

Laingsburg Lions Club Elects Cindy Arthur President

submitted by Deb Price

Nationally there are 1.4 million Lions Club members in the United States, 400,000 of those members are female. On Thursday, June 24th, the Laingsburg Lions Club swore in the first female President in the Club's history at an event held at Peacock Road Tree Farm. The evenings agenda also included the swearing in of two new club members, Tonya Tangney and Marge Kostal, the presentation of the Merit Award, the naming of Lions of the Year, business appreciation awards and the introduction of new officers for 2020-2021.

Lions District Governor, Becky Hamilton, swore in newly elected President Arthur and officially handed her the meeting gavel. "I am honored and feel privileged to be sworn in as your new President. There have been many great presidents in this club and I hope I can do as well as they have," said Cindy. She then presented the outgoing president, her husband, Ed Arthur with a plaque of appreciation from the club.



Lion, (l):Mike Foster was awarded the Merit Award, a traveling award, created in the memory of Lion Larry L. Sparkes. The award is given each year to one club member who goes above and beyond for the club. Two club members were named "Lions of the Year", (r): Eric Schuman and Lori St Clair. Appreciation plaques were given to Leonard Hardware, Sage Market, Twilliger's Tavern and the Meridian Weekly for their support throughout the year. The 2020-2021 Officers were announced and a group photo was taken.

Following the meeting, the group enjoyed rootbeer floats and strawberry shortcake.



Back Row (l-r) Terry Fraidenburg (Treasurer) Ed Arthur (Immediate Past President), Mike Danek (Treasurer), Nick Holtman (Board Director 2 year), Tania Tangny (Tail Twistwer/Lion Tamer), Lori St Clair (Board Director 1 year), Mike Foster (Board Director 2 year) Front Row (l-r) Holli Denson (2nd Vice President/Publicity Director), Cindy Arthur (President). Missing from photo: Clyde Stanlake (1st Vice President), Mary Hetherington (Board Director 1 year) and Larry Sparkes (Membership Director).



2020 St. Johns Mint Festival Cancelled

After much deliberation the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 St. Johns Mint Festival.

With continued concerns about the COVID-19 virus, we felt this was the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. We are very disappointed that we are unable to hold this event for our fans and supporters, but we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today. We cannot in good conscience continue with an event we know draws thousands of people from across the state and beyond and could put the health and safety of so many people at risk.

In the coming days the committee will begin outreach to our donors and vendors and after that we will redirect our efforts in preparing for a Mint Festival celebration in 2021 that will be positively spectacular. We thank you for your continued support.



(L): Brad Schleicher and (R): George Gavenda presents Post Commander Alex Haggerty with a \$3,000 Donation.

Laingsburg American Legion Receives \$3,000

submitted by Karen Anderson

LAINGSBURG - The Wednesday night Euchre League unanimously decided to donate their 2020 fees to the American Legion. Post Commander Alex Haggerty gratefully accepted the donation of \$3,000. Due to the COVID -19 Coronavirus distancing regulations the league was unable to complete the year. Members and players appreciate the use of the venue and kitchen for the Wednesday games and annual Euchre Tournament and Prime Rib Dinner.

Schleicher states he "enjoys this great group of people who participate and appreciate the volunteers who make this local activity fun." A reminder: You do not need to be a member of the American Legion to play in the Winter Wednesday Night Euchre League. "We typically start the first Wednesday in January." Next year's schedule will be announced. "We are looking forward to next year."



Photo by Chuck Prikasky

Traditional Graduation...The feeling of accomplishment and pride...On Wednesday, June 24th, the Ashley Class of 2020 was celebrated during a traditional graduation ceremony. The event was held outdoors on the football field with social distancing. To say that high school seniors everywhere experienced a different year would be an understatement. But on this evening, the graduates, family, educators and friends were able to realize a return to normal as graduates realized their accomplishments and those witnessing the event felt the pride. The Ovid-Elsie Class of 2020 will be celebrating their traditional graduation ceremony on Wednesday, July 1st. See pages 6,7,8 for honor student information, class lists and sponsors who congratulate the Ashley and Ovid-Elsie Class of 2020.

