

Penny Campaign



The winners of the traveling trophy in the Penny Campaign was Washington School. This is the fourth year in a row that Washington School has won the trophy. PHOTO PROVIDED



United Way was at Central School to award the students a special trophy because they came in less than a penny short per student in the race for the traveling trophy for the Penny Campaign. PHOTO PROVIDED

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Historical Society to meet at City Hall

The next meeting of the Livingston County Historical Society will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the Pontiac City Hall on Howard Street. The meeting and program is open to the public and anyone interested in local history is invited to attend.

The program for the evening will be "The Chenoa Historical Society, Past, Present and Future." President of the Chenoa Historical Society, Joyce Nagel, will show photos and tell the story of the Chenoa Historical Society, which is now 28 years old. The LCHS feels it is important to share information about various groups in the area and to hear about what going on with their historical societies. Nagel is also Secretary for the Livingston County Historical Society.

BANK

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extensive remodeling project and settled on the lay-out last summer. Renovations started around the first of September. Our goal was to be open by Nov. 1, but we experienced some construction and weather issues that caused a delay in opening. The hiring process started several months ago, and fortunately, we were able to bring in people with previous banking experience who are enthusiastic and share our hometown values. Nicolle Perino, who was hired in July of 2017, has 15 years of banking experience and will oversee the lending area. Jennifer Ullrich was hired in September of 2017, and with nearly 20 years in banking, she will manage the branch and oversee operations and new accounts. Tellers include Jill Ringenberg, Judy Verdun, Andrea McCollough, Hailey Bulanda, and Angelle Elberts. Other employees who have been instrumental in the success of the project include Chief Operating Officer Bob

Meiner and Chief Lending Officer Mark Donovan. We've also installed a safe and secure IT communications system with the help of John Bowman and Sonja Helander."

The "soft" opening of the branch occurred on March 8, and the formal opening was on March 12. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for April.

Bank of Pontiac is a full-service, locally owned and operated community bank. Kauffman added, "We are anxious to work with our existing customers and get to know our future customers through community involvement in any way that we can. We still plan to landscape and touch up the exterior of the building, but mostly, we're happy to say that we're open for business."

Lobby hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The drive-up will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Friday; Saturday drive-up hours are 7 a.m. to noon.

CALENDAR

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- 5:00 HS Baseball and Softball at Eureka 4:30
- JH Track practice 3:15-4:30 Optional
- Saturday, March 24**
- Band and Choir New York Trip
- Youth Baseball Camp AT Woodland 9:00-11:30
- JH Track at Eureka 10:00 Bus 8:45

Submit news to
ldrnews@mchsi.com

IT'S BACK!
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Food Pantry Benefit
Pontiac Elks Club
Saturday, March 17

Hosted by
Duffy-Baier-Snedcor Funeral Home & Lyons Sullivan Realty

For \$50 Ireland Trip,
Raffle tickets and more info call
815-844-7111

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PUBLIC RECORD

POLICE BRIEFS covering accidents, arrests, associate court news, court cases and fire department calls are information the Daily Leader receives from the respective agencies. The **Daily Leader** also welcomes reader-submitted items such as club meetings, students in college and family reunions. **ITEMS WITH PHOTOGRAPHS** are also welcome. Items may be emailed to the Daily Leader at ldrnews@mchsi.com or may be faxed to 815-842-4388.

QUESTIONS? Contact Paul Westermeyer at 815-842-1153 or at pwestermeyer@pontiacdailyleader.com

Students honored at annual banquet



Pontiac Township High School students were honored at the recent Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. Front row from left is Caitlyn Ricketts, Tyrah Sexton, Olivia Muir, India Guerrero, Sarah Albrecht. Back row is Abigayle Orndorff, Henry Woodburn, Kevin Kuska, Emma Jacobs, Lucas Roe. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER

CORNELL GRADE SCHOOL

Grade school releases honor roll, perfect attendance

CORNELL — Third quarter honor roll and perfect attendance has been recently released by Cornell Grade School.

Fifth Grade
Honor Roll: Joe DeBoard.
High Honor Roll: Toby Hansen, Seth Jones, Blake Ruddy, Ayiana Sidfrids, Calix Stout.

Sixth Grade
Honor Roll: Jennifer Abusharekh, Skyler Cooper, Aliyah Mattes, Isaac Smith.
High Honor Roll: Kaydence McKenna, Autumn Ruff, Gavin Sugars, Christopher White.

