



## Laingsburg Schools seek renewal of site sinking tax levy

As part of the Tuesday, August 4, 2020 election, voters in the Laingsburg Community School District will be asked to consider renewing a 0.9939 mill building and site sinking fund tax levy.

Details on the proposal:

- The sinking fund, if approved, will create a fund for the next 5 years to provide for major repairs and improvements of school facilities.
- By law, the proposed Building and Site Sinking Fund cannot be used for salaries, supplies, or certain equipment.
- If approved, it is estimated that the millage will provide nearly \$220,363 in revenue in 2021.
- A sinking fund is used on a “pay as you go basis” and all monies collected are utilized to directly benefit the district. No bonds are sold and there are no interest expenses.
- Examples of potential long-term projects being considered include expanding parking to our ECEC campus, fixing parking lots and cracked sidewalks, exterior repairs to the elementary school, electrical upgrades and electrical efficiencies for all buildings and grounds, improving the drainage around buildings and athletic fields, roofing and school security.

## Clinton Transit to ask for .50 Mill Increase



written by Debbie Price

The Clinton Area Transit System (the Blue Bus) has a Millage Proposal on the August 4th Primary Ballot. If the .50 additional millage is approved, the estimate of revenue in 2021 will be approximately \$1,960.00.

Currently, an authorized levy annual amount (not to exceed .6996 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) currently at .1996. This renewable rate expires in 2020 and .50 Mill is new additional millage, against all taxable property within the Clinton Area Transit System limits for a period of 4 years, 2021 to 2024, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all public transportation authority permitted by law, including all capital and operating expenses and providing transportation services to all individuals with the Clinton Transit System. This includes seniors and persons with disabilities.

## Village of Elsie Proceedings

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Elsie Village was held Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 7 pm at the Elsie Public Library, the face-to-face adhered to social distancing recommendations. The evening was highlighted by the installation of additional stop signs.

Joe Ondrusek, street administrator, requested that a four-way stop be designated at the intersection of Elm and First Streets. Discussion followed, with the end result being officials taking action to install four-way stops at all the intersections on First and Second streets.

Prior to the meeting a Village of Elsie Zoning Board meetings was held. Board members took action to approve the variance requested for a house that is being built at 321 N Second Street. It was noted that officials should anticipate the possibility of an appeal by an adjoining property owner.

Officials received a special assessment for the transfer of a parcel of property due to non-payment of property taxes. The Village has an opportunity to secure the property by paying the back taxes. Officials declined the offer.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, has been busy as things are opening up. The 2020 tax bills were sent out July 1, the cost of publishing information was shared with DuPlain Township. Property taxes are due September 14th.

He further reported that auditors will be starting the Village and Fire Department audits August 10, 2020, prep is underway in preparation for the audit.

Grinnell reported that the DPW has been keeping up with the mowing and the two man hole cover repairs are complete. In addition, the village dumpsters are locked because unknown individuals are filling the dumpsters with trash so emptying Village trash cans is not possible.

Finally, during scheduled recycling there will be two recycling containers for the next two to three months due to not having recycling March - June.

The Village Ordinance Committee has started the process of reviewing and updating the code enforcement and rental inspection ordinances. On a related issue officials received a bid from Municode to update ordinances and put them in an electronic format. The cost \$8,950 which could be spread over two budget years and will take 10-12 months to complete. A virtual meeting will be setup with the committee members and members of Municode for a question and answer session on the service. No action taken.

The Ordinance Committee presented officials with the rough draft of a proposed rental ordinance and checklist. It was noted that there are 90 identified rental properties within the Village including businesses. The committee is treading lightly with a focus on safe dwellings and responsible ownership. It was noted that the draft checklist and ordinance will be forwarded to the village attorney for review. A public hearing is slated for August 11, 6:45 pm.

Monthly action was to approve the agenda, minutes of the June 9, 2020, the monthly financial statements, the police report and expenditures totaling \$69,801.10.

## Memorial Health Welcomes Dr. McCance

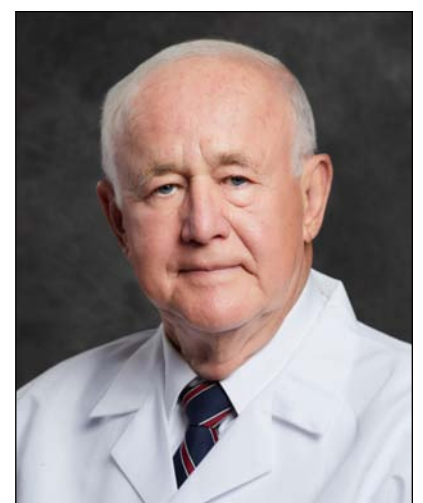
submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Tuesday, July 14 (2020) – Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome David McCance, DO, FACP, FACG to Memorial Healthcare Gastroenterology.

Dr. McCance received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri. He has also completed a rotating internship, internal medicine, residency and fellowship in Gastroenterology at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. McCance is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and is a fellow member of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dr. McCance joins Dr. Catherine Kerschen, Dr. Lisa LePain, and Danielle Feldpausch, PA-C in offering patients the highest quality gastroenterology services available. Memorial Healthcare Gastroenterology is located at 721 N. Shiawassee Street, Suite 202, Owosso. The office is accepting new patients by referral. For more information on Dr. McCance, please visit <https://www.memorialhealthcare.org/provider/david-mccance-do-facp-facg-an-employed-provider-of-memorial-healthcare/>

Memorial Healthcare's Endoscopy department was granted a three-year renewal recognition in 2018 from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), a leading gastrointestinal medical society for our programs dedication to promoting quality and safety in endoscopy. The endoscopy unit at Memorial Healthcare is just one of eight centers recognized in the State of Michigan and the only center in Mid-Michigan.



