



## Paying Tribute to Our Military Men and Women

We would like to take time once again to salute our military men and women by show casting them in the windows next to the post office in Ovid for Veterans Day - November 11th.

A similar display for the 4th - which was met by the community with great appreciation. So we have decided to give those who missed the opportunity a chance to participate.

If you would like to participate by placing a family or friend that was in the military please fill out the questionnaire and dig deep into your photos that would help tell your story.

If you are sending pictures please write on the back lightly who this is or what they were doing and where, along with the submitters name. All photos will be returned to the submitter. Original photos will not be show cased only reproductions.

Place pictures and questionarie in ziplock bag to keep safe. Please return by October 3rd to: Ovid Iron and Metal, 611 W. Williams St., Ovid, MI 48866 or you can call Gayla Ehlert to get a questionnaire, for a pick-up or any questions at 989-666-6633.



## Clinton County to Hold Fall Waterfowl Hunt at Clinton Lakes County Park Fall 2020

*submitted by Kyle Thornton*

The objective for public hunting of waterfowl in Clinton Lakes County Park is to manage nuisance geese. While geese are a special focus of the hunting program, successful applicants may hunt any waterfowl species, subject only to current federal and state game laws. An equally important objective is to provide area residents with a recreational opportunity to responsibly harvest an abundant source of nutritious food.

The local goose population is found in area parks year-round. Goose droppings deposited on swimming beaches, picnic areas, trails and other areas is unpleasant to view and recreate around. Droppings carried by rainwater into lakes and streams increases the bacteria found in the water which can cause waterborne illness in humans. Once the presence of bacteria reaches unhealthy levels, swimming beaches must be closed to the public.

The year-round resident goose population found in Clinton Lakes and Francis Motz County Parks is estimated at several hundred. In the fall, the population swells to one-thousand or more birds when migratory flocks join the local birds. Unmanaged, the goose population will continue to grow making an existing bad situation worse. The Parks and Green Space Commission will accept applications for a managed waterfowl hunt on eleven (13) days in 2020.

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## Elsie Village Council Proceedings

*by Dawn D. Levey*

ELSIE- Prior to the regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council officials held a public hearing to address an appeal of a zoning variance that was approved by the Elsie Zoning Board. The complaint is a house being built too close to the property line. The major complaint is standing water when it rains, the consensus is that part of the complaint is a Clinton County Drain Commission issue and the soil erosion permit needs to be reviewed. It was noted that a survey was completed after the fact, paid for by the complainant, the individual who purchased the property followed the property lines outlined by Google Maps. The complainant tried to address this issue prior to the building of the home.

The end result is to resolve the water issue, and to let the set-back issue go. It is time to let that issue go, but to resolve the water problem. Officials agreed that the ordinance needs to be reviewed and possibly updated.

The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held in-person Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7 pm in the Elsie Public Library. The evening was highlighted by lengthy discussion about the possibility of curbside recycling.

The community garden discussion continued with the organizer Maryann Reese updating officials on the status of the project. The proposed site located near the Elsie water tower has been evaluated. The next step is to establish guidelines for participants noting that there are many possibilities for the garden. Reese reported that seeds have been donated for the project however, additional donations will be needed before spring planting. In addition, a sign will be designed and established at the site. After discussion it was determined that an informational site will be established on the Village website. More information to come in the near future.

Mr. Gene Nethaway, Elsie American Legion, updated officials on the events planned for the annual Warriors Appreciation Rally to be held at the Elsie Village Park, September 19, 2020. The purpose of the report was to insure that the Elsie American Legion had the go ahead to proceed with the event the consensus was to move forward with the blessing of the Elsie Village Council. Officials were assured that social distancing and mask requirements will be followed as outlined by the Governor's Executive Order.

Next, Scott Truman, representing Granger, provided information about a curbside recycling program. A final cost analysis was not presented but it was noted that there are additional expenses for recycling because items are handled twice and a second party is involved. There are many items people think are recyclable that are not like pizza boxes, or waxed covered boxes. Mr. Truman was instructed to prepare a quote for the Village of Elsie for curbside recycling that will be presented for consideration prior to the expiring of the current contract. Truman also noted that residents are encouraged to utilize carts for trash pickup to increase safety for the haulers. Further noted was that the Granger contract is a ways out, but now is time to begin the conversation for curbside recycling.

Officials took action to uphold the Zoning Board's decision on the property located on 2nd Street and to deny the appeal that was submitted. The decision was unanimous.

Shane Grinnell presented the monthly manager's report. A second new house is being built on E. Elm Street the details and permits are taking time to insure that there are no complications with the build.

The new police car has been ordered and should be on to be on the road in December. Grinnell recommended that the older vehicle be kept as a back-up.

Grinnell presented officials with a request from Bonnie Ott, local business owner, to hold a car show October 3, 2020 with proceeds for the Elsie Food Bank. The request included the blocking and the use of Main Street one block east and west of the four corners and Ovid Street north and south of the main intersection. Officials thought the event was a great idea for the Village of Elsie and an event for the residents of Elsie.

After years of trying to find a mason to repair the mausoleum at Riverside Cemetery a proposal was received from Cevin Valade. The proposed cost \$21,850 to sand, mortar and mesh, and restore the site. Once completed an estimate of \$1,800 to paint the entire building. Officials very quickly to approve the project.

Cory Witt, trustee, voiced his concern regarding the inconsistency of golf cart enforcement within the village limits. In his opinion it is time to write a village ordinance because the current laws lack clarity and enforcement is unclear. Further discussion and review will take place. The issue will be added to action steps for next month.

