

# RETIREELINE

FALL/WINTER 2024

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## Golf Outing at Timber Trace on September 12, 2024

**F**ORERUNNERS Annual Golf Outing is truly a delightful event, filled with camaraderie, good spirits, and the love of the game. The picturesque Timber Trace Golf Course in Pinckney provided the perfect backdrop for a day of leisure and sport. With the weather offering its best with mid-70s temperatures, a gentle breeze, and radiant sunshine, it's no wonder that eighty-six retirees found joy in the lush greens and fairways. The event, meticulously organized by Kathy Gabriel and her team, offered not just a competitive spirit but also a chance to forge new friendships and cherish old ones. The day was

complemented by the simple pleasures of hot dogs at the turn and refreshing drinks, culminating in a dinner where everyone was celebrated. It's heartwarming to hear that such traditions continue to thrive, bringing people together in the spirit of enjoyment and appreciation for the game of golf.

Looking forward to doing this again in 2025!

*To see more pictures from this event. Use a phone to take a picture of this QRcode.*



**Events Winners:**

**MEN'S**

- Closest to Pin** – Jeff Fouty
- Longest Putt** – John Bavin
- Longest Drive** – Fred Murphy

**WOMEN'S**

- Closest to the Pin** – None on green
- Longest Putt** – Julie Miller
- Longest Drive** – Lisa Spiker

**WINNING TEAMS**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

Mike Shore, Tom Lefere,  
Ronn Rasmussen & John  
Santini



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team**

Trevor Reyher, Denny Berens,  
Frank Manning & Don Anderson



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team**

Lynn Frederick, Denny Dapra,  
Bruce Deverman & Ted Sanger

**Retiree Website Update**

**V**ISIT our website for updates on Retirements, Deaths, Discounts, Benefits, 2024 Scholarship information, and newsletter listings at [consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news](http://consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-news)



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# Luncheon at UClub of Michigan State University on September 11, 2024

**THE ANNUAL FORERUNNERS** Luncheon, a heartfelt event held at the UClub at Michigan State University, was a day of remembrance and honor. Commencing with the soulful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by the Lansing Community College Jazz Band, the atmosphere was one of solemn pride and collective reverence. The gathering recognized the valiant service of Consumers Energy retirees who have also served as Veterans and

First Responders. In a touching tribute, Bill Krieger bestowed Certificates of Gratitude and Commemorative Coins upon these heroes, acknowledging their unwavering dedication to the nation. The certificates were a testament to their invaluable sacrifice and loyalty, embodying the nation's strength and resilience. The luncheon also served as a poignant reflection on the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Mr. Krieger's words resonated

with the audience as he spoke of finding hope amidst tragedy, honoring the memory of the lives lost, including the brave first responders. The alarming statistics of service members lost to suicide were a sobering reminder of the ongoing struggles faced by veterans. Yet, the event was not without a forward-looking vision, as Bill Krieger's active involvement in veteran affairs and education highlighted the continuous efforts to support and honor our service members.



Veterans & First Responders receiving award and commemorative coin.  
 Back Row: Bill Krieger, Darrell Piacenza, Elton Henderson, Don Frohm, Michael Boleratz, Jim Schneider, & Craig Councilor Front Row: David Lathrop, Jim Campbell, Bill Pohanka & Val Guttowsky



Guest Speaker: CE Retiree Bill Krieger Veteran from Michigan Army National Guard



Mia Keefer & Cindy Puffinburger Welcoming Retirees

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - The program concluded with the presentation of scholarships to seven high-school seniors. Their grandparents were on hand to accept the scholarship awards.

Congratulations to Our 2024 Forerunners Scholarship Recipients Forerunners received twenty-five applications, and the recipients are as follows:



Bill Flynn & Cooper's parents

**\$1,000** Scholarship from Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing: Cooper Jacobsen, of Grand Rapids, MI. Attending Hope College to study Pre-Physical Therapy. Grandparents are James & Judith Campbell of Jacksonian Chapter.

(Luncheon, cont.)



