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(L-R) Club President, Cindy Arthur, Executive Director of Lions of Michigan Foundation, Chad McCann, Ovid Lions Club representative, Mary Perrien, Laingsburg Lions members, Mike Danek, Terry Fraidenburg and Nick Holtman with his daughters. Photos by Deb Price

Lions Donate to Foundation

by Deb Price

The Laingsburg Lions Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 19th at the Scouts-Bates Park. It was a special meeting as

the club would be presenting a donation check, a member would be recognized for his membership and contribution to the club and a delicious steak dinner was served to members and their guests.

The evening started with social interaction followed by entertainment by some of the members of the Laingsburg Community Singers. The group enjoyed a variety of songs performed by the singers. After dinner, Lion Keith Townsend, was recognized for his 63 years of participation to the club by Lions of Michigan District 11C2 Governor, Kurt Stromlund.

The Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs hosted Kurt Stromlund is seated here with Keith their annual fund raising golf outing on Saturday, Townsend. August 8th. Each year funds are raised in support of the Lions of Michigan Foundation and Bear Lake Camp. The Executive Director of the Foundation, Chad McCann, was in attendance to accept a check for \$1,500. Bear Lake Camp will also receive a \$1,500 check at the next month-



(L-R) Members of the Community Singers: Jessica Bayer, Tania Tangney, Nila Lowrey, Steven Easterling, John Walsh and Larry Vogel. They were accompanied by pianist, Jeff Richards.

Elsie Lions Club Continuing to Serve

submitted by Richard Easlick

The Elsie Lions Club Members drove to Saginaw, to Prairie Farms Dairy, to pick up a pallet of Dairy Products, twice a month, to deliver to the Elsie Food Bank to be distributed in the community. The Dairy Products are donated through USDA.

The pictures include Lion Arden Densmore in the back of his pickup and the other is second and third from right are Lion Arden Densmore and Lion Dr. Robert Peterson, the other people are Elsie Food Bank volunteers.





Shiawassee Regional Chamber CEO Retires

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks
Owosso, Mich. – Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Jeff Deason announced his retirement from the organization at the August 13 SRCC Board of Directors meeting.

The Shiawassee region is losing a great leader. Jeff's are big shoes to fill. He's the face of the chamber, leading our small business community as a convener of diverse organizations and people, and being a behindthe-scenes but effective catalyst for much-needed change," says Heidi O'Dea, SRCC Board Chair. "We are all grateful for his leadership on large projects such as the Armory and community events such as Oktoberfest. He is known as a leader among his Michigan chamber colleagues and will be missed in every one of the many networks in which he's connected. We wish Jeff well as he moves on to the exciting next phase of his life.'

He has been with the chamber for seven years, comRegional Chamber of Commerce ing to SRCC from Indian Trails where he was national President and CEO sales director. During his tenure, Deason was awarded the Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals' 2018 Michigan Chamber Professional Award for his

Sue Kadlek was appointed

SRCC interim CEO

role as a chamber industry front runner in Michigan. He also conceived the idea for - and worked collaboratively to earn - a \$150,000 Prosperity Award from Consumers Energy Foundation in late 2019 to transform part of the now-closed Owosso Middle School into an artists' community when it is redeveloped.

His biggest accomplishment was overseeing the \$5.5 million renovation of the Owosso Armory into modern, high-quality, class-A office space. Since its opening in June 2018, it has been at nearly full capacity, hosted multiple Armory Market and other community

events, and fulfilled its mission of being the hub of community and business partnerships in the region. He and his team worked for five years, navigating miles of complicated funding programs to make downtown's newest gem a reality, according to O'Dea. His innovative fortitude resulted in a \$1.47 million grant from the Michigan Strategic Fund, a division of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, as well as a \$1.24 million Small Deal Fund that combined funds from federal Historic Tax Credits and New Market Tax Credits through the National Trust Community Investment Corporation the first such pairing in the nation as part of an NTCIC national main street initiative. Deason worked closely with Owosso Main Street and other key stakeholders to make this happen.

But it's not just a beautiful building along the river Deason is largely credited for, says O'Dea. He leaves behind a legacy of collaboration, respect, excellence and good humor.

"Through it all, my goal was to remain a positive influence among my peers, in the community and through every interaction I have had as I represented this organization," Deason shares.

Together, we have fulfilled many stretch goals as a board and staff. I could not be prouder of my team. They are not just coworkers, but friends and family I now leave behind to accomplish vital work. I will miss them greatly, but I know they are prepared and fully capable leaders who have only the best interest of the SRCC at heart.'

The board's executive committee has appointed Sue Kadlek, SRCC Vice President, as interim CEO while a search is conducted for a new leader. Kadlek has been at the chamber for 22 years.



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Social

Blood Drive

Duplain Church of Christ, 5565 E. Colony Rd., St. Johns will be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 12:00pm to 5:45pm.

For info or appointment, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code DUPLAINCOC) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

CITY OF OVID **SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 10, 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. Zwick (by phone), Ms. Perrien, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway and Mr. Lasher. ABSENT: Mr. Brown, Rich Simpson-DPW Superintendent,

EXOFFICIOS: Chief Goodrich-Police, Liza Kusnier- Treasurer and Josefina Medina-Clerk

VISITORS: Robert Florka

AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Ms. Perrien to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Miss Hibbard to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020 corrected. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Zwick (by Phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Williams to accept the check registry as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Zwick (by Phone), Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: Mr. ABSENT: Mr. Brown MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER: A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, second by Mr. Williams to roll the CD into the sewer savings (money market) at the time it expires. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: Mr. Zwick (by Phone). ABSENT: Mr. Brown.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, second by Mr. Williams to enter into an agreement with Energy Reduction Coalition and to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick (by Phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: Ms. Perrien. ABSENT: Mr. Brown. MOTION CARRIED

POLICE: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Ms. Perrien to approve to roll over the Chiefs remaining leave time at the time of his anniversary time. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Zwick (by Phone) and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Brown.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. a. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Ordiway to approve the request to give relief to the address 1390 Maple Ct. Lot 7 for the bills due June, July & August up to the average of 5 thousand gallons. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Zwick (by Phone), Mr. Williams, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Brown

MOTION CARRIED

b. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Zwick to deny the request due to it would set precedence for future request. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick (by Phone), Ms. Perrien, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 8:30 pm

Josefina Medina, Clerk City of Ovid



New Pastor at Shepherdsville UMC

submitted by Sandy Washburn

Shepherdsville United Methodist Church is pleased to announce our New Pastor JungDu Paik & his Wife, Rev YooJin Kim. Her churches are Onaway & Millersburg UMC.