Shane Grinnell presented officials with the cost estimates he secured for a proposed Village of Elsie digital information sign, the approximate cost \$30,000-\$40,000. The site recommended is between the former bank building and the Dorman Gallery. Grinnell was directed to investigate potential funding sources for the project. More to come at a later date.

Monthly action was taken to approve the agenda with the addition of Granger report, addressing the variance appeal and addressing golf carts in an ordinance; approval of the August 11, 2020 minutes, the Elsie Police Department monthly report and the financial reports. Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$48,539.47.



## Social

### Senior Center Gift Shops Open

*submitted by Brenda Terpening*

The summer has given crafters a lot of time to create, so the Gift Shops at the Clinton County Senior Center are overflowing with new items. The Senior Center is located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns. They currently have limited open hours which are Monday 10 am to 3 pm and Tuesday 9 am to 2 pm. Stop in and check out the quilts, pillows, pet blankets, table runners, etc



#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF EVICTION AND REMOVAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM STORAGE UNIT

Storage facility location: 9446 E. M-21 Ovid, MI 48866 Unit #C14(72)  
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Owner/manager actions: All items will be sold and/or discarded. Upon removal of all items the unit will be restored to a functional, safe condition, making this unit available to other prospective tenants.  
This action is pursuant to self-storage facility act 570.521 1986-March-31, State of Michigan.



### Theodore Allen Wyrick

Mark and Lori Wyrick, of Altoona, Iowa are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Theo who was born on September 3, 2020 at Iowa Methodist Hospital. He arrived at 11:58 am and weighed in at 7 lb 12.9 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dave & Irene Wyrick of Byron and Bruce & Cindy Wessels of Independence, Iowa and Great-Grandmother, Violet Splan of Owosso. He is also welcomed by his Aunt, Uncles, many Great-Aunts & Uncles and Cousins.

### Laingsburg School Board Meeting

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm Virtually via Zoom, please see our website at [www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/](http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/) for log-in information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: student enrollment/class size, 2020-21 budget update, legislative update, personnel, bond Construction and finance update and any other business that may properly come before the board

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

### Sunday Breakfast to be Served at Laingsburg Legion

American Legion Post 248 - Laingsburg will be re-opening to the public for breakfast on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Breakfast hours: 8am-11am. Masks will be required to enter until you are eating or if you are moving around the dining hall. There will be social distancing in place with seating arrangements and reduced capacity. American Legion volunteers will be following the safety guidelines outlined in the Governors executive order for safe opening of eating establishments.

We are looking forward to seeing you again! Please be patient and understanding as we try to find the best ways to keep you and our volunteers safe.

Take out available. 1240 W. Grand River, Laingsburg. Phone: 517-651-6050. The Legion can only accept cash at this time, NO credit/debit cards.

### FOMR Bi-Monthly Meeting

*submitted by Seth Gibson*

The Friends of the Maple River (FOMR) will hold their September Bi-Monthly meeting at Sleepy Hollow State Park off Price Road in Clinton County at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, September 16th. The meeting will be in one of the picnic shelters at the beach area of the park. Look for FOMR signs to help guide you once you get to the beach area.

There is no charge to attend. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair to give some flexibility in spreading out and making the most of the weather that day. Please bring a mask with you and utilize accordingly.

The Friends are pleased to have Sheila Moore, MPH, Health Educator, Environmental Health Department, Mid-Michigan District Health Department, present on Septic Smart. The intent is to offer insight into septic field operation so we can be better stewards.

Following the presentation those interested are encouraged to bring the craft of their choice and do a sunset float on Lake Ovid, departing from the boat launch on the west side of the lake.





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## DuPlain Township Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

**DUPLAIN** – The regular meeting of DuPlain Township was held Wednesday, September 9, 2020 utilizing a hybrid model, part of the participants in-person and the others on tele-conference. The evening was highlighted by numerous audits.

Ally Everly, representative of Maner and Costerisan, presented an overview of the annual audit. Both Dick Bates, clerk, and Amy Bowen, treasurer, were thanked for their great work in preparing the necessary documents for the annual audit. The Township received an unmodified, clean audit the best that can be reflected by an entity. The Township is in a very sound financial position as of March 31, 2020. Officials took action accept the audit as presented.

Richard Bates, clerk, updated officials on the November 3, 2020 General Election, 410 mail-in ballot requests have been received, and continue he continues to receive them daily averaging 2-3 per day. The American Legion Hall has been rented for \$200 to be utilized at the voting site for the November 2020 election. In addition, postcards have been ordered so all registered voters will be notified of the site change for voting.

On a related issue, officials took action to pay the poll workers hazard pay in the amount of \$50.00 additional dollars per election per worker, noting that the August primary was included.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, reported that information had been received from the Clinton County Drain Commission informing officials that a number of drains are to be cleaned within the township. Comments were made on an additional drain issue located on the intersection of Meridian and Kinley roads. A number of residents commented on the drain issues that need to be addressed.

Osmond Smith and David Brown commented during public comment. After discussing the drain issue that affects both and making officials aware of their concern Mr. Smith and Mr. Brown will get together to resolve the situation.

Levey, reported that a special land use permit PC-22-20 SLU had been received from David Brown. A large pole barn will be built to store materials for his stay-dry business, the building will be located at 3201 N Meridian Road, Elsie, Michigan. Officials approved the request which will be forwarded to the Clinton County Zoning Board for final approval.

Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner, reported the following COVID update from Thursday, September 3; 450 positives, 78 probables, 110 quarantined, as of this morning Wednesday, September 9, 486 positive a noticeable spike and to date 13 deaths. The Clinton County operations are working well, there are no cases at the jail or the courthouse.

Next, Washburn congratulated DuPlain Township on the passing of all three millage proposals: the road millage, the renewal of the EMS millage and the Clinton Transit Authority. Proving that officials are doing their job right. The County is currently in the budget process and experiencing challenges, filling a lot of holes with CARES Act money, noting that not all of the funds will be reimbursed. The guidance provided by the State and the Feds is inconsistent. There will be budget adjustments made during the process.

Monthly action was taken to approve the agenda as amended, the minutes of the August 2020 meeting, and financial reports. Action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$6,706.34 and \$1,000 for fire runs.

The next meeting will be a blended meeting to follow guidelines and stay within the ten-person limit.

## Elsie Lions Beef Raffle

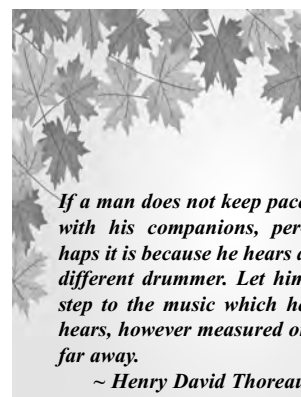
The Elsie Lions Club is hosting their Beef Raffle again this year. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from Lions Club members and at the Meridian Weekly office in Ovid. The Drawing will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at 4pm in downtown Elsie.

Prizes for the raffle include# 1st Prize, 1/2 beef, 2nd & 3rd Prize, 1/4 beef, 4th Prize, \$100 Gift Card. Get your tickets today and help support the Elsie Lions Club.

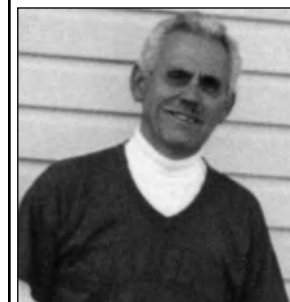


## Volunteers Needed

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



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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I seem to be having a 'suck it up buttercup' moment. I should be getting ready for my annual outing with Connie.....but I've misplaced my carry bag. What on earth am I going to put my treasures in today at the Amish Swap? My kids will probably just shrug their shoulders and admonish me with the fact that I probably have enough stuff. At least I still have my missing book list and favorite author list. This year Diane is going with us and it should be fun, even though I have to take my walking stick to help navigate the uneven ground. It is time to have a cup of coffee to help brighten me up.

I'm curious.....very curious and concerned. There is this push to purchase everything with debit or credit cards. Ideally?! This means a cashless society.....which is part of the reason that we're being told that there isn't change available. If we all use the cards then this won't be a problem.....that is the line that is being fed to us. Well, guess what? On three occasions while at the Amish Swap we couldn't purchase anything because the card machines weren't working. Cash was fine and even checks were very acceptable. I truly wonder if those who are pushing for a cashless society can guarantee that the machines will always work. It amazes me that they can foretell the future and apparently there will be no power outages or surges that could fry the scanners. Just a thought....

Back at the swap I believe that we all had a great deal of fun. We kibitzed, we talked and we shared our insight as we searched the vendors for good buys. I spent five dollars on used books, two dollars on an oriental writing kit for my granddaughter, twenty dollars on a Christmas gift for Zach, a dollar on a nifty basket and about nine dollars on two new paring knives for me. I gave the writing kit, the basket and a set of eight glasses to my granddaughter, Noah when I got home. I had picked up three dozen one piece canning jar lids for my cousin and some raspberry filling for my neighbor. I'd say that we had a successful run.

And yes, I have already used the new paring knives. Just check out the mini cuts on my thumb pads. I had forgotten what it was like to have razor sharp knives.....my thumbs reminded me as did the acid in the tomatoes. Yup, I processed another forty-one quarts and one pint of stewed tomatoes on Saturday. This morning I canned six more quarts of peaches and will finish up two batches of peach jam. My thumbs are tender and hurt like the dickens while I was washing the dishes. I know.....what a whiner!!!

I knew that canning lids are hard to find.....must be that Ball, Kerr, and Harvest decided not to make as many as last year.....not enough money being made? Who knows why this staple has disappeared from the shelves of our stores.... Why would someone want to preserve their garden produce? Could it be that it is unheard of for folks to become self-reliant? Sadly the Amish stores in the Clare area were also out.....they had a few one piece jar lids. Funny thing is that you can buy them online for four dollars for a box of twelve lids which is a dollar and seventy-five cents more per box than in Meijer or Wally World.

I can't help others learn the art of canning and jam making if I can't get the needed supplies. I am glad that I have been able to pass on many of the quart and pint canning jars that Kathy and crew had given me. I still have a plethora of pint jars for pickles, relishes, jams and jellies... too bad that I can't say the same for the needed lids and rings.

Looking back I can see that it has been a very busy week, I even had Isabella visit me for a couple of days. The new window came and they will finish installing it today...their replacement was incorrect. The original window that I ordered had a screen and was designed to have it installed. This window wasn't and doesn't so now I must find out what my refund should be and hopefully get it. May your days be filled with hope and many blessings. God bless you.

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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Fishin' in the Weeds

This last Monday, Labor Day, the Weekly Sportsman spent the morning fishing Round Lake with Floyd Meagher from Eagle. While it is true that the worst day fishin' is better than the best day working, it is always hard to determine when the worst day happened. Monday was far from the worst day fishing because many fish were caught but there is always room for complaints when something needs to be done.

