

Communities Enjoying Outdoor Music Entertainment



The Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LCBA) in partnership with Pine Hills Golf Course is hosting outside music entertainment on Friday, July 31st, August 7th and 14th. The Michigan All-Start Concert Series began on Friday, July 17th at Pine Hills. The series features a wide variety of music including classic, rock, country and rhythm & blues. The following musicians will finish out the concert series: Tess Clarkson & Kathy Ford Band on Friday, July 31st, Dean Rusch and the CEYX Band, August 7th and Ray Rodriguez with special guest, Johnny Vasquez on August 14th. The concerts begin at 7pm each Friday. Seating with social distancing is available and event goers are also welcome to bring their own lounge chairs and snacks (excluding alcohol). Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the Club House. The Dairy Den will also have available ice-cream sandwiches available for purchase. "We will encourage the wearing of masks", said course owner, Greg Beavers. Come on out and enjoy some great music in a relaxed outdoor setting. Pine Hills is located at 6603 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg.



The Wednesday evening Concert in the Park Series continues thru September 2nd at the William E. Tennant Performance Shell at the City Park in St Johns. The 7pm concerts are held rain or shine. The remaining schedule will feature the following: Root Doctor (Classic Soul & R&B), July 29th, Vintage 20's (Great Roaring Twenties Band), Aug. 5th, David Shelby (Country with Motown twist), Aug. 12th, David Gerald (Best of Blues), Aug. 19th, Dave Bennett Quartet (Swing to Rock), Aug. 26th and Matt King (Award Winning Tribute to Elvis), Sept. 2nd. Bring your lawn chairs and masks and prepare to be entertained each Wednesday while enjoying the out-of-doors.

Fall Sports to Play as Scheduled for Now, MHSAA Says

EAST LANSING — The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday fall sports will begin as traditionally scheduled, but with contingency concepts for potential interruptions due to the spread of COVID-19.

However, the plan remains reliant on progression by schools and regions across the state according to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's "MI Safe Start Plan."

Currently two areas — the Upper Peninsula and the Traverse City region — are in Phase 5, which allow for limited indoor activity.

The rest of the state is in Phase 4 and unable to host indoor training, practice or competition. Whitmer has indicated some areas of the state could be moved back to Phase 3 amid a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases.

The MHSAA Representative Council met virtually with MHSAA staff Wednesday to discuss a series of ideas for playing sports beginning in August. The council will meet again July 29 for further discussion.

Currently, high school football practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 10, with all other fall sports to start practice Aug. 12.

The MHSAA is moving forward with a plan that first calls for all fall sports to be started and played as scheduled. However, if the situation deems it necessary, the start of some or all fall sports practices or competitions could be delayed.

The next step in the plan's progression calls for lower-risk fall sports that can be played to be completed, with higher-risk fall sports postponed until later in the school year. If all fall sports must be suspended, they will be rescheduled during a reconfigured calendar that would see winter sports begin in November followed by the conclusion of fall and spring seasons, potentially extending into July 2021.

The council determined a proposal to swap traditional fall and spring sports was not a feasible plan. Football, girls volleyball, girls swimming and diving and boys soccer during the fall are considered moderate or high-risk sports because they include athletes in close contact or are played indoors; they were considered the impetus for potentially switching all fall sports to spring.

However, the MHSAA said traditional spring sports like girls soccer and girls and boys lacrosse carry similar risk, negating the value of making that full season switch.

Moving only selected spring sports, like all low-risk to fall, was not considered sound because it would force student-athletes to pick between sports they've previously played.



Primary Voters Head to Polls on August 4th

Registered voters in the area will head to the polls to cast their votes in either the Republican or Democratic Primary on Tuesday, August 4th. There following races will be determined in the August 4th Primary. In Shiawassee County: The Middlebury Township Supervisors position. The two Republican candidates are Incumbent, Mike Herendeen and challenger, Carl Chalker. In Woodhull Township, the Treasurer position. The two Republican candidates are Dawn Warfle and Maggie Galilei.

In Clinton County: The Drain Commissioners Position. The two Republican candidates are Phil Hanses and Tim Gill. In Ovid Township, two Trustee positions will be voted in. Four Republican candidates are, Patricia Hibbard, Arlene Pesik, Harold Plattenberg and Jennings West. In Victor Township Supervisor position. The two Republican candidates are Jim Conklin and Natalie Elkins. District 7 County Commissioner, two Republican candidates are Adam Stacey and Val Vail-Shirey.

See pages 9-13 for candidate profiles and ballot proposal information.

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Social

Elsie Legion Post 502 Activities

On three separate occasions in July, Post members, support group members and volunteers traveled to various truck stops in the Lansing area to stand a flag line in honor of truckers who have continually worked thru the Pandemic to deliver goods in an effort to keep American Strong. The truck stops visited were: The Travelers Oasis, Loves and Flying J's. The truckers were given water, cookies, hand-sewn masks, small flags and music CD's. The truckers were very appreciative.

On Friday, July 17th, traveled to the Sanford area to take donated items for those affected by the Eden Dam breach. Post members and Dollar General had been collecting cleaning supplies, drinking water, hygiene items, insect repellent and sun block over the past couple months from community members for the donation to the given to those affected. Donation boxes remain at the Post Home and at Dollar General for those who would still like to help. The Post is also collecting dues for the 2020/2021 year.



Loynes Celebrating 25th Anniversary

Jim and Sherry Loynes will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on August 5, 2020.

The couple was united in marriage at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister.

They have a son, Austin and a daughter, Courtney.

Project Connect Coming in August

It is that time of year again.

This year Project Connect is going to look different. This year's Project Connect (back to school event) will be a road tour. The goal is always to help the community as much as possible, but this year they also need to make sure they do everything they can to keep everyone healthy.

Due to Covid-19 organizers are breaking up the large in-person event into several smaller drive-up events.

The big change for Project Connect this year is that they are asking people to please pre-register for Project Connect. They need as many people who plan to attend to register ahead of time. This is so that they can pre-package the items for participants, know what to purchase, and what to pack to bring to our remote locations.

Please pre-register online or by phone 989-224-0328 or 517-641-5167 to ensure the sites are well-stocked. Registration Required by July 31

Open to All Clinton County Residents – Pick the location that fits your schedule.

St. Johns – Beacon of Hope Thursday, August 20, 9-11 AM

Bath – Bath Middle School Tuesday, August 11, 9-11 AM

Elsie – Ovid Elsie High School Thursday, August 13, 9-11 AM

Maple Rapids—Community Ball Field Tuesday, August 18, 6-8 PM



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Howell Couple Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Molly and John Howell celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married at Ovid United church on July 30, 1960.

Molly is the daughter of Rupert and Marian Temple of Ovid. John is the son of Dr. Stanley and Grace Howell of East Lansing.

They met at Michigan State University where they both graduated.

After the wedding, they moved to Seattle, Washington. She is a retired buyer from Frederick & Nelson department store, a division of Marshall Fields. John is a retired manager in research and development at Boeing.

They reside in Bellevue, Washington and visit Ovid regularly.

Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library is currently offering curbside service only. Please call in your requests and you will be given a designated time to pick up your reading materials at the curb in front of the library. Curbside service hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 – 5:00. Other times may be made by appointment. Please call the library at 989-834-5800.

CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION #2020-10

At a regular meeting of the City of Ovid's Council held in the Council Chambers Room, on the 13th day of July 2020, at 7 pm.

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

Absent: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Mr. Williams and supported by Mr. Brown:

WHEREAS, the City of Ovid and Middlebury Township have entered into a 425 Agreement ON September 11, 2019 allowing the annexation of the Shiawassee County parcels that were located in the city limits of Ovid by Middlebury Township and

WHEREAS, the population of said parcels shall also be given to Middlebury Township for all purposes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Ovid is giving Middlebury Township it's Shiawassee County population of 6 as of the 2010 Census, for all purposes, including revenue sharing.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Adopted.

