

## Memorial Healthcare Welcomes New Foundation Executive Director

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso— Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Brigitte Gurden as its new Executive Director of the Memorial Healthcare Foundation.

Brigitte received her Masters' Degree from St. Mary's of the Woods College in Leadership Development in Indiana. She has held several leadership positions at Early Learning, Afterschool Alliance and the Boys & Girls Club. Her most recent position was as Executive Director of EVE (End Violent Encounters, Inc.) at the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency in Lansing.

"I am thrilled to be selected as the next Executive Director for Memorial Healthcare Foundation. Memorial Healthcare is such an important part of the greater Owosso community. I am honored to help support the continued growth and innovation of healthcare excellence," said Gurden.

When ask what her goals are for the Foundation, Brigitte stated, "My goals are to grow and deepen the impact of the Foundation into all of the communities Memorial Healthcare serves."

Brigitte's family includes husband, Brett, who is a certified Physician Assistant at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine (Main Street) in Owosso, and son, Cullen.

For additional information on the Memorial Healthcare Foundation, please visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Foundation](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Foundation). news. It's Just Sad



## Rep. Filler Calls on Governor to Allow All Winter High School Sports

*submitted by Christina Guenther*

State Rep. Graham Filler of DeWitt called on Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to end her suspension of winter contact sports and allow student-athletes in Michigan schools to participate in all sports.

"There's simply no proof to show that playing basketball, or any other school organized sport, has contributed to the increased spread of COVID-19 in our kids," Filler said. "Suspending the winter contact sport season any longer is not necessary. It's not supported by data and it's causing undue harm to our young people. It's unacceptable to continue enforcing broad, sweeping restrictions without providing any metrics about why they are being implemented or what needs to happen before they are lifted. We must start having practical conversations about what steps need to be taken for people to return to their lives."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's COVID testing program has conducted more than 30,000 rapid tests on student athletes over the last month, and 99.8 percent have been negative.

Dr. Ryan Cunningham, superintendent and girls' basketball coach at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, said his school has proven that sports can be played safely.

"We have demonstrated that we can safely have school sports," Cunningham said. "Our district completed middle school girls' basketball without issue. We have successfully had practices at the high school level for well over a week and in some cases over two weeks. The data shows a decline in cases. Coaches, players and school administrators understand the risks involved. The MHSAA promotes athletics as an extension of the classroom and notes physical and mental health as benefits. We should be given the opportunity to at least try."



## COVID Vaccine Information for Memorial Healthcare and Sparrow

UPDATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 9:10 am

Due to an overwhelming response from the community, we have reached our maximum capacity for COVID-19 vaccine pre-registrations for those individuals in Phase 1B. Once we receive additional vaccines from the State of Michigan, we will reopen our online pre-registration form.

Stay tuned to our social media platforms for announcements on upcoming clinics and how to register. Due to the uncertainty of vaccine delivery, **(we will not be taking names for a waiting list at this time.)**



### COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE FOR SHIAWASSEE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Memorial Healthcare and the Shiawassee County Health Department are working diligently to bring the COVID-19 vaccine to Shiawassee County residents. At this time, we are awaiting allocation of COVID-19 vaccines. When we can ensure vaccines are available, we will be conducting vaccination clinics for those individuals in Phase 1b of the vaccine distribution schedule. Those include people age 65 and older and frontline essential workers in critical infrastructure (police officers, first responders, frontline state and federal workers, jail and prison staff, and pre-K-12 teachers and childcare providers). We ask for your patience at this time. Please stay tuned to our social media platforms, local newspapers, and radio stations for details when vaccines become available. All COVID-19 vaccinations are by appointment only at this time.

As the region's only community-owned, community-based health system, Sparrow is proud to be Mid-Michigan's leader in COVID-19 care, testing, and now distribution of the COVID vaccine.

Sparrow is committed to providing access to the vaccine for whoever wants it, but our distribution is limited by the amount of doses we receive from the federal government. We have already administered thousands of doses to Sparrow caregivers and those in related healthcare fields and are excited to begin distribution to the public, following the schedule set by state, local and federal authorities.

### Current Vaccination Criteria - Phase 1B

Based on direction from the Ingham County Health Department (ICHD), only those 70 and above, along with frontline essential workers, may receive a vaccine from Sparrow.

To receive the COVID-19 vaccine you must work or live in one of the following counties:

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Child care workers who usually have direct contact with children

People age 70 and up (People 65-69 are not yet being scheduled). The age restriction is also due to the limited supply of dosages we are receiving from the state every week.

If you are pregnant, please make sure you have discussed with your healthcare provider before scheduling and receiving the vaccine.

We appreciate your patience and hope to expand our distribution if the state increases its allotment to Sparrow.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling and Appointment Instructions

Login to your MySparrow account via the mobile app or [Sparrow.org/MySparrow](http://Sparrow.org/MySparrow). If you do not have an account, you must create one.

Click on Visits, then on Schedule an Appointment.

Complete the COVID-19 Vaccine (First Dose) scheduling form. This form button will be visible when there are appointments available.

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Choose an appointment time, then click Correct.

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Prior to your appointment, please confirm through your MySparrow account. You can also save time with eCheck-in through your account.

