



Pictured (l-r) is Scout Master, David Love and Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen.

## Successful “Light the World With Love” Holiday Event

by Deb Price

Normally the Country Kitchen restaurant is dark in the evening, but on Saturday, December 19th, the restaurant site came alive with lights and lots of activity. The drive-by holiday event, a joint venture between Duplain Church of Christ and Country Kitchen was well attended by locals as well as families from Middleton and Perry and other surrounding communities.

Kids and their families enjoyed the event from both sides of the restaurant. Out front, Christmas carols were sung by the church and community choir members, kids got to wave at Santa and were given stuffed animals, hats & mittens and candy canes. They also got to enjoy a live nativity. Free hot chocolate and coffee was provided to those who attended. Behind the restaurant, event goers were treated to “Car Hop” service with some great fast food prepared by Suzanne and her staff. “The turnout was awesome, many people left a donation, those donations were given to the wait staff who worked so hard taking food orders and delivering them to the vehicles,” said event organizer, Mandy Harden.



## Successful Scout Tree Sale

The annual scout tree sale which kick off the weekend after Thanksgiving was a huge success thanks to the help of local business man Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen in Ovid who matched the fund raising event by the Troop 585 and 114 from the Thanksgiving weekend. Together a total of \$3,620 was raised. Proceeds from the tree sales will go towards needed equipment for both scout troops.

Previously the tree selling event was held in downtown Ovid, the move to hold the event at the Modern Woodmen site on M-21 proved successful. The scouts wish to thank everyone who supported this fund raising event.



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# Social

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP for Seniors)

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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

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

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin January 5 through the 27th, 2021.

The Procedure will be drive through the First Day Only.

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

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NOTE: Beginning on January 6, 2021 TEFAP (Quarterly food will also be available for those that did not receive it in November or December 2020).



## Andrew Osika Scholarship Fund Established at Shiawassee Community Foundation

submitted by Lora Phelps

Andrew Osika Scholarship Fund established at Shiawassee Community Foundation

A new scholarship fund has been established by the Osika Family. This endowment fund was established in 2020 by his wife Teresa and memorials from family and friends to honor Andrew “Andy” Osika. Andy passed away suddenly, July of 2020, doing what he loved to do, driving his tractor down the road between the farm fields where he grew up. He was raised in the Lennon area and graduated from Corunna High School. Andy was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Owosso. He was married to his wife Teresa for over 39 years and together they raised two children. Andy was born into a family that had farmed for generations. He was a proud farmer and though he had worked at other jobs over the years, his first love was farming. Andy had a voice that always let you know when he was nearby and a very firm handshake when he greeted you. He had a generous heart, was a hard worker and was always happy to help others, especially his farming friends.

In honor of Andy, this endowment fund will award scholarships to seniors and graduates of a Shiawassee County area high school who want to pursue a career in the agriculture field. Preference will be given to Corunna High School seniors and graduates. The recipient of this scholarship must be a member of FFA or 4-H. Financial need will be considered.

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# Obituaries

## Claudia A. Howard

Claudia A. Howard, age 88, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Ashley Care Center, Ashley, Michigan.

Claudia was born in Elsie, Michigan on June 22, 1932, the daughter of Reginald and Gertrude (Stiff) Conklin. She graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1950. On June 30, 1951, Claudia married Alton L. Howard in Elsie, Michigan. Alton died April 9, 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church. She resided her entire life in Elsie, Michigan.

She is survived by her 2 daughters: Rosella and Don Lloyd of Elsie, MI; Regene Darling of Elsie, MI; 2 granddaughters: Tina Marie & Phil Collins, of Roscommon, MI; Jennifer Sue and Kyle Thornton of Elsie, MI; 2 grandsons: Chris and Tracie Darling of Elsie, MI; Wesley J. and Chelsea Darling Allendale, MI; 8 great-grandchildren: Jacob, Olyvia, Austin, Isaiah and Elijah Darling, Katie, Brooklyn Thornton and Ben Collins. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, granddaughter, Lisa Marie Lloyd, sister Barbara Meiser and son-in-law David Darling.

A Memorial Service will be held at Riverside Cemetery in the spring of 2021.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## David Bruce Thomas

David Bruce Thomas, age 60, of Bannister, MI, passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020, at his home.

David was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan on March 9, 1960, the son of Lee and Phyllis (Dawson) Thomas. He graduated from Ypsilanti High School. David enjoyed hunting, salmon fishing on Lake Michigan and working on classic cars. He had previously worked for Midas Muffler in Ann Arbor and Lansing for many years.

He is survived by his daughters: Jillian and Christopher Pickart, Amanda and Anthony Ondrovick, and Abigail Thomas; granddaughter Lillian Pickart, brothers: Lee and Connie Thomas, Robert Thomas, James Thomas, sisters: Elaine and Anders Sima, and Cathy and Mark Schmidt. He is also survived by nephews: Doug, Steve, James, Mark, Michael, CJ, and nieces: Tammy, Michelle, and Chazney. He was preceded in death by his mother Phyllis, father Lee, one brother Ken, one sister Susan, sister-in-law Deborah and niece Lisa.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## Edward Anthony "Ed" Chapko

Edward Anthony "Ed" Chapko, age 60, of Elsie, MI, passed away Monday, December 21, 2020, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, MI.