Michael Bolerantz

\$1,000 Scholarship from Richmond Brothers Investment Advisors in Jackson: **Colin Bolerantz**, of Howell, MI. Attending Ferris State to study Criminal Justice. Grandparents are **Michael & Josephine Bolerantz** of Blue Flames Chapter.



Bil Flynn & Cooper's parents

\$1,000 Scholarship from Flynn Wealth Partners of East Lansing: **Cooper Jacobsen**, of Grand Rapids, MI. Attending Hope College to study Pre-Physical Therapy. Grandparents are **James & Judith Campbell** of Jacksonian Chapter.



Judy Henderson & presenter: Helen Riendeau

\$1,000 Scholarship from the Forerunners Building for the future (1): **Keegan Henderson**, of Ithaca, MI. Attending MI Technological University to study Computer Engineering. Grandparents are **Judy & Elton Henderson** of Grey Power Chapter.



David Lathrop & presenter: Helen Riendeau

\$1,000 Scholarship from the Forerunners Building for the future (3): **Stephanie Lathrop** of Dayton MD. Attending Purdue University to study Engineering. Grandparents are **David & Betty Lathrop** of Jacksonians Chapter.



James Tyslenko & presenter: Helen Riendeau

\$1,000 Scholarship from the Jacksonians: **Gabriel Hines** of Jackson, MI. Attending Western Michigan University to study Business. Grandparents are **James & Janice Tyslenko** of Jacksonians Chapter.

**Unable to attend, the following scholarships were mailed to:**

\$1,000 Scholarship from the Forerunners Building for the future (2): **Whitney Ruger**, of Middleville, MI. Attending Spring Arbor University to study Nursing. Grandparents are **Joe & Betty Taylor** of Jacksonians Chapter.

\$1,000 Scholarship from the Forerunners Annual Events: **Levi Bright**, of Auburn, MI. Attending Delta College & MSU to study Mechanical Engineering. Grandparents are **Randall & Martha Bright** of WonderWatts Chapter.

**Where to go for lunch in 2025? We are looking for ideas from YOU! Give Kathy Gabriel a call today at 517-783-5072 with your suggestions.**

**ATTENTION:**

We hope you have enjoyed our annual events over the years. We always strive to find good golf courses and unique luncheon venues. We are in the process of planning for 2025 and welcome your suggestions. If you have a connection to a unique luncheon option or a golf course, please don't hesitate to contact Kathy Gabriel. You may have a connection in your area that can make this process easier for the Forerunners board. Any ideas are welcome! Thank you for your assistance in making the 2025 Annual Events a unique experience.

# 2025 Scholarship Information available on website in January 2025

## 2025 Forerunners Scholarship deadline June 13, 2025

The Forerunners organization is committed to supporting the educational aspirations of high school seniors. With a focus on aiding those entering their first year of higher education, the Forerunners scholarship provides a valuable opportunity to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with tuition, textbooks, and other academic expenses. This initiative not only reflects the organization's investment in the future of young individuals but also strengthens the community by fostering access to educational opportunities for deserving students. It's a commendable effort that highlights the importance of supporting the next generation in their academic and professional endeavors.

## In 2024, we were awarded seven scholarships.

We will announce the number of scholarships and our scholarship information in early January 2025 on our website and in our Spring/Summer RetireeLine Newsletter.

## To qualify, applicants should be:

- Related to a current (2025) Forerunners member, specifically children, legal dependents,

grandchildren, stepchildren, or step-grandchildren.

- A high school graduate holding a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Committed to pursuing a full-time academic program.
- Entering their first year at a post-secondary educational institution or trade school.
- The recipient of only one scholarship per year from a Forerunner member.
- Associated with a Forerunner member whose dues are up-to-date.

