

Sew What Can I do to Help?

by Deb Price

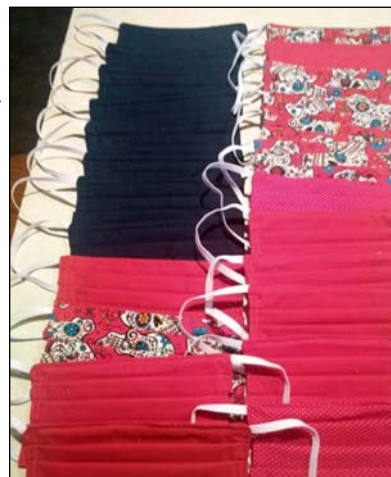
You've heard the saying "A stitch in time saves nine"? The meaning of this saying is, it's better to spend a little time and effort to deal with a problem right now rather than wait until later. That's exactly what two ladies from the Ovid-Elsie community have done.

Elsie resident, Sally Long has produced 244 personal protective masks. She finished the first ones on March 21st, she hit #200 on April 14th. "I had many friends donate material to me, the rest came from my own stash," she said. The masks have been donated to healthcare workers at Memorial Healthcare where her daughter Heidi is employed. She has also donated them to Hazel Findley in St Johns and to friends and neighbors who need them as they travel outside their homes for trips to grocery stores and other places for picking up essential items.

Ovid resident, Ashlie Helmer, over a three week period, has produced 350 personal protective masks. She has donated them to healthcare workers at Memorial Healthcare, Assisted Living Facilities, In-Home Care Givers, friends and family. "I owe a huge thank you to my mama Sherry, for teaching me how to sew. She also taught me that when others are in need, you can help if you put your mind to it" she said. Ashlie belongs to a Sewers group in Lansing and has been given materials



Sally Long of Elsie making masks and donating them to those in need.



for the project from fellow sewers who work in the medical field and don't have the time to sew right now. Additionally she added, "my husband, has been so supportive. He has helped with the kids and around the house so I could stay focused on the project," she said.

A "Stitch in Time, Just May Have Saved Lives" due to the efforts of Sally and Ashlie. Thank You Ladies!!



(L) Ashlie Helmer of Ovid produced 350 mask to donate

Ovid-Elsie Regular Board of Education Meeting

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The virtual meeting of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, April 20, 2020. Those attending utilized Google Meet. It was noted that all board votes were by roll call. The evening was highlighted by the announcement of 2019-2020 retirements.

Employee retirements accepted with regrets were Sonya Latz, administrative assistant, Elaine Sheedlo, elementary teacher; and para professionals Annette Good, Stacey Doubrava and Amber Vogt. The retirements will be effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Building and department updates were covered noting all the school staff members are addressing the challenges of the new methods of teaching students. Craig Coleman, maintenance director, reported that janitorial staff are completing building walk throughs daily. Finally, Dan Davenport, Technology Director, reported that 200 plus devices were handed out to students Monday, April 20 and Friday the 24th packets will be distributed to students.

New business items included the presentation of the Clinton county RESA general fund budget, action was taken to approve the annual budget as presented.

Dan Davenport, Technology Director, presented the bids for expansion of the District's camera system including a complete refresh of the server, noting that it was at end-of-life. The refresh of the system would also allow the migration of the current door system to the same controls, eventually. The bid was awarded to Knight Watch, Inc. of Kalamazoo in the amount of \$94,576.02 from the 2019 bond proceeds. Installation should begin early if pandemic restrictions allow.

Dr. Ryan Cunningham, superintendent, reported on the state of things to date, things are going as well as can be expected, the staff is working hard to provide the best for the students of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. He noted that the Clinton County RESA is happy with the district plan of action and he noted that a number of other districts are using it as a model. May 4 is teacher appreciation week a special video will be put together for the staff.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda, which included the meeting agenda, minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting, payment of the bills and the financial reports.

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of farm equipment.

Someone I love is in that cab.



Local Festivals Cancelled In Laingsburg and Elsie

Organizers of the Laingsburg Springtime Festival and the Elsie Dairy Festival have cancelled for this year. Laingsburg's date was set for Memorial Day weekend, May 22nd-25th and July 10th-12th were to be this year's dates for the Elsie Dairy Festival. The Springtime Festival is sponsored by the Laingsburg Lions Club. "We hung on as long as we could before deciding at a recent board meeting to cancel for this year. We did so for the health and safety of our community," said Lions President, Ed Arthur. "Our raffle and chicken dinners on Saturday & Sunday, May 22nd and 23rd will still take place," he said. Likewise in Elsie, President Carolyn Long said, "It was not an easy decision to cancel. The board made the decision in the best interest of everyone's health and safety. Both festivals look forward to their events return in 2021."



Social

St. Johns Recycling Center

submitted by Roger Dershem

The St. Johns Recycling Center at 605 N. Swegles St., St. Johns, has raised \$8,000 since October thru tax deductible donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

We are in need another baler - the centers baler is getting worn out. A Michigan company has offered a brand new one. Normally the cost would be \$30,000 but they will sell it to the recycling center at a reduced price of \$14,000.

The current baler is baling three types of materials, colored and clear plastics, and shredded paper. A year ago, it took a week to get one bale of clear plastic, now we are baling two bales a week. Colored plastic too three weeks to get one bale, now it is one a week. Shredded office paper took three weeks to a month to get one bale, now its one bale per week.

Please continue to make tax deductible donations to aid the purchase of the needed baler to keep the recycling program operating.

Donations can be mailed to: St. Johns Lions Recycling Center, PO Box 511, St. Johns, MI 48879. A tax deductible receipt will be sent to you.

Any questions, contact Roger Dershem at 989-640-1313.