After your first dose, you will receive notification to schedule your second dose. Please note your second dose will be administered at the same location.

Please feel free to download and print the » COVID-19 Vaccine How to Schedule an Appointment PDF file.

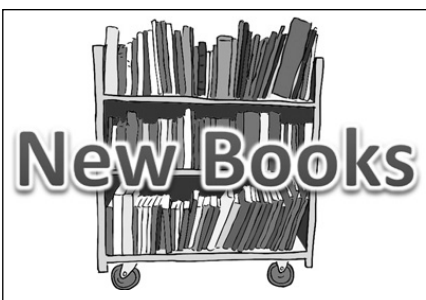
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## Ovid Public Library New Books

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Here are some of the new titles we have:

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We also have Valentine Books out for the younger kids. .

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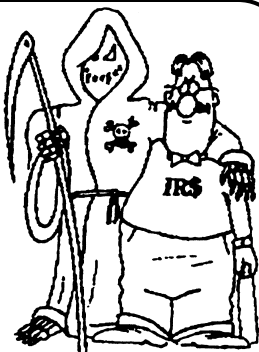
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For information or appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code DUPLAINCOC) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## CSFP and TEFAP

*submitted by Rebecca Zemla*

Applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior CSFP) are currently begin 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.

Also: Applications for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County.

New Household Applicants must meet the 200% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$25,520; family size 2 - \$34,480; family size 3 - \$43,440. For each additional family member add \$8,960.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin February 2, 2021.

The procedure will be drive through the first day only. No food will be placed on the front or back seats of the vehicle. "Trunks" should be open before driving up to receive the food.

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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## Ovid Public Library Reading Challenge

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Participants can sign up at the Library. Each patron who signs up can choose a gently used book at the Library to add to their collection and to get them started reading. Every book that is read will get you entered into a drawing for a gift card from Main Street Pizza for a large one topping pizza. One winner will be chosen on Monday March 1st.

Stay tuned for a reading challenge geared towards kids coming in March.



## Concealed Pistol License Class

*submitted by Norm Martin*

The Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, is hosting concealed pistol license classes on Saturday, January 30th and February 27th. Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished.

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

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## Memorial Healthcare Offers Patients Urgent Care Telemedicine

*submitted by Melissa Neubaus*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare announces Urgent Care Telemedicine services (provided by Care Convene) where patients can connect with a health care provider to receive care for common conditions such as: nausea, vomiting, cough/sore throat, diarrhea, and more all from the comfort of their own home on their own computer or mobile device. By choosing telemedicine care, patients don't have to take time away from work, waste time in traffic, make childcare arrangements, or sit in a waiting room with people who might have contagious illnesses.

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## Moolenaar Nominates Michigan Students to Military Academies

Congressman John Moolenaar announced the high school students he has nominated for admission to three of the nation's military academies.

"On behalf of the Fourth District, I am proud to nominate these talented students who want to continue their education and serve their country by attending a military academy," said Moolenaar. "Those who were nominated are exemplary leaders and excellent students who, if admitted, will follow in the footsteps of many leaders of our country. I am confident that they will represent Michigan well both in the classroom and through military service."

Students who wish to be appointed to a service academy must be nominated by their U.S. Representative, their U.S. Senator, or the Vice President. The students who applied to be nominated by Congressman Moolenaar participated in a highly competitive application process and the nominated students must now wait for acceptance from the academy to which they applied.

The following students from Michigan's Fourth District have been nominated to a military academy:

Chesni Birgy, Cadillac High School, Air Force  
 Jack Erickson, H.H. Dow High School, Air Force  
 Brandon Fandell, Alma High School, Army, Navy, and Air Force  
 Axel Fisher, Midland High School, Navy  
 Silas Krajniak, Owosso High School, Navy  
 Meghan McPherson, Durand High School, Army  
 Sean Patti, Houghton Lake High School, Army and Navy  
 Camron Renne, Montabella High School, Navy  
 Stephanie Stone, Frankenmuth High School, Air Force  
 Emily Telgenhoff, H.H. Dow High School, Army  
 Grant Uyl, DeWitt High School, Air Force and Navy  
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## Shiawassee Business Advocates Highlight ShiaCash Initiative

OWOSSO — Area chamber of commerces are ramping up the use of an increasingly popular way to support local businesses hurting from the COVID-10 pandemic: ShiaCash.

The community currency program, which started in 2020, got a big boost in December when Consumers Energy awarded a \$15,000 Our Town grant doubling the value of ShiaCash coupons.

That means anyone who bought \$10 in ShiaCash in December to spend at participating merchants received \$20, until the grant money ran out.

The ShiaCash campaign began in mid-summer 2020 in the middle of the pandemic and never gained traction. Now, with vaccines being distributed and restrictions starting to lift, he is determined to ramp up ShiaCash in order to help bring back the local economy.

The area's large employers typically spend 2 to 3 percent of their payroll on holiday gifts, sales incentives and employee recognition. With ShiaCash, the reward for employees has a direct benefit to the community.

The Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership, Owosso Main Street and the Greater Durand Area Chamber of Commerce have partnered to offer ShiaCash.

