

## Two Laingsburg Student Athletes Advance to Next Level

LAINGSBURG -- Gabe Hawes, the 2020 Shiawassee All-Area Boys Basketball co-Player of the Year, has committed to play basketball at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU).

Wolfpack coach Dan Morrill shared the news on the school's alumni Facebook basketball page last week.

"I'm very excited to announce I will be continuing my academic and athletic career at Saginaw Valley State University," Hawes wrote. "It's always been

a dream of mine to play at the next level and I can't wait so see what the future holds. Go Cards!"

Hawes, a Division 3 All-Stater for the Wolfpack, had spent a majority of time in his basketball career playing off the ball. But just before the start of this season, first-year coach Morrill decided to shift Hawes into a new role as his squad's point guard.

It was a role that was foreign for Hawes.

But the senior gradually embraced that change while playing a major role in a strong season for the Wolfpack, who finished 18-3 and as CMAC co-champions along with Pewamo-Westphalia.

"I kind of like it because I can control the ball a little bit more and can control the pace of the game," Hawes told the Lansing State Journal in a feature piece in February. "It's just a little bit different for me because all growing up I've been an off guard or something like that. It's a little bit of change of pace, but it's been fun to try to learn and get better at doing it. It kind of helps me be able to facilitate a little bit and get my teammates more involved, which is a good thing."

Hawes, who was voted the latest LSJ high school athlete of the week winner from LHS, made an impact in a variety of ways from the point guard spot as Laingsburg has bounced back from a 10-10 season last winter.

The senior averaged 18.7 ppg, 4.2 assists, 4 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game, in 24 minutes on average.

"In addition to his glowing statistics, it should be noted that his shooting percentages were extremely high. Gabe shot 47% from the 3-point line and 83% from the free throw line," said coach Morrill.

Morrill said Hawes was a bit of a matchup nightmare because of his wide-ranging abilities.

"He really did a nice job of making the rest of the team better," Morrill said. "His assists were way up from last year. His points were up a little bit from last year. He kind of sacrificed a lot because point guard is not his natural position. But being able to do that and athletically being able to defend that position and play it allowed him to also experience other things."

"We got to put him down low every once in a while and use his muscle. It was really fun to just kind of tinker with his skill set and see what he could do. Almost undoubtedly, if I challenged him with something new or different, he found a way to answer the call."

Hawes also found a way to answer the call in clutch situations and his heroics in a narrow win over Pottersville kept Laingsburg in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) title hunt. Hawes made the game-winning free throws in the final seconds of that key CMAC victory.



LAINGSBURG -- Wolfpack senior Brady Hawks is going to be a Boilermaker this fall at Purdue University. Moreover, he'll be pursuing his Engineering degree while on scholarship for the Boilermaker track team.

"He's worked very hard academically, athletically and in so many extra-curricular activities all throughout high school to earn his choice of schools. We couldn't be prouder," says his dad, Clint Hawks.

Three schools offered him spots as a decathlete on their track teams: the University of Massachusetts, Grand Valley State University and Purdue.

"All were excellent choices," say the Hawks. "The coaches and students who hosted us were professional, informative, fun and kind. Brady ultimately decided to go where he would get the best educational program for what he wants to study: multidisciplinary engineering with a focus on product design. It's been an exciting journey."

Says Brady, "Purdue was by far the best choice for me when it comes to academics. For someone who was looking into engineering, it's hard to beat a technical college, not to mention one of Purdue's size. When it came to athletics it's also hard to not choose Purdue, I was thankful to have lots of options and offers for places to run, but none were as attractive as Purdue. I really saw Purdue as a place I wanted to be, a place I wanted to spend the next four years of my life, not to mention being a Division 1, Big 10 school makes it that much cooler."

The decathlon is an event which features 10 events combined into one; therefore, the competitor has to be a superior all-around athlete. There's no faking it. It's a 10-event spectacle featuring the pole vault, high jump, long jump, javelin, shot put, discus, 110-meter hurdles, 100-meter dash, 400-meter run, and a 1500-meter run. Brady specialized in the hurdle events at LHS, but was also a top-shelf high jumper and pole vaulter.

"If I had to choose, I would probably say my favorite event is the 110 meter high hurdles," Brady explains. "Running hurdles is great, it's being fast, being smooth and a technical event that I have absolutely loved learning and competing in. Becoming a multi-event athlete all through my track career, I already had a great start in competing in the decathlon. One of my coaches actually suggested it to me, after seeing me compete in so many of the events that are a part of the decathlon. Had it not been for his suggestion peaking my interest, I'm not sure I would have even considered doing all ten events."

His personal bests at LHS are:

- 60 m hurdles: :08.75 seconds.
- 110 m hurdles: :15.60 seconds.
- 300 m hurdles: :42.51 seconds.
- 100 m dash: :12.10 seconds.
- 200 m dash: :24.21 seconds.
- 400 m run: 57.70 seconds.
- 800 m run: 2:07.0.
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- 3200 m run: 12:00.0.
- 5000 m run: 18:53.0.
- High jump: 6'3."