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## Social

### Elsie Dairy Festival Thank You for Mural



submitted by Carolyn Long

The Elsie dairy festival committee would like to thank Grace Fowler for the great job she did on painting the wall for them. We have gotten several compliments and really appreciate all her hard work. Next year she will be putting the Dairy festival dates on the wall for us. Thanks again Grace! Carolyn Long and Elsie Dairy Festival

### Shepardsville 4th of July



When most communities in the state have cancelled their public events due to the Corona Virus, residents of Shepardsville decided to hold their Annual Michigan Rushers Football July 4th celebration, this the 25th year of the event.

Amid the Pandemic, organizers John Frolka and Art Wainwright considered the annual event too important to push aside. Those in attendance enjoyed spending time together while honoring the memory of the 1895 Michigan Rushers football players.

Pictured here at the grill cooking hot dogs is John Frolka who actually sat down and enjoyed a hot dog himself this year. A make shift goal post was decorated for the event and a small fireworks displayed was presented.

A historical monument of the 1895 football game was erected by area residents and the Clinton County Historical Society in 1996. It is located on M-21 near the intersection of Shepardsville Road at the Shepardsville Corner Store.



### Multiple digital options to apply for accessible absentee ballot

submitted by Tracy Wimmer

The Michigan Department of State's online platform now provides voters with an additional method of applying for an accessible electronic absent voter ballot. Blind voters and others with severe disabilities that prevent them from voting absent voter ballots privately and independently can now submit an accessible absent voter ballot application online at Michigan.gov/Vote. Use of the online application requires a Michigan driver's license or state ID.

Voters who request accessible electronic absent voter ballots for the August Election will be emailed an electronic ballot that can be marked on an electronic device using their own assistive technology. Voters will then print it, place it in an envelope, sign the back of the envelope, and mail or deliver the envelope to the local clerk so that it arrives by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4.

Voters can also download an accessible application to vote absentee that does not require a driver's license or state ID. Voters using this option can provide either a driver's license number, state ID number, or the last 4 digits of their social security number, and then email the application to their local clerk. Visit:

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## Editorial



### Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
www.letsmeetgod.com

#### Why do people feel guilty?

In short, we feel guilty either because we have truly done something wrong or we believe that they have done something wrong.

But when we feel guilty, what do we do with it? What do we do with our guilt?

For the majority of people, the effort is put into living good, moral lives. Many become very religious and regularly attend church and get baptized.

Yet Jesus doesn't give us morality or religious rituals as a way to know God and be free from our guilt before Him. For while Jesus was a great moral teacher, He didn't present morals or living a good life or even being very religious as they way to stand guilt-free before God.

While these things are important, the only way that we can be made truly guiltless before God is to believe in the deity, death on the cross and bodily resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ, which pays the price of our sins in full.

Paul writes that Christ Jesus has become for us "...our righteousness, holiness and redemption."- 1 Corinthians 1:30

Also that, "I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"- Galatians 2:21

If you don't know the Lord today, you can be guilt-free! This doesn't mean that you will never have feelings of guilt again, for when we sin or do bad things, we should feel a bit of guilt for them, that's healthy.

But what we can be free from is the overhanging dread or uncertainty of guilt that comes from not personally knowing the Lord and having the weight of our sins rest upon us. God can take care of the guilt that we have as sinners before Him. And only God can.



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Good golly ..... Another week has gone by and though I seem to have accomplished something it never feels as if it is enough. My garden is flourishing (as are the weeds) and I am gradually being toned up by my efforts to remove the weeds. Sounds like a good trade to me.....besides that I'm not paying to belong to a gym and I'm not being shut down because of Covid 19 plus I don't have to wear a mask. Sounds like a win win situation to me. It also improves my oxygen intake. Good old country living keeps me happy.

I have been capturing photos of my yard ... and there is a great deal more beauty than I had expected. Currently my Seven Sister roses are now finishing up for this season but their pale pink clusters are charmingly beautiful. Presently I have only three different colors of hollyhocks (pink, burgundy and white) but some of them are doubles which add to their loveliness. I also have double day lilies which are quite handsome and alluring. Both of the clematis are in bloom so I have a deep purple and a hot pink encompassing their respective trellises. My cactus has quit blossoming but their waxy yellow and red flowers were very attractive. The black eyed Susans are readying their blooms and I do enjoy the blue of the chicory even though it is considered a weed but it does look very fanciful with the Queen Ann's Lace. Finally the Potentilla at the west steps just keeps budding and blooming.

Late Tuesday afternoon I took Isabella and Zach on an adventure.....they got to see a family of swans. The young swans were hatched this year but still had their gray plumage but were just as regal and graceful as their parents. It was quite a delight to see them serenely glide past our pontoon. Isabella had complained that she had been fishing with her folks but never had caught a fish yet. Of course that changed and she ended up catching the most fish but she refused to bait the hook or remove the catch...that will come later with more experience. Zach caught the first fish, a good sized brightly colored sunfish.....it was an exciting day because he had already played in the clubhouse and was given the opportunity to pilot the pontoon. Zach was a good pilot; he could steer in a linear manner, unlike Isabella who seemed to move us first in circles to the left then to the right. Thank goodness John took over and eased us back into port to be docked.

