



Free Easter Dinner organizers (l-r) Mandi Harden, Suzanne Grubaugh and Chara Johnson
Photo by Deb Price

Free Easter Dinner Tradition Continues

by Deb Price

A free Easter Community Dinner hosted by the DuPlain Church of Christ has been a tradition in the Ovid-Elsie community over the years. Due to the Coronavirus, the free dinner will be offered, but in a different way. DuPlain Church representative Mandi Harden has teamed up with Country Kitchen owner Suzanne Grubaugh and her daughter Chara Johnson to make sure this Easter tradition continues.

On April 12th, Easter Sunday, a FREE dinner will be made available for take-out from Country Kitchen in Ovid from 11am-2pm. The meal will include: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Roll & Dessert. In order to guarantee enough food is prepared, organizers are asking everyone to PRE-ORDER starting Monday, April 6th thru Friday, April 10th by calling (989) 834-9640 from 8am to 11 am each day. When you call to pre-order you will be given a time to pick up your meal and it will be delivered to your vehicle.

The families gathering around the table this Easter will be smaller than usual due to the social distancing we are experiencing. Our community is blessed to have individuals like Mandi, Suzanne and Chara who have stepped up to brighten the day of our neighbors by making this free dinner available.

DuPlain Township Holds Annual Meeting Respecting CDC Guidelines

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN - The DuPlain Township officials participated in a tele-conference call for their annual meeting that was held Saturday, March 28. To maintain the Governor's "Shelter-at-home" guidelines and to provide an essential service supervisor Levey opted to use a conference call format posting the numbers to encourage public participation.

With all township officials present annual action was taken to pass the 2020-2021 budget. In addition, officials took annual action on other items.

Action was taken to set the regular monthly meetings, time and location for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. DuPlain Township will continue to meet the second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 pm, at 145 W. Main Street, Elsie.

The regular financial depositories will remain Journey Federal Credit Union with official signatures being Amy Bowen, treasurer; Richard Bates, clerk; and Bruce Levey, supervisor.

Officials took formal action to retain the 1% administration fee for the summer and winter taxes. The fee is used for operational expenses associated with tax collections.

In other actions, Supervisor Levey recommended that the Colony Cemetery lawn maintenance contract be awarded to Family Tree Lawn Care at a cost of \$10,800 for the year. The recommendation was approved.

DuPlain Township officials reviewed and updated proposed road projects for 2020-2021. The anticipated breakdown is as follows: \$85,000 for road projects plus approximately \$20,000 for chloride application and \$6,100 for brush spray. The total approximately \$111,000. Officials approved the road projects for the year.

Annual action was taken to approve the Elsie Fire/Rescue contract and ready to serve fee. The commitment by the townships is \$30.359 per capita for a total of \$71,740.46.

The DuPlain Township parks and recreation expenditures were outlined and approved. Friendship Park in Rochester Colony - portable toilet/handicap accessible to be installed May 1 to September 30 and park maintenance contract awarded to Don Kramer, utilizing his own equipment, \$3,200. Also, up to \$2,000 allocated to the Elsie Youth League for equipment.

Other annual contributions included: Tri-County Council on Aging the Meals on Wheels program, \$700; recycling contribution of \$1,000 payable to the Village of Elsie; and the Elsie Public Library contribution of \$3,500.

The next DuPlain Township annual meeting is slated for Saturday, March 27, 2021, 10 am.

Township officials discussed the next regular meeting which is set for Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 7:30 pm. If the "shelter-in-place" order is still in place the meeting will be held in a teleconference format with Supervisor Levey onsite to chair the meeting with information posted at the Township Hall located at 145 W, Main Str. for members of the public who wish to participate.

Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Suspending Face-to-Face Learning at K-12 Schools for Remainder of School Year

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer last week signed Executive Order 2020-35, which orders all K-12 school buildings to close for the remainder of the school year — unless restrictions are lifted — and ensures continuing of learning by setting guidelines for remote learning. District facilities may be used by public school employees and contractors for the purposes of facilitating learning at a distance while also practicing social distancing.

"My number one priority right now is protecting Michigan families from the spread of COVID-19. For the sake of our students, their families, and the more than 100,000 teachers and staff in our state, I have made the difficult decision to close our school facilities for the remainder of the school year," Governor Whitmer said. "As a parent, I understand the challenge closing schools creates for parents and guardians across the state, which is why we are setting guidelines for schools to continue remote learning and ensuring parents have resources to continue their children's education from the safety of their homes. There is no video chat or homework packet that can replace the value of a highly trained, experienced teacher working with students in a classroom, but we must continue to provide equitable educational opportunities for students during this public health crisis."

The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators and the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers are currently developing a Continuity of Learning Plan template application for schools to utilize in order to create their localized plan. The application will be made available by April 3. District plans will need to detail how districts will provide opportunities for students to learn remotely and how schools will manage and monitor their progress. It will also provide information on how parents and guardians can learn more about the local plan. Each district must have its plan approved by their regional intermediate school district before being implemented. Public school academies must have their plans approved by their authorizer. Districts can also partner with one another to create joint plans.

Every district's plan will be different and will reflect what's best and feasible for their community. A plan can include learning by any number of modes of instruction delivery, including a hybrid approach. However they are designed, districts must ensure their plans are appropriate, equitable and accessible for students and families.

If the plan relies on some online instruction, the district should ensure every student who needs it has access to an appropriate device with an ability to connect to the internet. Students and families will not be penalized if they are unable to participate in their alternate learning plan.

School districts will have the flexibility to adopt a balanced calendar for the 2019-2020 school year and/or to begin the 2020-2021 school year before Labor Day without having to seek additional approval. Teachers and school employees will be paid for the remainder of the school year. Student teachers will still be able to get a temporary certification and current teachers will still be able to get their certifications renewed, even if they can't meet all the requirements due to COVID-19.

Schools should continue to provide mental health care services for students, to the extent possible, and should be ready and willing to help efforts to establish disaster relief childcare centers. School districts will also continue to provide meals for families who need them.