**Shiawassee Community  
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#GivingTuesdayNow**

*submitted by Yvette Collard*

## 18 Local Nonprofits Respond to Urgent COVID19 Need with a Weekend of Generosity Recognition

Leading Up to #GivingTuesdayNow in Global Day of Giving and Unity

The Shiawassee Community Foundation, Cook Family Foundation and United Way of Genesee serving Shiawassee County have coordinated 18 local non-profits (listed below) to participate in the global Giving Tuesday NOW initiative. Beginning Friday, May 1 through Tuesday, May 5 (Giving Tuesday NOW), local area nonprofits throughout the county are committed to Raising Up Shiawassee by rallying their support, thanking the community and encouraging generosity in all forms.

Participants of the GivingTuesdayNOW movement:


The ARC of Mid-Michigan Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts; Catholic Charities Safe Center; The Cook Family Foundation Shiawassee Arts Center; DeVries Nature Conservancy Shiawassee Community Foundation; Friends of the Shiawassee River Shiawassee Family YMCA; Girls on the Run Mid-Michigan Shiawassee Hope; Great Start Shiawassee Shiawassee Humane Society; Hunger Network United Way of Genesee serving Shiawassee County; The Laingsburg Clothesline Voices for Children Advocacy Center

#GivingTuesdayNow is a new global day of giving and unity that will take place on May 5, 2020 – in addition to the regularly scheduled Dec 1, 2020 #GivingTuesday – as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The day is designed to drive an influx of generosity, citizen engagement, business and philanthropy activation, and support for communities and nonprofits around the world.


At a time when we are all experiencing the pandemic, generosity is what brings people of all races, faiths, and political views together across the globe. Generosity gives everyone power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental value anyone can act on. It's a day for everyone around the world to stand together and give back in all ways, no matter who or where we are.

From May 1-4, non-profits will post their messages of thanks and stories of generosity that have been so prevalent within our community. They will unite on May 5 by posting on their website, a compilation video that was taped from their homes. This video is designed to spread the powerful message

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# We are here to Raise Up Shiawassee NOW.



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- DeVries Nature Conservancy
- Friends of the Shiawassee River
- Girls on the Run Mid-Michigan
- Great Start Shiawassee
- The Laingsburg Clothesline
- Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts
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- Voices for Children Advocacy Center

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# Social

## Mint Country Garden Club

The monthly meeting of Mint Country Garden Club will NOT be held this May due to concerns about the Covid 19 virus. We will keep members updated about future meetings. The Planting Party is also cancelled. For members wishing to work in gardens at Hazel Finley we will notify you about when we can begin that work again. For further information about meetings or how to become a member, email mintcountrygardenclub@gmail.com or call 517-599-6307

## Laingsburg Lions Chicken Dinner Pre-Orders

The Springtime Festival is cancelled for this year but the Lions famous chicken dinner will still be held. Pre-Orders are now being accepted for Saturday, May 23rd and Sunday, May 24th. Special community pricing has been established for this year, \$8.00 per half and \$6.00 per quarter (leg & thigh). The dinners will also include cole slaw, fresh roll and butter.

The dinners will be available for take-out and pick-up only behind Twilliger's Tavern. To pre-order your chicken dinner for pick-up between 11am-noon on either day call Ed Arthur at (517)896-5338. Organizers are asking that all pre-orders be placed by no later than May 18th. Dinners will be served both days from Noon-2pm or until run out for those not placing a pre-order.

Don't forget to get your Lions raffle tickets. They are available from any Lions member or at the following locations: Twilliger's Tavern, Leonard Hardware, Sage Market or the Meridian Weekly. The cost of the tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. First prize is a John Deere Z540R Zero-Turn, prizes 2-5 are cash and a 50 inch tv for 6th. Get yours today. Drawing to be held on May 25th at 6pm. Need not be present to win.



## We're Still Open

submitted by Roger Dershem

The St Johns Recycling Center has limited hours due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The hours at the center are Monday-Friday from 7am-Noon and are close on the weekend. The center is in need of a baler which would normally cost \$30,000, the center has been offered one for \$14,000 from a Michigan Company. Your continued support for the recycling center is very much appreciated. Tax deductible donations to aid in helping obtain the needed baler equipment can be sent to St Johns Lions Recycling Center, PO Box 511, St Johns, MI 48879. For more information please call Roger Dershem at 989-640-1313.



## 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.

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## Obituaries

### Connie Ackels

Connie Ackels, 85, of Ovid, MI passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at the Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid, MI.

Connie was born August 22, 1934 in Lansing, MI the daughter of Max Ranney and Dorothy Belle (McGinley) Smith.

Connie married Wayne Ackels of Ovid on October 24, 1953. They were married for 50 years. Connie was a kind and gentle person to all who knew her and loved her family dearly. She enjoyed camping, mushroom hunting, cooking, and writing letters to her distant family members. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall in St. Johns, MI. When she was able, she enjoyed sharing her faith with others.