I now have some interesting tomato cages that Diane and Brent made and installed for me. They are rather asymmetrical but are holding up the plants. Two and a half rows have been caged and I have been following my daughter's instruction on lifting the plants up to lean on the supports. While installing the cages we found the first tomato that was turning. I will be picking it (my first ripe tomato) tomorrow. Today I will be enjoying my first green beans from the garden; the zucchini is being generous as are the cucumber plants. Last night's rain was a good soaker, I checked for dry soil in the garden but quit when I had reached the five inch mark.

Late Sunday afternoon I received a call from one of my neighbors. Someone had dropped off a kitten.....more like flung from their vehicle. Dorothy called to see if I would be willing to give the little critter a home. So I grabbed a small pet carrier and headed out. The poor little beggar looked as if it had been hit on the head but she was still very friendly and very skinny. Dorothy had set out a bowl of milk and a bit of buttered bread. I had to corner the little lady but she was very calm when I put her into the carrier. She is now helping Prudence rule my home. Of course this means that she (who we haven't yet named) gets pieces of meat as a treat. I believe that she should have a warrior's name because she likes attacking toes and ankles which is easier on us than running up our bare legs. She is black with a small crescent of white on her chest. Isabella and Zach both think that she needs their loving.

So goes my life, sometimes everything blends well.....other times not so much. Variety is the spice of life and at times mine gets a bit spicy. I have been blessed with a good and lively life, may God bless your with an enjoyable variety of experiences.

Crystal Mitchell©2020

### Letter to the Editor

The undersigned Middlebury Township residents support the re-election of MIKE HERENDEEN for Middlebury Township Supervisor.

Mike has devoted over 40 years to public service as an Army veteran, police officer, administrative law judge, assistant prosecuting attorney, county administrator, and for the past eight years as our township supervisor. Mike works with the rest of the board to keep the township well-managed, financially stable, and responsive to resident's concerns. As an attorney Mike often handles legal issues and routine legal matters without having to incur attorney fees from the township's legal firm, and in his role as the township's representative and chair of the Ovid-Middlebury Emergency Services Authority (OMESA) board of trustees, the OMESA board was able to bring in the much-needed new fire hall on budget and with no increase in the Authority's current millage.

Because there are no Democrats running for Middlebury Township offices this year, the race for Supervisor will be decided at the primary election in August. Please join us with your absentee ballot or at the precinct on August 4 to re-elect MIKE HERENDEEN for Middlebury Township Supervisor.

Richard Semans, Trustee & former Supervisor

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### An Unexpected Move Before November

I wish to sincerely thank the residents of Middlebury Township who have voted for me in the past and supported me for the many years by electing me to serve on the Township Board. It has been an enjoyable run since the 1970's.

My name will be on the ballot for this years Primary Election on August 4th, but we will be moving out of the township before the November election. There are two other candidates on the ballot for Township Trustee, I am asking you to vote for them. This will eliminate the need for the Township Board to appoint a replacement if I was to be selected in the August Primary.

As I have said before, I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of serving you the residents. Lorna and I have been blessed by our faithful savior Jesus Christ who has provided a home in Owosso for us.

Richard Semans

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### PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

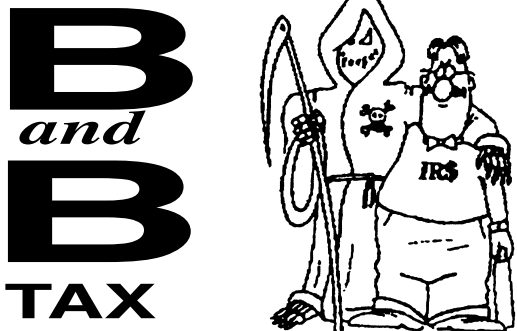
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## Obituaries

### Changing your direct deposit information with Social Security

submitted by Vonda Van Til

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### Bruce Robert Moore

Bruce Robert Moore, 73 years of age, of Beatrice, formerly of Harvard, passed away Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Good Samaritan Society in Beatrice. He was born on August 11, 1946 in St. Johns, Michigan to Robert and Marylu Moore. Bruce served his country in the United States Army from 1963 to 1969. He served 3 tours during the Vietnam War in the 5th Special Forces. Bruce enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and collecting stamps.

Bruce is survived by his daughter, Erin Suspes and husband Camilo of Lakeland, GA; granddaughter, Marley Suspes; sister, Kathleen Netterville and husband George of Defuniak Springs, FL; brothers, Michael Moore of Rolla, MO, Robert Moore and wife Gina, Dwight Moore and wife Teresa, both of Lansing, MI; uncle, Charles Moore of Ovid, MI; nieces, Dani Moore Fourcloud, Rhonda Moore, Barbara Moore, Mary Moore Gordy; and nephews, Raymond Osborne, George Netterville Jr and James Netterville. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Dan Moore and Walt Strickland.

There will be no services at this time. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL. Condolences may be left online at [www.harmanwrightmortuary.com](http://www.harmanwrightmortuary.com). Harman-Wright Mortuary and Crematory in charge of arrangements.



### Michael David Blacker

Michael David Blacker, 37, passed away July 10, 2020. Michael was born in Owosso, MI on June 14, 1983, the son of Theresa (Shepherd) and Don Blacker. He graduated high school with Ovid-Elsie schools. He was currently working and living in Hollywood, FL.

Mike enjoyed playing football, fishing, and hunting. As a preteen Mike was always scouting turtles, frogs and snakes at the creek with his brothers. He loved life, especially family time like skiing in Oregon, Cedar Point, camping at Higgins Lake. He shared lots of fun times going with his brothers and cousins to Aunt Julie's and Uncle Doug's week long summer camp.

His faith in Jesus Christ was real and a very important part of his life, he studied and memorized large portions of scripture and shared with his friends, coworkers and others about God's Amazing Grace and plan of salvation.