First, let's talk about logistics, equipment, tackle, bait, and customer service. By 7:30 a.m. the duo were armed with four poles, 3 dozen nightcrawlers, a container of wax worms, and a large tackle box. Boat rental with oars, life preserves, cushions, trolling motor, and battery were rented from Barry and he arrived on his golf cart within minutes of being called. His advice was stick to the west side of the lake and don't worry the fish have been biting all week. The boat was aimed for the western side of the lake and the chain of lily pads. A black jitterbug, red plastic worm on a crawler harness, and a black rubbery bass lure proved fruitless for Floyd.

After the Weekly Sportsman burned through a dozen crawlers Floyd switched to crawlers and there was a lot of action between both of them with small bluegill, sunfish, and a 13.5 inch bass.

Nightcrawlers and casting shy of the lily pads was definitely working but none were keepers.

After slowly working southward the boat eventually was positioned in a very large mess of weeds and in shallow water but with no nibbles. The decision was made to head northeast toward Lakeside Catering as the Weekly Sportsman has always had good luck just offshore near the old wooden pylons that once held a large slide. The boat felt like it was being moved more by the wind and not the electric motor. After lifting the prop out of the water the wad of weeds became the obvious culprit. After removing the tangled and stringy weeds it was full speed ahead to only end up in even more weeds. The best location for panfishing on the lake was unnavigable due to the weeds rendering the boat inoperable. Once again weeds were removed and then again and again until the boat could get away from the area. Without many options the boat was steered to the western side of the lake again and fishing resumed.

The weed problem at Round Lake has always been a cyclical issue and it seems to be at a highpoint once again. This is a shame because Round Lake is a perfect place for a few hours of fishing in a small boat with an electric trolling motor but the weeds make most of the best fishing spots unnavigable. The Weekly Sportsman hopes that someone on the lake association board takes the initiative to reduce some, but not all, of the weeds by either applying a safe weed killer or bringing in a weed harvester like years before.

With that being said, if you want constant action landing panfish and bass, and don't mind spending some money on nightcrawlers, then head to Round Lake but stay on the western edge of the lake. Consider bringing some kids and renting a boat and gear from Barry because the price is right at \$35!

-WS



## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
www.letsmeetgod.com

*"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."*

- Psalm 84:10

Think of your favorite place. Either growing up as a kid or now. But it has to be a place where you've actually been.

It could be home. Or it could be as far from home as possible, depending on how that went.

It could be a friend's house. Or down by the river. A tree.

Grandma and Grandpas house. The farm. That one really special trip that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

People are spatial. We attach great importance to locations.

Both as individuals and as whole countries, locations are very important. Monuments, memorials, cemeteries, are all places which have their importance in their location and what happened there and with who is buried there.

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we too need a special place to go where we can meet the Lord. Where we can meet with God one on one. This is not to replace going to church (where it's safe to do so), but where you can have those quiet, private times with God. This can be difficult for those who either are in large families or who need to work 2 jobs to get by.

If so, it's okay to be flexible. Your special place with God can be in the car, bus, or train on the commute to work and back. It can be at work or somewhere else. Sometimes you need to find a place where you can find a room (some people have literal prayer closets), shut the door, lock it and be with the Lord for 10 minutes.

If you don't have such a place, look for one, but don't force it. Let the Lord lead and guide you to a place of His own choosing.

Where is your special place to meet with God?

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for Andy?**  
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You can also mail or drop questions  
off to: Meridian Weekly  
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### Remembering September 11, 2001

Dear Andy,

Nineteen years ago, our county changed after the tragic fall of the New York Twin Towers. Together as a Nation we grew more aware of our surroundings and embraced our vulnerability while mourning the deaths of nearly 3,000 people who died due to the attacks on our land on the fateful day. People need to be reminded. Please take a moment to share your thoughts on reminding our next generations the importance of remembering. B. Ford

Dear Mr. Ford,

Educating others with facts and memorial tributes is a necessary part of our healing and learning how to prevent other catastrophes. Earthquakes, Fires, Tornados, hurricanes, wars, human violence and protests, prejudice, illnesses, suicides, natural deaths and accidents are only a few of the emotional challenges, we must learn to endure and survive.

Educating and humanizing experiences with verbal and written communication is an important part for others to learn. Conversations regarding what actually and factually occurred is imperative as one of the tools to prevent such tragedies, again. Keep "life learning" lessons in the memory of listeners, recorded in diaries, newspapers and the history books will better prepare others to handle or prevent future disasters and tragedy. No one is immune from experience or learning the lesson necessary to make a safer and better future.

As for honoring those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, police, firefighters, U.S. Military, and first responders and innocent bystanders must never be forgotten. It is all our responsibility to provide books, plaques, parks, statues, memorials, and celebrations as a remembrance of their lives sacrificed.

On September 11, 2001 at 8:46 am, if you were witness to this historical event, you will remember exactly where you were and what you were doing. During these attacks, 2,977 people died. The first deaths were the 265 on the 4 planes that crashed. (including the terrorists) A total of 19 hijackers committed murder/suicide. 125 individuals died at the Pentagon. 2,606 in the World Trade Center and in the surrounding area. 400 deaths were police officers and firefighters. All these numbers have another 20 – 100 others who were immediately affected by their deaths. Facts and educating our youth is necessary by remembering that sad day.

Tragic as it is, we must not forget. Our Freedom is not Free. We continue to sacrifice and honor.