Connie is survived by her daughters: Melanie (James) Lyon of Ovid; Roxanne (Robert) Baumgras of Ovid; as well as grandchildren: Kristi (Francis) Grandstaff of Three Rivers MI; Ben (Jamie) Cox of St. Louis MI; Rebecca (Jeremy) Canze of Owosso MI; Randy (Erin) Lyon of Bennington, VT; Rachel Baumgras of Ovid MI; and Aimee (Kenneth) Burch of Ovid MI; 7 great grandchildren: Haven Canze, Kiera Canze, Avah Burch, Lillianna Lyon, Amelia Lyon, Darien Cox, and Genavieve Cox; and brother-in-law Gordon Hopkins of Lansing MI. Connie was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wayne Ackels in 2004, brother Max Smith, and sister Olive (Sue) Hopkins.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



### Ruth Irene "Ruthie" Bryant

Ruth Irene "Ruthie" Bryant, age 75, of Ovid, MI, went home to be with her Lord and Savior with her husband at her side Monday, April 27, 2020, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI.

Ruth was born in Chicago, IL on July 20, 1944, the daughter of Paul Hilmer and Ruth Evelyn (Vath) Ericson. She graduated from Kelly High School in Chicago, IL with the class of 1962. On August 15, 1964, Ruthie married Howard Eugene Bryant at First Baptist Church in Brookfield, IL. They were blessed with 55 years of marriage.

Ruthie loved children and spent many years caring for foster children and having a daycare in her home. She was a talented, understated artist who took great joy in painting. A seamstress who had received honors for her children's clothing designs, but was more honored by making teddy bears and repairing torn clothing.

Ruthie could always find the good in other people. She was the kindest, most giving, loving, caring, tenderhearted person we have known. Most of all, Ruthie took wonderful care of her husband and family. Ultimately, she was the greatest example of the love of Christ to all of us.

Ruthie is survived by husband Howard Bryant of Ovid, MI; 4 sons: Paul (Gwen) Bryant of Kentwood, MI; Eric Bryant of Sparta, MI; David (Jen) Bryant of Elsie, MI; and Loren (Amanda) Bryant of Ovid, MI; and 8 grandchildren: Emily, Tristan, Audrey, Elise, Jonathan, Jayna, Jubilee, and Elijah. She is also survived by her siblings: Evelyn Ericson, Edwin (Lois) Ericson, Margie Goeringer, Bill Ericson, Don (Alicia) Ericson, Karen Plumlee, and Shari Ericson; sister-in-law Sharron Bair, brother-in-law David Schanz, many nieces and nephews, and all the others who were honored to call her "Mom". Ruthie was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law Bill Bair, and sister-in-law LuAnn Schanz.

A Family Graveside Service will be held at Eureka Cemetery with Pastor Brendan Holmquist officiating. A public Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

The family requests that memorials be made to Moody Bible Institute - 820 N LaSalle Dr, Chicago, IL 60610. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



### Donald H. Groom

Donald H. Groom, age 92 of Ovid passed away at Welcome Home Assisted Living in Owosso after being there a very short time.

Don was born on June 30, 1927 in Ovid the son of Harry and Mabel (Rummell) Groom. He lived his entire life in Ovid and married Rose Gale on December 28, 1947 in Owosso. She preceded him in death on March 12, 2017. Don was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army. He had worked as a centerless grinder at Magnetek. After retirement he enjoyed volunteering at Memorial Healthcare for several years and his favorite past time was playing cards with his family and caregiver. Don was a member of Duplain Church of Christ.

Survivors are his daughters, Irene Hunt, Shirley Miller and Marilyn (Randy) Rasmussen.

Grandchildren, Barry Hunt, Bruce (Heather) Hunt, Marie (Kyle) Spiess, Mindy (Jeremy) Klein, Trevor (Chelsea) Rasmussen, and Nicholas Rasmussen. Several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Don's daughters would like to thank Mary Castle for all her help caring for their father. He was preceded in death by his sister Helen Dunkel, sons in law, Tom Miller and Darwin Hunt.

Private family graveside services will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid with Pastor Dan Cameron officiating. Memorials may be made to Ovid Public Library or

Ovid Middlebury Fire and Rescue or the charity of the donors choice.

Arrangements made by Keck-Coleman Funeral Home, St. Johns, MI



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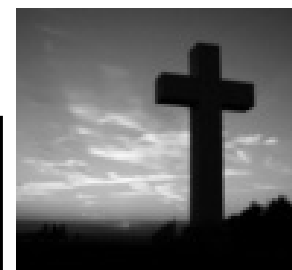
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## Editorial

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Andy

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Submit them to:  
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You can also mail or drop questions  
off to: Meridian Weekly  
P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

## Count Your Blessings

Andy,

I wanted to share my feelings on the restrictions of stay home policy during the COVID-19 quarantine. I am loving the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" plan. At first, I was a little scared, however now that we are better educated on how to protect ourselves and the 24-7 news updates, I feel safer and better prepared. So, I say: "Count Your Blessings."

I am getting to know my children better and spending more quality time with my husband. We have strengthened as a family and bonding in a way I only dreamed was possible. We are making the most of this opportunity to connect under these difficult circumstances. Please remind your readers to embrace their time together.

Mama Meg

Dear Mama Meg,

The world has been in a panic mode since this started. It is nice to be reminded how this has created an opportunity for families to reconnect and reprioritize. Thank you for sharing. During the first few weeks I received many complaints and concerns as to what to do with our lives and our kids. During this time many of us have needed to rely on someone else and have learned to accept help from others. It has forced us to reconnect. I agree it is a wonderful experience.