So far, 40 businesses in the Owosso and Durand area are participating in ShiaCash, including the Shiawassee YMCA, Abiding in the Vine restaurant, Apple Tree Lane, Murtle's Handmade Chocolates and Hankerd Sportswear.

Apple Tree Lane signed up in November saw many ShiaCash coupons roll in before the holidays, owner Susan Treen said.

To date, \$30,000 in ShiaCash is in circulation now, with many purchases yet to be made.

There are no upfront costs of special software or credit card machines needed by businesses need in order to take part. The program pays the business 92 percent of the face value of redeemed currency. The other 8 percent goes to administrative costs and customer credit card processing fees through Stripe. The Chamber will send payment every two weeks for redeemed certificates.

Businesses can sign up and ShiaCash can be purchased at [shiawasseechamber.org](http://shiawasseechamber.org). The website offers a series of videos that explain how ShiaCash works.

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- Farm NOT rented for 2021
- Farm located across the road from Parcel #1

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# Obituaries

## Francis E. Johnson

Francis E. Johnson, died January 20, 2021 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital.

He was born April 17, 1921 Cassopolis, Mi., son of Eston and Vera Johnson raised on farm in Penn Township.

He attended Allegheny Country Schools. Graduated Cassopolis High School Class of 1938. Joined Marine Corp. 1942-1946 served in WWII. Played for USC in 1945 Rose Bowl. They Won!

He graduated Michigan State College 1949 with degree in Dairy Manufacturing. Worked for MMPA for 34 years in several positions including managing plants in Ovid and Imlay City.

Francis met and married Marlene Jahn, together 68 years in Imlay City.

Father of four Children: Mary Johnson-Brighton, Jim (Paula) Johnson-Paw-Paw, Susan (Pat) Terrell-Bannister, and Karen Johnson-Howell. Grand-father of eight: Artie (Brooke) Wilcox, Aaron Scheanwald, Christa (Casey) Gibbons, Trevor Scheanwald, Ryan Terrell, Jessie Miller, Cabe Miller, and Carrie Miller. Great Grand-father of nine.

Francis will be laid to rest in Youngs Prairie Cemetery in Penn Township, Cassopolis, MI.

The family was served by Shelters Funeral Home.



# Editorial

## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



It is already Thursday afternoon and I don't have much to share with all of you. The reason being that I have been spending a great deal of time getting calls through to the IRS. Many of my family members, neighbors and friends have already received their stimulus check. I have not.....according to the IRS website my stimulus payment was to be direct deposited to my checking account on January 15, 2021. It wasn't....but I followed protocol and did not bother the folks to see what was wrong?!? I waited until last Thursday to call them at (800)829-1040 and listened intently to their message which is option 7. After waiting forty-five minutes I was connected with a living being who gave me her ID number and name. She transferred me to another individual who should be able to help.....whoever that was issued a message that they couldn't attend to me at this time.....I was only on the line with them for one minute and forty-seven seconds. I was to call back if necessary.

Now it is Thursday the 28th of January and I still have no information until I looked on line and saw that there had been changes made on their website. The website no longer showed that the stimulus check was to have been deposited on January 15th, 2021.....that information is not available at this time. So of course I called and after a twenty-five minute wait was transferred to a Miss Williams who proved to be a very likeable lady. I answered all of her questions and was pleased that she did not have a condescending manner. Miss Williams did put me on hold for a couple of minutes and then returned to me with an explanation. She reassured me that I was to receive the stimulus check but there had been something amiss and many eligible individuals did not receive one. If I do not have one by February 15th, 2021 I am to contact them once more.....I hope that I do not have to contact them again.....I don't appreciate their choice of "hold" music. And the beat goes on....

I am now wondering if by naming the black kitten the "Tiny Terror" that I have set into motion her diabolical destiny. That twit now weighs in at eight pounds and is only about eight months old. She gathers the three younger kittens around her and seems to be organizing their attack sequence. Not much is sacred; the plants have been pillaged several times. The little varmints have mowed down my spider plants and after a great deal of engineering have repeatedly removed the aluminum foil. They don't like walking on the foil but do enjoy the nifty noise it makes as they scoot it across the floors. Of course they also enjoy the time spent on a lap providing the owner of the lap doesn't mind their attempts to knead the mass that the cats view as prime snooze territory. I'm lucky to have Prudence, she has rather menacing growl if they try to invade her private territory. It is good to be loved.

Today Prudence had to go to the groomers.....she does not like that destination. I constantly hear about how well behaved she is and yet she goes a bit berserk when I pick her up. Today only took forty-five minutes and I was already waiting in the parking lot for fifteen minutes before I got the text to pick her up. The groomers asked me how long I had been waiting for her. I told them that I was there for about fifteen minutes and they told me that she appeared to know when I drove in. Must be the little critter recognizes the sound of my truck. She is all spiffed up with a Valentine kerchief and doesn't need to go back for eight weeks. Prudence is one happy critter.

May your life be filled with the little blessings and amusements. Enjoy what you have and share your common sense. May God bless you daily.

