

## Ovid Lions Complete Community Projects

by Deb Price

This year has been a challenge to say the least for individuals, businesses and organizations. The Ovid Lions Club like many other organizations were unable to hold normal fundraising events or even hold monthly meetings. "Our club looked for things we could do in the community that would have a positive effect," said Lion, Mary Perrien. Structures at Maple Grove Cemetery and Gumear Park were identified as projects where some TLC would create that positive change.

At Maple Grove, the building pictured here was going to be torn down. Windows had been boarded up and the building was in need of some new paint. The project included rebuilding of windows and door, adding steel trim, a new paint job and the addition of some landscaping.



At Gumear Park, the playscape was in need of attention. The DPW straightened the structure, then work began to power wash, sand and add a fresh coat of stain. New climbing ropes and pegs were also replaced to finish the project.



In a year of such hardship for many and despite the lack of fundraising, organizations like the Ovid Lions Club have stepped up to make positive changes in the community. Thank you, Mary Perrien for your leadership and your talents.

## Laingsburg's Dennis Farm Receives Centennial Certification

LAINGSBURG — The State of Michigan has honored the Dennis Farm with official centennial certification, announced on October 18.

The Dennis farm, 8715 Alward Road, just west of the Shiawassee County border in Clinton County, has officially become a centennial farm.

Kevin Dennis and his wife Jennifer, who met while they attended Laingsburg High School, took over operation of the farm in 1996 after the death of his father and mother, Robert and Marilyn Dennis.

The Historical Society of Michigan promotes and recognizes farming in the state by honoring family farms that remain operating agricultural operations owned by a single family for 100 years. Farms that qualify receive a certificate and a display marker for the farm.

Since 1948, the program has honored thousands of farms statewide and dozens in Clinton, Shiawassee County and surrounding areas.

In 1994 — after marrying Jennifer — Kevin Dennis went into a partnership with his dad and formed Dennis Dairy Farms LLC. That same year, they built a 160-cow, free-stall barn and expanded the herd to support the two families.

After the deaths of Robert and Marilyn, Kevin and Jennifer Dennis continued to improve and expand, purchasing an additional 150 acres on which they grew corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa.

Harvey and Ella (Claucherty) Dennis purchased the original 70 acres March 16, 1920, which consisted of the existing house (built in the 1880s), the hip roof barn (built 1902) and several outbuildings. Harvey and Ella Dennis had two children, Howard and Majel Dennis.

The family had chickens, milked cows and raised crops to feed the livestock. They would send butter and eggs by train to Harvey Dennis' brother, Fred Dennis, in Detroit, who marketed them there.

Harvey Dennis died in 1937, followed by Ella Dennis in 1942. The farm was left to Howard and Majel, the latter of whom sold her share of the farm to Howard and his wife, Mabel (White). Howard operated the farm and also worked for the Clinton County Road Commission until he retired in 1967.

Howard and Mabel Dennis' son, Robert Dennis, took over the farm after his graduation. Howard Dennis passed away in 1989; Mabel Dennis followed in 1991.

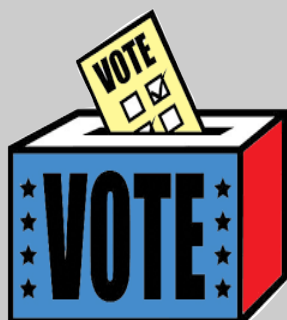
Robert Dennis married Marilyn Wert in 1958, and raised five children — David, Karen, Kendra, Kevin and Julie.

Robert Dennis milked about 50 cows in the stanchion barn until building a free-stall barn in 1967 and a milking parlor in 1973. Two upright silos were added in 1968 and 1973 for feed storage. He continued to grow the farming operation with the purchase of an additional 260 acres, where he grew corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. In 1968, he earned his pilot's license and built a grass runway on the farm that is still in use today.

Kevin and Jennifer Dennis ran the farm themselves until 2008, when they sold the dairy herd to pursue jobs overseas in the dairy industry. Since 2009, the farm has been leased to K&K Dairy Farms, which is based in Clinton County.



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## Ovid Historical Society to Meet

submitted by Roger Matthies

Please Plan to Vote...and then join us for our November meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. We will meet at the Mary Myers Museum, 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

## Social

### Grove Bible Church

submitted by Kaci Miller

Grove Bible Church at 6990 E. Price Road, St. Johns, MI 48879 has launched Trail Life USA on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the gym. Trail Life is a mentoring program for boys and young men K-12th grade whose goal is to help develop character and leadership. Check out Trail Life online at [trail-lifeusa.com](http://trail-lifeusa.com) and come join the Troop!

Also, we've started our annual Awana Children's Ministry program for this year on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the gym. Additionally, this year we will have a drive-in Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 31st from 3pm - 5pm.

The community is welcome to come drive through our parking lot and receive free bags of treats and a gospel video for your family.

### Ovid Christmas Baskets

submitted by Ovid Christmas Basket Program

The Ovid Christmas Basket Committee has no way of knowing what to plan for this coming Christmas season for our Ovid families. These are the things we know for sure. There will be a greater need this year. The committee will NOT be going to collect and give out food, clothing, personal products or household goods.

As a group they are NOT going to meet and put together baskets to give out nor have the usual coming together of families to shop and give out baskets.

The committee can use the mail to give families food certificates to Ovid Food Pride and other gift certificates. So money is needed to buy these food and gift certificates.

How can you give? Funds can be given to the Ovid Lions Club (marking the donation for Christmas). Donations can be left at Ovid Service Agency or sent to % Lions, Box 493, Ovid.

The group will still wrap and deliver Toys for Tots to families who fill out the applications which will be available in November in the schools and village and city halls.

Any questions, please call Carol Bashore, 989-834-2384.

### Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Ovid and Elsie Christmas Committees

The applications for Ovid and Elsie Christmas help are being made available starting November 2nd, 2020. The following locations will have them:

In Ovid: Leonard Elementary School Office and Ovid City Hall.

In Elsie: E.E. Knight Elementary School Office and Elsie Village Hall.

Notice: The applications will have different instructions as to how this is being handled this year with all the Covid restrictions. As always, your family must live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and you haven't asked for help with any other agency.

### The 2020 Holiday Season is Upon Us in Elsie

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The holidays are a wonderful time of the year that allow us to be thankful for what we have and embrace those around us! The Elsie Community Christmas Project supports families and people in need during the holiday season in the Elsie/Bannister area.

The committee is seeking out support from local community businesses, organizations, local churches and any individuals wishing to donate monetarily to give families in our area an extra special Christmas. Health and safety considerations are being taken seriously due to the pandemic, and this year, we will not be able to collect food or personal items. All donations will be used to purchase gift cards and food certificates.

If you would like to donate to the Elsie Community Christmas Project, please contact Brooke Wooley at (517) 819-8459 and leave a message. Donations are also accepted at the Elsie Village Office and the Elsie United Methodist Church. We are in the process of gathering applications from families and working to give them the best holiday season we can! Thank you for your support!