My 5th grade granddaughter has provided us with so much adventure. Walks in the woods on nice days, treasure hunts, jumping on the trampoline, performing plays, watching movies, board games, puzzles and now even grandma can put Legos® together. The list is endless when you have time to be creative. Never once have we lacked for anything to do. I per-

sonally have been fortunate to have a shopper who dresses with war-like protective gear to go to the grocery store. I have been quarantined since March 16th when I took my COVID-19 test. (negative) The time has passed quickly.

I have not been this organized since college. My house and car are detailed, my cupboards and drawers are organized, and I feel more relaxed today than in the past 20 years. I am reading, scrapbooking, sewing, and baking and working on the next great American novel. All the things I love to do. I do not feel like I am on vacation or retired but close to it. And the best part is lots of quality family time.

If you still feel stress in the home and you have teens who are hypnotized by social media, give them limits on their screen time. Negotiate with them so they can be part of the decision. Set some goals for other activities. Exercise is so important and getting out to soak up some Vitamin D from the sun will increase immunity and create some relaxation.

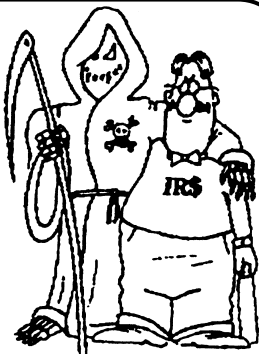
Brainstorm together. Discover activities you can do as a family. Many teens are scared and missing their friends but planning together can ease their fears; Google - Jerusha Clark, Axis Resources and read his perspective on anxiety at Support@axis.org to be inspired to deepen your relationship within your family. It is important we have family talk time where everyone has an opportunity to express concerns or feelings without judgement. Empower the members of your family.

We will not be stuck at home much longer, so make the best of it. Count Your Blessings and continue to Pray for the thousands of people who are on the frontlines as victims, first responders, care givers and essential businesses that keep us fed and healthy.

"Appreciate what we have, not what we do not have."  
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*Thank you to Suzanne from Mary's Country  
Kitchen and Mary Louise Harden for providing  
meals for our family the day of the funeral.*

*We have certainly felt God's love during this  
difficult time.*

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## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

The rain that we had yesterday has made many changes in my local surroundings.....the yard is a robust green and in need of mowing. The rhubarb has shot up a good three inches overnight and my asparagus has poked itself up through the ground. I have been thrilled with the changes and with the surprises, I never knew that I had a double daffodil.... but I found one nestled in with the narcissus on the north side of the house. When I told my daughter about the changes she told me to text her photo.....and I did because I could.....and because I have a cell phone.

I will admit that cell phones do have their uses.....good thing to have if you are on the road all of the time.....providing you don't get calls dropped often due to 'dead spots' in the road. In all honesty, I don't mind those areas. It is just a reminder that I live in the country because that is where I want to live. Being crowded is not my cup of tea. I have a cell phone to keep my kids happy, or it would if I took it everywhere with me. I don't.....it gets left on the table when I leave the house more times than not. And I don't tuck it into a pocket when I got out to mow the yard or work in the garden.....if someone needs to contact me that can be done with leaving a message on either my landline or on the cell. My cell phone does take good pictures and I have finally figured out how to either text those or send them through email. It is also a good way to play word games and spatial identity games.....

This time of government-imposed isolation is frustrating and I am very thankful that I have a yard to wander through. Please understand that it is my opinion that the "C" virus is not as nasty as it is cracked up to be. And yes, I am in that over sixty-five category that is at risk according to the news media.....but I don't stay indoors at all costs nor will I use the recommended amount of disinfectants to keep my home germ free. Immune systems become frail and defenseless when they go unchallenged.....face it folks we need both good and bad bacteria. There is an old adage that goes....."My home is clean enough to be healthy and dirty enough to be happy". I do believe in that adage.....I do wonder if Mr. Microsoft will use his own infamous vaccine on himself and his family.....just a thought.

Today is co-op day and I'm expecting a call by mid-morning.....and there is a big order coming in.....which means that I must be ready to pick up numerous cases of chicken, bacon, and hotdogs for the grilling season that has just started. Have I mentioned lately that I love my truck; it has simplified many things for me and has been a boon to my family. Yesterday I was over at Al-Par Peat and picked up a dozen bags of top soil for Diane and had a delightful time delivering it. Of course Diane had a good time harassing me for the delivery.....her logic was impeccable. I appear to be helping her but in all actuality I'm merely adding to her work load.....and yet she still is pleased to see me. Unloading a dozen dry forty pound bags of top soil is invigorating.....unloading wet bags is exhausting. Try not to exhaust your family and friends but do keep your thoughts and lives invigorating. God bless you with much common sense and keep you safe and healthy. Embrace your life, you may have more 'doubles' than expected.....be blessed.

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## Rep. Frederick Urges Governor to Remove Restrictions on Medical Services

*submitted by Rachel Doane*

State Rep. Ben Frederick urged Gov. Whitmer to allow Michigan hospitals to perform elective surgeries, procedures and necessary care which have been halted by Executive Order since March 21. Many hospitals, medical centers and other essential medical providers are facing dire financial hardships and inability to serve patients in need due to the coronavirus restrictions.

