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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 31
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and at Tri-Cities Alano Club, 419 Fulton St., Grand Haven.

MMAP Counseling: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Four Pointes, 1051 S. Beacon Blvd., Grand Haven.

Walk with Wellness Director: 9:30 a.m. at Four Pointes, 1051 S. Beacon Blvd., Grand Haven.

Narcotics Anonymous: 10 a.m. at Tri-Cities Alano Club, 419 Fulton St., Grand Haven.

Chair Yoga: 11:30 a.m. at United Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven. Fee is \$1 per class.

Love in Action Free Health Clinic: 5 p.m. at 326 N. Ferry St., Grand Haven. By appointment only.

NA Meeting: 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 508 Franklin Ave., Grand Haven.

Friday, Nov. 1
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and at Tri-Cities Alano Club, 419 Fulton St., Grand Haven.

Family Planning Clinic: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ottawa Department of Public Health, 1207 S. Beechtree St., Suite B, Grand Haven. By appointment only.

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Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
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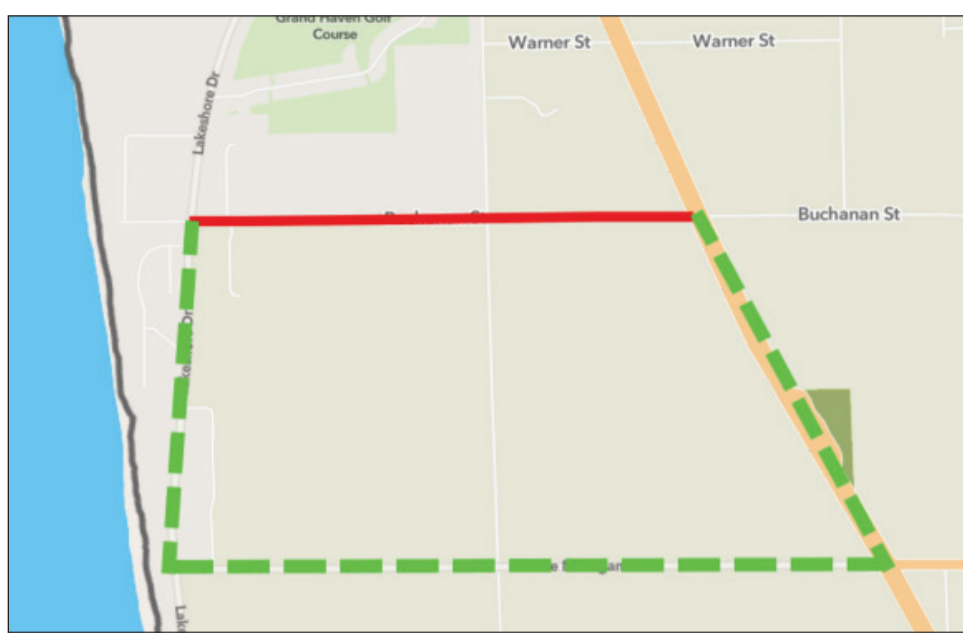
ROAD CLOSURE

Water main work to close stretch of Buchanan Street

By TRIBUNE STAFF

GRAND HAVEN TWP. — Buchanan Street will be closed between U.S. 31 and Lakeshore Drive for the installation of a water main. The closure begins Wednesday, Oct. 30, and is expected to last through

Nov. 25 for a permitted water main installation project. All dates are tentative and work is weather dependent. During the project, Buchanan Street will be closed to through traffic. The detour route will consist of Lakeshore Drive to Lake Michigan Drive to U.S. 31.



Ottawa County Road Commission

UTILITIES

Grand Haven BLP earns pair of national awards

CONTRIBUTED

The Grand Haven Board of Light & Power (BLP) received a three-year designation as a Smart Energy Provider in addition to earning the 2024 Customer Satisfaction Award.

The award was given out at the 2024 American Public Power Association (APPA) Customer Connections Conference.