All Michigan high school seniors will be given the opportunity to graduate this year so that they may make a successful postsecondary transition. Additionally, all standardized tests previously scheduled for the remainder of the school year, including the M-STEP and the SAT, will be canceled. There will be a date in October for rising high school seniors to take the SAT and for other high school students to take the PSAT.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

50 Wonderful Years!



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Behrens

Douglas and Linda Behrens will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 11th, 2020. They were married on April 11th, 1970 in Ovid. We welcome all to send a card during this time to 925 Palamino Dr., Ovid, MI 48866. We will have a celebration at a later date. **Congratulations Mom and Dad!**

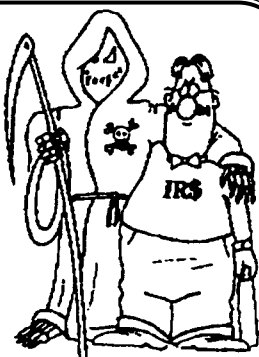
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Social

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

Welcome Spring! We are happy for the changing season but due to the current health crisis we are postponing our April meeting.

Regular monthly meetings will resume when conditions permit. Be safe.

Recycling Matters and Here are the Clinton County Options

submitted by Kate Neese

Recycling still matters! We are encouraging recyclers to hold on to their recyclables until services resume. This includes bottles & cans covered under the Bottle Bill. These materials, and your programs, are part of a larger supply chain that provide feedstock for a significant number of businesses and organizations, large and small, across the state, and their livelihoods depend on it.

As of this time, curbside recycling collection within Clinton County is going on as normal. Please do not overload your carts and double check your acceptable items lists. It is very important to recycle right and know it before you throw it!

If you must drop off your recyclables, please practice social distancing.

Drop off recycling centers that are still open include:

Granger Recycling Center on Wood Road (517) 372-2800

St Johns Lions Club on Swegles in St Johns - closed on weekends (989) 640-1313. **Closed to Further Notice.**

Village of Elsie (for local residents only)

Village of Fowler (for local residents only)

Village of Maple Rapids (for local residents only)

Village of Westphalia (for local residents only)

Don't see your location on this list? Please call them for details before you make the trip.

PLEASE SORT YOUR RECYCLABLES PROPERLY at these drop off sites. When in doubt, please throw it out. And remember to distance yourself at least six feet from fellow patrons.

Additional resources can always be found by using the Clinton County Waste Wizard search tool. At this time, please always call ahead before you make the trip.

<https://www.clinton-county.org/679/Waste-Wizard>

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United Way Establishes Fund to Support Those Impacted in Shiawassee County

submitted by Jennifer McArdle

Amidst a state-wide "stay at home" order and the country continuing to grapple with the health and economic affects of the novel coronavirus, the United Way of Genesee County, serving Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, has created the Shiawassee County COVID-19 Response Fund to help support individuals, children and families.

"Through the Shiawassee County COVID-19 Response Fund, the United Way is working with partners to help ensure the community is supported and basic needs are met during this unprecedented time," said Jamie Gaskin, United Way CEO.

The Cook Family Foundation and the Meijer Foundation have both made contributions to the Fund to help meet critical needs and fill resource gaps. Dollars collected through the Fund at the United Way will be given to the Shiawassee Emergency Operations Center for distribution through a community-led process. No administrative fees will be taken from these designated funds.

"We forgo all administrative fees. In a crisis like this, it's important that we do whatever we can to help Shiawassee residents weather the storm. So that means every penny of every dollar donated to this is going to help with recovery," said Gaskin.

"We are impressed with the way our community--local officials, businesses, nonprofits, and volunteers--is coming together to support those most in need during this crisis. We appreciate the leadership of the United Way and are proud to do our part to support this effort," said Tom Cook, Cook Family Foundation Executive Director

If you are interested in making a donation to help local individuals and families, visit the United Way of Genesee County website at unitedwaygenesee.org.

If you would like to volunteer to meet local needs, you can find opportunities at shiawasseeeserves.org.

If you need assistance because of coronavirus-related disruptions, call the Community Needs Hotline at 989-743-2460, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm.

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Rep. Filler Announces Bipartisan Plan to Address Education as COVID-19 Outbreak Continues

submitted by Christina Guenthner

Rep. Graham Filler today announced the Legislature has reached a bipartisan agreement with the governor to put students on the best path to success as school buildings remain closed to protect Michigan families from the spread of COVID-19.

The agreement closes all public and private school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year unless they are later deemed safe. It also forgives 15 days of instruction beyond the nine snow days currently allowed under state law. School districts are required to use resources from days that have been waived to ensure all hourly and contracted employees are fully compensated.

“Closing school buildings for the rest of the year was a difficult decision – but the right one. The health and safety of our families must be our top priority, and there’s no doubt this precaution will save lives,” said Filler, of DeWitt. “This plan will ensure our students, teachers, and school employees are taken care of during this trying time.”

To allow for home-learning options, school districts are granted a waiver from the requirement for students to be physically present in buildings. Education plans should try to address the needs of all students, including special education students and children who lack access to technology.

School districts will be allowed to begin the 2020-2021 school year in August, prior to the Sept. 7 Labor Day holiday, to make up for unfortunate learning loss that has resulted from the time out of school this year.

Rep. Filler and his staff are working remotely, so they can continue to serve residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. People with questions or concerns can reach his office by calling (517) 373-1778 or emailing GrahamFiller@house.mi.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Laingsburg

The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan to review the following:

A petition for special land use and site plan review has been submitted by 120 West, LLC to convert an existing office/retail building located at 120 West Grand River Avenue to a Marijuana Microbusiness which will allow for the cultivation and retail sales of recreational marihuana. The subject property known as 120 W. Grand River Ave. (Parcel ID# 022-42-003-003-00) is legally described as the following:

LOT 3, EXCEPT THE NORTH 34 FEET OF THE EAST 9 FEET THEREOF, AND THE WEST 16 FEET OF LOT 2, EXCEPT THE NORTH 34 FEET THEREOF, AND ALSO THE EAST 50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 108 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 3, PLAT OF WEEKS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF LAINGSBURG, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 638, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY RECORDS, SUBJECT TO THE USE OF THE NORTH 12 FEET OF LOT 3 TO BE USED AS A LANE.

Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than April 17, 2020:

City of Laingsburg
Attn: City Clerk
PO Box 178
114 N. Woodhull Street
Laingsburg MI 48848

City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-6101 prior to the meeting. In the event that the Governor extends the Stay Home Stay Safe order this meeting may be held electronically. Watch the City of Laingsburg Website or doors for postings regarding any changes or updates on how to attend the meeting.

Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

Recycling on Hold for April

submitted by Ellen Link

As it has almost everywhere else, COVID-19 has canceled the April recycling drive in Laingsburg. (The same is true for the MSU and East Lansing recycling drop-offs.) To get updates on our plans and for more information on recycling and waste reduction tips, please go to our Facebook page. The challenges we are all facing right now are unprecedented, so adapting to them must proceed one day at a time.

In the meantime, the GLR is pursuing a grant from EGLE to establish a permanent recycling site in Laingsburg. To that end, we need letters of support from local municipalities, institutions and organizations, and must come up with approximately \$20,000 in matching funds. We encourage those who appreciate the importance of recycling and other methods of waste reduction and who use our recycling service to voice their support with their elected officials and other leaders. Our patrons come from two counties encompassing several cities and townships.

If anyone would like to contribute to this cause and/or write a letter of support, please contact Terry Link (517-651-2005/link@msu.edu) or Dave Draggoo (651-6846/ddraggoo1@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We presently have a grant deadline of April 28, though we are hoping the state will push that back under these extraordinary circumstances.

What to do in the meantime? It partly depends on how much storage space one has and how much waste one is willing to tolerate when the future remains unknown and planning is impossible. Landfills are no doubt getting much more fill than usual. The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers hope to resume recycling drives in May but there are no guarantees.



Victor Township, Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from March 22, 202 Special Meeting

The special meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Clerk Conklin at 10:07 am.

In Attendance: Paula Willoughby, Amanda Conklin, Mike Wall and Julie Townsend. Warren Malkin absent.

Brief Public Comment: None

Purpose: Covid-19 Emergency procedures

Motion by Wall, to support and consent to community mitigation actions taken by the Township Board according to the Governor’s declaration of emergency until the next Township Board meeting, including but not limited to: closing public access to Township Hall and buildings, except for Board of Trustees meetings, postponing rental and use of Township buildings and facilities, including public access to the back bathrooms, temporarily discontinuing non-essential services and to authorize any additional actions taken by the Township Board consistent with Center for Disease Control and Prevention or the State of Michigan. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Conklin to approve and disburse payroll and bills, authorize township employees and officials to work remotely, issue hall refunds to all events scheduled through June 1st, encourage Township Commissions and Committees to not meet unless there is action items required. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Conklin to authorize electronic meeting participation, according to Executive Order 2020-15 and the Open Meetings Act for the April 13, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. If Board and public electronic participation cannot be achieved by April 13, 2020 meeting, the April Board of Trustees meeting shall be cancelled. Roll call vote. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 am, supported by Townsend.

Amanda L. Conklin, Clerk

Laingsburg News

Wine and Canvas Event

submitted by Cindy Suggate

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 248 in Laingsburg has decided to cancel our Wine and Canvas event for Friday April 17th.

We hope to reschedule once all of the uncertainties of the Coronavirus have taken care of themselves. We will be rescheduling and will get that info out as soon as possible.

Take care everyone.

Victor Township, Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from March 09, 2020 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Warren Malkin at 7:00pm.

In Attendance: Warren Malkin, Amanda Conklin, Paula Willoughby, Julie Townsend and Mike Wall

Public Comment: Gail Watkins from Clinton County Road Commission directs residents to visit their website at <http://www.ccrc-roads.com/> for up to date information regarding frost laws. Clinton Transit is undergoing many improvements including expanded hours, broader services and employee pay increases. Clinton Transit makes nearly 54,000 trips annually. Visit <http://clintontransit.com/> for more information.

Agenda: Motion by Wall to approve the agenda. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020 with amendments proposed by Trustee Townsend. Supported by Conklin. Malkin opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Conklin to accept the treasurer’s report. Supported by Wall. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Approval of bills: Motion by Willoughby to pay the February 2020 bills in the amount of \$10,804.66 using checks # 27818-27838 and e-checks #455-463. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses for February 2020 in the amount of \$14,178.33 using checks #12077-12086 and EFT 120-123. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Budget 2020-2021 :

Motion by Malkin to open budget meeting. Supported by Conklin. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Willoughby to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Supported by Malkin. Roll Call Vote. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Planning Commission submitted bids for tree trimming at cemeteries and the maintenance list they shared with the Board last year. Clerk Conklin suggested putting together a cemetery work group to address the maintenance issues at the cemeteries. Clerk Conklin will work on a plan and forward to the Planning Commission and Board to review. The Planning Commission’s next meeting will be held at Victor Township Hall on April 6, 2020 at 7:15.

LSW: January 2020 meeting minutes Fire/Rescue and Ambulance report shared and placed on file.

Maintenance & Facilities: No report

Unfinished Business:

1.Security System – RFP was reviewed. Revisions to be made, then post RFP with deadline of May 4, 2020.

2.Policy & Procedures – Clerk Conklin provided copies to all last month.

3.Ordinance 19.3 Fire, Ambulance & Inhalator Service Charges Ordinance – No progress.

4.Water Heater – No progress

5.Budget 2020-2021-

6.Road Projects

Motion by Malkin to approve projects 497.014.147030, 497.014.14020, 497.014.147010 and 497.014.147120. Supported by Willoughby All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin to approve road project 497.014.147030. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Malkin to approve road projects 497.014.147140, 497.014.147050, 497.014.147060, 497.014.147070, 497.014.147080, 497.014.147090, 489.014.149010, 497.014.147100. 497.014.147.110. All in favor. Motion carried. 2020 road projects total \$189,976.63.

New Business:

1.Planning Commission Bylaws -Motion by Willoughby to approve the proposed bylaws with amendments. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

2.Assessor Contract – Motion by Malkin to approve the assessor contact. Supported by Conklin. 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

3.Cemeteries – Discussed under Planning Commission Reports.

4.Budget Amendments – In light of late invoices and General Ledger program issues, Clerk Conklin will provide budget amendments next month.

Extended Public/Board Comment:

Motion by Malkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

Obituaries

Grant Stinson

Grant Stinson, lifelong resident of Carland, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Grant was born February 27, 1938, the eldest son of Vern and Molly Stinson. He attended Carland School and graduated from Ovid High School, class of 1956.