Interested parties can obtain application forms starting January 2025 from local chapter leaders, the Forerunners Office in Jackson, or download them from the Consumer Energy retiree website or QRcode below. <https://www.consumersenergy.com/company/careers/retirement/retiree-advantage>



## FORERUNNERS BOARD ALL BOARD CHAPTERS MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2024

The Forerunners board's fall All Board Chapter meeting was a hub of vibrant discussions, celebrating the triumphs of past events and brainstorming for the future. The success of the Annual Luncheon and Golf Outing has set a high bar for the coming year. As 2025 approaches, the board is eager to gather fresh ideas and explore new possibilities for these signature events. They encourage chapter members to reach out with suggestions or connections that could contribute to another year of memorable gatherings. It's an exciting time to shape the future of the Forerunners' traditions!



## Changes in Email or Address

IF YOU have a change of address or email, contact Helen Riendeau at [helen1Oriendeau@gmail.com](mailto:helen1Oriendeau@gmail.com). Remember to also notify Fidelity at 800-260-4015 for any contact information changes.

## Forerunners Office Information

Forerunners Office, staffed by dedicated volunteers, are in once a week. Leaving a detailed message is the best way to ensure a prompt response if you need to contact them. For inquiries unrelated to Forerunners or Jacksonians, 'Service Now' is available for assistance at 517-788-2275, option #7.

## News From Chapters

In the Forerunners organization, each chapter serves as a unique thread, contributing to the strength and color of the whole. It's essential for chapters to share their news, whether it's a look back at past events or an exciting glimpse into future gatherings, to keep our retirees in the loop. This exchange of stories and updates not only fosters a sense of community but also acts as a beacon of inspiration, encouraging chapters to learn from one another.

### LANSING CAPITALIERS

In 2023, the Lansing Capitaliers worked on rebuilding their membership. They elected new board members, created momentum to increase membership, and added community outreach to their monthly meetings. Although this team may be a smaller retiree group, their hearts are of immense size. Over the past year, they have provided lunches for Head Start, donated supplies to the Humane Society, collected dollars to help a fellow Retiree's family member after a serious accident, and sponsored an assisted living facility at Christmas. Most recently, at their October 2024 meeting, the Capitaliers donated 88 hats, 60 pairs of gloves, and 29 scarves for Veterans. Paula Thomas, the Capitaliers Community Outreach coordinator, helped set up a partnership with Footprints of Michigan to distribute these items along with new shoes and socks to any local Veteran



in need on Veteran's Day this November. Mia Keefer, current Capitaliers President, said, "When I took on the role in 2023, we asked the members what they wanted out of our retiree group, and community involvement was at the top of the list. Our team takes great pride in being able to help others in our communities, and it's a highlight of every meeting." In November, the group supports Toys for Tots, and in December, they sponsor a local Lansing family for Christmas. If you want to connect with the Capitaliers, contact Mia Keefer at [mmkeef@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmkeef@sbcglobal.net).

### JACKSONIANS

The year 2024 has been filled with memorable events for retirees, fostering a sense of community and engagement through various activities. The introduction of new events, alongside the beloved



Euchre and lunch gatherings, has brought joy and entertainment to many. The anticipation for the annual Christmas Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson is palpable, promising a festive gathering and an opportunity to discuss important updates to the Jacksonians By-Laws. The commitment to keeping members informed through the monthly newsletter and the open invitation to reach out to the board president for queries reflects the organization's dedication to transparency and member involvement.



**WONDER WATTS - SAGINAW, BAY CITY AND MIDLAND**

After sixteen years of dedicated service as president of the Wonder Watts, Leonard Bobick is retiring. A meeting was held on October 9, 2024, to discuss the replacement of both Len and Vice President Colin Sibley. The Forerunners and the Wonder Watts extend their heartfelt thanks to Leonard and Colin for their volunteer service to our retirees over the years. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

**FORERUNNERS MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2025**

The Forerunners are again collecting dues from all Chapters except Jacksonians, who collect for us. Your local Chapter will collect their dues from you directly. Your membership and dues payment are significant to us. For only \$0.83 a month, you are a member of our unique organization. So, please renew your membership and keep in touch with old friends and colleagues by sending your \$10.00 payment today.