Teach our Children Well; They are our Future  
Andy@ ask\_andy@aol.com

## Clinton County... cont'd from front

The deadline for the drawing is Friday, September 25th at 11:59pm. The drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 to select six (6) successful applicants for each of the eleven (13) days when waterfowl hunting will be allowed in Clinton Lakes Park. Successful applicants will be provided a Hunting Permit for their approved date/s. Each permit holder may be accompanied by up to two guest hunters, as further defined in the conditions page of the permit. Please be sure that all of the hunters in your group submit an application prior to the deadline.

The location of the 2020 waterfowl hunt is Clinton Lakes County Park, 4665 N. DeWitt Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. The 272-acre park was acquired by Clinton County in November 2013. The park contains a 90-acre lake and a 12-acre lake with a combined shoreline of approximately three miles. Hunting is an important way to manage the flock by providing area residents with an enjoyable outdoor recreation activity and food for the family table, while dispersing geese and other waterfowl across the many other water bodies and wetlands in the area."

Full details can be found on the application and permit forms available on-line at [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org) or by visiting the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street - Suite 2100, St. Johns, MI 49979. You may also e-mail the Clinton County Parks and Green Space office at [parks@clinton-county.org](mailto:parks@clinton-county.org) and the forms will be sent by a reply e-mail.

## Concealed Pistol License Class

*submitted by Norm Martin*

The Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, is hosting concealed pistol license class on September 19th. Class hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished.

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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).

## Rep. Frederick: PPE Grants Available to Local Medical Facilities, Car Providers

*submitted by Christian Guenther*

State Rep. Ben Frederick today said local medical facilities and other care providers are eligible to apply for grant funding to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) and protect patients and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Frederick, of Owosso, said the \$25 million grant program was created by the Legislature using funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"Our frontline health care workers have put themselves in harm's way while working long hours to care for patients and keep our loved ones safe from COVID-19," Frederick said. "We must make sure they continue to have access to the personal protective equipment they desperately need. This grant program will ensure providers can afford the PPE needed to protect health care workers, their families and patients from the further spread of coronavirus."

The Michigan PPE Grant Program provides funds to eligible Michigan health and human services providers to cover costs for up to 90 days of PPE for frontline employees.

Eligible providers include long-term care facilities, dialysis centers, outpatient medical facilities, home health care providers, dental offices, pharmacies, EMS providers, funeral and mortuary services, long-term acute care hospitals, and residential congregate facilities, including child caring institutions and supervised independent living.

Grant awards of up to \$250,000 will be made based on the number of client-facing workers at each facility.

Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, Sept. 8. The application is available on the Michigan PPE Grant Program webpage: [https://is.gd/COVID\\_PPEApplication](https://is.gd/COVID_PPEApplication).



*State Rep. Ben Frederick delivers testimony before the House Health Policy Committee in support of his bill to expand ready access to dental specialists throughout Michigan.*

## Rep. Frederick Health Care Initiatives Advance

*submitted by Rachel Doane*

Two initiatives related to healthcare services introduced by Rep. Ben Frederick were considered in House legislative committees this week.

The first bill, House Bill 4908, would help encourage career advancement and retention of talent within the ranks of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) in Michigan's nursing homes. Under the proposal, CNAs would be able to pursue a Medication Aide certification to assist in administering basic ongoing medication needs to nursing home patients under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Nurse Practitioner (LPN).

Medication aides would be required to have served in that capacity for more than 2,000 hours, meet rigorous training standards, and complete nationally recognized coursework to ensure patient safety. More than 20 other states presently provide in law for this specialization.

"This change in Michigan law will help address longstanding problems with healthcare workforce shortages and turnover which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic," Frederick said. "It will also provide CNAs with a pathway to grow professionally in their careers which will mean higher pay, expanded training and duties and a higher likelihood of continuing toward a nursing degree."

Frederick also noted that medication aide programs have resulted in improved medication error rates in other states while freeing up nurses for more mainline care. The bill was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee and now moves to be considered by the full House.

The second bill, House Bill 5446, would help make dental health care specialists more accessible to the public by recognizing additional dental specialties in Michigan's Public Health Code. Including dental public health, oral and maxillofacial radiology, and dental anesthesiology in the list of specialty trainings through which a dentist may receive a health profession specialty field license, ensures these qualified professionals are recognized formally for their training specialization.

"This legislation ultimately allows other dentists to more easily find specialists when referring their patients for necessary oral health procedures and examinations and helps patients in underserved areas," Frederick said.

## Virtual Superhero Week

*submitted by Kelly Schafer*

Due to potential safety concerns and the likelihood we cannot safely do all the fun things, The Voice for Clinton County's Children is hosting our 2020 Signature Event as a Virtual 5K AND we are going to celebrate all things SUPERHERO for an entire week! The week of September 20th we hope you will join us from wherever you are to run, walk, bike, trampoline, and just move in support of our services for abused and neglected children.

Sponsorships and registrations welcome until midnight, Sunday, September 13th. All registered participants will receive a 5K t-shirt and cloth mask which will be picked up at Sports Stop in St. Johns and 20% off their registration for our 2021 event.

To register or sponsor our event, please visit our website at [VoiceForClintonCountyChildren.org](http://VoiceForClintonCountyChildren.org). For more event information, please contact Kelly Schafer at [KellySchaferED@gmail.com](mailto:KellySchaferED@gmail.com) or 989-640-5681. Will your cape be ready?!

