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Reading library events

READING — The Reading Community Library has purchased several new board games just in time for spring break.

The library is still hosting Legos on the Loose on Mondays.

The library will be showing a new movie at 3:15 p.m. April 18, snacks will be provided, all are welcome.

The library's Easter makerspace will be open April 10-15. The craft will be a bunny or chick for children's Easter baskets.

Workshop focuses on getting ahead

HILLSDALE — Community Action Agency is offering Getting AHEAD in a Just-Gettin'-By World series. The series will be offered from 5-7 p.m. on Thursdays beginning April 13. Classes are limited to 10 participants and will last 14 weeks. Classes will be held at Community Action Agency, 55 Barnard Street, Hillsdale.

The Getting Ahead program engages participants to break the cycle of generational and situational poverty that have plagued many of their families. By providing the tools, support and offering the opportunity to become "investigators", individuals are able to make the necessary changes in both thinking and behavior to transition towards self-sufficiency.

Participants set aggressive goals, look at the reasons/barriers that have previously left them short of achieving those goals. The results have been greater than anticipated.

For more information or to register, call Lisa office at (517)437-3346.

Keep us informed

Do you have an event, a meeting, a story idea or any type of information you want us to know about? We want to hear from you.

We encourage organizations, groups, businesses, non-profits and individuals to email us at newsroom@hillsdale.net.

Please include all pertinent information, including the best way to contact you and a reporter will be in touch promptly.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT

Murder investigation continues

By Corey Murray
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HILLSDALE — Hillsdale County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Rod Hassinger indicated Friday morning that police investigating the murder of 37-year-old Jeremy Alan Barron have conducted a series of interviews since Barron's body was discovered Sunday night on Dimmers Road

in Camden Township by a couple of Amish children.

Hassinger declined to comment whether or not the police have any suspects or persons of interest identified in connection to Barron's murder.

"Its an ongoing investigation and lots of interviews have been conducted," Hassinger said. "All we really have is rumors and speculation."

Hassinger reiterated statements made by the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office asking for anyone with information about Barron's death to contact police.

"The police are working hard on this case and I encourage anyone with information to come forward," Hassinger said.

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Hillsdale County Sheriff vehicles lined Dimmers Road Sunday afternoon just west of Gilmore Road. [FILE PHOTO]

EXPLAINER JOURNALISM

SUICIDE PREVENTION



The Hillsdale County Coalition offers information at programs on Youth Suicide Awareness. [FILE PHOTO]

Coalition reviews statistics, plans events

By Nancy Hastings
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HILLSDALE — With a goal of strengthening resource options in Hillsdale County, the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Hillsdale County meets monthly at the House of Refuge Church.

The coalition was founded in January 2015 to bring the message of "Hope and Help" to local residents.

Wendy Playford, a preventionist from the Hillsdale County Substance

Local Impact

What the issue is: 23.8 percent of Hillsdale County students (grades 9-11) seriously considered suicide in 2016. Of those 20.1 percent made a plan, 12.6 percent attempted and 5.4 percent needed medical treatment.

Why it matters: The Hillsdale County rate is higher than the national average.

Abuse Prevention Coalition, works with local schools to survey youth on various subjects, including sub-

stance abuse and suicide, using the MiPHY instrument (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth). She regularly presents figures to the coalition to keep them updated on statistics relevant to their cause.

Playford recently presented data, including the percentage of Hillsdale County students who felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past 12 months.

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HILLSDALE

Council to receive training

By Corey Murray
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HILLSDALE — The Hillsdale City Council will receive educational "training" on Michigan's five new medical marijuana initiatives this fall.

Hillsdale City Manager David Mackie brought the

subject back into light Monday evening during the city's regular business meeting at city hall.

Mackie informed the council that the Michigan State University Extension could provide the training, similar to what the city of Morenci is receiving, in late May or early June.

A second option, according to Mackie, is the council could wait until this fall after Michigan's Licensing and Regulatory Affairs board establishes rules and regulations on the five new initiatives.

Councilmen Tim Dixon and Will Morrisey both agreed that the council

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Mackie

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Groundbreaking ceremony held for new Christ Chapel

By Hillsdale College

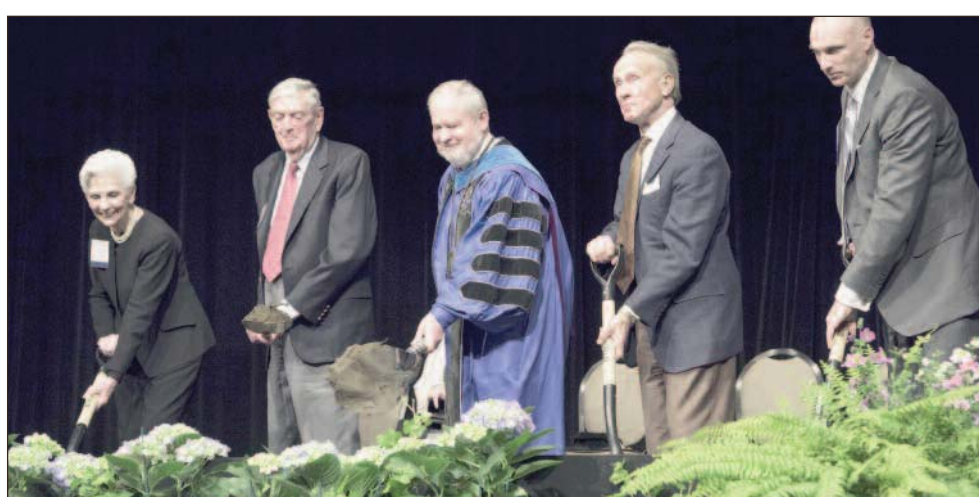
HILLSDALE — Hillsdale College broke ground to begin the construction of their new college chapel, named "Christ Chapel," which will be built between the Dow Conference Center and Hotel, and the Grewcock Student Union on the north side of campus on Thursday.

The groundbreaking ceremony included remarks from Hillsdale College President Dr. Larry P. Arnn, architect Dr. Duncan Stroik, and donors Jack and Jo Babbitt, whose gener-

ous lead gift made the idea of the chapel a reality.

The chapel, named Christ Chapel, was designed by renowned American architect Dr. Duncan Stroik, professor of architecture at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Stroik cited the architecture of the London church St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which in turn inspired the architecture of Christ Church in Philadelphia where many the Founders worshipped, as his main sources of inspiration.

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Hillsdale College President Dr. Larry P. Arnn and other dignitaries turn ceremonial dirt to signify the beginning of construction of the new Christ Chapel on campus. [HILLSDALE COLLEGE PHOTO]

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