Mabel A. (Tribfelner) Sutliff Student Scholarship

submitted by Ronald I Sutliff

A Scholarship for the a financially disadvantaged out-of-state student enrolled in the Purdue

University's Engineering-Technology Teacher Education Program has been named in honor of Mabel A (Tribfelner) Sutliff, a former resident of Chapin Township. The scholarship was made possible by the establishment of a \$25,000 endowment fund, that since has increased to \$100,000. The scholarship was established by and between alumnus Ronald I. Sutliff, Ph.D and Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Gifts to Purdue's endowment fund last into perpetuity and only the interest is used to fund the scholarship. Mrs(George)Sutliff graduated from Central Michigan State Normal School, now named Central Michigan University, in the late 1930's. Normal schools were created in the U.S. with a single mission of providing formal teacher training and since have evolved into comprehensive universities.

She proceeded to teach in one-room rural schools in the Central Michigan area and continued to for many years. Her longest tenure was at Fox School in Chapin Township. Teaching alone in a one-room school, that accommodated grades kindergarten through eighth, was an arduous task but she found the time and energy despite being a mother and a dairy farmer's wife. Her demonstrated work ethic, love of teaching and compassion for people greatly influenced her grandson (donor), a retired Applied Engineering and Technology University Professor, to want to pursue a career in teaching.



Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP for Seniors)

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior CSFP) are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly basis, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

Persons 60 years of age or older must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$16,588; family size 2 - \$22,412; family size 3 - \$28,236. For each additional family member add - \$5,824.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin May 5 through May 15, 2020.

The process - As it stands now, the procedure will be drive through. You will begin on Corunna Avenue, drive to the ramp area (there maybe a line - STAY IN YOUR CAR - and you will wait your turn.) Please have your ID in your hand for verification. We will check off your name at the back of the building where your food will be put in your vehicle and you may drive out the back driveway. This will be a one way drive-through; AT NO POINT WILL YOU LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. This PROCESS is being put into place to protect you and CACS staff.

If you don not already have someone designated to pick up your food, you may call the CACS office at 989-723-3115 and let us know who you are designating to pick it up If you are not registered, please call the office at 989-723-3115 to pre-register.

Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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4th Monday of the Month • 7:00 PM

Greenbush Township Hall

1883 E. French Rd. St. Johns, MI 48879

All meeting dates subject to change notification will take place

April 27, 2020

May 18, 2020 (due to Memorial weekend)

June 22, 2020

July 27, 2020

August 24, 2020

September 28, 2020

October 26, 2020

November 28, 2020

December 28, 2020

January 28, 2021

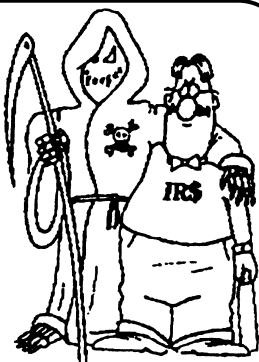
February 20, 2021 (New Budget Meeting)

February 22, 2021

March 29, 2021 (Due to end of the Fiscal Year, also to include budget approval)

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CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2020-06

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE MILLAGE RATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

WHERE AS: at a regular meeting of the Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 13th, day of April 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with the following council members present:

PRESENT: Mr. Zwick, Miss Hibbard, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher.

ABSENT: None.

WHEREAS; a motion was made by _Mr. Williams, supported by _Mr. Zwick, to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS; the City of Ovid adopts the following Proposed Ballot Language for the Emergency Services millage to be placed on the ballot for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by and the city council be authorized to levy not to exceed 2.25 mills (\$2.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 years, 2021 to 2023, inclusive, to provide funds for all purposes authorized by law for emergency services; the estimate of the revenue the city will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$69,382 all or a portion of the revenue from this millage may be disbursed to the Ovid-Middlebury Emergency Services Authority (OMESA) AND / OR THE Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA)?

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are, hereby rescinded.

ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Zwick, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT; None.

Resolution declared adopted on April 13, 2020.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

Modern Woodmen Members Donate to Junction of Hope for COVID-19 Relief

submitted by Edward J. Arthur FIC

Modern Woodmen members in Chesaning, MI recently donated \$500 to Junction of Hope Restaurant through Modern Woodmen's new COVID-19 Relief Program.

Modern Woodmen has made \$2.5 million available for its chapters, Summit chapters and youth service clubs nationwide to support local nonprofit or public organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Each chapter/club can make a direct monetary donation to an organization chosen by local Modern Woodmen members.

Modern Woodmen's COVID-19 Relief Program, which will remain active until May 15, is designed to help local organizations continue their important work during this challenging time.

Chapters and youth service clubs are groups organized by Modern Woodmen members who regularly come together for social, volunteer, fundraising and educational activities. The COVID-19 Relief program gives members a way to make an impact, while social-distancing efforts are in place. Modern Woodmen's chapter and youth club activities remain temporarily suspended until further notice.

To learn more about Modern Woodmen's local impact, contact Ed Arthur at 989-834-3300 or Edward.j.arthur@mwarep.org.

About Modern Woodmen: Modern Woodmen was founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society. The organization supports members, families and communities with a unique blend of financial services, fraternal benefits and local-impact opportunities. In 2019, Modern Woodmen and its members provided \$20.4 million and 464,000 volunteer hours to support fraternal activities and programs. Learn more at www.modernwoodmen.org.



The Emergency Food Assistance Program

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Applications for the TEFAP are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County.

You must be 18 or older to register and meet the 200% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$25,520; family size 2 \$34,480; family size 3 \$43,440. For each additional family member add \$8,960.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin May 5 through May 15, 2020.

The Process - as it stands right now: you may call Capital Area Community Services, Inc. at 989-723 3115. Once registered via telephone, we will share the process with you for pickup. The process is being put into place to protect you and CACS staff. If you are already registered and did not pick up in February, call us and we will make arrangements for you to pick up.