Crystal Mitchell©2021

## When is it Time to Stop Grieving?

Dear Andy,

With all we have been facing in the past year with the pandemic, I also lost my sister, through natural causes, but a young age. I cannot seem to stop being sad or thinking about her death. How long is a person supposed to grieve? How do you know when it is time to stop grieving for a loss? Sister #2



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Dear Sister,

Grieving is a personal emotion that is different for everyone. There is no right or wrong way to grieve. The closer you are to the person who has passed the more difficult it can be to deal with the loss. Typical stages of any loss, due to death, divorce, selling a home, losing a job, moving to another city can include denial and guilt that can affect your health and well being by not sleeping or eating properly. It is important to take care of yourself so you can be there for others. Some experience depression and sadness while you are working towards the rebuilding your life without that person being part of your journey. Eventually, you reach a point of acceptance and hope.

As a certified Grievance Counselor through Hospice, my best advice is to find someone who "will just listen" to what you need to say. If you do not have someone you can call, there is a reputable National helpline that is free and confidential. 1-800-662-4357. They have grievance volunteers available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Your local Hospice Foundation is an outstanding resource to help you through the process. If your grieving causes you to become debilitated or depressed or unable to function in your daily routines after your loss, you may need some professional grief counseling to understand and ease your pain of grieving.

Some feelings of sadness never go away but you will eventually be able to find a place in your heart that can be visited from time to time. Thinking about it eventually goes from all day long to an hour a day, or a few minutes every day. Just when you think you are handling it you will see something or hear some music that just brings more tears to your eyes. Understanding the steps that take place when you grieve, is a healthy way to survive the pain.

Perhaps you could go to a bookstore or Amazon to see if there is something you can read to make you feel better. One of my favorite books by Dick Carmel is "Short Stories of LOVE and LOSS." It is a paperback, an easy read and inexpensive. One of the most notable authors on bereavement and healing is a book by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross entitled "On Death and Dying." We all will face our own immortality with dignity when we become educated with an understanding of what happens to our emotions regarding loss.

To people offering comfort - Never say, "I know how you feel." No one really knows how another person is feeling. Do not dwell on your own loss to help ease their grieving moment. Things to say, include: "I am sorry for your loss." "Call me anytime." "My favorite memory of your loved one is ..." Remind them of the good memories, (but not all at once.) Some people are comfortable not saying anything; just a hug or an embrace can say it all. Call after a few days to see how your friend or family member is coping by asking them if they are eating or sleeping well and what you can do to help. Plan an outing with your friend or bring food to those who are grieving. It can be a tough time to think of meals.

Sister, you asked, "How do you know when it is time to stop grieving?" My answer is "When the sadness of the loss is replaced by the memories of your sister that make you happy or laugh, you have reached a final stage of healing." [Ask\\_andy@aol.com](mailto:Ask_andy@aol.com)

P.S. "I am sorry for your loss. Email me if you need to talk." Andy

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## Elsie UMC Open for In-Person Service

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – Elsie United Methodist Church located at 160 W Main Street, Elsie is once again offering in-person worship services Sunday morning 9:30 am. Pastor JD Paik and the EUMC family welcome all to attend. Attendees are asked to wear a mask and to social distance.

For individuals who prefer to worship in the comfort and safety of their home virtual access is available on Facebook Live on the Elsie United Methodist Church Facebook page and by tele-conferencing 1-425-436-6364, access code 456-423-1.

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### TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### 2021 REGULAR MEETING DATES

TO the residents and property owners of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Victor Township Board will meet on the following dates for 2021. All meetings will take place at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays:

January 4	June 28
February 1	August 2
March 1	August 30
April 5	October 4
May 3	November 1
June 7	December 6

\* Meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, and additional special meetings may be scheduled, as needed, on 18 hours notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4).

Agendas for all regular and special meetings will be posted on 24 hours notice. A posted agenda is subject to amendment. You can join meeting electronically at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83394750325>

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This public notice is posted in compliance with: A 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



## Consumers Energy Provides \$3 Million to Help Michigan Residents with Energy Bills

submitted by Brian M. Wheeler

JACKSON-- Consumers Energy is helping Michigan residents through the cold winter by announcing an additional \$3 million to help with energy bills. In total, the company and its charitable foundation have provided \$21 million to support customers and communities with needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are committed to making sure our friends and neighbors receive every bit of help during this extraordinary time," said Brian Rich, Consumers Energy's chief customer officer. "We expect our new \$3 million contribution to seven Michigan nonprofits will help thousands of households continue to manage their bills while more Michiganders receive vaccinations and our state starts to fully reopen."

Consumers Energy has taken extra steps to meet customers' needs due to the pandemic. Customers can qualify for the new funding if they are at up to 400% of federal poverty guidelines.

The new assistance is provided through seven Michigan nonprofit organizations:

- United Way of Jackson County -- \$925,000
- TrueNorth Community Services -- \$925,000
- The Salvation Army -- \$675,000
- Michigan Veterans Trust Fund -- \$150,000
- United Way for Southeastern Michigan -- \$145,000
- The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) -- \$95,000
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul -- \$85,000

The best way for people to get help, including the new financial assistance Consumers Energy is announcing, is to call 2-1-1, a free service that connects people with nonprofit agencies in their communities. If a Consumers Energy customer is struggling to pay a bill, they also can call 800-477-5050.

