

Ovid-Elsie Students and Administration Seeking Solutions



by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

ELSIE - In an organized gathering, several students and their parents staged a “protest” in the school parking lot on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The ‘small’ crowd made a ‘big’ point in expressing their lack of communication and progress as online students. They expressed sincere and valid concerns regarding their failing grades and lack of guidance utilizing the virtual learning option to complete their High School graduation requirements during this time of social distancing recommendations.

Many other in-class students expressed similar concerns admitting to being in a failing status in some of their classes. They were unable to join in the cause, due to school liability policy to use school transportation (ie riding the bus) to participate in the demonstration. It is not only the 35% of on-line students with fear of failing grades. Students are expressing that the multiple emails, complexity of the assignments, and submitted work not yet graded has manifested negative emotions of frustration, and a feeling of personal failure.

Some parents expressed concern over the mental and emotional health of their child due to the grades posted in power school. If an assignment has been turned in with a pending status “to be graded” why should the grade still read as an F; which affects the overall grade point. It is emotionally devastating. The system needs to have a “not graded” status, especially if the work has been confirmed as a turned in assignment.

Bailey Mayville, a Senior (Class of 2021) who was the student organizer of the demonstration said, “We want the administration to hear our concerns and to make changes for the betterment of our education.” The students interviewed today acknowledged the teacher workload that goes with computer-generated classes. Trying to teach classroom and online classes has been a challenge for both the students and the teachers.

Students are requesting retroactive forgiveness of late work without penalty until the communication process can be resolved. This would allow failing students the opportunity to complete required assignments. Other suggestions included possibilities for Livestream or offering recorded videos from the actual in-school class lectures. It was confirmed that several recording devices have been provided for the teachers.

It appears that Zoom meetings are at conflicting times with other classes. Co-op students are not being taken into consideration when scheduling Wednesday sessions for weekly 20-minute mandatory zooms. Some students stated they are overwhelmed with assignments and would like a lighter workload, as well as additional academic assistance.

“Our protest is more of an ‘Act of Togetherness’ to show the students and teachers we deserve to be heard. We understand the teachers are stressed and so are the students. Let’s do something about this situation,” explained Mayville, organizer of the demonstration. Today they experienced an important lesson in exercising their First Amendment Right of the United States Constitution to “...peaceably assemble and to petition.... their grievances.” Students feel respected and heard. “We submitted a list of suggestions and recommendations with respect to the work-load of the teachers.”

Letters went out to the families of the students on October 7, 2020 with the failure rate and concern from the staff and administration. The administration reached out to parents pleading for a quick response to rebuild the disconnect between the families support and the desired success for this semester. Since the awareness has been made for the need of parental support, the failing rate has decreased from 37% to 8.8% according to Dr. Ryan Cunningham, Superintendent. He stated that, “The success of our students matters.”

In research of this article, many schools across the country are experiencing similar challenges. Academic experts recognize that engaging students online and in the classroom is a uniquely different strategy on many levels. In the OE District 35% of the area students are virtual learners. Online allows a student to work at their own pace, and take breaks as needed. However, discipline and self-motivation is a crucial skill to ensure student success. A time-management routine must be put in place by the student and communication protocols between teachers and students must be implemented with consistency. It is the desire of educators, and administrators to do everything possible to ensure success for every student.

There are known advantages and disadvantages to online learning, typically as the online courses do require more time than on campus classes. It is easier for students to stay up late, sleep in, and procrastinate. Online students need to develop good time management skills. Students, at every grade level, often require parental and teacher guidance. Without immediate support, students can feel isolated, thinking no one really cares and the responsibility is a heavy burden for students to carry. Teachers have a large load of responsibility in responding to students needs. It takes time to reach back to every student. Students are learning patience and self – assessments skills.

In a statement responding to a list of concerns submitted from the students, Dr. Cunningham expressed, “We acknowledge the concerns, and we are working to address them. One thing to keep in mind is that with block scheduling (done to minimize transitions) - students will have 1st hour, for example, on Monday and not again until Thursday. So, there are going to be multiple assignments given during that block that will need to be carried out throughout the week. There really is not any way around that. And then, after the first hour on Thursday, they would not be back in the first hour again until Monday.”

Assignments are given in compliance to the State of Michigan Department of Education Academic Standards in accordance with each grade level curriculum expectations. In conclusion Cunningham said, “I am thankful that many parents have reconnected and that we have opened up better lines of communication. This is hard on every one but the shrinking failure rate is evidence that our “call to action” was taken seriously by many and we are in a better place because of it.”

In agreement, students recognize that considerable effort is required on both sides between students and teachers. They expressed the appreciation of being heard and look forward to more successful interaction between the teachers and students. An anonymous student concluded that, ...“Better Communication is going to be the key towards our success.”



Parents of the students came together in a demonstration of staff appreciation. In an effort to show support for the District they provided breakfast and lunch for staff.



Ashley: Saturday, October 31st from 6:00pm-8:00pm
Elsie: Saturday, October 31st from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Immediately following, annual Halloween Party will be held at the Emergency Services Building at 140 Maple Street. All food will be individually packaged and served individually. Social distancing and masks will be required.
Laingsburg: Saturday, October 31st from 6:00pm-8:00pm
Ovid: Saturday, October 31st from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Due to the pandemic, no party will be held this year following trick-or-treat at the Lions/VFW Hall. The event annually sponsored by the Ovid Police Department will return in 2021.
St. Johns: Saturday, October 31st from 6:30pm-8:00pm



See page 7-18 and 24 for Candidate Profiles, Letters to the Editor, Proposals and other election information.

Elsie UMC to Hold Community Take-Out Dinner

submitted by Dawn D. Levey
ELSIE - Elsie United Methodist Church is excited to announce that a Community Take-Out Dinner event is slated for Thursday, November 6, 6-7 pm, Fellowship Hall entrance on Church Street. Reservations appreciated but not required, 9989-862-5239. The weekly event has been suspended since the COVID virus limitations.

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“Every ending has a new beginning,” said Bob. Kelly and Bob have pooled their resources and will share the space and share the expenses at Shears, located at 107 W. Front Street, Ovid. “I am looking forward to working with Bob, joining forces will be good for us both,” said Baker.

Bob’s hours will be Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday 9am-4pm and Saturday by appointment. Kelly is available by appointment only. Walk-ins are welcome based on availability. They are offering a Holiday Special, High-Lights and Low-Lights, starting at \$50. For an appointment with either Bob or Kelly call 989-834-2780.

Bob wants customers to know that they will also be accepting cash donations for Ovid Families this holiday season. Due to COVID, the normal collection of food items will not be taking place.

Shepardsville U.M.C


submitted by Joyce Davis
We are saddened to inform everyone that due to COVID-19, the Shepardsville United Methodist Church will not be able to hold the Annual Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 6 & 7 or the annual Thanksgiving meal on Sunday, Nov. 22. Also canceled is the Annual “Ladies Christmas Tea” in December.

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submitted by Shane Grinnell, Village Manager
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Code	Current read	Prev Read	Use	Amount
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Congratulations! If it Sounds too Good to be True...

Dear Andy,

I am overwhelmed with the phone calls and texts with no name, might be spam, unknown caller, last chance, urgent, or your order is going to go back to the warehouse... just to name some of the unknown identifiers. Just sending the word – STOP is not working. How do I stop this? Al P.

Dear Al,

Text and email communication for sales have become a scammers haven. Last week I was asked to complete a survey for Walmart and receive a \$1,000 Visa gift card. Sounds safe enough – Recognizable company names and I love doing surveys. I got to the part of survey where they asked for my phone number and zip code, it appeared like a logical next question; then as the next part of the survey I need only pay S&H or make a \$1 to \$3 purchase of some really cool stuff.

Wait a minute here....you want my banking information and my Social Security number before you will send me the gift card. “Spend a dollar to get a thousand”...Ridicules! So, I got out of that great offer quickly and within 2 minutes I started receiving emails and phone calls. Emails threatening me to finish my survey; and 32 texts with in 5 hours making other offers. My phone number was out there...not my banking information or my personal information but my phone number. How did so many sales people get my phone number so quickly....what else?

Calls were nonstop. At least 20 minutes a day for the last 2 weeks, I have needed to send back STOP, Delete, and trash this message. Advice - Do Not answer unknown callers. Whenever possible when calls ring in and use the option to answer or hand up....you do not need to answer the call! If it is important, they will leave a message! Do Not give out personal information to people you do not know and know the rea-

son you are sharing the information. Do not respond to messages of packages being sent if you did not order anything or expecting anything. They are just trying to get your personal information. It's a scam!

Last year in 2019, over \$667 million was lost to impostor scams with an increase of 34% from the year before. Fraud losses totaled over \$1.9 billion with a 28% jump in one year. Those figures are only the reported frauds. Many people are so embarrassed when it happens to them, according to AARP they never tell anyone. The FTC Consumer reports have found over 1.7 million “identity thefts” via cyber criminals. Protect your privacy by keeping it private. Ask for help from a trusted source if you are in doubt.

These statistics and facts sound extremely high; however, there are many more honest and kind people then dishonest....let's be one of the 7 billion other people on this planet who will do the right thing.

If it Sounds too good to be True... It is highly likely; it is too good to be true. Ask Andy @ask-andy@aol.com



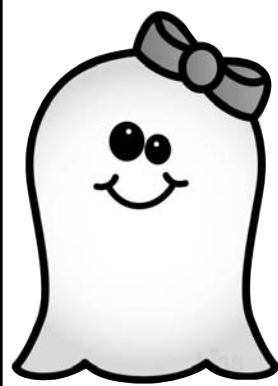
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Obituaries

Penny A. “Penelope” Reha

Penny A. "Penelope" Reha, age 59, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at her home surrounded by friends and family.

Penny was born in Owosso, MI on January 27, 1961, the daughter of Jack W. and Margaret (Gorman) Craig. Penny graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School. She earned an associates degree in criminal justice from LCC. Penny married Roger Reha on June 7, 1986 at Chapin United Methodist Church. Penny worked as a corrections officer at the St. Louis Correctional Facility for 20 years. She was awarded Officer of the Year in 1992.

Penny enjoyed throwing horse shoes and horse back riding. She liked hunting, fishing and sitting around a good camp fire with friends. She loved cooking, and traveling, especially to Florida. She loved taking care of her friends and family. Penny loved when people just stopped by, it wouldn't be long and the house was full of people, laughter and food. Penny was known for giving everyone a nick name.

She is survived by her husband Roger Reha of Elsie, MI, son Jeremiah and Kaylee Reha of Ashley, MI, son-in-law Bob Coohon, grandchildren: Kayla, Connor, Lena, and Ryder, great-grandson Darius, brother Dan Craig, and sisters: Vicki Richard, Linda and Bob Jameson, and Peggy and Alan Bryson. She is also survived by many loving in laws, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Russell Presson, daughters: Karrie and Brandy, brother Jack Craig, sister Margaret Craig, brothers-in-law: Jim Richard, Glen Baese, and Rick Brush, and father-in-law Raymond Reha.

A Small Family Service took place at her home. Cremation will take place and burial will follow at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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Editorial



Religious Thoughts

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

"Was Dead"

"I was dead (Revelation 1:18)."

We were too late, but Joe was still warm. Seeing someone dead, in this case my brother, is very unnerving. They look asleep, like at any moment they'll pull a Halloween prank and sit up, eyes wide, and shout, "BOO!" But he was really gone. That hurt, bad.

Later on, two funeral guys came and wheeled him out of his house with a flag draped over his body. That was so sad, so final, and so unstoppable. Two strangers took him, and Joe had no say in it. We stood and watched. Just watched...and cried. Death won.

Jesus watched a dead man get carried out too, but He brought him back to life (Luke 7:11-17). I think on that in a more personal way now. He was dead. Not many people can say, "Remember when I was dead?" But...now...we all have

a choice, a way out, because Jesus is "the firstborn from the dead (Colossians 1:18)." Death is not the end.

Jesus came to end the death curse, restore us to God by cancelling our sin debt, so death is no longer winning because "was dead" is totally possible. Death lost! Though we will all die (Hebrews 9:27), and that death is from our sin, we can have empty graves just like Jesus (Colossians 2:13-14).