Edward was born in Alma, MI on July 8, 1960, the son of Anthony John and Rose A. (Michalovic) Chapko. Ed married Sheila Wiggins on October 1, 2010, in Baraboo, WI.

Ed worked as a yard manager for Hazen Lumber for 15 years. Ed enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of Thorny Acres where he was also a treasurer for many years. He was also a lifetime member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister, MI.

He is survived by his wife Sheila Chapko of Elsie, MI; children: David and Rebecca Chapko of Elsie, MI, daughter Jessica and Anthony Wieber of St. Johns, MI, Charlie and DJ Chapko of Ovid, MI, Kandice Plowman and Jake Vance of Crystal, MI; grandchildren: Kiana Brown, Caylin Vance, Isabella Rosado, Carlie Vance, Maizy Wieber, Daniel Chapko, Amelia Chapko, Kensley Wieber, Colton Chapko, Rhett Wieber, and Harper Chapko; mother Rose Chapko of Elsie, MI; siblings: Donna and Dale Adolph of Ithaca, MI, Kenneth and Bernice Chapko of North Star, MI, Larry and Janice Chapko of Owosso MI, Ronald and Amy Chapko of DeWitt, MI, Patrick Chapko of Ashley, MI, Peter and Angela Chapko of Perry, MI, Kathleen and Thomas Speer of Elsie, MI, and Martin and Kelly Chapko of St. Johns, MI. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Anthony "Tony" Chapko and siblings: Daniel and Rosanne Chapko.

A Private Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at 11:00 A.M., with Rev. Fr. David Jenuwine officiating. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



## Margaret Alice "Marge" Gruesbeck

Margaret Alice "Marge" Gruesbeck, age 72, of Ovid, MI, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2020, at her home.

Marge was born on March 18, 1948 the daughter of Alfred Ford and Irene Wilda (VanAlstine) Harpster. She was a member of the Ovid Bible Church. In 1965 she married Marcus VanAtta. They had three wonderful children and this marriage dissolved in 1978. In 1982 Marge married Dennis "Red" Gruesbeck and his three sons, they added three children to the family in 1986 and in 1994.

Marge loved children and provided foster home care for both Shiawassee and Ingham Counties for 26 years; inviting 60 children into her home; some times for a weekend, and for some up to three years. When not caring for children or her family, she loved to shoot pool, playing on St. Johns and Owosso leagues. She loved camping and riding motorcycles.

She is survived by her husband Dennis "Red" Gruesbeck, her children: Kevin (Chantal) VanAtta, Mindy (Dave) Ostrander, Todd (Patricia) Gruesbeck, Mark (Margie) VanAtta, Chad (Stephanie) Gruesbeck, Brad (Leslie) Gruesbeck, Brandon Gruesbeck, Bryan Gruesbeck, and Alice Gruesbeck; 24 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Alma Farrison, brother Lyle Harpster, brother-in-law Larry (Kathy) Gruesbeck, sister-in-law Ardith (Rick) Mulder, and longtime friend and caretaker Rose Borst. She was preceded in death by her parents, father and mother-in-law Vaun and Irene Gruesbeck, her brother Russell Harpster and her sister Martha Watson.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 with Pastor Scott Seelhoff officiating. Burial has taken place at Middlebury Township Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Memorials may be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes-Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



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# Obituaries

## Chris Allen Terrell

Chris Allen Terrell, age 63, of Bannister, MI, passed away peacefully with his brother at his side on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at McLaren Regional Medical Center, Flint, MI.

Chris was born in Owosso, Michigan on December 19, 1957, the son of Richard "King" and Lillian Mae (Ensign) Terrell. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School. Chris worked for Ithaca Coatings for many years and was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church.

Chris enjoyed stacking wood for his brother; he was an excellent wood stacker. One of his favorite jobs was mowing grass. He liked to listen to music and watch TV; he kept track of the weather each day. He loved to watch ball games on TV and narrate the game for his family. Chris was able to remember the dates of death for many friends and family; he helped his family to remember.

Chris is survived by his brother Patrick (Susan) Terrell of Bannister, niece Christa (Casey) Gibbons, nephew Ryan Terrell, great-nephew Jackson, and great-niece Savannah. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A cremation has taken place and a private family graveside will take place at Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Elsie United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## Death Notice

### Eugene "Gene" Carl Schoendorf

Eugene "Gene" Carl Schoendorf, age 94, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid, MI.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI at a later date. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Full obituary and announcement of service to come.



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# Editorial

## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



I've been up for half an hour and I'm hoping that the rest of my day is as effectively addressed as the first half hour. My coffee is brewing; the squash has been cut, and seeded then slipped into the oven. Yes, I did save seeds for next year's crop....these have been exceptionally good tasting veggies. Pru has been outside and is now curled up in my armchair awaiting my undivided attention. The cats are fed and the pie dough is chilling. The dishwasher is emptied and I'm ready for my first cup of coffee.

I do enjoy good coffee and I favor Arvid Nordquist Classic Mellan, I got hooked on it when I was visiting the Clare area. Of course that restaurant is closed due to Covid and now I have to either order it online or go without. I'm glad that I had stocked up on it in September but I'm running low now. My son found out that it does not make his heart race like other coffees so my stash is in the past. I will be ordering more at the beginning of the next year.