The new \$3 million contribution is the latest way Consumers Energy has worked to help customers and communities since the pandemic started. Other examples:

- \$12 million that helped over 40,000 households and small businesses with energy bills
- \$5.4 million from the company's charitable foundation for Michigan nonprofits, including nearly \$2.5 million to support small businesses.
- \$850,000 in matching gift cards for shopping at local businesses across Michigan.

Consumers Energy also works to keep energy costs low for customers. Customers should pay 20% less for natural gas this year compared to a decade ago, or less than \$2.30 per day.

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.7 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.



## State Police Seek Help in Identifying Suspects

PERRY TWP. — The Michigan State Police are seeking the public's assistance to identify suspects involved in multiple breaking-and-entering incidents.

The Perry Mini Storage Facility, 4250 W. Lansing Road, has been victimized by unknown suspects on several occasions starting in December 2020, the MSP said. The suspects entered different storage lockers and stole property valued at several thousands of dollars.

MSP is asking for assistance from the public. Anyone with information about the identity of the subjects should contact the MSP Flint Post, Trooper Dominick Dionisi (810) 732-1111, or Det. Sgt. James Moore (989) 415-0984.

# Health

With this past year being so difficult for everyone, people are feeling an increase in their anxiety and emotional levels.

We're all unique individuals with different interpretations and needs. Those who like being alone are enjoying the fact that others aren't around. Yet others who need that interaction with people might be feeling a little anxious or lonely.

Either way this past year has been a challenging one. Many people have lost their family members, friends and other loved ones from their life. Adding this loss to the isolation begins to form depression for them. In a lot of circumstances, there weren't any closure for their losses either. Which is only one more thing to pile on top of everything else. This is why so many are focusing on the negative and actually becoming negative themselves.

The problem here is negativity only attracts more negativity. This means it's the start of a large downward spiral into the darkness of despair. Not a good place visit, let alone, actually be. These times are taking its toll on people around the whole world, not just in your family or town. It's affecting everyone!

This negativity has impacted so many people and is tarnishing life as it grows out of control. It's damaging the health of everyone in its path of destruction. People are having mental, physical, emotional and even spiritual problems now. In fact, the human race is a full-blown mess right now and it's only getting worse.

The emotional and mental state of people in general has taken a huge hit during these times and it actually started a while ago.

More than ever people really need to see some light. Even if it's just a little tiny shimmer, it'll still be light in the darkest of their days. So why not be that light? Yes, you!

It doesn't take much to give light to another person's life. A simple "thinking of you" card or even a text sent out, a phone call, or set up a virtual face to face meeting. There are so many ways to shine if you just stop to think about it.

Just like how, over the Christmas holiday, Sun & Moon Photography created a "Winter Wonderland" in their front yard with around twenty artificial Christmas trees all lite up. They did this to bring joy and a little happiness and light, to people they didn't even know. To bring a smile to people as they simply drove by. That was being a light for many people. If you use your imagination, you'll find something that'll shine bright for others too. Obviously, it doesn't need to be that big but it's a good example of shining light for others to find their way. Sometimes people only need to know that there's just one person out there that is thinking about them. Pretty simple stuff yet so powerful and effective for those in need.

Now, can you think how this would be, if it had a domino effect and others started participating and soon more joined in and then eventually everyone?! It would be the most beautiful thing ever and the positivity that would thrive and grow from it would shine so huge that there wouldn't be any darkness to find.

And to think... it only takes you! You can be the one to start that wonderful effect on the world. Just by simply becoming a little tiny shimmer of light for someone to see. Amazing, isn't it. The fact that each and every one of us has that much power, yet don't even realize it. Perhaps it's time to!

Even if you're the one who is having the anxiety, depression, loneliness or anything else, you can still be that spark for someone else. Then when you do, that spark will brighten you. That's correct, the domino effect runs in both directions. The more light you give the more light you receive. Therefore, as you're helping others, you're actually helping yourself as well.

By becoming the beacon for another, you're shining for yourself too. You'll start to feel better inside and it'll gradually grow into feeling better about yourself. Leading to a better outlook on life itself and helping yourself mentally, physically, emotionally, and even spiritually too.

Let's improve our world together, with one tiny shimmering light at a time and grow with the love of possibilities and positivity!

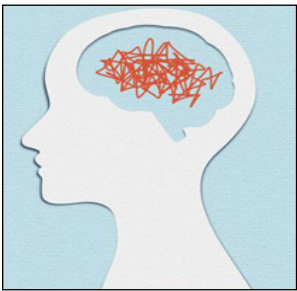
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## Rep. Filler Reappointed to Lead House Judiciary Committee

*submitted by Christina Guenther*

State Rep. Graham Filler has again been appointed to chair the House Judiciary Committee, a panel he led last term while spearheading the Legislature's efforts to reform and improve Michigan's criminal justice system.

Filler, of DeWitt, said he looks forward to building upon the success his committee had over the past two years.

"We've come a long way over the past two years when it comes to improving our criminal justice system and helping residents overcome their past mistakes," Filler said. "From expanding expungement eligibility, to civil asset forfeiture reforms and decriminalizing low-level offenses, we have made a lot of progress – but there is still much more to be done. I'm eager to keep the ball rolling."

Additionally, Filler will serve on three other House committees – Health Policy, Elections and Ethics, and Agriculture.