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Treasury and the VA are Sending Payments to Our Veterans

submitted by David Russell

The Treasury Department announced that it is "working directly with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure Veterans and their beneficiaries who receive Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefit payments will receive their Economic Impact Payments automatically and without additional paperwork."

"The Fourth District is home for thousands of brave Michigan residents who served our country and they should receive their payments as quickly as possible to help them and their families during this difficult time for our country," said Congressman John Moolenaar. "These payments are critical support for all Michigan families right now and millions of residents will receive them in the weeks ahead."

Moolenaar Votes for More Assistance for Michigan Small Businesses

submitted by David Russell

The House of Representatives passed the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. Congressman John Moolenaar was in Washington D.C. for the House session today and voted for the legislation. The legislation has already passed the Senate and it now goes to President Trump for his signature.

"I voted for this legislation because it will help Michigan families through this difficult time and give our health care professionals more resources to fight the virus," said Congressman John Moolenaar. "The small business assistance will help Michigan workers receive their salaries and help them avoid the state's overwhelmed unemployment system. Also, the funding for testing in the legislation will help our health care professionals track the virus and make it safer for the phased-in re-opening of the economy."

The legislation increases funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, making \$310 billion available for additional loans to American small businesses. The program has already helped 40,000 Michigan businesses with more than \$10 billion in loans. The program gives businesses forgivable loans for payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage payments. The loan is forgivable if the small business retains its staff through June 30, 2020.

The legislation also includes \$75 billion for our nation's hospitals. Many Michigan hospitals have experienced heavy financial losses from the extraordinary care they have delivered to Coronavirus patients over the past month.

Finally, the bill includes \$25 billion towards testing efforts, which will help states and the federal government track the virus.

C.E. "Bud" Miner Estate Auction of Real Estate & Personal Property

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Notice of Posting of the following Resolutions

A copy of the following Resolutions are posted in the outdoor board and on our website at Victortwp.org:

Resolution 2020-1 Proposed General Appropriations Act FY 2020-2021

Resolution 2020-2 Temporary Rules for Remote Meetings and Attendance due to Coronavirus

Resolution 2020-3 Road Mileage Renewal

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda L Conklin
Victor Township Clerk
6843 Alward Rd.
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Katherine
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Obituaries continued on page 5

Sheila M. Brock

Sheila M. Brock, beloved mother and friend, died Sunday April 12, 2020 at the age of 86, Warren, Michigan formerly of Lansing and St. Johns, MI.

She was born May 8, 1933 in Farwell, MI the daughter of Olen and Dorothy (Taylor) Witt. Sheila was a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns, Class of 1951.

Sheila was a patron of the arts, be it singing, dancing or the theatre she loved them all, so much so that she volunteered as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts. She loved MSU and enjoyed everything the campus of Michigan State University offered. Sheila was an avid MSU Spartan hockey fan. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens and loved driving really fast. Sheila retired from the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office in 1998.

Surviving is a daughter, Cathy Brock of Warren; a son Eric Brock of Ovid; two grandsons, Nick and Hunter and one great grandson, Cooper. Also surviving is her beloved companion of 18 years, Bailey the cat. She was preceded in death by her parents and baby girl Brock.

A funeral service for Sheila was held at 2:30 PM Friday, April 17, 2020 at Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Private interment will follow at Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns.

In lieu of flowers the family recommends memorials are made to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave. Lansing, MI 48906 or City Rescue Mission of Lansing, 607 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48912.



Joseph F. Batora

Joseph F. Batora, born on March 3, 1929 passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at the age of 91. He died peacefully at his farm where he had been cared for by his son David, and daughter-in-law Robin.

He leaves behind six children: Thomas (Corinna) Batora, Nancy (Mark) Messinger, Catherine (Douglas Haubert) Batora, David (Robin) Batora, Betty (Thomas) Stone, and Robert (Christine) Batora. Joe had 16 grandchildren: Anthony Batora, Jonathan (Christine) Andersen, Matthew (Audrey) Andersen, Shanna Andersen, Simon (Erica) Messinger, Jessica (Matthew) Sterling, Daniel (Sarah) Batora, Nicholas Batora, Dynah Haubert, Jackson Batora Haubert, Samantha (Brandon) Ryan, Kerrie Larkins, Michael Stone, Adam Stone, Joseph Batora, and Aaron Batora. He also had 11 great grandchildren: Julianna Arias, Joseph Andersen, Rosemary Andersen, Garret Talley, Brock Messinger, Reid Messinger, Brycen Sterling, Crewen Sterling, Madeline Samborski, Maggie Batora, and Cleo Ryan. He is preceded in death by his loving wife Pauline, beloved son Donald, and his siblings: Frank Batora, Helen Spaleny, and Edward Batora.

Joe was well loved and well respected. Although he ironically called himself a "dumb farmer" he was one of the smartest men we've known. His thirst for knowledge, education, and determination inspired all of his family and friends. Many of Joe and Pauline's friends became "adopted" into his already large family. When a new person came into his life his thirst for knowledge would drive him to question them relentlessly on details of what they did, where they were from, and what those experiences were like. This thirst also inspired him to read the entire Encyclopedia Britannica except the volume for "V", which had mysteriously disappeared.