Often this column, Religious Thoughts, is situated next to the Obituaries. It's sobering for me to see that. Here are words of hope to defeat death, make peace with God, and live forever, placed right next to faces of our local dead. Did they know, really know Jesus, and now see Him eye to eye (2 Corinthians 5), or not (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)?

Someday, you'll be wheeled out, your picture next to this column. How is it that you know you're taking this same trip and make no reservations? Friend, take some time and read the New Testament. Find a modern translation and read just two of the 27 books...the Gospel of John and Romans, and see if it rings true.

Read each book slowly, thoughtfully, and in one sitting. John's Gospel is only 21 short chapters; Romans is less, only 16 quick chapters. At the most, it will take you two hours. Two words that rarely go together, "was dead," hang in the balance, your balance.

But before you start, ask God to show you if this is true, if He's real, and if Jesus did in fact rise from the dead. That's it. Just ask Him to open your eyes, and see if His Spirit won't lead you to Himself. The prophet Jeremiah wrote these inspired words in the Old Testament, "If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me (chapter 29, verse 13)."

That's a promise from God to you. If you really want to miss out on death, and say, "I was dead," then truly seeking Him will result in finding Him. He promised to reveal Himself to you. All it takes is a speck of faith to put death in your past...tense.

Obituaries

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Vanek

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Vanek, age 82, of Ashley, MI, passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

Gerald was born in St. Johns, MI on July 22, 1938, the son of James and Helen (Tupica) Vanek. Jerry attended Kelsey Country School through 8th grade. He graduated from Ashley Community Schools with the class of 1957. Jerry married Janet Lumbert on September 20, 1958, at the Edgewood Church of God, Ithaca, MI.

Upon graduation Jerry worked for McKesson Medical Supplies in Lansing for many years. He went on to work for Midland Ross in Owosso and also worked with Wolf Construction in Ashley. Jerry retired after 20 years of service from Ashley Community Schools as a beloved school bus driver in 2001. He was a lifelong farmer and loved hunting and fishing. Jerry loved to spend time with his family at their cabin on Pike Bay, Drummond Island. While at Drummond he loved walking, biking, kayaking and observing nature.

Jerry actively attended the East Washington United Brethren Church, singing with the worship team, helping with landscaping and many other activities. He was a 75 year member of the ZCJB Lodge, Bannister, MI.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Janet Vanek of Ashley, MI, children: Sue and Erik Peterson of Buena Park, CA, Patricia and Douglas Eiseler of Perrinton, MI, James Vanek and Dallas Culvahouse of Petoskey, MI; grandchildren: Marcia and John Peterson and Maygen Eiseler; sisters: Mary Ellen Wingle of Lansing, MI, Pauline Vanek of Lansing, MI, and Fran and Don Hutsco of Ventura, CA. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother in law Lester and Beatrice Lumbert, brother in law Owen Wingle, and nephews: Tim and Mark Wingle.

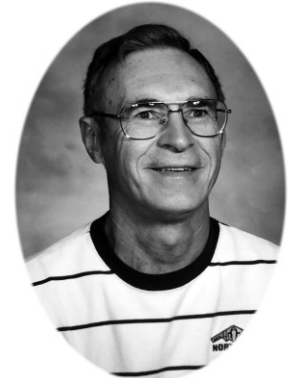
Funeral Services was held at East Washington United Brethren Church, Ashley, MI, on Monday, October 19, 2020 with Pastor Jeff Reser and Pastor Jerry Drummond officiating.

Memorials may be made to East Washington United Brethren Church, Ashley, MI. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

Robert Edwin March

Robert Edwin March, age 85 of Laingsburg passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, Michigan. Private family services will be held.

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences may be shared at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com.



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submitted by Jennifer Dennis

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Pasties will be available for purchase on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday November 14 from 3pm – 5pm at the Lions Hall in Ovid, MI.

Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.

These pasties are a delicious way to help support Scouting.



How Germs Spread and What Handwashing Can Do

The importance of handwashing was never more apparent than in 2020. As the world spent much of 2020 confronting the COVID-19 virus, public health organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Public Health Agency of Canada noted the importance of handwashing. There's no denying the role that clean hands can play in stopping the spread of various illnesses, including respiratory viruses like COVID-19. But what exactly is the relationship between clean hands and germs? According to the CDC, germs can spread from other people and surfaces when people:

- touch their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- prepare and/or eat food and drinks with unwashed hands
- touch contaminated surfaces or objects
- blow their noses, cough or sneeze into their hands and then touch other people's hands or common objects before washing their hands

While the CDC acknowledges that COVID-19 is believed to spread less commonly through contact with contaminated surfaces than it does through close contact with infected persons, it's still possible to get the virus in this way. So it's vital that people wash their hands after touching potentially contaminated surfaces, such as grocery carts, door handles at restaurants or stores, or other surfaces that may have been touched by infected persons.



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can produce unwanted side effects. The APA notes that research has shown that people who are social distancing may be vulnerable to fear and anxiety; depression and boredom; anger, frustration or irritability; and stigmatization.


Make time for fun activities. Psychologists recommend balancing time spent on news and social media with other activities unrelated to social distancing or quarantine. Make a conscious effort each day to read a book, listen to music or even learn a new language.




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Having a healthy life is an important part of living.

Getting enough sleep, eating properly, exercise and caring for the body physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, are all necessary for a persons overall wellness.

Maintaining a balanced, healthy body and life, will lower a person’s stress levels, reduce anxiety and depression, decrease muscle tension and provide a better quality of living.

There are many ways to begin the process of a healthier lifestyle. But, just like with anything, the person must first want it. After all, without a desire to improve, there won’t be any advancement because there’s no motivation to do so. Therefore, the first step must be a mind-set to achieve the goal set.

Now, setting goals to achieve is great but shouldn’t be done in one huge leap. Let’s be realistic about it. Taking small steady steps forward are always better than overwhelming oneself which only leads to stopping before anything is even started or achieved.

Everyone is different and needs to start in different areas, so pick the place that fits best. For some, that may be drinking more water. For others, cutting back on portion sizes at meal times. Some are ready to begin exercise like walking or yoga. While others need help with self healing through Reiki, meditation, etc. Find your starting place.

Wherever a person begins is perfectly fine because starting is the hardest thing and adding on to the routine, once it’s going, gets easier each time. Mindset is a very important beginning stage.

The drive to be healthier will increase and grow stronger with each small step achieved. Making one’s self esteem and confidence increase as the body begins feeling better physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, both inside and out.

Even sleep patterns will improve with the more steps that are taken. Having a healthy life isn’t out of reach. You just need to want a better way to live. It all begins with you.

We hear all the time from our clients on how their lives and mood have improved along with feeling overall better because they’re doing what they need to do on a regular basis. They're receiving Reiki therapy, having therapeutic massage sessions, attending yoga and/or meditation classes on a regular schedule and basis. Some are even doing it all and are feeling amazing because of it.

Remember, as with any new exercise program or regimen, it’s always recommend to receive the ok and go ahead from your doctor before beginning. Some people do have underlying health issues which need precautions. But in most cases, the doctors suggests these modalities of healing and exercise.

Anyone willing or wanting to improve themselves and their wellbeing or are looking to try any of the above mentioned wellness aides such as Reiki, Massage, Yoga, or Meditation, can look online to find a wellness center that offer them.

Keep in mind when looking, it’s important to find a place where you can relax and receive the highest quality possible for yourself. Here at Healing Feather Wellness, we’re here to help and do offer all of these regimens.

The first step is choosing what area in your life, needs the work. If there’s more than one, make a list. Then start with the one that is the most simplest to achieve. By doing this, your body will begin to feel the changes occurring, while you’re mind will see the rewards of completing the goals and mentally the body will thrive from its accomplishment.

Remember, slow and steady wins the race and the world is, as you are. You need to be invested in some way before you will receive any true benefits. After all, a goal without a plan is only a wish. So start planning now for your healthier life and future. Make your list, set a goal, create a plan, and simply reach out to begin.

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Candidate Profiles

On the following pages you will find Candidate Profiles (from candidates who responded to our questioner) for contested races in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

You will also find Ballot Proposals, Letters to the Editor, Polling Locations and other election information.

We encourage all registered voters to exercise your right to vote by returning your absentee ballots or visiting the polls on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

US House of Representatives 4th District

John Moolenaar Seeks Re-Election

Congressman John Moolenaar, age 59 is seeking re-election for the House of Representatives in Michigan's 4th District. He and his wife Amy have six children. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Hope College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard.

His professional experience, a Chemist, Business Development Director and School Administrator. His Government experience includes: Midland City Council, Michigan Senate and current third term US House of Representatives.

When asked about pressing issues for the district, "Right now, the most important issue is defeating the virus and helping Michigan workers and small businesses to recover and rebuild." He states that the economy was strong before the pandemic, unemployment was low, and in some cases, the number of jobs available was higher than the number of people looking for work. We need to rebuild our economy and help small businesses in Shiawassee and Clinton Counties. "I will be working to support policies that help those who need it most, including a \$2,000 child tax credit for working families, forgivable loans for small businesses and funding for job-training programs that prepare workers for opportunities in skilled trades."

Over the last two years John has helped pass the USMCA, bringing business opportunities back to Michigan and opening new markets for our farmers. He has worked across the state to secure more funding to protect Michigan's Great Lakes. "If you trust me to continue being your representative in Congress, I will keep being a voice for Michigan," he said.



US House of Representatives 85th District

Frederick Seeks Third Term as Incumbent State Representative

Ben Frederick, age 38, is an incumbent seeking his 3rd term in the Michigan House of Representatives.

He is married to wife Lydia, and they have two children attending public school.

Mr. Frederick is an Owosso High graduate, and earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Liberty University.

Previous to his election as State Representative, he served as a legislative staffer in the House and Senate for 14 years, on the Owosso City Council from 2007-2016, and as Mayor of Owosso for three terms.

He explains, "The biggest challenge facing our area is the need for safe and sensible navigation through the pandemic response. I am espousing a more collaborative approach involving input from public health and medical partners which follows transparent data benchmarks to provide certainty about what is happening next and why. As our people continue to struggle, certainty and hope are the most vital elements we can bring back to our communities as we continue the journey toward a sense of normalcy safely and responsibly."

Mr. Frederick continues, "It has been a sincere pleasure to represent this area in the Michigan House since 2016. My third and final term would continue an ongoing focus on increased exposure to skilled trades training for students and adults, building upon recent growth of agricultural processing capacity and agritourism, continued support of our public schools and measures which promote inclusion and access for individuals with disabilities."

"I have a demonstrated ability to work across the aisle on constructive solutions to the challenges facing this region and would be honored to have your support in the upcoming election."



Graham Filler Looks to Return to House of Representative Seat

Graham Filler, age 37, is the incumbent running for State Representative, HD 93.

Graham is married to Alicia, an OB/GYN physician, and they have a child, Claire, who is 2 1/2 years old. The Fillers reside in DeWitt.

He is a 2002 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, and earned his degree from Miami (OH) University, 2006, where he studied politics / law / history.

Mr. Filler served as an Assistant Attorney General from 2011-2018. He is a first-term state representative, serving as the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, and serving on the Health, Energy, & Reg Reform committees.

He explains, "As your Representative, I've been a loud advocate for the Michigan agriculture community, ensuring our state government doesn't impose over-burdensome regulations and rules on hard-working farmers. I am a supporter of a proportional and fair justice system and I will always stand with law enforcement. The calls by some to defund the police are wrong & counter-intuitive; when we fund and support law enforcement, we get safe communities and a better Michigan."

"I believe that many Michiganders want a legislature that works in a cooperative manner to solve problems. I worked on bipartisan expungement reforms and continue to advocate for the legislature and Governor to work together on our state's response to COVID, instead of the Governor unilaterally making decisions on what is open and when."

Graham continues, "I am a tireless advocate for small businesses, which are such an important part of Michigan's economy. I worked on a package of bills that would provide some protections for businesses from frivolous COVID-related lawsuits. During 2020, I fought for individuals to receive the unemployment benefits that our state government had failed to provide."

