

Fire Destroys Former Jumbo's Bar in Downtown Owosso



by Deb Price

At approximately 9:15 on Thursday night, April 1st, a fire broke out in the former Jumbo's Bar located at the corner of Washington and Comstock in downtown Owosso. Multiple fire departments assisted the Owosso and Corunna departments attacking the blaze.

Several people gathered across the street to watch the fire departments as they fought the fire. The area had heavy smoke coming from the two story structure. The fire remains under investigation.

Jumbo's was the place to go to have lunch, meet up with friends or just relax after a hard days work. The original owner of the 55 year old business, Pat Mahoney, aka "Jumbo", was known for the best burgers in town. It was also the place to be on St. Patrick's Day. The specialties were the Jumbo burger and the heart attack burger which consisted of a 2/3 pound beef patty on two grilled cheese sandwiches topped with bacon and onions. My favorite was the regular burger topped with bar cheese. I would meet my Mother-In-Law, Bobbie Price, for lunch. She who worked for Shapiro Automotive which was located at the time across the street from Jumbos.

Owners of the location, Todd & Shelly Sydow, purchased the bar from the family of Joe Merkel in 2016. They closed the popular bar on March 22, 2020. Neighboring businesses include Cup Cakes & Kisses and Maurer Heating and Cooling. As of press time on Friday, April 2nd, the cause of the fire has not been determined. *Photos by Dean Paxton*

Arthur Honored for Sales Achievement



Edward J. Arthur, Ovid, Michigan, a representative of Modern Woodmen of America, has been named to Modern Woodmen's President's Cabinet.

This distinction recognizes Arthur's high achievement in the sales of financial products to meet families' protection, savings and retirement needs. Arthur ranks among the organization's top representatives nationwide.

The local Modern Woodmen office is located at 9790 E M 21, Ovid. Contact

Arthur at 989-834-3300 for more information.

Founded in 1883, Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal financial services organization offering financial products and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

Duplain Annual Meeting

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – The annual meeting of Duplain Township was held Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the Duplain Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2021-2022 budget, approve road contracts for the fiscal year and additional annual actions.

Annual action was taken to approve the 2021-2022 general fund budget with the following changes increases in the assessor's compensation, caring for the Colony Cemetery, salary for officials and deputies to align with comparable townships, and increases in a number of line items. There were decreases in election related items because this fiscal year is not an election cycle. The budget reflects actual costs which should reduce the need for amending the budget during the year.

Emergency Services Budget was approved \$6.00 per capita and an increase of \$2,000 for Clinton Area Ambulance Service totaling \$17,000 and the Elsie Area Fire/Rescue ready to serve fee \$30.359 per capita for a total of \$71,740.86.

The road contracts totaling \$154,000, \$90,000 is the township commitment noting that matching funds were not utilized last year, those funds were rolled over for this year. This reflects two years of matching funds.

Officials took formal action to set meeting dates and times, the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm; the 2022-2023 annual meeting March 26, 2022, 10 am and designated

Administrative actions included the designation of depositories at Journey Federal Credit Union and 1% administration fee was added to the summer and winter taxes. In addition, approval to continue with the current auditors.

Annual contributions were approved: Elsie Public Library \$3,500; Tri County Council of Aging Meals on Wheels \$700; and recycling the Village of Elsie, \$1,000. In addition, Elsie Village Park grounds and improvements updates if requested.

The Rochester Colony contracts were approved that included Friendship Park port-a-johns May to October ; the mowing contract with Don Kramer in the amount of \$3,200 and the Colony Cemetery maintenance contract with Family Tree Lawn Care LLC, \$10,800.

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Happy Easter
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Social

Ovid Historical Society



is located at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

Welcome Spring! The first meeting of the Ovid Historical Society for 2021 will be on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Mary Myers Museum. We welcome all members and their guests to attend. The museum

Greater Laingsburg's Recyclers Next Drive in May

LAINGSBURG — Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 in Michigan, recycling now will not resume until May.