Joe and Pauline were married on April 24, 1954. Pauline was expecting their first child when Joe was drafted into the army. After the army, he worked at Midland Ross in Owosso and farmed in Bannister. In 1973, he left Midland Ross to farm his 400 acres full time. Joe was a creative and resourceful man. He built his own outbuildings on the farm and during one snowy harvest season, even built and attached skis to his combine to bring in his crops. In 1973 he began to build his own house with the help of his children. He would proudly declare, "There's not a crooked nail in the whole building." He loved life and knew how to have fun. He fulfilled his lifelong dreams of canoeing from Bannister to Lake Michigan twice and began skydiving at the age of 65. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and all outdoor activities. One of his many wandering vacations with his wife included driving to Alaska and the Arctic Ocean. Joe was a very kind and spiritual man. He was an active parishioner of St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister where he had been an usher and a member in the Altar Society. He will be mourned and greatly missed by all who knew him but his spirit will live on in all of us.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Thursday, April 23, 2020 with Rev. Fr. Edwin Dwyer officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI or to Gratiot County Commission on Aging, Ithaca, MI. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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Obituaries

Nichols Kurncz

Nicholas "Nick" Kurncz, age 88, of St. Johns passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020 due to his third battle with cancer. Nick was born March 30, 1932 in St. Johns, the youngest son of Mike and Anna (Porada) Kurncz.

He graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1951. He attended Michigan State College and received his degree in agriculture. He entered into the Korean War with the US Army on May 8, 1953 and completed his service in 1955. Nick worked at Federal Mogul Corporation in St. Johns for 40 years and retired in 1997. He loved farming especially raising peppermint and spearmint. He was also a handyman and could fix pretty much anything that came his way. He was an avid reader and really enjoyed eating hamburgers. Nick was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic church in St. Johns and was an usher for 30 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #3281.

He married Christine (Jorae) Kurncz on November 19, 1966 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns and she survives him.

Also surviving is a son, Nick M. (Rachel) Kurncz of St. Johns and a daughter, Tammy (Don) Wright of Ovid; four grandchildren, Nick L. Kurncz (special friend Melissa), Hannah Kurncz (special friend Brandon), Logan and Alex Wright; sister-in-law, Marion Kurncz along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Mike and Ann Kurncz, John and Helen Kurncz and Peter Kurncz.

Due to the current social gathering restrictions a private service will be held. Nick's family is planning to celebrate his life with a memorial mass at a later date. Military honors will be provided by the St. Johns Honor Guard. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The family was assisted with these arrangements by Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns



David Wayne Kurka

David Wayne Kurka, age 66, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI.

David was born in Owosso, MI on December 25, 1953, the son of Joseph Henry and Agnes (Jisa) Kurka. He graduated from Ovid- Elsie High School with the class of 1972. Dave farmed, and he owned and operated Cooter's Bar and Grill in Elsie, MI. Dave was a staunch Democrat and enjoyed politics.

He is survived by 3 sisters: Lillian Erickson, Diane and Paul Thompson, Cynthia and John Forsythe; 2 brothers: Ronny Kurka, Gary and Beverly Kurka; his companion Janice Seyrek, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, brother Joe, and sister-in-law Sharon Kurka.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

Joseph Phillip "Joe" Korienek III

Joseph Phillip "Joe" Korienek, III, age 81 of Ada, MI, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at his home.

Joseph was born in Bannister, MI on July 5, 1938, the son of Joseph and Agnes (Phillips) Korienek. He graduated from Elsie High School in 1956. After school, he enlisted in the Navy aboard the USS Harlan R. Dickson. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1956-1959. Joe married Marian Zeszutek on September 19, 1959 in Garfield, NJ. Shortly thereafter, he attended Kendall School of Design. Years later, he became known as the Electrolux man.

Joe was a gentle, genuine man, adored by everyone he came in contact with although his family was dearest to him. A natural born salesman, he loved the outdoors, be it snowmobiling, racing, hunting, fishing or watching NASCAR. He spent much of his time outdoors in the yard and woods. He loved being around others and his magnetic personality blessed him with many lifelong friends.

He is survived by his wife Marian Korienek of Ada, MI, daughter Kathleen (Don Druse) Korienek of Rockford, MI, son Joseph Korienek and Marcy Winchester of Zimmerman, MN, son John (Amy Mattson) Korienek of Barnum, MN, granddaughter Madison Korienek of Barnum, MN, grandson Nate Korienek of Barnum, MN, sister Jeanne and Jim Callahan of NC, brother James and Diane Korienek of MI, brother Daniel and Cathy Korienek of MI, sister Joan and John Burnham of MI, sister Jane (Jacinta) Korienek of OH and special family friend Mary Ann (Gabrielle) Ojnik, of OH. He is also survived by numerous cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jerald and his grandparents.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Tin Can Sailors Library National Reunion, P.O. Box 100, Somerset, MA 02726. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING MARCH 5, 2020

The Full set of the Minutes for the Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Stay Safe order by the Governor. He also dispensed with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Lasher asked that the Clerk take roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Zwick, Miss Hibbard, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher.

ABSENT: None.

EXOFFICIO: Mrs. Medina took roll call on the Ex Officio for record:

Chief Goodrich-Police, Rich Simpson-DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier-Treasurer and Josefina Medina-Clerk.

VISITORS: There was one person recorded as an attendee to the meeting. No name was mentioned.

Mayor Lasher explained that he will be dispensing with all Board & Committee reports. He also informed all that roll call would be taken on every action.

AGENDA: Mayor Lasher asked if anyone had anything to add. A motion was made by Mr. Zwick, second by Mr. Brown to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call was taken as follows: YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Zwick, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown second by Mr. Williams to approve minutes of March 5, 2020 as printed. Roll Call was taken as follows: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Zwick, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Ms. Perrien, to accept the check registry from March 5 thru April 10, 2020 as printed. Roll Call was taken as follows: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Zwick, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lasher explained the purpose of the resolution he then read said resolution #2020-06. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, supported by Mr. Zwick to adopt resolution #2020-06 titled Proposed Ballot Language for the millage rate for Emergency Services. Discussion was held. Mayor Lasher asked the Clerk to take roll call. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Zwick, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution will be published in their entirety in the Weekly. Mayor Lasher asked if there were any question or concerns for the public. No response was given.

