



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org

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FOUNDED IN 1859 – 167 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Hours:

Monday 10 – 5

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 5

Thursday 10 – 6

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday closed

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Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10-5
Tuesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-8*
*starting May 7
Saturday: 10-2
Sunday: closed

A galaxy of stories awaits!
May the 4th be with you on Hoopla.
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reserve items, or make
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Library Catalog

Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

Upcoming Events at the Library:

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color-Me Happy-Hour, 1:00 – 2:00. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Thursday, May 7, New Later Library Hours! The Three Oaks Public Library will be open until 8:00 each Thursday.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 6:00. Everyone is welcome!
- Thursday, June 4, 4:30, Special Hometown Story Time with local authors Tera Baker & Violet Baker.

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.
at the Checkout Desk every day.

Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary) ([http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary](https://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary))
and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org
for all the latest information and events.

Did you know your library card can unlock free and discounted access to hundreds of destinations across Michigan? Through the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) program, you can explore state parks, historic sites, cultural attractions, campgrounds, recreation areas, and more — perfect for making the most of our region's natural beauty and rich history.

Getting started is easy: visit www.michiganactivitypass.info to browse available passes and plan your next outing. Your next adventure is just a library card away!





THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED CATALOG

Grow, Share, Repeat! 🌱
Discover our Free Seed Catalog and
start your garden today!

How It Works:
Browse our seed catalog and choose the
seeds you'd like to grow.
"Check out" your seeds—completely
free!

Plant, nurture, and enjoy your harvest. 🌻
At the end of the season, "return" seeds
by saving and donating
from your plants.

Help us keep the cycle growing for
everyone in the community.

Happy planting!



Ready, set, bake!

Level up your pastry and breadmaking skills with the new Butter Book BingePass on Hoopla! FREE with your Three Oaks Library card!

From beginner basics to advanced techniques, these expert-led lessons make baking easy for everyone.

Start baking today: <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/19614309>



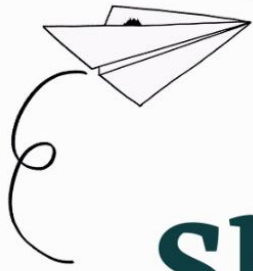
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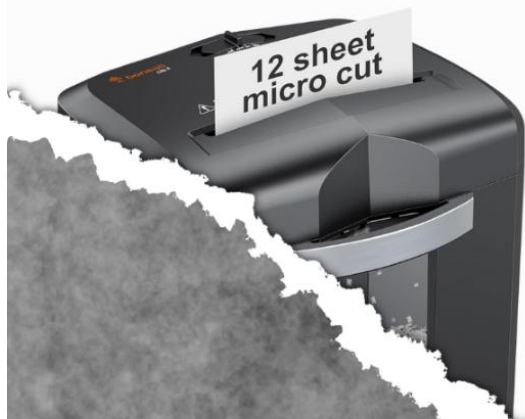
<http://www.tutor.com/swmichigan/>



Paper Shredding

**@Three Oaks Township
Public Library**

**Bring your sensitive
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you may safely shred
them with our shredder.**



**No appointment
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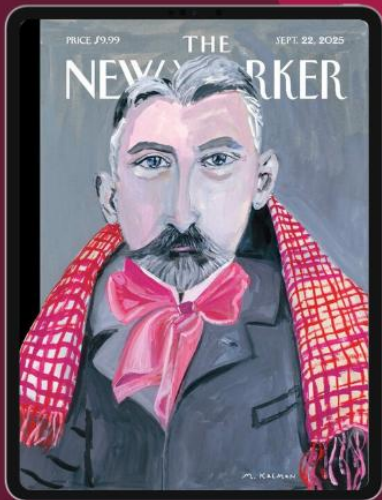


All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to attend Free History Hounds® online lectures through the Historical Society of Michigan™ (HSM).

All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

To register, visit www.hsmichigan.org, select the “Programs” tab, and choose the History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form, select “A member of an HSM member organization” and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library along with your name, address, and email. HSM will email your Zoom link the day before each program.