"All of these policy committees are significant to people in our community," Filler said. "I'm happy to be able to serve as your voice and represent our community's values as we craft and refine policies with the goal of improving life for Michigan families."

Residents may contact Filler's office via email at [GrahamFiller@house.mi.gov](mailto:GrahamFiller@house.mi.gov) or call (517) 373-1778.

## Michigan Wheat Program 2021

*submitted by Jody Pollok-Newsom*

Lansing – With the success of last June's on-line, stay-at-home Michigan Wheat Summer Field Day – and the lingering COVID pandemic – the Michigan Wheat Program (MWP) has announced a creative new format for its annual winter meeting: Six weekly, wheat-tastic, wheat wisdom Wednesday webinars beginning in mid-February.

Watch them live and participate with questions or comments during the 90-minute sessions that include wheat headliners from around the globe!

"When 2020 gives you lemons, in 2021 we have to figure out a new way to make lemonade," said MWP chairman Bill Hunt, wheat grower from Davison, about the innovative meetings. "We on the board are excited to harness the online format to bring our Michigan wheat farmers live presentations by distinguished wheat researchers and experts from three states, plus Canada and the United Kingdom."

"Knowing that we cannot ask people to travel yet this March, we have turned our Winter Annual Grower Meeting into a win-win by allowing our farmers to tune in from home and gain additional wheat wisdom from renowned presenters in their own locations," Hunt concluded.

MWP executive director Jody Pollok-Newsom worked with not only the MWP board, but also Michigan State University's wheat specialist, Dennis Pennington and his team to identify the exciting speaker line-up, which is as follows:

Feb. 24, 8-9:30 am – Phil Needham, Fall Wheat Management and Combine Residue Management, Needham Ag Technologies of Calhoun, Kentucky

Mar. 3, 8-9:30 am – Dr. Romulo Lollato, Checkoff into Practice: Research on high-yielding wheat in Kansas, Associate Professor of Wheat and Forages Production, Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas

Mar. 10, 8 am-9:30 am – Dr. Pete Berry, Enhancing Wheat Yields in Europe and the US, Head of Crop Physiology and Principal Scientist, ADAS, in North Yorkshire, England

Mar. 17, 8-9:30 am – Peter Johnson, Fine Tuning Wheat, Wheat Expert and retired Provincial Cereal Specialist for Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in Ontario, Canada

Mar. 24, 8-9:30 am – Dennis Pennington, Wheat Crop & Research Update, Wheat Specialist, Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan

Each session will include an update on Michigan Wheat Program happenings, the main speaker and time for a question-and-answer session. One CCA CEU (crop management) and one RUP credit will be awarded via a survey at the conclusion of each workshop, except marketing.

As is customary, admission to the Michigan Wheat Program's 2021 Wheat Wisdom Webinars will be free of charge to Michigan wheat farmers and friends of the Michigan wheat industry with advance registration. Registration for each of the six sessions, as well as additional information is available on our website at [www.miwheat.org](http://www.miwheat.org) Check out the what's hot box on the left for the link to register. Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation. The Monday prior to the webinar, you will receive a reminder email with the link and instructions to access the Zoom webinar.

The Michigan Wheat Program is funded by nearly 8,000 farmers who grow wheat in 50 of Michigan's 83 counties. The Michigan Wheat Program board seeks to promote the state's wheat industry by funding and supporting the strategic priorities of wheat farmers working with input suppliers, seed producers, millers, end users and consumers. Research on wheat production practices and grower education has been a continued focus for the organization. For more information on the Michigan Wheat Program visit its website at [www.miwheat.org](http://www.miwheat.org).

## Pathways Adult Education

*submitted by Troy Napier*

To learn more about how to earn your GED or high school diploma or increase your literacy skills, call 989-729-3620 to set up an appointment Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. Pathways also offers free welding training! To ensure the health and safety of all, face masks are to be worn covering the nose and mouth and social distancing will be expected. At this time, the GED testing center at Baker College in Owosso is only available to currently enrolled Pathways' students.

## LAFCU Names James McHale as Chief Financial Officer

*submitted by Jan Jenkins*

LANSING, Mich. — James McHale has joined LAFCU as chief financial officer. McHale has more than 20 years of executive experience with small-to-large credit unions. Positions he has held include CFO, COO, CEO and chief risk officer.

"James is a credit union advocate through and through with a passion to provide fair and competitive financial service options to all consumers," said Patrick Spyke, LAFCU CEO. "He has a proven record of leadership that has resulted in financial growth, enhanced member service and advancing use of technology. We're fortunate for the depth and breadth of experience he brings to LAFCU and its service to members."

As CFO, McHale leads LAFCU's finance and accounting functions, and serves as a financial and strategic business advisor to the CEO and broader leadership team.

"I was lucky that my first day was the annual LAFCU all-staff in-service event, conducted virtually this year," McHale said. "It was amazing, and it put into focus many of the reasons I chose LAFCU. There was tremendous energy and enthusiasm displayed by the entire staff, and valuable insight was provided into becoming a stronger employee and better citizen. All of this supports LAFCU's steadfast commitment to its members and the communities it serves across Michigan."

For much of McHale's career he worked for credit unions in California and recently Indiana. For two years he headed up the analytics team at a technology company that develops lending, risk management and analytics software for financial institutions.