RETIREE NAME (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**2025** Membership Dues (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**2026** Membership Dues (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ (For your convenience, you may pay dues ahead if you wish)

**Scholarship Donation** (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

**Make your dues payable to: Forerunners** and mail your completed form and check to:  
Forerunners, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201

## Message from: Consumers Energy Volunteer Investment Program

Have you volunteered in your community or made charitable donations to nonprofit organizations this year? Don't forget to log your volunteer hours and donation receipts in the CE Volunteer Portal. December 13 is the last day to redeem 2024 volunteer grants and Matching Gifts.

### Volunteer Investment Program (VIP)

Nonprofit organizations depend on volunteers to make their missions come to life, and the Consumers Energy Foundation is here to support the incredible work #CEVolunteers are doing in the community. One way the Foundation supports nonprofits is through the Volunteer Investment Program. When you volunteer 20+ hours in your community and log those hours in the CE Volunteer Portal you'll become eligible for grant dollars that can be designated to a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit of your choice. This could be the organization you volunteer with, or a different organization—you decide!

### Matching Gift Program

Did you know that individual contributions you make to eligible nonprofits may be doubled through our Foundation's Matching Gifts program? Tax deductible charitable donations of \$25 or more may be matched dollar-for-dollar up to a combined total of \$1,000 per retiree in a calendar year.

The benefitting organization must be a U.S.-based non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax status. Other organizations, including public schools, that qualify for funding through the Consumers Energy Foundation may also be eligible. Donations made to religious organizations will only qualify for a match if the donation supports a public-facing program that is not focused on furthering a religious faith (eligible examples include food pantries and church-sponsored child care). This program must be specified within your Matching Gift application. Make a personal charitable donation and apply for a match using the CE Volunteer Portal.

If you have questions or would like to set up your account in the CE Volunteer Portal, please contact: Lauren Chandler -CE Foundation Program Manager [Lauren.Chandler@cmsenergy.com](mailto:Lauren.Chandler@cmsenergy.com)  
517-416-9848

Consumers Energy retirees and employees have volunteered more than 52,000 hours so far this year.





Complete Listing on our website.  
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# HAPPY Retirement

## OCTOBER 2024

**Pawlack, David A.**, Northville

## SEPTEMBER 2024

**Brinker, Carl J.**, Columbus  
**Brown, Michael P.**, Hemlock  
**Coffey, Vernon B.**, Alpena  
**Freeman, Mark T.**, Rockford  
**Miller, Matthew J.**, Attica  
**Phillips, Dan E.**, Newaygo  
**Smith-Mckinney, Mattie L.**, Grand Rapids  
**Stano, Dianna K.**, Livonia  
**Stuart, R M.**, Olivet  
**Umphey, Bryan H.**, Clare

## AUGUST 2024

**Armas, Paul M.**, Whitmore Lake  
**Beyer, Thomas J.**, Rochester  
**Cobb, Robert A.**, Angola  
**Cross, Mark D.**, Monroe  
**Frost, Teresa M.**, Muskegon  
**Hawkins, Deborah C.**, Brighton  
**Helinski, Gregory L.**, Swartz Creek  
**Jamison, Sammy E.**, Belleville  
**Johnson, Thomas G.**, Concord  
**Knobloch, Timothy J.**, Allegan  
**Maxwell, Keith A.**, Essexville  
**Mcgregor, Robin L.**, Waterford  
**Morris, Debra A.**, Jackson

**Moyer, John E.**, Suttons Bay  
**Sikora, Denise L.**, Fennville  
**Storm, Jeffrey K.**, Howell  
**Strecker, John E.**, Saginaw  
**Vandyne, Kevin K.**, Trenton

## JULY 2024

**Abbaduska, Robert C.**, Holland  
**Bigger, Jeffery D.**, Millington  
**Chick, Ronald J.**, Hudsonville  
**Cowart, Antwine M.**, Pontiac  
**Levine, Steven H.**, Canton  
**Martin, Hope A.**, Baldwin  
**Moran, Donald E.**, Comstock Park  
**Rademacher, Matthew J.**, Whitehall  
**Szymoniak, John W.**, Pleasant Lake  
**Wisniewski, Shannon E.**, Grand Haven  
**Wooton, Cynthia J.**, Durand