Josefina Medina, City Clerk
City of Ovid

Happy 90th Birthday

Ellie Bowles will turn 90 on August 6, 2020. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren would like to join them in wishing her a very

Happy 90th Birthday.

Cards may be sent to her at

1201 St. Clair Road, Ovid, MI 48866.



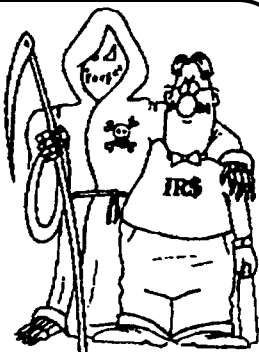
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The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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

New Household applicants must meet the 200% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$24,980; family size 2 \$33,920; family size 3 \$42,660. For each additional family member add \$8,840.

TEFAP packages for Shiawassee County are not available to those who qualify.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin August 4 through the 21st, 2020.

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

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

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

Fenner Nature Center’s Visitor Center Reopens

submitted by Alexa Seeger

LANSING, MI - Fenner Nature Center’s Visitor Center is again open to the public. The indoor space’s modified COVID-19 open hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The trails remain open everyday from 8 a.m. to dusk.

In accordance with federal, state and local guidelines, the nature center is implementing additional safety policies and procedures. These include one-way entrances and exits, sneeze guards, social distancing signage and scheduled cleanings. The nature center is also asking visitors to adhere to social distancing guidelines, to sanitize hands and to wear a mask when inside the Visitor Center.

“We recognize that these guidelines, like the events surrounding the COVID-19 virus, continue to rapidly evolve,” executive director Liz Roxberry said. “The safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff are of the utmost importance.”

For the most up to date information about Fenner Nature Center’s hours, policies and procedures, visit their website, mynaturecenter.org, or their Facebook page, @fennernaturecenter.

CSFP for Seniors

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTOR TOWNSHIP

Township of Victor Laingsburg, MI

Deadline: September 9th 2020

Victor Township, Laingsburg, MI is seeking proposals from qualified custodial companies and professionals to provide the Township with weekly custodial services. The anticipated term of the agreement is through March 31, 2021.

Victor Township encourages interested parties to submit complete proposals to Melanie McIntosh c/o Victor Township Hall, 6843 E Alward Rd Laingsburg, MI 48848 by 5:00 pm, Wednesday September 9th 2020. Electronic proposals can be submitted to info@victortwp.org. Selection will be made by the Township Board at the Victor Township Board Meeting on September 14th 2020. Proposals must include the following:

Contact Information including name, address, telephone and email address. Please describe individual, contractor and/company, including years in business, expertise in one more of the above service areas, etc.

Provide proof of general liability coverage in an amount of \$500,000.00

Contractor shall supply all equipment, tools, materials, and supplies to accomplish the designated tasks. Whereas certain materials and supplies shall be procured, provided and/or reimbursed through the Township, such provision shall be specifically outlined in an agreement.

Provide the monthly cost of any anticipated on-call retainer to ensure the availability of the Contractor. This retainer is anticipated to be paid monthly whether services are provided or not. If services are required, the cost of services will be paid from the retainer amount first per cost associated in the agreement and additional cost paid in a normal manner per the agreement.

Services may be proposed on a per hour basis with or without a retainer. It is not required to provide an anticipated per hour rate if another method of fee for services is proposed. It is however required that if per hour services are proposed that a total annual service cost is provided as requested below.

Flat rate services may be proposed on an annual flat rate paid in monthly installment to provide such services.

Estimated Annual Service Cost. Irrespective of the type of fee for service proposed, an estimated annual service cost must be provided. This estimated annual service cost will be the basis for Township to compare services to fees for services.

If Contractor wishes to propose to provide services based on individual cost per service, please list services and cost per provision of service. It is not required that costs be itemized. It is however required that if costs are itemized that a total annual service cost is provided as requested below.

Victor Township reserves the right to cancel this solicitation for proposals. Proposals may be rejected in whole or in part for good cause when in the best interests of the township. Victor Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or accept what is, in its judgment, the best proposal. Documents and records created in a governmental function are property of Victor Township and will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2020

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

Mayor Lasher then opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

VISITORS: Richard Ehler

AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. William second by Mr. Brown, to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call: YEAS: Mr. Brown, Mr. Zwick (by phone), Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Brown to accept the minutes of the Public meeting & Special meeting as corrected. Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Zwick (by phone), Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY. Question were asked and answered. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to accept the check registry from period of June 13, through July 10, 2020 as printed.

Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Zwick (by phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Ordiway to approve the request of relief from resident located at 1421 Maple Ct., on the sewer line of the billing to his average as requested. Roll call: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick (by phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Ordiway that the City would reimburse Mr. Ehler 50% of the 1100 bill once the bill is paid in full. Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick (by phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED

DPW: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss. Hibbard to accept the Treasurer, Police and DPW reports as presented. Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Zwick (by phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Discussion on direct deposit for employees. No action taken.
2.A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Brown to adopt the Covid-19 Preparedness & Response Plan for the City of Ovid with adding the Health Questionnaire.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Miss. Hibbard, second by Ms. Perrien to complete said survey & opt in to the SB690 as presented. Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Zwick (by phone), Ms. Perrien, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

3.Discussion held on Rules of Procedures for accounts payable.
4.Mayor Lasher requested that the resolution be recorded as read. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to adopt resolution 2020-10 as presented. Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Zwick (by phone), Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien, Miss. Hibbard and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED


PARK & RECREATION: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Ms. Perrien to authorize the purchase of the playground equipment and repairs for Gumaer Parks playscape areas at the cost of \$3,414.82 from Gumaer Funds. Roll call: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Zwick (by phone), Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

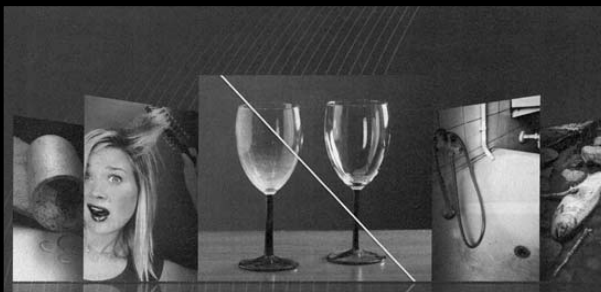
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Grief

by **LeeAnna Woods**
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The grieving process is going to be different for every individual person. This also includes the amount of difficulty they have getting through it.

When something happens that creates grief for a person, they go through a process of healing stages. These stages are the steps of recovering from the pain they've endured and takes them through a tough journey to become balanced again.

A loss of a loved one, pet, relationship, or anything that creates an empty space in the person's life can create grief for a person. It's not the same for everyone either. One person may not be affected by a situation at all, where another may fall completely apart.

No matter what causes the grief, there's a recovery process that the body and mind go through both emotionally and physically. Everyone goes through the process in one way or another. Again, they might not go through the grieving process the same way or in the same order but everyone still goes through the stages.

It typically begins with a sensation of disbelief or a numbness that misleads the body so the enteral shock doesn't wreak havoc within the organs of the body.

Then there's a fear, emptiness or loss feeling, that can turn

into a surge of anger. This anger can be towards the person who is believed to be the cause of the pain or loss, right down to being angry at themselves for allowing the circumstances to happen. For some it's not being strong enough to change what happened or maybe it's one of the many other reason's people can come up with. Some are angry thinking to themselves, "why did this happen to me!". Either way, people will handle every stage differently.

Some people skip right to the loneliness stage. This is when the person begins to feel like they're completely alone, even if there's others around them. They can't help the feeling but they truly feel isolated from everything and everyone.

Some experience the caged animal feeling... this is where the person doesn't want to be where they're at. As if they need to leave and get out before they self-combust. Yet, when they do, they don't have any idea where they want to go because they ultimately didn't want to leave their original spot, so the next thing they're doing, is going right back to the place they've just left. This stage can leave a person thinking they're going insane but they're not. It's just another step through the process of grief.