He was a talented musician, playing rhythm guitar and singing harmony and vocals in local bars and fundraisers. He took great pride in teaching others to play, showcasing the talents of others.

Grant was an avid reader and loved crosswords. He was well known for reading on his front porch and waving at passers by. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and making family memories at the Stinson family cottage. He was a hardworking railroad man, employed as a brakeman with Ann Arbor Railroad and retired as a conductor/engineer for the Tuscola Saginaw Bay Railroad.

Grant married Elaine Matznick (Dix) of Laingsburg in 1958. They were married for 18 years and shared four children. Grant married Elizabeth (Betty) Darling in 1977. They share one child together.

Grant will be greatly missed by his wife of 42 years, his children, Brad Stinson, Lori (Garry) Sullivan, Lisa (Ken) Herrick, Lynne (Jim) Pollock, stepchildren Mike Darling, Ron Darling, Kendra Darling and Cristen Stinson, and a legacy of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many for whom he had affectionate nicknames, brother Neil (Yvonne) Stinson, sister Mary St. John (Dan Goodrich), and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, daughter-in-law Lisa Stinson, brother-in law Lloyd St. John, nephew, Neil Stinson and grandsons Ryan and David Darling.

We will celebrate his life as he wished at a memorial where his friends and family will drink a beer and sing. Services will be held at Nelson House Funeral Home at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice House of Shiawassee County.



Doris J. Walter

Doris J. Walter age 91 of St. Johns, MI passed away at Oliver Woods in Owosso, MI on Friday, March 27, 2020. She was born on October 3, 1928 in Ovid, MI the daughter of Clifford and Noldine (McMaster) Beeman. Doris graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1946. She married Elmer Walter on September 13, 1947 and he preceded her in death in 2009. Doris was a homemaker and is survived by her children, Nancy (Jeff) Debo, Marsha Walter, Pam Grasso, and James (Kara) Walter. Sister Beverly Saxton, 10 grandchildren, Cory Wilson, Dante and Tony Grasso, Erin Bonnett, Shawn Debo, Jackie Holton, Mindy Walter, Ben Walter Caitlyn Walter and Amber Drury and 11 great grandchildren. Doris was preceded in death by son Mark Walter and grandson, Derek Wilson.

Due to the current pandemic, private services will be held. Burial will be at Fairfield Cemetery.



Cleo Evelyn Williams

Cleo Evelyn Williams, 91, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Welcome Home Assisted Living, Owosso, Michigan.

Cleo was born in Brant, Michigan on March 7, 1929, the daughter of Horace B. and Amy Edna (Brown) Hath. She graduated from Perry High School with the class of 1946. On April 2, 1949 she married Glenn Roger Williams at the Perry Methodist Church. Glenn predeceased her on April 5, 2016.

Cleo enjoyed making quilts for her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She also enjoyed bird watching, gardening and being a 4-H leader for more than 20 years. She was a member of Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, Michigan.

She is survived by her son David Williams, of Elsie, MI; 3 daughters, Barbara and Alex Brown, of Ada, MI; Pamela and Dan Washburn, of Elsie, MI; Kathy and Rob Teich, of Owosso, MI; She is also survived by 9 grandchildren, Leann (Don) Stickel, Brian (Michelle) Washburn, Julie (Quinton) Weatherwax, Bob Teich, Nathan (Amanda) Washburn, Amy Brown, Paul Teich, Hannah Brown, and Krista Brown, 11 great grandchildren, sister in law, Joanne Sturgis, of Elsie, Michigan. Many nieces and nephews survive her also. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

A Graveside Service was held at Fairfield Township Cemetery on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. There will be a memorial service announced at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Shiawassee County Endowment Fund in care of the Michigan 4-H Foundation, 446 West Circle Drive, Room 160, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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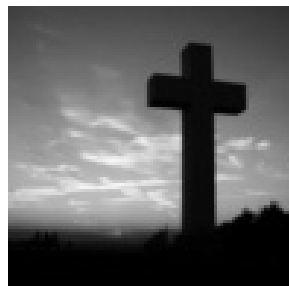
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Joseph John Fabus Jr.

Joseph John Fabus Jr., age 85, of Bannister, MI, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020, at his home.

Joseph was born in Ashley, MI on July 9, 1934, the son of Joseph and Anna (Luznak) Fabus. Joe married Alvina Slamka on July 9, 1976, at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI.

Joe was a lifelong farmer and he was also a milk hauler. He spent every morning drinking coffee and socializing with his friends. He enjoyed spending time outside, driving around looking at crops, and mowing roadsides. He was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church where he was an usher and also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved time spent with his family especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Alvina Fabus, son Joie Fabus, daughter Stacie and Chad Connelly, son Eric and Jenny Fabus, 8 grandchildren: Joie, Eyan, Luke, Sofia, Easton, Eli, Bryce, and Blayne. He is also survived by brothers: Jim and Ruth Fabus, Tom and Susan Fabus, sister Mary Ann and Alan Cobb and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and many other special family members.

A Private Mass of Christian Burial will be held. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI. A celebration of Joe's life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Cyril's Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



Obituary

Robert Clark Hebeler Jr

Robert Clark Hebeler Jr., age 89, of Ovid, MI, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, at his home.

Robert was born in Ovid, MI on January 29, 1931, the son of Robert and Pauline Kuripla Hebeler. He graduated from Ovid High School. Bob married Pauline Stinson on November 21, 1951 in Angola, IN.

Bob hauled milk for 67 years and was a lifelong farmer. He loved spending time with his family. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1951-1953.

He is survived by his wife Pauline Hebeler, children: Robin and Mike Perrin, Janice and Jay Pline, Mike and Cathy Hebeler, 8 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and sister in law Mary Lou Hebeler. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Lynn Hebeler, grandson Jessie Hebeler, and brothers Richard and Donald Hebeler.

A Private Funeral Service will be held. A public Graveside Service was held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI on Saturday, April 4, 2020.

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



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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



Ouch, ouch, ouch....my right knee is a bit sore.....ago-nizing would be a better description. I was out doing a few things in the yard, raked up some of the mess around the deck. This was when I realized that I had a young catalpa tree growing too close to the deck.

