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## Many Combine to Battle Hunger

One component of the **West Midland Family Center (WMFC)** mission is to enhance the lives of local residents. To that end, we strive to understand the many needs common to the people of **Western Midland County**. With the onslaught of the **Covid-19** pandemic we are all experiencing unprecedented difficulties. Life as we all know it has come to a halt and the people in our community will be needing assistance. In times of need we must all come together and serve. It seems that **Mr. Rogers** said it best when he said, "Look for the helpers." and so we will.

WMFC is fully aware of where to turn in

this time of community need. In typical fashion, **The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (the FBEM)** has stepped forward with additional surplus food distributions for our community. WMFC had anticipated distributing 12 semi-truckloads of surplus food throughout 2020. With prompt response from the FBEM we are now on track to distribute minimally 20 semi-truckloads. Their generosity and collaborative spirit will serve the people of our community well.

That said, the FBEM and WMFC are not alone in our mission to meet community nutritional needs. **Hidden Harvest, Panera Bread-Midland, The Isabella County**

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## Dow COP Empowers Students to Succeed

Since 1989, the West Midland Family Center has been supporting local students hoping to earn college degrees through the **Dow College Opportunity Program (COP)**. Although the program has shaped and grown over the years, the original goal of COP remains the same: to prepare qualified students

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*Dow COP Classes of 2022 and 2023  
work together to untie the Human Knot*

## WMFC Aquatics Celebrates 20th Year of Serving the Community

**Renee Allen, West Midland Family Center (WMFC) Aquatic Director**, is one of two **National Recreation Parks Association (NRPA) Aquatic Facility Operator Instructors (AFOI)** in the **State of Michigan**. There are only a handful of AFO Instructors in the **Mid-western United States**.

"The process of becoming a certified AFO Instructor began for me in October 2018. After 14 months of taking instructor classes, co-teaching classes and completing all the necessary paperwork, I finally received my AFO Instructor status in December of 2019. It was one of the nicest Christmas presents that I have ever received!" exclaimed Allen. "I've never worked harder for a certification

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# WMFC Aquatics Celebrates 20th Year

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but it was worth the time that was invested. Hosting AFO classes is great for WMFC and the aquatic community. Being able to offer AFO Classes in this part of the state provides pool operators a way to get certified without having to travel downstate or out of state."

According to NRPA, "The Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO) Certification provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date training on operations, mechanical systems, water chemistry, disinfection, safety and much more. AFO Certification will help you or your staff better understand the entire pool system and run all types of aquatic facilities safely, efficiently and confidently."

WMFC plans to host 3-4 classes per year. Class dates for 2020 are March 19 & 20, May 28 & 29 and dates to be determined in October.

"They say that 'you don't know what you don't know', explained Allen. "AFO certification is something that both public and private pool operators can benefit from. Taking this class makes taking care of any pool and all the problems that come with pool maintenance a whole lot easier."

This summer the WMFC Swimming Pool will be 20 years old! Our pool has reached a birthday milestone and with that comes a birthday party! On **June 25 from 5-7PM** we will celebrate our pools 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family event. There will be lots of family fun for all ages including free swimming, free food, games, giveaways and raffles (you must be present to win). **Families may register for the event at any time prior to June 23<sup>rd</sup> by emailing Renee Allen at [allenr@wmfc.org](mailto:allenr@wmfc.org).** In the email please include your family name, the number of people attending and the ages of children attending the event.



*The WMFC Swimming Pool will celebrate it's 20th birthday this summer!*

Ex: (Smith Family, 4 people, Children ages 3, 5).

Summer swimming lessons continue to be a highly sought after activity at WMFC and lessons always fill up fast! Although the private swim lesson format has been extremely popular with WMFC families for many years, WMFC will expand its swim lesson program and offer a variety of semi private lessons this summer. Semi private lessons will consist of 2-4 students with 2 instructors. Those interested in registering for swim lessons can call Renee Allen at 989-832-3256 or email Renee at [allenr@wmfc.org](mailto:allenr@wmfc.org) starting at 8:00 a.m. on June 1.

"June 1<sup>st</sup> will be a busy day for the aquatic department," explained Allen. "As the calls and emails come in for swimming lessons, we'll return each communication in the order that it is received."

"We believe that the new swim lesson format will allow us to meet the demand of the community for swimming lessons and hopefully eliminate our waiting list this summer. It will also insure that children continue to receive a high quality swimming lesson experience while providing WMFC with a hands-on opportunity to train new instructors."

## Kiwanis Volunteer Mr. Kevin Makes STEM Learning Extra Fun!

Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is woven into every day of the WMFC preschool experience, but what if one person goes above and beyond to make learning science extra fun? That's what **Kevin Shaughnessy** from the **Midland Kiwanis Club** does each week in the 3 year-old **WMFC Preschool Caterpillar Class**. From volcano's and properties of matter, to feats of engineering, each week the children look forward to "Wonder Wednesday" with Mr. Kevin.

Recently Mr. Kevin spent hours in his own home kitchen making cups out of ice so that he could come to class and teach the children about the properties of water and its various states. "Wonder Wednesday" is a day that the children look forward to with excitement as they anticipate what Mr. Kevin might bring to class that day.