The only good thing about the grieving process is, all of these stages are perfectly normal and everyone has or will go through at some point in their lifetime in one form or another.

The grieving process can cause people to go into depression, have anxiety, and a ton of other issues which can actually lead to serious health problems for some.

There are many different stages of grief and not all of them are ones that people go through. Another form of grief is having guilt. It's where the person truly feels guilty for feeling or not feeling the way they think they should. Even this is a normal stage when going through grief but the person still has that heaviness of remorse.

Getting through the stages of grief are difficult and rough but it does help a little to know that all of these different feelings, that are being experienced, are completely normal.

They'll come and go as if it's a roller coaster ride with the ups and downs being the good moments and bad. As time passes, those moments can turn into good days and bad days but everything takes time. Especially healing, which is what the grieving process does for us.

Never assume that it should take a specific length of time and it'll be over because there's no accuracy on a timeline for grief. Grief does not recognize time at all. There are no set rules for this process nor anyway of skipping past it. When it comes, it's like a title wave of emotions hitting so hard you have no idea what Direction you're facing nor if you are up or down.

Try to just take it slow and steady, one moment at a time and day by day, until you start to feel the solid ground beneath your feet again.

Some people find it helpful to have a supportive group of people who can be there for them when needed. Others are more comfortable with going to a counselor or therapist. Where others find working through it on their own time through different activities like meditation, yoga, Reiki and such, helps them most.

No matter how the person gets through it as long as they do something to help themselves, they'll be alright.

So, be caring for anyone who crosses your path. They just might be going through some type of grieving process that you don't know about.

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Keep an Eye Out for Ticks

submitted by Leslie Kinnee
Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- It's summertime in Michigan, which means more and more people are outside enjoying our beautiful State. The more time we spend outside, the more likely it is that we'll come into contact with ticks.
The Mid-Michigan District Health Department is reminding residents that while ticks are tiny, they can pack quite a punch, especially the blacklegged/deer tick, which can transmit Lyme disease.
Symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, chills, headache, muscle and joint pain, and a bull's-eye rash at the site of the bite. If not properly diagnosed and left untreated, infection can spread to the joints, the heart and the nervous system.
The best defense against Lyme disease is prevention. If possible, avoid shady, moist areas in wooded and grassy locations, as these are the preferred hiding spots for ticks. If you do need to venture into these areas, walk on well groomed trails and avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaves.
Other prevention tips include:
•Apply repellent containing DEET or Picaridin to exposed skin, following manufacturer's instructions.
•Spray clothes with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact.
•Wear enclosed shoes, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt.
•Tuck pants into socks or boots.
•Use tick prevention products on your pets

After returning from potentially tick-infested areas, check yourself and your pets for ticks and shower immediately to wash off and find ticks that may be on you. Ticks can attach to any part of the body, but are commonly found in the hairline, ears, waistline, groin, armpits and sock line.
If you find a tick attached to your skin remove it promptly to decrease the chance of infection. Using fine-tipped tweezers, grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Slowly and gently pull upward with steady, even pressure. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the area and your hands with soap and water and apply an antiseptic to the bite wound.
If you experience a fever, rash, or muscle or joint aches within several weeks of removing a tick, be sure to see your doctor. Patients treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover quickly.
If you find a tick and would like to know what kind it is, visit Michigan.gov/lyme, where you can view photos of ticks commonly found in Michigan. Expert tick identification is available free of charge for Michigan residents through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). You can either email a picture of the tick to MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov, or you can mail the tick to the MDHHS for identification. Free tick submission kits are available from your local health department.



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Obituaries

Howard Carl "Dick" Andersen II

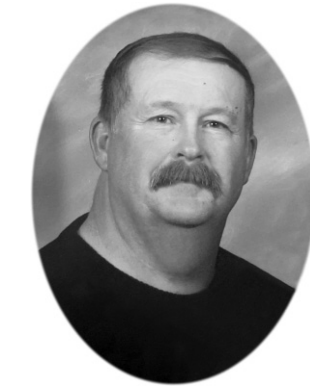
Howard Carl "Dick" Andersen II, age 73, of Ashley, MI passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at his home.

Howard was born in Carson City, MI on July 17, 1947, the son of Howard and Rosemary (Howell) Andersen. He graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1965. He served his country in Vietnam in the US Army. On November 9, 1968 Dick married Laurel Schulz in Chesaning, MI.

Dick worked and retired from Motor Wheel in Lansing, MI. He also loved to farm and he enjoyed milking his cows and repairing tractors. Dick was at Hofferbert's for the morning coffee club and sharing information on the community. He enjoyed deer hunting and hated the woodchucks on his farm. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church Chesaning, MI, and the Ithaca VFW Post #7805.

He is survived by his wife Laurel Andersen, of Ashley, MI; 2 sons: Jeffery and Regina Andersen of Bannister, MI; Todd and Meghan Andersen of Stanwood, MI; 1 daughter Amy and David Arnsby of Greenville, MI; 9 grandsons & 4 granddaughters; 1 great granddaughter; and 5 sisters and 1 brother. He was pre-deceased by his parents, and 1 brother.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 11:00 A.M., with Mr. Thomas Bradley officiating. The Funeral Service and Burial will be streamed live on the funeral homes Facebook page. Burial will take place at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 24, 2020 from 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.



Memorials may be made to Ithaca VFW Post #7805, 1011 E. North Street, Ithaca, MI 48847. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

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United Way Releases More Than \$180,000 in Grants to Shiawassee County Nonprofits

submitted by Jamie-Lee Venable

Flint - United Way of Genesee County (UWGC), serving Genesee and Shiawassee Counties, is at the forefront of uniting people, developing resources and creating solutions to build a better community. Today, the UWGC is announcing more than \$180,000 in grants to Shiawassee County nonprofits making significant impact throughout the community. These funds were raised through the UWGC annual Workplace Campaign, Coronavirus Disaster donations and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In an effort to improve lives in Shiawassee County, UWGC invests workplace donor gifts in exceptional programs that make measurable progress in its priority areas of Education and Basic Needs. Through an open and competitive process, grants are awarded by a volunteer Community Impact Cabinet chaired by Jeff Apsey, MI AFSCME Council 25 and UWGC board member.

Nine organizations received \$55,000 through the Community Impact Fund: •American Red Cross - Disaster Cycle Services •Catholic Charities – Hunger Network and Community Closet •Relief After Violent Encounter (SafeCenter) - Emergency & Comprehensive Intervention Strategies •Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee - Volunteer Program •Shiawassee Family YMCA - There's a Y in Every Family •Shiawassee RESD - Great Start Preschool Investment Foundation •The ARC of Shiawassee County - Connections Teen and Adult Program and Summer Day Care •Voices for Children - Prevention Program

"United Way-supported services are needed locally, and we are investing in every corner of Shiawassee County. We are grateful to our labor community, business leaders, and individuals from Shiawassee County who invest their time, talent, and hard-earned funds into the United Way," said Apsey.

In an effort to further support the basic needs of the community exacerbated by the Coronavirus pandemic, on March 25 the UWGC launched the Covid-19 Relief fund. Thanks to the generous support from many companies -like Meijer, Huntington National Bank, Cargill, and Cook Family Foundation – and individual donors the UWGC raised nearly \$60,000 to aid the community, taking no administration fees.

These funds were released to the Shiawassee Emergency Operation Center and to the Community Impact Cabinet for distribution.