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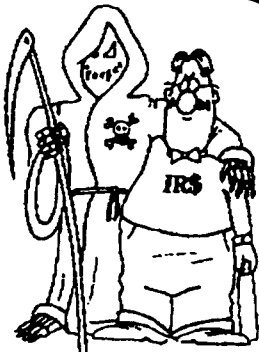
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### Habitat Seeks Volunteers for Ongoing Ithaca Home Build

submitted by Dawn Parker

ITHACA – Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to continue the work on a home being built at 401 Barber Street.

Habitat for Humanity would especially like to hear from experienced carpentry, drywall and painting professionals who would be willing to give of their time. No experience? Willing to learn? Your help is needed as well.

More handy with a spatula than a hammer? Consider giving of your time to donate treats, whether by yourself or as part of a group. Preparing a lunch during the build would also be a welcome gift.

Prayers for good weather, safety and good health for those who are taking part are always appreciated, as are donations as building costs continue to rise.

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# Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP for Seniors)

*submitted by Rebecca Zemla*

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

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

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin November 3rd through Novmer 24th, 2020.

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

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

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

# NOTICE DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP TEMPORARY CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATION

Due to the COVID-19 virus and concern for our voters and election workers, the Duplain Township polling location at 145 West Main Street, Elsie MI is being temporarily relocated to the **American Legion hall located at 220 South Ovid Street, Elsie MI** for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. This is being done to provide safe, phyysical distancing for everyone. This does not affect those voters who have voted by absentee ballot. If you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Richard Bates, Duplain Twp. Clerk by calling 989-862-5084



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## The Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Presents “Luminaries of Love”

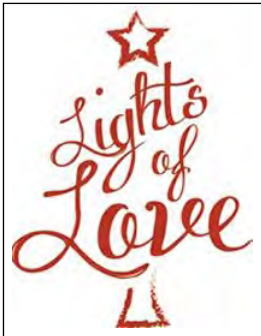
submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Each year, the Auxiliary kicks off the month of December with a traditional Tree of Love Lighting ceremony, this year we will be lighting up the holidays with “Luminaries of Love”. Honor the memory of a friend or family member this holiday season by \*ordering a luminary lantern of remembrance.

Each lantern will be displayed in the garden outside Memorial Healthcare’s main lobby from Thanksgiving through Christmas. A tribute board will be on display in the lobby with the name(s) of your loved ones being honored.

Begin your holiday season in a meaningful way by remembering and honoring those close to you. Luminaries will be available for purchase from November 1 – 23 and are \$25 each. Order forms are available on the Foundation website at: <https://www.memorialhealthcare.org/foundation/special-events/>

To pay by check, please mail your completed order form and payment to: 1637 W. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867. To pay by credit card, please call the Foundation office at: (989) 729-4675.



## Laingsburg Farmers Market

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

LAINGSBURG – The Laingsburg Farmers Market came to a close this past Wednesday, after a summer of mixed emotions during the challenging times following the restrictions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you to the regular customers who navigated their way each Wednesday evening shopping at the diverse vendors on Roosevelt Row.

The Vendors would like to extend their appreciation to the customers who supported the vendors and braved the wind, rain and sunshine selling their goods. “We appreciate the patience of our customers waiting their turn, respecting the 6 ft distancing and shoppers wearing their masks as recommended by the CDC to help prevent spreading the novel Corona virus.” says Dena Judd, Farmers Market Coordinator.

As a continued service to the community, the vendors have decided to offer their products over the winter to make shopping and baking easier during the Holidays and winter months. If you need baked goods- pies, cinnamon rolls or Artesian breads and specialty items call Laura Smith, Co-Owner of Firefly Ridge CSA Farms Cell: 517-290-3776 email: FireflyRidgecsa@gmail.com. Ask about Fresh produce. Pumpkins and fall root and squashes still available.

Other local vendors include Ethel & Alicia Newkirk selling affordable jewelry and accessories. 989-307-8217. Rashell’s Custom Crafts 517-899-1838. Find Sherry Oxendale, the cupcake lady on Face Book. Another farmers market favorite is Bonnie Rose with crocheted blankets and beautiful gifts. Find her on Etsy.com/shop/The Bonnie Rose Shoppe is also on FB.com. Kayla Shaffer offers Farmasi Cosmetics and Beauty tips. 517-295-8128. Eshes House plants and Micrograins were hot items for sale. Contact them on 517-402-2193. Small cottage businesses make the community better place to live and eat.

“We were fortunate to have fresh harvests of raw honey from Whispering Pine 517-896-1488, Shrams specialty flavored honey 248-318-8205 this past fall. All summer Risk’s Apiary & Honey House products were available at the Country Bread Box.” For Risk’s honey contact: Sid at 517-651-9842. For fresh Italian, French and American Breads, Homemade Pies and Specialty cookies contact Karen Anderson at 517-282-9222, also offering holiday specials. Watch the Farmers Market Face Book page for upcoming holiday events.

Thank you, Laingsburg, and friends for your support in making the Farmers Market great success. See you next summer.

## Laingsburg Lions Club

The Laingsburg Lions Club are hosting a Beef Raffle. Proceeds from this fund raiser will go towards new playground equipment at Scout Bates Park. First Prize thru 4th prize is 1/4 of Angus Beef, 5th place is \$200. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and are available at Leonard Hardware, Sage Market or from any Lion member and at the Weekly office in downtown Ovid. Tickets can also be purchased directly thru the Laingsburg Lions Pay Pal account. The drawing will be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Lions Annual Thanksgiving Dinner (take-out only this year) between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.



## Rep. Frederick, Long announce plan to allow county-level data to drive COVID-19 decision-making

submitted by Christina Guenther

Brian Long, President and CEO of Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, speaks in support of a plan announced by State Rep. Ben Frederick aimed at giving people more certainty and control by allowing for data-driven COVID-19 responses that reflect conditions in local communities. The plan relies on science-based, county-level data to guide decisions to keep people healthy and determine appropriate COVID-19 restrictions.

## Last Chance to Sign Up for SAT

submitted by Renee Dotson

Do you have an 8th grade student in Shiawassee County?

Are they doing well in school and would be interested in a challenge?

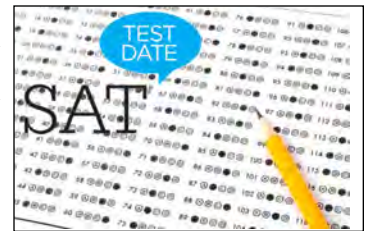
Would you like assistance getting them into their dream college?

Eighth graders can take the SAT test on December 5, 2020 at the Owosso Middle to become eligible for the Shiawassee Scholars Program and many other gifted and talented programs.

Registration only takes a few minutes and MUST be done BEFORE November 4!

Ask your school counselor for the 3 code numbers you will need, contact Renee Dotson @ 989-743-3471, or get all the testing details, registration code numbers and practice test info @

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## Senior Spotlight



### This Year It's More Important Than Ever to Get Your Flu Shot

*submitted by Leslie Kinnee*

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- As we continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) reminds the public that the flu season is upon us and that the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu is to get vaccinated.