In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



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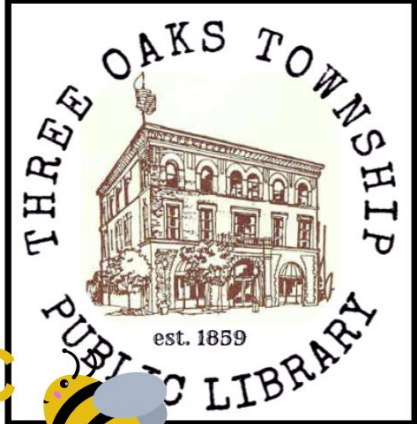


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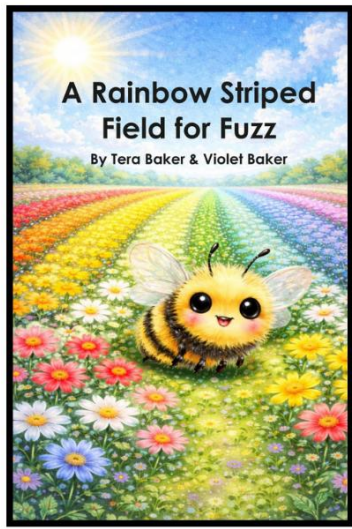


**HOMETOWN
STORY TIME
@ THREE OAKS
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

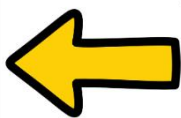


**Thursday, June 4,
4:30 pm**

**Local authors
Tera Baker & Violet Baker of:**



**will share their
charming book**



**Enjoy a colorful story,
meet the authors,
and celebrate creativity right
here in our community!**





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meeting



Thursday,
May 21,
6:00 p.m.



Everyone is invited



We are excited to be partnering again with Chikaming Open Lands for a Storywalk on the Preserves! A StoryWalk is a way for people to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Book pages have been separately laminated and attached to stakes along the preserve path. As you walk down the trail you are directed to the next page of the story. Our book choice is *“In the Tall, Tall Grass”* by Denise Fleming and is featured at the Robinson Woods Preserve on East Road. More information can be found at: <https://www.chikamingopenlands.org>

BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!

Get more access with your Southwest Michigan Digital Library Member Library Card! You can borrow titles from any of these collections!



Download Destination

- Great Lakes Digital Libraries
- Lakeland Digital Library
- Metro Net Library Consortium
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- Suburban Library Cooperative
- Up North Digital Library Consortium
- Mideastern michigan Digital Consortium
- White Pine Library Cooperative (Fuel Your Mind)
- Woodlands Downloadable Library
- St. Clair County Library System
- Genesee District Library
- Traverse Area District Library



To add your card for a partner library you must select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to MENU > ADD LIBRARY
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap SIGN IN WITH MY CARD
- 4) Under PARTNER LIBRARIES, choose your home library from the list and sign in.

Community Notes

Community Fitness Center Hours



Monday – Thursday
5 to 7 PM

when school is in session

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Enter through door 17

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High Noon, Saturday, May 2, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

"The Browns, Eddie Gaedel, and a Glove" features an overview of the Museum itself; and introduces baseball's forgotten team, the St. Louis Browns, which includes the story of baseball's only batter with a 100% on base percentage (the Browns' Eddie Gaedel); and a wonderful story about a special 75-year-old baseball mitt.

Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.

High Noon, Saturday June 6, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

"The Bird: Mark Fidrych and the Summer of 1976". 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of when Mark Fidrych took Detroit – and America by storm with his incredible pitching and eccentric behavior. Learn and reminisce about that crazy summer with guest presenter Brian Johnston. *Brian Johnston lives in St. Joseph, Michigan with his family. He is the author of three self-published books and is an Opinion Maker columnist for the Herald Palladium. His recent biography of baseball great Vada Pinson will be available this summer.*

High Noon, Saturday July 4, Three Oaks Masonic Lodge, 14 ½ North Elm Street, above

~~Alapash~~ (A great opportunity to visit this historic Lodge, established in 1867).

"The Shot Heard 'Round the World" will enlighten and entertain attendees about one of the greatest stories in baseball history that took place in the 1951 season. Learn about the "Miracle at Coogan's Bluff" and be reminded about the beauty of our National Pastime.

Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.

High Noon, Saturday August 1, Vickers Theatre, 6 North Elm Street.

"Return of the Clowns: Barnstorming Baseball Then and Now". Three Oaks' born Bill Heward is in a special position to share about the Indianapolis Clowns. The lanky right hander pitched for the Clowns in their final years, and wrote "Some are Called Clowns", describing his experience. That was over 50 years ago. The Clowns have been reborn and are one of six teams competing in the new Banana Ball Championship League. During this season's spring training, Jesse Cole of the Savannah Bananas sought out Bill to share about the history of the Clowns. Bill spent quality time with the team, letting them know of the opportunity they have to continue the legacy of the Clowns. Come and enjoy this special presentation. *Dr. Heward is a Professor Emeritus in the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University. He was a member of River Valley's first high school baseball team, threw a no hitter in RV's opener and went on to pitch at Western Michigan University. His grandfather Ollie umpired many games for the Three Oaks Greens.*

Admission is free, and includes a complimentary box of Cracker Jacks. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is a 501c3, and accepts donations of cash, new and used baseball books, as well as used baseballs and softballs. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is in the middle of Three Oaks Magnificent Quarter Mile, in a room on the second floor of the historic Three Oaks Township Library.