Mayor Lasher then closed the teleconference at 7:16 pm.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
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Jeffery and Carol Walikangas front porch in Ovid.

Ovid Against COVID Providing Music and Meals

by Deb Price



Singer/Song Writer Jeffery Walikangas and his wife Carol, moved to Ovid from Bay City six years ago. He started his professional music career at the age of 15 and in 1988 founded the band Romeo Ridge. In that same year he signed a contract with Epic Records in Nashville. From that beginning, Jeffery has had a very successful career doing the thing he loves...making music.

He has toured, written songs and recorded with some of the best in the business including: Joe Stampley, Kenny Chesney, Tim McGraw, Waylon Jennings, Tracey Lawrence, Tommy Cash and Johnny Paycheck. He has performed in concert with George Strait, Diamond Rio, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, Alabama, Eddie Rabbitt, Randy Travis, Billy Jo Royal and Lorrie Morgan just to name a few. In 2017 he received a lifetime achievement award and was inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame.

So what's the talented singer/song writer up to these days? He is performing Concerts on Facebook twice a week to feed first responders and medical staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. The facebook concerts are every Tuesday and Friday evening at 6pm for approximately 50 minutes. Donations thru PayPal are accepted during the concerts from his listeners. In return, those proceeds, are used to provide meals to first responders and medical workers in this area as well as surrounding communities.

Meals have been delivered to Oliver Woods employees in Owosso, 5th Floor employees at Saginaw St. Marys Hospital, fire-fighters at Fire Station One in Bay City and ICU employees at Mid-Michigan Medical. Jeffery and his wife, Carol also take suggestions from donors as to where meals might be sent.



Employees at Oliver Woods

Be sure and check out the next facebook concert on Tuesday, April 28th at 6pm. You can find it by typing Jeffery Robert Walikangas in the search area on facebook.

Increased Activity at Elsie Food Bank

by Deb Price

The Elsie Area Food Bank has experienced double to triple activity since the COVID-19 outbreak according to food bank Director, Lucille Stevens. "Not only has the need for food increased, our distribution hours have changed as we do not close for the day until every one in line has been served," she said.

Distribution days are Monday and Wednesday beginning at 8am til 9:30am or until all have been served. Free produce days are the first Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of each month. Food for the Elsie Area Food Bank mainly comes from the Greater Lansing Food Bank. "We shop locally at Aldi's and Walmart to fill in with items that we can't get at the Lansing location," said Stevens. Due to COVID-19 they are unable to take any food donations at the Elsie location from the general public at this time. With the increased numbers of families being served, monetary donations are needed and would be greatly appreciated to maintain the level of demand that they are experiencing.

To make a donation to the Elsie Area Food Bank, please send a check or money order to them at PO Box 311, Elsie MI 48831. The food bank is located at 225 N. Ovid Street in Elsie (across the street from the Elsie American Legion Post 502). For more information call (989)388-8717.



The food bank is in need of clean used egg cartons (styrofoam or cardboard). Please drop any you may have in the container located at the Food Bank near the entrance.



LAFB Showered with Blessings

submitted by Linda Culpepper

ASTOUNDING is just one word to describe the Laingsburg Community's response to the Laingsburg Area Food Bank's plea for help.

THANK YOU to all who have sent donations in the mail or on PayPal! Some checks came in the mail with a nice card or letter thanking LAFB volunteers.

We are so privileged to have the support of our community! Those of you who thought about donating but haven't yet, good news! You may donate by mail to: LAFB, 210 Crum Street, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848. Since David Sebenick, LAFB's Treasurer, has created the PayPal account, you may also utilize at: PayPal.me/LAFB48848. It's not too late!

LAFB has been grateful for food product donations in the past. Until we are given approval to start accepting donated food products, we are required to say "no" right now. LAFB understands Corona Virus regulations and how important it is to keep our family and friends safe. All donations are greatly appreciated and used wisely.

In addition to financial support, our community is giving their time. We have several new volunteers who are helping to meet the increased demands and offering relief to habitual volunteers who were starting to feel overwhelmed. Thanks so much to all of our volunteers! We appreciate your time and talents! You make LAFB rock!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cindy Dolan at dolancl2@gmail.com.

If you have questions about LAFB services, donations or other items, please contact Linda Culpepper at 517-285-0789.

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Health

This is the moment when most people are going through difficult times, feeling uncertain about their future and becoming stressed out over every little thing, more than ever before.

The stress levels grow until routines seem to no longer exist, life is everything but normal, and people don't know what to do with themselves.

As the stress begins to expand outwards, people will find themselves dealing with unknown anger, fears, anxieties and even depression. Unfortunately, these are symptoms of chronic

The goal is to keep your stress level as low as possible and never let it build to the chronic stage. Of course, this is easier said than done. In fact, most people living with these stress levels on a daily basis, turn to meditations just to receive some relief.

It's understandable that when things are happening out of our control, it can be hard to accept, but if the person tries to stay positive and look at the issues differently, it actually will help their stress level from increasing.

There are many simple things you can try and do to help fight against your stress levels. Below are a few ideas to get you started, so pick one that resonates with you and begin to lower your stress level. The more consistent you are in practicing them, the sooner you will start to feel better, happier, and even healthier.

