

*LET IT BE KNOWN that it is a privilege to extend our sincerest praise and commendation to Roger and Marilyn Hansbarger in acknowledgement of them attaining the distinct honor of being named Watertown Charter Township's "2021 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR"*

*Ability, commitment, and integrity have been reflected in all the Hansbargers' work volunteering in the community.*

*Roger and Marilyn Hansbarger have been married for over 70 years. They live on Wacousta Road and have for many years. Their home is extremely difficult to miss as it is a welcoming site when traveling Wacousta Road heading north. Roger takes immense pride in the yard and the home aesthetics and can be seen outside working almost daily, mowing, watering, and caring for the flowers and landscaping. In the winter months, their home is always tastefully lit up and decorated for the holidays. They have raised four kids, have twelve grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren. Teaching and mentoring are not just professions for both of them but gifts that started within their family.*

*Roger has been a member of the Grand Ledge Lions Club for many years, volunteering his time in that capacity. He has also been in the Rotary Club, a Chamber member, a student mentor, involved with Mudge's Follies in Grand Ledge and he has been a McLaren Hospital board member active in starting the hospital. He is an active member of Wacousta Community United Methodist Church and still substitute teaches to this day. He also volunteers his time on the Watertown Charter Township Board of Review.*

*Marilyn retired from Grand Ledge Public Schools as a Kindergarten teacher at Wacousta Elementary where she lovingly taught thousands of students—many of them still in the area. She has volunteered as a Brownie leader, leader of the children's choir at Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, active volunteer at the church and can so often be seen with children, babysitting them, or just spending time with them. She taught preschool at Wacousta Co-Op Preschool as well.*

*IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore, this document is adopted by the Watertown Charter Township Board of Trustees to congratulate and commend Roger and Marilyn Hansbarger as Watertown Charter Township's "2021 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR."*