Michael is survived by his parents Theresa and Don Blacker; his brothers Jon Blacker and Josh Blacker (Jazmin Whitford); Nephews Hunter, J.D., Nicholas and Ransom Blacker, Grandparents Dale & Rosie Shepard of Owosso, Shanna & Keith Putnam of Ovid, Shirley Yoder of Canby, Oregon. Many wonderful aunts, uncles and cousins.

Michael is preceded in death by sister-in-law Nichole Blacker, Grandfather Darrel Blacker, Great Grandparents Pat and Leona Shepard, Clinton and Ruth Sprague, Wayne and Sylvia Spraggins, James and Edna Blacker.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at 3:00 pm Sunday July 26, 2020 at the Ovid VFW hall located at 218 S. Main St.



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### John Peter Mimranek

John Peter Mimranek, age 87, of Perry, MI, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Oliver Woods Retirement Village, Owosso, MI.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Burial will take place at Middlebury Township Cemetery Ovid, MI.

John married Sandra Hester on February 26, 1953, in Flint, MI. They celebrated 67 years of marriage together.

He resided most of his life in Shiawassee County; living and farming with his grandfather, James Mimranek.

Mr. Mimranek farmed and retired from General Motors, Oldsmobile Division Lansing in 1982. He was a pilot, who enjoyed flying, RV traveling, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family, especially his grandsons.

He is survived by his wife Sandra, two daughters: Ms. Jacqueline Mimranek of Hooksett, NH, Jane Grulke and Tom Patterson of Perry, MI, grandsons: Matthew Grulke of Milwaukee, WI; Michael (Carrie) Grulke of Onsted, MI; Joseph (Jenna) Grulke of Eaton Rapids, MI; and great grandchildren: Ethan, Addison, Emma, Kaden, Luke and Jayla. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

The family would like to thank the nurses of Grace Hospice and the staff of Oliver Woods for their amazing care and compassion.

Memorials may be made to Grace Hospice Lansing, MI or to Oliver Woods Assisted Living and Memory Care, Owosso, MI. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneral-homes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



## Home Improvement

### Best Choice Siding Options

Home improvement projects run the gamut from minor repairs to complete overhauls. Replacing exterior siding is one of the most significant home improvement projects homeowners can undertake. Such a project can give homes a completely new look, which is why choice of siding is such an important decision.

Homeowners have many siding options to choose from, and the following guide can help them make the best choice for their homes.

#### Vinyl siding

Vinyl siding is easily maintained and among the more budget-friendly siding options. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, vinyl siding is made from a PVC plastic that does not rot or flake. Siding professionals note that the technology used to create vinyl siding has changed considerably in recent years, making this option more diverse than traditional vinyl siding. So homeowners turned off by the potentially plastic look of vinyl siding might be surprised at how different modern vinyl siding looks compared to the vinyl siding of yesteryear.

#### Fiber-cement siding

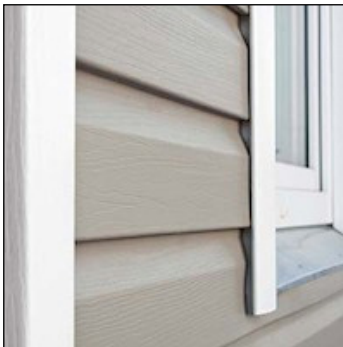
The home improvement television network HGTV notes that fiber-cement siding has grown in popularity among homeowners in recent years. This material does not require much maintenance and it's non-flammable and resistant to termites. HomeAdvisor notes that fiber-cement siding can create the look of wood, stucco or masonry, making it a versatile option capable of creating various looks. In addition, fiber-cement siding is known for its durability, with some products coming with warranties lasting as long as 50 years.

#### Wood siding

Homeowners have many choices if they prefer wood siding on their homes. Cedar, cypress, fir, pine, and spruce are just a handful of the many wood siding options homeowners can choose from. HomeAdvisor notes that cedar shingle siding offers a natural look that blends well in wooded and waterfront landscapes. Wood clapboard siding is another popular option, though it tends to require more maintenance than cedar shingle siding. Homeowners who want wood siding should discuss their options with an experienced siding professional, as many factors, including the choice of wood, must be considered before making a final decision.

#### Stone and stone-veneer siding

Many homeowners fall in love with the natural appeal of stone, but the price tag, which tends to be costly, may not be as awe-inspiring. HGTV notes that stone can be difficult to add to an existing home, and doing so may drive the price up even further. Stone siding is durable, and there are many options, including solid stone and natural stone cladding, that make this an option capable of providing an array of looks. Stone-veneer siding is less expensive than natural stone and also comes in an array of styles. As is the case with wood, stone siding options are so extensive that homeowners are urged to discuss each one with a siding professional before making their decisions.



### Signs Your Gutters are in Need of Repair

Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

- **Gutters hanging off the home:** Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

- **Gutter separation:** Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

- **Peeling exterior paint:** Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.

- **Basement flooding:** Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.



### Enhance Staycations with Themed Fun Days

Staycations are an option for budget-conscious vacationers or people who simply do not want to travel too far from home due to mobility issues or other restrictions.

Enhancing staycations with entertaining themes can improve the fun factor. These ideas can get the creativity flowing.

- **Superhero day:** Embrace your favorite superhero by dressing up in his or her colors, donning a superhero T-shirt or watching an action-packed superhero movie.
- **Pajama day:** This is a fun theme for rainy days when Mother Nature keeps you indoors. Stay in your pajamas all day and enjoy a cozy, lazy day.
- **Throwback day:** Take a step back in time by playing

games or engaging in activities from your youth. Teach youngsters about the toys you enjoyed or watch movies from the era in which you grew up.