I could almost pat myself on my back because I seem to be moving along better than I have anticipated. No whoopeies so far....believe it or not, I am making progress and just may stay on top of it all before our festivities begin. I do need to ask Diane to bring over some folding chairs or I could just bring in some five gallon buckets and put towels on top to pad the seats....then make the youngsters use them. How droll is that? I know that we used to do things like that at our picnics and yard parties....I wonder if that would bring back a bit more nostalgia into our lives?

I need to dust the shelves, dry mop the floors and relocate a few pieces of furniture (I think that it will go into storage for the time being). As soon as the pie crust is chilled I need to get the pies made and the dressing ingredients sautéed. I believe that I will throw some dried cranberries into the mix this year. Oops, I almost forgot to get the cranberries and oranges ground up for the relish....I believe that I will also add a Jonagold or two to that mix. The squash is baked and cooling....

Did I mention that on Christmas day I'm getting a beautiful oak hutch from my cousin? I'm thrilled because I have the perfect spot for it, the hutch originated with my cousin Patty and made several moves with her, then it moved to Cousin Tammy's along with a beautiful table that now resides with her daughter and I'm getting the hutch. It will fit perfectly on the east wall of my living room ..... I am ecstatic.

I only have two more gifts to wrap and put under the tree. Sunday afternoon I helped Diane wrap gifts, we emptied two magic tape dispensers and I know that I lost track of how many packages that we wrapped. We wrapped gifts for two and a half hours. Many of the gifts were put under the tree and just as many were put into white garbage bags for transporting.

Monday after seeing my chiropractor I copied the Christmas letter for our congregations and delivered some packages. I had a marvelous time visiting with folks that I have missed seeing and I believe that all parties had a marvelous time chatting and sharing life's experiences. I will try to be a better neighbor in the coming year.

It is always a time to share, a time for caring is a yearlong pursuit and just listening to someone's joys and woes is part of the human condition. I am an imperfect being, really quite flawed but also very blessed. May God bless you all in this Yuletide season where our focus should be on the reason for the season. I sincerely hope that your Christmas is filled with much happiness, peace and faith that extends into the New Year.

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Thank you and Merry Christmas to all my carolers on Monday evening, it made my Christmas.

God Bless You and I Love You Very Much.

Mom & Grandma Micky



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

## Ammunition Shortage?

The Weekly Sportsman thought the days of seeing bare shelves in sporting goods departments and gun shops was a thing of the past. There was a time during the Obama years that you couldn't even find a

box of .22's. It was easily explained that due to war time supply demands and the Federal government purchasing a large stockpile of handgun ammunition. Whether valid reasons or not there were shortages but if you shopped around you were still likely to find something.

Today is an entirely different story because not only is ammunition scarce but so are firearms and reloading equipment. Where has the inventory all gone and why? For starters, there is a primer shortage among ammunition companies but steps are being taken to rectify that issue at an indu is COVID, election year uncertainty, and civil unrest; this has fueled 5 million Americans to be first time gun and ammunition buyers. So demand is definitely up but human behavior does not help the situation when shopping carts are being filled by panic and impulse buyers at big box stores. Forget about checking small mom and pop gun shops because the last few decades has driven them almost to extinction.

The Weekly Sportsman would like to offer hope and say the shortage will be over soon but industry experts are predicting spotty inventory at local retailers for at least the next 6-12 months. Advice? Become part of the problem, at least in the short term, and buy what shows up and trade it with other like minded individuals to get desired calibers and quantity. Don't become a hoarder but you may need to think outside the box.

-WS



## LHS Senior Autumn Eyre Named Student of the Week by Argus-Press

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg High School senior Autumn Eyre is making the most of her senior year at LHS -- a year cloaked by a viral pandemic is not stopping her from setting a bright future ahead.

The community has taken notice. Recently, she was honored as a Student of the Week by the Owosso-Argus Press.

A self-described extrovert, Eyre is fascinated by people, particularly how the human mind works and why individuals do what they do. With these questions in mind, the 16-year-old has sights on an undergraduate degree in biochemistry and, ultimately, a doctorate in psychiatry.

"I love thinking about how the body can react to the mind and how it affects things," Eyre said. "I think it's really important to understand mental health and the personal cues of how you're feeling and why you do the things that you do. It's so interesting and it's something that really needs to be talked about more."

Eyre's current course load includes advanced placement classes in literature and calculus, as well as two college-level independent study courses — humanities and introductory psychology. Eyre also serves as a captain of the varsity volleyball team, as drum major for the marching band and as a member of the student council, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Eyre said what she most enjoys about volleyball and band is not the competition aspect of each activity, but rather the ability to form strong bonds with classmates.

"(With volleyball), you're on the court with these girls for the entirety of the game and you have to talk so much," Eyre said. "I think I'm able to establish such amazing relationships, and I've gotten so much closer to all the seniors on my team. It's amazing."

"(In band), everybody is like one giant family, really, and we have so many little inside jokes as a band...I love it" she added.

As drum major for the band, Eyre said the majority of her energy is focused on motivating her classmates, a task that was difficult this year as the group faced uncertainty amid the coronavirus.