Art at The Acorn

A Student Showcase

featuring Students from River Valley Schools
on view throughout the month of May

Open House Wednesday, May 13th from 5:30 to 7:30



HUGE PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
10 A.M. to Noon (EST)



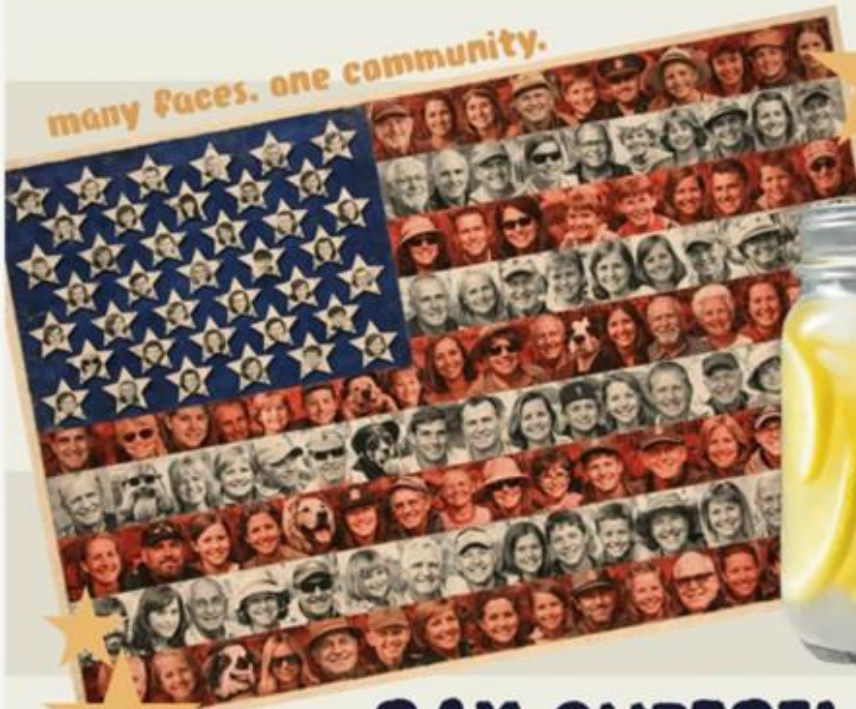
Harbert Community Park

3300 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, MI

Sponsored by River Valley Garden Club

Members dig up a wide variety of perennials, bushes and trees from their own gardens to sell starting at \$5.

many faces. one community.



For more info!

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LEMONADE SOCIAL & COMMUNITY PHOTO EVENT

be part of the Flag Day parade!

BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!

Have your picture taken for the
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where your smile will help create a
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Thursday, May 14



5-7pm



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CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER





3RD ANNUAL STUFFED ANIMAL/BLANKET DRIVE

This beautiful little girl is Eva, daughter of River Valley Alum Rick and Rebekah (Terry) Martin. They lost their little girl in June of 2023, and the creation of The Eva Martin Project began - to offer a comforting embrace to families with children in hospitals.

During emergency situations involving children, families generally don't have time or don't think to grab a child's favorite stuffed animal or blanket. Families are rightfully concerned with the well-being of the child. The Eva Martin Project is created to provide comfort and help soothe children and their families during their hospital stay. Through The Eva Martin Project, we are asking for new stuffed animals and blankets to then be donated to Bronson Children's Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI.

With your help we hope to ensure that no child and their family are alone with the help of a little stuffed companion.

Donations of new stuffed animals or blankets, including tie-blankets or crocheted blankets can be dropped off at local businesses throughout Southwest Michigan during the month of May, including:

- River Valley School District
- True Blue Financial
- Trinity Lutheran Church/Preschool Sawyer
- Fifth/Third Bank - Sawyer
- For more locations please visit www.theevamartinproject.org



Pre-Natal to Age 5 services



Now Accepting interest forms for the Fall of 2026!

High-quality early learning in a safe, nurturing environment where children grow, explore, and thrive.

Services Include:

- Educational services
- Field trips & enrichment experiences
- Nutritious meals & snacks
- Diapers, wipes & formula provided
- Access to Mental Health Consultants
- Family Advocates & goal-setting support
- Nutrition services
- Hearing, vision & dental screenings

Our Classrooms:

- Certified, highly trained teachers
- Research-based curriculum
- Child-led learning experiences
- Individualized for each child

Through play and exploration, children build social, emotional, language, and early learning skills.