Please come to our Sunday service at 11:00am 6990 E. Winfield Rd each Sunday & meet Pastor JD. Everyone is

Virtual Workshop Offered by **Tri-County Office on Aging**

submitted by Christine Histed

The workshop is free of charge but donations are accepted. To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-

Website for more info (can't register online): https://www.tcoa.org/classesevidence-based-programs/

1. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an interactive workshop designed to help family caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a family member or friend. This program will give YOU, the family caregiver, tools to: help reduce stress and guilt, communicate effectively, take care of yourself, and much more! This program is not intended for professional

Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop, Online using Zoom, Thursdays, September 10 – October 15, 2020 from 1:30 3:00 pm. Optional pre-workshop Zoom orientation Thursday, September 3 at 1:30 pm.

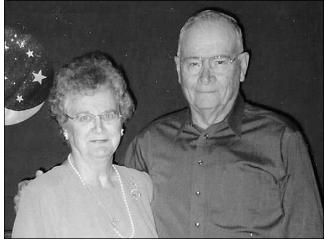


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Longs Celebrated 70 Years Gaylord and Shirley (Seelhoff) Long of Elsie celebrated

their 70th wedding anniversary on August 19th, 2020. They were married at the Salem Lutheran Church in Owosso on August 19th, 1950.

Gaylord spent a lifetime as a dedicated dairy farmer and Shirley as a devoted homemaker for the family. The couple spent their winter months in their retirement years in Zephyrhills, Florida.

The couple have four children, David (Sally), Dennis (Carloyn), Doug and Debra. They have 6 grandchildren, Mike (Val), Amy (Brad), Christi, Brad (Kerri), Travis (Sandy) and Heidi (Randy). They also have 12 great grandchildren, Cayleb, Dylan, Braxton, Nickolas, Ellyanna, Hunter, Owen, Oliver, Emmylou, Griffin, Mitchell, Grace, Myah and Ian. They celebrated with family at their home.

Concealed Pistol License Class

submitted by Norm Martin

The Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, is hosting concealed pistol license classes on Saturday, Saturday, August 29. Class hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished. N.R.A. Certified Instructors.

Class fee is \$100.00 (15% to support SCA).

Pre-register by calling Norman Martin at 989-834-5628 (home) or 989-277-1002 (cell).

VILLAGE OF ELSIE RESIDENTS: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 6:30PM. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 145 W. MAIN ST. THE PURPOSE WILL BE TO DISCUSS AN APPEAL AGAINST A ZON-ING VARIANCE GRANTED TO 321 N. SECOND ST. LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE.

Ordinance # 173

THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE WILL BE HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REGULAR 7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 6:45 PM. AT THE DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 145 W. MAIN ST. THE PURPOSE IS TO DISCUSS **Ordinance # 173**

Residential Rental Properties: Mandatory Inspection.

PLEASE NOTE WITH THE COVID -19 SITUATION, AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN RULES ON PUBLIC MEETINGS, MEETING LOCATIONS & STYLES COULD BE CHANGED. PLEASE KEEP WATCH ON WWW.ELSIE.ORG AND/OR THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE LOCATION OR HOW THE MEETING WILL BE HELD.

THANK YOU.

ANN TRIERWEILER, VILLAGE CLERK

Laingsburg DDA Receives Placemaking Mini-Grant

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg is among the among the communities in the Shiawassee County region who have been awarded \$2,000 each from the state's Placemaking Mini-Grant Program.

The program, funded with support from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, is intended to help localities implement small, impactful projects that encourage and contribute to a stronger sense of place.

The award to the city of Laingsburg's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has already paid for outdoor seating for eateries within its downtown.

Laingsburg Treasurer Paula Willoughby said by combining the grant award with a total of \$4,000 additional contributions from the city and DDA, it was possible to distribute 15 black wrought-iron tables with red umbrellas and stands, and 60 matching chairs to Tammy's Bakery, PDP's Pizzeria and Twilliger's Tavern. RoseVilla Retreat also received a table, umbrella and six chairs.

In addition, local Girl Scouts set up planters for placing throughout the downtown area, and Twilliger's Tavern got outdoor fencing, permitting the sports bar/restaurant to serve alcohol outdoors.

According to the nonprofit Project For Public Spaces, placemaking plays an important role in community and economic development

Volunteers Needed

Lainsgburg Area Food Bank is in need of volunteers. If you can donate 2 hours a month, please call Linda Culpepper at 517-285-0789.

OE Sports Booster Golf Outing

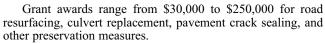
The 27th Annual OE Sports Booster Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, August 13th at The Emerald in St Johns. The cost is \$260 per four person team. If you can't be part of a foursome, donations are being accepted for raffle prizes, golfer prizes and hole sponsors(\$50). For more information Mike Loynes at (989)640-4298 or Felicia Gingrich at (517) 652-3662. Mark your calendars now and make plans to take part in this fund raising event.



City of Laingsburg Receives State Grant to Repair Roadways

LANSING — Four area municipalities were among 23 to win state grants through the Community Service Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) program for road projects.

Local communities set to receive road funding grants include the cf Laingsburg, Perry and Corunna.



