

## Memorial Healthcare Set to Begin Limited Visitor Policy

*submitted by Vicki McKay*

Owosso – Due to improvement in relevant COVID-19 indicators in our county, beginning this Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Memorial Healthcare will reopen limited visitation to our inpatient areas from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm daily.

Details include:

Inpatient visitors are allowed one healthy adult visitor at a time age 16 and up  
Visitation hours are daily from 3 pm – 7 pm (no overnight stays)

All visitors:

Must enter through the main lobby  
Will be screened for signs of illness

Must wear a face covering

Visitors who are approved to enter will be expected to:

Stay at the patient's bedside and not wander

Sanitize/wash hands every time they enter or leave the patient's room

Leave immediately when visitation is over, and not wander through hallways

Not gather in common areas such as waiting rooms or lobbies

Visitors will be asked to return home if they exhibit symptoms of illness or do not comply with Memorial Healthcare's visitor policy

Patients who are COVID-19 positive or are suspected of COVID-19 will not be allowed visitors

At this time, visitors to our Long-Term Care Unit and The Meadows remain closed. We understand the important role of loved ones during this time and encourage patients and residents to use our free Wi-Fi to communicate with family members and friends through a mobile device, tablet or laptop.

Our commitment to health and safety remains the highest priority. We continue to monitor the risk of COVID-19 closely and will adjust visitor restrictions as necessary. We appreciate your help in keeping our patients and employees safe.

For more information, visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).



## Water Rate Increase for City Residents

*by Deb Price*

The City of Ovid held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 8th. All council members were present. The approval of the agenda, minutes, reports including treasurer's, police and DPW were approved.

Three resolutions were approved, one announcing the Board of Review dates, another concerning Board of Appeals by letter and the third regarding a water rate increase. The council voted to raise the water rate by .50 per 1,000 gallons (from \$3.25 to \$3.75) used for residents of the city and .75 per 1,000 gallons (from \$4.88 to \$5.63) used for non-residents. The rate increase will take effect for the billing cycle Jan 16th-Feb. 15th, due March 20, 2021. The council also adopted the UAP Plan (Utility Assistance Program), a program that will be offered to those residents who are two to three months behind on their water bills. There are currently 90 residents who will be getting a letter explaining the program.

The council voted to accept the bid from Dixon in the amount of \$6,000 to inspect the water tower. The process will be done by a Remote Operated Vehicle that will be lowered inside the water tower for the inspection which elevates the draining of the tower. The last inspection was done in 2010. The council also accepted a bid from Peerless Mid-West to install computerized, variable pumps and an alternator system for wells 6&7 in the amount of \$20,990.60.

Two committee appointments were addressed for the Planning Commission. Samantha Salyer was appointed to replace a vacancy on the board. Pending receiving paperwork from a second vacancy, the council voted to place Estrella Starn also to the

Discussions on the following items were held including: the purchasing of new radar guns for the police cars, update on the SAW Grant, which has a March 31, 2021 date for completion and a DNR Grant which is in the planning process for the cities Parks and Recreation and grounds.

The council went into Closed Session at 8:24pm to hear communication from the cities attorney.

## Elsie Village Council Proceedings

*by Dawn D. Levey*

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, February 09, 2021 via ZOOM. Officials took action to purchase an app to provide alerts and information for village residents.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, presented information on a mobile app for village residents to provide alerts like water main breaks, tornado warnings and events happening in the Village of Elsie. My City Pocket, an app, to keep the public informed, the cost is \$349 per year, with no contract. Anyone with a smart phone can download the app for alerts. It is necessary to get a better way to alert the public about emergencies, news, and events. After a brief discussion officials approved the purchase.

Grinnell reported that a customer survey for curbside recycling was added to the monthly water bill that recently hit mailboxes. At the March 2021 meeting officials will take action to extend the garbage pickup contract with Granger, at that time residents will be required to participate in the curby cart program for trash pickup.

Next officials reviewed, the one, lawn bid received from Rescue Me Pure Lawn Care LLC, based in Bancroft, Michigan. The cost for the season is \$13,000 that is divided into three equal payments. The payment program allows for more local control, and this company specializes in cemeteries. Rescue Me Pure Lawn Care provides more services than other services have offered in the past like hedge trimming, spraying walks, fall clean-up, and regular string trimming.

Ann Trierweiler, Village Clerk, presented officials with the annual Identity Theft Compliance resolution, once approved all officials will have to sign the document. There were no changes from the previous year. Officials approved Resolution 2021-01.

Trierweiler presented Resolution #2021-02 for approval, appointing the Elsie Street Administrator. Joe Ondrusek was once again recommended for the position. Ondrusek was approved unanimously after a roll call vote.

Numerous public hearings are slated prior to the March 10, 2021 meeting. A public hearing regarding the Golf Cart ordinance will be held at 6:15 pm and the 2021-22 Budget Hearing at 6:45. A workshop for the golf carts ordinance is slated for Wednesday, February 17, 7 pm with the Ordinance Committee, this will allow the committee to address the questions that were raised at the public hearing. Also, the Personnel Committee will meet February 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm. In addition, a budget committee meeting is slated for February 25, 7 pm.

Shane Grinnell, Village Manager, presented a brief report. There will be some personnel changes in the Department of Public Works because one DPW employee on medical leave, and another is resigning the full-time position and changing to half time, Brad Sutliff. He further reported that one full time person has been hired, Chris Ormes, who will be starting March 1, 2021. Grinnell is asking that village residents be patient until the DPW is back to full staff.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda as amended, the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting, the financial reports and the monthly Police Department report. Officials approve expenditures totaling \$75,335.05. It was noted that \$16,000 was utilized for prepping the new police vehicle.



**Swimming is underway at OE:** Top photo is Sam Harden doing the breast stroke during the match against Owosso. Bottom photo is Gavyn Leavitt doing backstroke at the Owosso match up. See next weeks weekly for swimming match updates. Photos by Marie Spiess



## ATTENTION Fairfield Township Residents

The Board of Appeals will be held at the Fairfield Township Hall located at 7988 W. Henderson Road, Elsie, on

**Monday, March 8, 2021,  
1pm - 4pm & 6pm - 9pm\***  
and

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
9am - Noon\* and 6pm - 9pm**  
(\*Assessor Present)

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# Social

## Ovid Public Library

February is the shortest month of the year. (The TV reminds me everyday what day of the week it is). The Ovid Public Library has a multitude of creative projects to share with the public.