- **Crazy hair day:** Embrace bed head, plug in the curling iron, double down on hair gel or pomade, or put those wacky coiffures into full effect.
- **Cultural day:** Tap into your personal heritage by researching your family tree and then preparing a meal that coordinates with your heritage.
- **Arts and crafts day:** Get crafty by tackling a creative project that the family will enjoy. Or engage in individual projects before comparing the final results collectively.



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## Successful Home Gym Design



People exercise for many different reasons. Exercise can improve one's appearance, reduce the risk for illness, alleviate stress or anxiety, and even help pass some time. Exercise is often a social activity, but in the wake of social distancing guidelines issue in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, many people have found themselves looking for ways to exercise at home.

Building a home fitness room has never been a more timely project, and such a project can continue to provide rewards even when life returns to some semblance of normalcy. Here's how to successfully stock a home gym.

- **Find a dedicated space.** A home gym will be limited by the amount of space that can be devoted to workouts. Possible fitness room locations include a spare bedroom, a garage, a basement, or an enclosed patio. Measure the space so you can pick and choose equipment that will fit. Leave some floor space empty for movement exercises or mat activities.

- **Keep the space bright.** Darkness can sap energy levels, so invest in mirrors and adequate overhead lighting to make the space inviting.

Natural light can make the exercise area more enjoyable.

- **Consider the flooring.** New flooring can protect against damage and make an area more conducive to working out. Rubber mats can offset echoes and reduce the noise of running on a treadmill or setting down heavy weights.

- **Use space-saving equipment.** A home gym space will likely not be as expansive as the space inside a traditional fitness center. Thankfully, many activities do not require a lot of space or equipment. Classic exercises like squats, lunges, push ups, and sit ups require little gear but still produce results. Figure out which equipment you like the most and invest in two or three key pieces. Dumbbells of various weights, a medicine ball and a yoga mat can be all you need to create a versatile, effective workout. A TRX system and a door-mounted pull-up bar also are great space-saving options.

- **Have a TV hookup.** A home gym may benefit from a smart TV that you can use to stream workout videos or catch up on the latest news while running the treadmill or using the stationary bike.

A home gym is beneficial year-round, and can be especially valuable when social distancing guidelines are put in place.

## Home Design Changes



COVID-19 has brought changes to everything, and home design is no exception. Experts are expecting to see lasting impacts on everything from the materials we use to the rooms we prioritize. Check out these and other noteworthy trends:

- **Houses over apartments:** Many people who live in condos or apartments do so to be closer to the action - work, entertainment and shops - and never planned on spending much time at home. But the pandemic has changed that, and more people are going to want a home that offers plenty of room and outdoor space in case they need to self-isolate again.

- **Self-sufficiency:** A hard lesson we've learned is that things and services we thought we could count on aren't necessarily a sure thing, so items that increase self-reliance will become very popular. Expect to see more homes with sources of energy like solar panels, sources of heat like fireplaces and stoves, and even urban and indoor gardens that allow you to grow your own produce.

- **Outdoor living:** Between playgrounds closing and parks becoming overcrowded, many of us are turning to our balconies, patios and backyards for fresh air and nature. This means we're going to be investing more in our outdoor spaces, with functional kitchens, soothing water features, cozy firepits, and high-quality outdoor furniture to create a much-needed escape.

- **Healthier spaces:** Thanks to spending more time indoors and reprioritizing our health, we'll turn to design to help ensure our homes are safe and healthy for our families. We'll see a rise in products like water filtration systems as well as materials that improve indoor air quality. For new homes and additions, alternatives to wood-framing like insulated concrete forms from Nudura, which offer improved ventilation for healthier indoor air quality and an environment that's less susceptible to mold, will be key.

- **Home office space:** Business experts are suggesting many companies will see that working from home is not only possible but offers tangible benefits, like saving money on office space rent. With working from home on the rise, creating a home office space that inspires productivity will be a major project many of us tackle. Luxury home office furniture that feels chic and blends into your décor as well as ergonomic chairs and desks will see a major boost.

- **Custom and quality:** With the hit to the economy, people are going to be buying less, but what they do buy will be better quality, while at the same time making an effort to support American businesses. When it comes to design, trends will shift to locally made furniture, custom-built homes and pieces and materials that stand the test of time.

## 5 Suggestions for Outdoor Projects Add Value



Exterior renovations can enhance the appearance of a property and make it more enjoyable for homeowners. Certain renovations have the potential to add value to a home, while others

may do the opposite. Learning which one have the largest return on investment can help homeowners select features that will have the most positive impact.

Curb appeal goes a long way toward attracting potential buyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, first impressions of a property have a strong influence on buyers. Landscaping and external features can do much to influence such impressions.

- **Lawn care program:** Investing in a lawn care program that consists of fertilizer and weed control application and can be transferred over to a subsequent home owner is an attractive feature. NAR says such a care program can recover \$1,000 in value of the \$330 average cost, or a 303 percent ROI.

- **Low-maintenance lifestyle:** When choosing materials for projects, those that offer low-maintenance benefits can be preferential. These include low-maintenance patio materials, composite decking, vinyl fencing, and inorganic mulched beds.

- **Fire pit:** A fire pit can be used for much of the year. In the spring and summer, the firepit is a great place to congregate to roast marshmallows or sip wine and gaze into the fire. In the fall, the fire pit can make for a cozy retreat. A fire pit that has a gas burner is low-maintenance, and the National Association of Landscape Professionals says that most can recoup about \$4,000 of their \$6,000 average price tag.