"I spend late nights calling individuals who had not received benefits and my office worked overtime on behalf of these folks."



Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney

Ameche Seeks Prosecuting Attorney Position



Brian Ameche is running for Prosecuting Attorney of Clinton County. He is the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and has been with the office for twenty-four years. In his time with the office he has handled thousands of cases, with more than a thousand trials and over one hundred being by jury. Brian has conducted all aspects of the office's workload from

traffic offense hearings to murder trials and has been assigned special prosecutor for several surrounding counties during his time in the office. For six years Brian represented Clinton and Gratiot counties on the Michigan Bar Association's Representative Assembly, as well as serving on the State Bar Board of Tellers. He has served in all the different offices of the Clinton County Bar Association and has been president of his local union of assistant prosecutors for the majority of his time with the office. Brian lives in Bath with his wife Sarah of forty years. Before moving to Bath they lived in DeWitt where they raised

their two boys, both now adults with successful careers. In his spare time Brian loves travel and is an accomplished welder in all methods and is an avid classic car enthusiast. Brian has the knowledge and experience to take over the duties of Prosecuting Attorney for Clinton County and continue to protect the people and property of the county.

Spagnuolo Announces Candidacy for Clinton County Prosecutor

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

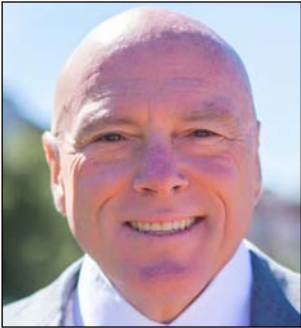
Tony, 58 has been married to wife Margaret for 32 years. He has degrees in Assoc. Law Enforcement from LCC; a BA in Criminal Justice from MSU; and his Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School in Lansing.

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

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

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

"I am a working man's lawyer."



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A Genuine Choice of Integrity

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing to support and encourage your vote for Yvette Pickler for Shiawassee County Treasurer. With degrees in both accounting and computer science, Yvette's level of education brings knowledge and experience to the county office. Yvette has been a member of multiple boards where state mandates, bylaws, audits, budgets, and set outcomes are expected and have been well maintained. In addition to her experience with the Shiawassee County Agricultural Society, Yvette has served in leadership roles for the Shiawassee County 4H program, Corunna Cross Country program, as a coach and treasurer for Corunna Odyssey of the Mind, president of the Corunna Athletic Club and treasurer for Corunna In-line Hockey. Yvette's dedication to transparency and hard work is what makes her a genuine choice of integrity. She will be an asset to Shiawassee County!

In an election year, the best chance at positive change is done by using your voice and voting. In Shiawassee County, we have an opportunity to elect a qualified, honest, experienced individual to fulfill the role of the Shiawassee County treasurer. Don't leave the county in a pickle...Vote Yvette Pickler for Shiawassee County Treasurer!

Brooke Wooley
Elsie

Residents of Shiawassee County

Letter to the Editor:

As the Chief of the Laingsburg Police Department, I have had the opportunity to work with Sheriff BeGole for several years. Brian has established the concept of team work

And cooperation with other police agency's in Shiawassee County. He has deputized the Police Chief's of these agency's in order to put the citizens of Shiawassee County first. No previous Sheriff would under take this concept of working together.

Running an efficient Sheriff's department is a very complex task, the jail, road patrol, detective bureau, dispatch and homeland security etc. Joe Iberia does not have the qualification or experience to run the Sheriff department or police agency.

Despite some people wanting to discredit the Sheriff with negative press, Sheriff BeGole has proven himself as a competent, trustworthy, hard working leader who maintains a high level of integrity. Brian BeGole is the best person for Sheriff of Shiawassee County.

Dan DeKorte
Laingsburg Police Chief

Shiawassee County is Safer with Brian BeGole as Sheriff!

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Shiawassee County Residents,

I am a 30-year resident of Shiawassee County and have worked full-time in public safety for thirty-two years, most recently as your Emergency Manager for Shiawassee County. Prior to Brian BeGole serving as our elected Sheriff, Sheriff Braidwood punitively laid off deputies, removed road patrol protection and reduced the capabilities of our county jail.

Sheriff Begole returned our road patrol, improved collaboration with police, fire and ems, invested in safety equipment and training for county first responders, and brought integrity back to the ranks of the Sheriff's Office. If you are going to say anything about Brian, it should be that he cares about the Sheriff's Office employees, our community, and the integrity of the Sheriff's Office.

Unfortunately, there has been a nefarious under-taking of a self-serving political smear campaign against Brian BeGole, by previous members of Sheriff Braidwood's administration. They do not like Brian because of his integrity, selfless dedication, and leadership, that now shines a bright light on their failures. You must ask, why a previously failed Sheriff and his staff would throw their support behind Joe Ibarra, and why would Joe Ibarra be highlighting the support of a failed Sheriff Administration.

Sheriff BeGole is an experienced, proven, full-time Professional Michigan Certified Law Enforcement Officer, who has chosen law enforcement as a profession and not a hobby. Shiawassee County Deputies and Corrections Officers are some of the best and most dedicated law enforcement officers I know. Their continuous dedication to our community, even while they faced layoffs and punitive treatment during Sheriff Braidwood's administration, was not because they were satisfied with his failed policies, it was because they are committed to our community. They deserved great leadership and that leadership is what Sheriff Brian BeGole has brought back to the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office.

Shiawassee County cannot afford to return to failed policies of the past. We need a Sheriff that has a proven record that we can trust. Do not believe the lies about Sheriff Begole, look at the facts. Shiawassee County has been safer with Brian BeGole and we want a full-time, professional Sheriff to protect our homes, businesses, and families.

Trent Atkins
Morrice, Michigan

Vote Pro-Life

Letter to the Editor:

As noted on a yard sign I recently saw: The 5th Commandment. "Thou Shalt Not Kill", Your Pro

Life Matters, it is urgent that President Trump gets re-elected. All Life is Precious from conception to natural death, which he supports.

On November 3, 2020 we have a national election that will determine the course of our country for many years, if not generations. If the Democratic candidate, Joe Biden, is elected, existing pro-life laws will be overturned. Roe v Wade, which is already responsible for the murder of 61,000 children, will be the law of the land in perpetual. Joe Biden supports elective abortions at any stage of the pregnancy. (While in the US Senate, Mr. Biden voted against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which allows additional criminal penalties if a pregnant victim's unborn child is harmed by a violent criminal act.)

Joe Biden's health care plan will fully support using federal tax dollars to pay for abortions, overturning the Hyde Amendment. Joe Biden also does not approve giving any aid or comfort to a baby who survives a botched abortion. Rather, he would let the baby lay there dying a slow and painful death.

Donald Trump was the first President to ever defund a portion of Planned Parenthood's budget directly. Donald Trump has followed through on his commitment to appoint judges who believe in the rule of law. He completely opposed Roe v Wade. Quote: The Supreme Court in 1973 based its decision on imaginings rights and liberties in the Constitution that are nowhere to be found."

If you believe that the 5th Commandment should be the law of our nation for all of its citizens, born and unborn, then your choice for President should be Donald Trump. Millions of unborn babies are depending on your vote. Please do not let him down. Join all prayer warriors and vote Pro-Life.

Thank You
Barbara Yaich
St Johns



★ ★ ★ VOTE ★ ★ ★ YVETTE PICKLER FOR SHIAWASSEE COUNTY TREASURER

★ Dear Voter,

My name is Yvette Pickler and I am running to be your next County Treasurer. I would like to use my everyday life experiences combined with past employment, community volunteer efforts and education to fix the current problems in the Treasurer's office. This is your chance to choose me, the person fit for this office. Rather than a group of courthouse insiders who illegally botched the appointment process a year ago. Just like you, my family balances a checkbook on a very regular basis and it is about time the Treasurer's office does the same for the county.

★ Education

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- ✧ Shiawassee County Fair- Business Manager
- ✧ Old Kent- Teller and New Account Manager

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- ✧ Corunna Odyssey of the Mind- Coach & Treasurer
- ✧ Corunna Inline Hockey- Treasurer
- ✧ Corunna Athletic Club- President
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DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Absentee Ballots can be dropped off at the Duplain Township Clerk's home at 340 W. Main Street, Elsie. We are available all day, everyday from 8am-8pm. If you need directions call (989) 862-5084.

Richard Bates
Duplain Township Clerk



NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

All voters are hereby given notice that Fairfield Township will hold the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the Fairfield Township Hall at the corner of Henderson and Vincent Roads. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Endorsing Pamela Slee

Letter to the Editor:
I am endorsing Pamela Slee for the office of Woodhull Township Supervisor. Pam’s tenure exceeds 25 years of service at Woodhull Township.
Pam has given so much time to this township and has asked for very little in return. She brings excellent credentials to this position having been a Certified Assessor, current Woodhull Township Treasurer, and former long-time Supervisor. She has the knowledge and experience to continue serving the township in budgeting, taxes, roads, and drain decision with common sense. She treats people equally and honestly no matter what.
I had the pleasure of working as Pam’s Deputy Treasurer for 4 years and she is the most honest, trustworthy, and dedicated individuals I’ve ever met. During this time, I had the opportunity on multiple occasions to witness her ongoing supervisory knowledge first hand. Even though she was Treasurer, it wasn’t uncommon for residents to tap into her supervisory knowledge. I was always impressed at her vast supervisory knowledge and knowledge about township operations as a whole. I can’t think of many people I have more respect for than her. She genuinely cares about the township. Not only does she have great work ethic, the moral standards she applies to her professional and home life have been very impressive. She has always been committed to improving and growing township assets which is why she’s been voted in term after term, decade after decade.
She was Supervisor of the veteran board members who built the township bank account to the point where they were able improve the infrastructure of the community including the construction of offices at the township hall, a new fire hall, road maintenance, a wonderfully designed park with ballfields (which residents from neighboring townships rave about) without asking for any extra tax dollars. There is a currently a clear need in Woodhull Township for commitment toward the type of proven unification required for the betterment of the township and building the assets going forward.
Pamela Slee would continue her efforts to bring this type of no-nonsense approach back if elected as Woodhull Township Supervisor.

Sincerely,
Dawn Warfle, 45-year resident of Woodhull Township

Profound words

Letter to the Editor:
Here are some very profound words that I came across in my travels.

I’m politically quiet. I never engage no matter how badly I want to. But this struck a nerve. Especially tonight.
There is no literature or poetry in this White House.
No music.
No Kennedy Center award celebrations.
There are no pets in this White House.
No loyal man’s best friend. No Socks the family cat.
No kids’ science fairs.
No times when this president takes off his blue suit-red tie uniform and becomes human, except when he puts on his white shirt-khaki pants uniform and hides from Americans to play golf.
There are no images of the first family enjoying themselves together in a moment of relaxation.
No Obamas on the beach in Hawaii moments, or Bushes fishing in Kennebunkport, no Reagans on horseback, no Kennedys playing touch football on the Cape.
I was thinking the other day of the summer when George H couldn’t catch a fish and all the grandkids made signs and counted the fish-less days.
And somehow, even if you didn’t even like GHB, you got caught up in the joy of a family that loved each other and had fun.
Where did that country go?
Where did all of the fun and joy and expressions of love and happiness go?
We used to be a country that did the ice bucket challenge and raised millions for charity.
We used to have a president that calmed and soothed the nation instead dividing it.
And a First Lady that planted a garden instead of ripping one out.
We are rudderless and joyless.
We have lost the cultural aspects of society that make America great.
We have lost our mojo, our fun, our happiness.
The cheering on of others. Gone.
The shared experiences of humanity that makes it all worth it. Gone.
The challenges AND the triumphs that we shared and celebrated.
The unique can-do spirit Americans have always been known for. Gone.
We have lost so much in so short a time."
~Elayne Griffin Baker
If you made it this far, please copy & paste this on your wall to remind your friends & family what we’re all missing.
It's become an ugly country in a few short years. Friend turning against friend. I know at least one who has. Do you?
Carl Zarzyski, Ovid

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No campaigning

In any hallway, polling room or within 100 feet of a polling facility

This includes verbal appeals, displaying signs and attempting to collect donations

No phones in the booth

In order to comply with Michigan law, cell phone use in voting booths is prohibited

However cell phone use is permitted while waiting to enter the poll booth

Keep your ballot to yourself

Showing your ballot to anyone else voids its eligibility, meaning your vote wont count

HAPPY VOTING

In Support of Kay Nickols

Letter to the Editor:
I am a 30 year plus resident of Woodhull Township. Kay Nickols is by far the best candidate for Woodhull Township Supervisor. Nickols has been the township supervisor for the past four years. SHE GETS THINGS DONE!! She is in her office Monday-Friday for township residents who have questions or need information.
Nickols opponent, who is our current treasurer, does not keep regular office hours, only a few days to collect taxes, even though the township pays for an office. So why would we expect her to be in the supervisors office either?
I attend monthly township meetings and find Kay's opponent to disagree with the entire board on many issues. Her past legal issues have cost our township residents a lot of money. We NEED Nickols as our township supervisor to continue our smooth running township.