1. Enter the February Adult Reading Challenge. Select a book from the display as your reward for just entering.
2. The community has been generous in the donation of gently used articles of apparel. Please come in and take them home with you.
3. Books, Books, Books! All are gently used, many are brand new, some are for children. These are for sale at ridiculously low prices.
4. We have used box puzzles for adults to borrow or exchange.
5. Michigan 1040 tax booklets and Home Heating forms are now available.

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry.

## Clinton County Catalyst Unveils New Website

*submitted by Dru Mitchell*

DeWitt, MI – The newly rebranded Clinton County Catalyst, formerly known as the Clinton County Economic Alliance, is pleased to announce the launch of its new and improved website.

This website reflects a transformation from a traditional economic development organization into a community catalyst. A catalyst sparks change and action, representing how the organization aims to move forward in Clinton County.

The new website, [www.clintoncountycatalyst.org](http://www.clintoncountycatalyst.org), emphasizes three foundational concepts: connect, construct, and cultivate. The website shares these ideas by inviting the community to engage with the organization's work. Utilizing this new platform, Clinton County Catalyst will be a resource for its members and Clinton County. Key features of the site include a community calendar, news postings related to the county, user friendly maps for finding available buildings and land, and available incentives to support businesses. As an organization, Clinton County Catalyst seeks to be an information hub. Accomplishing this goal requires involvement from diverse stakeholders in the private and public sectors.

Clinton County Catalyst believes that fostering relationships and working together are fundamental in achieving community prosperity. How can your business, municipality, or organization get involved? Engage with Clinton County Catalyst by sharing your successes, providing updated building and land information, submitting community events on the website, and reaching out to us for assistance.

Visit [clintoncountycatalyst.org](http://clintoncountycatalyst.org) to connect with members and partners, learn about resources, and discover opportunities in Clinton County. Join the catalyst movement today!

## Golden Anniversary for Zarzyski's

On February 20, 1971, Carl Zarzyski and Joyce Cornell were united in marriage at Houghton Lake, Michigan.

They have one son, Adam (Nicki) Zarzyski of St Johns. They have been blessed with two grandchildren, granddaughter Kenzie and grandson Trey.

The couple, formerly from Ovid now resides in St Johns. They would like to thank all their friends for the joyful years spent together with them. They have been truly blessed.



## Grand Valley State University Graduate List

Grand Valley State University announces the names of our most recent graduates who have completed the requirements to receive their degrees this past December. A list of the names of these students and a key to their degree abbreviations follows.

Grand Valley is dedicated to providing a rich learning environment for students, offering a wide range of majors and hands-on research opportunities. Highly credentialed and responsive faculty and individual advisors and mentors promote a liberal arts emphasis that teaches students critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Local students who graduated at the conclusion of the Fall semester ending in December include:

Elsie: Alexis R. Bushard, BBA; Ovid: Collin M. Freeman, BS; Owosso: Bethany R. Marcotte, BA; Haley A. Rothe, BS; Zoe A. Woltjer, MPAS.



**BUNDLE UP!!**

**Mary Harris is turning 90 on February 17th!!**

In her honor there will be a drive thru event on  
February 20, 2021 at her home:  
8445 Old Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg from 2-4p.m.  
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## Laingsburg School Board Meeting

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm virtually via Zoom please visit our website at <http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/> for up to date meeting information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: 2020/21 Budget Amendment, 2021/22 Budget Discussion, Legislative Update, Building Reports, Personnel Issues, Mid-Year Pupil Count, Board Bylaws and Policy Updates and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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

## GLR to Hold Public Meeting on Latest Recycling Updates

*submitted by Ellen Link*

It's been a year since the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers held a community forum regarding the future of recycling in the Laingsburg area. While our operations have been shut down due to the COVID pandemic, much has transpired. Given the preliminary approval from EGLE for our grant request—less than we'd requested, as reported earlier, but still moving in the right direction—we continue to hold meetings, make plans, network with partners and otherwise do what's necessary to make this dream of a permanent recycling/waste reduction facility come true.

To that end, we will be meeting online via Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 pm to discuss the progress made, as well as other business, and we welcome all who are interested or want to add their two cents to attend. You may register for the meeting by either visiting our Facebook page (Greater Laingsburg Recyclers) or by contacting Ellen or Terry Link (517-651-2005/ [link@msu.edu](mailto:link@msu.edu) for a link to the meeting. When it's possible to meet in person again we look forward to holding another community forum.

Hopefully area residents have continued to recycle wherever they can (e.g., MSU, Granger, East Lansing, Meridian Twp. and/or St. Johns). Because while the new facility will probably not get built until the fall, we hope to resume recycling drives in the spring using our old location on Roosevelt Row and will want to see lots of folks happy to have us back.

We'll be sure to keep you posted on recycling drives, the possibility of having a web site, and any landmark decisions or accomplishments. Hope to “see” you at the meeting. Stay safe.

### CITY OF OVID CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN Resolution No. 2021-06 Resolution to increase water rate

At a regular meeting of the Ovid City Council held on the 8th, day of February, 2021 in the Council Meeting Room, at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI.  
**PRESENT:** Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher.

**ABSENT:** None

A motion was made by **Mr. Starn**, seconded by **Ms. Perrien** to adopt the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Ovid does hereby adopt the following utility fee for Water Usage Rates for the City of Ovid and Non – City residents.

To increase the Water Rate by .50 cents per 1,000 from 3.25 to \$3.75 per 1,000 for city residents. and

To increase the Water Rate by \$.75 per 1,000 from 4.88 to \$5.63 per 1,000 for Non – city residents. And

These rate increase will take effect in for the billing cycle of January 16, 2021 thru February 15, 2021 due March 20, 2021

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

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED:** February 8, 2021

*Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid*

## Laingsburg United Methodist Church Offering Drive-Through and Virtual Ash Wednesday Services

*submitted by Carrie A. Rathbun Hawks*

Laingsburg – February 17 is Ash Wednesday and Laingsburg United Methodist Church is providing multiple ways for people to participate in services as well as the ceremonial placement of ashes, traditionally done in the form of a cross on the forehead.