The Smart Energy Provider designation recognizes the utility's proficiency and commitment to energy efficiency and renewable energy while acknowledging the utility's efforts to provide its residents with safe, reliable, low-cost, and sustainable electric service. The Smart Energy Provider award is valid through Nov. 30, 2027, and honors the BLP for demonstrating exemplary practices in four areas:

- Smart energy program structure
- Energy efficiency and distributed energy resources programs
- Environmental and sustainability initiatives
- Customer experience



Courtesy photo

From left, Paul Cederquist Utility Compliance Specialist; Austin Gagnon, Operations & Technical Services Engineer; Erik Booth, Operations and Power Supply Manager; and Kim Dutmers, Communications and Graphic Design Assistant, show off the BLP's recent awards.

through green energy programs "Over the past 12 years, the BLP has consistently exceeded its sustainability goals resulting in a cumulative savings of over 30,000,000 kilowatt-hours per year while increasing our renewable energy portfolio to 24 percent of our annual energy needs," said

BLP General Manager Robert Shelley. "By helping our customers optimize and reduce their energy consumption, they're also saving millions of dollars each year. This designation recognizes our focus on making affordable and sustainable power possible for our community well into the future."

Additionally, the BLP

received the 2024 Customer Satisfaction Award for its positive performance, based on feedback from customers, in eight areas, including:

- Overall customer satisfaction
- Positive customer service & field personnel interactions with customers
- Communications
- Innovative programs

and services The BLP scored significantly higher than state and national standards across each area, according to feedback from the public in a recently conducted survey, earning a Silver Award for the category.

"We're grateful for the positive feedback from the community we work so diligently to serve," said Mike Westbrook, Chairman of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. "This award is a testament to our collaborative efforts across our entire team to provide the dependable service our neighbors need and trust. We received national recognition for exceeding standards on reliability, safety, customer satisfaction and now as a Smart Energy Provider. For such a small community, we have a lot to be proud of with our locally controlled and locally owned BLP."

The BLP serves over 15,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in the City of Grand Haven, City of Ferrysburg, Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Robinson Townships.

STATE BRIEFS

Thinking of stealing a campaign sign? Think twice

The Oakland Press (TNS) — Stealing political signs from someone's yard may seem like campaign hijinks but can have serious consequences.

People have reported thefts of campaign sign to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office since the August primary.

Cases were reported in Commerce Township around the primary. Since then, two cases were recently reported in Orion Township; two in Lyon Township and two in Oakland Township, according to sheriff's office records. It's unclear how many smaller police agencies have taken similar reports.

No suspects have been identified and police have no other leads, according to sheriff's officials.

Under state law, a person who steals a campaign sign could face a larceny charge. If the sign is valued at less than \$200, a person could face a misdemeanor charge that carries a fine of up to \$500 and/or 93 days in jail. If the sign is worth between \$200 and \$1,000, someone convicted of this misdemeanor charge could face up to a year in jail and or up to \$2,000 in fines. Thefts of signs valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 would result in a felony charge, punishable by up to five years in prison and fines up to \$10,000.

Last week, a Missouri couple whose signs had been stolen multiple times put Apple AirTags on the signs to track them. They usually found signs in a

nearby dumpster but last week tracked one to a home in a nearby community. When they confronted a man at that address, he opened his car trunk filled with nearly 60 yard signs, which the couple said were worth more than \$1,500.

Man pleads in stabbing attack; severely injured wife's male friend

The Oakland Press (TNS) — A man accused of attempted murder and domestic violence in a stabbing case out of Farmington Hills recently pleaded to charges, opting out of trial.

Curtis Leroy Washington, Jr., 35, isn't contesting two counts of assault with intent to murder and domestic violence—second offense for an attack last year of his estranged wife and her male friend. Washington entered his plea before Judge Kwame Rowe of Oakland County Circuit Court a few weeks ago, and sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 4. Washington had been scheduled for an Oct. 29 trial.

A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such for sentencing purposes. It can also offer some liability protection in civil cases.

The stabbing happened after Washington broke into his estranged wife's home in the Timber Ridge Apartments on Sept. 29, 2023, and stabbed the other man, a then-32-year-old Warren resident, with a knife.

Children were present during the attack, according to Police Chief Jeff

King. Officers at the scene reported seeing Washington pushing on the victim's chest in an attempt to make him bleed out from his injuries, King said.

King credited responding

officers for life-saving measures they performed at the scene. The victim had been stabbed multiple times.

At the time of the incident, Washington had a domestic violence charge

against him for assaulting his wife but had been released on a personal bond. He was arrested at the scene of the stabbing and has been in the Oakland County Jail since then, denied bond.

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