How to Apply:

- Scan the QR code to complete an interest form
- Call us at 269-657-2581 with questions
- Visit our website to learn more



**Complete your
Interest Form
Today!**



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RIVER VALLEY SUMMER

Register for a positive, safe, FUN summer experience.

For more than 27 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan has been helping kids aged 6-18 create Great Futures. Boys & Girls Club provides summer programs that put kids on a path to academic success, create good character and leadership, promote healthy lifestyles, and prepare for life after high school.



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Program services are made possible by the 32nd OST Grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MILEAP).



Register Now

RIVER VALLEY PROGRAMS June 8 - July 24, 2026

June 8 - June 26, 2026
Monday - Friday | 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

June 29 - July 24, 2026
Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$25 Membership Fee

**one-time fee for summer session*

Summer programming will be open to students in ages 6 - 14.



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May 2026

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Saturday, May 2, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles, MI 49120

Tuesday, May 5, 2026—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Wednesday, May 6, 2026—4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman, MI 49106

Friday, May 8, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111

Monday, May 11, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Monday, May 11, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Friday, May 15, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Buffalo American Legion, 19139 US Hwy 12, New Buffalo, MI 49117

Monday, May 18, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main St., Galien, MI 49113

Wednesday, May 20, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

Thursday, May 21, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, New Troy, MI 49119

Friday, May 22, 2026—3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Wednesday, May 27, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038

Thursday, May 28, 2026—12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Friday, May 29, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022



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— STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY. —

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11:00 AM
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BIKE
\$20



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\$10



GOOD ROADS.
GREAT PEOPLE.
GREATER PURPOSE.

★ BREAKFAST INCLUDED 8:00 – 10:30 AM ★



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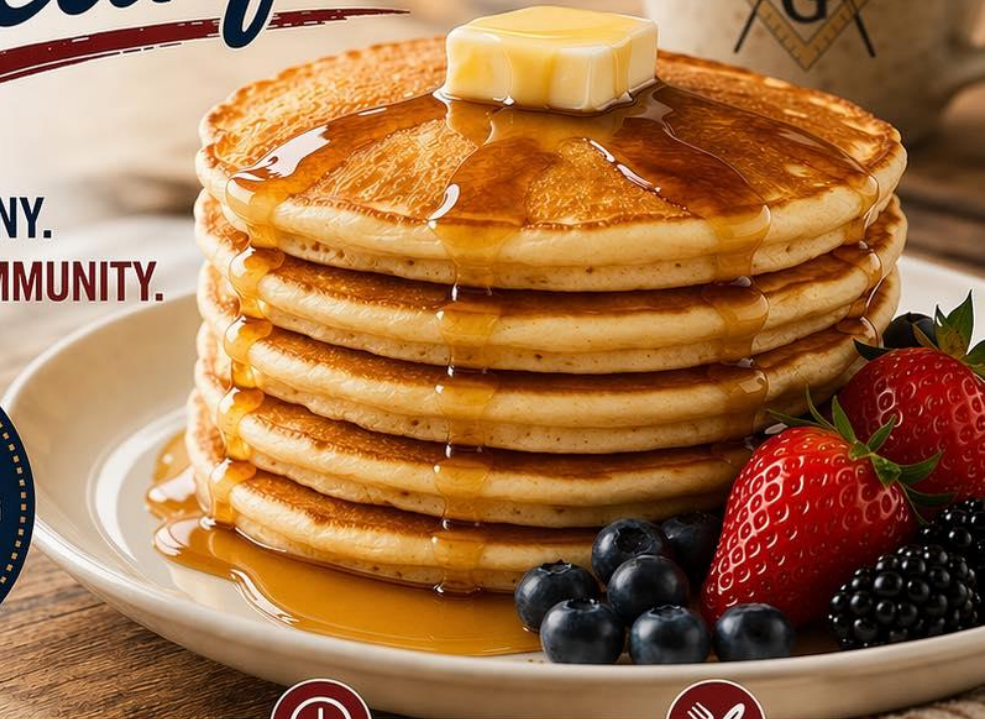
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PANCAKE Breakfast

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SUPPORTING
LOCAL STUDENTS
AND STRENGTHENING
OUR COMMUNITY



**SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2026**



**8:00 – 11:00
AM**



**ADULTS \$10
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$5**



THE FEATHERBONE RESTAURANT

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Stick around for the **SCHOLARSHIP RIDE** at 11:00 AM!



join us for a

Mother's Day market



Saturday, May 9th

10am - 3pm

American Legion Post 518

4789 Weechik Rd.

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contact Teresa Blair

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