## JUNE 2024

**Beachnau, Jeanne M.**, Lansing  
**Binkley, David A.**, Portage  
**Breaugh, Michael M.**, Mio  
**Cruz, Daniel A.**, Battle Creek  
**Debruler, Todd A.**, Leslie  
**Elmore, James L.**, Midland  
**Fort, Mark A.**, Ypsilanti  
**Freeburn, William D.**, Pinconning  
**Goloversic, Michael J.**, Rothbury

**Hammond, Timothy A.**, Hastings  
**Handlovits, Steven M.**, Cedar Hawk  
**Hawk, John J.**, Allegan  
**Hawkins, Joseph L.**, Jenison  
**Hennessy, Mark S.**, Midland  
**Hevelhurst, Caroline H.**, Belmont  
**Hower, Larry L.**, Marion  
**Kastraba, John F.**, Caro  
**Knapp, Donald L.**, Cedar Springs  
**Maida, Michael R.**, Otter Lake  
**Mansfield, Victoria R.**, Saginaw  
**Mcmahon, Gregory A.**, Merrill  
**Miller, Stacy M.**, Pewamo  
**Mortimer, Deedee A.**, Pleasant Lake  
**Parsons, Terry A.**, Freeland  
**Pledger, Earl P.**, Ypsilanti  
**Pletz, Scott W.**, Big Rapids  
**Siefka, James R.**, Clark Lake  
**Waters, Nathan E.**, Auburn Hills  
**Wegrzyn, Donald P.**, Jackson  
**Weirath, George W.**, St Clair Shores  
**Wilson Jr, James W.**, Saginaw  
**Wyble, Patricia S.**, Jackson  
**Ziepiela, Joseph E.**, Jackson

## MAY 2024

**Atkinson, Gregg M.**, Essexville  
**Hale, Charles L.**, Atlanta  
**Moss, Deborah A.**, Washington  
**Stevens, Brian T.**, Lansing

## APRIL 2024

Allen, David E., Saginaw  
Anderson, Jayne F., Eaton Rapids  
Arney, Edward D., South Haven  
Boreo, Chrystal., Rochester Hls  
Bycroft, John M., Hastings  
Deyoung, James D., Leslie  
Fisher, Beverly A., Douglas  
Galbraith, Curtis J., Northville  
King, Brian Pj., School Craft  
Martinez, Leo., Jackson  
Mccann, James R., Itasca  
Mcclain, Melinda S., Jackson  
Mcmillen, Robert D., Nashville  
Metz, Michael W., Brooklyn  
Phillips, John A., Macomb

Post, Howard T., Holland  
Shaw li, Kenneth R., Gibraltar  
Snodgrass, Brian L., Goodrich  
Watson, Gordon A., Battle Creek  
Willard, Michael T., Plymouth  
Wilson, Lynne M., Saginaw

## MARCH 2024

Beeson, Gregory B., St Louis  
Bloss, Karl F., Muskegon  
Dufort, George W., Leslie  
Hookham, Charles J., Ann Arbor  
Rao, Anand R., Ann Arbor  
Tamminga, Daniel E., Delton  
Walters, Christopher., Fredonia





# In Memoriam

Complete Listing on our website.

[Consumersenergy.com/Retiree](https://www.consumersenergy.com/Retiree)

## OCTOBER 2024

Adama, Mary J., Spring Lake  
 Albertson, Robert C., Bay City  
 Chidister, Betty P., Portage  
 Day, Joan A., Holland  
 Dorr, Martha E., Jackson  
 Drenth, Eugene R., West Branch  
 Eldridge, Hazel M., Parma  
 Green, Thomas J., Muskegon  
 Hoffman, Shirley A., Batavia, Il  
 Markva, Theresa E., Michigan Ctr  
 Marme, Betty L., Saginaw  
 Murry, Maureen F., Jackson  
 Parlberg, Ralph E., Grand Rapids  
 Rinness, Dolores N., Grand Rapids  
 Rogers, Robert C., Ida  
 Schweiss, Valerie K., Grand Rapids  
 Sinkovitz, Marguerite, Dewitt  
 Thoms, Brenda L., Jackson  
 Turner, Linda A., Sun City Ctr, Fl  
 Vanderploeg, Joan M., Horton