Thirteen organizations received \$60,768 through the Covid-19 Relief Fund: •American Red Cross – PPE •Capital Area Community Services – Resident utility/rental support •Catholic Charities – Emergency sheltering and PPE •Direct resident assistance – Emergency food •Greater Lansing Food Bank – Mobile distributions and pantry support •Homeless Angels – Shelter cleaning support •Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee – PPE •Relief After Violent Encounter (SafeCenter) – Emergency sheltering and PPE •Salvation Army – Emergency sheltering •Shiawassee County on Aging – Emergency food deliveries •Shiawassee Family YMCA - PPE •Shiawassee RESD – PPE •The Arc of Shiawassee County – Basic needs support •Voices for Children – PPE

"I am a believer that partnerships can transform the way in which we respond and the outcomes collectively can have a positive impact on our communities. The United Way brought a depth of knowledge and expertise and became part of our team allowing a 'tag team' approach to assist with navigation and problem solving during our communities response to COVID-19," said, Jodi DeFrenn, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Shiawassee County Health Department.

The UWGC is responsible for administering FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) for Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. For the 2020 program year the UWGC received \$28,542 in traditional EFSP funds to distribute in Shiawassee as well as an additional \$40,519 from the CARES Act. Through an open and competitive process, grants are awarded by a volunteer EFSP cabinet and monitored by FEMA.

Four Organizations received \$69,061 through the EFSP: •Catholic Charities – Emergency food •Looking Glass Community Services – Emergency food and shelter •Relief After Violent Encounter (SafeCenter) - Emergency shelter •Salvation Army – Emergency food

"In 2020, our third year in Shiawassee County, we are pleased to continue to increase our local investments to the county," said James Gaskin, United Way CEO. "By focusing on improving outcomes in education and basic needs across the county, we are able to make a big impact in areas that are important to the local community. Every Shiawassee County dollar donated to the United Way is returned to Shiawassee County through investments in high-quality programs through the United Way and our partners."

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Here we go again, just spent two hours in the garden. I am grateful that I managed to get a great deal of rototilling done. I even pulled a wheelbarrow full of weeds and found a half dozen tomato worms which will become fodder for Diane's chickens. Then it became time to fix breakfast which was a feast of rice, sausage, cheese and ground beef that was packed into a twelve inch piece of zucchini. I just had to throw it into the oven to warm up.....it was fabulous!!! It started to rain and hopefully will stop before it makes me stop work in the garden.

Of course it has been another busy week. My birthday was Saturday and my children put together an extremely enjoyable family function. Because I had to be at the Farmer's Market on Saturday morning my kids gave me a party Friday evening. It was delightful, Diane fixed New York Strip steaks on the grill, first she marinated overnight in a Hawaiian Jerk. The steaks were incredibly yummy. They were tender and tasty; she also made cheesy biscuits, baked potatoes with sour cream and sharp cheddar and a cucumber and onion salad fresh from my garden. I then zipped home to put the yeast bread into the oven; after it was baked I went back for dessert. Which was a confetti angel food cake filled with pistachio pudding chunks of pineapple and slivered almonds and served with ice cream. And yes, there were several very nifty gifts.....though Diane scolded me because I had asked for gardening and lawn products.....so she added a couple of beautiful tops so that I would pamper myself a bit. Daughters and sons are wonderful gifts that do have differing views as to how things should be addressed.....especially those who are burdened with the 'crazy lady' who is Mom.

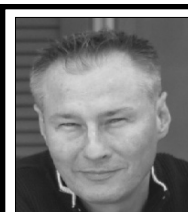
Saturday morning Ryan stopped at the market to wish me Happy Birthday and to bring me a cup of coffee. We had an insightful visit and it seemed to set the tone of the day. Ryan's siblings also contacted me on my birthday.....life is phenomenal!!! Similarly Judy from my high school days stopped by and we had a wonderful visit. I had the opportunity to visit with four of my readers and all of our conversations were interesting and perceptive. I enjoyed myself thoroughly.

I went back into the garden for another hour and a half workout. Why is it that weeds grow much much faster than my garden plants? The tear in the garden has been horrible and is equally hard to pull out its roots. The way it throttles other plants is deplorable!!! Zach has been helping by picking up the weeds and tossing them into the wheelbarrow to be dumped on the burn pile. To him helping Grandma is fun and is getting dirty and using the wheelbarrow... all manly things to do.

Zach also had another inspiring experience this week. Cousin Bill came to the homestead to combine the wheat field. Young Zach was totally enthralled with all the commotion.....first the combine appears then a pickup appears pulling the head for the combine. The hook up was flawless and the field was entered. I mean we are talking John Deere green on the go.....Zach was beside himself with excitement. He watched the progress through his binoculars (which I had to keep resetting) and was thrilled with the bin on the combine being filled with the kernels of wheat. Of course this was outdone by the filling of the semitrailer that sat on the edge of the road. This little city boy is coming to be John Deere green.

May your lives be filled with God's many blessings, please use your common sense and enjoy life. Bless you. And if you are country enjoy the John Deere Green.

Crystal Mitchell©2020



Religious Thoughts

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

“Seven”

“Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? (1 Corinthians 9:1).”

“All of a sudden a shot rang out...and someone screamed. I saw him slumped forward in his seat.” An eyewitness is invaluable for proof, especially when that eyewitness is part of an historic murder. On February 9, 1956, Samuel Seymour was 96 years old when he appeared on the television show, “I’ve Got A Secret.” He was just such a witness.

Five-year-old Seymour went to the theater in Washington, D.C. on April 14th and saw Abraham Lincoln murdered by John Wilkes Booth. The last surviving eyewitness to this tragedy, he sat in the balcony across from the Presidential Box and saw Lincoln arrive, waving and smiling.

After the shot rang out, he was confused by all the commotion and concerned about Booth who tumbled “over the balcony rail and landed on the stage.” What luck to be there to see history, albeit horrible, but...imagine if...Lincoln came back to life and spoke to Seymour! Would you still believe his story or think he’s a liar?

Saul of Tarsus, also known as Paul the Apostle, did just that when he met and talked with a murdered Jew from Nazareth (Acts 9). Paul was an expert teacher on Judaism, and before this remarkable encounter, he imprisoned Jews and murdered them for saying Jesus was alive and their Messiah. Consider how Paul’s encounter with a dead man transformed his life’s direction, and if you’d do this for a lie:

- He lost everything, endured hardships, ridicule, beatings, stoning, and imprisonments.
- He told everyone he met, and traveled everywhere to do so, even getting shipwrecked.
- He was so convincing that thousands gave up their lives (literally) on his testimony.
- He started churches that made Christianity a worldwide force that affected billions.
- He wrote most of the New Testament so we could scrutinize his claims about Jesus.
- He gave his head to a Roman executioner for what he believed to be unequivocally true.

He lost everything on purpose; only a genuine “dead” Jesus encounter warrants that radical a change. Mr. Seymour died two months after his television appearance, but if he had claimed to see Lincoln alive, several months later, and knew it was a lie, when threatened with death to tell the truth, he’d have recanted. A man will die for a cause he believes in, but nobody would die for what they knew was a lie. Paul gladly died for it.

I was born in 1961 so I rely on these eyewitnesses, the former can be seen on YouTube, but Paul’s account must be read in the New Testament. Both accounts are considered to be historically sound as primary sources. If you take the time to read Paul’s letters and decide he’s a liar, then you’ve wasted a few days. But if you don’t, and he’s truthful, then Paul’s seven words will cost you everything, forever. Why not check out what he said he saw. Seven could be your lucky number, and you know what rhymes with seven?

Impressed by Sarah Huyser

Letter to the Editor

"I have always been impressed by Sarah Huyser. Sarah is fair, smart, strong, professional, works hard and takes her job as a prosecutor seriously. Sarah has everything important and necessary for a prosecutor. As a Dewitt resident, an actively practicing Clinton County attorney for 14 years, a mother of two small children I am raising in this community and a woman, I absolutely and proudly support Sarah Huyser for Clinton County Prosecutor. - Erika Hayes"



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Bumper Crop of Zucchini

If you happened to plant zucchini in your garden this summer you are probably experiencing a bumper crop due to 90 plus degree days and some timely rain showers. The question of the day quickly becomes what to do with the daily harvest of this very nutritious vegetable. Many options are available whether serving daily in meals or putting away for the winter.