Social

Laingsburg Schools Board of Education Special Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a special meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm via Zoom, please go <http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/> for login information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: 2019-2020 Amended Budget, 2020-2021 Budget Proposal and any other business that may properly come before the board.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

St. Johns Class of 1964 Annual Potluck Picnic

submitted by Jan Chick

Welcome the Classes of 1963 & 1965 to join us on Sunday August 30th, 2020 at 12:30 p.m at the Main Pavilion in the St. Johns City Park.

Bring a dish to pass & your own beverage. There are lots of outlets for crock pots & coffee pots, etc.

"ALL" paper products will be provided, plates, napkins bowls, silverware, table coverings, and name tags.

"Masks are required along with Social Distancing" ** this could change, because we are outdoors, depending on the number of Attendants.

Any questions please contact an Ernst-Chick 989-630-9021

Laingsburg Community School Board of Education Calendar for 2020-21

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Meetings will be Laingsburg High School Large Group Room, 8008 Woodbury Rd Laingsburg, MI 48848. (Unless otherwise noted) at 7:00 PM (Unless otherwise noted).

July 15, 2020: Moved to Laingsburg Middle School Media Center, 112 S High St Laingsburg, MI 48848

August 19, 2020

September 16, 2020

October 21, 2020

November 18, 2020: Moved to Laingsburg Middle School Media Center, 112 S High St Laingsburg, MI 48848

December 16, 2020

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021: Moved to Laingsburg Middle School Media Center, 112 S High St Laingsburg, MI 48848

Board of Education Minutes are located in the Board/District Central Office at: 205 S Woodhull St Laingsburg, MI 48848

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Laingsburg Farmers Market Opening Success

submitted by Karen Anderson, Laingsburg Correspondent

LAINGSBURG - On every Wednesday from 4 -7 the local farmers and cottage business owners will be coming together to share their goods through October. After a short visit today with some of the energetic vendors who displayed their products with pride and excitement, everyone's taste buds were hungry for cinnamon rolls and home baked cookies.

The Vendors have fresh produce, starter garden plants, oils, baked goods, Plant Based Skin Care and every-day items made with all-natural products and no chemicals. Crocheted and knitted items, jewelry, knives with handmade designs, and soaps with fragrances mixed in the evening air. Summer is here.

According to Dena Judd, Manager of the Farmers Market, "The opening was successful, and we are expecting more vendors as the season continues." If you are interested in a space, show up between 3:00 and 3:30. Set up required by 4:00pm. There is no charge for the space. If you have any questions, please send a message on Laingsburg City Market Face Book.

Vendors include the Allen Family Farms with Fresh Cut Flowers over the summer and vine ripe Pumpkins in the Fall. Come meet a Farmasi® skin care specialist with products made in Turkey. Another booth had 3 talented artists offering handmade potholders, custom made to order decals for drinking glasses or the bumper of your car and a variety of jewelry.

Visit Cindi Pettit who can crochet or knit anything, even wine bottles. EE Farms of Laingsburg can help you fill your veggie garden and flower beds with some great additions to make your home sites beautiful for the entire summer. Paririe Flower Designs, Susan Wardwell Plulik will tempt you with some handmade wrist and ankle bracelets designed with rare stones. She also has a line of Healthy Living products she uses and shares with customers who like to order online. Visit Kayla Shaffer with Belle's Natural Beauty Boutiques. Today's favorite was Burr Oak Etc. with Natural made soaps, lotions, and sea salt scrubs. Most vendors can be found on FB, but love to meet new customers in person.