Judi Betts
Woodhull Township



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www.brianamecheforprosecutor.com (google search)



My name is Brian Ameche and I am running for Prosecuting Attorney of Clinton County. I am the Chief Assistant Prosecutor and have been with the office for twenty-four years. In my time with the office I have handled thousands of cases, with more than a thousand trials and over one hundred being by jury. I have conducted all aspects of the office workload from traffic offense hearings to murder trials and have been assigned special prosecutor for several surrounding counties during my time with the County.

For six years I represented Clinton and Gratiot counties on the Michigan Bar Association Representative Assembly, as well as serving on the State Bar Board of Tellers. I have served in all the different offices of the Clinton County Bar Association and have been president of my local union of assistant prosecutors for the majority of my time with the office.

I have been married to my wife Sarah for forty years and raised our two boys through the DeWitt school system, both now with professional careers. I graduated with two degrees from Michigan State University in 1984 and 1985 respectively and Law School in 1988.

I have the specialized knowledge and experience to perform the very important duties of Prosecuting Attorney for Clinton County and continue to protect the people and property of the county.

Experience Matters

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Shiawassee County Sheriff

BeGole Seeks Re-Election as Shiawassee County Sheriff

Brian BeGole, age 50, is the incumbent running for Shiawassee County Sheriff in this November's election.

Sheriff BeGole is married to wife, Tammy, and their family includes 7 daughters and one son.

He is a graduate of Morrice High School, and earned his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Lansing Community College.

He explains, "There is a lot that separates my opponent from my 30 years of experience in law enforcement. I am the only certified law enforcement in the race and have spent 24 years serving as a deputy and sheriff for the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office. Another six years were spent working for local municipalities in Shiawassee County while earning a degree in criminal justice. In addition, I have over 1000 hours of continuing law enforcement education. All of this combined has resulted in real life experience working traffic, fatalities, homicides, contract negotiations, budgeting, administrative duties, natural disasters, and recently a pandemic."

When asked what are the biggest issues facing voters in the upcoming election, he said, "Working with Shiawassee County Commissioners on creating a balanced budget with 15% cuts across the board while still maintaining road patrol, animal control, and a k-9 unit. The Sheriff's office will continue to pursue alternative funding sources such as new grants and participation in the 1033 military surplus program.

Begole continues, "Many current deputies are planning to retire very soon and the sheriff needs to be proactive and not reactive by finding and hiring individuals that can handle the evolving issues facing law enforcement today such as cyber crimes, force de escalation, recognizing mental health issues, and dealing with health pandemics.

"During these recent times of uncertainty due to COVID-19 and civil protests I will always continue to balance and protect your constitutional rights while at the same time ensuring public safety."

"Some of the highlights include: Establishment of a jail garden that has produced over 100,000 lbs. of fresh produce for the jail kitchen and local pantries; Implemented active shooter trainings and procedures for schools and churches; Restored K-9 unit service and increased road patrol; Completion of new central dispatch center; Established towing policy for consumer protection and equity to business owners; Updated outdated and unsafe equipment for deputies



including vehicles, firearms, and uniforms; Reduced departmental spending and worked hard to do more with less resources.

"When I took office as sheriff four years ago there were a lot of broken relationships with other police agencies and municipalities within our community. I have worked hard to renew working relationships which has resulted in several joint training exercises and sharing of resources. Many citizens often do not see the cooperation that occurs behind the scenes but as a law enforcement community we are way ahead of where we were four years ago.

Joe Ibarra is Candidate for Shiawassee Sheriff

Joe Ibarra, age 46, is running for Shiawassee County Sheriff.

Mr. Ibarra has been married to wife, Becca Ibarra for 21 years, and they have one daughter. He also includes the family dogs as an important part of home life.

Joe studied at LCC and Baker College, and is owner of Mid-Michigan Technology & Consulting, LLC.

He served 10 years as a Owosso Police Reserve with thousands of hours worked.

Ibarra says, "As your next Sheriff, I promise to eliminate, in my opinion, the "smoke and mirrors" you have been seeing and show you the real issues facing our county. The issues I believe we need to face head-on are the condition of our current facility and the budget. What I can promise you is not to lay the cost of an overly inflated jail solely on the taxpayers.

He continues, "I can promise you that I will not overspend any amount of budget I am given. I promise to have a full independent audit done to see exactly where the money has gone in the last four years. I am fully confident that a facility can be built without the burden being put solely and directly onto the citizens of our community because of a Sheriff who overspent in his previous years.

"I also want to point out that there are highly qualified individuals presently employed within our Sheriff's Department and 9-1-1 Center who are underutilized and underappreciated. I believe that utilizing the resources we have from within, we can and will expand into a more versatile department. We have some of the greatest hard-working deputies and dispatchers that could do so much more for our community. I have some programs and initiatives that I will bring with me that will enhance the Sheriff's Office's operations without being a burden on the taxpayers.

"If we continue to do what we have always done, we will continue to get the same results."



CINDY GARBER

YOUR DISTRICT 6 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RE-ELECT

CINDY GARBER

District 6 County Commissioner

- Endorsed by Right to Life
- Supporter of Law & Order
- Fiscally Conservative Accountant
- Common Sense Leadership
- 4-H Member, Leader, and Volunteer – 40 years
- Jail Garden Supporter

“Commissioner Garber has been excellent to work with this past two years. She understands the importance of law enforcement and I am proud to endorse her for ReElection.”

- Sheriff Brian BeGole

Re-Elect Cindy Garber on November 3rd

Character and Commitment Counts!

Shiawassee County Treasurer

Yvette Pickler Running for Shiawassee County Treasurer

Yvette Pickler, age 52, is running in the November 3 General Election for Shiawassee County Treasurer Incumbent.

Married to husband Morris, the Picklers have two sons, Josh and Zach.

She is a graduate of Durand High School, with an Associates Degree from Baker College in Accounting / Finance.

Yvette says she is a proud GM auto worker, working in logistics and quality assurance. She has had a career with numerous positions related to customer service, finance and accounting. Also, she says she has been very active with community volunteer positions that often involve financial responsibilities.

When asked what the big issues are facing Shiawassee County voters in the November 3 election, Yvette explains, "There appears to be some ongoing perennial issues with the county treasurer's office in regard to technology, audits, and account reconciliations. Clearly there need to be some changes with a fresh team with an educational and professional background in computers, technology, accounting, and finance."

She continues, "I saw things happening with the treasurer's office I didn't like and decided if I wanted to see a change, I needed to step up and make the change."



Julie Sorensen Seeks Re-Election as Treasurer in Shiawassee County

Julie Sorensen, age 60, is seeking re-election as Treasurer in Shiawassee County.

She and her husband Alan (Red) have been married for 37 years and they have four children. She has an Associate Degree from University of Michigan in Dental Hygiene.

She is the former Rush Township Treasurer from 2004-2017, Deputy Shiawassee County Treasurer from March of 2017-October of 2019 and has held the current position as treasurer since 2019.

"A lot of good progress has been made in the Treasurer's office since my taking office. We are now accepting partial payments, credit card and online payments," she explained. "The bank reconciliation is also current and documented in the general ledger", she went on to say. She welcomes questions from homeowners who need help with their property taxes. "I look forward to continuing the progress that has been made at the treasurer's office, and ask for your support on November 3rd."



Shiawassee County Commissioner Dist. #6

Cindy Garber Seeking Re-Election as Shiawassee County Commissioner

Cindy Garber, age 54, is running for re-election as a Shiawassee County Commissioner.

Ms. Garber is the single mother of five sons and one daughter. Her education is in agricultural economics, and she holds a B.A.A. degree in accounting. She lists her experience as years of public service, and in small-scale farming.

The former treasurer of Bennington Twp., where she served for 10 years, also has 20 years of accounting experience.

When asked the biggest issues facing Shiawassee County voters in the November 3 General Election, she says, "This election, voters have been bombarded by fake news and attacks on elected officials. This leaves those of us working on the big issues with no voice or way to fight back. I see the response to the Covid virus as a big issue, along with continued reform of our county financial processes."



Keep

SCOTT KOERNER



Scott's Priorities

Prosecutor Scott Koerner's honest leadership and a fierce passion for justice are keystones of his career as a prosecutor

- ✓ **Protect children and victims**
- ✓ **Prosecute domestic violence**
- ✓ **Improve transparency**
- ✓ **Keep drugs out of our county**

Scott serves his community as the Shiawassee County Prosecutor

VOTE NOVEMBER 3rd - VOTE KOERNER

Paid for by the committee to keep Scott Koerner Prosecutor, 601 Camerose Ct., Laingsburg, MI 48848

Clinton County Commissioner Dist. #1

Kam Washburn Seeks Re-Election as Clinton County Commissioner

Kam Washburn, age 67, is an incumbent running for re-election as a Commissioner for Clinton County. Married to wife Kathleen, the Washburns have four adult children - Ken, Canyon, Kristine and Kelly. A graduate of Ovid-Elsie HS, Mr. Washburn received advanced education at Lansing Community College and MSU / MALP.

He has made his career as a farmer. He is the past Duplain Twp. Supervisor, past chairman of the Michigan Soybean Checkoff, past agricultural advisor to the Chicago Federal Reserve, and past chair of the Elsie Area Fire Association.

He views the biggest issues before voters this November as this: "As chairman of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, I have been intimately involved with navigating our county through the COVID outbreak. With the protocols and procedures we instituted at the beginning of the pandemic, we have managed to keep COVID out of vital county operations (jail, courts, and the 911 call center).

"Continuing to keep everyone safe and healthy is our first priority.

"My second concern is budgetary. Due to COVID, balancing revenue shortfalls, without curtailing county services, will be a challenge.

"Our administration, along with the Board of Commissioners, is developing a budget that meets county needs. Another priority is affordable and consistent internet.

"With your support, I will continue to address the issues facing families in Clinton County."



Patrick Witt Seeks Election to Clinton County Commissioner Seat

Patrick Witt is seeking election to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Patrick is married to Donna Witt, and they have two daughters (Jessica 23 and Erin 19), and one son, Sean, 19.

Mr. Witt earned his BA degree in Economics from the University of San Diego, and is employed as a chemical operator at Dow Chemical. He is a US Navy submarine veteran, and also has 20-plus years experience in the corporate and agency insurance industry.

Locally, he has served as president of the Ovid-Elsie / St. Johns Lacrosse club, and has been a shop steward for the United Steelworkers.

Big issues facing his electorate this November, he says, are community health issues with COVID-19, and also " ... a lack of rural high-speed internet, transportation and inadequate high-wage employment opportunities."

Patrick continues, "I'd also focus on improving our infrastructure, public areas and our small town main streets to attract new residents and employers."



Duplain Twp. Clerk

Dawn Levey Announced Her Run for Duplain Twp. Clerk

Dawn D. Levey, age 65, has announced her candidacy for Duplain Twp. Clerk.

Dawn has been married to her husband, Bruce Levey, for 46 years. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

A teacher, Mrs. Levey earned her Bachelor of Science degree from CMU with a Master's equivalent.

Her adult life has been filled with community service, with leadership positions in the Michigan Education Association (MEA) and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). She currently serves as Deputy Supervisor for the MUCC, and is the current treasurer for MEA Region 8.