Things to help are:

- Limit Stimulating Things - Decreasing the amount of nicotine, caffeine and alcohol consumption will lower stress levels and help with anxiety.
- Routine Sleeping Patterns - Having a regular schedule for sleep will allow the body to regulate and balance, helping lower the stress within. Sleep is very important for the body to energize itself and promote healing.
- Breathe Plenty of Fresh Air - Again, this sounds simple but you'd be surprised at how often the windows stay closed in a person's home, making it stuffy and the air stale. Fresh air is another essential part needed for the human body to relax and feel better. Smells including simple fresh air, helps our minds to sense feelings of relief. Try airing out your home and even spend time outside in your yard on a regular basis.
- Make an Organization List - When there's a list of "to do's" in your head, it can become daunting. By physically writing a list out, it'll show progress that is visible. As things are finished and crossed off, the mind will start to feel accomplishment. As more items are crossed out, the level of stress will decrease.
- Become and Stay Positive - Looking at things through rose colored glasses is a good metaphor here. When things are feeling bad, try to find the good in it. For example, being out of work. Yes, that is a bad thing but see it as an opportunity to catch up on the things that there was no time to do while working. There's always something positive to see, if you look for it.



Stress Awareness

by **LeeAnna Woods**

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· Do Simple, Easy Exercises -Yoga is extremely beneficial in lowering stress levels and can be done in the comfort of your home. If you need help there are places that are now providing live online classes, that you can take virtually. Exercise changes the endorphins within the body. This provides a healthy uplifting and energetic feeling, which lowers stress levels and decreases anxiety, depression and anger. Exercise like Yoga provides one with the sense of happiness, a healthier feeling and more positive emotions.

There are other things a person can do to help lower their stress levels but the things on this list are a good starting point. The very first step will be the decision to ultimately make it a priority in your life. Making it a priority will be a commitment for a better, healthier lifestyle and version of yourself. So, take control over the stress that's been running your life and make it an essential behavior to do these things to transform the life of stress, into a life of happiness.

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I am one happy person, most of my garden is rototilled and I will be able to use my new toy this year. The toy is a grow tunnel, it is twenty-eight inches wide and ten feet long, and about eighteen inches tall. The tunnel is covered in a white fleecy fabric that allows rain in but protects the plants from frost. The tunnel also has drawstrings on each end which can be closed with drawstrings. Later today I plan on planting a double row of green beans. Followed by a space to start cabbages from seed, then start a few zucchini plants.....already my whole family is dreaming of success and fresh veggies by the end of May. Yes, we are optimistic.....

Due to our self-isolation and the weather, I have managed to get work done on the yard. Yesterday, in high winds, I was pulling burdocks, there were three tall dried out ones in the flower garden at the edge of the field. After pulling the darn things, they had their way with me. Believe me when I say that between the stalks filled with clusters of burrs and the gusting wind that I had my hands full. And my hair and coat were snagged with burrs. Diane was over and made me stand still by the burn pit as she removed the mess from my hair. She kept telling me that it would be easier and less painful to cut the masses out.....I reminded her that I was trying to grow my hair out.....not cut it off. Diane did do a wonderful job of removing the burrs and I didn't end up with bare spots on my skull. Daughters are blessings.....

Did I mention the rototiller incident? It was a hoot.....sort of.....my son-in-law, Brent has done most of the tilling for me. Zach came with him on Sunday morning to use the Sear's rototiller on my garden. I have had the wonderful implement for over ten years and it has worked well for me and has not given me one iota of aggravation. I zipped out for a pizza pick up and Brent quit tilling when I returned. We had a nice lunch break and then Zack and I continued to work on the flower gardens, and Brent went back to the garden. As he tried to start the tiller with the pull cord...it almost pulled apart. So the tiller trials started.....time to jump ahead to Monday afternoon.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

A trip to Hofferberts in Bannister.....wrong sized cord.....followed by a trip to the Ace Hardware Store in St Johns.....to get the cord. Time to get back home....fortunately I had put all the parts into a gallon sized storage bag for safe keeping. Brent had become frustrated when the coil popped out, which is understandable. Brent went home, Barb sent her hubby, Larry over to put everything to rights.

Larry came down with a tool kit and a bucket with tools. We sat on the deck at the table and made a bit of progress.....then we called Brent back. It took a bit of figuring.....a bit of frustration.....and a great deal of focus and determination but we got it back together. Of course there were a few minor alterations.....we'd cut too much cord and had to thread it twice to get it to work after applying WD 40.....and wahoo the tiller starts beautifully. In-laws and neighbors are also blessings.....I'm glad that I had pickled beef heart for Larry He would take nothing for helping me. See what a blessing in-laws and neighbors can be? And then it snowed..... But not on my parade.....it was a beautiful fluffy sight.....an uninspected landscape that made my cousin reference Christmas Eve. So enjoy the changes, they help to create new memories and bring up old reminiscence. Use your common sense and may it be a blessing to you. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2020

"Belly Button Theology"

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under Heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12)."

Cassius Clay said, "It's not bragging if you can back it up." Truth tends to be that way. Exclusive. Your address is the same, two plus two equals four, north on a compass, a switch is on or off, and Jesus is the only way to Heaven (He said that, not me). I hear the brakes grinding to a halt on that one, but you knew it was coming. Jesus is exclusive.

Before I became a Christian I figured there was one God and multiple ways to get to Him, like trails going up a mountain. All of them lead to the same peak. I was wrong. Jesus squelched that when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but through Me (John 14:6)." You're wrong too if you have my peak theology (only a friend tells you have broccoli in your teeth).

Our sense of fair play and justice screams this is wrong, arrogant, and intolerant, which it totally is...IF...it's not true. But...IF...it is true, that Jesus is God and proved it by rising from the dead, then it's prolly a good idea to listen to Him because He "can back it up." Another thing that's exclusive is that there is only one way out of this world into the next. We will all die. So what does this have to do with your umbilicus (belly button)?

All of us have a navel, but whether it's an "innie" or an "outie" is a matter of chance. Most of us have an innie, about 96%, which is a similar division to what Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14, "The way is narrow that leads to life and few are those who find it." Most of you will be the 96% and ignore this truth because "Broad is the way that leads to destruction and many are those who enter by it."