"There are many residents and healthcare providers from mid-Michigan who have contacted me concerned that what may be routine or elective today may lead to dire consequences down the road," said Frederick, of Owosso. "I've heard from those facing chronic pain, recurring tumors and injuries requiring physical therapy before permanent damage who have had needed tests and procedures put on hold. Patients are in desperate need of care in ways not related to COVID-19, and medical care facilities are on the brink of closure – already laying off hundreds of workers because they aren't allowed to help. I've also heard from medical professionals concerned that publicized restrictions are keeping those who may require emergency care from delaying a visit. The governor should allow our medical providers to reopen safely provided the facility has the protective equipment and staffing needed meet the medical needs of our people."

Frederick said the problem is not limited to hospitals and urgent care centers. Primary care providers, eye care, dental care, and many other medical professions are also unable to provide necessary medical care. Furthermore, many health care offices and hospitals have high overhead expenses to pay for specialty equipment and office space; expenses that do not go away when the doors close.

To ensure a balanced approach to the governor's restrictions moving forward, Frederick joined his colleagues today in creating a bipartisan oversight committee to review new and existing executive orders issued by the governor during the coronavirus outbreak and help address any issues that arise due to their implementation.

The Joint Select Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic will include five legislators each from the House and the Senate. Frederick said its existence will maintain involvement of the Legislature and its role as a conduit to the people it represents as recovery plans are developed and mitigation strategies explored.

## LAFCU's Morgan Pray Promoted to West Lansing Branch Assistant Manager

*submitted by Jan Jenkins*

LANSING, Mich. — Morgan Pray has been promoted to assistant manager of LAFCU's West Lansing Branch.

In her new position, Pray oversees branch operations, including teller and lending functions, and has staff supervisory responsibilities.

"Morgan's proven dedication and her extensive experience in serving members has earned her this promotion," said Chrystal Murphy, assistant vice president of operations, West Lansing Branch.

Murphy noted that Pray, who was promoted shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic, has been a key leader in restructuring service to protect members and employees. This included training branch employees to operate LAFCU's network of interactive teller machines (ITMs) while working from home.

ITMs have audio-visual technology that enables virtual face-to-face banking, similar to an in-person visit to a branch. In 2019, the Michigan credit union converted all of its drive-thru lanes at all branches to ITMs.

"Morgan drew upon her deep knowledge of ITMs to provide enhanced training and troubleshooting that helped branch tellers to quickly transition from providing in-person service to remote service from their homes," Murphy said.

Pray, with nine years of experience in the financial industry, had most recently served as an ITM representative at the LAFCU Contact Center. She has also worked in member services at the LAFCU DeWitt and St. Johns branches, and she has been a bank teller.

"I'm passionate about serving LAFCU members," Pray said. "It's also amazing to be part of an organization that cares for its employees and pushes through obstacles to better member service. This type of positive energy encourages me to continue to learn and embrace new challenges."

Pray holds an associate degree in human services from Baker College, Owosso, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration and management. For her associate degree, she completed internships at Recovery Pathways, Corunna, an addiction treatment center, and at Shiawassee Hope, Owosso, a community charity.



## Partnership Addresses Need for Emergency Food

*submitted by Bob Wheaton*

LANSING - A partnership between state government, Meijer and the Food Bank Council of Michigan will help feed a growing number of residents turning to food banks during the COVID-19 crisis.

The collaborative project between the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Food Bank Council directly responds to the massive need being placed on the state's seven regional food banks.

Through a memorandum of understanding, now serving as a model for other states, Meijer initially sourced \$1.6 million in food products with delivery to Michigan food banks starting this week. Delivery of a \$2 million second round will start as early as May 1.

Food items provided in the program include canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, hot and cold cereal, and protein products such as canned salmon, peanut butter and canned beans.

Dr. Phil Knight, executive director of the Food Bank Council, credited the SEOC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Attorney General's office and state Department of Technology, Management and Budget for activating the program in just over a week.

In Michigan, the food bank network's distribution volume has jumped 41% since early March. Projections show that even a 1.1% increase in unemployment and 1.5% increase in the poverty rate will raise Michigan's food insecurity rate from 13.6 to 14.6%, increasing the number of food insecure Michiganders by 100,000.

For more information on the Food Bank Council of Michigan's response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.fbcmich.org/covid-19/>.

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## Michigan is Flattening the Curve, but It's Not Businesses as Usual

*submitted by Leslie Kinnear*

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- The Governor lengthened her stay-at-home order through May 15, while relaxing restrictions so some businesses can re-open and the public can participate in outdoor activities like golf and motorized boating.

According to the Governor, Michigan cases are plateauing, which means that the "Stay home, stay safe" order is working. She went on to say that while lifting some restrictions is a step in the right direction, we all need to continue doing our part by staying home to help prevent a devastating second wave.

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) has been working hard to help flatten the curve by closely monitoring all positive cases and following up with their close contacts. Communicable Disease Nurses monitor close contacts for 14 days from the last day they came in contact with the COVID-19 positive patient and ask them to self-quarantine at home for up to 14 days.