## Return of Recycling Waits on Virus

*submitted by Ellen Link*

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers have determined we must suspend our recycling drives until the new case numbers from COVID-19 show several weeks of steady decline. Michigan's numbers have been rising in recent weeks as have both Shiawassee and Clinton counties', and even Laingsburg schools has already reported a case.

Don't misunderstand: We're itching to get back to diverting resources from the landfill and remain committed to reducing waste, but we don't want to endanger either our volunteers or clients. If we don't all help put the brakes on this virus our communities will continue to suffer from a variety of closings for longer and longer.

So how about some good news? A Regional Electronics Recycling Day will be held on Sat., Sept. 26, 9 am-2 pm, at Chippewa Middle School (4000 Okemos Rd.). They will be accepting TVs, computers, monitors, printers, cords, cables, phones, VCRs, stereo equipment, typewriters and more! A \$20 donation each is requested for TVs and monitors, cash or check made payable to Meridian Township. For more information, visit [meridian.mi.us/recycle](http://meridian.mi.us/recycle).

Materials can still be taken to Granger (Wood Rd. in Lansing), Meridian Township (Lake Rd. in Haslett), MSU, and the St. Johns Lions' site, but note that hours of operation and the variety of recyclables accepted may have been reduced and/or changed so it is best to check lists and hours before making the trip. If you are elderly or handicapped and need assistance, please call one of the numbers given below.

Last month we told you about House Bill 5306 and Senate Bill 701 that would expand Michigan's successful bottle deposit law. Sadly, another bill has been introduced—H.B. 5423, aka the "Broken Bottle Bill"—that would raid \$21 million from bottle deposit revenues that are presently used for cleaning up contaminated sites (there are over 24,000 such sites in Michigan). That's definitely not intended to help the environment.

If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Terry or Ellen Link (517-651-2005) or Beth Lange (651-6473). And please don't give up reducing, reusing and, of course, recycling. So stay healthy! Stay home when you can, wear a mask, and social distance. Let's get this recycling show back on the road!

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## Understanding R-Values

Insulation recommendations are based on certain factors that coordinate with regional climate zones to increase energy efficiency. These factors are known as R-values. The R in R-value stands for "resistance," and refers to how certain products resist the flow of heat through walls, floors and ceilings. Products should reduce heat escape so heat is kept on the right side of the wall. In summer this means outdoors, in winter it means indoors. R-values relate not only to insulation, but also to walls, windows and other barriers. R-values also coordinate to the type, thickness and density of the material being used. The higher the R-value, the more resistant to heat the product is. The U.S. Department of Energy coordinates R-value to climate zones 1 through 7 (1: Tip of Florida; 7: Canadian border). A higher R-value is needed in Zone 7 and a lower R-value is necessary in Zone 1. Those embarking on home improvement projects that involve choosing between R-values are urged to speak with a professional or to visit the Department of Energy website ([www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)) to determine which R-Value is ideal for their homes.



## Types of Home Insulation and Where to Install Them

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

### Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves, is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

### Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

### Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

### Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls, such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.



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## Home Improvement

### Safe and Effective Ways to Clean Up Leaves

Removing leaves from the yard is a task that homeowners must perform each fall. Thousands upon thousands of leaves can drop from a single tree. Multiply that by the number of trees on a property, and it's no surprise the task of leaf cleanup can seem so daunting. Furthermore, not all leaves are shed at the same time, so several cleanup sessions may be necessary before the last leaf is banished from the yard.



Just like removing snow, leaf cleanup can be a taxing job if done by hand. For people unaccustomed to exercise, cleaning up leaves can turn into quite a workout. According to the Discovery Health Calorie Counter, raking leaves for one hour can burn nearly 292 calories. Shoulders and arms will feel the burn. Raking leaves is considered moderate physical activity, similar to brisk walking. Those who find themselves straining or out of breath should take a break, and these tips also make the job safer and easier.

- Wear layers when cleaning up leaves. It may be cool at first, but it's easy to work up a sweat after raking for awhile. Layers can be peeled off so as not to get overheated or risk hypothermia from sweating in chilly temps.

- Pay attention to your posture while raking. James Weinstein, chairman of the Department of Orthopedics at Dartmouth Medical School, recommends forming a wide base with the feet and holding the rake slightly toward the end of the handle with one hand three-quarters of the way down the handle from the other. Do not twist the spine; move your entire body. Avoid overuse of muscles on one side of the body by switching sides periodically.

- Do not try to rake or blow leaves on windy days. Wind will only make the task that much more difficult, which could lead to overworking oneself.

- Avoid overfilling bags. For those who plan to mulch and bag leaves, remember that compressed leaves can get heavy pretty quickly. Do not over-fill bags, as they can be hard to move or bring to a recycling center.

Using a leaf blower to push leaves into piles will reduce the strenuousness of the task, but leaf blowers can be heavy and noisy and gas-powered blowers can produce a considerable amount of exhaust.

Raking leaves can be quite a chore. It is important that homeowners take steps to prevent injury while cleaning up leaves in their yards.

### How to Recognize When You Can Stop Mowing

As fall gradually transitions to winter, homeowners may wonder when to stop mowing their lawns. Each lawn is different, and when to stop mowing may depend on a host of factors, including local climate and the type of turf. In addition to climate and turf, homeowners can keep an eye on these conditions to determine when the time is right to put their mowers away for the winter.