When asked what are the biggest issues facing voters in the November election, Dawn says, "The Duplain Twp. Board works cooperatively and in collaboration with each other. They have been doing good works, maintaining roads and supporting EMS services. (A big issue) is continuing road work."

Mrs. Levey continues, "My goal, if elected, is to establish regular office hours, openly encouraging residents to vote and to increase a technology presence."



WORKING
HARD
FOR
YOU!

RE-ELECT

BeGole

★ FOR SHERIFF ★

In the first term serving as your sheriff, a lot has been accomplished with the assistance of deputies, employees, and the community. Some of the highlights include:

- Establishment of a jail garden that has produced over 100,000 lbs. of fresh produce for the jail kitchen and local pantries
- Implemented active shooter trainings and procedures for schools and churches
- Restored K-9 unit service and increased road patrol
- Completion of new central dispatch center
- Established towing policy for consumer protection and equity to business owners
- Updated unsafe and outdated equipment for deputies including vehicles, firearms, and uniforms
- Reduced departmental spending and worked hard to do more with less resources

Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Brian BeGole Sheriff, 1975 E. Beard Rd., Perry, MI 48872



To the Voters of Shiawassee County

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing to voice my support for the re-election of Sheriff Brian BeGole for another four year term. I feel he has done a very good job in his first term under very trying circumstances. It is very difficult to perform the many duties the office requires without a budget to fund such responsibilities.

Sheriff BeGole came into office without much of a road patrol, and collectively he was able to restore it to a level of minimal coverage. He has shown his ability to make things work with what he has on hand.

Sheriff BeGole has also addressed the jail issues he is faced with. Without a new jail soon, we the taxpayers will have to outsource our own inmates at a considerable cost to all of us.

Sheriff BeGole has certainly shown he has the ability to perform the duties admirably, and has strived to bring the Sheriff's office back to where it belongs!

I know we made the right decision four years ago so please join me in support of Sheriff BeGole for four more years!

Sincerely,
James LaJoye
Retired Shiawassee County Sheriff

Residents Support Nickols for Supervisor

We support the reelection of Kay Nickols for Woodhull Township Supervisor. Kay has worked very hard for the township and has had transparency for the position. She has been available to the taxpayers and led a Board that has worked together to improve roads, had new technology brought to the offices and made improvements in the Hall and annex. Her leadership has preserved financial resources and written policies to bring responsible governance to the township.

She is running as a Democrat so remember you can, split your ballot on November 3rd. Join us in retaining Kay Nickols as our Supervisor.

Sandy Winans, Tom Jelenek, Rick Betts, Maggie Galilei, Carol Maize, Judith A. Raymond, Pamela S. Wagner and Janis K. Carr.

Woodhull Township Residents.

Senior Citizens

Letter to the Editor:

It has been brought to my attention that everyone can save another person's life. It is as simple as a friendly phone call to check on someone who lives alone or is alone daily as others work.

Recently a mail carrier noticed that mail had been sitting in the mail box for days, calls the family resulting in saving a life of a person who had fallen. The fall may not be dangerous but lying on the floor for days is.

So everyone needs to tell someone (mail carrier, neighbor, newspaper delivery) how to contact your family if they notice something isn't right or normal. Especially now when everyone is staying home it is important to check on your neighbors or the elderly person on your block. A few minutes of your time could save a life.

Signed by a senior citizen who benefited by this simple call, my life was saved.

Don't Take the Bait

Letter to the Editor:

Today (Friday October 16, 2020) the Michigan Secretary of State has made the highly questionable assertion that she holds the legislative authority to create new gun free zones in and around our polling places and that she may disregard all decisions on this issue made by your local elected officials in your own City or Township Hall.

In my 50 years of life I have never seen an incident where citizens have come to the polls in Shiawassee County open carrying guns or have used gun threats to intimidate voters. I speak as one who has voted since I came of age beginning in 1988 and one who has worked at the polls many times over the years of my life. I must ask why is she pretending to address a problem that has never existed?

Today I write to speak to my fellow supporters of our 2nd amendment. SHE IS TRYING TO PROVOKE YOU. She wants nothing less than incidents across our state where gun rights activists march defiantly to the polls open carrying their guns in a show of support for the 2nd amendment. She then will use these incidents between you, poll workers and the police to attack all of our rights. Now is the time to consider Jesus's words in Matthew 16:10 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.

Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." If you must, exercise your rights by carrying concealed to the polls and diligently obey all the laws applicable to you when you carry concealed. Then make Jocelyn Benson regret her stunt today by overwhelmingly Re-Electing President Trump and by sending John James to represent us in the United States Senate.

DO NOT take the bait and give her the incidents she craves across Michigan.

James A. Huguelet
Perry

Laingsburg Knights of Columbus Thank You

Letter to the Editor:

The Laingsburg Knights of Columbus held their annual Tootsie Roll Drive in the fall this year due to the pandemic. We would like to thank our community and parish for their generosity. Also special thanks to the knight and parish members who helped with this drive. Money donated will help people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Last year (2019) Tootsie Roll Drive moneys was divided equally between Special Olympics, ARC Shiawassee, and All Faith Ministry for disabilities.

Gary Lundquist

CACS Thank You

Letter to the Editor:

We, at Shiawassee County - Capital Area Community Services, would like to extend our warmest "Thank You" to Dan McMaster, Shiawassee County Commissioner. Dan has been planting, supervising, picking and maintaining the County Jail Garden this year, as in the past. And even more than that, he has personally made sure, those foods were distributed to emergency foodbanks, and, to CACS for food distribution to our low income Seniors, families and singles from across Shiawassee County. He has also helped with our drive-thru distributions long before COVID-19 and every month since.

Dan - we really appreciate what you have contributed to the seniors and low-income people of Shiawassee County who so look forward to all the fresh produce you have supplies, especially this year. Many of our people could not afford to purchase what you have been able to provide to them.

We at Capital Area Community Services in Owosso, Thank you for caring and sharing with so many in need.

Rebecca Zemla
Shiawassee County Center coordinator & Staff



Holy smokies.....Friday began about three hours earlier than I intended. Can you believe it; I was at the office at 5AM. Fortunately I finished up by 9:30 AM after making the deliveries. Then back into the kitchen to make some carrot cakes, fresh apple cakes, pineapple zucchini bread, and finally onion bread. And no, I'm not out of the kitchen yet....just waiting for the baking cycle to be finished. I still need to make the frosting for the cakes and the onion bread isn't ready to be kneaded yet. The labels need to be printed and applied.....then I can relax?

I had a trip and fall last Wednesday.....my son's size fifteen steel toed shoes paved the way. I knew that they were not where they belonged and had walked around them a couple of times without mishap. However, I seem to have lost the capacity to walk and talk at the same time. I was talking to him when I tripped on the damned shoes.....fortunately I didn't collide with anything and it was more of a 'relaxed crumple' than a bad trip. That was a 6:30 in the morning and I had been up for a couple of hours. I decided to go back to bed and sleep for a bit....a phone call at nine woke me up and changed my plans.

That is when I walked part way out to the truck.....changed my mind and went back to get my walking stick and figured that I would be calling my chiropractor. I kept moving and stretching and after thirty minutes the pain dissipated. Yes, I was lame on Thursday but thankfully no pain. In my book, that was a big blessing. But I did have vertigo.....

I made it to Monday and got to see Dr. Zia.....and the first treatment eliminated the vertigo and so I am having him work on another problem. No mail on Monday because of Columbus Day, unfortunately my brain short circuited. I forgot that the banks would also be closed. Of course I didn't remember that until I had driven over to St Johns. Ain't life grand?

Then there was the cat situation. I told Karen that I would find homes for some spring and summer kittens. So Karen quickly set her live trap and she delivered a beautiful black and white spring kitten to me. I had the bathroom set up with fresh kitty litter, food and water. I had quite an experience when I let the cat out of the trap. First she bounced off the window which is above the tub, smacked herself on the sink and hit the south wall.....all within seconds of being released. She was terrified and then hid behind the toilet.

That was Friday afternoon; by Sunday she had pulled the vent cover off and skedaddled into the furnace vent. Monday morning I had the furnace folks out here with a camera checking out the ductwork in search of the illusive cat. Good news...the cat wasn't in the ductwork. Bad news...she was in the crawlspace which is sealed off. There is a small hole between the ductwork and structure and that cat fit it well. So, I had to borrow the live trap and set it in the bathroom where the cat was getting her food and water. I put a bowl of water in the trap and left the food on the outside. I was surprised when she walked into the trap at five this morning. By five fifteen I had carried the trap out onto the deck and opened it to expedite the great escape. She flew across the deck and cleared the railing in one bound. She is free and I have sworn off from catching feral cats that are more than eight weeks old.

Time to be serious, please vote....if you live in Elba Township I would ask for your vote, as I'm a write in candidate for township treasurer. Just put in my name and fill in the dot. I believe that I can do a good job as a public servant. Please just get out there and vote.

May God bless you and may your common sense prove useful. Enjoy life's blessings.

Crystal Mitchell©2020



NOTICE OF ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Bath Township Clerk Kathleen McQueen, 517-641-6728	Precinct 1 - Bath Township Hall, 14480 Webster Rd., Bath Precinct 2 - Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath Precinct 3 - Bath Middle School Auditorium, 13675 Webster Rd., Bath Precinct 4 - Spirt of Christ Church, 8170 Coleman Rd., Haslett Precinct 5 - Bath Fire Station, 5633 Drumheller Rd., Bath
Bengal Twp Clerk Sharon Bassette, 989-640-4750	Bengal Township Hall, 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns
Bingham Twp Clerk Alysha Chant, 989-224-7297	Bingham Township Hall, 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns
Dallas Twp Clerk Therese Koenigsknecht, 989-593-2542	Dallas Township Hall, 225 S. Main St., Fowler
DeWitt City Clerk Lisa Gysen, 517-669-2441	Precinct 1 - DeWitt City Hall, 414 E. Main St., DeWitt Precinct 2 - DeWitt City Fire Station, 911 W. Main St., DeWitt
DeWitt Twp Clerk Adam Cramton, 517-668-0270	Precinct 1 & 2 - Herbison Woods School (Access from Herbison or Schavey Rd.), DeWitt Precinct 3 & 4 - Herbison Road Fire Station, 1445 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt Precinct 5, 6 & 7 - DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Rd., Lansing
Duplain Twp Clerk Richard Bates, 989-862-5084	American Legion Hall, 220 S. Ovid St., Elsie
Eagle Twp Clerk Starr Wirth, 517-526-0218	Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle
East Lansing City Clerk Jennifer Shuster, 517-337-1731	Precinct 17 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing
Essex Twp Clerk Lori Conner, 989-224-3484	Maple Rapids Community Center, 209 W. Union St., Maple Rapids
Greenbush Twp Clerk Ramona Smith, 517-930-4180	Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns
Lebanon Twp Clerk Daniel Smith, 989-593-2193	Lebanon Township Hall, 10990 W. Colony Rd., Fowler
Olive Twp Clerk Sandra June, 517-668-9506	Olive Township Hall, 1400 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt
Ovid City Clerk Josefina Medina, 989-834-5550	City of Ovid Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid
Ovid Twp Clerk Claudia Pluger, 989-834-2597	Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid
Riley Twp Clerk Lisa Powell, 517-819-6132	Riley Township Hall, 7110 W. Pratt, DeWitt, MI 48820
St. Johns City Clerk Mindy Seavey, 989-224-8944	Precinct 1 - First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27, St. Johns Precinct 2 - Nazarene Church, 515 N. Lansing St., St. Johns Precinct 3 - Wilson Center, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns
Victor Twp Clerk Amanda Conklin, 517-651-2094	Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg
Watertown Twp Clerk Deborah Adams, 517-626-6593	Precinct 1 & 2 - Wallace Watts Community Center/Gym 12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge
Westphalia Twp Clerk Heather Platte, 989-587-3411	Westphalia Township Hall - 13950 Pratt Rd., Westphalia, MI 48894

For the purpose of electing candidates to the following office:

- PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
- CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator - 24th District, Representative in Congress – 4th District
- LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature - 93rd District
- STATE BOARD: Members of State Board of Education, Regent of U of M, Trustee of MSU and Governor of Wayne State University
- COUNTY: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk and Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, County Commissioner
- TOWNSHIP: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee
- JUDICIAL: Justice of Supreme Court; Judges of Court of Appeals 4th District; Judge of Circuit Court 29th Circuit; Judge of District Court 65A District
- CITY: DeWitt Mayor & Council Members; Ovid Mayor & Council Members; St. Johns City Commissioners
- VILLAGE (where applicable): President, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees and Library Board
- LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: Bath Community Schools; Carson-City Crystal Area Schools; DeWitt Public Schools; East Lansing Public Schods; Fowler Public School District; Fulton Schods; Grand Ledge Public Schools; Haslett Public Schools; Laingsburg Community Schools; Lansing Schools; Ovid-Elsie Area Schools; Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools; Portland Public Schools; St. Johns Public Schools; Waverly Community Schools
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER: Lansing Community College, Montcalm Community College
- LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER: Bath Township Public Library, Grand Ledge Area District, Village of Maple Rapids

Also to vote on the following proposals:

STATE PROPOSALS:

- 20-1 A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent
- 20-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications

TOWNSHIP:

- Watertown Charter Township – Millage on all property of up to 3 mills for 10 years, 2021 to 2030

CITY:

- City of St. Johns – Headlee Override Millage Proposal to Restore authorized Original Charter

LIBRARY:

- Elsie Public Library – Additional millage not to exceed 1.0 mills annually against all taxable property within the Elsie Public Library District beginning in 2020

SCHOOL:

- Fulton Schods - General obligation unlimited tax bond proposal for building and site purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$9,460,000

COLLEGE:

- Mid Michigan College
 - I. Annexation proposal to annex the territory of Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District
 - II. Proposal to adopt Mid Michigan College maximum tax rate by the annexed territory of Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District 1.2232 mills in perpetuity

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained at the Clinton County Clerk's Office, 100 E. State St., Ste. 2600, St. Johns. A sample ballot may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk's office.

This notice is given as required by law (MCL 168.498(3))

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk
Election Coordinator, (989) 224-5140

Proposals

Elsie Public Library Proposal

Shall the Elsie Public Library, County of Clinton, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mills (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) annually against all taxable property within the Elsie Public Library district in perpetuity beginning in the year 2020, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Elsie Public Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Elsie Public Library in the first year (2020) is approximately \$67,000.

Shiawassee County Proposals

911 Central Dispatch SHIAWASSEE COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH PROPOSITION FOR REAUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE 9-1-1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE AND DISPATCH SERVICES FUNDING

Shall the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, be authorized to continue the charge for 911 emergency telephone and dispatch services on all landline, wireless, and voice overinternet protocol service users located within the geographic boundaries of ShiawasseeCounty, Michigan at a rate not to exceed \$2.65 each month to be used exclusively tofund the operation and maintenance of 911 emergency telephone and dispatchservices in the County of Shiawassee, Michigan?

Middlebury Township MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

Shall Middlebury Township continue to levy two mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00) on taxable value ofproperty located in the Township of Middlebury, Shiawassee County, Michigan, for five yearsbeginning with the 2020 tax levy year and running through the 2024 tax levy year (inclusive),which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of \$85,000 to be to be usedexclusively for the specific purpose of construction, maintenance, repair, and improvement ofroads within the Township. If approved, this millage will be a renewal of a previouslyauthorized millage.

Gratiot County Proposal

PROPOSAL Proposal 20-1 A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent. This proposed constitutional amendment would: • Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000. • Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund. • Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement. • Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation. Should this proposal be adopted? Proposal 20-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications. This proposed constitutional amendment would: • Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications. • Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things. Should this proposal be adopted?



Shiawassee County Prosecuting Attorney

Koerner Running for Re-Election as Shiawassee County Prosecutor

Scott Koerner, age 49, is seeking re-election as the Prosecutor for Shiawassee County.

Scott has been married to wife Kelly for 24 years. They have two children; Kaitlyn, 20, played volleyball for Laingsburg and is currently a student at Lansing Community College. Zachary, 17, is a senior this year at Laingsburg High School, and plays basketball and golf. Kelly is a Program Director for Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving children and teens. "She is the rock of the family and we all appreciate how hard she works tirelessly to go above and beyond to support our family," Scott says.

Mr. Koerner earned his degree in Business Administration from Grand Valley State University in 1994. His Juris Doctorate is from The John Marshall Law School in 1998.

He says, "I have practiced law for more than 20 years. My background is comprised of time dealing with both criminal and civil matters. After graduating from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, I began working in Chicago before moving back to Michigan and working civil cases in the Detroit area. We ultimately moved back to be closer to family after our children were born. I worked as a criminal defense lawyer for over 12 years before deciding to embark on my career as a prosecutor. I have served as an Assistant Prosecutor Shiawassee County from May 2018 to April 2020. I was appointed by Judge Stewart as Shiawassee County Prosecutor as of April 1, 2020.

When asked what are the big issues facing voters this November, Koerner explains, "The biggest issues facing voters are obvious issues, but they are the ones that need our attention more than ever. Sexual assault against children becomes priority number one. We cannot allow children to be victimized in Shiawassee county. This is an issue that is very personal to me not only as your prosecutor but as a parent. As, Prosecutor I have taken this issue head on and will continue to be a voice for those who do not have voices. I will continue to pursue and prosecute the criminal sexual cases to protect victims and their young children from sexual abuse. I acknowledge it is not always about winning or losing, rather it is assuring justice is served and victims have their voices heard. I currently sit on the board for the Voices for Children Advocacy Program for Shiawassee and Genesee County. I am passionate about prosecuting these cases. I will continue to build upon our exceptional victim's advocacy program that works very closely victims and children. Under my administration we will continue to participate in training in understanding the trauma that these victims undergo and help them to get through this exceedingly difficult time.

"Another issue that has stemmed out of control is narcotics coming into Shiawassee County from other communities. When drugs come into Shiawassee, this creates a danger to our citizens and crime rates soar. I am glad to have strong law enforcement members working on these issues, but we need to keep moving in a direction that protects our county, this effort is a 7 day per week and 24 hour a day mandate. As your Prosecutor, I will continue to keep these drug dealers out of our county. At the same time, I realize addiction is also problem. I strongly support our Drug Court in the County and will continue to help rehabilitate those who are willing as an alternative to prison.

Scott continues, "I was raised just over the County line, have family that are lifelong residents of the County, and we have lived in Laingsburg for the last 14 years. I served as an assistant prosecutor for 2 years before being appointed to lead our community in April of this year. When I joined the office as an Assistant Prosecutor it was my goal to serve our community. After two years in our office I believed that this goal would best be accomplished by serving as the Prosecutor of this great county.

"I am honored and humbled to serve as your Prosecutor."



Robert Hinojosa Announces Candidacy for Shiawassee County Prosecutor

Robert Hinojosa, age 48, has announced his candidacy for Shiawassee County Prosecuting Attorney.

Robert has been married to wife Amy (Doyle) for 7 years. Their daughter Sara attends Ferris State University, and Robert has three step-children, Blaine, Charus and Iley Doyle.

Hinojosa attended Corunna High School and received his bachelors degree from Grand Valley State University. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School in Lansing.

He is employed as the sole proprietor of a general practice law firm, The Hinojosa Firm in Flint, with a focus on criminal law and family law.

Robert's experience comes as the former Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Iron County from 2010-11; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Shiawassee County from 2011-17; and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Lapeer County from 2017-19. He opened the Hinojosa Law Firm in 2019.

He explains, "As it pertains to the election for Prosecutor, the most pressing issue facing the election is regaining the public trust. The next prosecutor will need to dedicate himself to the establishment of an office that champions transparency, accountability, competence and integrity. The role of the prosecutor is to expose truth and obtain justice at every stage of the criminal process, based on what is right, not wins and losses.

"Far too long this office has been hidden from the public. I will seek out an independent third party to audit the office to evaluate case dispositions, plea negotiations and administrative conduct. Prosecutorial statistics will be published for the public. I will establish an Advisory Board made up of members of the community who serve as liaisons to the community.

"The prosecutor works for the people and should be held accountable to the people. There will be no more over-charging just to get a plea deal, back-door deals or favors, and there will be a focus on serious crimes that affects the safety of our community. The Prosecutor has an enormous amount of power and the ability to decide who is charged with a crime, influence and change bail, control the plea-bargaining process, and address mass incarceration. The only way to change the system and restore faith is to elect a reform-minded candidate.

"The key to change is through electing a prosecutor who will improve outcomes for nearly everyone ensnared in the criminal justice system, as well as their families and the community."

Mr. Hinojosa says the voters should choose someone who will be in the trenches with his team of prosecutors, " ... trying cases not over-charging to obtain a plea deal, instituting programs for rehabilitative purposes and leading by example.

"While an elected position, the prosecuting attorney must be unswayed by the political flavor of the month and be grounded entirely by their commitment to the victims. At the end of the day, this is what matters, not political affiliation or friendships."

"I have a proven track record of working closely with victims and local and state police to ensure justice is served. I won't pick which laws to enforce and which people to enforce them against. I pledge to restore integrity to the office and be transparent."

The campaign invites you to visit their website at www.hinojosaforsprosecutor.com.



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City of Ovid Trustee

Mary Perrien Seeks Election to Ovid Village Council

Mary K. Perrien is seeking election to the Ovid Village Council.

Mary, 52, is a 1985 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and did her undergraduate studies at Chadron State University in Nebraska. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

Employed as a postal carrier for the United States Post Office since 1993, she was appointed as a Village Council member in November 2017, a position she has held since.

Mary says, "At the village level, we will be facing budget cuts and a likely decrease in revenue sharing from the state due to COVID-19. Like other small cities, we struggle with again infrastructure. We will need to look for grants to upgrade water mains, storm and sanitary sewers, and the wastewater lagoons. The SAW grant will be completed at the end of 2020 and the data we get from the program will show areas in our stormwater and wastewater systems that will need attention; which, in turn, would mean we would have to structure a plan to fix the deficiencies that are found. The village must also plan the funding for the replacement of water services to residential homes that contain lead, keeping up with the State of Michigan's ever-changing Lead and Copper Rule.

She continues, "I have been serving on the Village Council since November of 2017, when I was appointed to fill a vacant seat. I have never missed a meeting; regular, special or committee. I am serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee, Cemetery Committee and am an appointed council member of the Planning Commission. I am involved with the Carriage Days Festival, secretary of the Lions Cub and president of the Rural Letter Carriers Association of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties.

"I am blessed to have 39 children (and counting) call me 'Aunt Mary.' I am running for a trustee position on the Village Council so that those kids, and all others will be able to enjoy a safe and financially stable community."



Eric Starn Seeks Election to Ovid Village Council

Eric A Starn, 43, is running for election to the Ovid Village Council.

Eric is married to wife; Estrella, and they have one son, Logan, who is 10 years old.

Mr. Starn received his B.S. degree from Michigan State University in Geographic Information Science. He is employed as a GIS Specialist with the State of Michigan in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

His local experience includes 4 Years as vice-president of the Carriage Days Committee, and one year serving on the Village Planning Commission.

When asked what are the big issues facing the voters in the upcoming election, Eric explains, "One of the immediate and pressing issues for families and businesses in our community is the current world pandemic and the effect that it will have on their lives. Another issue is the development and execution of the city's master plan to help deal with future growth and infrastructure needs.

He continues, "If elected I would assist in working on ways to keep the community safe and healthy with an eye on the future. We will build a plan to help protect families and work to invest in our community to create growth and development."



Lyle Perrien Joins in Running for Ovid Council

Lyle R. Perrien has announced his candidacy for Ovid Village Council.

Lyle is 29 and married to wife Lynden. They have two children, Damon 5 and Colt, 3. Lyle is a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and has earned 32 credits in Criminal Justice from Baker College.

Perrien has served 5 years on the security and training board for IPC International. He currently serves on the Ovid Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of Ovid.