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Alter, James R., St Clr Shores  
 Boyd, Richard D., Gladwin  
 Carpenter, Craig R., Frankenmuth  
 Clayton, Randall D., Westland  
 Crawford, Alvertis, Muskegon  
 Davidson, Gerald B., Harlingen  
 Desnoyer, Karen R., Jackson  
 English, Willie L., Battle Creek  
 Forsyth, Dale E., Summerville  
 Fox, Robert., Waterford  
 Gorowski, Walter J., Davison

Hawk, John J., Newaygo  
 Herrera, Stanley, Saginaw  
 Mellendorf, Dolores A., Hale  
 Miller, Ima J., Pinckney  
 Nichols, Donald O., Royal Oak  
 Ottenwess, Charles J., Highland  
 Popa, John J., Traverse City  
 Post, Howard T., Holland  
 Reidlinger, Waunetta R., N. Ford  
 Myers, Fl  
 Rochefort, Philip L., Allegan  
 Rochow, John J., Jackson  
 Shingler, Roger H., Sun City Center  
 Urbaniak, Ruth N., Midland  
 White, Helen T., Kalamazoo

## AUGUST 2024

Appold, Floyd J A., Bay City  
 Bennetts, Robert C., Garden City  
 Bethke, Christopher, Grand Haven  
 Detlaff, Loretta B., Lake Havasu City  
 Knox, Frank R., East Lansing  
 Parrish, Milford R., North Branch  
 Peterson Jr, Jesse N., Ellsworth  
 Reynolds, Jack C., Muskegon  
 Seenan, Nancy L., Traverse City  
 Singer, James O., Grand Rapids  
 Taylor, Margaret M., Bay City  
 Webb, Corinne J., Palm Bay

## JULY 2024

Bliesener, Carl A., Lacey, Wa  
 Burger, Robert L., Jackson  
 Burgess, Richard J., Jackson

Cousins, Harvey, Climax  
 Cummings, James E., Muskegon Hts  
 Ellis, Steven W., Kalamazoo  
 Eubanks, Shirley A., North Port, Fl  
 Johanson, William B., Muskegon  
 Kiple, Robert M., Jackson  
 Lesman, Betty J., Marshall  
 Loughray, Janet J., Pleasant Lake  
 Millis, James R., Lapeer  
 Nelson, David A., Whitehall  
 Pratt, Gary F., Holland  
 Ribitsch, Esther E., Pollock  
 Roush, Deborah L., Spring Arbor  
 Svinarich, Agnes B., Swartz Creek  
 Taylor, James D., Hillsdale  
 Watson, Percy H., Eaton Rapids  
 Wilkins, Clifford A., Brooklyn

## JUNE 2024

Amburgey, Tandy L., Avery, Tx  
 Baughman, Marjorie L., Climax  
 Breckenridge, Robert C., Canton  
 Crockett, Albert R., Cedarville  
 Easter, Larry J., Kalamazoo  
 Egan, Dennis R., Kalamazoo  
 Gerweck, Mary L., Monroe  
 Green, Carol A., Pontiac  
 Hopson, Ernest R., Horton  
 Jacobs, Jay L., Bay City  
 Jorgenson, Lawrence E., Muskegon  
 Ledbetter, Margaret E., Manistee  
 Lyons, Virginia L., Saginaw  
 Mccully, Michael J., Jackson  
 Mingus, Wilma J., Lansing  
 Muehlenbeck, W H., Saginaw

Richmond, Nancy A., Clinton Twp  
 Rogers, Judith M., Hanes, Ak  
 Rogers Jr, Leroy D., Holt  
 Seelye, Calvin H., Cadillac  
 Thelen, David G., Dewitt  
 Vincent, Virginia M., Battle Creek