"These grants will help communities across the state get their roads fixed right now," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said in a press release. "This funding will help meet some of our most critical infrastructure needs at the community level. While this should not be viewed as a solution to our statewide road funding crisis, it will serve as a critical measure of relief for these communities until we implement a real transportation funding solution."

In Laingsburg, projects include crack filling on North Iris Lane from West Street to the dead end, a paving overlay on Phelps Street from Grand River to 1st North, milling and overlay on 2nd North Street from Crum to the dead end, crack filling on West and North streets from Meridian to Grand River, milling and overlay on Sciota Street from High to Shiawassee, milling and overlay on Woodbury Road from Grand River to Doyle, overlay paving on Clinton Street from Grand River to the dead end, crack filling on McClintock Street from Laing to the dead end, and milling and overlay on Deerwood Lane from Woodbury to the dead end.

LIVE AUCTION

Saturday August 29th at 10:00 A.M.

Auction Location: 7556 N Mason Rd. Merrill , MI



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ArtWalk: Chalk It Up!

submitted by Megen Hurst

Hit the streets of downtown St. Johns on September 11th (5pm-8pm) to check out the annual sidewalk chalk contest hosted by the Clinton County Arts Council!

Local artists will transform the sidewalks of the downtown with bright and colorful chalk creations for this fun contest.

Live music, street performers, and food trucks! Vote for your favorite artist for a chance to win prizes!

This is an outdoor event with one-way sidewalks to help maintain social distancing, masks are required to enter businesses.

Artist registration is \$15, and includes a free event t-shirt! Sponsor and artist registration forms can be found at www.clintoncountyarts.org, and are due by August 28th.

Victor Township, Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from August 10, 2020 meeting

The electronic regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Warren Malkin at $7:05~\rm pm.$

Attendance: Roll call. Paula Willoughby, Mike Wall, Warren Malkin, Julie Townsend & Amanda Conklin Present

Agenda: Motion by Wall to approve agenda with additions. Supported by Willoughby. Roll Call Vote. Motion carried

Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2020 Board Meeting. Supported by Conklin. Roll call vote. Motion carried. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Conklin to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Wall. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

County Official: Commissioner Stacey attended and spoke, but was mostly inaudible

Approval of bills: Motion by Conklin to pay the July 2020 bills in the amount of \$27,129.24 using checks #27948-27927971 and e-checks #514-529. Voiding check 27947. Supported by Willoughby. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Motion by Conklin to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses for July 2020 in the amount of \$7847.79 using checks #12122-12132 and EFT 129. Voiding checks 12123 & 12130. Supported by Willoughby. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reports:

Victor Township Planning Commission: A draft the of master plan has been posted to victortwp.org

LSW: Minutes and reports were placed on file. A new firefighter has been hired for Station 3.

Maintenance: July 2020 Maintenance report placed on file. Motion by Wall to accept quote for tile cleaning. Supported by Willoughby. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Motion by Conklin to seal the tile after professional cleaning. Supported by Wall. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Items of Public Interest: Residents have requested clarification on UTV/ORV/ATV/RTV road use laws in Clinton Co. Malkin to invite Deputy Sherriff Chrenka to the September meeting to answer questions. Unfinished Business:

- 1. Ordinance 19.3: A DRAFT proposed Ordinance 19.4 that establishes Section 2 of 19.4, and Section 3 that repeals ordinance Nos. 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, and 11022016 and 12062016.
- 2. ISO: Motion by Willoughby to purchase 5 copies of the International Fire Code and post for adoption next month. Supported by Wall. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Motion by Wall to have the attorney draft auto aide agreements for Bath Township, City of Dewitt, Dewitt Township and Ovid Township. Supported by Townsend. Roll call vote. Motion passed. Motion by Willoughby to task LSW, Dave Dekorte and the attorney with drafting an improvement program to submit to ISO by September 2020. Supported by Conklin. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
- 3. Janitorial Custodial RFP is on the website and is due September 9, 2020.
- 4. Opening Township Hall Unchanged. The hall shall remain closed until the Governor removes group gathering restrictions.

New Business:

- 1. International Fire Code: See ISO under unfinished business.
- 2. Master Plan: Motion by Willoughby to begin 60-day review. Supported by Conklin. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
- Tabulator: Motion by Willoughby to purchase additional Hart ballot tabulator. Supported by Wall. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
- Bank Resolution: Motion by Willoughby to execute bank resolution to remove the former Deputy Clerk from the bank account. Supported by Wall Roll call vote. Motion carried

Extended Comment: Brochures from the Energy Reduction Coalition are available at the hall.

Motion by Malkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Supported by Wall. Roll call. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

bituaries

MDARD Launches Ag Disaster GIS Viewer for State's Farming Community

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING - Michigan's farming community is certainly no stranger to the challenges thrown at it by Mother Nature. Thankfully, there are several programs to help farmers weather

In order to help the state's farmers more easily identify if their county falls within a declared disaster area, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development launched a Geographic Information System (GIS) viewer providing a one-stop portal of data.

GIS allows MDARD to take different types of data sets and turn it into an easy to understand

"Extreme weather conditions such as drought, deep freezes or flooding impacts our farmers' ability to planting, harvest or tend to their crops, financial assistance programs can be a critical lifeline," said MDARD Director Gary McDowell. "We wanted to ensure that they could quickly and easily identify programs in their area. I am encouraging farmers to bookmark this viewer for future use."

Using data from resources like Michigan State University Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture, MDARD was able to use GIS software to develop a map with the resources available. The viewer will be constantly updated as new information and aid is iden-

For information regarding crop disaster resources, visit Michigan.gov/CropDisaster.