First I tried to use a spud fork to get at the roots. After that trial failed, I went back out to the shed and grabbed a shovel. I started piling the dirt on the edge of the tulips, after three good sized scoops I managed to get the roots out. I feel a tad bit guilty because I didn't transplant the catalpa.

I also brought in a couple of the grow boxes so that I could get them filled. The peat and the seeding soil have been in the house warming up for a few days and the seeds are also ready to dive in. I have red, yellow, and orange sweet pepper seeds to be planted, and some late flat Dutch cabbage also to be embedded. If I could keep the outdoor cats out of the grow boxes I would try to raise some carrots.....I'm thinking that a small wire mesh could solve that problem. I could use some zip strips to hold the wire mesh in place.

Speaking of gardening, I'm going to use a mixture of vinegar, Epsom salt and Dawn detergent to eliminate the hold that the quack grass has on my flower gardens. It will kill the grass growth within three or four days.....it can also kill your other leafy plants. So I'm using a newspaper shield to protect my daffodils, tulips, Hosta and such. I also need to move some chives and lily of the valley plants. All you need for the mixture is one gallon white vinegar, two cups Epsom salt and one fourth cup of blue Dawn. Mix well so that the Epsom salt is dissolved, then pour it into your sprayer. Good luck, I will be ecstatic when I don't have to keep searching for the roots of the quack grass!!!

I'm up early Wednesday morning, must be all that fresh air yesterday must have cleared all of the cobwebs out. It probably worked like my spring airing of the house. My knee is a bit unhappy today but not what I had expected. Probably the organic lavender oil that I applied to it last night worked better than anticipated. I did notice that I should have applied some to my neck and shoulders to alleviate their distress. Ever notice how many muscles need their spring airing? The older that I get the more I notice.

Have you been getting phone calls about buying into Amazon, originally it would have cost me a measly \$2,999.00 to get me started and they would match it. Now because of the Coronavirus this introductory price has been lowered to a mere \$499.00 and that will be matched. The pitch yesterday was that with the economy going as it is, I would be wise to throw my money at them and see if it sticks. According to them I will be losing it anyway. Didn't seem to matter that I am conservative.....according to the caller I would lose what I have anyway. After all few folks have their homes paid off or their vehicles or their credit cards.....what an enigma. I didn't take the bait. Even with the added flattery of me not sounding my age didn't help the seller's pitch. His final shot was that stores will no longer be necessary, we can just stay at home and order online. No reason for us to leave our homes. Who does the deliveries and what if I don't like their choice of fresh produce? I do understand that many folks order their needs online but I do have a hard time wrapping my head around on line doctor's visits.....can you imagine an online appointment with your gynecologist? Or urologist? Or an appointment for kidney dialysis? Just a thought.....

May your days be filled with the greening of your yards and the return of the seasonal birds even though the blighters have been having a heyday by white washing my deck and house. Good thing that I have a power washer to clean up their mess. May God bless you with good health and a happy life.

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Editorial

I have been thinking about the current state of Ovid Township and the surrounding local government units all winter, and have decided (against the wishes of a few, certainly, but keeping in mind all the residents of our township as a whole) that I will not be running for a third term as Ovid Township Supervisor.



Supervisor's Viewpoint

by Greg Palen, Ovid Township

My eight years as Supervisor-- a time during which a new assessor was hired, a major transition in ambulance service occurred, building a new (and needed) OMESA fire hall was accomplished, township road maintenance was brought up to date, the township computer systems were aligned with the statewide BS&A system, and the debt on the township hall was paid off-- have been busy. I believe we have put our partner communities on the road to more cohesiveness and better communication, in which individuals can feel more comfortable in expressing their opinions, especially if those might be contrary to the easy consensus. At this point I feel that my goals in this position have been accomplished. As a believer in the concept of term limits, I have concluded it is time for me to get out of the way, in case someone else with passion for keeping government strong at the local levels might come forward. Given some unresolved issues, for example, the Hollister Road/M21 intersection, new blood may be beneficial.

While eight years in the Supervisor role have gone by quickly, and I am as interested as ever in the functions of township and county government, this assignment followed a dozen or more years at the head of the Village Of Ovid's Downtown Development Authority, by the end of which I realized how stale I had become in that role. Township government at this time is too important to have a Supervisor who drifts along on autopilot. Thus it is right for me to step down, when other sitting Township officials are planning to run again and thus some continuity will be maintained. (It is never good to have an entire Board change at once, as we experienced eight years ago.) No one should ever think they are indispensable in any government role, too often that means only one way forward is in sight.

Through this period my personal and business obligations have increased, and particularly in my association within a national agricultural consulting group, the demands on my time and the physical stress of the travel involved show no end in sight. Increasingly my business life and my public life has conflicted with each other. I have as yet found no one to be a successor in operation of our farm service business nor within the consulting group, whereas there is already at least one individual who has filed to run for township supervisor.

Should anyone else be interested, the filing deadline for ballot positions for township offices ends April 21st. Petitions are available through the township Clerk as well as the county Clerk.

I remain in office until the end of the calendar year, and the election for township officers does not occur until November. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Greg Palen

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Moolenaar Supports Relief for Michigan Residents

submitted by David Russell

Congressman John Moolenaar was in Washington D.C. to support the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) that was passed by the House of Representatives this afternoon. The legislation previously passed the U.S. Senate on Wednesday evening, 96-0. It now goes to President Trump for his signature.

Moolenaar outlined his support for the legislation in an email to his constituents on Friday before the vote, writing that the bill "will get supplies to the frontlines of the public health crisis, while providing Michigan families with the help they need."

The legislation has funding for health care providers and hospitals, as well as \$16 billion for medical supplies including respirators, ventilators, gloves, masks, and gowns.

Additional funding also goes into research for more testing and vaccine development.

There's also relief for Michigan families. Residents will receive a \$1,200 tax rebate for individuals and \$2,400 for joint filers with the amount declining in phases for those making more than \$75,000 and \$150,000 respectively. There is also a \$500 credit per child for working families. Only those who have a valid Social Security number are eligible for this relief.