For Jesus to make these claims is exclusively exclusive, as truth always is, which is the "innie" theology...you must be "in" Christ. That means repent of your selfish ways and sin, and surrender to Him to be your Master, and believe that God raised Him from dead to pay for your sin, and ask Him "in" to your heart (John 1:12).

Although Jesus is exclusive in His claims for salvation (disqualifying all other religions), the "outie" part is it is an "outward" invitation to all. It's not a private club. All are welcome. All can come to the cross. The invitation to be saved is proclaimed out to the entire world. "For God so loved the world... (John 3:16)."

An empty grave backed it up; so it's not arrogant to claim to be the only way to get to Heaven. It's like saying your belly button is arrogant for being so exclusive. There can be only one.

Fear not.

There are a lot of things that we should fear in life. For example-

- Eating rotten meat.
- Crossing a busy street without looking or being aware of the traffic.
- Possible start to the Lion's season in a few months.

At the same time, there are other things that we shouldn't fear, but do:

- The unknown.
- The future.
- The "What if's?" in life.

God does want for us to prepare for the future, but not to fear it.

You may have heard that the phrase, "Do not fear" is written 362 times in the Bible; one for each day of the year. This is not true. But that's okay, because there are still plenty of times where God or an angel does say it in different circumstances.

We should not fear the future because God is sovereign. As our sovereign Lord, God "...works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."- Romans 8:28

Also, as God He is omniscient- He knows everything about the future. This means that God is not surprised or caught off guard by anything. As Psalm 147:5 says, "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit." Isn't that great to know?

Whether it's the coronavirus or your spouse getting laid off work or something that is even more unique to you, God saw it coming. He knew it would happen even before the world began.

This means that we can trust Him to lead and guide us through whatever we're facing. Therefore, there's no need to fear, fret or worry. Yes, I know these are easier words to write and read than to live, but God can help us.

Let's ask God for His peace. As Paul says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."- Philippians 4:6-7

Let's also ask God for help, wisdom and guidance to deal with whatever it is that we're facing that is causing us to worry or fear. Ask God to give you courage and strength through His Holy Spirit, who lives inside all believers.

Take time to read passages in the Psalms like 1:2-3, 4:8, 20:7 and 29:11 that convey peace and trust in God.

Remember also to eat well, exercise and get enough sleep. God can use these these things to bring peace to our hearts and minds.

To sum up, as Corrie Ten Boom said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."



Religious Thoughts

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Sports

Editorial

Marauder Bowlers Shine on League, All-Area, All Regional Teams

OVID-ELSIE -- When you start putting back-to-back undefeated seasons in your league, the accolades start rolling in.

Case in point: the Marauder girls bowling team.

With a 14-0 record over the past two seasons in the MMAC (Mid-Michigan Athletic Association), coach Matt Fabus' keggers dominated all-league, All-Area and All-Regional voting, squeezing in their 2019-20 campaign just before the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis.

The Lady Marauders finished 9th in the State Finals, missing the final cut by just 7 pins. Before that, they dominated area Division 3 results, as evidenced by these honors:

-- Mikayla Kelley, 1st team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Area, Top Ten at Regionals (3rd place), 181-pin season average. Mikayla was scheduled for the Junior Gold tournament in Las Vegas this July, but that was canceled due to the virus outbreak.

-- Elizabeth (Lizzy) Underhill, 1st team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Area, Top Ten at Regionals (5th place), 175-pin season average. Lizzy was also scheduled for the Junior Gold tournament in Las Vegas.

-- Jocelynn Holton-Pugh, Honorable Mention All-Conference, 1st Team All-Area, 148-pin season average. Jocelynn was recently named to the All-State Academic Team.

-- Chloe Taylor, 1st Team All-Area, 153-pin season average. Chloe was also recently named to the All-State Academic Team.

-- Madison Schneider, 1st Team All-Area, 151-pin season average.

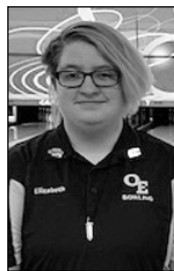
-- Morgan Douglass, 134-pin season average who was a key team member as the Marauders rolled the 2nd place in the Regionals.

In addition, kegling for the boys team, Eian Bushard was a 1st Team All-Area selection for coach Fabus' Marauders, after compiling a 156-pin season average.

All-Area team were named by the Lansing State Journal.



Mikayla Kelley



Lizzy Underhill



Chloe Taylor



Jocelynn Holton-Pugh



Madison Schneider



Morgan Douglass



Eian Bushard

Stay at Home Order Extended to May 15th

Dear Andy,

I would rather stay in Quarantine for the whole summer, just so I do not have to bury one of my family members, kids, or loved ones.

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I agree with you, DeDe... It will be exactly what I plan to do until our local experts say it is safe. Even then, I will be wearing a mask, throw-away gloves and using disinfectants on my groceries, my cart, doorknobs, etc.; especially when I am in public. This is week 6 for most of us and it is a confusing and difficult time for many. I think we need to follow the states experts' suggestions and "Stay Home to Stay Safe." Our freedom allows us to choose quarantine.

I know staying home sounds like a simple solution to the perfect storm, but it is not. Service employees, police, grocery stores, trash pick up, volunteers and medical personnel must be allowed to provide the necessary tasks to keep our state protected and fed. Many people need to go back to work because they need the money. Respectfully, most Americans live from paycheck to paycheck. We must be patient for unemployment benefits. Be mindful that millions are applying. Also, as we gradually reestablishing "normal" routines with a continued Stay at Home order through May 15th, our bills will eventually get paid. Our family and community Health is priority at this time.