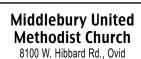






CHURCH DIRECTORY





989-834-2573

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Rev. Melanie Young

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street Pastor: Zella Daniel Sunday Worship 11:00am

Duplain Church of Christ

5565 E. Colony Rd. (3 mi. W. of O-E H.S.) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Senior Minister: Chuck Emmert Associate Minister: Andrew Goodrich

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Pastor Eric R. Stanton

Pastor Eric R. Stanton, 77 of Carland, MI, went home to be with Jesus on Wednesday, August 12, at Ashley Care Center. He was born February 25, 1943, in Melrose, Massachusetts, and spent most of his growing up years in the greater Boston area. One of his favorite pastimes was taking the MTA bus to watch Boston Red Sox games, developing a passion for baseball that would remain with him for the rest of his life.

Eric met the love of his life and his wife of 51 years. Roberta (Bobbie) Miller, while attending seminary at Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio. They were married at the Clark Presbyterian Church in rural Holmes County, Ohio, on September 7, 1968. Together, they raised four children: Deborah Peffer, Rebekah (Jens) Selvig, David Stanton, and Jonathan Stanton (Janet Lewis). In addition to his wife and children, he also is survived by his grandchildren: Levi Peffer; Jayde, Rayna, and Kyle Smith; and Jay, Adam, and Silas Selvig; two sisters: Arna Blum and Susan Coleman; and



many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank Stanton and Helen (Arnold) Stanton, and one brother, Lincoln Parker Stanton.

Eric began nearly 50 years of pastoral ministry with the Brethren in Christ Church in the early 1970s. His first pastorate was at the Carland-Zion Brethren in Christ Church, near Elsie, MI. He served there from 1974-1978. Pastorates at Morrison, Illinois (1979-1982), Dallas Center, Iowa (1982-1985), and Canton, Ohio (1985-1991), followed. In 1991, Eric returned to pastor the congregation at Carland-Zion, completing another 30 years of ministry there, officiating at dozens of weddings and funerals, and earning his local name, "Jesus in Sneakers," to the Carland, Owosso, and Ovid-Elsie communities. He also worked in local grocery stores for many years, including Goff's in St. Johns, MI.

Pastor Eric was first and foremost known as an encourager. His favorite saying, which appeared prominently in the bulletins of all the churches he pastored, was "Keep Looking Up." He frequently quoted Corrie Ten Boom, a holocaust survivor, who said, "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest." He lived his life by these words – always looking for the positive and encouraging others to do the same.

He also was well known for his musical abilities, playing the guitar, trombone, and piano, and blessing audiences with his powerful baritone voice. Prior to entering seminary, he spent the summer touring as the opening act and promoter for Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, and many other popular folk singers. Later, he directed choirs and led the singing at the Brethren in Christ Memorial Holiness Campmeeting in West Milton, Ohio, for more than 20 years. He shared his love of music with his family by teaching his children to sing and taking the family on the road regularly to sing in churches and other places. He loved to praise and worship Jesus often with hands outstretched and his eyes toward heaven as he sang of his love for his Savior – often with hands and Lord.

Eric loved his family. He often noted that nothing made him happier than when everyone in the family was together. There was always plenty of laughter, food, and singing.

Cremation has taken place, and a private graveside service for the family will be held. A Memorial Celebration Service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family in care of Carland-Zion Brethren in Christ Church, 6001 W. Juddville Rd., Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

Corabelle L. Arrington

Corabelle L Arrington, age 89, passed away on August 16 2020.

Corabelle was born in Lansing, the daughter of William and Mary (Walton) Long. Corabelle graduated from Dewitt High School where she met her future husband Donald Arrington. Corabelle, known to many as Corey, will be remembered as a vibrant and loving person to all who knew her. She made lifelong friendships through her years of nursing with Lansing General Hospital. Caring for expectant mothers and their newly born babies brought her immense joy, and was one of her life's greatest callings. Later in her career, she made many friendships and cared for those in the community through her work in private practice with her dear friend Dr. James Morgan. Corey loved to travel, was an avid reader, a gifted artist and an amaz-



Corey was preceded in death by her husband Donald James, son Donald James Jr., daughter Suzanne K. Pritchett, daughter

in law Nancy K. Arrington, grandson Elijah Arrington, and great grandson Skylar Wehring.

She is survived by her loving and grateful family members son David Arrington, daughter Lori Rains, grandsons William, Michael, Cory, Michael, Jimmy, Zachary and Cody, granddaughters Echo and Lacey, thirteen great grandchildren, one great grandchild, many nieces and nephews and other loving family and friends. Her family wishes to thank her caregivers Deb and Vickie and her special friends Rose and

Edgar for their care, friendship and compassion. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

On-line condolences can be sent to the family at Nelson-House.com.

Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

A.G. Edwards

When the name A. G. Edwards is mentioned most people think of the financial planning business and not some mid 1800's gun manufacturer located in Corunna, Michigan. What was that? Another gun manufacturer from Shiawassee County? Yes, Antrobus George Edwards lived in Corunna and manufactured percussion muzzleloaders from 1853 until 1879.

The Weekly Sportsman first learned of this craftsman named Edwards a few years ago while examining a selection of old muzzleloaders at Larry's Gun Shop on Corunna Ave. in Owosso. The price tag read \$50 and at first glance seemed to be more relevant than the stampings on top of the long and heavy octagonal barrel. What originally appeared to be a simple and basic "wall hanger" quickly became a local historical artifact. Stamped A.G. Edwards, Made in Corunna could barely be read and required some rubbing. That evening old gun books and the internet were scoured for additional clues. Apparently this rifle was a lot older than it looked as research indicated this was a specimen produced somewhere from the 1850's to the 1870's in Corunna. The next morning the Weekly Sportsman went back to Larry's and purchased the "wall hanger." Next was a trip to the Shiawassee Historical Society but very little was uncovered. Not to mention the volunteer staff had very little interest in the rifle

A few years ago the magazine Muzzle Blasts did some research for a subscriber and uncovered more information. Edwards was born in England in 1828 and was married to Emaline. The couple and their first born son lived in Rochester, New York from 1849 to 1853. Employed by John Miller he eventually purchased the shop in 1852 and then moved to Corunna, Michigan the following year. Miller held a patent dating back to 1829 for a revolving rifle. Interesting to note that Miller also moved to Mihcigan in 1853 but settled near Battle Creek and engaged in the wholesale fish business with his brothers. Edwards is believed to have used a lot of Remington barrels and other parts to build his rifles.