COVID-19 and influenza are likely to collide in the coming months, making it more important than ever to do what we can to stay healthy and protect ourselves from preventable illnesses. That is why the MMDHD is urging everyone over six months of age to get vaccinated against the flu.

Vaccination is especially important for those at high-risk for developing serious flu complications. Those most at-risk include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.

Anyone who has had influenza knows it can make you quite miserable and put you out of commission for up to a week with a high fever, chills, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. While the flu vaccine is not 100% effective, it remains our best defense and can reduce the severity of symptoms if you do get sick.

The vaccine is effective throughout the entire flu season, which can last as late as May. It does take up to two weeks for the body to build up defenses against the virus after being vaccinated, so it is best not to wait.

The vaccine is available at a variety of places, including your doctor's office, many pharmacies, or at your local health department.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department offers the standard flu shot, the high-dose flu shot for those 65 and older, and preservative-free options. The health department participates with the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and can bill many types of insurance, including Medicare Part B, which will cover the entire cost for seniors.

To schedule an appointment at MMDHD, or to find out if we participate with your insurance, call 989-224-2195 in Clinton County, 989-875-3681 in Gratiot County and 989-831-5237 in Montcalm County.

In addition to getting vaccinated, there are many other ways you can protect yourself and your family from getting sick from the flu and other illnesses. First, wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Make sure to clean common surfaces and objects often that may be contaminated with germs. You should also try to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and

mouth. If you know someone who is sick, avoid close contact with them.

If you do get the flu, call your doctor if your symptoms get worse or if you have shortness of breath or worsening cough or congestion. Also, be sure to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and be sure to stay home so you do not infect others.

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### Memorial Healthcare Woodward Station Services Set to Move

*submitted by Vicki McKay*

OWOSSO, Mich. – Effective Tuesday, November 3, Memorial Healthcare's outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapies and health and fitness programs, will be open at 1488 N. M-52, Owosso. This location is the former D'Mar Banquet Conference Center.

"With this move, we are excited to offer our patients access to new, state-of-the-art equipment which was originally scheduled to premier when our new Neurology, Orthopedics, and Community Wellness Center opened," said Kevin Davis, Associate Vice President of Operations at Memorial Healthcare. "Patients will continue to receive the same high quality, personalized care they've come to expect and recognize from Memorial Healthcare team members at this new location."

Memorial Healthcare outpatient therapy services offer five convenient locations to serve patients including locations in Chesaning, Durand, and Perry.

For more information about this location or to schedule an appointment, please contact (989) 723-9488. To stay up to date with all of Memorial Healthcare services and events, visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).



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## Memorial Healthcare to Hold Drive-Thru Flu Vaccine Clinic

*submitted by Vicki McKay*

OWOSSO— Memorial Healthcare will be hosting its third drive-thru flu vaccine clinic on Saturday, November 7 from 12 pm to 4 pm. The clinic will be held at Memorial's drive-thru location at 1637 W. Main Street (M-21) in Owosso (Memorial Healthcare Foundation building). Those participating in the clinic are asked to enter off Young Street and wear a mask. No appointment or pre-registration is required. The clinic is open to anyone age 5 and older.

To stay up to date with all of Memorial Healthcare services and events, visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).



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### Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid  
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 **Worship Service**  
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### Bannister United Methodist Church

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## Obituaries

### Robert Edwin March

Robert Edwin March passed away Thursday, October 22nd at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, after a 2 week battle with Covid-19. He was 85 years old. Bob was born in Lansing, Michigan on October 11th, 1935, the first son of Maude and Edwin March.

Bob grew up on the family farm south of Laingsburg. He was a great athlete throughout High School. Bob played football as a halfback and ran track. He held a record in track at Laingsburg High, well into the 1970's.

On October 10th, 1959, Bob married the love of his life, Kathleen Stevens, at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Laingsburg. Bob and Kathy raised 4 children in the home that they built together, north of Laingsburg. Bob worked at Midland Ross in his early years. He also worked at Vaugh Seed and Woodard's Furniture. His last working years were spent at General Motors before his retirement. He was a very hard worker, completing many additions, remodels and projects to improve their home over the years. Bob could fix, build or fabricate just about anything and loved to spend time tinkering with projects in his barn. He also enjoyed taking care of his yard in his retirement years. He and Kathy enjoyed attending high school sports in Laingsburg, grandkids games or programs, along with watching the Spartans and the Tigers on TV. They traveled the U.S. during the winter months after retirement, until her passing in 2015. Bob loved to talk and was always quick witted with his jokes and sayings. Along with that, we could be sure that he would tell us just exactly what he was thinking, we never had to guess.

There were many summer weekends spent at the family cottage on Duck Lake over the years. Bob loved to water ski in his younger years and was very good at it. In later years he enjoyed spending time around the fire with family at the lake, and taking great grandkids tubing behind his Bayliner. After Kathy passed he loved to spend time with his life-long best friend, Roger Curtis. Bob and Roger had been friends since high school. He loved his grand-kids and great-grandkids. Grampa loved to spend time with them. This year the great-grandkids picked pumpkins from his garden and he gave them rides on a plastic sled behind his Cub Cadet. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be remembered with love and missed beyond measure by all.

Robert is survived by his brother, Larry March (Sharon), Daughters, Cheryl March (Pete Salyer), Vickie March (Mike Price), sons, Greg March and Brian March (Kathy). Grandchildren: Ray Downs (Krystal), Brad Downs (Ashley), Mike Hoeft, Jolie Wreggelsworth (Mike), Amanda Hoch (Jake), Steven March, Benjamin Hoch (Kristine), Dillon Telfer (Caroline), Devon March (Raygen) and Brooke March. Great-grandchildren: Laila, Julian, Graice, Adelaide, Benjamin, Elliott, Abe, Charlotte, Arlo and River. And Samantha Lambert (mother to Laila, Graice and Benjamin).

He was preceded in death by his wife and partner, Kathy along with infant son Todd. Also his parents, Maude and Ed March, In-laws Tom and Delia Stevens, Mary Margaret Stevens. His sister Virginia Daly, his sisters and brothers-in-laws, Patricia and Ben Hart, Marilyn and Carl Veith and daughter-in-law Bonita March.

A family graveside service was held on Monday, Oct. 26th at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Laingsburg. Bob will lay at rest next to his loving wife Kathy. The family asks that any memorials in Robert's name be made to: Shiawassee County Humane Society or a charity of the donors choice.



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Joe Coleman

**Pre-Arrangements have you wondering?**  
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## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I'm beginning to believe that I have run out of things to say.....actually my life will be slowing down just a bit. The last day of the Farmer's Market is on Halloween.....then my work schedule will slow down even more after the third of November (by then I should have the Parable out in the mail). The next Parable isn't due until the end of December. So basically I only have two major holidays to confront. Maybe not confront.....deal with in my leisure. I already have the wrapping paper and most of the gifts for Christmas.....and I know what I must do for our family Thanksgiving dinner.....just dinner rolls and a few pies.