Congress passed legislation to increase the budget to stimulate the economy. Most people will need it for groceries or housing. Retired people who are on fixed incomes are part of our population who are accustomed to a limited budget. However, many have part time jobs to supplement their income, so check on your elderly or shut in neighbors. The stimulus check is going to be extremely helpful to all, no matter who or when we receive it.

As for most furlough and laid off individuals there are options: Some apartment owners, loan institutions and creditors will waive or delay a couple of months while we stay home, staying safe. JUST ASK. Food Banks have an urgent need for donations by people or businesses who have the means to give. If you need supplies and food go to your local Food Bank for help. Feed your family. You can always pay back or pay forward when you are able.

This is the time to support your community. And this is the time to receive what you need. Readers have asked, "what can I do to help?" There you go... help others and help yourself...and..."we will get through this together." To find how and where to give-- email: COVID19Donations@mi.gov

Wear a mask and gloves when you go into public. Businesses will find ways to service you. Take out and delivery of food is available from many restaurants and grocery stores. Order online. Order on your cell phone. We are all learning to live on less. I understand there are limited sources of income so find a way to defer your bills and limit your expenses so you can "Stay Home and Stay Safe until this pandemic has run its course."

Pray for a Cure. Pray for our leaders to make good decisions. Pray for eradication of this pandemic.

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Editorial

Victory Gardens

There are probably very few readers of this column that can remember the call to action to plant Victory Gardens during World War II. Around here most were probably accustomed to already growing gardens or having access to one at the family farm somewhere in the countryside. Originally started in March of 1917, just prior to entering WWI, the intent was to encourage American's to raise more of their own food in order to offset what was being sent to allies in Europe. By the end of WWI there were over five million gardens in production which provided not only fresh vegetables but also resulted in almost 1.5 millions quarts canned for later use. Twenty five years later during WWII the number of gardens increased to over twenty million which accounted for eight million tons or 40% of all vegetables consumed nationwide.

The Weekly Sportsman is not even going to suggest that the current pandemic living conditions even comes close to the sacrifices generations before us made during WWI & WWII. However, a case can certainly be made that Victory Gardens can help alleviate many issues right now including demand on grocery stores, improving mental health and the sense of accomplishing work, along with long term education on preparedness for future crises. For the first time gardener, care should be taken to grow an easy and maintainable garden capable of producing a harvest. Some vegetables take years of growing experience to master and others are quite simple. If space is limited try growing items on a trellis and also make succession plantings to spread the harvest across the entire growing season. The Governor has ordered all garden and nursery centers to cease operation so you may need to browse and order on the internet for supplies like seeds and plants.

Green Beans & Peas- in the row, or on the pole, pick frequently for multiple harvests and make several plantings. Start planting in May and depending on weather expect a crop in 45-60 days. Harvested beans and peas can be consumed fresh, frozen, canned and dehydrated.

Zucchini & Summer Squash- plant several plants and keep picked every couple of days to keep up good production. Expect the first harvest in 45 days and consider starting transplants inside as they are not cold weather tolerant. Serve raw, stuffed, sauteed, dehydrated, or even spiralized to imitate pasta.

Carrots & Beets- great root crops tolerant of cool weather conditions. They will need extra attention for weed control and moisture but the harvest window is very long. Nutritious root crops that can be served with almost any meal.

Cucumbers & Pickles- wait for warm weather and direct seed in the row or near a trellis. Keep weed free and the yellow and black striped or spotted cucumber beetles to a minimum. Plant several crops and use care with vines when harvesting so multiple harvests are possible.

Tomatoes & Peppers- wait for warm weather and use transplants. Try hybrid varieties for excellent yield and leave the heirlooms to the professionals as crop failure is quite common. Slice and dice fresh for salads, sandwiches, and salsa or dehydrate and can/freeze for winter soups, chilli, pasta sauces, etc.

Hopefully third time's a charm and these new Victory Gardens will last longer than the crisis they were intended to assist. -WS

Rep. Filler: Regional, Safety-Based Approach to Best Option

submitted by Christina Guenther

State Rep. Graham Filler said he supports a regional, safety-focused approach to restarting Michigan's economy and re-establishing a semblance of normalcy in the COVID-19 era.

House Republicans today unveiled a blueprint to help move the state toward a rolling restart – an approach based on the prevalence and risk factors of the virus, which varies by region. A task force would be established to determine which counties could have some COVID-19 restrictions eased more quickly, getting more people back to work and more facets of everyday life – when it's safe.

"Protecting public health is the top concern of everyone – from Michigan families to health care providers, small business owners and state legislators. That's exactly what this plan is built around," said Filler, of DeWitt. "My main goal as a legislator is making sure Michigan has the resources to fight COVID, while at the same time helping our state safely recover from the devastating effects this virus has had on all of our families, neighbors and friends."

A task force – including representatives from Gov. Whitmer's administration, the Legislature and outside groups – would place counties into one of three tiers based on coronavirus activity and other factors such as hospitalization rates and capacity. Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties – which have the vast majority of COVID-19 cases in the state – would be in the tier with strictest restrictions. Other counties would be placed in tiers with fewer restrictions.

The same task force would help determine which jobs and activities could be resumed safely, starting from the premise of federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) guidelines, which in some cases are not as restrictive as the prohibitions now in place in Michigan. The task force would make frequent recommendations to the governor to reflect changes in coronavirus activity.

"The curve is starting to flatten and it's time to start thinking seriously about our next steps," Filler said. "Placing one-size-fits-all restrictions on the entire state no longer makes sense. The overwhelming majority of COVID-19 cases have been in the metro Detroit area – encompassing just three of Michigan's 83 counties. As we move forward, it's time to take a more regional approach and remove restrictions for communities and occupations with lower risk first, based on scientific data and advice from medical professionals."

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