Many readers know the healthy benefits of protein from wild game but consider adding zucchini to the plate for vitamin C and A, along with potassium, folate, and fiber. The two paired together are an excellent choice for those trying to reduce cholesterol and lower blood pressure.

Not to mention the dark green or golden yellow skin contrasts nicely when plated next to protein.

Zucchini grows extremely fast and you often have varying sizes even with daily pickings. For small cigar sized fruit try dicing or slicing for pheasant stir fry or pan fried fish. Medium sized are best for either spiralizing into noodles and served some kind of alfredo venison meatballs or peeling into long thin strips for fajitas. If duck is your favorite try tournedos by wrapping those peelings around duck breasts and adding some herbs and mushrooms for a nice snack sized offering. For very large zucchini many people often think of shredding for bread but the possibilities are endless. Mix shredded zucchini in meatballs in place of breadcrumbs or crushed crackers or make baked zucchini boats by adding ground wild game, mozzarella cheese, and other items of your liking.

If you just have too much then fill the freezer with shreds and or spiralized zucchini noodles. Remember that zucchini is loaded with water so add salt and wrap with cheese cloth and let it sit for hours. Squeeze the cheesecloth and the water will run out and then place zucchini in plastic storage bags and store in the freezer. Don't let your zucchini go to waste!

-WS

Vote for Sarah Huyser

Letter to the Editor:

Dear residents of Clinton County,

As a defense attorney of 23 years and a life long resident of this community I feel I am uniquely qualified to judge prosecutors. Sarah Huyser has been the prosecutor for many of my cases as a defense lawyer. From my experience with her, I respect her work ethic, trial experience, background and disposition. She will make an excellent prosecutor for this community.

As a parent in this community, I want a prosecutor who is tough and will keep our community safe. As a defense lawyer, I want a prosecutor that will be fair and listens to the side of my client. And as a parent and a defense lawyer, I want a prosecutor who will hold the police accountable if they violate the rights our citizens. In dealing with and talking at length with Sarah, I know she is able to strike this necessary balance and this is why I support her.

Sincerely,
Ed Jackson



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And for the purpose of electing the following:
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Also to vote on the following proposals:
COUNTY:
• CLINTON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM – Millage Proposal for renewal of not to exceed .6996 mill for 4 years, 2021 to 2024 to provide funds for public transportation authority
TOWNSHIPS:
• BATH CHARTER TOWNSHIP – Police and Fire Protection Millage Renewal 3 mills for 2 years, 2020 to 2021
• BINGHAM TOWNSHIP – Road Millage Renewal Proposal for maintenance and/or improvement of roads and construction of bridges not to exceed 1 mill for 4 years, 2020 to 2023
• DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP
➢ Millage Renewal Proposal for Emergency Services up to 1.5 mills for 4 years, 2021 to 2024
➢ Millage Increase Proposal for Road Improvement, Repair and Maintenance up to 1.25 mills for 4 years, 2021 to 2024
• GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP – Road Improvement Millage Proposal up to 1 mill for 4 years, 2020 to 2023 for improving, maintaining and repairing roads
• RILEY TOWNSHIP – Roads and Bridges Millage Renewal Proposal for 0.9944 mill for 4 years, 2020 to 2023
• VICTOR TOWNSHIP – Roads Improvement, Repair and Maintenance Millage Renewal up to 1.5 mills for 4 years, 2021 to 2024
CITIES:
• CITY OF OVID – Emergency Services Millage not to exceed 2.25 mills for 3 years, 2021 to 2023 to provide funds for emergency services
SCHOOLS:
• CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL AREA SCHOOLS – Operating Millage Renewal Proposal exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law 18 mills for 5 years
• FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – General obligation unlimited tax bond proposal for building and site purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$17,005,000
• FULTON SCHOOLS
➢ General obligation unlimited tax bond proposal for building and site purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$9,460,000
➢ General obligation unlimited tax bond proposal for building and site purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$10,230,000
• LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal .9939 mill for 5 years

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained by contacting your township/city clerk or county clerk. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact their local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting your local clerk in advance of the election. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact their local clerk's office.

This Notice is given by authority of the County Clerk of Clinton County, Michigan

Diane Zuker
Clinton County Clerk
989-224-5140

Rep. Filler Supports Plan to Offer Local Schools More Options When Learning Resumes

submitted by Christina Guenthner
State Rep. Graham Filler today helped the Michigan House approve a plan to ensure the safety of Michigan students as learning resumes in the fall.

The House-Senate Return to Learn plan empowers local school districts and health departments to work together to develop health and safety standards that are best for their unique areas.

“Our local schools need to have the flexibility to make the decisions that are best for families in their communities,” said Filler, of DeWitt. “That’s what this plan will deliver.”

Filler believes schools should have the option to begin instruction as quickly and safely as possible. Under the plan, school districts could start whenever is best for them without obtaining a waiver to bypass Michigan’s Labor Day start requirement.

The Return to Learn plan also:
Redefines the word “attendance” to mean “engaged in instruction” rather than “physically present,” allowing schools to be innovative and give students the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.

Limits the use of snow days to encourage the use of remote instruction when in-person instruction is unsafe or unsuitable. Moving forward, schools would be granted just two forgiven days of instruction per year.

Utilizes benchmark assessments to provide detailed information to parents and teachers about where a student needs additional help, ensuring kids do not fall behind in the wake of the public health crisis.

Requires school districts to work with local health departments to establish safety requirements for extracurricular activities and sports in addition to regular school safety measures.

“Regardless of whether class is held online or in person, we must make sure our schools have the tools they need to deliver a quality education for students,” Filler said. “This plan empowers parents and teachers with flexible learning options to keep kids safe.”

The plan now moves to the Senate for further consideration.



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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

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DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Duplain Township Emergency Services Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Duplain Township of 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) which expires in 2020, be reduced and renewed at up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing emergency services in Duplain Township, raising up to an estimated \$99,681.98 in 2021.

Duplain Township

Millage Increase Proposal Road Improvement, Repair, and Maintenance Shall Duplain Township impose an increase of up to 1.25 mills (\$1.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, subject to the required millage rollbacks, and levy it for four (4) years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, to improve, repair, and maintain roads within Duplain Township, raising up to an estimated \$83,068.21 in 2021.

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Greenbush Township Road Improvement Millage Proposal Shall Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan, impose an increase of up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for improving, maintaining, and repairing secondary roads and gravel roads within Greenbush Township, raising an estimated \$84,420.00 in 2020?

VICTOR TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Proposal for Renewal of Millage for Road Improvement, Repair and Maintenance

Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Victor Township of 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per each \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4939 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2021 through 2024 inclusive, for funding and defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of township road improvement, repair and maintenance, thereby raising an estimated \$212,214.79 in the first year?

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

Sinking Fund Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2020 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of .9939 mill (\$0.9939 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Laingsburg Community Schools, Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2021 to 2025, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2021 is approximately \$220,363 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy)?

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Victor Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the electronic voting system to be used in the August 04, 2020 State Primary Election on July 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at 6843 E. Alward Road Laingsburg, MI 48848. This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094. Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e



VOTE

TIM GILL

Republican

for

DRAIN COMMISSIONER



About The Candidate

- Married with two college-age children
- Resident of Clinton County for 40 years
- Certified by DEQ as Stormwater Management Operator and Soil Erosion/Sediment Control Inspector
- Served over 28 Years with the Michigan State Police -18 years as a Command Officer
- Proven Leader with Experience Managing Large Projects, Resources, Budgets, and Federal Grants

As Your Commissioner I Will:

- Ensure ALL Drain Projects are: **Necessary - Cost Effective - Reliable**
- Exercise Fiscal Responsibility
- Seek Input for Property Owners
- Ensure Fair and Transparent Processes
- Be Farmer and Property Owner Friendly!