For small business owners, the legislation creates the Paycheck Protection Program. It provides short-term loans to small business owners to cover salaries, group health care benefits, rent, utility bills, mortgage interest, and other debt obligations incurred before February 15, 2020.

Small businesses and 501(c)(3)s with fewer than 500 employees are eligible for the loans.

Additional information on the legislation is available on Congressman Moolenaar's website at Moolenaar.House.Gov/Coronavirus. Along with more details on the bill, there is also a running list of federal and state resources available to constituents.

Lansing Community College Performing Arts

submitted by Katherine Neese

Lansing Community College Performing Arts will be having Musical/Singing Auditions for Fall 2020 Mainstage Production.

Video Auditions due by midnight April 20th, send video auditions to: Kelly Stuible-Clark at stuib1@lcc.edu and Andy Callis at callisa@lcc.edu

We're accepting video submissions for those interested in the Fall 2020 musical at LCC. While a final decision has not been made as to which musical will be produced, we would like to assess the talent available in our student body as well as our community. Please send us a video of 1-2 minutes that shows off your singing/acting ability. You can sing to a backing track, accompany yourself on an instrument, or sing a cappella, just make sure that we can see and hear you clearly in the video. Please do not submit monologues, but focus on selling your song as the character.

If the file is too large you can use file-sharing options like Dropbox or Google drive, or you can upload it to your personal YouTube channel and send the link. Any questions about format/material, please contact Kelly at stuib1@lcc.edu

Contact LCC Performing Arts Production Office, tuffordl@lcc.edu or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LCCPerformingArts/>

Sports

Ovid-Elsie's Barton named to Michigan All-State Team

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauders' outstanding girls basketball season has been completed with Lauren Barton being named to the All-State Team.

Three area players were honored in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)'s Division 2: Barton, Ellie Toney from Corunna and Chesaning senior Sidnee Struck.

Barton averaged 13.0 points per game and grabbed 8.0 rebounds per contest. She was also a first-team All-Area selection. She led the Marauders in four other categories including steals (2.2), assists (2.0), blocked shots (1.0) and field goal percentage (48.9 percent). Barton finished with 288 points and 175 rebounds.

Ovid-Elsie completed a 15-7 campaign, including a third place (9-6) finish in the MMAC, before losing the District Finals to the 19-4 Chesaning Indians.



Lauren Barton

Get Your Laingsburg Lions Raffle Tickets

Please contact a Laingsburg Lions Member or while you pick up some food at Twilliger's Tavern or essentials at Sage Market, Leonard's Hardware or at the Meridian Weekly, please purchase your Laingsburg Lions Springtime Raffle Tickets while you are there.

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Senior Spotlight



Geriatric Psychiatry Provides Support Through Aging

Many positive changes come with aging. Financial independence, freedom to pursue hobbies and more time to spend with loved ones are some such benefits.

But as men and women age, they also must give consideration to those changes few consider until they're happening. Retirement, loss of a spouse, distance from family, downsizing, and fears of illness must be given their due attention so aging adults can get the assistance they need when they need it. Geriatric psychiatrists can fill the gaps where others cannot.

The American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry defines the profession as a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy with special training in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders that may occur in older adults. These disorders may include, but are not limited to, dementia, depression, anxiety, late life addiction disorders, and schizophrenia. Although geriatric psychiatrists can treat these and more, they also may help adults navigate emotional, physical and social needs that come with getting older.

The AAGP estimates that the rate of mental illness among older adults will double over the next 10 years from what it was in 2000. Many of the people treated will need assistance with symptoms of dementia. The organization Alzheimer's Disease International indicates there are more than 9.9 million new cases of dementia each year worldwide.

Geriatric psychiatrists can provide specialized care to this unique demographic. Geriatric psychiatrists often focus on prevention, evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders in the elderly, says the American Psychiatric Association, an advocate for improvement of psychiatric care for elderly patients. Geriatric psychiatrists understand how medication dosage and therapy treatments may need to be customized as one ages. These psychiatrists also can consult with experts in neurology and primary care physicians when there are symptoms across various fields, which may be the case when patients are experiencing memory impairment, anxiety and depression.


Geriatric psychiatrists suggest speaking with mental health professionals early on if symptoms of low mood, restlessness, insomnia, and other hallmarks of potential mental dysfunction are present in elderly patients. This way doctors can step in early and improve their quality of life.



Safe Senior Dating

For seniors, being alone can escalate feelings of isolation. As men and women age, their social circles may begin to shrink. The health resource Aging Care says 43 percent of seniors have a persistent sense of loneliness. For many, dating is helping them find renewed companionship, self-confidence and vigor. Despite the rush that one may feel when beginning a new relationship, it is important to put safety first. One of the key considerations is disease prevention. Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that, between 2000 and 2008, there was a 45 percent increase in reported sexually transmitted diseases in Americans over the age of 40. Online dating may make seniors vulnerable to STDs. Furthermore, many STDs go unrecognized and thusly untreated in the senior community because they're simply not expected. Education can help keep seniors safe. Doctors can inquire about sexual activity as they would with other age groups. Seniors themselves should always practice protected intimacy and get refresher courses on "safe sex" education.

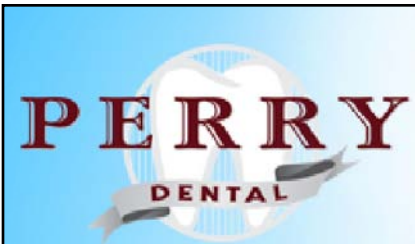




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Senior Spotlight

Questions to Ask When Your Doctor Prescribes a New Medication

Though few people may want to take medicine each day, prescription drugs prolong lives and help people manage conditions that might otherwise make it difficult to live life to the fullest.

A 2017 survey from Consumer Reports found that 55 percent of people living in the United States take a prescription medicine. The survey also found that those who take prescription drugs use an average of four such medications. That figure might alarm some people, especially aging men and women whose bodies might be more susceptible to conditions that are often treated with medication.

There's no denying that prescription drugs can save lives. But men and women have a right to explore their options when doctors prescribe them medications, and asking the right questions when doctors suggest medication can help men and women decide if prescription medicine is their best option.

To help men and women make the best decisions regarding their healthcare, the National Institute on Aging advises people to ask their physicians these questions when being prescribed a new medicine.