If recycling is able to resume in May, the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers will not be accepting plastics Nos. 3-7, glass or electronics.

The group will accept No. 1 and 2 plastic, cardboard, metals, mixed office paper, newspaper and magazines.



Laingsburg Lions Chicken Dinner



The Laingsburg Lions Club will hold their chicken dinner that is normally held during the Springtime Festival on Saturday, May 8th. The one day only event will start at 11am and end at 6pm. The DRIVE-THRU only event will take place at the ECEC Building. The menu will consist of 1/2 BBQ Chicken, corn, cole slaw and a roll. The cost is \$10 per dinner. To pre-

order dinners, call Ed Arthur at (517)896-5338 or the Lions at (517)525-4598. Call today and place your order and help support the Lions who in turn support the Laingsburg Community.

The Springtime Festival raffle tickets are also now on sale and are available from any Lions member or at Sage Market, Leonard Hardware, Twilliger's, Meridian Weekly in Ovid or Carts-R-Us in Owosso. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. First prize is a Custom Golf Cart, 2nd prize, \$500, 3rd prize, Grill from Leonard Hardware, 4th prize, \$400 meat bundle and 5th prize is a mystery prize. The drawing will be held on Monday, May 31st at 3pm. You need not be present to win. The 2021 Laingsburg Springtime Festival will kick off on Thursday evening, May 27th and run thru Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program New Financial Guidelines

submitted by Becky Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. is taking applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

Persons sixty years of age or older (130% Federal Poverty Guidelines) may be eligible. To qualify, individuals must live in Shiawassee County and meet program guidelines.

130% Poverty level: Family of 1 \$16,477; Family of 2 \$22,646; Family of 3 \$28,548. Each additional member add: \$5,902.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin April 6, 2021 at Capital Area Community Services, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso. 9am to 12 Noon and 1pm to 4pm.

April 6th will be drive thru only.

If you have any questions call 989-723-3115.

Calling All True Country Western-Rock-Folk Music Lovers

submitted by Michael Vinson

It's about time for us to discuss the possibility of doing our music right here in our community of Ovid. On Saturday, April 10th from 2pm-until finished try-outs will be conducted at my home located at 639 N. Warren Road, Ovid, MI 48866.

My goal is to gather old school Country & Western, Rock and Folk musicians and vocalists that appreciate the likes of Randy Travis, Allen Jackson, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette just to name a few.

Bring your instruments and your voices. This will be a Full-Dress Rehearsal, cowboy/cowgirl, rock and folk style. Ages 5 to 95 are welcome. For more information please contact me by email at BJVG7B@gmail.com or by text only at (517)285-4138.



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Thank You

The family of Joe Houska would like to thank everyone who called, visited, sent cards and food, supplies and flowers, prayers and Masses at the time of Joe's death. It was all greatly appreciated. A Thank You to those who dropped things off and left without us knowing who you were.

Thank You to Margaret Horak, Father David Jenuwine, Tom Bradley and Everett Smith for the Memorial Services. Thank You to Elsie Rescue and Clinton Area Ambulance.

Thank You, Smith Family Funeral Home for making Joe's passing as easy as possible. You sure went above and beyond for us.

Joyce, Joe and Kris, Jan and Todd, Julie and Russ, Jeff and Carrie, and families



Obituaries

Joseph Coe

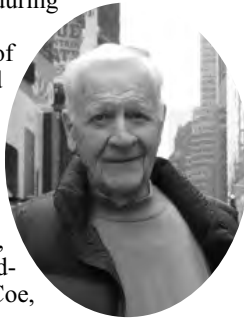
Joseph Coe, of Lake Orion, Michigan, passed away peacefully during Holy Week at the age of 86. The cause was lung disease.

Joe was born Christmas Day, 1934 to Thomas and Sarah Coe of Laingsburg, MI. He was a star athlete at Laingsburg High, and returned there briefly as a teacher and coach after earning his degree from Alma College. He spent his entire life as an educator, much of it as a principal at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills, MI, mentoring thousands of students.