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Paid for by CTE Tim Gill Drain Commissioner P.O. Box 226 DeWitt, MI 48820 Phone (989) 272-9530

VOTE

August 4th





PATRICIA HIBBARD

Ovid Twp Trustee

Paid for by Committee to Elect Patricia Hibbard, 6776 Wildcat Road, Ovid, MI 48866

VOTE AUGUST 4

Candidate Profiles Election 2020

Pat Hibbard ... Candidate for Ovid Twp. Trustee

Patricia Hibbard has announced her candidacy for Trustee of Ovid Township.

Pat, 66, is retired from the State of Michigan. She is married to Lee Hibbard and the couple has two daughters, Heather (Brent) Stinson and Holly Hibbard.

Says Mrs. Hibbard, "My background in working for state government monitoring several federal, state and local funding sources has given me a good foundation for serving as Trustee for Ovid Township. In addition to being familiar with funding sources and expenditures, I took on several leadership positions throughout my career and also volunteered as a Brownie leader, Secretary and President of O-E Stingrays, and various positions in TOPS (Taking Pounds off Sensibly).

"I have the ability to analyze situations as it pertains to various laws and guidelines. I have experience as a trainer in such courses as Resolving Conflict in the Work Place, Sexual Harassment Training, among other courses pertaining to situations that arise that cause stress in the workplace."

Pat was asked what are the biggest issues facing Ovid Twp. voters in the upcoming election. She replied, "Our greatest challenge we face in the coming years will be the lack of funds. With the pandemic several people may find themselves unable to pay taxes on time, which means we will learn to rethink what we purchase and how we spend the funds we do receive.

"We may also have the task of tracking those funds and be sure they are used for the intention they are giving (federal guidelines for instance). We will need to really look at what is a 'need' and what is a 'want' and the need to balance those to continue to keep our community the wonderful place it is to live and raise our families."



Mary Galilei ... Candidate for Woodhull Twp. Treasurer

Mary (Maggie) Galilei has announced her candidacy for Woodhull Township Treasurer.

The divorced mother of two grown children also has four grandchildren. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an Associate Degree as a Legal Assistant, Paralegal Program. Her financial background includes working as an Insurance Claim Specialist and Legal Litigation for 30 years, and as a

Head Cashier for a major corporation for 10 years

She has served as Deputy Clerk and Park Treasurer for Woodhull Township.

Says Maggie, "This election will be unlike any in the past due to COVID-19, however, all clerks are prepared for this situation. The mailing of absentee applications have exceeded any past year so many of our voters will not be coming to the actual polls like they have been.

"COVID-19 will affect our Townships revenue next year and the effects will be seen in our budget.

"I am passionate about our community and want to do my part to keep Woodhull thriving. My background and experience will provide the confidence in my ability to serve our community by running a transparent, efficient, honest, open office and recognizing legal matters that could impact out township. I will work very hard for all the residents in Woodhull Township with the safekeeping of funds and accounts and township's agent for collecting taxes.

"I thank you for your support -- please vote in Primary August 4. Your vote does count!

"I will give you change that makes cents."



Jennings West ... Candidate for Ovid Twp. Trustee

Jennings West, 77, is seeking reelection as an Ovid Township Trustee.

Jennings and his wife, Rita (Besko), are retired grandparents. He has 2 1/2 years of college education, is a former police officer, and a former owner/operator with a trucking company.

He has served as an Ovid Twp. trustee the past four years, and also has experience as the secretary of the Ovid-Middlebury Emergency Service Authority (OMESA) board under his belt.

Says Jennings, "Election of officers within the county and state, and the Presidential election, are the biggest issues facing voters in the upcoming election. So far, we have been able to maintain roads with the current state share of funding. We are the only township in Clinton County without a road millage at the current time.

"Containment of COVID-19 is also a major issue.

Jennings continues, "I enjoy working for and with the residents of Ovid Township. (A major accomplishment is) the Fire Station is to be paid off in 2022."



Sarah Huyser ... Candidate for Clinton Co. Prosecuting Attorney

Sarah Huyser, age 39, has announced her candidacy for Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney. Sarah is the current Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the county.

The married mother of two has sons ages 7 and 2. She holds a bachelors degree from Albion College, and her juris doctorate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Sarah has 11 years of prosecutorial experience, and has tried cases in District, Circuit and Probate courts.

When asked the biggest issues facing voters in the upcoming election, she says, "The ability to know all candidates and the real experience they have (is key). Understanding the candidate's position and what they offer is much harder when there are less opportunities to interact. It is important for a prosecutor to have experience as a prosecutor and in trial.

Sarah continues, "Please visit my website as www.electsarahhuyser.com, my Facebook page at Sarah Huyser for Clinton County Prosecutor, email me at electsarahhuyser@gmail.com or call me at (517) 490-2799 (to learn more)."



Arlene Pesik ... Candidate for Ovid Twp. Trustee

Arlene Pesik is asking for Ovid Township voters to return her to the Twp. Board as a trustee.

Arlene, 70, and her husband of 49 years, John Pesik, have a son Bruce (Katherine) Pesik and two grandchildren. She is a retired GM employee (34 years service), a graduate of Ovid-Elsie HS and attended classes at Lansing Community College.

Says Arlene, "I've been an Ovid Twp. trustee the past four years, I attend all Twp. and OMESA meetings, and I also attend all County and Road Commission meetings. We need to stay informed on county issues and our roads.

"We need to keep our township moving forward," she continues, "The Township Hall is now paid for. We have a great Fire and Rescue Team, plus a new Fire Hall that will be paid for in 2022. Our ambulance service is with Clinton Area Ambulance, with the township a voting partner."

Arlene explains, "The Township Board is accessible at any time. Residents deserve communication and detailed information on all issues. Being a lifelong resident, I'm committed to our community and being fiscally responsible.

"Come to the meetings, but if you can't attend, you're welcome to call me anytime at 989-834-5989. I appreciate your vote to be reelected as your Ovid Twp. Trustee on August 4."



Spagnuolo ... Candidate for Clinton County Prosecutor

Anthony (Tony) Spagnuolo has announced his candidacy for Prosecutor of Clinton County.

Tony, 58 has been married to wife Margaret for 32 years.

He has degrees in Assoc. Law Enforcement from LCC; a BA in Criminal Justice from MSU; and his Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Mr. Spagnuolo emphasizes he believes in fair and equal justice for all; transparency in the office; attention and empathy to victims; quality of life issues that effect Clinton County; and utilizing problem-solving courts which address mental health and drug and alcohol issues.

He says, "Working as a team with law enforcement, I want to protect all of us. We need empathy to victims, use specialty courts to rehabilitate and help.

He continues, "I am asking for your vote. I will bring fair and equal justice. I have a strong work ethic, with 31 years of management experience running my law office. People want a safe place to live and work, and they need a leader who has experience, empathy, and integrity which I have demonstrated over many years of practicing law. (We need to help) people with mental health and substance abuse issues.

"I am a working man's lawyer."



VOTE AUGUST 4

Candidate Profiles Election 2020

Phil Hanses ... Candidate for Clinton County Drain Commissioner

Phil Hanses, the incumbent, has again declared his candidacy for Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

Married for 25 years, Phil and his wife, Cindy, have two children ages 17 and 13. Phil is a 1981 Graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School, and earned an Associate Degree in Business from Lansing Community College in 1985.

He has worked at the Clinton County Drain Office for 35 years, the past 15 as Drain Commissioner, and says he has gained extensive knowledge of the county drainage network consisting of over 630 county drains totaling 1,075 miles in length.

Mr. Hanses sees the big issues facing the voters in the upcoming election as:

-- Cost control in today's economic climate – "Expenses for maintaining and improving county drains are assessed to drainage district property owners and municipalities. I have always been conscientious of the affects these assessments have on district taxpayers. These assessment decisions are even more important with the economic challenges many are facing today."

-- Maintenance of the existing county drain infrastructure – "It is important to focus on maintenance because costs are a fraction of those for major reconstruction and improvements," he says.