If you have any additional information on A.G. Edwards or own a firearm made by him please contact the Weekly Sportsman.

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Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to: ask_andy@aol.com

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

Is It Time for The "New Normal"?

Dear Andy,

I think it is time for the "new normal" to be implemented into our daily lives. We need to have the State workers and small businesses go back to work. Teachers are back; libraries are open, most businesses are starting recover; people are shopping at grocery stores and going to all the major chain stores. Construction has the go-ahead and they are building all over the state.

Using caution is being respectful. People are wearing masks and following 6-foot guidelines for safe distances. The same people who are having their children attend virtual school are at the library, in the park, and at the restaurants. What are your thoughts? What can we do to get our state moving again? Do we have to wait to see how the schools work out with half day online, half day in the classroom. Are face-to-face teachers prepared to do both? Are our students going to get only half of their education? Are they going to just get half exposed? Are the kids in the classroom better protected or are we experimenting to see if the number of cases increase with

them in school? James

Dear James,

Thank you for your questions. Enough to make us think about how we really feel. After receiving your email, I asked several people for their opinion. No official survey, but most people I spoke with this week said, "It's time." or "I am so confused." And my favorite, "it's past time". You asked, "what do I think?" I think people need to be back to work and kids need to be in school. However, did you read last week's column? If I were a substitute teacher I would be scared to go back to work. I think it is too soon to go back to school. It is getting too comfy and fun to stay home and too easy for some people to collect unemployment benefits and stimulus. Yes, I am confused too, and a little scared.

According to the CDC Novel COVID 19 is not contagious outside in the fresh air. So, let's have graduation open houses, weddings, picnics with friends and family, fund raisers, ball games, music and fun in the parks. Respect distances and wear masks. Let's eat outside while the weather is still cooperating. All this is happening anyway. Take-out food orders can continue, limited seating, wearing masks and following the CDC recommendations. Theaters could open and seats could be limited in their auditoriums. Some revenue is better than no money coming in for businesses.

And, I agree... students in class a half day is not in compliant with the State of Michigan Standards and to engage virtual students is a different strategy than engaging them in the classroom. (I have done both.) However, a good teacher can learn material the night before and teach it as if she/he has known it all their life. I trust the public-school educational curriculum and procedures, but I think it is too soon to be back at school. What's the big hurry?

My concern is the technical and mechanical capability of computer-generated education taught via a school computer support system. Most schools hard drive system may not support a 38% population remotely. We all know how many times our home computers do not function properly; and unfortunately, it is highly likely some parents or grandparents may not know how to help their school aged students navigate the system, without some training. And, what about all the kids whose parents are back to work or need to work. Do they leave their kids to do their school work without parental support?

If School Districts are going to open, it should be ALL in the classroom or ALL at home on the computers. It should be a School Boards decision based on what is appropriate for their community, not a popular vote. If a parent decides to keep their children at home.... And if a student opts for a Virtual school, I think they should go to a school that has the expertise and experience for that approach, not expect the individual districts to provide the education remotely. Our state has some outstanding online schools for all age groups.

As for masks wearing....that is a # 1 "new normal" and it makes sense that if you have "the" virus, you surely would not what to give it to another loved one or someone else's special people. I do not know which would be worse: giving it or getting it. Just like any other flu, you stay home when you are sick and call your Doctor if you have a fever.

I think this virus is going to be eradicated and disappear as quickly as it came upon us.

You asked! So, there is my opinion. A ask_andy@aol.com

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

My children are forever looking for ways to improve my life. They both showed a good deal of concern when I had a bit of gimp in my walk. Of course, they just raised their eyebrows at my explanation of the malaise. I had been digging holes to transplant trees and my right hip had taken an offense to my actions. They had offered to help and would have done the job but....this stubborn old lady went ahead and did it her way and in her designated time.

My adult children and son—in-law have started strength weight training. Since I wasn't sure that I could take the mile walk they had me sit in a metal lawn chair and do some of the reps. They had me use the three pound weights and showed me how to correctly participate. I want to tone my upper arms so that I do not appear to be ready for flight. Plus I'm a bit aggravated with myself when it comes to lifting the fifty pound bags of flour. Not as easy to do as in the past year......part of the problem stems from my stubborn self-sufficiency. Pleasingly I am not lame in my shoulders or arms this morning. I've been out watering the trees that caused the hitch in my get-a-long. Tomorrow may be uncomfortable.

Ferrell's were out here trimming up my willow tree on Monday afternoon. Zach was also here and he was amazed and enthralled with watching the men as they worked on the boom. The tree swayed as upper branches were trimmed and dropped to the ground. One of the men kept the chipper running and again Zach was thrilled with the process and the small mountain of wood chips that remained when everything was finished.

The deer had a rampage that left several of the tomato cages smashed. I spent a good deal of time removing the shattered wood and laying out the tomato plants. Hopefully they will keep on producing and bounce back from the abuse that they received. Right now I'm having a hard time deciding whether it was the tomato worms or the deer that have caused the most damage.

Tuesday morning I received a call from the Country Store north of Clare and my peaches are ready to be picked up. I called my neighbor Barb and asked if she was up to a ride to Clare. So we made a quick trip up and picked up the Red Havens which are beautiful. While there, we stopped at a vegetable stand, a cheese factory, and a grocery store that has a wonderful cheese deli counter. Yup, we stocked up on cheese.