Ashes to Go with a brief prayer will be available during several time slots throughout the day on Feb. 17: 7:30 - 9 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6 - 7:30 p.m. People are asked to drive around to the back of the church using the driveway along the south side of the building, and someone will be there to impose ashes. Face masks will be worn and all safety precautions taken. Participants will also be offered a printout of the Lenten devotional LUMC will be using throughout the season of Lent. The church is located at 210 Crum Street in Laingsburg.

A pre-recorded Ash Wednesday worship experience will also be available on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages at 6 a.m. Feb. 17. Links are available at [www.laingsburgumc.org](http://www.laingsburgumc.org). The service can be viewed anytime.

“Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the sacred season of Lent when we reflect on Jesus’ life leading up to Easter Sunday, which is April 4 this year,” said LUMC Pastor Tiffany Newsom. “We hope our community will come and experience the traditional imposition of ashes, allow us to pray with them and share in this holy time of year. All are welcome.”

People who are unable to come to the church but would like access to the Lenten devotional material and contact the church through Facebook, by email at [laingsburgumc@gmail.com](mailto:laingsburgumc@gmail.com), or by phone at 517-651-5531. They'll be sent a link to download print it at home, or they can be added to the weekly Lenten devotional e-mail list.

## Blood Drive at Duplain Church of Christ

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. the Duplain Church of Christ will be holding a blood drive.

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



### City of Ovid March Board of Review Alternative Starting Date Resolution 2021-04

**WHEREAS:** at a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 8th, day of February, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., with the following Council Members present:

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

**ABSENT:** None

A motion was made by **Mr. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Williams**, to adopt the following resolution;

**WHEREAS**, Public act 194 2003, allows the City council by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet; and

**WHEREAS**, MCL 211.30 provides an alternative starting date of Tuesday following the second Monday of March; and

**WHEREAS**, The, assessor availability to assist the Board of Review on that day shall be the reason for selecting Tuesday March 9, 2021; and  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Ovid approves the Board of Review meeting on the second Tuesday of March in 2021.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

Resolution declared adopted.

*Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid*

## Moolenaar Supports Legislation to Honor World War II ‘Ghost Army’

Congressman John Moolenaar signed on as a co-sponsor of the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act, which would honor the 1,100 members of a World War II Army unit commonly known as the Ghost Army. The Congressional Gold Medal is one of our nation's highest honors and it has been awarded to many veterans of World War II.

“I am proud to support this legislation to honor these heroes of the Greatest Generation and give them the recognition they earned fighting for our nation,” said Congressman Moolenaar. “The courageous efforts of the Ghost Army helped win World War II and ensure a better future for our nation and the world.”

The Ghost Army was an 1,100-member unit during World War II, officially known as the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops, and it was charged with the work of deceiving the German military. Its successful use of fake radio transmissions, inflatable tanks, and other deceptions has been covered by a PBS documentary and by other national media outlets, including The Atlantic. Sixteen members of the unit are still living today.

### ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

**Elba Township board of Review Organization Meeting will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.**

**Tuesday March 2, 2021 6:00pm to 9:00pm Organizational Meeting.**

**Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the Township office at 109 E. Oak St. in Ashley. Monday March 8, 2021 from**

**1:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

**Tuesday March 9, 2021 from**

**9:00am to 12:00 Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

### CITY OF OVID CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN Resolution No. 2021-05

**Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing**

**WHEREAS:** at a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 8th, day of February, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., with the following Council Members present:

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

**ABSENT:** None.

A motion was made by **Mr. Brown**, seconded by **Mr. Williams**, to adopt the following resolution:

Moved by **Mr. Brown**, supported by **Mr. Williams**, the adoption of the following resolution.

**Whereas**, MCL 211.30(8), permits a City to authorize a resident taxpayer to file their appeal before the Board of Review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or their agent.

**NOW**, Therefore, be it resolved that: In order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the board of review, the City of Ovid hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL 211.30(8) of the General Property Tax Act, that the board of review shall receive letters or emails of protest regarding assessments from resident and non-resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

All notices of assessment change and all advertisements of board of review meetings are to include a statement that the resident and non-resident taxpayers may protest by letter or email to the board.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**Adopted this date:** February 8, 2021

*Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid*

# Obituaries

## Frank E. Krivak

Frank E. Krivak of Bannister, MI passed away at Grace Haven Assisted Living Home, St. Johns, MI on February 7, 2021, at the age of 93.

Frank was born on October 1, 1927 in Gratiot County, MI, the son of Frank and Elenora (Stosekova) Krivak.

Frank resided most of his life on the family farm near Bannister. He attended Bannister School and proudly served his country in the Army from 1954-1956.

He is survived by nephew Marvin (Janet) Stine of St. Johns, MI, nieces: Marilyn Crumbaugh of Ashley, MI and Maxine Galloway of St. Johns, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Joseph, sister Hattie Stine, brother-in-law Leland Stine, and nephews: Richard Crumbaugh and Albert Galloway.

Private Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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, Elsie, MI.



## Joseph Frank Houska Jr.

Joseph Frank Houska Jr., age 79, of Elsie, MI, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at his home (not Covid related).

Joseph was born in Elsie, MI on December 3, 1941, the son of Joseph Frank and Mildred Ann (Fornusek) Houska. He graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1959. Joe married Joyce Marie Thelen on April 23, 1966 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns, MI.