-- Experience of the candidates – "Voters have a clear choice between a candidate with a wealth of applicable knowledge and experience with all processes and procedures pertaining to drains and a candidate without such knowledge and experience," Phil explains.

"I will continue to be a working Drain Commissioner who is open and accessible to my constituents, not a figurehead officeholder. I have strong working relationships with local units of government, numerous other local and state agencies, and neighboring Drain Commissioners.

Mr. Hanses continues, "I am an Executive Board member of the MI Association of County Drain Commissioners, a member of the county Department of Public Works, the Parks and Green Space Commission, and the Greater Lansing Committee for Stormwater Management. I also serve as the county Remonumentation Grant Administrator and am a member of the Clinton County Assessors Association.

"I would value the opportunity to serve Clinton County as Drain Commissioner for another term."



Middlebury Twp. Supervisor Seeks Reelection

Mike Herendeen is seeking reelection as Middlebury Township Supervisor. He is an 8-year incumbent in the position.

Mike, 63, has been married for 29 years to wife Deanna; they have been Middlebury Township residents for 25 years. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is a 2001 MSU graduate who lives in Chicago with her husband and son.

While serving as a state trooper at the Flint and Detroit posts, Mike earned a bachelor's degree in business from Spring Arbor University in 1987 and a law degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1991. Following service in the U.S. Army, he served 27 years as a trooper and sergeant with the Michigan State Police before retiring in 2006 to accept an appointment as an administrative law judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, where he conducted hearings on special education appeals at school districts throughout the state.

Mike then worked seven years for Shiawassee County, first as an assistant prosecuting attorney and then as the county administrator. Now "semi-retired," he still maintains a law office in Owosso, in addition to his township duties and serving as chair of the Ovid-Middlebury Emergency Services Authority (OMESA).

Says Mike, "I became involved in township government in 2008, assisting then-Supervisor Tony Sinicropi with a number of township issues and legal matters. Tony subsequently appointed me as his deputy supervisor in 2010 (an unpaid position), and I was elected supervisor when Tony retired at the end of his second term in 2012. I was re-elected to a second term in 2016."

When asked what are the biggest issue facing voters in the upcoming election, Mr. Herendeen stated, "While there will always be challenges, especially during these tumultuous times, we are fortunate that steady management and leadership over the years has left Middlebury Township in good stead and free of major problems. Our roads, cemetery, and other services are in good shape, the township's finances are stable, and I am committed to maintaining our legacy of openness, accountability, and fiscal responsibility on behalf of township residents and taxpayers."



Tim Gill ... Candidate for Clinton County Drain Commissioner

Tim Gill, age 62, has announced his candidacy for Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

Mr. Gill is has been married to his wife, Beth, for 25 years. They have two children, both in college. Tim lives in Riley Township on a small farm and have been a resident of Clinton County for approximately 40 years.

He has training and certification by Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE also known as DEQ) as a Storm Water Operator and Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Inspector. He holds an Associate Degree from Lansing Community College, and is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School on Police Staff and Command (Law Enforcement Leadership and Management Program).

Tim is a former Michigan State Police Lieutenant. He served over 28 years with the Michigan State Police, of which 18 years were as a Command Officer. He supervised up to six teams/45 people providing public safety services in eight counties. He says, "I am a proven leader with extensive experience managing large projects, personnel, resources, budgets and federal grants. I have worked extensively with government officials from Clinton County and others throughout the Tri-County area."

When asked about the big issues facing voters in the upcoming election, Tim explained, "We need to maintain drains throughout the county over (600 miles of county drains) in a cost effective manner given the current employment/economic conditions facing Clinton County taxpayers resulting from the pandemic shutdown of our state. It is important to maintain the drains now to avoid higher expenses later; however, it is also important to consider the impact on our county residents and their ability to bear the costs of drain maintenance and upgrades.

He continues, "We must also ensure that new developments do not overload current drainage systems/watersheds and that upgrades to support new developments are funded by the developers - not by current taxpayers.

"Heavy rains over the past 1-2 years cause soil erosion and sediment to enter our streams, rivers, and lakes. Sediment and other pollutants can cause harm to fish and aquatic life. A thorough review of problem areas throughout the county must be undertaken and innovative solutions developed to minimize the potential damage of sediment into our waterways.

"It is important that Clinton County residents have a drain commission office that is responsive to their needs and inquiries. I will ensure that calls and questions are answered promptly and that every effort is made to implement cost-effective solutions."



Carl E. Chalker ... Candidate for Middlebury Township Supervisor

Carl E. Chalker has announced his candidacy for Middlebury Township Supervisor.

Carl and his wife have four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The 73-year-old graduate of Corunna HS has also had higher education classes at Lansing Community College and Baker College. A (journeyman) welder by trade, he is a two-tour veteran of Vietnam.

Mr. Chalker taught welding classes at Ovid-Elsie HS. He was the supervisor for Durand Forms and Maurell Products, and also owned T & B Fur Buyers, running his own business from home.

"The biggest issue facing Middlebury Twp. residents is they aren't being made aware of what the Township is doing," Carl says. "There needs to be a referendum of whether the Township needs a new Township Hall. The people should decide."

Candidate Questioner were sent out in June to all candidates in contested races for the Primary Election. The ones who responded are included in this edition of the paper.

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Wednesday July 29th, 2020 at 5:30 pm Public Accuracy Test

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 Primary Election from 7am to 8pm

Absentee ballots may be requested from Clerk Rose Brown
989-640-3279.

VOTE AUGUST 4

Clinton County Proposals

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CLINTON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Clinton Area Transit System Millage Proposal
Shall the Clinton Area Transit System (The Blue Bus), County of Clinton, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually an amount not to exceed .6996 mill (\$.6996 for each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which .1996 mill is a renewal of the millage rate that expires in 2020 and .50 mill is new additional millage, against all taxable property within the Clinton Area Transit System limits (the jurisdictional limits of Clinton County except for the area in the jurisdictional limits of the City of East Lansing) for a period of four (4) years, 2021 to 2024, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all public transportation authority purposes permitted by law, including all capital and operating expenses and providing transportation services to all individuals within the Clinton Area Transit System limits, including seniors and persons with disabilities. The estimate of the revenue the Clinton Area Transit System will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Clinton Area Transit System in the first year (2021) is approximately \$1,960,000.



Val Vail-Shirey... Candidate for Clinton County Commissioner District 7

Val Vail-Shirey, age 58, is running for Clinton County Commissioner in District 7. She and her husband have four children and 5 grandchildren. She earned her bachelors degree from Spring Arbor University.

Val is a small business owner and farmer. She is a former Bath Township Trustee and Supervisor, serves on a vast variety of boards and is currently the Legislative Director for the House of Representatives. When asked the

biggest issues facing voters, she replied, "Local and national elections have a vast difference between issues. COVID-19 is certainly foremost on everyone's mind, but locally voters are concerned with, 1. Local Services-Emergency Response, 2. Local Roads & Maintenance and 3. A Safe & Healthy Community."

"As your County Commissioner, I will listen to you and make sure your voice is heard. I understand it's more important than ever to feel safe in your community and to know that your voice has been heard," she said.



Adam Stacey ... Candidate for Clinton County Commissioner, District 7

Adam Stacey, age 45, is the incumbent and running again for District 7 Clinton County Commissioner which represents Victor Township.

The married father of three holds a Masters in Public Administration from Western Michigan University, and a Bachelors degree from Michigan State University. He has served as Chief of Staff for Michigan's 15th Senate District, and has 12 years of experience serving the taxpayers of Victor Twp.

Says Adam, "Our immediate priority is adapting county government to a post-pandemic environment where new resources are needed and new procedures need to be implemented.

"We have completed a comprehensive review of our operations and put together a blueprint to continue to be accessible to the public in a safer way. Our number one priority remains public safety. We will be implementing an upgrade to our 911 communications system with new resources backed by voter approval this spring in order to ensure that when you need emergency services, we are only a phone call or text message away to come to your aid.