I have been trying to figure out how to have a bit more leisure time. I expect to do this without feeling lazy. Right now I've fallen behind in getting the cucumbers and green beans picked and have added the peaches to my to do list. Of course I also need to get the church bulletins finished and delivered and put together the People's Parable. And yes, I am still doing the St John's Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. I need to take a few minutes so that I can get some ornamental grass clumps to give to my granddaughter Ryan and check on the Hoya that I have started for my other granddaughter Noah. Family is fun and nurturing to help them to fill their plant pots and gardens.

May your lives be filled with much nurturing and many blessings. May God bless you daily with much common sense. Crystal Mitchell©2020

Street Resurfacing

Letter to the Editor:

The City of Ovid has received a grant from MDOT to resurface several residental streets in the city. The grant award is \$98,147 and will be matched with city street funds.

We will be resurfacing Williams Street from Fitch all the way to East Street. East Street will be resurfaced from Oak to High Street and portions of Meridian Street. Portions of West High Street, Mill Street and Park Street will also be done.

The resurfacing work will start between now and the end of August. Homeowners traffic of all streets will continue while the work is in progress.

William Lasher, Mayor



Stifel Opens New Office in Owosso, **Welcomes Schluckebier Hood Wealth** Management Group

submitted by Bridget Newbury

ST. LOUIS - Stifel Financial Corp. (NYSE: SF) announced that the firm's broker-dealer subsidiary, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, has opened a new Private Client Group office in Owosso, Michigan. It is Stifel's 17th in the state of Michigan.

Joining the new Owosso office is the Schluckebier Hood Wealth Management Group, which consists of financial advisors Paul Schluckebier and David Hood. They come to Stifel from Wells Fargo Advisors, where they were responsible for \$480 million in client assets. Their team also includes Kelly Schluckebier, Financial Advisor Associate; Christine Mueller, Client Relationship Manager; Robin Durepo, Senior Registered Client Service Associate; Bridget Newbury, Client Service Associate; and David B. Hood, Client Service Associate.

Mr. Schluckebier was named to Forbes' Best-In-State Wealth Advisors list in 2020, 2019, and 2018.





announce the opening of our newest Michigan branch of Stifel in Owosso with the Schluckebier Hood Wealth Management Group," said Alvin Spencer, Regional Director, Michigan. worked with this team in the past and am thrilled to welcome them to Stifel – they are a great addition to the Michigan Market."

The Owosso office located at 1865 East M 21 and can be reached by calling (989) 494-5474 or (888) 896-8883.









2020 President Awards Megan Smith, MSN, RN, Associate VP

Memorial Announces Recipients of **Annual Awards**

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare announces the winners of its annual awards during its National Nurses Week and Hospital Week celebrations.

Receiving the 2020 Nurse of the Year award was Paige Goulette, BSN, RN, Nurse Navigator at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience and Terri LaRue-Taylor, PCT on ICU was selected as 2020 Patient Care Tech of the Year. The Nurse of the Year and Patient Care Tech of the Year are chosen by Memorial Healthcare colleagues as a leader of patient safety and acts as a patient advocate or leader of change. All employees are invited to place a nomination for an RN, LPN, or PCT that they believe is a role model.

Receiving the 2019 Employee of the Year Award was Shannon Cooley, Payroll Coordinator, Finance. The Employee of the Year is selected by a vote of Memorial Healthcare employees from those individuals who were named as an Employee of the Month in the previous 12 months. Employees are nominated for upholding the mission of Memorial Healthcare – to promote health and provide quality compassionate healthcare in the community through a commitment to service excellence, teamwork and innovation.

Rachel Thayer, Senior Financial Analyst, Finance and Megan Smith, MSN, RN, Associate VP, Quality & Safety received the 2020 President Awards. The President Awards this year were presented to two Memorial Healthcare employees who have exhibited exceptional devotion to our patients. The recipients' exemplify Memorial's values and exhibit outstanding personal qualities such as compassion, innovation, integrity, and competency. Individuals receiving this award exceed expectations to better Memorial's ability to fulfill its mission.

Krystal McCoy, Patient Advocate, Service Excellence, received the 2019 Bright Ideas of the Year Award. All staff at Memorial Healthcare have a responsibility to ensure that the environment and care delivery processes are free of conditions that could potentially harm patients, visitors and staff. The hospital's Bright Ideas program is designed to identify any potential serious safety concern related to patient, visitor, or staff encounters. It is also designed to identify any environmental situations in which no system is currently in place or the system in place is not adequately preventing the potential for patient, visitor, or staff harm. This annual award is chosen from those individuals who were recognized as receiving a monthly award in the previous

Memorial Healthcare thanks its' over 1,400 talented and gifted individuals — physicians, nurses, clinical and support staff and volunteers — who continue to take health care to new heights of excellence each and every day.



2020 Nurse of the Year -Paige Goulette, BSN, RN



2020 Patient Care Tech of the Year Terri LaRue-Taylor, PCT



2020 President Awards -Rachel Thayer, Senior Financial Analyst, Finance





Award - Shannon Coolev. Payroll Coordinator, Finance



2019 Bright Ideas of the Year Award - Krystal McCoy, Patient Advocate, Service



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MHSAA Delays Football to Spring

LANSING Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Friday afternoon that the 2020 football season has been moved to spring 2021 due to the COVÎD-19 pandemic, according to a press release from the organi-

The move was made after consultations with state health department officials and a sur-

vey of high schools after four days of practices.

"At the end of the day, we did everything we could to find path forward for football this fall," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in the press release. "But while continuing to connect with the Governor's office, state health department officials, our member schools' personnel and the Council, there is just too much uncertainty and too many unknowns to play football this fall."

Football is considered a high-risk sport for potential COVID-19 spread due to the level of contact between players.

No one is willing to take the risk of COVID being passed on because of a high-risk sport. Decisions have to be made on our other sports as well, but none of those carry the same close, consistent, and face-to-face contact as football," Uyl said.

Details for the spring football season including a specific schedule and format will be announced over the next few months. The MHSAA will be working to limit overlap of spring make room football and the traditional Spring sport seasons.