What makes a volunteer like Mr. Kevin so special? When the heart and time is evident in the experience. Thank you Mr. Kevin!



*Mr. Kevin explains the amazing properties of water and how essential water is to all life.*



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## Data Collected From Upcoming Census Important to WMFC Families

Ten years has passed quickly since the last **U.S. Census** was taken. Census 2020 is just around the corner. **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 is National Census Day!**

The Census is a population count which is mandated by the **U.S. Constitution** and conducted by the **U.S. Census Bureau**. Homes across the **United States** will receive an invitation to participate in the Census in the mail by mid-March. With options of completing the Census either online, by phone, or by mail, the Census should only take 10 minutes or less from start to finish.

The data collected by the Census in the area surrounding WMFC could significantly impact the services offered to those in our community. As in every prior Census, the data collected will be used to shape state funding, determine **U.S. House of Representative** seats, and draw congressional and state legislative

districts. In addition, the data will be used to distribute funds and support to a plethora of services used by Michiganders every day such as, public transportation and roads, emergency services, child welfare funding, medical assistance programs, **WIC**, and national school lunch programs.

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to keep all personal information reported private. They will only present the data that is collected.

WMFC wants to stress the importance of the Census and address any questions or concerns people may have. WMFC has trained staff available to answer questions and help walk people through the completion of the Census. The WMFC lobby also has resource binders with an abundance of information as well as printed Census samples and invitations.

Reminders and information regarding the Census will be provided at each

event hosted at WMFC during the upcoming months. WMFC will also post reminders on the WMFC M20 Road Sign, Facebook Page and in the WMFC lobby as well as send reminders in the mail. In addition, there will be a simple 5 question quiz about the Census at the **WMFC Welcome Center**. Anyone who achieves a 100% score on this very simple quiz will be entered into a raffle to win gift cards from a variety of stores including Meijer. To assist you, all the answers to the quiz are provided in the resource binders and flyers located in the WMFC lobby. We look forward to seeing you in the weeks ahead!



## COP Empowers Students to Succeed

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to be more successful in pursuing their post-secondary goals through mentoring, academic support, volunteerism, and social development.

While in high school, COP students participate in monthly meetings which serve as a support group and help each student grow personally. The meetings are also used to help acquaint students with the different aspects of the college selection and application processes. In addition, students participate in a variety of different events centered on skill development and exploration. As a result, when the students complete high school, they are more prepared to enter into a college setting and graduate with a post secondary degree. To date 82% of Dow COP students have received post-secondary

degrees. COP has 59 total students in the current program including 33 high school students and 26 college students.

After a four month trial period in the Fall of 2019, eleven students from **Bullock Creek, Coleman, Meridian, and Shepherd High School** applied to become permanent members of Dow COP. At the end of a careful selection process, COP leadership invited nine of the eleven students to continue in the program until their college graduation. This new group of 9 students formed the Class of 2023 and have already been very active in Dow COP. Together with the students of other COP Classes they have volunteered to help out in a variety of activities such as helping set up the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**

**Book Sale**, visiting residents at **Pinecrest Farms** and volunteering at a number of events here at WMFC. In the coming months, the students will work together to learn how to develop a positive peer group as they rely on one another to help them work through the rough spots that every teenager faces in everyday life.

This summer, the new **COP Class of 2023** will be joining the **COP Class of 2022** on an adventure trip to the **Upper Peninsula of Michigan (UP)**. While in the UP they will face different challenges that will push them out of their comfort zones, empower them and instill in them the fact that they have the strength and fortitude to overcome any obstacle that comes their way, even college!



*Introducing a child to fishing early in life can lead to a lifetime of adventures both inside and outside the classroom.*

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## Themes for Spring Family Recreation Nights Announced

WMFC has hosted **WMFC Recreation Family Nights** for just over a year now. The purpose for these nights is to provide a fun and affordable night for families. Held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month, each family recreation night offers a variety of recreation activities based around a chosen fun filled theme. Some of the themes in the past year have included Glow Night, Minute It To Win It Night, Halloween Night, Summer Time Night, Nature Night, and more. Family Recreation Nights are completely **FREE** of charge and are open to the public. There is something for everyone in the family to enjoy regardless of age.

Upcoming WMFC Family Recreation Nights include April 25, 2020 - Glow Miniature Golf Night and May 30, 2020 - Springtime/Nature Night.

Each month, families who RSVP by 2:00 p.m. the afternoon of the family recreation night, will be eligible to win prizes. For more information about WMFC Recreation Family Nights or to RSVP, please contact **Chelsea Davis** at 989-832-3256 or [davisc@wmfc.org](mailto:davisc@wmfc.org)

## Many Battle Hunger

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**Soup Kitchen, The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network** (our inspiration) and **The United Way of Midland County** are integral to this process. With their support and the many volunteers who have helped along the way, we will work to meet community needs as they arise. In support of the effort to provide wholesome food items to families in this time of need, additional monthly deliveries of fresh fruits, veggies, eggs, milk and other surplus food items will be distributed as well.

**Executive Director, Greg Dorrien** marvels at the operation. "The amazing thing is the collaborative nature of this effort. People's true colors shine brightest in the most difficult times."



*WMFC Staff members and volunteers work side by side to battle hunger in the community.*