Firefly Ridge runs a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farm with a partnership between farmers and shareholders offering fresh Organic Veggies for the Community. Run by Dena Judd, Manger of Laingsburg Farmers Market and her mother Laura Smith, MSU Master Gardener since 1991 fram sustainable Bio-Dynamic, no dig gardening on a 20-acre farm in Laingsburg, Michigan. Firefly Ridge has a diverse product line with affordable produce, natural oils and homemade baked goods.

This week visit the market and try some samples of Risk Honey and the reopening of the Country Bread Box with an assortment of fresh homemade breads and muffins. Judd is excited for more vendors setting up. "It is worth the drive on Wednesday to Laingsburg, where the Country meets the City at the Farmers Market on Roosevelt Avenue." Quoted by many. Out of town visitors and locals can find several options for eating at "outside seating" restaurants, to make an evening of your out-ing.

All vendors are wearing masks and using disposable gloves when needed. All were following the outdoor State and CDC guidelines to ensure the non-spreading of Covid-19 virus. Thank you for respecting the space of others and waiting your turn.

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Obituaries

Ethel J. (Wilson) Moore

Ethel J. (Wilson) Moore, 96, of Elsie, MI, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Pathway Home of Elsie.

Funeral Services will be held at Lakeview Cemetery, 920 Roosevelt Street, Howell, MI 48843 on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Mike Harris officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 2-5 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI. There will also be visitation from 12:00 Noon until time of the service at the cemetery.

Ethel was born in Howell, MI on March 27, 1924, the daughter of John H. and Jesse (Sharp) McNamara. She attended nursing school at Harper Hospital and became a Registered Nurse. Ethel married William E. Wilson on February 7, 1947 in Howell, MI; he passed away on March 16, 1999. She married Archie J. Moore on May 10, 2003 at Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, MI; Archie passed away on September 12, 2011.

She collected buttons, thimbles and sewing accessories, among many other things. Ethel enjoyed arranging flowers for her church altar and shut-ins. She was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church and she taught Sunday school classes and vacation bible school for many years. She was involved in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as a den mother and leader. Ethel was a Rosie the Riveter at Willow Run Airport during WWII. She worked in private nursing for many years and also worked at Glen Eden Hospital for 21 years.

She is survived by her son Thomas E. and Cindy Wilson of Ashley, MI; daughter Julie and Jim McMahon of Chapin, SC; 5 grandsons: Craig and Brooke McMahon; Patrick and Stefanny McMahon; John Wilson; Carl Wilson and fiancée Krystin Verran; Erik McMahon; great grandchildren: Harper McMahon and Rileigh Runkel; and brother Thomas McNamara. She was pre-deceased by her parents, both husbands, sister Doris Brown, and 2 brothers: Clayton and Lawrence McNamara.

Funeral Services were held at Lakeview Cemetery, 920 Roosevelt Street, Howell, MI on Sunday, June 28, 2020, with Pastor Mike Harris officiating.

Memorials may be made to The Alzheimer's Foundation, 225 North Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60601. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This week has been full of interesting events and revelations.....my kitchen window still sits on the floor of the dining room. My contractor is issuing a new estimate for installing it.....because it has been just over six months since he gave me the estimate. Of course the coronavirus has a hand in this mess. I ordered the new window back in March, it was a special order and I was told that it would take between ten days and two weeks.

The window sat in the Owosso Lumber Yard for weeks but they were not open because the governor believed that it was not an essential service to the public. Plus the lumber yard did not contact me when they reopened....so what should have been delivered by the 23rd of March I couldn't pick it up until May 19th. It would still be sitting at the lumber yard if I hadn't called. They opened on the 14th of May but didn't callit was an oops?

Sunday morning I was sitting at the dining room table having my cup of coffee when I realized that a red Jeep had pulled into my driveway. I knew that Troy was coming to evaluate how much more gravel was needed to finish my driveway. I just had not expected him that early in the day. I yelled hello and threw on some threads and joined him with Prudence in the driveway.

Miss Prudence was growling and barking like a heavy duty guard dog. She would be considered an ankle biter variety but fortunately has never walked that path. I've been very satisfied with the work that Troy has done for me and at the farmstead. If you need gravel or top soil I recommend giving Troy Luznak a call.