Joe leaves behind the eight children he raised: Mary Archer, Margaret Mrdeza, Monica Slopnick, Tom Archer, Jeff Coe, Jim Archer, Stephanie DeSalvio, and Libby Aho. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and his three surviving siblings: David Coe, Patrick Coe, and Sally Freeman.

Out of concern for others in this time of Covid, Joe wished for a small, private family service. He will be buried at Laingsburg's Mount Olivet Cemetery. Donations in his name can be made to the medical heroes who cured him of cancer at the University of Michigan's Alfred A Taubman Institute. <https://leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/med/taubman>

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences and memories of Joe can be shared at <https://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com>



Shiawassee Community Foundation Board Changes

submitted by Lora Phelps

The Shiawassee Community Foundation is transitioning leadership within the board. After 19 years as president and 23 years on the board, Don Levi has stepped down as president, but will remain a board member. Patrick Wegman II, who was formerly the Vice President, is now serving as President, while board member Tricia Murphy-Alderman is stepping into the Vice President role.



Brent Jones

The foundation would like to welcome Brent Jones to its board of directors this month. He is a 2003 Owosso graduate who holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University. Brent has worked with the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership since April 2008, where he is currently the Vice President. He has also served on the Shiawassee United Way board from 2013-2015. Welcome, Brent!

The foundation is also bidding a fond farewell to board member, Becky Landris. Becky stepped onto the board in 2015 and served on the Scholarships and Grants committee. She retired from Durand Area Schools after serving many years as a School Counselor. Becky was not only involved on the board, but she has been involved in other organizations serving the Durand community including Durand Rotary. The Foundation appreciates her involvement and wishes her well in her future endeavors. Thank you for your many years of service.



Patrick Wegman II

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The Shiawassee County Health Department is currently seeking medical and non-medical volunteers to assist with mass vaccination clinics. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please log onto <https://hipaa.jotform.com/210674247790056> for the medical volunteer form, or <https://hipaa.jotform.com/210753452588057> for the non-medical volunteer form.

The Shiawassee County Health Department will send an email to those who register when volunteer opportunities are available. Please note that individuals that sign up to volunteer may not be needed every week as clinics are based on vaccine allocation. All volunteers will be asked to fill out volunteer paperwork and are required to go through a background check.

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OLD THINGS & COLLECTIBLES: Cast metal hotel counter bell, Dixie Cup ice cream tops, View Master viewers & cards w/1953 Major League BB players, Stamp collection, Commemoratives, First Day Issue envelopes 1992-2000, Dick & Janâe flash cards, Crock bowls set, (4) First edition Tarzan books, Old car manuals & repair books, (4) 1956 Chevy NOS wheel covers, (4) 1957 Chevy rims, (2) 1957 Chevy disc brake wheels, '57 Chevy RC car NIB, 78 RPM records Country Music artist, Few old books, BSR turn table, Griswold & Wagner fry pans, Barbie doll case, doll clothes, doll chest, Depression pink & green glass, Sun Rubber & Mobley rubber toys
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Regulator wall clock, (14) Oil lamps, (5) Golden Replicas of US stamps albums, (45) Old bottles Marbles, Dinner bell (complete)

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Obituaries

Delores Robinson

Delores Henrietta Robinson, 83, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

A Graveside Service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI, on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.

Delores was born in Lansing, MI on September 4, 1937, the daughter of Henry and Doris (Darby) Sherman. She graduated from Bath High School. Delores married Dick L. Robinson on February 22, 1969 in St. Johns, MI. They celebrated 39 years of marriage prior to his passing on August 14, 2008. She was a homemaker. She loved Jesus and she also enjoyed gardening, Elvis and cats. She was a person who wanted to care for everyone in her family.

She is survived by her son Terry Robinson of Williamston, MI; 2 grandsons: Terry C. Robinson of St. Johns, MI; Thomas Robinson of St. Johns, MI; 3 great grandchildren; and 2 brothers: Dan and Martha Sherman of Bath, MI; and Ernie and Candy Sherman of Perry, MI. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



Jeanette Louise Gruesbeck

Jeanette Louise Gruesbeck, 85, of Ovid, MI, passed away peacefully Monday, March 29, 2021, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns.