"It's really hard, especially when we didn't know if we were going to have performances at the beginning of the year, it was hard to say, 'Get out on the field and start marching' for something that we didn't know we were going to have," Eyre said. "On the 16th (Friday), we will have our first performance at a football game. I'm so excited."

Looking ahead to college, Eyre said she's currently leaning toward attending the University of Michigan or Michigan State University for her undergraduate degree in biochemistry, adding there's a possibility she may go out of state later on to earn her doctorate in psychiatry.

"Right now (in terms of a career) I'm leaning more toward the clinical aspect, you know, the direct application, seeing patients, things like that," Eyre said, "but I don't know, maybe once I get to college I'll be more interested in the research side of it."

"I definitely just want to be somewhere where I can help people and learn more about people. I am absolutely an extrovert, I love interacting with people, I love helping people, so that's really important to me."

Laingsburg High School psychology teacher Daniel Morrill believes Eyre will be a great fit in the profession, given her strong work ethic and people skills.

"The field of psychology needs more young people like Autumn that are interested in it, in fact all of the helping professions could use more young Autumns," Morrill said. "She has compassion, understanding, empathy, intelligence and a strong work ethic."

"Autumn will do great things in this world and make a positive impact on people's lives, of that I have no doubt."



## Rep. Filler Funding Plan Provides Resources

*submitted by Christina Guenther*

State Rep. Graham Filler voted in favor of funding to help Michigan distribute COVID-19 vaccine and boost testing while helping those whose livelihoods have been disrupted by the virus and economic shutdowns.

Filler, of DeWitt, helped the House approve a \$465 million overall plan that also temporarily extends unemployment benefits while supporting the restaurant industry, small businesses and the families who depend on them.

"I have been fighting to save lives and livelihoods since COVID-19 first appeared earlier this year – and while hope is on the horizon with the vaccine, our fight against this virus is not yet over," Filler said. "People in our communities are struggling, and these funds are sorely needed to continue protecting Michigan families against the virus and help those who are suffering from the governor's economic shutdowns."

Highlights of Senate Bill 748 include:

Restaurant and small business relief. The measure adds to grant programs for small businesses whose operations have been shut down or restricted by the governor's latest orders. Filler said the small business survival program – supported by \$55 million in this measure alone – could provide a lifeline for many job providers and families on the brink of economic collapse.

Unemployment benefits and additional help. The measure includes \$220 million to temporarily extend unemployment benefits for those who have been forced out of work by the governor's most recent shutdown orders. Benefits are extended by six weeks through March, meaning laid-off workers are temporarily eligible for up to 26 weeks of benefits. Employers are held harmless for the change. In addition, \$45 million would be set aside for an employee assistance fund providing grants of up to \$1,650 to replace lost wages for those employed by a business impacted by the current orders.

Vaccine distribution and support for health care workers. The measure includes more than \$50 million to support vaccine distribution efforts, and \$22.5 million to boost virus testing efforts – with a special focus on nursing homes. Another \$42 million will support temporary staffing needs and wage increases for direct care workers who are the front lines of the COVID-19 fight.

### The Middlebury Township Board will meet on the following dates for the 2021 calendar year.

All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and will take place at the Middlebury Township Hall, 7627 W M 21, Ovid, MI.

Tuesday, January 12	Tuesday, July 13
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Tuesday, May 11	Tuesday, November 9
Tuesday, June 8	Tuesday, December 14

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## A Great Big Thank You to the Ovid Community

*The Ovid Community really stepped up this year when we told you we couldn't accept anything but money this year as we couldn't meet and put together a great big Christmas for our local families. We were able to mail each family food and meal certificates and to deliver toys to all children at their door. Thank you to all who contributed to make this happen and we look forward to being able to get back together again next year.*

**Wishing you all a  
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Mike Schneider, Daniel Remenar, Calvin Cook and Jackson Hofferbert (front). Rachel, Nate and Levi (front) Hofferbert.

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They say doing the exact same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result, response, or outcome, is a good definition of insanity. Which seems obvious, unless... you're the one doing it.

If you're wanting to have something change in your life then you need to stop the cycle that continues around and around, right in the same path. The only thing that is providing for you is a deeper rut to climb out of later.

To truly receive a different outcome, response, or result, you'll have to make a change that will stop that cycle from repeating.

That's right, Ultimately, it's all up to you!

When people are stuck in a rut, they don't understand why "it always happens to me" or "things doesn't seem to work" or "it is what it is, why should it be any different".

Well, that last part is correct. Why would it be different?

Especially when you're doing the exact same thing!

This type or form of insanity can cause issues with the person's life, well-being and health. It's the price they pay when their life is unbalanced and turned upside-down.

Work issues, Broken relationships, or anything they need to change, will remain broken, while their depression, anxiety, and emotional stress levels increase, creating a domino effect on the person's overall health. All because nothing changes and the outcomes stay the same each and every day.

Unfortunately, when things continue on for a long period of time, it becomes a habit or an automatic reflex, that causes the person to respond in the same manner every time. Even in different situations that are similar enough to trigger the reaction response without even thinking about it. It's become a pattern at this point just like an automatic reflex from muscle memory.

Once you realize the habit, you're in, then you can begin to deliberately make changes for the good to receive a better end result when situations arise. This is when things will begin to change and a happier life will start to show.