Later on Sunday afternoon we gathered at the farmstead to celebrate Father's Day with Diane and Brent. Diane had made some lasagna from scratch and I only had to supply the garlic bread...I cheated and bought some from the freezer section at the store. How could I be so crass? So now I have to make a scratch German Chocolate cake for Brent's birthday in July.

Now the most interesting thing that happened on Monday was waking up to Ferrell's arrival....I had got up at five and then decided that it was too early to stay awake. I set the alarm on the phone to get me up at 7:45.....my house phone downstairs started ringing at the same time. I looked out the window and saw that the crew was here to remove my blue spruces. Boy did I feel lazy!!!! I did get with the program and spoke with Carol about my drain field then the fun began.

Zach was spending the day and he was overly enthusiastic about the tree removal. I kept him on the deck most of the time so that he couldn't get in the way and cause an accident. Young Zach was a whooping and a hollering over the trucks, the cherry picker and the stump grinder. He'd holler, "Grandma, these are all in the book that you gave me". Then it was back to watching the trees be trimmed from bottom to top and then felled. It was also a very informative display for me. I remem-

ber back when we used an axe and a two man saw to cut down a tree and a buzz saw to cut it into chunks then split it.

I was amazed at how quickly the trees were trimmed up, cut down and into small logs.....the chipper was kept full and the truck was loaded. As we watched the stump grinder Zach wanted the men to notice that he was also a good worker. He went into the house and brought out a pair of grass shears and proceeded to trim the grass under the cotton wood tree. The crew was fastidious about cleaning up the piles of dirt and sawdust made while grinding the stumps. I have one more job for Ferrell's and it is the trimming of the willow tree. I have it scheduled for later this summer and I am one very happy and satisfied customer.

Wow, it is already summer and my Early Girls have tomatoes on their vines. I believe that there are also some jalapeño peppers visible.....the zucchini is starting to blossom and the green beans are in blossom. It would appear that I will be getting busier quicker than I figured. Life goes on and we have new experiences many of them are blessings. So enjoy your life events and learn what you can when you can. May God bless you and keep your common sense in play.

Support Republican Sarah Huyser for Clinton County Prosecutor

Letter to the Editor:

In the campaign for Prosecuting Attorney, one candidate stands out in experience and a proven record of success—Sarah Huyser. As Clinton County Asst. Prosecutor, she's lead the fight to keep our communities safe. Sarah Huyser has been a voice for justice, law and order and is an advocate for victim's rights.

Furthermore it was no surprise to me that Sarah Huyser was endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan-PAC. I've known Sarah for several years to be a fighter in the battle of maintaining and advancing the dignity of human life. She is a Mother and is Pro-life. Sarah lives, works and has raised her family here in Clinton County with traditional values.

I encourage Clinton County Republican voters on Tuesday, August 4 to vote to elect Sarah Huyser as Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney.

Sincerely, Bob Craig, St. Johns



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VILLAGE OF ELSIE RESIDENTS: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE

There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Wednesday, July 14th 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Duplain Township Hall regarding the location of 321 N. Second Street Elsie, MI 48831 applying for a variance for 15-306 section G. Side yard setbacks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to express them at the public meeting during the time and location noted above.

Thank you,
Ann Trierweiler
Village Clerk



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Can't Sleep at Night...

Andy, I cannot sleep at night. I am getting out of bed at least 20 times a night. I walk, make lists, clean, fold clothes and try drinking warm milk and sometimes a glass of wine or whiskey. I am at a loss counting sheep until 3:00am and then I get up at 7:00am to start my day. I am groggy until lunch time and require a lot of caffeine every morning. Any peaceful thoughts?