Is it possible that I might catch up on the sorting and down-sizing projects that I have started? Maybe the new flooring will be installed in the kitchen and utility room? No doubt wishful thinking on my part, I did manage to have Leaf Filters installed last week. This week I seem to get to chase the Tiny Terror all around the deck every morning when I let Prudence out for her morning absolutions. The Tiny Terror is very quick and manages to flee through the door with skillful ease. She has gotten rather brave and has begun addressing the outside cats. This morning she was sniffing at Scamp when I scooped her up and put her back into the house. I'm ready to let her stay outside except then I would end up with another bunch of kittens to neuter.

Right now we have three kittens that we are taming. They reside in the bathroom and show no tendencies for escape, yet. Just realized that Tiger Lily is no Lily, Paws is also a fine young male with extremely soft fur and then there is Rambo who is a gray calico. Rambo got her name from the clawing, biting exhibition that she gave me as I removed her from the live trap. (Note to self, I will wear heavy gloves in the future to save my hands and wrists from becoming another bloody mess.) She was a little berserker but has calmed down greatly.....she does hiss as we pick her up or pet her but no more clawing or biting. Rambo is a survivor, I understand that she was the runt of the litter and waited on the older cats to finish eating before she tried.....no doubt she was bullied. She seems interested in watching her two brothers being coddled. Rambo also seems to be asking them why they are purring when those gargantuan beings pick them up.

Sometimes I think that I could envy folks who have set daily routines, I don't mean those who get up, have a cup of coffee and hit the road to get to their employment venue...probably because I have never had a job that was the exact same thing on every work day. There were always variables that changed my view. I just have a hard time fathoming daily repetition with no changes at hand. Maybe it is because I have been able to focus on the task at hand and then later let my mind wander as needed to keep my sanity. Even that is doubtful at times.

Today I plan on replacing the milk house window and to finally getting the hoses into winter storage. I do have to get back into the office to work on the Parable and refresh my memory on how to scan documents into the laptop. First I must empty the dishwasher and set the kitchen up for a baking marathon. This will be the last one scheduled until we have the family time decorating Christmas cut out cookies, twenty dozen usually satisfies all that are involved. I enjoy it because the house is filled with laughter and zany hijinks as the adults and children try to outdo each other. We have a lovely mess to contend with...but it is a great deal of fun.

May your days be filled with much fun and family.....not all family is biological. Be blessed and enjoy life, get out and vote on the third of November.....my folks always told us that you can't complain if you don't hold up your end of the deal. Don't be complacent....make your vote count. God bless.

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## Have a Question for Andy?

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## Every Vote Counts: Celebrate 100 Year of Women Voting

Dear Andy, What is the point in my voting when the Elector College is going to make the final decision anyway? I don't get how the purpose of the Electors and why the popular vote is not the final vote. Jan A.

Dear Jan, Your vote counts and so does every vote. Getting out to vote on November 3rd or vote with an absentee or mail in ballot will be counted. Voting is the American process of demonstrating our freedom to choose our like-minded leaders. The Electoral process is complex but has proven to be the fairest method to an honest and an official process of the Presidential and Vice Presidents election.

The electoral college is made up of 538 trusted voters who cast their vote in accordance with the popular vote of their individual state. Electoral votes are represented by 2 senators from each state and equal to the total number of Representatives from each state, who take an oath to vote along with their state's popular votes. Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution to include the voting process to be fair. They felt it was too easy for voters to be manipulated in the larger populated areas. There is much controversy if it is still necessary but that would require a Constitutional change.

The candidate who receives the most popular votes win the electoral votes for that state. Campaigning in larger populated states to gain more electoral votes is a good strategy used by candidates. The winner of the Electoral College vote is designed to vote for the people and the candidates according to their states most popular vote. To win the Presidency a candidate must receive 270 electoral votes.

One of the milestones to celebrate this year is when voting is when the United States passed the 19th Amendment in 1920. One hundred years ago. It read: "The right of citizen of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Get out and Vote to honor the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage. They marched, chanted, and met with representative of the states to get this passed so women can vote. Use your right to vote to demonstrate your power as a woman in 2020.

You can google it and find many books about the proceeding of government. The election is a fascinating subject with more information than I know ...or get the short answer on most subjects from just emailing Andy. [ask\\_andy@aol.com](mailto:ask_andy@aol.com).

## Vote for Sorenson

Letter to the Editor:

On November 3rd cast your vote for our Country Treasurer Julie Sorenson. Before being appointed treasurer, she was Shiawassee County's Deputy Treasurer. Previous to that she served for 13 years as a township treasurer.

During her time as deputy treasurer, the treasurer developed serious health issues and couldn't carry out the duties of the office. Once the treasurer retired, Julie was appointed County Treasurer. She moved quickly to reorganize her office, hire a new deputy treasurer, institute a new computer program (BSA), developed an investment policy for county funds, reconcile all bank accounts and move those accounts to a new bank that offered better service and rates.

Julie and her staff, (great to work with, by the way), accomplished all this and more, while on Covid-19 lockdown, and with the added difficulty of furloughed work hours.

Julie has the experience. She is trustworthy, honest, patient and understands, that she works for you the taxpayer. Her work ethic is unparalleled. She's got my vote.

John Plowman

Shiawassee County Commissioner



## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
[www.letsmeetgod.com](http://www.letsmeetgod.com)

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom..."

- Psalm 145:14b

This year is a special election year when we will be voting for President.

It reminds us that there have been and are currently many different kingdoms in the world. There are different nations; different governments and forms of government.

When Jesus came to earth, He talked about a kingdom too, but it was a different type of kingdom.

It's a kingdom where the first will be last and to enter it you must approach God like a little child. This was a very different type of kingdom than what people of Jesus' day and our day were used to.

Philip Yancey, in the book, "The Jesus I never knew" wrote, "To the crowds' dismay, it became clear that Jesus was talking about a strangely different kind of kingdom. The Jews wanted what people have always wanted from a visible kingdom: a chicken in every pot, full employment, a strong army to deter invaders. Jesus announced a kingdom that meant denying yourself, taking up a cross, renouncing wealth, even loving your enemies." - Pgs. 241-242

At the same time, God's Kingdom is the most powerful Kingdom that will ever be.

It is one thing to be a citizen in the most powerful country or nation on earth- such as Rome in Jesus' time or America today. But even with all of the earthly benefits of being such a citizen, everything is limited.

What if you could be a part of a Kingdom that would never end? A Kingdom that one day will rule on a perfect earth, in a perfect universe, forever?

### The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan to review the following:

A petition for map amendment has been submitted by Joe M. Palazzolo to amend the zoning district for property located at 504 E. Grand River Rd. & 500 E. Grand River Rd. from R-M, Medium Density Residential District to R-H, High Density Residential District. The subject properties known as 500 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-006-00) and 504 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-005-00 & 022-40-027-004-00) are within the City of Laingsburg ("City"), and are legally described as the following:

(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-006-00)  
CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 8 & W 10 FT OF LOT 7 BLK 27

(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-005-00)  
CITY OF LAINGSBURG E 40 FT OF LOT 7 & W ½ OF LOT 6 BLK 27

(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-004-00)  
CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 9 & 10 & W ½ OF LOT 11 BLK 27

Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than November 13, 2020.