Joe was a lifelong farmer. He started farming at 11 years old and worked up until the day he passed. He enjoyed all hunting, but especially deer hunting. Joe loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He also liked playing his accordion and gardening. Joe was a volunteer for the Elsie Ambulance Service for many years, and a lifetime member of the ZCBJ Lodge, Bannister.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Joyce Houska of Elsie, MI; children: Joe III and Kristy Houska of Elsie, MI, Jan and Todd Gulick of Grand Ledge, MI, Julie and Russ Smith of Elsie, MI, and Jeff and Carrie Houska of Elsie, MI; grandchildren: Jensen and Zack Schmidt, Wesley Houska and Fisher "David" Houska, Jackie and Matt Harris, Adam Gulick, Robbie Klco and fiancée Abby Brenz, Jeffrey and Kelsey Houska, Justin Houska and fiancée Destinee Rice, and Jamie Houska, great-grandchildren: Connor Harris, baby boy Harris on the way, Elliot Schmidt, and baby Houska on the way; brother John and Rosemary Houska of Elsie, MI, in-laws: Carlene and Jerry Smith, Diane and John Kusnier (lifelong best friend), Mary Jane Feldpausch, Donna Seay, Eileen Schneider, Judy and Bruce Cameron, and Lynn and Janet Thelen. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father-in-law Laurene and Carl Thelen, in-laws: Ron Schneider, Dale Feldpausch, and John Seay.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 1:00 P.M., with Rev. Fr. David Jenuwine and Mr. Thomas J. Bradley officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI.

Memorials may be made to WOES Radio, Elsie, MI or to Elsie Fire and Rescue, Elsie, MI. 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.



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**Bannister United Methodist Church**  
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**We Welcome You to Come...**

## Robert Laurence Ridsdale

Robert Laurence Ridsdale, age 85 of DeWitt passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021. A Celebration of Life will be announced when it is again safe to gather.

Bob was born August 14, 1935 in DeWitt to the late Laurence F and Clara F (Stanfield) Ridsdale. He served his country bravely in the United State Army and was honorably discharged in 1960. He married Virginia Lee Corrigan in Laingsburg, Michigan on May 22, 1970. Bob retired from General Motors in 1991. He and Virginia enjoyed traveling, fishing, and playing cards, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his kids, grandkids and great grandkids who were the love of his life.

Bob is survived by his wife of 50 years; Virginia, his children; DianaLee (George) Keck, Dean (Rosemary) Ridsdale, Jeff (Kim) Ridsdale, Melody Starks, 17 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins and the many friends and neighbors who were privileged enough to know him.

He was preceded in death by his children; Everette and Theadore Starks, sisters; Donna and Joyce, his granddaughter; Ashley, as well as his parents.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com).



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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

My son informed me that it was a balmy minus six degrees this morning; he was getting back from putting Zach on the bus. Of course when he left this morning at five, the temperature was a plus six. My interpretation would be that at five it was much warmer but at seven there was no wind and it made you hopeful and your thoughts went to summer. 'Cause I didn't find it balmy and neither did Prudence as she went out the front door for her morning run. She kept it short and hustled back into the house to lie down in front of the furnace vent in the kitchen. She can be a very practical dog and is good at moving around so that I can use the kitchen appliances. Unlike the Tiny Terror who literally believes that the world revolves around her and must be pushed out of the way several times a day.

This morning I'm waiting for Frontier to come out and fix my phone lines. I find it interesting that I can't make an appointment that covers four hours but I'm expected to be ready for a technician to show up and fix my phone service. This means that I need to be available and sitting home for them.....of course I must be ready for questions..... Unlike their customer service folks who are out there in Timbuktu and reply that they are located in an undisclosed local. I told him that I could not understand half of what he was saying and requested a state side customer service person. He replied that all I could do was call the repair number back to get someone else to take the call. I asked to speak with his supervisor and none was available. Yup, I was fit to be tied before I hung up the phone and called back. Of course I was calling in my complaint on my cell phone and this guy couldn't understand why I was concerned about not having a land line.....I finally told him that I was thinking about having it removed because the service was poor and he wasn't doing much to change my mind.

Could you imagine calling a doctor's office and booking an appointment that extends from 8AM until noon and expect to be taken seriously? Or maybe you own your own business and told folks that you are open sometime between 8AM and noon.....how long do you believe that you would be in business. I know that if I tried that at the local farmer's markets that I would be left with more products and would be out of business quickly and efficiently. I understand that repair services need more leeway but I think that Frontier should be doing a bit more checking up on their customer service people that are out of the country, and I'm guessing that they wouldn't let me speak to one who is in the country because it would reflect badly on them. I hate to admit it but I did get snarky....

Did I mention that Miss Isabella came to visit me this weekend? I was to meet her and her Mom at the west park and ride at three.....I was there at three and it got changed to four. Good thing that Pru and I had brought along a book to read. Ryan was kind and had stopped to pick up a gallon of milk and a couple of pounds of brown sugar so that Isabella and I could make cinnamon rolls. It would seem that I have been having time issues all weekend. That was on Saturday and then on Sunday morning, Ryan texted me to ask if it was okay for her to pick up Isabella at eleven instead of three. I said okay and then made arrangements to get some cinnamon rolls down to my neighbors.....at eleven I changed those arrangements and went down to my neighbors. Barb sent me home with a plate of kolache filled with poppy seeds. I was back home by 11:30 and was parking the truck when Ryan pulled into my driveway. We had a good visit as Izzy showed off her heart shaped cookies and we all munched on the rolls with our coffee. Have you ever felt as if you are a convenience and maybe too flexible for your own good?

Life can be very perplexing at times and yet filled with many blessings. I had a marvelous time chatting with Ryan and baking with Isabella. I do believe that Isabella will make a good baker as she grows and learns to use the tools. It was a hoot to watch her with the rolling pin and to listen to her narrative as she worked. May God bless you with wonderful narratives and minor inconveniences.

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## Religious Thoughts

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

The first sentence in the Gospel of Matthew says, "This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:"

When this word came out, it was life-changing news, for the Messiah, or "anointed one," as the word means, would have to be believed in and followed.

As those who believe in Jesus as the Messiah today, we need to be on guard against making Him into someone that we would like for Him to be, rather than who He really is. This can happen when we find that God has all of the same opinions about life as we do; for example, when He agrees with our views concerning politics and morality. Could that be a little too convenient?

I'm not saying that all of our political views or morals are unbiblical, just that it can be easy for us to rubber stamp all of our views as, "God approved" before comparing them with the Bible, taking them to God in prayer, and talking with other believers (especially ones who see things differently).

For you and me and all followers of Jesus Christ, we need to pray to God to give us open minds and hearts to see Jesus as He really is. Jesus who in John 14:6 says that He is the truth. It's a challenge at times, but when we do this, it helps to keep our relationships with the Lord fresh and authentic. For God is actively showing us who He really is. And learning more about God and personally knowing Him better is always fascinating and exciting.

### TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA

#### Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The Sciota Township board will hold an annual meeting for the fiscal year 2021-2022 at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 8, 2021, at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI. A public hearing will be held on the proposed township budget following the annual meeting at about 6:30 pm. A copy of the budget can be seen by contacting the clerk. The Sciota Township board will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities upon a 7-day notice to the clerk by telephoning 517-651-5286, or emailing [clerk@sciotatownship.net](mailto:clerk@sciotatownship.net). For the most current meeting information, visit <http://www.sciotatownship.net> up to 18 hours prior to the meeting.

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# Obituaries

## Daniel Raymond Francis Quigley

Daniel Raymond Francis Quigley, 69, of St. Johns, MI, peacefully passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

Dan was born in Chatham, Ontario, Canada on February 20, 1951, the son of Francis Thomas Aloysius and Iva Mae (Morey) Quigley.

On May 14, 1971, Daniel married Sheila Delores Blood at the First United Methodist Church, St. Johns. They were blessed with nearly 50 years of marriage.

Dan loved to travel and see different places. He enjoyed driving semi all over the country. He was a very competitive Monopoly player and liked to play baseball against other churches. Most of all, Dan loved his family and always looked forward to spending time with them.

Dan is survived by his wife Sheila, son Matthew Quigley of Haslett, daughter Rebekah (Dale) Mulder Jr. of Ovid and grandson Dale Mulder. He is also survived by 2 brothers: Michael Thomas Quigley and Larry Quigley of Ontario, Canada; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Dan was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service was held at St. Johns Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1400 Oakland St., St. Johns, MI, on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., with Pastors Dan Towar and Monte Landis officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at South Bingham Township Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Johns Seventh Day Adventist Church (1400 Oakland St., St. Johns, MI 48879) or the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI.



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### Middlebury Township March Board of Review Notice

**March 2nd at 1:30 pm Organizational Meeting  
Board of Review**

**Wednesday, March 10th from 9 am to 3 pm**

**Friday, March 12th 3 pm to 9 pm**

**All above meetings will be held at the township hall located at  
7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866**

In order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the board of review, the Township of Middlebury hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL 211.30(8) of the General Property Tax Act, that the board of review shall receive letters or emails of protest regarding assessments from resident and non-resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

If you do not want to appear in person, appeals may also be submitted by March 12 in writing to PO Box 622, Ovid, MI 48866, or by email at [mholley4444@gmail.com](mailto:mholley4444@gmail.com)

### Middlebury Township Budget Public Hearing

The Middlebury Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022 at the township hall located at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI on **March 9, 2021 at 6:45 pm.** \*The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866.



## C.A.C.S. Receives Technology Grant

submitted by Becky Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. has received a technology grant to provide a tablet or a hotspot to low-income residents of Shiawassee County. Each type of device comes with pre-paid broadband service through 12/31/2021.

Financial Requirements: Must meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline: Family size: 1 - 30 day max income \$2,147; 2 - \$2,903; 3 - \$3,660. For each additional member add: \$757.

Additional Requirements: The household has been specifically and negatively impacted by COVID-19 through - A financial reduction or loss of income. An increase in daily living expenses specifically related to COVID-19. Access to technology is insufficient to essential employment, education, daily living, and/or health related internet technology.

If you believe you or your family meet this criteria, please contact CACS at 989-723-3115. Office hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## LAFCU Offers \$10K in College Scholarships, \$2K in Charity Donations

submitted by Jan Jenkins

LANSING — LAFCU is accepting applications for its unique 2021 Write to Educate Essay Contest beginning Feb. 1. The contest awards \$10,000 in college scholarships and donates \$2,000 to charities in the names of the winners.

Four high school seniors will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship to an accredited Michigan college or university beginning fall 2021. Each winner selects a charity to receive a \$500 donation from LAFCU. The entry deadline is March 31, 2021.

Applicants are asked to write a one-page essay that examines the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic on society, addressing such topics as human interaction, education, the economy, tourism, etc. Winning essays will be published in the Lansing State Journal, community sponsor of the contest.

“Every Michigan high school senior qualifies for this contest because winner selection is based solely on their one-page essay,” said Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, LAFCU chief marketing officer and chief diversity officer. “This supports the LAFCU belief that education is key to community success and that higher education should be within reach of anyone with the passion to pursue it.

“Through the essay, we’re asking applicants to examine how the pandemic will likely affect our way of life going forward. Gauging the future is an essential life skill. It’s the first step in assessing how they might fit into that future, which may influence their educational choices.”

Each winner will select one of the following charities to receive a \$500 donation from LAFCU:

- CASA for Kids Inc.
- Weekend Survival Kits
- Girls on the Run Mid Michigan

Applicants must be a student at a Michigan high school and do not need to be a LAFCU member. The Lansing-based credit union is chartered to serve people and businesses throughout Michigan.

Information is at [www.lafcu.com/writetoeducate](http://www.lafcu.com/writetoeducate) where entries can also be uploaded.

## DuPlain Township February Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN — The February meeting of the DuPlain Township board was held via conference call Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The evening was highlighted by the appointment of the members of the DuPlain Township Board of Review.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, recommended that: Richard Easlick, Larry Ott, and Don Lloyd to be reappointed to the the DuPlain Township Board of Review. The recommendation was approved. The action takes place every two years.

On a related topic it was noted that the Board of Review is slated for Monday, March 8, 3 pm-9pm, and Thursday, March 11, 9 am-3pm and is located at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie. Officials approved Resolution 2021-02 that allows all property tax protests to be submitted by mail. Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 8, mholley4444@gmail.com.

Amy Bowen, Township Treasurer, presented a tax collection update. February 16, 2021 is the last day to pay property taxes without penalty. It was noted that there is one property foreclosure which is slated for March, 2021.

Dennis Baese, EAFD representative, reported that there were 12 fire runs and 27 rescue runs in January 2021, a very busy month. In addition, the Elsie Area Fire Department has submitted a grant application for a new fire truck.

Levey requested that officials begin considering budget requests and increases as the 2021-2022 budget process begins. The goal is to get as close as possible to actual funding numbers to reduce the number of budget amendments as recommended by the auditor.