Sleepless in Clinton County

Dear Sleepless,

I am so sorry you cannot sleep. A good night's sleep is imperative to a productive day and a healthy life style. According to Neuroscientist Tara Swart, MD, adults need to seven hours of deep sleep and children need ten – twelve hours every night on a schedule. Some of her suggestions include: No television, no night caps, no late night snacks and no binge watching Netflix's.

First of all drinking alcohol is a depressant. Drinks before bedtime impairs the quality of sleep necessary to function throughout the day. A glass or two of wine with or after dinner but no drinking after dinner or into the evening.

Also, many people think watching a movie or television is relaxing but after a long work day, or electronics, reading a book, on the computer, texting should stop an hour before bed time. Reducing electronics will calm your mind to get into a comfortable state of mind so your brain can power down. No late night snacks. Food stimulates brain activity. Stop eating at 6:00 pm to lose weight. Caffeine can be a significant stimulate that can lasts up to 16 hours for some people. You may need to drink more water and cut out the coffee and sugar sodas or diet drinks. Try replacing your drinks with a healthier option.

Some great ideas to get some sleep without a prescription or an expensive OTC supplement: Smell lavender before bedtime. I put some oil on my wrists so I can peacefully nod off quickly. Lavender oil and floral is a powerful neuromodulator. It relaxes you and lowers your blood pressure. If you are going to drink milk, drink a nut milk with a pinch of nut meg or turmeric which is full of magnesium that helps reduce your stress hormones and calms the nervous system.

A good night's sleep can regulate your circadian rhythms and contribute to a healthier immune system. Use honey to boost your immunity and sweeten your fruit and drinks. All good sleep needs to be in a quiet dark room without stimuli. Having a nightly routine include a hot bath an hour before bedtime can also contribute to a better night's sleep. Go to bed an hour earlier instead of later. If these suggestions do not work, see your family physician to determine if there is something more serious than over-activity or anxiety contributing to your sleepless nights.

On my way to spray some lavender mist on my pillow. Good night and Sweet Dreams. Ask Andy Anything AAA ask_andy@aol.com



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There are many different types of stimulants for the human body. Some which are good and others that are unhealthy. A stimulant is anything that can cause a temporary increase in the levels of physiological or nervous activity in the body.

Drugs, Caffeine, Alcohol, and Nicotine are all examples of a stimulant for the body, but are not very healthy. Another is exercise, which can be forgotten about as a stimulant. It is good for the body yet, if taken to extreme usage or done incorrectly, exercise can become harmful and create unhealthy issue for the body as well.

When done properly, using a stimulant like exercising, can greatly boost a person's health and provide wonderful benefits.

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The stimulant side of exercise creates better focus, memory, and mood, to name a few. Most people find it uplifting and rewarding, causing them to become happy, lose weight, and feel healthier overall. These good types of stimulants are needed to improve our health. Like helping lower depression by increasing endorphins and building one's confidence and mental wellness.

Starting a regular routine of exercise is a good idea and can be done at any time. However, it is always recommended to consult with your doctor before beginning any exercise program. But once cleared, you have many options and types of exercise to choose from.

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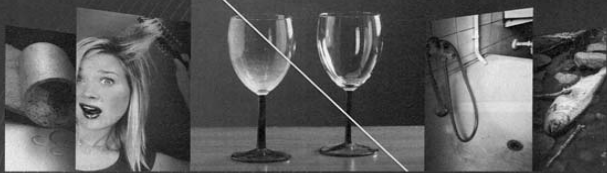
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Social distancing guidelines encouraging people to stay in their homes as much as possible led many to wonder what to do in regard to visiting their physicians. Telehealth is one option people may want to explore. Sometimes referred to as "telemedicine," telehealth enables patients to speak with their physicians via phone, tablet or conferencing apps such as Zoom. This can help patients and their physicians reduce their risk for exposure to viruses such as COVID-19, but also other conditions that can weaken their immune systems and, as a result, make them more vulnerable to illness. But as helpful as telehealth can be while social distancing restrictions remain in place, it's important that patients continue to seek the advice of their own physicians. One of the concerns about telehealth noted by representatives for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the difficulty of monitoring health care providers who may not have patients' best interests in mind. Speaking only with physicians who have already treated you is one way to avoid this potential pitfall associated with telehealth services.