"In 2016, we retired all building and pension debt for county government -- probably the only county in the state to accomplish that. No one will be a better steward of your tax dollars or will earn your trust more to represent you."



Shiawassee County Proposition Millage Renewal County Medical Care Facility (Pleasant View)

Shall the previously voted levy of up to 2 mills (2.00 on each \$1000 of taxable value) against all property in the County of Shiawassee, Michigan be renewed for 4 years beginning in 2020 through 2023 inclusively, to provide funds to assist in the operation of the Pleasant View Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility? The County estimates that it will collect \$3,651,624 in the first calendar year if this proposal is approved.

Proposals con't on Page 13

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that the Public Accuracy Test of the Electronic Tabulating Equipment of the Tuesday, August 4, 2020 Michigan Presidential Primary will be conducted on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Greenbush Township Hall located at 1883 E. French St. Johns MI. It is to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted on all candidates in accordance with MCL. 168.798. This is open to the public.

Greenbush Township Clerk
h: 989-224-6197 m: 517-930-4180
Ramona Smith
Greenbush Township Clerk

VOTE AUGUST 4

Frequently Asked Questions About Voting

Can I Vote a "Split" Ticket?

You cannot "split" your ticket (i.e., vote in more than one party column) when voting in the August primary. Voters participating in an August primary must confine their votes to a single party column.

November General Election

You can "split" your ticket when voting in the November general election. A voter participating in a November general election who wishes to cast a "split" ticket can vote for individual candidates of his or her choice under any party.

What Kind of Identification Do I Need to Show to Register to Vote?

If you hand-deliver your application, the staff person helping you will take your form and ask you to provide photo identification. If you do not have an acceptable form of photo identification, you will be asked to sign an Affidavit of Voter not in Possession of Picture Identification.

If you have never registered to vote in Michigan and choose to mail in your application, you will need to meet an identification requirement. This means you must:

Enter your driver's license number or personal identification card number where requested on the form, or

Send a copy of one of the following forms of identification with your application:

A photocopy of your driver's license or personal ID card, or

A photocopy of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank document or government document that lists both your name and your address.

OR if you are unable to fulfill this requirement at the time of registration, you may provide one of the above items at the polls on election day to complete the process.

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When is the Absent Voter Ballot Due?

After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.

Can I Wear Election-Related Clothing to the Polls?

Michigan has prohibited the practice of displaying election-related materials at the polls for decades. This includes clothing and buttons as well as materials such as pamphlets, fliers and stickers. You cannot display such items in the polling place or within 100 feet of an entrance to a polling place. If you go to the polls with a shirt or button bearing election-related images or slogans, you will be asked to cover or remove it.

What Hours are the Polls Open on Election Day?

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all elections.

Must I Vote the Entire Ballot?

You are not required to vote the entire ballot. You may pick and choose the races or ballot questions for which you want to vote. Skipping sections of the ballot does not invalidate your ballot.

County Proposals

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Gratiot County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Program Millage Proposal

For the sole purpose of providing funding necessary for creating, operating, maintaining and improving countywide parks, trails, and recreational programs within Gratiot County, including parks, trails, and recreational programs of Gratiot County and public parks and trails of townships, cities and villages within the County of Gratiot, shall the Constitutional limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, be increased by the same level authorized by the voters in 2004, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 0.3500 of one (1) mill (\$0.3500 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of eight (8) years, 2020 through 2027, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$ 516,733.26 for funding a countywide parks, trails and recreation program in Gratiot County in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. A portion of the millage may be disbursed to townships, cities, and villages within Gratiot County for funding countywide parks and trails as the County Board determines appropriate. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of St. Louis; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of Gratiot County, the Cities of Alma and St. Louis, the Village of Ashley, and the Township of Elba.

How Do I Determine Where I go to Vote?

The Michigan Voter Information Center can help you determine whether you are registered to vote, where you cast your ballot on Election Day and where your local clerk's office is located. If you are not registered, you can follow the step-by-step instructions to register. You may also learn about voting equipment in your precinct, the voter identification requirement, and what you need to know if you would like to work at the polls on Election Day.

Registered Michigan voters who have moved within 60 days of the election may still vote at their previous address if they did not register to vote at their new address by the close of registration for this election.

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Michigan Voters can cast absentee ballots beginning 45 days prior to Election Day. These ballots are tabulated on Election Day.



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New Specialty Pharmacy Program Offered at Memorial Healthcare

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare Outpatient Pharmacy-Owosso announces the launch of a new Specialty Pharmacy program to further enhance care for its patients with chronic and complex conditions such as cancer, hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis and others. The Specialty Pharmacy is different than traditional pharmacies. Our care team is comprised of clinical pharmacists, benefit coordinators, technicians, and patient care coordinators who are available to guide patients through their medication journey to ensure effective, safe, and timely administration of specialty medications and work as your financial advocate.

"The addition of the Specialty Pharmacy Program to our outpatient pharmacy services will further enhance our capability to provide a more comprehensive range of services within the Memorial Healthcare system. Patients being seen at our clinics can have their prescription needs filled at our outpatient pharmacy. Our patients have the choice of picking up their prescription at the pharmacy or having the prescription delivered to their doorstep. Our Specialty Pharmacy recently obtained ACHC accreditation. This accreditation certifies a more in-depth patient care program for our patients currently using high-cost and higher risk medications. We also investigate all possible financial assistance opportunities we can utilize to reduce the cost of those expensive specialty medications," said Mohamed Gotham, PharmD, MBA, Manager, Specialty & Outpatient Pharmacy Services.

As a Memorial Healthcare Specialty Pharmacy patient, our patients will have access to our specialized pharmacy services including:

- Provide clinical support for specialty medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Assist a patient's healthcare provider in creating a medication plan tailored to the patient's specific condition.
- Provide one-on-one counseling with our pharmacy team either in the office, over the phone, or both. In addition, our team will provide the patient with educational materials to ensure an understanding of the medications being taken.
- Assistance with a patient's insurance authorization process and enrollment in qualifying financial support programs.
- Refill reminders based on the patient's preferences.
- Free home delivery services and pick-up options that are convenient for the patient and their schedule.

The Specialty Pharmacy is accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC). This accreditation assures Memorial Healthcare's Specialty Pharmacy demonstrates compliance with national standards and is committed to meeting standards that facilitate a higher level of performance and patient care.

Our team at Memorial Healthcare Outpatient Pharmacy-Owosso is committed to providing patients with the highest quality Specialty Pharmacy services. If you have questions concerning our Specialty Pharmacy program, please call (989) 729-4781 or visit us at Memorial Healthcare Outpatient Pharmacy, 826 West King Street, Owosso, MI 48867.

Doctors, Druggists and Dentists Showcase

submitted by Judy Hubler

Who were our early health care providers? Where was the first hospital in Clinton County? The first brick and mortar building used for a hospital was located at 108 Spring Street in St. Johns. Built in 1881 as a personal residence for Dr. Andrew J. Wiggins, it was eventually used for his Wiggins Sanitarium where he treated people for kidney, bladder and nervous diseases. In 1911 it became the Hart Clinic, also known as St. Johns Hospital, owned and operated by Drs. Arthur O. and Eugene Hart. At a much earlier date Dr. Oliver C. Joslen cared for patients in his home, known as the Joslen Infirmary located on the corner of Ottawa and State Streets.



The decision to showcase the medical professions was made last year, but it seems like a very timely subject. If you have photos related to this exhibit that might enhance our display please share them with us. Although our exhibits naturally focus on the past, we sincerely salute those in the medical field who are on the front lines of the current pandemic.

The Clinton County Historical Museum at 106 S. Maple, St. Johns, is currently closed until further notice due to Covid. Please contact pgsmuseum@gmail.com or call 989.224.2874 if you have any material related to this exhibit and/or are interested in helping out. Thank you!!

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