In a lot of cases though,

people think it's all the other person's fault. Guess what, the other person is only 50% of the equation. Now that's something to think about. Truth is, our own response is the other half of the equation, meaning its part of the trouble too.

A lot of the time, we ourselves, are the other person causing the problems in our own life. That's correct, read the sentence again.

A lot of the time, we ourselves, are the other person causing the problems in our own life.

Here are a couple examples to provide a visual. If you're wanting to be healthier but only sit in your chair watching the television all the time, then it's not the doctor's fault or the medication for not working. It's you! That's right, you're the one not doing what the doctors recommends or working to get better by taking the medication. It's like taking a horse to water. It's up to the horse to drink because you're not going to be able to make the horse drink, now are you.

If there's constant arguments and fighting going on with another person, they're not all to blame, what's the other half of the argument, the other half of the fight... it's you!

That's correct, your reaction to the situation is the other diameter of the equation. Your response can either add fuel to the fire or put it out. But if it's happening all the time, you're not choosing to put it out.

Now, I understand that's harsh to hear but, the truth is sometimes a hard pill to swallow yet, the best pill to receive. There are many people wanting to get well or make some type of change in their life, yet never do anything about it. But they still expect things to change. It just won't happen! You've got to put effort of some kind into it.

The cycle of this insanity spins as long as you allow it to. You're in control of it so what are you waiting for? You either pay the price of doing nothing, which leads to nothing but having your life and health spin out of control one day. Or, take responsibility, step up, and begin working on yourself and making a positive difference in the end.

Either way, the time will pass, life will continue and you'll be on one path or the other. But the choice you make will affect your health all the way around in one way or another. So, choose wisely my friend.

Be positive and attract positive. Be negative and you'll get negative. It's the same with running on the life "hamster wheel". As long as you run the same way, the results will be the same every time. If you want change, slow the pace. Want more change, stop running. Want complete change, get the hell of the hamster wheel. Pretty basic stuff yet many never looked at their situations like this.


If you need something fixed then it's up to you to get it fixed. There's no magic wand or witchery that'll do it for you. The bottom line is, only you can do it, whatever it is in your life. Sure, it'll be work and yes, it'll take time, but guess what?... that time will pass by anyway so why not use it wisely and become better through it? Aren't you worth it?

Remember, the term oil in a person's life is a reason for their stress levels to be high, leading to worsened overall health, mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Perhaps it's a good idea to start keeping an eye on which hamster wheel is better for you, before you start running on it or maybe not get on one at all.

Let's bring in this New Year with excitement and encouragement to move ahead towards growing out of the old and beginning a new, within our life.

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**RESOLUTION 2020-13  
CITY OF OVID  
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION FOR 2021 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES**

At a Regular Meeting of the City of Ovid Board held at the City of Ovid Hall, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI on the 14th, day of December, 2020, at 7:17 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher.

**ABSENT:** None.

The following Resolution was offered by Member Mr. Brown, and supported by Member Mr. Williams.

**WHEREAS,** Public Act (PA) 390 of 1994, which amended PA 206 of 1893 and PA 313 of 1993, concerning section MCL 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws, requires the local governing body of the unit to annually determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines for granting of poverty exemptions; and

**WHEREAS,** the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the Principal Residence of persons who, in the judgment of the Mayor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under PA 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

**WHEREAS, PA 390 of 1994, CITY OF OVID,** Clinton County, Michigan adopts the following Poverty Exemption Guidelines for the Mayor and Board of Review. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED:** That to be eligible for a Poverty Exemption in City of Ovid, an applicant must be the owner of and must occupy the property as a Principal Residence for which the exemption is requested; file a completed and notarized application in the form prescribed by the City of Ovid, Assessor; and file copies of Federal and State Income Tax Returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit forms and/or Statement of Benefits Paid from Michigan Department of Social Services or Social Security Administration;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the applicant must have an annual income that equals, or is less than, the Federal Poverty Income Standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; (Exhibit Attached)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The applicants, and any persons residing in the Principal Residence, shall NOT have assets in excess of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,800) fair market value excluding the Principal Residence and one automobile. Assets to be included may be personal property, recreational vehicles, checking/savings accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the applicant may not have ownership interest in any Real Estate other than the Principal Residence;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The applicant will provide to the Board of Review a valid driver's license, or other form of identification, and proof of ownership of the Principal Residence;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Board of Review may request from the applicant any supporting documents which may be utilized in determining a Poverty Exemption request;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the completed Poverty Exemption application must be filed after January 1, but not later than one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review in the year for which the exemption is sought;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That CITY OF OVID Policy and Guidelines for Applicants, attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed by the applicant, City of Ovid Assessor, and the City of Ovid Board of Review in processing of applications for and the granting of Poverty Tax Exemptions unless said policy and guidelines shall hereafter be modified by resolution of the City of Ovid Board of Trustees or subject to deviation by the Board of Review as hereafter provided;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Board of Review may deviate from the established policy and guidelines only for substantial and compelling reasons. The applicant and Board of Trustees will be notified, in writing, the reasons for deviating from the Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemption;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That to conform to the provisions of PA 390 of 1994 this resolution is hereby effective December 14, 2020.

**ROLL CALL:**

YES: Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard and Mr. Lasher.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The foregoing Resolution is adopted.

Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid



*Classmates lite an American Flag Luminary in memory of their classmate Ben Humrich.*

**RESOLUTION 2020-12  
CITY OF OVID  
CLINTON COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT**

**WHEREAS:** A regular meeting of the City of Ovid Council was held on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with the following council members present:

**PRESENT:** Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher,

**ABSENT:** None.

**WHEREAS,** the following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Council Member Mr. Brown, and supported by Council Member Mr. Ordiway; and

**WHEREAS,** 2011 Public Act 152, § 15.561, et. seq., known as the "Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act" (the "Act") was passed by the Michigan Legislature and signed by Governor Snyder; and **WHEREAS,** the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the three options are as follows:

1. Section 3 - "Hard Caps" Option - limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;

2. Section 4 - "80%/20%" Option - limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;

3. Section 8 - "Exemption" Option - a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Ovid has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The City of Ovid Council has moved to make resolution #2020-12 retroactive as of January 1, 2020 to adopt with at least a two-thirds roll-call vote, to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act for those eligible individuals and employees of the City of Ovid for the medical benefit plan coverage of the year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 And also, for the City of Ovid's medical benefit plan coverage of the year January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. 2. All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the Resolution be and they, hereby, are rescinded to the extent of any conflict.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard and Mr. Lasher.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None

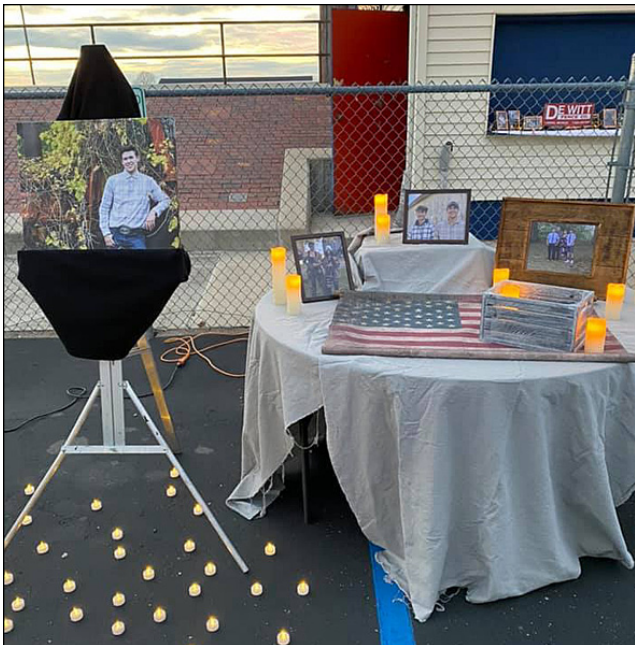
THE COUNCIL MAYOR DECLARED THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED ON THE 14th, DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Josefina Medina, Clerk of the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of at a regular meeting held on 14th, day of December, 2020. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: 14TH, day of December, 2020

Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid



*A memorial table was lite up with photos and an American Flag.  
Photos by Mikayla Kelley*

## Remembering Their Classmate

On Tuesday evening, December 22nd, the Ovid-Elsie High School parking lot was transformed into a memorial service site by students and their parents for Bengermín Humrich, a Senior classmate who died on December 13th as a result of an automobile accident.

A big screen video presentation featuring memorable photos and Ben's favorite country music was played.

Classmates left special chalk messages on the sidewalks. There were many who drove their trucks to the service and at one point all you could hear was the roar of the engines and the honking of the horns as the kids offered their final farewell to their classmate who they will greatly miss.



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SYNOPSIS PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING CITY OF OVID

December 14, 2020

The Full set of the Minutes for the Public Hearing & 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 us

Mayor Lasher opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Lasher announced that due to COVID-19 we will be dispensing all reports from the Heads of Departments, Board of Commissions and Committees. If anyone has questions feel free to contact the heads of departments with your question at a later date and that all voting will be done by roll call.

Mayor Lasher explained the purpose of the proposed 2021, Budget. He asked if there were any questions. No question was asked.

There was discussion that a few of the Council Members received a text message regarding a budget line. Miss Hibbard commented that she responded to the messenger.

Mayor Lasher asked again if anyone had any questions on the proposed budget.

There were no questions.

Mayor Lasher closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm.

Mayor Lasher then opened the Regular Meeting at 7:17 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher,

**ABSENT:** None

**EX OFFICIOS:** Al Goodrich—Chief of Police, Rich Simpson – DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier- Treasurer and Josefina Medina – Clerk

**VISITORS:** there was one attendee that logged on.

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to accept the agenda with the additions discussed. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Starn, Mr. Williams, Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Williams to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 9th, 2020 as printed with the correction discussed. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Miss. Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn (abstained) and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHECK REGISTRY:** A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to accept the check registry for the period of November 10, 2020 thru December 11, 2020 as printed. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to award Mr. Zwick a certificate of service. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Starn, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss Hibbard to hold the City Council meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to appoint Ms. Perrien as Mayor Pro-Tem effective January 1, 2021. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

4. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to authorize the Treasurer to update the signatures on all City bank accounts with the new Mayor Pro-Tem name on them. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Starn, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt the City of Ovid’s Rules of Procedures as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

6.

a. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Starn to adopt the 2021 General Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Starn to adopt the 2021 General Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

c. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss Hibbard to adopt the 2021 Major Street Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

d. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to adopt the 2021 Local Street Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

e. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Starn to adopt the 2021 Public Safety Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

f. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to adopt the 2021 Park & Recreation (208) Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

g. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss Hibbard to adopt the 2021 Sewer Fund Budget as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Starn, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown, Ms.