Clinton County has had 114 cases of COVID-19 and 9 deaths, Gratiot County has had 10 cases and 1 death and Montcalm County has had 33 cases and 1 death.

In MMDHDs jurisdiction, females make up the majority of COVID-19 cases at 59%. The age group most affected in MMDHDs jurisdiction is those 20-49 years of age (39%), followed by those 50-74 years of age (32%), those 75 and over (25%) and those from birth to age 19 (4%). Additional information can be found at [www.mmdhd.org](http://www.mmdhd.org).

"COVID-19 continues to circulate throughout Michigan," said Marcus Cheatham, MMDHD Health Officer. "This means when we mingle with people, we will be passing on the disease. Therefore, opening up does not mean business as usual. It means some business and recreational activities can resume, providing strict social distancing is followed."

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services expanded testing criteria. Those with minor symptoms and essential workers who are not showing symptoms are now eligible to get tested, with an order from a health care provider.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough and shortness of breath. However, someone may have COVID-19 if they have at least two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell. Those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should isolate themselves to avoid spreading their illness to others and contact their healthcare provider for guidance.

If your healthcare provider is not available, you may contact the testing site nearest you at [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) to see if you can get an order for testing. According to Dr. Khalidun, if you meet the testing criteria, and you're told you don't need a test or one isn't available, it may mean that the testing site does not have the supplies needed to test. In this situation, you are encouraged to visit the online test site locator and call the nearest site regarding next steps.

The COVID-19 test is free for most people. Many insurance providers are waiving copays, and those with Medicaid or Healthy Michigan Plan also have no cost.

Everyone can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by practicing the following:

- wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and water
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- avoid handshakes
- keep at least six feet apart from others when in public
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home when you are sick
- disinfect commonly touched surfaces often

Per the Governor's executive order, people are now required, not encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces, like grocery stores if they can medically tolerate it. People are reminded to reserve N95 masks for front-line workers; to send only one member of their family to the grocery store; to wear face coverings properly, by covering the nose and the mouth; and to observe the 6-foot social distancing rule, even when wearing a face covering. The Governor's latest executive order can be viewed in its entirety at [www.mmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus](http://www.mmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus).

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## State Treasury Providing Student Loan Assistance

submitted by Ron Leix

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Treasury today announced Michiganders who have student loans guaranteed by the state will be provided assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Collection activities on delinquent Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) student loans made by a financial institution and serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency will be halted until Sept. 30, 2020.

“College students should not have to worry about defaulting on their monthly loan payments during the continuing, unprecedented public health crisis,” Governor Gretchen Whitmer said. “This program will help alleviate a tremendous amount of stress from students with financial hardships as they determine the next steps in completing their education and competing for jobs in the 21st century workforce.”

The state Treasury Department has stopped all wage garnishments and offsets to pay outstanding FFELP student loans serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency. Borrowers who are currently in repayment agreements will not be penalized if a payment is missed through Sept. 30, 2020.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is both a public health emergency and an economic emergency,” State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. “If you are encountering financial hardship and cannot pay your state-backed student loans, please contact us so we can walk through your options for assistance.”

Individuals who have FFELP loans serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency and are encountering repayment issues are encouraged to call 1-800-642-5626. Service representatives can discuss payment options with borrowers.

Some FFELP loans were made by private lenders, and guaranty agencies insured these funds. Since 2010, no new FFELP loans have been issued by the federal government.

To learn more about state student finance programs, go to [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid). More information about the Michigan Guaranty Agency is available at [www.michigan.gov/mgalloan](http://www.michigan.gov/mgalloan).

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## Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle in June

submitted by Ellen Link

As you may already have guessed, the recycling drive in Laingsburg cannot take place in May. Not much of anything will take place in May now. But we've got our hopes up for resuming in June (no promises), so for updates on our plans and more information on recycling and waste

reduction, please check local papers and go to our Facebook page. COVID-19 has turned our world topsy turvy, but with patience and grace we will get through this.

Last month we told you about the EGLE grant we're pursuing in the hopes of creating a permanent recycling facility in Laingsburg that would be available to one and all. Partnering with the City of Laingsburg and Laingsburg schools (the facility would be situated on school property), we see it becoming the model for providing waste reduction and recycling services and education in rural communities. The matching funds needed for the grant application were generously pledged by Shiawassee County, the City of Laingsburg, Clinton County, Woodhull Twp., Victor Twp., and the GLR. Letters of support from the LBCA, several townships, the Scenic Lake Association and some Laingsburg churches were also much appreciated. If our grant application is successful, we will continue to pursue financial assistance for ongoing operational costs as needed, as well as additional volunteers to help staff the site. Now we must wait for the decision—until at least late July. Wish us luck!

The temporary shut-down of so many recycling facilities makes this a good time to practice the 3R's. Remember, recycling should be the last environmentally minded option for getting rid of your solid waste. So fire up your imagination: Do you really need that new gizmo? Maybe the old one can be repaired, or you can make one! It's possible a good used version could be found on Craigslist or borrowed from a friend. Libraries are starting to lend more than books: tools, games, artwork, and much more can often be found there now for free! When all of those options fail, then recycling is definitely the way to go. And don't forget to Pre-cycle: avoid buying single-use plastics and items encased in nonrecyclable packaging in the first place. But don't let it overwhelm you. Take it one step, one day, at a time.