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Parents: Cory and Jennifer Gavenda
Plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Animal Science



Lauren Barton
Parents: Randy and Tracey Barton
Plans to attend Indiana Tech University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering



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Parents: Vlinda and Cesar Del Bosque Ortiz
Plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Nursing



Raygan Fluharty
Parents: Justin and Krystal Fluharty
Plans to attend Lansing Community College to pursue a degree in Nursing



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Parents: Michael Hall and Tara Heinze
Plans to attend Albion College to pursue pre-dental with a major in Human Biology and Business



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Parents: Andrew and Jessica Ingraham
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Parents: Michael and Michelle McGroarty
Plans to attend Kettering University to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering



Ashley Pumford
Parents: Doug and Shelby Pumford
Plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Political Science



Ben Maynard
Parents: Ron and Sarah Maynard
Plans to attend University of Michigan to pursue a degree in Engineering



Josie Nash
Parents: Kevin and Pam Nash
Plans to attend Northwood University to pursue a degree in Business Management and Marketing



Kaylin Palus
Parents: Jason Palus and Tiffany & Jeff Flynn
Plans to attend Lansing Community College to pursue a degree in Business Management



Ella Sheedlo
Parents: Scott and Elaine Sheedlo
Plans to attend University of Michigan to pursue a degree in Communication and Media



KayLee Sutliff
Parents: Jeremi and Carrie Sutliff
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Walt Who?

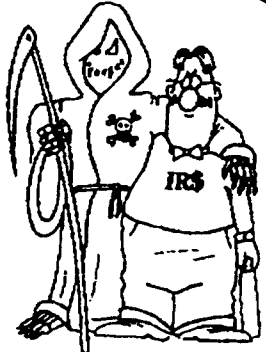
Growing up in Mid-Michigan the Weekly Sportsman was always curious about the yellow and black painted plywood signs that simply read: WALT'S CRAWLERS. Traveling along the countryside it was always easy to believe that Walt was some local guy with a worm farm in his basement or garage. As the Weekly Sportsman grew older and traveled more around the state it appeared that this local worm guy had one heck of a clientele. When trips out of Michigan became commonplace these simple painted plywood signs continued to be spotted adding to the curiosity.

One day while driving on US 127 the Weekly Sportsman saw a very large white delivery truck heading north with Walts Crawlers, Vanderbilt, MI on the door. So it's not some local guy.... This was before the days of Google when research was not always easy and couldn't be done by a few quick key-strokes. Even now with the internet very little information can be found about Walts Crawlers even though Walt was a real person. A Detroit native, Walter Swriderski started his worm selling business in 1983 with sales around 15,000 worms annually and he sold the business to his cousins Rick and Becky Cope in 1997 when diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The sales price was reported to be around \$350,000. The company is located just off the I-75 Vanderbilt exit #290 just north of Gaylord. The business has continued to grow and offers many products such as Canadian nightcrawlers, leeches, other worms, and spawn. While they aren't the biggest worm or bait distributor they certainly have a strong presence in the Michigan and Midwest market.

The Weekly Sportsman decided to take the research one step further and call Walts Crawlers and try to find out more about this secretive night crawler sales operation. But no such luck. No interviews, tours, disclosure of sales locations, etc. One has to respect a business owner's strict adherence to protecting trade secrets and business operations but they possibly take it a little too far. We all know that Canadian nightcrawlers don't come garlic flavored or colored neon green when plucked from farm fields and golf courses just south of Toronto so maybe that is what they are protecting. If you have not tried their product line consider giving it a shot because anglers purchase over 5 million worms from Walts Crawlers annually. Clearly the volume of sales speaks to the quality of their product.