Due to the ongoing analysis of changes at the State level concerning public participation, it is unclear whether the City will be permitted to provide for remote attendance of this meeting via Zoom. Should the City be permitted to provide for this type of participation, a follow up notice containing the Zoom meeting details will be posted on the Building and the City website [www.laingsburg.us](http://www.laingsburg.us).

City of Laingsburg

Attn: City Clerk

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City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-6101 prior to the meeting.

Paula Willoughby  
City Clerk



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## Green Meadow Farms Directs America’s Farmers Grow Communities Donation to Elsie Area Fire Department

submitted by Shane Grinnell

ELSIE – Local Green Meadow Farms recently directed a \$2,500 America’s Farmers Grow Communities donation, sponsored by Bayer Fund, to Elsie Area Fire Department.

Elsie Fire will use the funds to Purchase Farm Rescue equipment such as harness for our Grain Rescue equipment.

“We Want to Thank Green Meadow Farms for thinking of us.” Says Chief Chris Ormes. said, every little bit helps. We could not run this fire department without people like Green Meadow Farms.

Assistant Fire Chief & Rescue Director Shane Grinnell added that these funds will purchase equipment for not only to help saves lives of local farmers, but for farmers all around the Clinton, Shiawassee, Gratiot and Saginaw Counties. Some of the equipment we have not many departments have, so we can go help them with any farm rescues they may have. “

Since 2010, the America’s Farmers programs have awarded more than \$57 million to nonprofits, aspiring ag students and public schools across rural America. Farmers know the needs of their communities best, so the America’s Farmers programs rely on them to help identify the most worthy causes.

The Grow Communities program partners with farmers across the country to provide nonprofit organizations with resources to strengthen their local communities. Each August,



grams and many others that reflect the spirit and support the vibrancy of rural America.

“Farmers truly understand the needs of their communities and where the opportunities to strengthen them exist. We partner with them to identify the nonprofit organizations that benefit from Grow Communities donations,” said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president. “Each donation shines a light on the organizations that are making a positive difference in rural communities across the country. Bayer Fund is proud to partner with farmers to give back in rural America.”

To learn how you can be an America’s Farmers Grow Communities recipient, visit [www.AmericasFarmers.com](http://www.AmericasFarmers.com). The America’s Farmers Grow Communities 2021 program will kick off on August 1, 2020, and farmers will once again have the opportunity to enroll for a chance to direct a donation to a local eligible nonprofit of their choice. For more info about how you can help Elsie Area Fire Department go to [www.elsiefd.com](http://www.elsiefd.com) and make sure to follow them on Facebook!

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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

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

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

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin November 3rd through the 24th, 2020.

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

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

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



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- Sheriff Brian BeGole

Re-Elect Cindy Garber on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Pathways Adult Education

*submitted by Troy Napier*  
Owosso, MI – With reskilling and upskilling programs in place, adult education is an economic catalyst to help low-skilled adults and their communities recover from the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our programs provide numerous options for participation, including working from home and receiving in-person instruction.

Pathways Adult Education joins more than 65,000 adult educators in “Moving Ahead with Adult Ed,” a new national campaign to enroll adult learners into programs that equip them with skills that lead to high school equivalency and jobs that pay a family-sustaining wage. Millions of Americans are out of work or underemployed and need to reskill or upskill to re-enter the workforce or pursue their education. The pandemic has exacerbated the need for services.

Pathways’ adult education programs currently are providing instruction in-person. CDC guidelines and sanitation protocols are in place for in-person instruction to ensure a safe learning environment.

An international study indicated approximately 43 million working-age Americans lack the skills needed for many of the nation’s fastest-growing and highest-paying jobs. According to the U.S. Census, there are over 22 million adults in the U.S. without a high school diploma.

“Adult education provides on-ramps to better jobs and to community college,” said Troy Napier, Director of Adult Education at Pathways. “With adult education, the infrastructure is in place to reskill and upskill Americans and not only get them back into the workforce but get them into better jobs than they had before the pandemic.”

Campaign partners Coalition on Adult Basic Education and the National Association of State Directors of Adult Education also estimate that for every dollar invested in adult education, a community receives \$60 back in increased income, property taxes and savings on public assistance and legal-system expenses.

The #MovingAheadWithAdultEd campaign focuses on re-engaging the millions of Americans who are in need of additional skills to compete in the workforce to recover financially from the pandemic. In addition to providing industry skills training, adult education programs teach literacy, numeracy and digital literacy, as well as offer high school equivalency classes.

For more information, contact Pathways at 989-729-3620 or Karen.wagner@baker.edu.



Giving Tuesday Campaign Raising Funds for Friends of Hospice

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*  
Owosso – On December 1st, Memorial Healthcare Foundation will be participating in the Giving Tuesday campaign. The Foundation’s focus will be to raise funds for Friends of Hospice. We will be selling three different size poinsettia plants in three colors. You may purchase for yourself or buy one for a patient of Memorial Healthcare who is receiving chemotherapy or infusion treatments, a resident of our Long-Term Care Unit or for a patient in our Hospice program. All orders must be received by Sunday, November 15th at 5:00 pm.

Plants will be available for pick up on Giving Tuesday, December 1st at the Owosso Masonic Lodge, 301 N. Washington St., Owosso.

Visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Foundation/Special-Events](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Foundation/Special-Events) for an order form, complete and return with payment to: Memorial Healthcare Foundation, 1637 W. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867. You may also text “flower” to 243-725 or visit [www.bidpal.net/flower](http://www.bidpal.net/flower) to place an order. For more information, please call the Foundation office at: (989) 729-4675.

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## Vote for Begole

*Letter to the Editor:*

As we approach this November's election we are too easily distracted by a dysfunctional election system at the national level. I hope with this letter to draw attention back to important races here in Shiawassee County. This year we get to see a rematch for the Sheriff's office.

In 2016 a wise Shiawassee County electorate gave a 69% plus landslide victory to our Sheriff Brian BeGole. In the last four years Sheriff BeGole has proven he is the man of integrity we expected him to be. He has healed the damage to the relations between the Sheriff's office and our local law enforcement offices done by his predecessor. He has provided the public with unprecedented access to himself as Sheriff. He is the hardest working Sheriff I have ever known.

As Mayor for the City of Perry in the last four years I have found Sheriff BeGole to be a model leader and worthy of our deep respect. Shiawassee County needs to reelect Sheriff BeGole who has dedicated his life to serving this community where he grew up. By contrast he is opposed by Joe. I have become acquainted with Joe over the last several years. Joe is a nice guy. Joe might be the nicest guy you could meet on the street and if I saw Joe by the roadside struggling to fix a flat tire I would happily stop and help Joe figure out how to change his tire. But Joe lacks the qualifications to be a professional law man and especially lacks the qualifications to be our Sheriff.