"The biggest issue for the village is how to overcome the hit to the budget due to the COVID pandemic," he says. "In the past the Village of Ovid has received revenue sharing from the state, which means the state share a percentage of state sales tax with cities, villages and townships. With the economy on the decline these past months the state is receiving less revenue from the sales tax, which in turn means they will have less to share with the city like ours. This is going to have significant repercussions to the Village of Ovid's budget."

Lyle continues, "Ovid is very near and dear to my heart. I come from a big family who have all lived in Ovid for our entire lives. I am raising my own family here now and want my children to be proud of the city they grow up in, just like I am. I would love to see Ovid become an even closer-knit community than we are now."



Larry Ordiway Seeking Another Term on Ovid Village Council

Larry Ordiway, 72, is seeking another term on the Ovid Village Council.

Larry is an 18-year incumbent on the Council. He is married; he and his wife have one child.

The retiree says the biggest issues facing the Council " ... will be funding aging infrastructure and budget cuts due to COVID-19. Our water mains, storm sewer and sanitary sewer are showing their age and will need repair or replacement in the near future."

Mr. Ordiway continues, "I have served on the Cemetery Board for 16 years and on the Cemetery Committee since the village took over the cemetery. I was instrumental in purchasing the property to expand Maple Grove Cemetery and in negotiations for the Memorial Healthcare building. I serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee and have been working on the bathroom project at Veterans Field.

"My experience in the excavating business is helpful to the DPW and with purchasing heavy equipment. I (am proud) of my 18 years serving the Village and the Council."



Fairfield Twp. Trustee

Tim Riegle is a Candidate for Fairfield Township Trustee

Tim Riegel, age 70, has announced his candidacy for Fairfield Twp. Trustee.

Tim has been married for 44 years. He is retired, and the Riegels have two children, a son and a daughter.

"The continuing pandemic and the budget shortfalls (are the biggest issues facing township voters), due to the response," he says. "The townships needs to balance our budget as our population shrinks. Our roads are falling apart and we have less support and more traffic."

He continues, "I see my function as a trustee as a moderator and a watchdog."

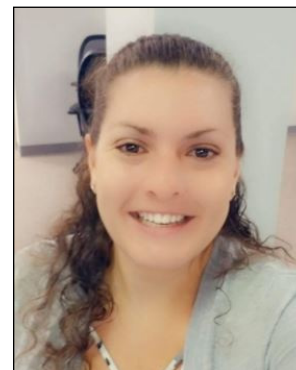
Ashley School Board

Ashleigh Shaw Announces Candidacy for Ashley Board of Education

Ashley Shaw has announced her candidacy as a trustee on the Ashley Schools' Board of Education.

The 34-year-old teacher is married and running an a non-incumbent. With a bachelors in English and a teaching certificate from Central Michigan University, she is a teaching professional that has been involved in education for 10 years.

Ashleigh explains, "In our rural area I don't think (COVID-19) is as bad, but people feeling safe to go out and vote (is a big issue facing the voters). Voters need to feel safe where lots of people will be."



Dawn Wirt is Candidate for Ashley Board of Education

Dawn Wirt has announced her candidacy for the Ashley Board of Education.

She and her husband, Elton (Wayne) Wirt II, have four children, all enrolled in the Ashley Schools: Holden 12th grade, Jenna 11th grade, Renee a sophomore, Sophia a freshman and Jaxon a 4th grader.

Dawn, a 1995 Ashley HS graduate, is a part-time para-professional who has been subbing at the Ashley Schools for the past four years.

"Coming into the election I feel there are no big issues or problems involving the voters," Dawn says. "I just want to pursue a position in the school district my children attend."

"I feel I would be an asset (to the Board)," she explains. "I have children attending the schools so I would be committed."

"I would like to make a difference in our school district."



Sports

Wolfpack Starts Slow, Then Turns it on for 46-36 CMAC Grid Victory Over Bath

LAINGSBURG — Friday Night Lights returned to LHS on October 16.

No, it wasn't the first home football game of the Covid-19 era.

But it was the first where coach Brian Borgman and the Wolfpack welcomed back a majority of fans to the stands, the Wolfpack Marching Band (including the drum line), and a little bit of normalcy to an otherwise weird school year.

There was more than that, too. The host Wolves and their neighborhood rivals -- the Bath Bees -- turned in a game that has to rank as the most exciting of the year.

Long touchdown passes. Brilliant TD runs. Double-digit comebacks. Great defensive plays -- the Wolves had a crunching tackle on the home sideline that bent the down marker. This contest had them all.

Doug Matthews tossed three touchdowns as Laingsburg came back from a 14-0 deficit to beat the Bees.

Bath went ahead 14-0 to start the game on Gavin Perry's 1-yard blast out of a Power I formation (the PAT was blocked) and a Perry-to-DeVondre Chandler flea-flicker TD pass. Perry ran in the two-point conversion as the Bees grabbed an early double-digit lead. The second TD came after Bath was successful on a 4th-and-one run at its own 21.

Perhaps that showed how wary the Bees were of the potent Wolfpack offense.

Laingsburg scored its first TD on a Matthews-to-Zach Hawes 49-yard aerial, after the Bees failed on an onside kick. The Bees led 22-7 with three minutes to play in the half after Chandler's 55-yard jitterbug run to paydirt.

Then Matthews tossed a pair of back-to-back touchdowns :25 seconds apart, 63 yards to Zach Fortino and 21 yards to Hawes — aided by a Michael Rutila interception at the Bath 20 yard line at 3:10 of the second quarter — to bring the Wolfpack within 22-21 at halftime.

The Fighting Bees drove to the LHS 6-yard-line on the last play of the half, where Zach Fortino made a touchdown-saving tackle.

Laingsburg took the lead for good early in the third quarter on Lucas Woodruff's 11-yard TD run. The 'Pack extended the lead on a 24-yard strike from Hawes to Jacob Welch; the ball popped free, but Woodruff recovered it for the TD. The hosts made it 40-30 when Hawes hit Woodruff for a 51-yard TD, but the two-conversion pass failed. The final LHS score came on Hawes' 5-yard aerial to DayShawn Bowman, making it 46-30. Again, the two-point pass failed.

Matthews finished 6 of 10 passing for 162 yards and had 25 yards on the ground, before exiting with a shoulder injury. Hawes also tossed two touchdowns, completing 5 of 7 passes for 151 yards. Woodruff had three catches for 121 yards and a score and added 37 yards on the ground. Hawes caught three passes for 87 yards and two TDs.

Addison Goff was true on all four of his PAT kicks after LHS touchdowns.

The Bath coaching staff was not pleased with the result, and a look at the game stats can explain why. LHS only possessed the ball for 11:13 (Bath 35:21), and had just 14 first downs to the Bees 27. Still, the Wolves nearly equaled the Bees' 430 yards total offense, with 387 on just 27 plays.

Bowman had 12 tackles on defense, while Taylor Zdenahilk had 14. Rutila added 8 stops, Hawes 8, Thomas Cecil 6, Fajardo 6, James Nixon 6, Jack Byrnes 4, Fortino 3, Josh Roosa 2; Welch, Alex Brown, Woodruff and Josh Baker were all credited with one tackle.



Lucas Woodruff recovers loss ball for a TD against Bath.
Photo by Burg Sports

Mt. Morris Hangs On--Barely-- For 14-13 Win Over Marauder Gridders

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie was stuffed on a two-point conversion attempt early in the fourth quarter and the Mt. Morris Panthers held on for a 14-13 win on October 16.

Eddy Evans punched in a 2-yard touchdown for coach Travis Long's Marauders, who fell to 2-3 overall, 2-3 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference, with 10:29 to play in the fourth to bring O-E within 14-13, but he was stopped on the ensuing two-point try.

Mount Morris also stood 2-3 overall, 2-3 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) with the narrow win.

Cal Byrnes gave the Marauders a 7-0 lead early in the first on a 40-yard TD run, and Colin Fluharty's PAT kick.

Mt. Morris went ahead 8-7 in the third quarter on a 97-yard TD pass from Landon Shoens to Angelito Sesma. The Panthers pushed it to 14-7 as Shoens found Sesma for a 16-yard score. Cameron Love caught a crucial two-point conversion pass after the first TD, which proved to be the difference-maker.

Evans finished with 104 yards on 14 carries. Byrnes had 56 yards on six attempts, with Logan Thompson adding 56 yards on 22 carries. Dylan Carman completed 5 of 14 passes for 57 yards. For the Panthers, Shoens finished 10 of 21 passing for 208 yards. Sesma had four catches for 166 yards.

The Marauders dominated in time of possession, 29:18 to 18:26 and ran 62 plays, good for 254 total yards. MMHS gained 205 total yards on 41 snaps.

On defense, O-E's Clay Wittenburg had seven tackles. Evans also picked off two passes.

Jason Schaub added five stops, Landon Stoneman 5, Colin Fluharty 3, Logan Thompson 3, Evans 2, Kevin Ley 2, Jackson Thornton 2, Rudy Morales 2, Cal Byrnes 1, Maxwell Spiess 1 and Tyler Bancroft one.



Eddy Evans #8 scored a touchdown against Mt. Morris on Oct. 16th and ran for 104 yds on 14 carries. Logan Thompson #25 ran for 56 yds on 22 carries.

Photos by Jody Thornton



Logan Thompson carrying the ball for OE with the defense team blocking the way.

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Sports

Marauder Volleyballer Drop Tough Three-Set Match

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid Elsie had a "tough night," said coach Kortney Miller and lost to Lakeville by scores of 16-25, 23-25 and 22-25 on the MMAC volleyball court.



Caitlyn Walter



Braylon Byrnes

"We never really got our offense rolling. We sent over way to many free balls which aloud Lakeville to run a strong offense. It was a very difficult night for us," said coach Miller.

Top players for the Lady Marauders were Braylon Byrnes at setter, and Caitlyn Walter at outside hitter.

Laingsburg's Woodruff Runs 25th and Wolves Turn in Strong Finish at DeWitt

DEWITT — Lucas Woodruff of Laingsburg finished 25th at the October 17 DeWitt Cross-Country Invitational.

Woodruff, a senior, clocked a time of 18 minutes, 37.89 seconds.

Laingsburg finished seventh as a team with 170 points. East Lansing ran first with 19 points. Lansing Catholic took second with 65.

Miguel Ramirez of coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack finished 27th (18:41.43), while Caleb Clark placed 32nd (18:52.48) and Nolan Gregg ran 43rd (19:19.45). Aden Baynes was 47th (20:52.28).

The Laingsburg girls, eighth in the team standings with 219 points, were led by Shaily Baynes (41st, 24:54.84) and Hayleigh Mertens (42nd, 25:03.19). Saige Wurm ran 43rd (25:06.57), Emily Gutzman was 46th (25:56.38) and Danielle Winans was 47th (26:07.25).



Talan Parson moving the ball downfield for OE scoring a goal against Corunna Oct. 15th. Photos by Jody Thornton

Marauder Soccer Boys Rout Corunna Cavs, 9-1

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder soccer team wasn't challenged by Corunna in a 9-1 victory for coach Justin Fluharty's O-E club.

The first half started out with a quick score by O-E's Ian Heher, assisted by Noah Fahey. The Marauders racked up 5 more goals in the first half.

Nate Reser then started off the second half with a penalty shot goal, after he was illegally tackled in the box, making the score 7-0.

Corunna's Fletcher Johnson squeezed the ball by Marauder goalie Noah Fahey in the second half.

Ovid-Elsie finished off the game with goals by Evan Heher and Jackson Thornton.

Thornton had a hat trick and Noah Fahey had 4 assists. Other top players for the Marauders were Camren Cuthbert, 1 goal 2 assists; Josh Swender 1 goal 2 assists; Talan Parson 1 goal; Evan Heher 1 goal; Adam Barton 1 goal; Nate Reser 1 goal; Nate Reser with 6 saves; and Noah Fahey with 1 save.

Williamston ousts Ovid-Elsie from MHSAA Soccer District, 6-0

In round two of the MHSAA District Soccer Tournament, Ovid-Elsie was knocked out of the competition by the Williamston Hornets.