McHale holds the designation of CUNA Credit Union Enterprise Risk Management Expert. He earned bachelor's degrees in accounting and financial management at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and has completed several credit union-specific courses focusing on lending and risk management, as well as the intensive management course sponsored by Western CUNA Management School at Pomona College, Claremont, California.

## Wharton Center Presents Live Virtual Concert - Morgan James: Magnetic Soul

*submitted by Tara Peplowski*

EAST LANSING, MI — Join Morgan James and her husband, guitarist Doug Wamble, for a virtual performance on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 8pm. The duo will perform live from their home studio as they celebrate the one-year anniversary of her album "Memphis Magnetic." They will play some of their favorite songs off the album as well as classic covers.

Tickets to the virtual concert are on sale now and will be processed through Wharton Center's live-stream partner, Eventbrite.com. To purchase tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/wcmorganjames> or the Wharton Center website at [www.whartoncenter.com](http://www.whartoncenter.com).

Morgan James is a classically trained vocalist, Broadway veteran and recording artist. Recently, Ms. James premiered a song cycle for voice and orchestra entitled Song Of The River, written for her by frequent collaborator and conductor Teddy Abrams, with the Louisville Orchestra.

In concert, James has appeared with the New Zealand Symphony, Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, the Malaysian Philharmonic, Britt Festival, Breckinridge Music Festival, Utah Symphony and Colorado Symphony performing her solo Bernstein show. Morgan has had the honor of being in the Bernstein MASS four times in performances with the Ravinia Festival, Louisville Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra and Baltimore Symphony at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. In addition, Morgan has made extensive symphony pops appearances throughout the U.S. and Canada.

On Broadway, Morgan appeared in the Original Broadway Casts of Motown: The Musical, Godspell, Wonderland, The Addams Family, and Kristen Chenoweth: For the Girls.



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# Sports

## Ashley's Drummond Honored on Academic All-State Football Team

ASHLEY -- The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) recently released its Academic All-State Football Team, which consists of seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Players were nominated by their MHSFCA member coaches and nearly 800 football players from across the state were named to the team, including 16 from the Daily News coverage area.

The Ashley Bears were honored with Aaron Drummond as their team's representation on the honor squad. Aaron was also named to the TCFL All-League team recently, along with teammates Jimmy Fabus, Logan Drummond, Bailey Long, Dillon Beebe and Heath Powelson.

The award is a testament to the players' commitment to being student-athletes and making academics a priority. In order to be nominated for the Individual Academic All-State Award:

- The player must be a senior.
- The player must be a starter or key reserve on the varsity football team his senior year. To be considered, the player should play most of the snaps on either offense or defense. A placekicker may also be nominated if they are used on a regular basis (kick a great majority of PAT's, and attempt FG's).
- The player must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- The player must have a minimum composite score of 25 on the ACT.
- The player's head coach must be a current member of the MHSFCA. A current membership list and application is available at [www.mhsfca.com](http://www.mhsfca.com).



## The Weekly Sportsman

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

## Oklahoma Bigfoot Season

Well, it was only a matter of time before a state legislator somewhere got caught up with the resurgent interest in pursuing and finding Bigfoot. It's not hard to flip channels without running across a Bigfoot television show and recently how many Bigfoot silhouette decals have you seen on trucks and Jeep spare tire covers every day? Just last week Oklahoma State Representative Justin Humphrey introduced HB1648 which establishes a Bigfoot hunting season statewide in Oklahoma.

The bill introduced is relatively short and simple. It reads... The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules establishing a Bigfoot hunting season. The Commission shall set annual season dates and create any necessary specific hunting licenses and fees. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Justin Humphrey, has no intentions of having people actually trying to kill Bigfoot. As the bill makes its way through the legislative process the intent is not to make the piece of legislation a "kill tag" but instead a live capture permit with a \$25,000 reward bonus. Humphrey admits the purpose of the bill is to get people outside and have fun along with increasing tourism as there is currently a Bigfoot festival held in his district every year.

What is the likelihood of such a bill being introduced in Michigan? Highly likely. The Weekly Sportsman has been involved in some preliminary discussions with some fellow policymakers in Lansing and you should expect to see something in the coming months. In case you weren't aware Michigan currently ranks 8th in the country for confirmed reported sightings. If you are curious for more information about Bigfoot in Michigan and across the country please visit the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization website: [bfo.net](http://bfo.net).

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## TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR Clinton County, Michigan PUBLIC NOTICE Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board February 4, 2021

The Victor Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. The meeting is scheduled to be held in person and electronically. In person meetings are subject to change to electronic meetings. Please visit [victortwp.org](http://victortwp.org) for updates. You can join the meeting electronically at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84229186630> or by calling:

1 253-215-8782 or 1 301-715- 8592 Meeting ID: 842 2918 6630 on February 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.

\* Meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, and additional special meetings may be scheduled, as needed, on 18 hours' notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4). Notice complies with MCL 141.436, MCL 211.24, MCL 414.412

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## Winter Sports Coming Soon!

The Meridian Weekly is working with coaches and staff to get all information out for the winter sports season. As we get photos, preview, results we will be publishing them for Ovid-Elsie, Ashley and Laingsburg.