## Shiawassee continued from front page...

of generosity.

People can show their generosity in a variety of ways during #GivingTuesdayNow, whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes, every act of generosity counts. The global movement will emphasize opportunities to give back to communities and causes in safe ways that allow for social connection even while practicing physical distancing.

“As a global community, we can mourn this moment of extreme crisis while also finding the opportunity to support one another. We each have the power to make an impact with acts of generosity, no matter how small, and to ensure the sustainability of organizations and services that are crucial to the care and support of our communities,” said Asha Curran, CEO of GivingTuesday. “#GivingTuesdayNow is a chance for us to stand united and use grassroots generosity to show that we are all in this together, beginning to end. Even as many face financial uncertainty, generosity is not about size. From calling an elderly neighbor to chat to offering translation help; from showing gratitude to our healthcare workers to donating to your local food bank, every act of kindness is a beacon of hope in this crisis. We all have something to give, and every act of human consideration and kindness matters.”

Those interested in joining these organization's #GivingTuesdayNow efforts (or to donate) can visit their charitable organization's website or go to [raiseupshiawassee.org](http://raiseupshiawassee.org) to donate to the Covid-19 Response Fund.

(This fund is managed by the Shiawassee County Emergency Operations Center.)

For more details about the GivingTuesday movement, visit the GivingTuesday website

([www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org)), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday>) or follow

@GivingTuesday and #GivingTuesdayNow on Twitter. For youth interested in joining the movement, visit [GivingTuesdayKids.org](http://GivingTuesdayKids.org) for inspiration and project ideas.

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As this situation changes in the weeks ahead, I will be providing updates through my website, my Facebook page, messages to the local media, and my emails to constituents.

We are all in this together and we must remain united, even while we stay apart to limit the spread of the virus.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Moolenaar".

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## Sports

### Hawes continued from Front...

"Oddly enough you would think that would be somewhat of a nerve-wracking thing to go to the line and shoot free throws under pressure in that circumstance," Morrill said. "For me, I was completely at ease having him on the free-throw line. I just knew he was going to make those shots."

"I think for him too, he put so much time into it and rehearsed it so often it was the right thing to occur. In our mind the way that things played out, he was the right guy to have the ball in that position at that time. We certainly felt 100% confident that he was going to step up and make the plays that he needed to make and make those free throws."

Hawes senior season ended early, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, just one game short of a District title try.

### Hawks continued from Front...

- Long jump: 19'0."
- Triple jump: 38'3."
- Pole vault: 11'6."
- Shot put: 36'7."
- Discus: 91'11."
- Javelin: 90'8."
- Heptathlon: 3225 points.
- Decathlon: 5517 points.

On the track, Brady was All-State and Academic All-State in Division 3 last year in the 110 meter hurdles. He placed 11th in the nation at the 2018 USATF (USA Track and Field) Junior Olympics in the decathlon. He has several years of first- and second-team all-conference and all-county awards and has qualified each of the last five years for the Playmaker's Greater Lansing Honor Roll meet. He is a 2020 CMAC Senior Scholar athlete.

James Garnham, Assistant Track and Field Coach at Purdue commented, "I am beyond excited to have Brady commit to Purdue University and its Track and Field team. Like all collegiate and professional athletics, all aspiring high school athletes had their winter and spring seasons cut short. This spring, athletes like Brady will not have the chance to run for a league, regional, state or national championship. Missing out on those opportunities is very difficult, it takes kids and coaches out of their "normal" routine. Eventually, that routine will be back to a "new-normal."

"I absolutely loved my track career at LHS," Brady says. "There really is nothing like competing and training with your friends. Coach Borgman always makes it easy to find your interest, he supports everyone and never tells kids no. He was definitely one of the reasons I was able to take an interest to so many events in track, and I am so grateful to him for helping through it all."

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### Marauder, Wolfpack Grapplers Dot All-Shiawassee Area Wrestling Team

OVID-ELSIE -- Wrestling fans know that family legacies -- like a strong current -- run like a river through the sport.

Never has that been more on display than with the 2019-2020 All-Shiawassee Area wrestling team, as named by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Five Ovid-Elsie grapplers, and one from the Laingsburg Wolfpack, dot this year's honor team.

Well-known surnames like Spiess and Baynes are prevalent on this year's squad. The Spiess' name ripples through the state champion honor roll at O-E; Kyle Spiess is the current Marauder head coach. Shawn Baynes holds down the same head coaching position at Laingsburg.

You can add the name Hurst to your Ovid-Elsie honor list, as Trenton Hurst is the top local grappler, named to the All-Area 1st Team at 171 lbs. He leads a Marauder contingent that includes 2nd teamers Max and Mason Spiess, and Honorable Mention picks Gavyn Perry and Coleton Towsley-Wagner.