Mr. Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner, presented a COVID update. It is almost the 1-year anniversary of the establishment of the Emergency Operation Center with a focus on COVID. The EOC addresses emergencies as they arise in the county of operation. To date there have been 4,322 confirmed COVID cases and 64 deaths. It is recommended that individuals who have business at the County make appointments. Jury trials will resume maybe the end of February. Jury selection is taking place at Smith Hall. The Commission continues to meet virtually. The Mid-Michigan Health Department is providing weekly video updates on COVID, which has improved communication. Access by going to [clintoncouny.org](http://clintoncouny.org), the video is updated weekly. The COVID cases in Clinton County are trending downward, and in the right direction.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of appointments, the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting, and financial reports. Action was also taken to approve expenditures totaling \$18,941.02.

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## MSUFCU Jazz Artist in Residence Program Continues Virtual Season

submitted by Michael Sundermann

EAST LANSING – Music lovers of all persuasions can enjoy a special video presentation of jazz trombonist Wycliffe Gordon as the famed musician caps off a two-day remote residency with a virtual performance through the eighth annual MSU Federal Credit Union Jazz Artist in Residence Program.

Gordon's performance is free to the public Friday, February 19, at 8 p.m. on the MSU College of Music Livestream Channel. The virtuoso trombonist will solo and perform virtually with MSU Jazz Orchestras—three big bands from the MSU College of Music who play the repertoire of the great jazz masters and a range of soul, swing, blues and gospel.

Groups and individuals can also partake in Gordon's two-day residency February 3-4 through webinars and discussions that feature streamed performances, video conferencing, and interactive virtual workshops. The remote sessions are tailored for different audiences that include MSU Jazz Studies students, high school students, students at the MSU Community Music Schools in East Lansing and Detroit, and the general public.

Gordon is the fourth guest in the lineup of working musicians, educators and composers conducting multi-day residencies focused on jazz music and performance through the MSU College of Music. MSU Associate Professor of Jazz Trombone Michael Dease praised Gordon's mastery, and said his residency is emblematic of the jazz tradition of experienced artists mentoring and passing on insights to aspiring musicians.

The 10-time "Trombonist of the Year" by the Jazz Journalist Association, Gordon has many top honors to his name. Among those is the "Louie Award" which honors Gordon's dedication and commitment to the music of Louis Armstrong. Leader of his own quintet, Gordon tours regularly, headlining at legendary jazz venues and performing arts centers throughout the world. A persuasive and committed music educator, Gordon serves as Artist-in Residence at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia.

The MSUFCU Jazz Artist in Residence series is made possible through an endowment from the MSU Federal Credit Union. Since 2013, the program has attracted high-level talent and serves as a model for jazz studies programs nationwide. All combined, the residencies of the 29 artists to-date included workshops, concerts, events and outreach to more than 37,000 students and adults at non-profit organizations, middle and high schools, and communities across Michigan.

Gordon is part of a dynamic line-up of MSUFCU Jazz Artists in Residence currently scheduled for the 2020-21 season. He was preceded by bassist Marion Hayden in November, guitarist David Stryker in December, and will be followed by saxophonist Charles McPherson in March. The series kicked-off in September with jazz trumpeter Terrell Stafford. Performances and activities are taking place virtually, mirroring MSU's switch to remote learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Patrons and donors who have enjoyed the talents of faculty, students and visiting artists are encouraged to show their support of music during this challenging time. Please consider donating what you would have spent for season tickets or to attend a concert by clicking here to submit your secure online gift [go.msu.edu/give-music](http://go.msu.edu/give-music).

For more information about donating or sponsoring events this winter and spring, email [music.giving@msu.edu](mailto:music.giving@msu.edu) or call the College of Music Advancement Office at 517-353-9872.

Virtual Concert Open to the Public: Friday, February 19, 8 p.m., Video presentation of Jazz Trombonist Wycliffe Gordon with MSU Jazz Orchestras, available through the MSU College of Music Livestream Channel





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**CITY OF OVID  
SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The Full set of the Minutes for the Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lasher. **ABSENT:** None.

**EX OFFICIOS:** Rich Simpson – DPW Superintendent, Rick Hogle – Sgt. of Police, Liza Kusnier- Treasurer and Josy Medina – Clerk.

**VISITORS:** Dr. Mark Holley and Deb Price.

**AGENDA:** Mayor Lasher requested to add at end of agenda closed meeting to go over information for City Attorney. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss. Hibbard to approve the agenda as with the addition discussed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES:** Mr. Starn corrected the acronym on page two. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Williams to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021 as corrected.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INVOICE REGISTRY:** A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to approve the checks as printed for the period of January 12th, thru February 8, 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TREASURER:** A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Ordiway to approve the request & to make sure that they understand that there is no water or bathrooms available at the site at this time.

**MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, second by Mr. Williams to accept the Treasurer, Police & DPW reports as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt resolution #2021-04 to set the dates for Board of Review. Mayor Lasher asked that it be recorded as read into the record. Roll call was taken as follows: YAES: Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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

2.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt resolution #2021-05 to allow local residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review. Mayor Lasher asked that it be recorded as read into the record. Roll call was taken as follows: YAES: 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.

3.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Starn to accept the ACH Policy as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

4.A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss Hibbard to award the bid to Bridget Wing for the amount of \$1001 as is.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5.A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Ms. Perrien to adopt resolution #2021-06 Water Rate increase. Roll call was taken as follows: YAES: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, and Mr. Lasher. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Mr. Williams to put this into effect the Utility Assistance Program contracted payment schedule. Roll call was taken as follows: YAES: Mr. Starn, Mr. Ordiway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCE:**

1.Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to accept the quote from Dixon Engineering in the amount of \$6,000 for both towers to be inspected.

**MOTION CARRIED**

2.Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Mr. Williams to accept the quote from Peerless Mid-West for the replacement of the Variable Speed Drives and Alternator System for wells 6 & 7 in the amount of \$20,990.60.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to appoint now Ms. Salyer to one of the positions and when we receive the second resignation that we appoint Mrs. Estrella Starn to that position. 5 voted Yes and 2 voted No.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to go into closed session at 8:24 pm., to hear communication from the City Attorney.

**MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to go back into the regular meeting at 8:33 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Lasher closed the regular meeting at 8:33 pm.  
Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid



## Happy Valentine's Day

Dear Andy,

My husband of less than a year said Valentine's Day is some Pagan Holiday made up so Hallmark to entice people to buy cards, candy, gifts and go out to dinner with their loved ones? Commercialization to make more money. He also said, not to plan on celebrating stuff like that with him. I am worried. We had a very low-keyed Christmas because of COVID restrictions. Someday we are planning to have a family. We both have good jobs and money is not an issue. Celebrating holidays is a family tradition that I want to have happen in our lives. Can you help?

Sad heart

Dear Sad Heart,

You need to sit him down today and often. Talk to him about the things you want to happen over your years of marriage. Do not wait until each of the Holiday turns up on the calendar; it will only cause conflict on the day and you do not want that to be how you communicate, especially when children will be involved someday. You must tell him how you feel and just as importantly you must listen to why he feels the way he does on issues. He may have had some bad childhood experiences regarding the holidays and does not want to repeat the trauma or drama. Discussion will help you find what will work for the two of you.

If you want your family traditions to included celebrating the "Hallmark Holidays" you need to let him know now. You may both need to do some compromising. If you cannot come to an agreement, you may want to go to a couple of counseling sessions to learn how to communicate your feeling and expectations in your relationship. There are 358 other days in the year to have good communication and honest feelings expressed about many other issues than holidays.

When you have children, they will likely want to celebrate, Valentines, Christmas, Birthdays, Halloween and Easter with cards, gifts, candy, and chocolate bunnies. Unless it is against your religious faith to celebrate these holidays, you can compromise by staying within a reasonable budget and limited decorations. Also limit the days you celebrate, do not prolong the celebrations into weeks.

As for Valentine's Day, it has a historical origin of pagan-ism. There was a holiday in mid-February called Lupercalia to celebrate fertility in the 13th century. The celebration of love and the heart has a long history of celebrations.

Valentines were first published by Howland New England Valentines Company in 1849 by Esther Howland of Massachusetts. Then Hallmark, (Hall Brothers) first made Valentines available in American in 1913. They started mass producing them in 1916. Now there are dozens of companies manufacturing Valentines and may other money-making items have related to every holiday.

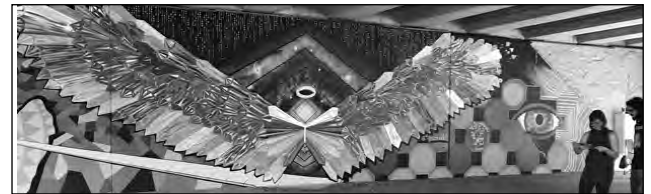
But prior to Valentines in America, during the third Century there was a Roman Emperor who believed men should not be married to be in his Army. He believed soldiers would be more committed if they did not have a wife to worry about while serving in the war. There also was a well-known Saint who was a healer that had the name of Valentine. He would secretly arrange marriages for the soldiers. Valentine was caught, imprisoned, and sentenced to a beheading.

The story is that Valentine healed a guard's daughter of blindness and then fell in love with her. Prior to his execution he wrote a love letter to her and signed it "Your Valentine." This may have been all made up. However, several hundred years after that tales of St Valentine's, excavators found a head near a catacomb in Rome with a coronet of flowers and a stencil inscribed. His skull can be found on display in the Chiesa di Santa Maria in Cosmedin, on Rome's Piazza Della Verita, which can be seen by interested tourist. Historians agree to the accounts from this era was not recorded but Valentine did exist.

It does certainly seem like holidays are commercialized to make money. Your husband could have some valid concerns calling Valentines, a Hallmark holiday. Holiday shopping does generate a lot of revenue for stores and restaurants. Valentine cards are #2 for sales, with Christmas being #1.

As for healing your sad heart, you must open up to your husband to express and share your feelings about your desires for your life together. Your marriage is new so give it the energy and communication it deserves. Do not settle for a sad heart. Love with all your heart. Ask\_Andy@aol.com

Sources: [www.historyextra.com](http://www.historyextra.com), [www.pens.com](http://www.pens.com).



## ArtPath/Public Art on the River Trail

*submitted by Katrina Daniels*

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## COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

2/8/2021

- To date SCHD has:
  - received 2,500 1st and 2nd doses
  - administered 1,982 doses
- Doses administered to date include individuals aged 65+, healthcare, police, fire, EMS, and education.
- Clinic appointments for this week are scheduled for individuals aged 65 and older, child care professionals, and other individuals in priority group 1B.
- Individuals 65+ on SCHD's list will be randomly identified for upcoming vaccination appointments. SCHD will call to schedule an appointment.
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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Magnesium Fire Starters

Many years ago when the Weekly Sportsman was a Boy Scout there were a few standard things that were always carried either on a belt lanyard or in a pocket. The first, of course, was a jackknife and the second was some sort of fire starting apparatus. The latter was sometimes waterproof matches in a canister or a lighter but for the Weekly Sportsman it was a Hot Spark Fire Starter. Essentially a flint rod with a plastic handle and a metal alloy striker that when used together could shoot sparks into steel wool, dryer lint, grass, and even pine needles to help light dry kindling. If memory serves right this item could be purchased about 35 years ago for just under \$2.00 at the Camp TAPICO trading post. It is still available today through Boy Scout stores for \$4.99.

While the Hot Spark Fire Starter works quite well and the Weekly Sportsman started many fires with it there is actually a better option that is now available. Similar in concept, the Magnesium Fire Starter has the flint rod embedded in a block of magnesium and the metal alloy striker has a serrated edge. Before using the flint and metal alloy striker one should use the serrated edge to create a pile of magnesium shavings. The pile should be made right next to or on top of other dry fire starting fuel. Magnesium shavings are very flammable and burn really, really hot at a temperature of 5400 degrees. Most would say that carrying a lighter would be much easier but they sometimes wear out and always run out of fuel. This will always work no matter if it is wet or dry and as long as you are able to gather some dry tinder.

Consider one of these to carry in your pocket, or for a small survival kit, and maybe even as part of a go bag. For only \$1.99 this item may be purchased at Harbor Freight. A small price to pay for always being able to make fire whether camping or in a survival/emergency situation.