This November I will shake Joe's hand because he is such a good guy and I will vote to reelect Sheriff BeGole. I have had the privilege to know Sheriff BeGole since high school and I can tell you this: Sheriff BeGole would happily stop and help Joe figure out how to change his flat tire too. We need Sheriff BeGole. Please join me in voting BeGole 2020.

James A Huguelet  
Perry

## Support for Renewal of the Middlebury Township Road Millage

*Letter to the Editor:*

For Middlebury Township residents, this is a reminder that there is an important issue to be decided on your November 3 general election ballot.

Every four years since 2008, the township board has presented a road millage proposal for 2 mills to be dedicated to maintenance and improvement of our local roads. Township voters have routinely passed the millage by a 2-to-1 margin or more, and that support has proved crucial in the township's ability to keep our roads in good condition over the years. It also allows us to occasionally undertake one or two larger but needed repair or improvement projects each term.

The millage, which equates to \$2 per year for every \$1,000 of taxable value (\$100 for a residence with a taxable value of \$50,000), brings in about \$85,000 per year which is mandated solely for road work in the township. This is not all we spend on the roads -- dollars are added from our general fund to the extent the township has devoted \$130,000 to \$170,000 to maintaining and improving its roads every year the current millage has been in effect. (Roads are by far the township's largest single expense item each year.)

The current road millage is about to end and the township board has therefore placed a new renewal of the millage on the ballot for the upcoming general election on November 3. It is important to emphasize that this is NOT a new tax increase – it is only a renewal of the existing millage which would otherwise expire this year.

When this millage was first passed in 2008, the cost of labor, equipment, and road materials was escalating, and it has continued to do so each year since that time. Middlebury Township roads are currently in very good shape, but they deteriorate quickly if they're not constantly serviced and repaired. This leads to substantially higher costs in following years to avoid flooding, dangerous potholes, and other breakdowns of the road surface and foundation.

Whether you vote by mail or in person, I hope you will join the rest of the township board in voting "Yes" on the Middlebury Township road millage renewal on November 3.

Mike Herendeen  
Middlebury Township Supervisor

## Vote for Dawn Levey

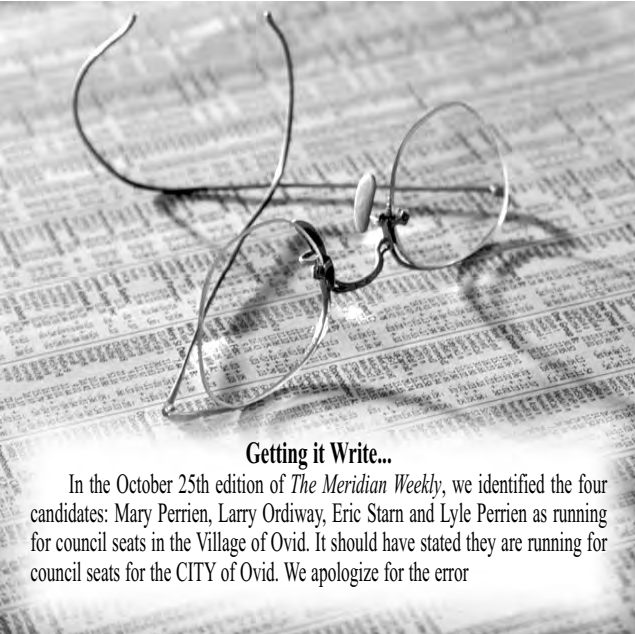
*Letter to the Editor:*

I am writing this editorial in support of Dawn Levey for Duplain Township Clerk. As her daughter I know that she has dedicated her life to serving the Elsie Area community. Dawn has served in leadership roles at Elsie United Methodist Church and Ashley Sportsman’s Club, served many years as an EMT with Elsie Area Ambulance, providing CPR instruction at assisted living facilities, preschools and for the students at Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School and is past president of Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

As a resident of Duplain Township she has attended township meetings for about ten years to keep residents aware of what is happening at the township and county level. In addition, she has served on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Dawn is not afraid to ask the hard questions and is definitely not a “rubber stamp” type person. Event though my dad, Bruce Levey, serves as the township supervisor their political views often do not align and she is not afraid to voice her opinion.

Again, I am asking you to consider voting for Dawn Levey as Duplain Township Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Levey-McKern, Elsie



### Getting it Write...

In the October 25th edition of *The Meridian Weekly*, we identified the four candidates: Mary Perrien, Larry Ordiway, Eric Starn and Lyle Perrien as running for council seats in the Village of Ovid. It should have stated they are running for council seats for the CITY of Ovid. We apologize for the error

**OMESA Regular Meeting**  
**August 25, 2020 7:00 pm**

**Meeting Called to order** –Chairperson Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

**Board Members Present:** William Lasher-Absent, Kim Williams, Michael Herendeen, Greg Palen-arrived at 7:17 pm, Jennings West and Carolyn Stevens-Absent.

**People in Attendance:** There were two guests; Greg Atwood and Arlene Pesik; Others in attendance for meeting: Deputy Treasurer, Zane Zwick, Chief Stevens, and recording secretary Susan Swan.

**Public Comment:** Opened 7:14 pm Closed 7:14 pm   None

Approval of Agenda: (7:21 pm)

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary West seconded the motion. Aye: All   Nay: None

**Carried**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve July 28, 2020 minutes as presented. Vice-Chairperson Palen seconded the motion. Aye: All   Nay: None

**Carried**

**Financial Report and Approval of Payment of the Bills:**

Deputy Treasurer Zane Zwick reviewed the financial reports. Also stated the insurance company has approached the treasurer regarding getting another policy holder to save money.

Vice-Chairperson Palen made the motion to accept the payment of checks 11014-11043 for payroll and vendors in a total amount \$9,704.67 of with \$6,009.46 for vendors and \$3,695.21 for payroll. Motion was supported by Trustee Williams.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Williams, Palen, West, Herendeen Absent: Stevens, Lasher   Nays: None

**Carried**

**Fire Chief Report:**

Total Runs for July 28th- -August 25th Month -13

Total Runs for 2020 year – 162

Chief Stevens reviewed the different runs from the past month. Chief Stevens updated the board about the jaws of life; they may be able to repair due to finding the right person that had parts and knowledge.

**Communications:** None

**General Business:**

1. Equipment Status- Jaws of Life was updated during the Chief’s report. Chief Stevens updated the board about the Clinton County 911 radio system. Shiawassee County is still waiting for grant but Chief Stevens optimistic the grant will go through.

2. Other Business Items- Vice-Chairperson Palen asked if there is room on the crew for a new person. Chief Stevens would get information to Trustee Palen.

Chief Stevens and board members discussed about the training for firefighters/paramedics and the cost.

**Final Comments:** Opened 7:39 pm   Closed 7:39 pm- none

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

Chairman Herendeen made a motion with no objection to adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Next OMESA meeting September 22nd, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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**OMESA Regular Meeting**  
**September 22, 2020 7:00 pm**

**Meeting Called to order** –Chairperson Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Board Members Present:** William Lasher, Kim Williams- Absent, Michael Herendeen, Greg Palen, Jennings West and Carolyn Stevens.