Aden Baynes, just a freshman, was named to the 2nd team at 135 lbs. for Laingsburg. Earlier, in league voting, Wolfpack mat men Jake Christie, Kyle Boettcher, Aden Baynes, Caleb Boettcher, Michael Brooks and Jacob Hummel were all 1st Team honorees for the 'Pack. In addition, Noah Gentry, Devin Nash, Scottie Brewer and Sean Divine were named to the All-CMAC 2nd Team.

Jordan Rodriguez of Chesaning, a State Champion, was selected as the All-Area Wrestler of the Year.

The complete 2019-2020 Argus Press All-Area mat team includes:

#### FIRST TEAM

171: Trenton Hurst, O-E

Hurst, a senior, finished the season with 30 wins to go along with a second place finish at districts and a regional berth.

#### SECOND TEAM

103: Mason Spiess, Ovid-Elsie

Spiess was among the Marauders' best this year, racking up 37 wins. The senior was a district and regional runner-up and qualified for the state finals.

119: Max Spiess, O-E

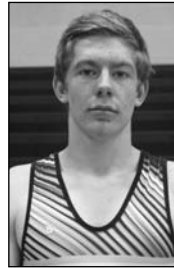
Spiess finished 30-9. The sophomore fell on a decision in the blood round of districts.

135: Aden Baynes, Laingsburg

The Wolfpack freshman fared 26-15, placing second at districts and going 1-2 at regionals.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Gavyn Perry, Ovid-Elsie, Soph., 27-15; Coleton Towsley-Wagner, Ovid-Elsie, Jr., 20-13;



Trenton Hurst  
1st Team All-Area



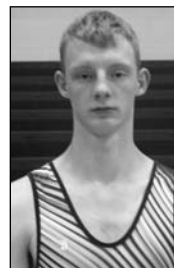
Mason Spiess  
2nd Team All-Area



Aden Baynes  
2nd Team All-Area



Max Spiess  
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Coleton  
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### TEFAP

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Tumbler Testing

Most readers of this column probably have their favorite beverage container, or tumbler, that is often filled daily with hot coffee, iced soft drinks, or maybe just plain water. Some tumblers are simple and stainless and others are adorned with logos and designs but none of those graphics really make a difference when it comes to keeping your beverages warm and cold. Just like a book, one needs to examine the interior and not judge by the exterior. Tumblers are made using many different components and methods but which ones are the best on the market? The Weekly Sportsman decided to conduct some simple kitchen countertop tests to judge which tumbler, from a cabinet full of tumblers, is worthy of top honors. It should be noted that there is no brand loyalty to any of these companies and all tumblers were either received as a gift from the Mrs. Weekly Sportsman or won at a wildlife fundraising banquet.

The five contestants in this product testing were manufactured by Tervis, Orca, Yeti, Rtic, and Members Mark. The Tervis tumbler used in this test was a 24 oz. clear plastic and made in America. Sporting three images of a whitetail buck it sports a brown plastic lid with a sliding closing system for either drinking or straw insertion and usually can be purchased for around \$20.00. ORCA's entry was their 27 oz. chaser model which is made of stainless steel inside and out but is internally lined with copper and vacuum sealed. The lid is made of clear plastic with a silicone gasket and non closable opening for access. Designed in Tennessee, but made in China, this Orca product sports a Pheasants Forever logo and this tumbler also retails for around \$20.00. Next up is 30 oz. stainless steel tumbler from Yeti designed in Texas but also made in China. It sports a Ducks Unlimited Clinton County logo and has a similar clear plastic lid with silicone gasket and permanent opening. Clearly priced on the higher end this tumbler retails for around \$40.00. Almost identical to the Yeti is the Rtic tumbler with the only difference being film coated with a camo pattern and a low price of under \$15.00. Last in the testing lineup is the Member's Mark 30 oz. tumbler made in china and of stainless steel. The lid is clear like most but has a sliding closing mechanism similar to the Tervis. It sports a Pheasants Forever Clinton County logo and a two pack at Sam's Club retails for around \$35.00.

Two tests were administered to test just how good these tumblers can keep contents cold or warm. The first test had all five tumblers filled with twenty ice cubes and left to sit on the counter at room temperature to see how long ice cubes stayed in a solid state. The second test had all five tumblers filled with hot water at a temperature of 175 F and left to sit on the counter at room temperature for six hours to see which tumbler kept water the warmest. In both tests the room temperature on the kitchen countertop was 80 F.

Test #1  
Yeti- 10.5 hours  
Tervis- 11.5 hours  
Rtic- 33 hours  
Members Mark- 38.5 hours  
Orca- 39.5 hours

	1 Hour	2 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours	5 Hours	6 Hours
Tervis	150 F	130 F	120 F	110 F	100 F	85 F
Yeti	158 F	137 F	122 F	115 F	105 F	97 F
Rtic	158 F	145 F	140 F	130 F	130 F	119 F
Mem. Mark	160 F	150 F	140 F	138 F	130 F	125 F
Orca	160 F	150 F	140 F	138 F	130 F	125 F


There is no single hands down clear winner whether you're keeping a beverage cold on the fishing boat or warm in the deer blind. However, testing data shows Members Mark and Orca brand tumblers are two very solid products that do outperform the rest of the field.

-WS

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