## MAY 2024

Agrusa, Frank S., Holister, Mo  
 Avery, Michael S., Jackson  
 Delomtte, Sharon A., Waterford  
 Elfring, Herbert J., Jackson  
 Fox, Gilbert L., East Jordan  
 High, Charles G., Decatur  
 Johnson, Mary E., Rockford  
 Kaleward, Duane A., Okeechobee  
 Fla  
 Loewen, James L., Mesa, Az  
 Malone, Gerold L., Harrietta  
 Mccastle, Clayton L., Grand Haven  
 Mccloskey, Joan E., Owosso  
 Mcmillion, Tina, Cordova, Tn  
 Miller, Terry R., Prudenville  
 Mjovig, Leroy D., Ocala, Fl  
 Moredick, David H., Jackson  
 Murphy, Helen L., Bath  
 Nykamp, Charlene J., Zeeland  
 Shields, Kenneth H., East Tawas  
 Shoff, David L., Ceresco  
 Tickle, Mary A., Muskegon  
 Weible John H., Alpena  
 Werner, Julia M., Standish  
 White, Russel A., Romeo

## APRIL 2024

Anderson, Rosalyn A., Belleair, Fl  
 Anderson, Vern A., Jackson  
 Bagnieschi, Rodger H., Fruit Port  
 Ballinger, Hames H., Athens  
 Bell, Donald H., Kalkaska  
 Cady, Paul D., Rives Jct  
 Clark, Barbara M., Parma  
 Davis, Robert J., Orlando, Fl  
 Davis, Scott C., Dewitt  
 Day, Donald R., Munith  
 Gilbert, Claire E., Jerome  
 Golm, Donald E., Jackson  
 Good, Terry L., Jackson  
 Griffin, Thiomias L., N. Muskegon  
 Harris, Marjorie A., Jackson  
 Hosking, Ronald W., Marsing, Id  
 Idzkowski, Joy A., Jackson  
 Jirikovic, David H., Muskegon  
 Kenny, Harlan W., Grandville  
 Kraft, Merle E., Battle Creek  
 Livingston, Ronald E., Plainwell  
 Macmillian, William E., Jackson  
 Martin, Floyd G., Erie  
 Mccallum, Alberd D., Springport  
 Mccrae, Allen H., Horton  
 Mclane, Nelson D., Jackson  
 Patterson, Charles J., Jackson  
 Pawlitz, Arnold E., Westland  
 Rentenback, Martin J., Washington  
 Twp  
 Richardson, Dorothy J., Lakeland Fl  
 Ringstaff, Willie J., Pontiac  
 Sparks, Marilyn K., Saginaw  
 Stiles, Thomas W., Jackson

Tippett, Ashby W., Cove City, Nc  
 Tripp, Beverly J., Alma  
 White, Donald J., Hanover  
 Williams, Edward D., Grand Ledge  
 Willis, Doree K., Carnation, Wa

## MARCH 2024

Beach, Mary A., Sun City, Az  
 Bell, Verlie J., Saginaw  
 Cogger, Della I., White Lake  
 Defoe, Doris D., Jackson  
 Desmet, Rose M., Monroe  
 Dorr, James J., Jackson  
 Dubisky, Edward G., Onsted  
 Fauser, Glenn A., Leslie  
 Gardner, Lawrence, Jefferson, Ga  
 Herrmann, Constantina, Sterling  
 Heights  
 Jackson, Jane M., Sun City W., Az  
 Jefferson Jr, Robert, Muskegon  
 Kohn, Harvey W., Jackson  
 Lollar, Marjorie B., Sterling, Va  
 Macintosh, Crag S., Fort Gratiot  
 Meador, Ronald L., Grass Lake  
 Molone, Wanda M., Newaygo  
 Oaks, Peggy L., Otisville  
 Purtell, Gregory J., Hale  
 Schovan, Lois M., Traverse City  
 Schut, Mary L., Lake City  
 Stone, Susan M., Michigan Ctr  
 Thelen, Rita M., St. Johns  
 Thomas, Phyllis I., Oak Ridge, Tn  
 Villermain, Donna L., CHARLEVOIX  
 Waldo, Geroge D., E. Lansing





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