Funeral Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Friday, April 2, 2021. Elder Dan Earl officiated. Burial will be held at a later date at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Jeanette was born in Ovid, MI on June 17, 1935, the daughter of D.O. and Georgia E. (Thompson) Wakefield. She graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1953.

On December 26, 1953, Jeanette married Rolland D. Gruesbeck in Angola, IN. He passed away on September 1, 2014 after nearly 51 years of marriage.

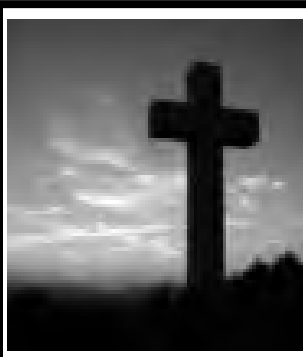
Jeanette's family was the most important thing to her. She enjoyed camping and taking the grandchildren on trips. She liked to eat frostys, cheeseburgers, french fries and ice cream. Jeanette was an avid reader and a faithful follower of her soap operas. She was a great cook and always enjoyed fixing big family meals. She and Rolland enjoyed Friday game nights with family and friends. She was one of the last surviving "Ovid Rejects" camping group.

Jeanette is survived by 3 children: Joanne Hauk, Bryan (Char) Gruesbeck, and Rick (Judy) Gruesbeck; 5 grandchildren: Adam (Brandi) Gruesbeck, April (Chad) Crane, Ashley (Dallas) Day, Kira (Robert) Adams, and Bryn (Dmitry) Hauk; 8 great grandchildren: McKenzie, Ryan, Kamryn, Brayden, Payten, Reagan, Oliver, and Rowan; and 3 great great grandchildren: Max, Trinity, and Cason. She is also survived by 2 siblings: Donna Allen and Ronald (Sue) Wakefield. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Rolland, and infant sister Connie.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



Today is Easter, but what does it mean? It's a time of renewal for each and everything.
--Sharon Gardner



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Edward Frank Fornusek, Jr.

Edward Frank Fornusek Jr., age 70, of Bannister, MI, passed away at home after a short battle with cancer, on Thursday, April 1, 2021 surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., with Rev. Fr. Ronald J. Essman officiating. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery Gratiot County, MI. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 5, 2021 from 2-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI. A Prayer Service will be held at 6:30 P.M. and a Lodge Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Masks will be required at the funeral home for visitation and at the church for the funeral mass.

Edward was born in St. Johns, MI on November 29, 1950, the son of Edward Sr. and Alice (Hrncharik) Fornusek. He was a 1968 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and served with the U.S. Army in the 57th MP Company at West Point. Edward married his wife Joanne (Ward) on November 11, 1972, in Cornwall, NY. He worked for the CSX Railroad, the U.S. Postal Service and was a sales representative for Western Fraternal Life. He was a lifelong member of the Bannister ZCBJ Lodge #225 and St. Cyril's Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, attending his granddaughters' school activities and working in his vegetable garden. During the Ashley Country Christmas he served as postmaster, sending all of the children's letters to the North Pole.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years along with his children: Ed and Donnielle Fornusek of Bannister, MI, and Amy Fornusek of Houghton Lake, MI. He is also survived by granddaughters: Christa and Rachel Fornusek of Bannister, MI, sister Carol Ann and John Snyder of Owosso, MI, brother-in-law Joseph and Anne Leigh Ward of Scarsdale, NY and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Joseph and Sheila Ward, daughter Karen, sister-in-law Mary Albarino of Cornwall, NY and nephew Douglas Strachota of Owosso.

Memorials may be made to the Bannister ZCBJ Lodge #225 or to a Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.





