothes!  
K-8 Students ONLY



Concessions Available for Purchase!



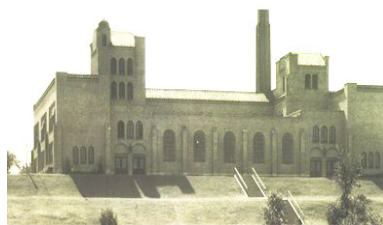
Live DJ too!

Questions? Contact Jaime Harkness  
jharkness@newaygo.net

## NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### 114th Annual Newaygo High School Alumni Banquet

The Annual Newaygo High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 19th at Newaygo High School. Reminiscing with old friends, looking at school photos and visiting the high school library and the many donated archives begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost of the dinner is \$11.50 per person. This year we honor the class of 1958, 1968, 1978 and the graduating class of 2018. The Beverly Shue scholarship fund remains successful due to your generosity and the 2018 scholarship recipients will be introduced at the banquet. All Newaygo High School Alumni are welcome to attend.



\*Please make Reservations before May 10 and return to:  
N.H.S. Alumni Association  
% Marilyn Melvin  
1361 W. 68th. St.  
Newaygo, Michigan 49337

### Are you a past Fremont Area Community Foundation scholarship recipient?

Did you receive a scholarship from Fremont Area Community Foundation between May 2010 and present? If so, you may be eligible for one of two cash awards!

The Ready2Work Award and Graduation Award are designed to help our graduates to a better future. For more information, visit [fcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships](http://fcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships).



### Did you know?

- 95% of the brain's capacity is developed by age three.
- A child develops the ability to reason by the age of five.
- A young child's brain works on a "use it or lose it" principle, and if the skill is not used or stimulated early it will be lost.
- Children in high-quality preschool programs begin kindergarten socially and emotionally ready.
- Children who enjoy high-quality early learning experiences are more likely to stay in school, attend college, earn more money, and be employed in a high-skill job.



We are accepting registration for the 2018-19 school year  
**Register your child for preschool today!**



### FULL DAY PROGRAM to those who qualify

Child must be 4 years old by  
September 1, 2018

Program locations:  
Croton  
Fremont  
Grant  
Hesperia  
Newaygo  
White Cloud



### PARENT PAID Three and Four Year Old Tuition Programs

Child must be 3 years old  
by September 1, 2018  
or  
Child must be 4 years old  
by September 1, 2018

Program locations:  
Fremont  
Grant  
Hesperia  
Newaygo  
White Cloud



**To register call 231.652.3683**

No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age (within program guidelines), or handicap.

Finding the help children need to succeed:

Children 0-5 with suspected delays/disabilities can be referred at any time.

Ages and Stages Questionnaires, a parent-completed, child monitoring system, can also be sent upon request to any family. It may be useful to a family who wants more information on their child's development.

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