- **Softscaping:** Hardscaping refers to structures like outdoor kitchens or decks. Softscaping involves the living elements of the landscape. Hiring a landscape designer to install trees, shrubs, natural edging, and rock elements can do wonders toward improving the look and value of a home.

- **Pool or water feature:** In certain markets, particularly hot climates, a pool or another water feature is a must-have. However, in other areas where outdoor time is limited, a pool or water feature can actually lower the value of a home. Speaking with a real estate professional can give homeowners an idea of how a pool will fare in a given neighborhood.

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## Strategies to Avoid Debt After Being Laid Off

Millions of people lost their jobs due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the global economy. Professionals with thriving careers suddenly found themselves out of work by early spring 2020, leaving many to speculate about their financial futures.



Staying positive in the wake of a layoff can be challenging. The financial pressures of being laid off may compel some people to take on debt as they try to pay their bills, including their mortgage, car payments and other expenses that don't disappear even if income does. A debt-free strategy to surviving a layoff can ease the stress of job loss and lay a positive foundation for your financial future.

- **Create a budget right away.** Budgets can help recently laid off workers get a clear picture of their financial obligations and where they might be spending more than necessary. Prior to the outbreak, many people may have traveled extensively. Social distancing guidelines have all but eliminated travel, so laid off workers can redistribute the money they would normally spend on travel into their savings accounts.

- **Find ways to save.** Cutting back on travel expenditures is just one of the many ways individuals who have been laid off can save money. Savvy consumers may pay extra toward their principle on home and auto loans each month, and that luxury, which can move up loan maturity dates, can be scaled back if not eliminated until you get back on your feet. For some individuals, such an effort can save hundreds of dollars per month. Individuals also can dim the lights more often to reduce their energy bills, a sacrifice that should be easy to live with as summer approaches and daylight hours increase.

- **File for unemployment benefits.** By the end of April, the U.S. Department of Labor was reporting that first-time claims for unemployment benefits had exceeded 30 million in the previous six weeks. Laid off workers who intend to file claims should do so immediately, as many unemployment agencies are facing unprecedented backlogs that can delay administration of funds for an extended period of time. When filing, make sure taxes are withheld on the money you will receive, as that can ensure your tax bill is not especially high when you file your tax return next year.

- **Maintain health insurance.** Medical debt can be devastating, so it's vital that laid off workers stay insured in the wake of a layoff. The Kaiser Family Foundation notes that, in 2016, 52 percent of debt collection actions contained medical debts. Check your severance package to determine if and for how long your medical benefits will continue after being laid off. If that is not an option, prioritize getting new coverage via COBRA or the Affordable Care Act.

The financial fallout of a layoff can be significant. A proactive post-layoff approach to finances can help laid off professionals stay out of debt.

## When Buying a Leased Vehicle Makes Sense

Consumers in the market for new vehicles must make a number of decisions before getting behind the wheel of a new car. Some may debate whether or not to buy a new or preowned vehicle, while others may wonder if buying or leasing is best for them. People who decide to lease will likely have another decision to make when their leases reach maturity: should I return my car or buy it?

Drivers who have never leased a vehicle may not even know that lessees have the option to buy their cars at the end of their lease agreements. The idea of leasing suggests drivers would always be better off turning their vehicles in, but there are situations in which keeping the car can benefit buyers.

- The buyout figure is less than the market value of the vehicle: Lessees who don't drive much might find that their vehicles are worth more at the end of the lease than the buyout figure indicated on the agreement. That means lessees can buy the vehicle for less than its market value. They can then flip the vehicle and reap a profit or simply keep driving the vehicle.

- The excess mileage penalties are steep: Drivers also may be better off buying if they significantly exceeded their mileage restrictions. Lease agreements typically include per-mile penalty fees for every mile drivers go past the mileage limits indicated in their agreements. These fees can quickly add up, but drivers won't have to pay them if they choose to buy their vehicles at the end of their leases rather than returning them.

- The condition of the vehicle: Drivers who took care of their leased vehicles and even those who did not may benefit from keeping their cars when their leases reach maturity. Keeping a leased vehicle that's been well-maintained can save drivers money over the cost of buying new vehicles, as the buyout value on their lease is likely a lot less expensive than the cost of a new car or truck. But keeping vehicles that have enduring considerable wear and tear also may be wise, as leasing companies may charge hefty wear-and-tear penalties.

Buying a vehicle at the end of a lease may seem unusual. But there are various instances when buying makes more sense than turning the vehicle in.

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### Notice of Posting of the following Resolution

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Resolution 2020-4 Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

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The Elsie Lions Club would like to thank all the people in our community and surrounding area who helped make our two day Food Trailer event a success! The money raised from this event will help the Elise Lions Club continue to Serve our community in many ways, we live in a great community!

(picture left to right sitting Lion Glen Tucker, Lion Ike Hunt, standing Lion Rick Jones, Diana Jones, Lion Richard Easlick, Lion Dr. Robert Peterson, Lion Dennis Long, Lion Robin Wooley, Lions Don Gilbert and Lion Arden Densmore)

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## LAFB Thanks Donors, Asks for Volunteers

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who have sent donations in the mail or on PayPal! And, it is a special event when people (you know who you are☺) bring cash donations in person. It gives us a chance to thank you in person! And it gives the receiving volunteer a heartwarming feeling.

We are so privileged to have ours and different communities supporting the Laingsburg Area Food Bank! Thanks to those in Owosso, Bath, St. Johns, and New Lothrop for sending us donations to help us feed our community members.

A huge thank you to our volunteers!!! YOU ROCK!!! Without you there would be no Laingsburg Area Food Bank. Special thanks to our Food Buyers, Pat White and Pat Hursh, for making sure the pantry is always stocked and freezers always full.