While this is tremendously disappointing, we will do everything possible to provide the best possible experience in home and arrange for someone to bring your identification and the spring while adding football into the calendar," Uyl added. a note allowing them to pick up food for you Other fall sports are scheduled to proceed as scheduled.

Memorial Healthcare **Foundation Set to Kick Off Healthcare Hero Fundraiser**

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso, Michigan - The Healthcare Memorial Foundation is excited to announce "A Hero's Feast" fundraising event. This is a drive thru dinner event featuring delicious delights from the Wrought Iron Grill, Korner Pub, Cupcakes and Kisses and Murtle's Handmade Chocolates.

The event will take place on Thursday, September 10th on Cass Street. Participants are asked to enter from S. Cedar Street off of M-21 in west town next to Daystarr. All proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of gift cards for our Memorial Healthcare heroes that have worked the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance by texting MHFHERO to 243-725 and clicking on the menu or by calling the foundation office at (989) 729-4675. Presenting sponsor of the event Spence Brothers Construction.



Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution for All Clinton County Residents

submitted by Dru Mitchell

A drive through mobile food distribution for all Clinton County residents will take place on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and Saturday, September 26, 2020.

Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. for vehicles to line up. Distribution will be from 10:00 am-12:00 p.m. (or until food is distributed) at Gracepointe Wesleyan Church parking lot, South Point Mall, 1023 S. US 27, St. Johns MI 48879.

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Gas in a Car Won't Stay Fresh Forever

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in 2019-20 had a significant impact on drivers. In an effort to stop the spread of the virus, many countries issued stay-at-home orders that mandated businesses close their doors and allow employees to work from home. In addition, restaurants and popular tourist destinations were closed for a period of time, giving people few reasons to drive. As a result, drivers ended up spending less time on the road and less money at the gas station. But what about the gas they did purchase? Can gas go bad? Yes it can, according to Consumer Reports, which notes that the lighter, more volatile components of gasoline evaporate over time. Old gas can compromise engine performance, potentially causing a car to hesitate or stall. Gas that has gone bad can begin to smell like varnish and will darken over time, though discoloration often occurs only in the most extreme situations. To determine if gas smells differently, drivers should avoid putting their nose into their vehicle's gas tanks. Instead, remove the gas cap and stand next to the car where you would normally put the gas pump. If you detect an aroma of varnish coming from the car, then the gas has likely gone bad. An easier way to determine if gas has gone bad is to consider how long it's been since you refilled the tank. Gas can begin to go bad in as little as three months, so drivers who haven't driven much over that period may have bad gas in their tanks. One way drivers can combat bad gas, even if they aren't driving much, is to add fuel stabilizer when filling up the tank. Fuel stabilizer keeps gas from degrading, but it's only effective if it is mixed with good gasoline, hence the reason to add it when filling up and not when you detect the gas already in the car has gone bad.



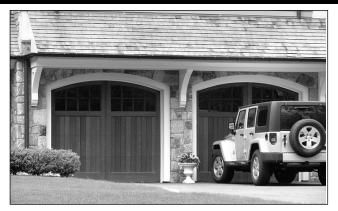
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How to Maintain a Car That's Rarely Driving

Driving habits changed significantly in 2020. The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 forced many professionals to work from home full-time. In addition, stay-at-home measures greatly limited how much people could or would travel in their free time. The result was a lot of cars spending a lot of time sitting idly in driveways.

Just because a car is not being driven very much does not mean its owner can forgo vehicle maintenance. Drivers can take these steps to ensure their vehicles stay in shape even as they're primarily staying in the driveway.

- Adhere to recommended maintenance schedules. Auto manufacturers typically recommend maintenance schedules based on the number of miles a car is driven or the length of time since its most recent maintenance appointment. "Whichever comes first" may be recommended for fluid changes and routine tuneups, and this rule of thumb should still be followed. Even if a car has barely hit the road in recent months, its fluids, such as oil, are still aging and still need to be replaced.
- Turn the car on every so often. Turning the car on, even if you only intend to let it sit idle in the driveway, keeps the vehicle components lubricated by allowing fluids to cycle their way through the engine. Turning the car on also ensures the battery stays fresh and doesn't die, a lesson many drivers have learned the hard way during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Disconnect the battery if necessary. Drivers who own two vehicles or families who have only been using the family car in recent months can disconnect the batteries from their unused vehicles to prevent corrosion. Corrosion decreases battery life and performance. If drivers notice a white, green or blue covering around the battery terminals, posts or cables, corrosion is likely the culprit and the battery will need to be replaced.
- Take the car for a spin. Of course, driving a vehicle every so often is a great way to keep it running strong. Multi-car families that tend to use the same car to shop for groceries or pick up takeout orders can periodically use their other car to run such errands.

Cars are sitting idly in driveways more than ever before. Vehicle maintenance must remain a priority even for cars that rarely hit the open road.

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Car Trouble? Check the Fuse Box

Modern automobiles are technological marvels that rely on electrical components more than ever before. According to The Family Handyman, vehicles have 40 or more fuses grouped in two or more places.

Just like fuses in a home's electrical panel, automotive fuses stop excessive current flow that can overheat circuits, damage equipment or cause fires. Any electrical component in a vehicle, such as the radio or headlights, are tied to a fuse.

When something goes awry with automotive electrical components, drivers may be quick to believe the components themselves or even the car's battery or alternator are to blame. Mechanics say that it's entirely possible that a blown fuse is the cause of the problem. Simply checking and/or replacing the fuse can alleviate the issue.

Finding the fuses

The location of the fuse box depends on the make and model of the vehicle. Drivers should consult their owner's manual to learn where the fuse boxes are located. Some vehicles have two fuse boxes that serve different purposes. Engine compartment fuse boxes protect certain engine components, including the anti-lock brake pump. Fuses inside or beneath the dashboard may protect dome lights or the air conditioning system.

