

Pontiac Chamber honors 10 PTHS seniors

Ten outstanding Pontiac Township High School seniors were recognized recently by the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet.

The students honored were:

MacKenzie Folk, daughter of Shannon Folk and Dan Folk. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, Peer Partners and Skills USA. She serves as president of the local chapter of Health Occupation Students of America. She plans to pursue a nursing degree.

Adam Holzhauser, son of Laurie Cool and Stanley Holzhauser. He is an Illinois State Scholar and a member of Scholastic Bowl and the Bass Fishing Team. He received National Honor Society recognition both as a junior and a senior. He earned an honorable mention in Celebrating High School Innovators at the University of Illinois. He aims to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Tyler Lowe, son of David and Audrey Lowe. He is an Illinois State Scholar and four-year member of FFA. He attended the FFA National Convention two years and served as a chapter officer. He is a three-year member of Key Club. He also took part in TeenServe in Pontiac in 2012. He has played baseball four years and basketball three years. He also volunteers as a youth baseball coach. He is planning to earn a bachelor's degree and pursue a career in agribusiness.

Alexander Olson, son of Kevin and Martha Olson. He is a member of the



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National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. He is also an Illinois State Scholar and has participated in Operation Snowball. He has played basketball, golf and baseball all four years of high school. He is planning to pursue a degree and career as an architectural engineer.

Suchi Patel, daughter of Navin and Jigna Patel. She is a member of Student Council, C.A.P.T.A.I.N.S., Key Club, Spanish Club and National Honor Society. She also serves on the Pontiac staff and volunteers at Pontiac Public Library. She has played tennis all four years at PTHS. She would like to earn a

degree in biology and then attend medical school. She would like to become an orthodontist.

Jeremiah Rowland, grandson of Roger and Donna Adams. He is involved in the PTHS choir, earning All-State and All-District honors, Tri-M, Thespians and Key Club. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in several PTHS and Vermillion Players productions. He has also participated in PTHS Madrigals and Scholastic Bowl. He played basketball for one year and was a member of a traveling basketball team for one year. He plans to pursue a college educa-

tion and would like to become an anesthesiologist or emergency room physician.

Molly Ruddy, daughter of Patrick and Kay Lee Ruddy. She has served on Student Council all four years and was class treasurer her sophomore and junior years and serves as vice president for the senior class. She is a member of National Honor Society, National Society for High School Scholars, National Technical Honor Society, Key Club, Peers in Action, Peer Partners, C.A.P.-T.A.I.N.S., and P2D2 team. She spoke at several conferences about the P2D2 program. She has volunteered with OSF

and was a member of a community recycling program. She has played varsity golf all four years at PTHS and was a state qualifier in 2015. She plans to pursue double majors in business administration and finance on her way to earning a master's degree in business administration.

Matthew Schrock, son of Alan and Joanie Schrock. He is a member of National Honor Society and Key Club and was named an Illinois State Scholar. He plays golf and earned outstanding senior player designations. He plans to study business and finance and continue with education at law school and be-

come an attorney.

Cheyenne L. Tulley, daughter of Pam Tulley and Robert Tulley. She is a member of National Technical Honor Society. She plans to attend community college.

Wren Woodburn, daughter of Kent and Nancy Woodburn. She is a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, C.A.P.T.A.I.N.S., and 4-H. She is also a member of the Pontiac staff and a Miller Park Junior Zoo Keeper. She has played tennis all four years at PTHS. She plans to attend college and pursue a career as a marine biologist.

STANDRING

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If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Be clear the first time, then let go. Having "the last word" is ego-based and pointless. Personal attacks are likely, so expect them and don't escalate.

Do not take revenge. I'm tempted

to get back at attackers for the idiots they are, but anger and hate only hurt me. I need to recover from an unforgiving heart, and as they say in 12-step: Let go and let God.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

Remain kind. It does work. I've said angry or insensitive things to others who could slam me back, but they didn't. Years later, when I recall their self control, I feel shame. (Oh,

that online trolls would feel the same!)

We live in times of nano-second communication, but a book completed in 90 A.D. still offers the best advice.

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sage Wednesday saying it is now closed, with links to other prayer sites it says it's not affiliated with.

"We thank you for all the prayers, and we cherish the opportunity to have created a place where Christians could meet to support each other," the message said.

A message left for Rogovy at the business number on its still functioning Facebook page was not immediately returned.

Ferguson says Rogovy also used deceptive and unfair business practices to run a business called the Consumer Complaint Agency which promised people it would advocate on their behalf regarding their complaints against businesses. Instead it charged people up to \$25 for doing little more than forwarding complaints, Ferguson said.

People who bought prayer services from Christian Prayer Service or from its sister website Orcion Cristiana between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2015, can receive a full refund. Ferguson said those affected should receive an email from the businesses by April 8 alerting them to the opportunity to file a complaint to receive a refund.

Consumers seeking a refund can file a complaint with the Washington State Attorney General's Office through June 12, 2016.

No claim needs to be filed by customers of Consumer Complaint Agency, which will proactively mail checks to eligible consumers, Ferguson said.

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New museum honors Poles killed for helping Jews

MARKOWA, Poland (AP) — Jews and Catholics offered prayers Thursday at the graves of Jews hunted by the Nazis and a Polish family killed for trying to save them, a solemn prelude to the opening of a museum honoring Poles who died for offering refuge.

Polish President Andrzej Duda and Israeli Ambassador Anna Azari took part in the formal opening of the Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews, in the village of Markowa.

It stands near the place in southern Poland where in 1944 German soldiers killed Jozef Ulma, his pregnant wife Wiktoria and their six children, aged between almost 2 and 8, as well as eight members of the Goldman, Gruenfeld and Didner families that the Ulmas were sheltering.

The museum is Poland's first memorial devoted to the Christians who helped Jews during the war, an act that was punishable in Poland by the immediate execution of helpers and their entire families.

A photograph that Ulma took of his Jewish neighbors that was stained with the Jewish victims' blood during the 1944 killings is among the items on display. Also shown are doors with bullet marks from the 1943 execution of five members of the Baranek family, which was sheltering four Jews in the southern village of Siedliska.

The day's observances began with Jewish and

Catholic prayers at the wooded cemetery near the village of Jagiella, where the slain members of the Goldman, Gruenfeld and Didner families are buried. Local, state and Catholic Church authorities as well as schoolchildren heard Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, say Hebrew prayers for the dead.

Three children and two granddaughters of Abraham Segal, 86, who survived the Holocaust thanks to Polish farmers in the area who hid him, came from Israel for the ceremonies.

"We are very excited by these ceremonies," Segal's

daughter, Pninit Naveh, told The Associated Press. "We are opening a new chapter for the new generations who must know history."

She said her father brought his family on an emotional visit to the area in 2006 and met with the families that helped save him.

In a Polish-language pre-recorded message for the museum's opening, Segal thanked the families who saved him in that "critical time." Speaking in Israel, he said he has lived to have three children, 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Prayers were said and

wreaths were laid also at the Markowa cemetery where the Ulma family is buried, and a brief ceremony remembering the Jewish and the Polish victims was held at the synagogue in the region's main town of Lancut.

Nazi police stormed the Ulma house in the early hours of March 24, 1944. They first shot the Jews, hiding in the attic and then they rushed the Ulmas from the house and shot Jozef and Wiktoria, and later also their children: three boys and three girls.

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