- Frost: Warm-season grasses typically go dormant after a couple of significant frosts. Homeowners can jot down each frost during fall. Frosts are most noticeable in the early morning hours, so be sure to check lawn conditions each morning as the weather begins to grow cold. Frost may be noticeable without even going outside, but homeowners may need to go outside to check on chilly mornings or on days when the previous night was especially cold. If you must go outside, stay off the grass to protect it. Two or three frosts might be enough to make warm-season grasses go dormant for the winter. Cool-season grasses may keep growing and require mowing even after a few frosts, so it's imperative that homeowners determine which type of grass is in their yards.

- Soil temperature: If it's hard to determine if frosts have occurred, homeowners can try checking the temperature of their soil to decide if they need to keep mowing. The lawn care experts at Pennington recommend homeowners continue mowing warm-season grasses so long as they keep growing. Lawns may not grow as quickly in fall as they do in spring or summer, and growth may not be as visible to the naked eye during this time of year as it is in other times. Homeowners can routinely check soil temperature to determine if their grasses have stopped growing. Warm-season grasses tend to stop growing once the soil temperature is consistently at 55 F or below, while cool-season grasses tend to stop when temperatures are 45 F or lower.



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## Sports

### Elfring Stars as Medalist; Wolpack Girls Golf Team Opens 2020 Campaign

OLIVET -- Laingsburg's Grace Elfring was the top scorer at The Medalist GC in Olivet, as the Wolpack girls golf team opened its 2020 season.

Elfring fired a 51, outdistancing the result of the field by at least five strokes, as coach Greg Beavers' Wolves finished 4th with 273 team strokes. Lakewood took home the team title with 244 strokes, followed by Perry 254, Olivet 255, and Laingsburg.

Following Elfring in the individual scoring was Jackie Mattison of Perry 56, Natalie Lang (Lakewood) 58, Claire Benham (Lakewood) 59, Morgan Stahl (Lakewood) 60, Erin Bucinski (Olivet) 61, Olivia Leitelf (Perry) 61, Drue Allen (Olivet) 63, Abby Williamks (Olivet) 65 and Lauren Pawloski (Olivet) 66.

### Ashley's First Cross Country Meet of 2020

*b Ashleigh Shaw*

Ashley traveled to Ithaca to compete in the Ithaca Yellowjacket invitational. They had three girls and two boys run in this meet. Juniors Sharla Juhas and Jenna Wirt competed, Juhas finished 48th in 29:27.83 while Wirt finished 52nd in 30:27.59. Running in her very first race was freshman Sophia Wirt who finished in 40:20.67. Freshman Clayton Juhas and eighth grader Carson Litwiller competed for the boys. Juhas finished 55th with a time of 25:14.40 and Litwiller finished 59th in 30:37.30.



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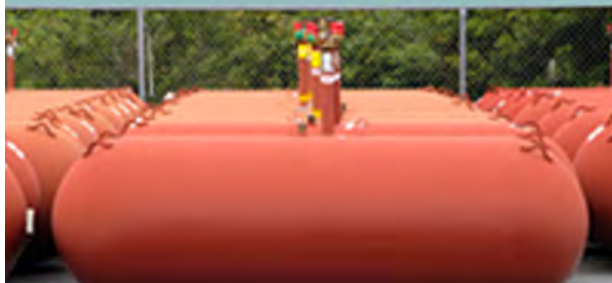
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### Ovid-Elsie Cross Country

*submitted by David Pastula*

The boys team took a step today that seemed to be in line with that time of year as well. With waterlogged shoes, every runner on the team made a marked improvement on their first meet at this same course just over two weeks earlier. This is a major confidence booster for this team. They ran consistent, smart races. Now we need to build some speed on those legs to take the next step for our program.

Ryan Gavenda finished 24th with 20:25.67, Gavyn Leavitt finished 25th with 20:45.49.

Congrats to Cole Workman, Christian Schmidtfranz, Joe Humrich, and Dalton Love on achieving their personal records at the meet today!

The girls all took major strides to push their times lower as they are tuning up for the first conference meet next Tuesday.

Alexis Spitzley continues to be a strong front end to the team finishing 3rd with a 22:02.00 while Kaia Spiess finishing 14th with a 24:17.28.

These Lady Marauders are showing stellar growth and should be proud of their performance today.

Congrats to Kaia Spiess and Rachel Spitzley on achieving their personal records at the meet today!



OE Cross Country teams competed at Corunna High School on Thursday, Sept. 9th. The boys finished 5th and the girls finished 3rd. Photos by Charlene Wagner and Elaine Crosby

## FALL SPORTS



Our Fall Sports Preview will look different this season. Due to schedules still be finalized and team pictures still being scheduled, we will present teams to you our readers over the next few weeks for Ashley, Laingsburg and Ovid-Elsie on our sports pages.





## Michigan's Apple Crop Right on Schedule

by Farm Progress

"Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, so many events and traditions have been canceled. But nature doesn't get canceled," says Diane Smith, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee. "Michigan's apple growers have continued to work through the crisis, and apples continue to grow. Right now, they are ripening on trees and will be ready for consumers to enjoy in just a few short weeks."

Early varieties, such as Paula Red and Ginger Gold, were ready for harvest about Aug. 25 and 27, respectively. America's most-produced variety, the Gala, looks to be coming off trees about Sept. 8. Honeycrisp is estimated to be ready for harvest about Sept. 18. View a full schedule of estimated harvest dates at [michiganapples.com](http://michiganapples.com).

"There is always a great deal of excitement around apple harvest time, and this year is no exception," Smith says. "In fact, consumers are more interested than ever in providing fresh, healthy foods for their families, as staying healthy and well has been top-of-mind over the past several months."

Consumers can find information about the health benefits of apples, as well as recipes and healthy meal plans at [michiganapples.com/healthy-living](http://michiganapples.com/healthy-living).