## Township of Sciota Shiawassee County, State of Michigan

### RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY FY 2021

**WHEREAS**, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk and treasurer for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors, and

**WHEREAS**, the township board deems that a salary adjustment of the Office of Supervisor is deemed appropriate due to an increase in state obligations and technological responsibilities and to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of April 1, 2021, the salary of the Office of Supervisor shall be as follows:

Supervisor: \$11,839 salary Assessor Duties: \$0.00

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 8, 2021, at which time the electors may modify this amount. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution, adopted on January 11, 2021, is properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by state law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Treasurer Palmer, seconded by Clerk Parker-Wing.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yes : Palmer, Parker-Wing, Reed (Absent: Vondrasek)

No : None

Supervisor Phillip Matthews declared the resolution duly adopted on the 11th day of January 2021.

Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk  
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**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of April 1, 2021, the salary of the Office of Treasurer shall be as follows:

Treasurer: \$12,839 salary

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 8, 2021, at which time the electors may modify this amount. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution, adopted on January 11, 2021, is properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by state law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Trustee Reed, seconded by Supervisor Matthews.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yes : Parker-Wing, Matthews, Reed (Absent: Trustee Vondrasek)

No : None

Supervisor Phillip Matthews declared the resolution duly adopted on the 11th day of January 2021.

Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk  
Township of Sciota  
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## Township of Sciota Shiawassee County, State of Michigan

### RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY FY 2021

**WHEREAS**, MCL 41.95 authorizes the board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk and treasurer by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors, and

**WHEREAS**, the township board deems that a salary adjustment of the Office of Clerk is deemed appropriate due to an increase in state obligations and technological responsibilities and to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of April 1, 2021, the salary of the Office of Clerk shall be as follows:

Clerk: \$12,839 salary Election Day: hourly pay, as set by the board

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 8, 2021, at which time the electors may modify this amount. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution, adopted on January 11, 2021, is properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by state law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Supervisor Matthews, seconded by Treasurer Palmer.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yes : Palmer, Matthews, Reed (Absent: Vondrasek)

No : None

Supervisor Phillip Matthews declared the resolution duly adopted on the 11th day of January 2021.

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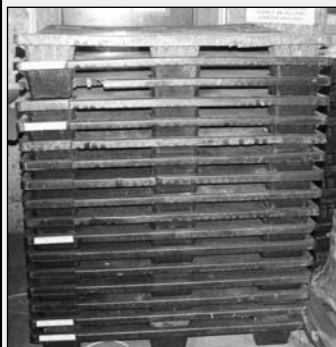
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submitted by Piper Brewer

The Shiawassee Arts Center opens its first exhibit of 2021 featuring the work of artists Deb Cholewicki of Lansing, Barbara Hranilovich of Lansing, Randal Crawford of Saginaw and Angela Hamilton of Grand Blanc. The exhibit, which runs February 2 through March 14, is generously sponsored by American Speedy Printing and Getzen & Connell, CPAs. The public is welcome to schedule an appointment to attend the 'Meet the Artists' event on Sunday, February 7 from noon-4pm.

Cholewicki, a fiber artist, creates free-form sculptural weavings from natural fibers, plant materials and yarns bringing her tremendous joy. She loves the process of creating and seeing how each piece evolves and tells a story. Deb has taught sculptural weaving for more than 20 years including several years at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. For more than 10 years she managed Grove Gallery & Studios in East Lansing where she also taught classes and had her work studio.

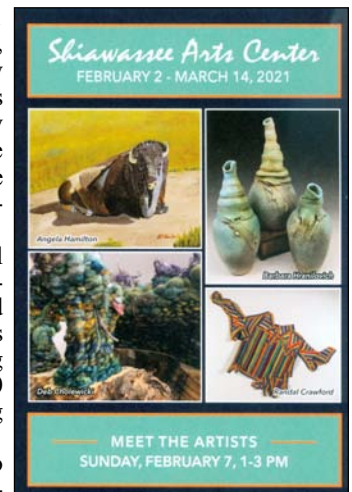
Hranilovich has been an artist since she could walk to draw on the walls. She made it formal with a BFA in oil painting and went on to experience a career puzzled with illustration, teaching and fine art. As a commercial illustrator she has created works for children's books and toys, advertising, editorial, and commercial interiors (like Biggby wall art). As a fine artist she explores a variety of media - acrylics, oils, ceramics, encaustic - each of which brings something intriguing and unique to her creative table.

Crawford, a 26 year Professor of Art at Delta College,

holds an MFA in fibers from Cranbrook Academy of Art (1987) and a BFA in fibers from Philadelphia College of Art (1984). He also attended the Graduate Studies Program at Banff Center School in Alberta, Canada (1985). Randal has had numerous one-person shows throughout the nation. His original and innovative art is a part of private, corporate, and institutional permanent collections.

Hamilton, an award-winning artist, is a graduate from Michigan State University with Bachelor Degrees in General Business and Advertising. She was not happy with her assigned career direction and was compelled to work in art. In 2011 she continued her art studies at the Flint Institute of Arts. Angela is currently working in acrylics, but also exploring other techniques and mediums like still-life painting, pastels and graphites.

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