Seventh Grade
Honor Roll: Abdullah Abusharekh, Hannah Leenders,

Colton Pfaff, Ethan Schumm.
High Honor Roll: Jady Bohm, Regan Jesse, Kalynne Kindermann, Neve Pinkerton, Annalyse Wallace.

Eighth Grade
Honor Roll: Carlton Gardon, Makenna Gray, Jacob Hutton.
High Honor Roll: Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Kayla Fletcher, Sam Jones, Lilia Mascote, Destini Moranville, Tyler Pfaff, Johnathan Ruddy, Kara Ruddy, Madilyn Sugars.
Perfect Attendance
Kindergarten: Ryleigh Eggenberger, Charlee Hart, Kassie Holt, Landon Lyons.
First Grade: Marley Gourley, Abigail Rients, Brianna Schumm.
Second Grade: Abbigal Arm-

strong, Brady Hart, Cody Pinkerton.
Third Grade: Bridget Hansen.
Fourth Grade: Josie Hart, Clayton Thorson, Konnor White.
Fifth Grade: Toby Hansen, Seth Jones, Blake Ruddy, Ayiana Sidfrids, Calix Stout.
Sixth Grade: Kaydence McKenna.
Seventh Grade: Abdullah Abusharekh, Patricia Gardon, Regan Jesse, Hannah Leenders, Colton Pfaff, Neve Pinkerton, Ethan Schumm, Braden Tangman.
Eighth Grade: Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Jackson Gamblin, Caige Garzanelli, Sam Jones, Tyler Pfaff, Johnathan Ruddy, Kara Ruddy.

Sex addict can't find treatment resources

Dear Annie: As hard as it is for me to talk about this, my problem is that I suffer from addiction. I envy alcoholics, drug addicts and smokers because they have access to medications to help them stop. But that is not the case for me. I have a sexual addiction and have struggled with pornography addiction. I called a couple of agencies in the Yellow Pages, and they must have thought it was a prank call, because they hung up on me when I disclosed the nature of my addiction.

There was a time when I never thought of myself as an addict. When I was younger, I foolishly, carelessly and recklessly thought it was a harmless recreational thing. If I had known then what I now know, I would have made different decisions. Since then, I've told myself, "This will be the last time." But it never is. I have tried 12-step groups, even though there is no group in my area that addresses my specific problem. I have been in outpatient and inpatient treatment. I have tried pastoral counseling,



Annie Lane

Dear Annie

but I have been told that the nature of my problem is so severe that it requires professional counseling, not pastoral. I found only one therapist in my area who is a sexual addiction therapist, and I couldn't afford his services. The treatment he outlined for me is a three-to-five-year program (he said it would most likely be even longer for me), and it would be all uphill. I have been advised to cultivate real intimacy in relationships, but I'm not sure what that means. I am a 48-year-old lifelong bachelor who has never been in any relationship, never dated and never been in love. So I

have no spousal support. I have no family and no friends. There is no university counseling in my area. My insurance doesn't cover behavioral health treatment.

My diagnosis is major depression that is resistant to treatment. I was put on six antidepressants, and none helped. So the doctors and nurses gave up. I understand that some people who become sex addicts, especially porn addicts, even have to go through rehab like alcoholics and drug addicts. I've heard of new studies suggesting that porn addiction affects the part of the brain known as the frontal lobe. I have since learned that viewing porn releases a brain chemical called epinephrine (similar to adrenaline), which locks stimulation into the brain. I wish I had known of all this sooner.

I have never heard of anyone recovering from sex and/or porn addiction.

Is it even possible? I feel that I'm too far gone to save. Maybe this could serve as a warning to others making the same choices that I've made. Would you please ask your other readers who have struggled with this to share what helped them and please print their responses? —*Ashamed in Kansas*

Dear Ashamed: You are not beyond saving. People have recovered from sex addiction (including porn addiction). There are several reputable and relatively affordable websites for remote therapy, such as BetterHelp and Talkspace. Additionally, if you can't find a Sex Addicts Anonymous meeting in your area, you can order some of the organization's literature — or even start your own meeting. Visit <https://saa-recovery.org> for more information.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to deariannie@creators.com.

ACCOLADE HEALTHCARE
of Pontiac

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 24th 10:00 am

- Open to Children up to 10 years old
- Bring your own basket
- Must be accompanied by an Adult
- Golden Egg Prize in each age group
- Easter Bunny will be here!

300 W. Lowell Ave. Pontiac • Rain date March 31st

I would appreciate your
VOTE ON Tuesday, March 20, 2018
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR
County Clerk- Kristy A. Masching

VOTE

Paid for by Kristy A. Masching