- What is the name of the medicine, and why am I taking it?
- Which medical condition does this medicine treat?
- How many times a day should I take the medicine, and at what times should I take it?
- If the prescription instructions say the medicine must be taken "four times a day," does that mean four times in 24 hours

or four times during the day-time?

- How much medicine should I take?
- Should I take the medicine on its own or with food? Should I avoid certain foods and beverages when taking this medicine?
- How long will it take this medicine to work?
- Will this medicine cause problems if I am taking other medicines?
- Can I safely operate a motor vehicle while taking this medication?

- What does "as needed" mean?
- When should I stop taking the medicine?
- What should I do if I forget to take my medicine, ?
- Can I expect any side effects? What should I do if I have a problem?
- Will I need a refill, and how do I arrange that?

When discussing medications with a physician, it's imperative that men and women be forthcoming about any other medicines they might be taking under the guidance of other doctors. In addition, men and women should tell their physicians about any over-the-counter medicines or vitamins and supplements they are taking. Sharing such information can prevent potentially serious complications from arising.

Medicine saves lives every day. Smart patients can help medicine do its job by learning about their medications and discussing them openly and honestly with their physicians.



Social Security Benefits Will be Paid on Time

submitted by Vonda Vantil

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, reminds the public that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments will continue to be paid on time during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency also reminds everyone to be aware of scammers who try to take advantage of the pandemic to trick people into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency, or by mailing cash, to maintain Social Security benefit payments or receive economic impact payments from the Department of the Treasury.

"Social Security will pay monthly benefits on time and these payments will not be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," Commissioner Saul said. "I want our beneficiaries to be aware that scammers may try to trick you into thinking the pandemic is stopping or somehow changing your Social Security payments, but that is not true. Don't be fooled."

The Department of the Treasury will soon provide information about economic impact payments under the recently enacted law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. Treasury, not Social Security, will be making direct payments to eligible people. Please do not call Social Security about these payments as the agency does not have information to share.

The agency continues to direct the public to its online self-service options whenever possible. Local offices are closed to the public but are available by phone. People can find their local field office phone number by accessing the Field Office Locator.

To allow available agents to provide better phone coverage, the agency is temporarily changing the National 800 Number hours starting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The hours will change from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time to 8:00 a.m. to

5:30 p.m. local time. The agency is experiencing longer than normal wait times on the 800 Number and asks the public to remain patient, use its online services at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call their local office.

Please visit the agency's COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/ for important information and updates.

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2nd Team All Conference



Cole Keller
Honorable Mention

Ashley Boys Basketball All-Conference

by Ashleigh Shaw

Two young men from Ashley were selected for All-league honors for their performance in the 2019-2020 season. Kovin Bradley was selected to the second team all-conference. Bradley averaged 13 points per game, 1.4 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 2.4 steals per game. Cole Keller was also selected to the honorable mention team. Keller averaged 12.2 points per game and 5.9 rebounds per game. Congratulations to both young men.



Aaron Hurst
2nd Team
All Conference



Jackson Thornton
Honorable
Mention



Cal Byrnes
Honorable
Mention

OE Boys Basketball All-Conference

submitted by Josh Latz

Shayne Loynes-Senior Guard-1st Team unanimous
Season averages: 17.7 ppg, 5.5 apg, 3.1 rpg, 2.5 spg, 54 made 3's

Shayne Loynes is what being a HS student-athlete is all about. He maintains a 4.23 GPA and is one of the best role models for kids I've ever been around. In addition, his stats speak for themselves as he is an unbelievable all-around player. He has won 56 games as a varsity basketball player-a career record for us, has over 700 points, 250 assists, made 95 threes, and over 125 steals for his career. He is attending the University of Michigan to study medicine.

Justin Moore-Senior Forward-1st Team unanimous

Season averages: 16.6 ppg, 10.9 rpg, 2.5 apg, 2.1 spg, 1.3 bpg, shot 58.9% from the field!

Justin is one of the hardest workers I've ever been around. He has played through a shoulder injury and also needs to probably have knee surgery this spring. He maintains a 3.92 GPA as well, and is a great student athlete and role model. In addition to his incredible stats this year, which includes 19 double-doubles, he is a three year varsity player for us and has eclipsed 700 career points, over 450 rebounds, 100 assists, and 50 steals and blocks. He is the career record holder as well for wins in a career with 56 varsity wins in 3 years.

Aaron Hurst-Senior Guard--2nd Team unanimous

Season averages: 9.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 2.3 apg, 1.1 spg, 0.5 bpg, 32 made 3's

Jackson Thornton Junior and Cal Byrnes Junior were both Honorable Mention



Kara Mahoney

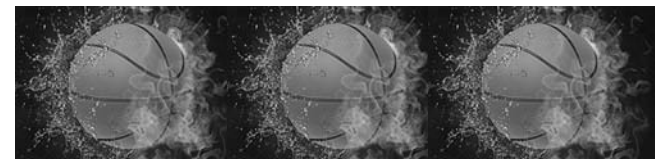
Laingsburg's Mahoney Named to Michigan All-State Team

LAINGSBURG -- Wolfpack girls basketball senior leader Kara Mahoney has been named to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)'s Division 3 All-State Team.

Other area players feted were Perry's Alyssa Welsh, Makayla Clement of Byron and Brooke Wenzlick of New Lothrop. Mahoney was also recently honored as a 2nd Team All-Area player, as well as 1st Team All-CMAC (Central Michigan Athletic Conference).

Earning Honorable Mention All-State honors, Kara averaged 13 ppg, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals. She also had 17 blocks on the season and led LHS with 37 three-point shots.

"Kara has been on varsity all 4 of her high school years and really came into her own over the past two," said coach Doug Hurst. "Kara was a big part of our success last season, and especially a big help this season with a younger team as for varsity experience."



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2020 Superhero 5K Postponed

submitted by Kelly Schafer

The Voice for Clinton County's Children 2020 Superhero 5K will now be held on Saturday, September 26th. For the safety of our community, we postponed our event which was scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. All registrations will be honored--all participants who signed up for April have been contacted in case the September date is now a conflict. Race registration remains open (lots of time to register!) and sponsorships are still welcome, more information is available on our web page at VoiceForClintonCountyChildren.org. You may also contact Kelly Schafer, Executive Director at KellySchaferED@gmail.com or 989-640-5681 with any questions. We cannot wait for all Superheroes for Children to join us at the St. Johns City Park in September--will your cape be ready?!