"Apples are literally a symbol of health," Smith says. "They have numerous health benefits, and they can be eaten fresh or incorporated into recipes. Michigan's apple growers continue to be dedicated to providing safe, quality fruit throughout the COVID-19 crisis, while taking great care to keep their workers and operations safe as well."

Michigan apple growers harvest an average of 25 million bushels each year. There are more than 14.9 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 34,500 acres on 775 family-run farms in Michigan.

The Michigan Apple Committee is a grower-funded non-profit organization devoted to marketing, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption in Michigan and around the world. For more information, visit [michiganapples.com](http://michiganapples.com).

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## Uncle Johns Cider Mill

First Pick of the Patch September 18th

Be one of the first people in our pumpkin patch this season! Bring your friends & family for fun at the farm. We welcome you to enjoy our outdoor seating and activities.

PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS: 4-7 pm pumpkins sold by weight.

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## Secretary of State

submitted by Tracy Wimmer

The special appointments and extended hours for Michigan residents to renew driver's licenses or state ID cards has expanded to include those licenses and IDs expiring in October, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced.

Last month, Benson announced branch offices would offer the special appointments and extended hours for licenses or IDs that expire between Jan. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2020, and must be renewed in person. Customers can make appointments for between 4 and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday through Sept. 30. To make an appointment, visit [Michigan.gov/SOS](http://Michigan.gov/SOS) or call 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

Under Public Acts 127-129, those with driver's license, state ID or vehicle registration expirations between March 1 and Sept. 30 have until Sept. 30 to complete their renewals. With that deadline less than three weeks away, drivers who haven't completed their renewals are encouraged to make a plan to do so immediately.

Many driver's license and ID renewals also can be completed online at [ExpressSOS.com](http://ExpressSOS.com).

## Michigan Workers Provided Assistance Funds

submitted by Jason Moon

LANSING, MICH. The Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) has started processing payments for Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) for eligible Michiganders. Due to the large volume of payments to be processed, workers will begin receiving LWA payments over the next week to ten days.

LWA is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide \$300 per week to supplement unemployment benefits for those who are unemployed or partially unemployed due to disruptions caused by COVID-19. To be eligible for LWA, a claimant's weekly benefit amount must be at least \$100 (before deductions).

Workers do not have to file a separate claim or application for LWA. To qualify, claimants must self-certify whether they are unemployed due to COVID-19. For claimants who have already provided a self-certification on their claim filing application, no further action is needed to qualify. Also, all unemployed workers receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) have already completed this step.

Claimants who need to self-certify will receive notification to answer a question in their MiWAM account starting this week. If a claimant has chosen to receive US mail, notification will be mailed.

FEMA has recently alerted states that LWA funds will only be available for a total of six weeks. States were initially granted three weeks of LWA benefits and must apply for additional weeks. UIA has applied for all available weeks of benefits which will be payable until the week ending September 5.



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SAG Members of new exhibit at Shiawassee Arts Center

## New Exhibit Opens at Shiawassee Arts Center

*submitted by Piper Brewer*

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be featuring a new exhibit of work by artists Linda Beeman of Owosso with Lynita Shimizu of Ashford, Connecticut, members of the Shiawassee Artists' Guild and Pooh Stevenson of Owosso. The exhibit, which opens September 9 and runs through November 8, is sponsored in honor of the William Burk Family. The public is welcome to attend the reception with the artists to enjoy good food and drinks on Sunday, October 25, 1-3pm. Members will receive 20% off one featured artist item during the opening reception only.

Friends for over a decade, artists Linda Beeman and Lynita Shimizu combine their love of Mokuhanga (Japanese Woodblock Print) in this exciting exhibit. Beeman says that the spiritual connection that she finds in the creation of her work is deeply personal and important. Her thoughts are toward peace, reclamation and protection. The emotional, physical and spiritual energy she uses to create a print somehow becomes embedded within it to reveal the heart and spirit of a location. Although Shimizu's subject matter varies, her goal remains to create images with strength, spirit, and clarity. In a world of challenges, the process of creating a woodblock print provides a peaceful and safe haven. She is so grateful to be a woodblock printmaker and hope some of the joy this brings her, touches others.



Linda Beeman with her exhibits

The Shiawassee Artists' Guild is a group of mid-Michigan artists working in varied art media: painting in oils, acrylics, mixed media, watercolors and pastels, drawing, pen & ink, photography, printmaking, pottery, ceramic sculpture, jewelry making, collage – the list goes on. This year's exhibit, "Doors and Windows", features thirteen SAG artists, Debbie Auble, Dan Chrenka, Marie Gougeon, Linda Justice, Jann Lardie, Susan McGuire, Regina Moskal, Sue Newcom, Nancy Parrish, Linda Ruehle, Jennifer Ross, Linda VanCise and Barbara Walworth.

Pooh Stevenson specializes in natural light, fine art photography, dramatic light portrait work and natural styled images. Her photography journey began with a Minolta 35mm film camera in college, switching to digital in 2007. What began as a project in documenting the farm season has become a passion in capturing the simple beauty and physical complexity of her farm life. Stevenson's art is about seeing the natural world around her, in the tiny details of a robin's nest to the vast expanse of a cloud filled garlic field.



Jennifer Ross featured at exhibit

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso, is open Monday through Friday 12-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-4pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 48th anniversary in 2020, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information call the Arts Center at 989.723.8354 or visit [www.shiawasseearts.org](http://www.shiawasseearts.org).