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Plattenberg is a former United States Army Command Sergeant Major with service to the nation for over 28 years as an active duty Soldier. He held many leadership positions throughout his career. He is a 1984 graduate of Negaunee High School, Negaunee, MI, and is married to Bobbie Plattenberg. Together, they have two school age children ages 8 and 5.

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Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
 Sciota Township Hall
 3990 Leland Road
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This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

*Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk
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CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2020- 09

At a Regular Meeting of the City of Ovid's, City Council held on the 15th day of June 2020 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Perrien, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher and Mr. Zwick (by phone).

ABSENT: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Zwick, supported by Mr. Williams to adopt the following Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 Millage rates for the City of Ovid, for real and personal property are hereby established and approved as follows:

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate
General Operating	14.6126
Emergency Service	2.2392

The City of Ovid shall charge a one (1) percent admin fee.
 The City of Ovid shall charge a three (3) percent late fee for all late unpaid taxes collected by the city.

ROLL CALL:
 YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick and Mr. Lasher.
 NAYS: None.
 ABSENT: None.
 Resolution declared adopted,

Josefina Medina, Clerk
 City of Ovid

SYNOPSIS PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING CITY OF OVID June 15, 2020

The Full set of the Minutes for the Public Hearing & Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.

Mayor Lasher, explained that due to the pandemic and the Stay Safe order by the Governor we once again will be conducting our Council meeting in person and via teleconference.

He opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lasher then explained the purpose of the Public Hearing which is to hear comments or take questions from the public on the proposed 2020 millage rate.

Mayor Lasher asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the 2020 millage rates.

No questions were asked. Mayor Lasher then closed the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Lasher then opened the regular meeting at 7:01 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Lasher asked that the Clerk take roll call. Ms. Perrien, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher and Mr. Zwick (by phone). **ABSENT:** None.

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

VISITORS: Doug Scott (ROWE ENG.), Arnold Dunchock, Eric Starn, Corrie Goodrich, Rick Hogle and Mark Holley.

AGENDA: Chief Goodrich asked to add under new business item #8

Discussion on Halloween Party. **A motion was made by Mr. Brown second by Mr. William, to approve the agenda as amended.** YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0 and ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to approve the minutes of May 11th with the correction and minutes of the Special meeting held on May 28, 2020 as printed. Roll call: YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0 and ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Ordiway to approve the check registry for the period of May 9, thru June 12, 2020 as printed. Roll call: YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0 and ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss Hibbard to authorize the Treasurer to pool several of the bank accounts into Fifth Third Bank General Fund account. Roll call: YEAS: 7, NAYS: 0 and ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to accept the Treasurer, Police and DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Discussion was held on if the Council should cancel Carriage Days festival. After discussion a motion was made by Ms. Hibbard, second by Mr. Ordiway to postpone the Carriage Days Festival for the 2020 year due to COVID-19. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lasher & Mr. Zwick. Mr. Brown abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED

2.A motion was made by Mr. Brown second by Miss Hibbard to officially accept the bid selected by the State of Michigan Dept. of Transportation for the Category B MDOT grant and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents.

MOTION CARRIED

3.Discussion was held regarding swimming pool.

4.Mayor Lasher read resolution 2020-09 regarding the 2020 millage rate for the City of Ovid. Discussion was held. **A motion was made by Mr. Zwick (by phone), second by Williams to adopt resolution 2020-09 as read.** Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: none.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution will be published in the Weekly.

5.Discussion was held. The Council decided that we will open July 1st. The Council also, decided that they will put together a plan in case someone gets sick.

6.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to accept the proposal from ROWE Engineering and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

7.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to authorize the city to have a joint event for Halloween and that all insurance issues be in place for the event as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED

CEMETERY: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to accept the recommendation of the committee.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Lasher closed the regular meeting at 8:50 pm.

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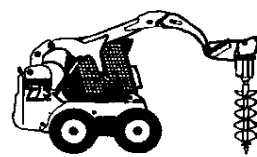
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