Perrien, and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

7.

a. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Starn, to approve the City of Ovid’s 2021 Salary Schedule as corrected. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. A. motion was made by Mr. Brown, Second by Mr. Williams to change the wage for the Superintendent from \$25.00 to \$25.73 to include the step increase along with his 2% cost of living and the .25 cents for his mechanic license. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Starn, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

c. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second By Miss Hibbard to adopt the DPW Step Salary Schedule for 2021 presented with the changes discussed and approved. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to table this until next meeting and to look into bring back this ordinance and making two ordinances to reflect both items mentioned in this ordinance which are the water replacement line and the water ready to serve. Roll call was taken as follows: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher.

**MOTION CARRIED**

9. Mayor Lasher explained that it is the time to select Council representation to the City’s Boards of Commission and Committees. No action taken this was for information only.

10. A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Williams to table the MERS contract amendment until MERS contacts us with more information. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

11. Discussion was held on what amount of reimbursement the employees would pay back to the city for their insurance premium. No action was taken.

12. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Ordiway to adopt resolution #2020-12 as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The resolution will be published in its entirety in the Meridian Weekly.

13. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Mr. Brown to form a committee among the Trustees to propose a sewer water repayment plan and to report at the January Council meeting. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

14.Discussion was held on door hangers.

15.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt resolution #2020-13 as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Williams, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Miss Hibbard and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The resolution will be published in its entirety in the Weekly.

16.A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to transfer the amount of \$37,215 from Major to Local Street fund as requested by the Treasurer. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas; Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

17. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Starn to approve the agreement between Michigan’s Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS) and the City of Ovid and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Roll Call was taken as follows: Yeas: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

18. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to approve the agreement between Clinton County Public Safety Communications and the City of Ovid and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

19. Mayor Lasher informed the Council of a correspondence that he had received from a Mr. Kyle Hofstetter. He requests that Council consider allowing him to help develop a better Skate Park. it was suggested that we direct him to the Park & Rec. being she is working on our Parks and Recreational locations within our community.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion on the Master Plan and Electric Car Charging Stations.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien, to adopt the December Budget Amendments as presented. Roll call was taken as follows: Yeas: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Brown, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Discussion on CAASA. Information only.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Lasher closed the Zoom meeting at 9:30 pm.

*Josefina Medina, Clerk*  
*City of Ovid*



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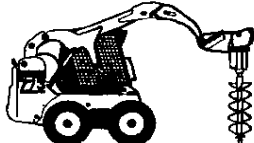
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# Sports

## Four Area Runners from Marauders, Wolfpack Named to All-Shiawassee Area Girls Cross-Country Team

OWOSSO -- Four local female harriers have been named to the All-Shiawassee Area Girls Cross-Country Team.

The annual honor squad was announced recently by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Lily Evans of Corunna repeated her efforts from 2018 as the All-Area Runner of the Year. Carla Krupp of New Lothrop, the 2019 recipient, headlined the All-Area First Team along with Evans.

Evans, a Corunna senior placed 11th at the Division 2 state finals and Evans was the lone area girls runner to capture All-State distinction (top 30 individuals). Evans was a four-time state qualifier, a two-time All-Stater and a two-time Argus-Press All-Area Girls Runner of the Year.

Locally, Ovid-Elsie's Alexis Spitzley received 2nd Team honors. Her Marauder teammate Kaia Spiess was named to the Honorable Mention contingent, along with Laingsburg's Shaily Baynes and Emma Kribs.

O-E's Spitzley ran a season-best time of 21:24.2 at the Division 3 pre-regional at Pewamo-Westphalia. The sophomore was 28th at regionals and finished third in each of the three MMAC jamborees this season.

The complete 2020 team included:

1st Team: Lily Evans, Corunna; Evie Wright, Corunna; Clara Krupp, New Lothrop; Libby Summerland, Owosso; Grace O'Neill, Perry; Olivia Grover, Chesaning

2nd Team: Ella Kloeckner, Perry; Emma Cochrane, Perry; Alexis Spitzley, Ovid-Elsie; Josie Bauman, New Lothrop; Raven Paris, Byron

Honorable Mention: Emma Bruckman, Corunna; Emma Johnson, Owosso; Shaily Baynes, Laingsburg; Emma Kribs, Laingsburg; Kaia Spiess, Ovid-Elsie; Iley Doyle, Corunna; Cailyn Adduddell, New Lothrop; Lindsey Wendling, New Lothrop; Emma Perry, Owosso; Taylor Bailey, Chesaning



*Alexis Spitzley  
Ovid-Elsie  
2nd Team MMAC  
All Area*



*Kaia Spiess  
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Honorable Mention  
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## Pedestrian/Auto Accident

*submitted by Chief Al Goodrich*

The City of Ovid Police Department received a call for a car/pedestrian accident at the corner of M-21 & Main Street on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 around 7:10pm. A 73 year old female was hit by an eastbound vehicle, she was pronounced dead at the scene. The male driver was uninsured. An investigation is ongoing with the help of the Clinton County Accident Investigation Team. Names will be released at a later date after the investigation and next of kin is notified. Ovid Police Department was assisted on scene by Ovid Middlebury Fire & Rescue, Mercy Ambulance, Elsie Police Department and Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

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**Draft Minutes  
Regular/ Virtual Meeting  
November 24 2020 7:00 pm**

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

**Board Members Present:** William Lasher, Kim Williams, Michael Herendeen, Deb Shaughnessy, Nancy Hughson and Carolyn Stevens.