**People in Attendance:** There were six guests; Greg Atwood, Arlene Pesik, Ken Monks, Gary Criner, Claudia Pluger, Deb Shaughnessy ; Others in attendance for meeting: Deputy Treasurer, Zane Zwick, Chief Pease, and recording secretary Susan Swan.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary West seconded the motion. Aye: All   Nay: None   Carried

**Approval of Minutes:**

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve July 28, 2020 minutes as presented. Vice Chairperson Palen seconded the motion. Aye: All   Nay: None   **Carried**

**Financial Report and Approval of Payment of the Bills:**

Deputy Treasurer Zane Zwick reviewed the financial reports to the board. Vice-Chairperson Palen made the motion to accept the payment of checks 11044-11074 for payroll and vendors in a total amount \$35,241.67 of with \$31,497.96 for vendors and \$3,743.71 for payroll. Motion was supported by Trustee Stevens.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Palen, West, Herendeen, Stevens, Lasher Absent- Williams   Nays: None

**Carried**

**Public Comment:** Opened 7:04 Closed 7:04

**Fire Chief Report:**

Total Runs for August 26th- -September 22nd Month - 20

Total Runs for 2020 year – 183

Chief Pease reviewed the different runs from the past month.

**Communications:** None

**General Business:**

1.Equipment Status- Chief Pease updated the board on the jaws of life status.

2.Other Business Items- None

**Final Comments:** Opened 7:07 pm   Closed 7:07 pm- none

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

Chairman Herendeen made a motion with no objection to adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Next OMESA meeting October 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

*Susan Tomasek Swan*  
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# Sports

## Laingsburg Soccer Team Falls to Lansing Catholic, 1-0, in District Semifinals

LANSING — Laingsburg's soccer team brought in a modest 3-6 record to the October 20 MHSAA Division 3 district semifinals, but gave Lansing Catholic all it could handle.

The Cougars (8-3-1) finally broke through for the only goal on Robert Kowatch's left-footed shot from the left wing with 22:53 left en route to a 1-0 victory on their own turf field.

Coach Graham Lockwood's Wolfpack came close to scoring on two or three chances throughout the contest — including Dylan Hulliberger's corner kick which was corralled by a leaping Cougar goalkeeper. A free kick by Laingsburg also came within inches of finding the top shelf.

Laingsburg's Cameron Salas, taking a well-placed and well-timed pass, got the ball near the goal in the first half, but his shot sailed just over the bar.



*Luke Snyder goalkeeper for Laingsburg had five saves during the District Semifinals against Lansing Catholic*



*Dylan Hulliberger's corner kick couldn't connect with the goal during the District Semifinals against Lansing Catholic. Photos by Burg Sports*

It was a very tight defensive struggle throughout. Lansing Catholic held a 2-1 advantage in shots on goal in the first half. The Cougars increased their pressure in the second half and finished with a 6-4 edge in shots on goal.

Laingsburg sophomore goalkeeper Luke Snyder made five saves.

Neither team had many good scoring chances in the first half and Laingsburg seemed to be frustrating the Cougars' offense with its speed and tenacity.

Laingsburg senior defender Justin Grandy said the Wolfpack was able to thwart Kowatch by forcing him to go the opposite way he likes to dribble. Grandy said it could have easily been a 1-1 game.

## Ovid-Elsie Evens 2020 Grid Record at 3-3 with 47-14 Rout of Byron Football Eagles

BYRON — Five different Ovid-Elsie players raced for touchdowns as the Marauders stormed past the host Eagles on Friday, October 23.

Coach Travis Long's O-E gridgers evened their record at 3-3 overall, 3-3 in the Mid-Michigan Athletic Conference (MMAC) with a convincing victory that carried them into the MHSAA post-season.

Cal Byrnes got the scoring started for the visitors at 2:51 of the 1st quarter, bolting 53 yards to paydirt. Colin Fluharty booted the PAT and O-E led, 7-0.

Jacob Tomasek was the next to star for the Marauders, hauling in a Dylan Carmen pass and scoring from 7 yards out. The PAT kick failed, but O-E was up 13-zip.

Logan Thompson's 3-yard blast and Fluharty's PAT boot staked the Marauders to a 19-0 advantage, and Fluharty's point-after kick made it 20-0.

The Eagles bounced back with a 29-yard scoring strike, and a successful two-point conversion pass, moving within 20-8, still in the second quarter. Carmen's one-yard blast and a Fluharty kick made it 27-8, Ovid-Elsie, at the intermission.



*#8 Eddy Evans blocking for teammate #2 Cal Byrnes during the OE Oct. 23rd win against the Byron Eagles.*



*#2 Cal Byrnes ran for 97 yards for six carries and a touchdown against Byron. Photos by Jody Thornton*

Evans added two interceptions on defense. Wittenberg led O-E with five tackles, while Schaub, Landon Stoneman, Fluharty, Evans, Jackson Thornton, Kevin Ley, Max Spiess, Thompson, Perrien Rasch, Byrnes, Brayden Phillips, Alex Eichenberg and Tomasek were also credited with O-E tackles.

In the third quarter, Clay Wittenberg picked off an errant Byron pass and returned it for a TD. Fluharty's PAT kick had O-E in firm command at 34-8.

After the hosts scored on a 52-yard run, the Marauders closed the rout with a 22-yard Eddy Evans TD scamper, and Theron Brooks' two-yard scoring run. Fluharty added a final conversion kick to complete the scoring at 47-14.

Byrnes led the Marauder charge on the ground, running six times for 97 yards and a score. Evans added 40 yards and a TD

## MHSAA Explains High School Winter Sports Will Start on Time

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan high school winter sports will start on time in November.

Face coverings are required for athletes practicing and competing in basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling, the Michigan High School Athletic Association said Friday.

They are not required for athletes in bowling, gymnastics, skiing and swimming unless the players are on the sideline and not actively participating.

Sport-specific guidelines will be posted this week on [mhsaa.com/sports](http://mhsaa.com/sports).

"But let's be clear: Our statewide COVID-19 numbers have to get better," said executive director Mark Uyl. "In order for our schools to continue playing sports this winter, and in order for fans to be there to cheer them on, we must continue working to slow down this virus."

The state health department reported 1,826 new confirmed coronavirus cases on October 23 and 18 deaths.

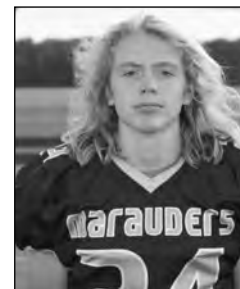
"People have started to develop some pandemic fatigue. People are letting their guards down," said Dr. Adnan Munkarah, chief clinical officer at Henry Ford Health System, adding that masks are critical. He said Henry Ford had nearly 100 COVID-19 patients Friday at its hospitals in southeastern Michigan. It had 32 on Sept. 21 but hundreds more earlier in the pandemic.

While the number of infections has been rising, "we have not seen a similar commensurate increase in the number of admissions," Munkarah said, noting that younger people have been getting infected.

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Trailing for most of the game, Byron quarterback Jared Moe was forced to air it out 39 times, but he completed just 10 passes for 156 yards and was picked off three times.