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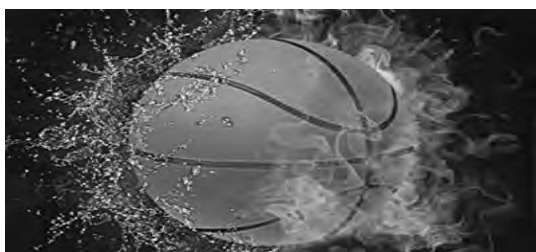
### Lady Bears Lose Opener to Breckenridge

by Ashleigh Shaw

Breckenridge came out scoring and the Lady Bears struggle from the field and after the first quarter the Bears were down 18-4, the shooting woes continued for Ashley and the game ended with Breckenridge winning 46-16.

Jenna Wirt lead Ashley with 11 points and 7 rebounds, Lydea Ergen chipped in three points and nabbed 13 rebounds, while Savannah Beebe scored two points and had 4 rebounds.

"It was good to see the kids allowed to get back on the court and able to play again. We have to work on finishing our shot opportunities around the basket and securing rebounds on the defensive end" exclaimed Coach Shaw.



### Wolfpack Girls Open 2021 Season with Impressive Win over St. Pats

LAINGSBURG -- The Covid-19 delayed 2021 basketball season finally got underway for coach Doug Hurst's Lady Wolfpack here February 9. The Wolves hosted a strong team from Portland St. Patrick -- and looked to be in mid-season form doing it.

LHS busted open a tight game with a 18-4 run in the third quarter, enroute to a 49-28 victory over the Shamrocks.

"I'm very proud of each of them," Hurst said of his Wolfpack girls. "It was a great win over a very good team."

Laingsburg was led by Grace Graham with 16 pts., 7 rebs. and 5 steals; Ellie Baynes 13 pts., 5 rebs. and two blocks; and Lorna Strieff 7 pts., 9 rebs. and 3 steals. Erica Wade added 6 pts., Julia Starr 3 pts., and Hayleigh Mertens and Dakota Ballard each with 2 pts.

As a team, the red-and-white collected 33 rebounds and 12 steals, forced 13 turnovers and went 11-for-13 from the charity stripe.

Baynes and Julia Starr each tossed in 3-point trifectas for the hosts.

This was the 1st game for both teams, starting out with a league battle and big game. Said Hurst, "This was a tough game to come out of the gates with. Being a league game and against one of the top teams picked in our league, St. Pats is very talented and a very tall team -- but our girls went into the game fired up and played very well throughout, keeping their focus. Each of them played tough.

"Grace (Graham) is our senior captain certainly led by example on the court, and the girls followed suit."

### Dansville Pins 47-29 Loss on Ovid-Elsie Girls in Cage Opener

OVID-ELSIE — Madison Cunningham scored 10 points but Ovid-Elsie fell to Dansville 47-29 in their 2021 season opener on February 9.

Caitlyn Walter scored five points with four steals for the Marauders. Hailee Campbell had three steals.

"We struggled all night with turnovers and our shots just didn't fall," Ovid-Elsie coach Ryan Cunningham said. We've got a young team trying to find its identity. Things will get better. But I won't take anything away from Dansville because they played hard and executed on both ends of the floor."

### Ashley Bears Suffer First Loss of Young Season to Breckenridge

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears got out to a slow a start in their first game of the season, getting down big to start the game 26-2 after the first quarter. Ashley came back to score evenly in the second quarter but struggle to score again in the second half. Breckenridge won the game 64-19.

Logan Drummond scored 5 points and had two rebounds, Aaron Drummond scored 4 points grabbing 9 rebounds, Grant Malek chipped in 4 points and dished out three assists. The Bears plan to focus on improving the consistency of their shooting to help them stay out of scoring droughts.

#### Mustangs Beat the Bears

The Mustangs of Montabella visited Ashley to take on the Bears in the second game of the season. At the end of the first quarter the Mustangs lead 16-8, but again the Ashley shooting woes kept them from staying in the game as they got outscored 12 in the second quarter to go down big at the half and struggled to catch up the rest of the game. The final score was 54-17, taken by Montabella.

Logan Drummond scored 12 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, Caden Passmore and Aaron Drummond both chipped in a basket. The Bears look to keep improving as their season continues.

## Sports

### Ovid-Elsie Scores 50-29 Win Over Railroaders in Boys' Opener

DURAND — Senior center Jackson Thornton scored 12 points with 10 rebounds and five steals and Ovid-Elsie opened the season by defeating Durand, 50-29 in MMAC action.

Jacob Tomasek scored nine points and Logan Thompson had seven points for the Marauders. Jacob Schaub scored six and Adam Barton chipped in four.

Gabe Lynn scored seven points for Durand, which was hurt by 30 turnovers and just one offensive rebound. Ben Nebo added six points.

### Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The OE Varsity keglers bowling against Chesaning on Saturday February 6 at Riverbend in Corunna.

The girls came out on top 30-0. High scores included: Emma Fox 136, Gracie Schultz 164, 135; Mikayla Kelley 212, 203; Lizzy Underhill 193.

The boys were also on the winning side 28-2. High scores included: Ian Hehrer 151, 179; Tommy Terpening 147; Evan Hehrer 193; Clay Wenzlick 189; Steve Zedemont 157, 188, Corbin Kelley 156.

Next up is New Lothrop on Feb. 11th at 5:30 at Grand Blanc Lanes. On Saturday Feb. 13th against Lakeville at 1pm at Colonial Lanes.




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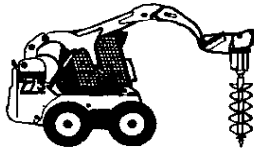
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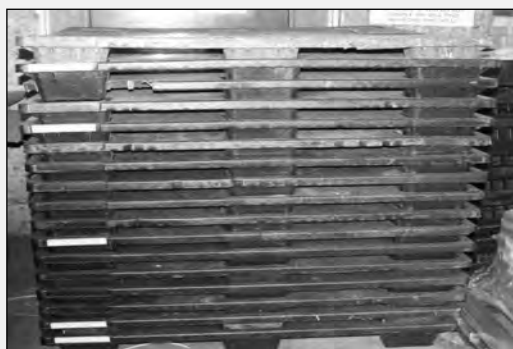
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