We would also like to thank the Greater Lansing Food Bank for helping us understand the guidelines for COVID-19 safety procedures. Would also like to thank the GLFB for sharing with us the bounties of a huge donation given to food banks.

Do you like to help people? Do you have a couple of hours a week to volunteer once a month? WE NEED YOU! We are seeing some of our volunteers taking a break through COVID-19. So, we need to replace our outgoing volunteers and welcome new ones!

We need help in a few areas:

1) Helping with stocking of food products once delivered.  
2) Helping to distribute food products to our community members.

3) Helping to spread the word that NO ONE IN LAINGSBURG SHOULD GO HUNGRY! NO MATTER WHAT!

If this is something that interests you, please contact Linda Culpepper at 517-285-0789.

REMINDER: LAFB has been grateful for food product donations in the past. Until we are given approval to start accepting donated food products, we are required to say “no” right now. LAFB understands Covid-19 regulations and how important it is to keep our family and friends safe. We are very thankful for the monetary donations that you have been sending! Thank you so much!



## Letter to the Editor

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sean Dush and I am a lifelong Clinton County resident as well as a member of the local Law Enforcement Community. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Sarah since she came to the Clinton County Prosecutors Office from the Isabella County Prosecutors Office. Sarah has shown the drive, dedication, and knowledge that is essential to being a successful Prosecuting Attorney. In addition, Sarah has demonstrated a high level of compassion for victims of crimes in Clinton County. I have worked side by side with Sarah on many serious and complicated cases and I have been very pleased with the outcomes of each of these cases. Sarah takes a hard stance on violent and repeat offenders yet she uses a common sense approach on first time offenders.

The past and current Clinton County Prosecutors Offices, the past and current Clinton County Judges, and the past and current Clinton County Law Enforcement Agencies have together made Clinton County a safe place to live and a place where criminals know if they commit a crime, especially a felony, they will be punished accordingly. These things are important and essential to keeping Clinton County a safe place to live and raise a family. For these reasons and many more, I am endorsing Sarah Huyser for Clinton County Prosecutor.

Sincerely, Sean Dush



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## LAFCU opens LCC scholarship applications

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU's college scholarship essay contest for adult women is open for applications. The Michigan credit union will award three \$1,000 Lansing Community College scholarships to women pursuing education needed to enter or re-enter the workforce or to advance in their careers.

The deadline for the 2020 Women Helping Educate Every Lady (W.H.E.E.L.) Scholarship Essay Contest is Friday, July 31.

"The W.H.E.E.L. program is focused on women because it is women who most often delay their education and careers due to family situations," said Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, LAFCU chief marketing officer. "We want to help those who have decided it's time to advance professionally, and we hope this inspires others with the message that it's never too late to work toward a life goal."

The W.H.E.E.L. scholarship is ideal for women who need some classes to complete a degree or to become licensed or certified for a new occupation.

Winners will be determined by their one-page essay about their new career choice or advancement goal, why they want to pursue it now, and their inspiration for pursuing it.

Applicants must live, work or attend church or school in Michigan, which is LAFCU's geographic service area. They do not need to be LAFCU members.

To apply, visit [www.lafcu.com/wheel](http://www.lafcu.com/wheel). Submit the application online or mail it to LAFCU, 106 N. Marketplace Blvd., Lansing 48917, Attn: Marketing. For more information, call 517.622.6600 or 800.748.0228.

### About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative open for membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Michigan and to businesses and other entities located in Michigan. The credit union serves more than 67,000 members and holds over \$800 million in assets. LAFCU offers a comprehensive range of financial products and services as well as an expanding complement of financial technology solutions. Members enjoy benefits such as low fees, low interest rates on loans, high yields on savings, discounts, knowledgeable employees and nationwide access to fee-free ATMs. A recipient of the national Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award for credit unions, LAFCU enriches the communities it serves by supporting many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, call 800.748.0228 or visit [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com).

## LEAP Accepting Applications

*submitted by Victoria Meadows*

LANSING, Mich. (July 15, 2020) – Following the creation of a small-business restart program by the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) on July 7, 2020, funded with \$100 million received from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) was allocated \$5.5 million from the Michigan Small Business Restart Program to provide working capital grants to small businesses and nonprofit entities across Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

The statewide grant application for these funds is now open and can be accessed on LEAP's website at [www.purelansing.com/businessrelief](http://www.purelansing.com/businessrelief), along with additional vital information to help eligible businesses and nonprofits craft competitive applications and apply. The application will be open until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020.

Eligible small businesses and nonprofits include those with 50 or fewer total employees and workers, which continue to experience financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

"Leading our region's efforts to both persevere and rebuild our local three-county economy, LEAP is once again spearheading the efforts to restart small local businesses and nonprofits," said Bob Trezise, president and CEO of LEAP. "With this program and others, LEAP will have directly distributed nearly \$7.2 million in grants, loans and One&Allinclusive entrepreneurship program funding to our regional economy, in a mere five-month timeframe. This is an enormous organizational task, one that LEAP is proud to execute, but can only be accomplished with the crucial partnership of the MEDC, the financial and expert support of LEAP members and the nearly one hundred local partners and organizations involved in this process. LEAP will be intentional about equitable distribution of these funds."

The Lansing region restart grant program will provide 402 grants to small businesses and nonprofits across Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties including:

- 200 \$10,000 grants for microbusinesses (9 or fewer paid total employees/workers)
- 125 \$20,000 grants for traditional small businesses (10-50 total paid employees/workers)
- 77 \$10,000 grants for nonprofit organizations (50 or fewer total paid employees/workers)

A full list of partners, complete eligibility requirements, application scoring criteria, description of the review process, FAQ and a list of organizations available to help applicants apply is available on LEAP's website at [www.purelansing.com/businessrelief](http://www.purelansing.com/businessrelief).