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# Sports

## Bears Win Nail Biter

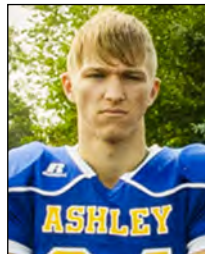
by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Bears took on the Pirates from Peck in the last game of the season this past week. Peck opened up the game to a 16-6 lead at halftime. The Bears were able to capture the lead going up 22-16 only to give up a late touchdown pass where Peck was able to tie up the game 22-22, because the Bears were able to stop the Pirates from scoring the 2-point conversion. With 2:21 left in the game Ashley began driving down the field to try to take the lead and win the game. Logan Drummond was able to hit Dillon Beebe with a 45 yard touchdown pass, that unfortunately was called back due to a block in the back. The penalty positioned the Bears at the 13 yard line where Jimmy Fabus was able to punch in his fourth touchdown of the night, while also scoring the 2-point conversion. This gave the Bears the lead 30-22 with 52 seconds left in the game. Ashley knew Peck had to move the ball fast and were expecting the pass. Logan Drummond was able to nab an interception to ice the game for the Bears.

"This was a big team effort to night with the line blocking well and Jimmy rubbing hard. I told the guys that it wasn't a perfect game, but it was a perfect effort. Excited to finally make the playoffs for the first time since 2010" exclaimed Coach Saylor.



Logan Drummond



Jimmy Fabus



Aaron Drummond

The Ashley offense was once again lead by Jimmy Fabus who gained 183 yards on 37 carries and scored four touchdowns and three 2-point conversions. Fabus also threw a pass for 32 yards while also catching a pass for 32 yards. Logan Drummond was 2 for 3 from the quarterback position throwing for 30 yards. Dillon Beebe was able to drag down two receptions for 30 yards.

All-starter Aaron Drummond was a beast having 19 solo tackles, 3 assists, a sack, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries. Fabus had 10 solo tackles and 2 fumble recoveries, L. Drummond had 7 solo tackles and an interception, Beebe had 6 solo tackles and an assist and Bailey Long had 3 solo tackles, 1 assist and a fumble recovery.

Good Luck to the Bears as they take on Peck again in their playoff game.

## Wild, Weird Wolfpack Football Season Continues with 50-0 Homecoming Night Loss to Hemlock Huskies

LAINGSBURG — In the football Wolfpack's 3-3 start to an unusual 2020 season, the three losses would have to be classified as "no contest."

Coach Brian Borgman's Wolves entered their regular season finale on October 23 at 3-2 -- the two losses coming 57-6 to Pewamo-Westphalia and 25-0 to Dansville.

No. 5-ranked Hemlock rolled into LHS for Homecoming Night, and lived up to the billing by pitching a 50-0 shutout. That left the Wolfpack with a bye, a .500 record and the hopes to be improved as they moved into the MHSAA post-season.

The Huskies (6-0) outgained the Wolfpack 510 to 120 on the night, including 400-27 on the ground. Stout, senior RB was a one-man wrecking ball with 203 yards and three rushing scores for Hemlock, and countless broken tackles.

Huskie QB Dylan Lagrow tossed three touchdowns.

Jack Byrnes had 28 yards on three carries for the Wolfpack (3-3). Zach Hawes, playing in place of normal starter Doug Matthews, completed 4 of 17 passes for 53 yards and an interception. Ty Randall also saw time at QB for the Pack, completing 3-of-4 tosses for 40 yards. Hawes, Kyle Thelen, Alex Brown and Randall each had rushing attempts, while Miguel Fajardo (46 yards), Devin Vittivow (28 yards), Jacob Essenberg (11), Byrnes (4), Josh Baker (3) and Thelen (1) each caught aials for LHS.

Hawes added 11 tackles on defense. Taylor Zdenahlik had nine stops. Also credited with tackles were Michael Rutila, Elliott Wilsey, Jacob Welch, Fajardo, Tyler Flynn-Lacey, Baker, Byrnes, Thomas Cecil, Sean Divine, Thelen, Caleb Boettcher, Jayse Grettenberger, Lucas Woodruff, Essenberg, Josh Roosa and Matt Freels.



Devin Vittivow ran for 28 yards with this catch from Zach Hawes.  
Photo by Burg Sports

## MHSAA Announces Local Gridiron Playoff Pairings

LANSING — The MHSAA on October 25 released playoff pairings for the football playoffs, which due to the shortened regular season will include all teams in Michigan for the first time.

Birch Run (1-5) traveled to Corunna at 7 p.m. last Friday for Division 5 first-round matchup. Ovid-Elsie (3-3) is also in the district, playing at Almont (2-2) at the same time last Friday.

In Division 7, New Lothrop (6-0) and Laingsburg (3-3) both drew byes into the district semi-finals. Byron (1-5) played at Burton Bendle (2-4) at 7 p.m. Friday, while Perry (0-6) was at Bath (3-3) last Friday in that district's first-round matchups.

In Division Two 8-Man Football, Ashley drew a repeat assignment vs. Peck, on October 31 at 1 p.m. on the Bears' home field. The winner of that contest advances to take on the winner of North Huron vs. Au Gres-Sims this coming weekend.

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## Editorial

## Sports



### The Weekly Sportsman

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### NRA Grades & Endorsements

If you care about your Second Amendment rights and plan to vote on Tuesday then please take the time to read this column. If you care about your Second Amendment rights and don't plan to vote on Tuesday then please read this column twice.

The National Rifle Association was founded in 1871 as an organization to promote shooting marksmanship and over time has become 5 million members strong along with being the premier firearms education organization in the world. Known as a political powerhouse in Washington, D.C. and state capitals around the country the NRA's Political Victory Fund grades candidates and offers financial support. It is important to understand that unlike other political organizations, the NRA PVF is a non-partisan single issue organization. Endorsements and grades given are based solely on voting records; answers to candidate questionnaires; public statements and involvement in Second Amendment issues. Additionally, the NRA PVF has an incumbent friendly policy that requires support of pro-gun lawmakers seeking re-election.

Endorsements are not made in every race bit candidates do receive grades from "A" to "F".

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Joe Biden (D) "F"  
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John James "Endorsed- AQ"  
Incumbent Gary Peters "F"  
House of Representatives (District 4)  
Incumbent John Moolenaar (R) "Endorsed A"  
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State Representative 85th  
Incumbent Ben Frederick (R) "Endorsed- A"  
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Dawson Shastal and Autumn Eyre were crowned Laingsburgs Homecoming King and Queen on Oct. 23rd during half-time of the Laingsburg - Hemlock football game.

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submitted by Ben Frederick

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Rep. Frederick successfully restored vetoed road patrol funding in the state budget and secured emergency relief dollars for Shiawassee agencies responding to the tornadoes which struck the county in 2019. Frederick was named Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Corrections Organization in 2018.

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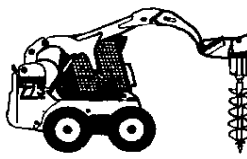
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