According to How a Car Works, the individual fuses in the box are typically numbered. That makes it easier for drivers to determine which vehicle components aren't working. If the fuses are not numbered, then it's a matter of removing fuses to see which circuits stop working to help narrow down the issue.

Replacing fuses

Vehicles may have different types of fuses. It's important to know which ones are in the car so you can get the right replacement.

"Blade" fuses are common and have a conductive horseshoe-shaped metal strip that runs through an outer plastic housing. If the metal strip appears broken, the fuse is no good.

Cylindrical glass fuses are found in some cars. They're also known as "Buss" fuses. If the metal strip that runs down the center is broken, the fuse needs to be replaced.

Older European cars have ceramic fuses built with an outer copper conductive surface. The narrow part of the copper piece breaks in the middle when the fuse blows.

Regardless of their design, fuses will be clearly labeled with their ampere ratings, according to CarID. Physically remove the fuse using a small, specially shaped fuse puller tool that may be included inside the fuse box. Replace the fuse with one of the same amperage by gently pushing it into place.

If the new fuse blows relatively quickly after replacement, or multiple fuses blow at one time, a larger current issue may be the problem. Consult a mechanic in this instance.



Car Care



5 Benefits of a Defensive **Driving Course**

Millions of cars travel the roadways each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that nearly 1.5 million people are killed in road crashes each year and approximately 3,700 people die each day in accidents around the world. The World Health Organization points out that motor vehicle accidents are a leading cause of death for children and young people in various countries. Such deaths are preventable, and defensive driving strategies can greatly reduce the risk of motor vehicle accidents.

Defensive driving is driving in a way that utilizes safe driving strategies to enable motorists to address hazards in a predicatable manner, according to SafeMotorist.com. These strategies go above and beyond following basic traffic laws and procedures. Defensive driving courses can help new or seasoned drivers improve their driving skills and reduce accident risk by teaching them to anticipate certain scenarios and make wellinformed decisions.

Defensive driving strategies can help reduce the risk of being in an accident, and there are other benefits to these courses as well.

1. Reduce automotive insurance premiums

Depending on where they live, drivers' insurance premiums can be reduced by as much as 10 percent for completing a defensive driving course. This can add up, particularly for those who have teenagers on the policy. It's worth a call to the insurance agency to see which type of course they require.

2. Reduce fines

Traffic courts may reduce fines for those who are ticketed and agree to enroll in defensive driving courses. Drivers looking to reduce fines should confirm that a course is recognized in the state where they live before enrolling.

3. Remove fines or reduce points

Driving violations come with some consequences, namely tickets and sometimes points on a license. Too many points can lead to a suspended license. Completing a defensive driving course may remove points or tickets from your driving record. Be sure to verify the law with a court clerk or the local motor vehicle commission.

4. Relearn the rules of the road

It may have been some time since you contemplated the rules of the road. Defensive driving courses often review information on driving laws and regulations, helping to make for more confident, law-abiding drivers.

5. Learn preventative techniques

Of course the main goal of the course is to help drivers learn the common causes of accidents and how to avoid them. Courses may teach drivers that 40 percent of crashes occur at intersections, and that passing another vehicle within 100 feet of a bridge, tunnel or railroad crossing dramatically increases the chances of being involved in an accident, according to DriveSafe Online. There's always room for improvement, and defensive driving courses can help drivers get better behind the

Investing in a defensive driving course can improve skills, potentially save lives and even save drivers money.

Signs Headlights May Need to Be Replaced

Automobiles require a little TLC to stay on the road and operate efficiently. When vehicle maintenance is ignored, vehicles operate less efficiently and, in many instances, less safely

Jerking and stalling is a telltale sign of engine trouble, but some vehicle problems are more subtle. One such problem is fading headlights. Fading headlights can pose a significant threat to drivers and their passengers as well as fellow motorists. According to the National Safety Council, drivers do only one-quarter of their driving at night. However, the NSC notes that 50 percent of traffic deaths occur at night. Such figures highlight the potential dangers of nighttime driving, which only becomes more dangerous if headlights are not operating at optimal capacity.

Since drivers do most of their driving during the daytime, it's easy to overlook headlight performance. However, it's important that drivers learn to recognize the signs that headlights need to be replaced.

Dimming

Dimming headlights do not necessarily require replacement. In some instances dimming headlights are a byproduct of a dirty car. The buildup of dirt and grime can reduce light output even when the headlights are otherwise fine. If your car is dirty, take it to the car wash and make sure the headlights are scrubbed clean of dirt and grime. Then drive at night to see if the light output of your headlights is still dim. If so, the headlight bulbs may need to be replaced.

Flickering

Flickering headlights can indicate anything from worn out headlight bulbs to a weak car battery to loose connections. Flickering is one of the more dangerous headlight issues, as it can lead to headlights suddenly going dark while drivers are on the road at night. If headlights are flickering, take the car to a mechanic as soon as possible to have the issue resolved

One light out

When one headlight goes dark, chances are the other is not far behind. Automotive experts recommend replacing headlight bulbs in pairs, even if only one bulb has gone dark, cause this ensures equal light output.

Headlight maintenance tends to be overlooked. But recognizing the signs of fading headlights can help drivers avoid accidents and vastly improve the safety of nighttime driving.





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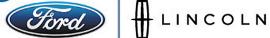
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Me and my nana save our coins all year.

Every year around Christmas we dump them in

A machine. This machine counts them and gives us a receipt which we turn in for cash.

Then we find an Angel Tree. Angel Tree is a wish list for kids who don't get presents. We pick out which angel to buy for. Then we go shopping!

We pick out presents the kids have asked for and buy them with our cash. We then find the big box near the

Angel Tree and put our presents in the box. The people

from Angel Tree wrap the presents and give them to the kids. Me and my nana have done this for four years and I am excited about doing it again this year.



Cameron Dethlefsen

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