## Many ways to participate in 2020 elections

The Michigan Department of State and Bureau of Elections celebrate National Disability Voter Registration Week by continuing to expand access for voters with disabilities.

"Ensuring equal and secure access for all voters is among my highest priorities, and that includes ensuring people with different abilities can safely and securely cast ballots in whatever way they choose this year," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. "It is critical differently abled citizens are heard in our democracy and my administration will continue to create accessible and convenient pathways to ensure everyone can vote."

The Bureau recently launched two accessible absent voter ballot applications – one online, one downloadable PDF – for blind voters and others with severe disabilities that would otherwise prevent them from voting absent voter ballots privately and independently. Both are available at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote). Voters who request accessible electronic absent voter ballots for the August 4 election will be emailed an electronic ballot and can mark the ballot on an electronic device, using their own assistive technology, and print and mail or otherwise return the ballot to their local clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The Bureau also recently updated and provided all election clerks with guidance on providing voter assist terminals for voters with disabilities and will soon be releasing a video with instructions for voters and election workers on how to use the terminals.

Additionally, the Bureau provided a checklist to election clerks to review polling place accessibility and will soon provide a slideshow presentation that provides further guidance on the same subject.

### The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission

will hold a public hearing on August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. REMOTELY via Zoom, to review the following:

A petition for special land use and site plan review amendment has been submitted by MM Agriculture, LLC dba 120 West Joint Venture to alter a previously permitted use from a Marijuana Microbusiness, which allows for the cultivation, processing and retail sales of recreational marihuana, to Adult Use Marihuana Retailer, which allows for only the sale 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.

For individuals who wish to give public comment on this issue, the method for providing public comment during this remote-participation meeting is to call the following toll-free numbers:

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Callers wishing to give public comment may call in before the meeting starts and wait in a "virtual waiting room." These instructions will be included in every official published agenda of the Commission. Those calling in will be able to hear the audio of the Commission meeting, yet their microphone will be muted. Callers who do not wish to give public comment are encouraged to view the meeting live-streamed, with a closed caption option on YouTube:


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You can attend the remote meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or may submit concerns in writing no later than July 31, 2020:

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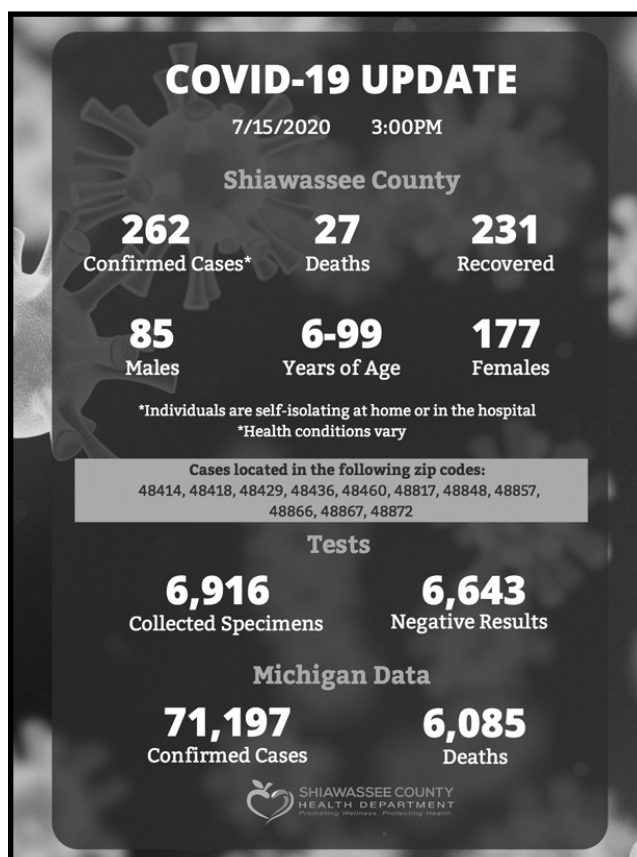
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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution Adopted

This week Shiawassee County became the 46th county in Michigan to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary. The Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners adopted the resolution with a 6 to 1 vote after nearly seven months of research and preparation. While this resolution is just symbolic in nature it serves as a message to higher elected officials, that Shiawassee County along with other counties across Michigan and the country, support the Second Amendment and to knock it off with proposing “common sense” gun control” and “red flag” legislation.

The Weekly Sportsman quickly realized during public comment, along with discussion among board members, the different tactics being used among supporters and opponents. Supporters spoke in very simple terms about the Constitution of the United State and the Bill of Rights. Opponents spoke using undocumented statistics, numbers, and figures. They also spoke of unknowns and possible fictitious future scenarios that may or may not happen. In other words.... half truths to spread fear. A political mentor of the Weekly Sportsman once stated over twenty years ago a very simple saying that quickly came to mind this week. Numbers lie and liars use numbers.

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For those constituents who supported and opposed the resolution the Weekly Sportsman respects their positions and appreciates the exercising of their rights to speak up and address their local government. However, to those opposed we will have to agree to disagree on this issue and the resolution. Without a doubt this will probably be both one of the most memorable votes and proudest accomplishments in the Weekly Sportsman’s very short tenure as a county commissioner. A big thank you to all who took time to call, email, and even attend the meetings. This is what democracy is all about regardless if you fall within the minority or majority of public opinion. It is important that all views are heard and that citizens participate in the process.

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