**People in Attendance:** There were six guests; Claudia Pluger, Arlene Pesik, Greg Atwood, Jennings West; Others in attendance for meeting: Deputy Treasurer, Tim Zwick and recording secretary Susan Swan.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Trustee Stevens seconded the motion.

Aye: All Nay: None Carried

**Approval of Minutes:**

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve October 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Chairperson Herendeen seconded the motion.

Aye: All Nay: None Carried

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

Treasurer Tim Zwick reviewed the financial reports to the board.

Trustee Steven made the motion to accept the payment of checks 11105-11139 for payroll and vendors in a total amount 13,887.00 with \$9,273.53 for vendors and \$4,613.47 for payroll. Motion was supported by Trustee Lasher.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Hughson, Shaughnessy, Herendeen, Stevens, Lasher, Williams Nays: None Carried

**Public Comment:** Opened 7:19 Closed 7:19 None

**Fire Chief Report:**

No report was available

**Communications:** None

**General Business:**

**1. Equipment Status-** None

**2. Appoint offices for OMESA-** Supervisor Herendeen made a motion to nominate Deb Shaughnessy for Vice Chairperson and Nancy Hughson for Secretary position. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion.

AYES: All Nays: None

**3. FY 2021 Budget-**Treasurer Zwick reviewed the draft budget for fiscal year 2021. He reviewed a change the auditors wanted to see in the OMESA budget. Mr. Zwick reviewed all the upcoming capital outlay for 2021. Vice Chairperson Shaughnessy asked Mr. Zwick questions regarding the budget line items. Mr. Zwick explained the different line items. Vice-Chairperson Shaughnessy asked the municipality contribution property tax break down. Secretary Hughson asked about the building/vehicle income. Mr. Lasher asked Treasurer about having two separate budgets to clarify the new budget items and asked about asking the auditor.

**4. 2021 Meeting Dates-** The board members reviewed the dates for 2021.

**Resolution 2020-02**

Meeting Calendar for 2021

Whereas, the State of Michigan requires by law the annual setting of meetings for the authority.

Therefore, be it resolved; the Board adopts the following dates for the calendar year 2021:

January 26	July 27
February 23	August 24
March 23	September 28
April 27	October 26
May 25	November 23
June 22	December 21

This resolution was offered by board member Trustee Stevens.

Supported by board member Trustee Williams.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Shaughnessy, Stevens, Herendeen, Williams, Hughson, Lasher

Nays: None

The Chair declared the Resolution adopted.

**5. Signature Card-** Treasurer Zwick alerted the Chairperson Herendeen about needing a new signature on the checking account. Trustee Lasher made a resolution motion to add Deb Shaughnessy and to remove Greg Palen from the OMESA checking account. Trustee Williams second the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Herendeen, Shaughnessy, Hughson, Williams, Lasher Nays: None Carried

**6. Other Business Items-** None

**Final Comments:** Opened 7:54 pm Closed 7:54 pm- none

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

With no objections Chairperson Herendeen motion to adjourned the meeting at 7:54.

Ayes: All Nays: None Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

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

Susan Tomasek Swan

Recording Secretary

## Ovid Public Library

The Loving Hands Group has been busy this year creating hats, mittens, and scarves. They have so many they want to share them with the community, so they brought them to the Ovid Public Library where they are available without cost for anyone who has a use for them.

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(l-r): Kerry Dutcher, BBA, RMA, MMA Practice Manager; Ashley; and Abbie Majzel, Associate VP, Talent Management.

## Ashley Lamrouex Named Memorial Healthcare December EOM

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce, Ashley Lamrouex, Receptionist for Memorial Healthcare Pediatric and Adolescent Services (Dr. Michael Kramer, Dr. Julie Creighton Sovis, and Bethany Pavon, CFNP), for being recognized as our December Employee of the Month. Ashley has been employed with Memorial since 2015.

According to her winning nomination, “Ashley has recently taken on two positions in her department without any hesitation and always goes above and beyond for patients and her coworkers. She is extremely knowledgeable within the job scope and consistently makes herself available to help or answer questions. Ashley is very deserving of this nomination by demonstrating a consistent positive attitude during this hectic year.”

Ashley lives in Owosso with her husband Jason, son Carter and daughter Aubrey. Her hobbies include painting, drawing, photography and spending time at the beach. Ashley’s goal is to someday own a vacation home on the beach. She would like to be most remembered as, “Someone who is caring and kind. She would like people to remember her jokes and how important it is to laugh.”

“I am a proud Memorial Healthcare employee and I can’t thank everyone enough for their kind words and recognition. Thank you!”

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Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department

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