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Editorial

Schnelle Venison Chilli

If you are sitting at home wondering what to cook for dinner after weeks or “Sheltering in Place” please consider making some Schnelle Venison Chilli. If you don't have venison then use some ground beef. This recipe has a unique taste and flavor no matter what meat you choose to use. The recipe comes from Erik Schelle of Belding who serves as President of Michigan's QDMA State Chapter. The Weekly Sportsman sampled some of his chilli from a crockpot a few years ago at a Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus event and the recipe is definitely worth sharing with readers. You may need to play with some ingredient volumes and adjust to your liking.

1lb ground browned venison
1 can Stag chili
1/2 - 1 cup cut up yellow or orange sweet peppers
1 large chopped onion
14.5 oz can of diced tomatoes
16 oz can of kidney beans rinsed and drained (or use a mix of 8 oz black beans and 8 oz kidney beans)
8 oz can of tomato sauce
2 - 3 Teaspoons chili powder (Add more to taste)
1/2 Teaspoon crushed dried basil
1/2 Teaspoon salt
1/2 - 1 Teaspoon cinnamon (try using more rather than less)
1/2 - 1 Teaspoon cocoa powder (Provides unique earthy flavor, also try using more rather than less)
1/4 Teaspoon dried pepper
Brown meat, onion and peppers together. Then add undrained tomatoes and rest of ingredients. If extra moisture is needed then add V8 or tomato juice. Cook on low heat for 8 - 10 hours or higher heat for 4 to 5 hours.
-WS

Better Safe, Than Sorry

Dear Andy,

As I heeded the advice to stock up for a month of supplies and prepare for the COVID 19 Coronavirus to reach it's peak in the Midwest by mid-April, people at the grocery store looked at me as if I was from another planet. I wore protective gloves and a mask. I sprayed down my cart and used wipes where appropriate. Yes, I spent \$500.00 but I feel as if my family's life and wellbeing are priority. We are all set with food, puzzles and games. Teachers in our district are sending grade-level challenges and we are homeschooling and bonding as a family. I don't mean to make another inquiry but...am I crazy to be scared? Is this an April Fools hoax? Freaked out family

Dear Freaked out family,

No this is not an April Fools' hoax. If it was, it would be a pretty sick joke. Stay home. Practice Safe distancing. If you must have an encounter with another person you do not know. Wash often, clean off items that have been shipped to your home with a disinfectant spray or use wipes on all other items. Follow your states recommendation.

When I opened by computer today, all headline articles were regarding the Coronavirus. To date, 25 states have not implemented statewide restrictions; However, the NHS announced a total of 360,000 people have died in France, Spain and the UK. In California people are in line for a block to go into the grocery stores, to find nothing on the shelves. The shelves are thinning out in the mid-west. 3.3 Million people signing up for unemployment benefits. Michigan's system can take weeks to apply for unemployment benefits due to computer glitches and overwhelming requests. Be patient. The UN Secretary-General stated the Coronavirus is the worst global crisis since WWII. So, if you think this is a Hoax - send me your theory with scientific proof.

According to the epidemiologists evaluating the trends, each country and each State's 'peak' will occur in different time frames. Every state has reported positive cases of the COVID 19. As of today, the only state that has not reported a death is Wyoming. Please follow US recommendations and warning from World Health Organization WHO, Center for Disease CDC, National Health Services NHS and most of your Governor. Local news will be more helpful to ease your worry with information that directly could affect you and your family as well as your community. Governors are making recommendations for their specific up-to-date needs. What can we do? Follow the State safety regulations, pay our bills. If you are low on funds, make arrangements with your creditors, don't just stop paying. Life will get back to “normal” soon. Sooner we all comply to lock down, the sooner we will combat this evil enemy.

Andy's Advice: Better Safe than Sorry. Stay home - Eat, Pray, Love.



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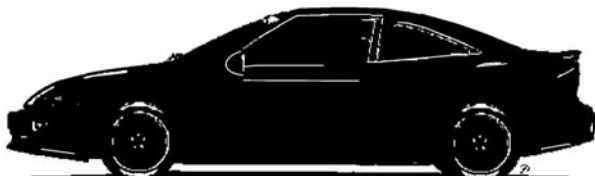


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There is quite literally a lot riding on a functioning battery. No one wants to be caught stranded by a dead battery, so drivers may wonder if there are any indicators that may signal the battery needs replacement.

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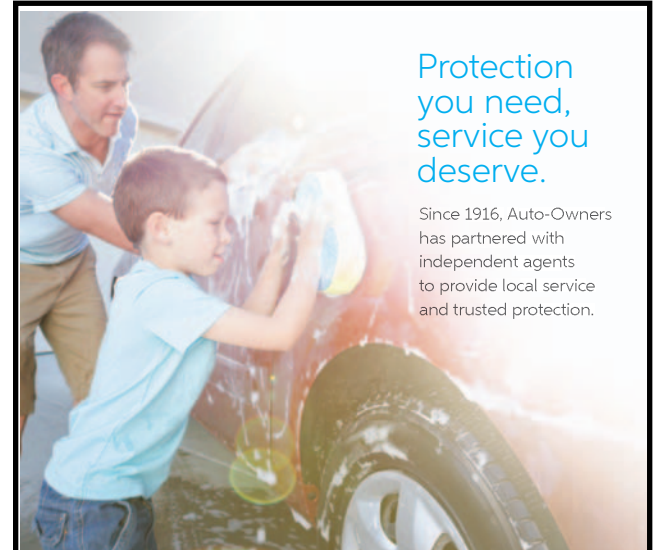
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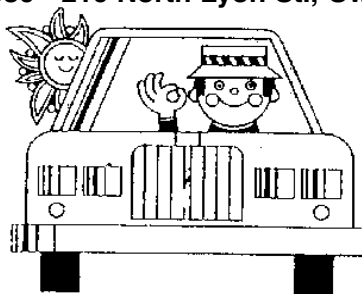
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