"Williamston moved the ball around us most of the game," said O-E coach Justin Fluharty. "The boys played hard the whole game but we were stuck in our end of the field so it was a matter of time for them to score. Williamston is a good team and I wish them good luck moving forward in the tournament."

The Hornets scored two goals in the first half. The Marauders put some pressure on Williamston, but couldn't seem to get any momentum. Williamston finished the game scoring 4 more goals. The final score was 6-0 Williamston.

For O-E, goalie Nate Reser had 18 saves.

Said the coach, "A lot of players played the whole game and gave a great performance. On defense, Colin Fluharty, Jackson Thornton, and Brandon Grieder stopped a lot of scoring chances and kept our team in the game."

Ashley Football Loses to MPSH

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears of Ashley had another rough game where they were riddled with penalties and turnovers which resulted in a low scoring game for them. "Against a team with the caliber as MPSH we can't make mistakes like we did. I would really like to see what this team could accomplish if we played mistake free ball" exclaimed Coach Saylor.



Jimmy Fabus

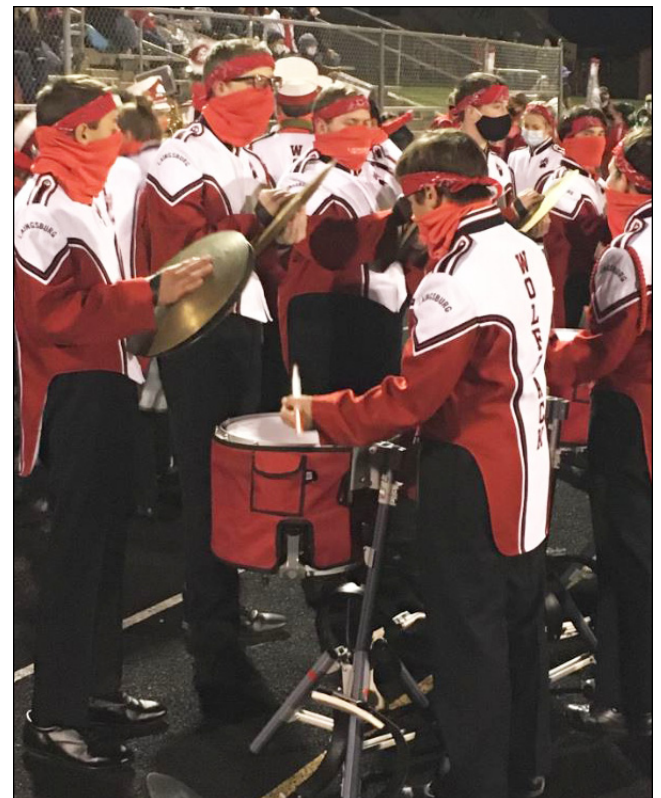


Aaron Drummond

Jimmy Fabus once again lead the Bears in offense with 121 yards on 25 attempts, while Logan Drummond had 22 yards on 11 attempts.

Defensively Aaron Drummond had 12 solo tackles and 4 assists along with a sack, Jimmy Fabus had 8 solo tackles and 2 assists also adding a sack, Bailey Long had 8 solo tackles and 1 assist and also a sack. Logan Drummond ended with 6 tackles and Dillon Beebe finished with 4 tackles.

The Bears face Peck next and are hoping to salvage a .500 season.



BOOLA! BOOLA! BOOLA! The Wolfpack Marching Band returned to the field during an October 16 win over Bath, and helped add to the festive spirit in the stands. Here, the ever-popular LHS Drum Line fires up the crowd with their enthusiastic drumming and shouts of Boola! Boola! Boola!

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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, October 19, 2020. The evening was highlighted by reaffirming the “Return to Learn” plan and amending the 2020-2021 calendar.

Mr. Randy Barton, assistant superintendent, updated officials on the “Return to Learn Plan” as required by the Michigan Department of Education. Masks have been extended for the next quarter, the hybrid model will be continued with students attending Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and Wednesdays we be designated as virtual instruction days. The buildings are deep cleaned on Wednesday, as well. Officials approved the extension of the current plan for the next thirty days and will be revisited at the next regular board meeting. Masks will be required for k-12.

Staff and administration is looking at instruction to improve the online experience and success rate of the students. It was noted that a survey went out to staff, students, and parents addressing the instructional plan and online instruction.

Building updates were presented. Mrs. Rachel Parsons update officials on the activities taking place at Leonard Elementary School. Masks are being worn by k-2 students with masks breaks are taking place, students have been great about following the rules. In addition, testing is taking place for both fact-to-face and online students. Student Science Club started October 19, observing social distancing, and mask wearing.

Mrs. Alicia Ormesbee reported on the activities at EE Knight elementary the 3-5 students have been great following the rules regarding the wearing of masks. As with other buildings testing is taking place and pictures were be taken this week for face-to-face students and the districts online students. Social and emotional learning support is being provided, as well.

Ovid-Elsie Middle School principal Brian Powell reported that NWEA testing is progressing and the CCRESA is providing an emotional and social component to the curriculum. Spirit Days have been well received, and the MVP kids are being connected too.

Mr. Jason Tokar, Ovid-Elsie High School principal, commented that the Dale Carnegie graduation was held October 20, 2020. Wednesday will be utilized for college day and FASFA 101 for seniors. Counseling is reaching out to online students, MVP, to assist students who are struggling. There is a protest scheduled in the parking lot on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 regarding online instruction. The teachers are looking at best practices to improve the online experience.

Craig Coleman, maintenance supervisor, informed officials that the installation of solar is coming and the company will be breaking ground within the next month. Two-weeks ago a bus driver passed away it has been a difficult few weeks for staff.

Coleman also presented officials with the bids received on the two retired buses from the Ovid-Elsie fleet. Bids were received for buses # 991 and #003; Ovid Iron and Metal \$1,005 per bus and Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers \$ 1,351 per bus. The bid was accepted from Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers.

Officials took action the amend the Ovid-Elsie 2020-2021 Calendar The week of November 23 will be designated a week of virtual instruction. The Monday and Tuesday and 1/2 day Wednesday of Thanksgiving week as virtual instruction days. This is a break for staff allowing more time for online students.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included the meeting agenda, the minutes of the September 21, 2020 regular meeting, the financial reports, and payment of expenditures.

Officials retired in closed session to complete the Superintendent's Performance Review and enter into contract negotiations.



Karli Witt and Keigan Ormes introduced during pre-game on Friday, Oct. 16th for Ovid-Elsie Homecoming.

Ashley Cross Country

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Cross Country team participated in a Jamboree in St. Charles at the Lake of Dreams. Clayton Juhas finished 33rd in 22:55.18 and Josh Lewis finished 42nd with a time of 26:35.71. Jenna Wirt finished 25th in 26:17.70, following in 26th was Sharla Juhas with a time of 26:52.07 and Sophia Wirt finished 44th in 33:25.08.

Laingsburg UMC Trunk-or-Treat

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

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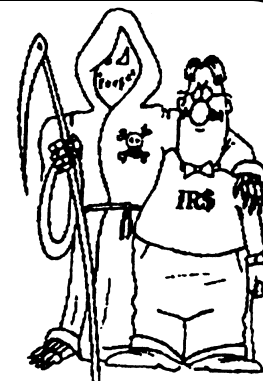
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CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2020

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

Mayor Lasher, explained that due to the pandemic and the Stay Safe order by the Governor we once again will be conducting our Council meeting in person and via teleconference.

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

Mayor Lasher asked that the Clerk take roll call.

PRESENT: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Williams, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway Mr. Zwick (via phone). **ABSENT:** NONE.

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

VISITORS: None.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Brown to accept the minutes of September 14, 2020 with corrections. Roll call was taken as followed: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Zwick (via phone), Mr. Williams, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTER: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to accept the check registry as presented. Roll call was taken as followed: YEAS: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Zwick (via phone), Mr. Williams, and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss Hibbard to accept the changes recommended by the Attorney & Liza as discussed. Roll call was taken as followed: YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Williams, Mr. Zwick (via phone), and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** None.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 8:03 pm Josefina Medina, Clerk
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Copy of Notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Victor Township Election Commission will hold a MEETING on Thursday, October 12, 2020 at 6:45 pm. at the Victor Township Hall located at 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Public Meeting of Election Commission:

In attendance: Amanda Conklin, Warren Malkin and Paula Willoughby Meeting called to order by Clerk Amanda Conklin at 6:45 pm.

Moved by Malkin to accept the list of Election Inspectors for Election Commission approval with flexibility to add hours as needed and adjust for political parties as needed. Supported by Willoughby. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin to close the meeting, second by Willoughby. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Amanda L Conklin, Clerk

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Woodhull Twp. Supervisor

Nickols Seeks Re-Election as Supervisor in Woodhull Township

Laingsburg resident, Kay Nickols is again seeking the position of Woodhull Township Supervisor. She is a 35 year resident of the township. She holds a BA and MA from Michigan State University. Under her leadership, a positive working relationship evolved on the Woodhull Township Board. "I have worked diligently for transparency for this office and improved communication for our residents. I am available on a daily basis and have been an active liaison between residents of the township and county departments," she explained.

Together, the board has improved long neglected roads, settled road improvement disagreements with township subdivisions, preserved financial resources, completed major building improvements to a 100 year old hall and office annex and brought technology into the 21st century. "I have written and had approved policy and procedures to standardize practices that have brought responsible accountability and governance," said Nickols.

Nickols currently serves on the Shiawassee County 911 Board, she is a former county commissioner, served 10 years on the Zoning Board of Appeals and 8 years on the county Health Board. She is a former teacher, administrator, lecturer and author. "I would appreciate your vote on November 3rd. I am pleased to have the support of the entire board. Together we will continue to move Woodhull Township forward. Remember, you can split your ballot," explained Nickols.



Pamela Slee is Republican Candidate for Woodhull Township Supervisor

Pamela Slee, the Republican candidate for Supervisor of Woodhull Township, is respectfully asking for your vote this November 3.

She explains, "I am running to restore transparency to the actions of township officials, to re-establish respect for and responsiveness to township residents, and to return to governing the township according to residents' needs and the procedures required by law and being available at the convenience of the tax payer."

As the former Woodhull Township Supervisor for 24 years, a certified assessor, and the current township Treasurer since 2016, Pamela feels she is the most knowledgeable and experienced candidate capable of performing the many important duties of supervisor. Having served on the 911 Shiawassee County Dispatch Board for 19 years, she also says she understand needs outside of the Township.

She continues, "I am devoted to accurately and faithfully overseeing the township's business, financial, and legal operations. My leadership philosophy, proven during my long tenure in service to the township, begins with inviting, welcoming, and listening to residents' concerns and ideas. I pledge to support policies that best serve the needs of the people of Woodhull Township — not the whims of elected officials. And I promise to implement policies and procedures that are based on competent legal advice and enacted through lawful processes."

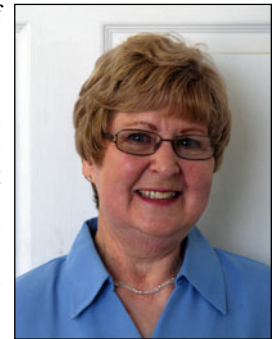
Mrs. See is a graduate of Perry High School, attended LCC and has lived in Woodhull Township for over forty years. Along with her husband, David, the Sleses operated a dairy farm for thirty years, before converting to a beef farm. They have two sons both living and owning property in the township, and they have three grandchildren.

Pamela says, "While I am committed to working to preserve the rural character of the township that is cherished by all our residents, I also understand that well-managed growth is necessary for a community."

"My desire to once again lead the township as supervisor stems from my passion for improving not only our roads, drains, and working with our fire and ambulance service, but for enhancing communication with township residents."

"If you elect me, I will bring positive change to the office with an accurate, balanced budget. I will assure that all spending is pre-approved by the board as required by law, that all policies are reviewed by the township attorney and reviewed and approved by the full board, and that funds are set aside for future improvements of our township roads. Equally importantly, I will make sure that meetings are conducted lawfully and with proper decorum, and that residents of the township have their questions answered promptly, fully, and with the respect they deserve."

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