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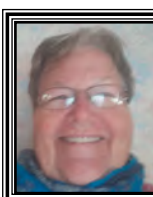
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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Food Bank in Elsie. Next we baked about eight or nine dozen chocolate chip cookies and four loaves of plain white bread. Isabella mastered the use of an ice cream scoop to form perfectly round cookies. Of course it was a two handed maneuver....she had a bit of trouble using the release lever. However, she was in her element, because she got to wear her kitchen apron and she was queen of the kitchen. Being a six year old she did a marvelous job on washing the mixing bowl, measuring cups, and of course the cookie sheets. The kitchen counter and floor might have gotten a tad bit wetter than anticipated but it all worked out well. I believe that she ate a dozen cookies with chocolate milk all by herself.....she also packaged two dozen cookies for Mom and Dad and another two dozen for Grandpa Brent and Diane.

We then moved onto the making of the homemade bread. I put the contents together in the large mixing bowl and Isabella managed to knead the bread all by herself. She had to stand on a stool to become elevated enough to do the work. Occasionally I would hear, "GG, this is very hard.....is it ready yet or do I knead it more?" She did a marvelous job, better than some adults that I know.....as we let the dough rest Isabella was eager to put it into loaves. Her first loaf looked a bit wonky but her second one was much improved. As the loaves raised we delivered cookies to the farm.

While at the farm, Izzy was able to help gather the eggs....though some of the hens weren't as easygoing as others. She remained unscathed by their bills and managed not to get pecked. She was delighted to pet the goats and to spend time in the pen with them. She is waiting for the baby goats to arrive and asked Grandma Diane when the chickens were going to have babies....I believe that Diane told her that she didn't plan on any chicks this year. Later Izzy asked me what Diane's plans had to do with hatching chicks. "Do the chickens need instructions from Diane?" Izzy has a very enquiring mind.

Tuesday was a very mellow day, which was a good thing. Wednesday morning I was to have Tigger and Paws up to Gratiot Animal's In Need to be neutered. They were not real happy because I took their water and food away from them at 7 PM Tuesday evening. They had their usual run of the house until 7AM when they were put into carriers for their trip up to St Louis. The boys lamented loudly all the way up to GAIN, fortunately they were numbers three and four on the list and I was able to pick them up at tenish. Quietly they rode home and were happy to have their carriers opened in the bathroom. Poor fellas staggered out and flopped down on the rug. They should be up to snuff tomorrow morning.

While I waited for the cats to be ready for their return trip home, I made a quick trip up to Herrick's in Clare where I had a nice breakfast and picked up a supply of my favorite coffee. Yes, I still need to go to work this afternoon.....oh and zip over to Maple Rapids to check out a food wagon at four. Nothing else planned except work on Thursday and bake lots of cookies for the kids to frost on Saturday. I do believe that is all that I intend to do this week. But then plans have been known to change at times..... Be flexible and enjoy life, may God continue to bless us all. Be safe and be renewed....it is the season for new beginnings.

Crystal Mitchell©2021

Can you believe this....I thought that I would have a very easy going week.....not so much. Isabella came and spent Sunday evening and Monday with me. First we delivered a baker's dozen of eggs to the

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Matthew 7:1-2

There are some parts of the Bible that non-christians know of and this is one of them. What are we to make of what Jesus says here? Is He saying that we literally can never pass judgment on someone or something else? Not at all.

First, in the context of the passage, Jesus is talking about not judging others hypocritically.

In verses 3-5 Jesus says, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Jesus says that we can judge in order to "...remove the speck from your brother's eye." As long as we don't do so hypocritically. That is, we shouldn't take a brother or sister to task for a sin which we ourselves are currently committing.

Second, there are other Scriptures which tell us that we must make judgments. For example, Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22, *"Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22

Romans 12:2 says, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* - Romans 12:2

In Revelation 2:2, Jesus says, *"I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false."* - Revelation 2:1-2

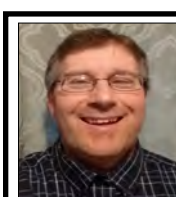
Any type of judging that we do should be in love and humility. Judging should be aided by Scripture and the Holy Spirit. We should judge ideas and belief systems to be lead further to the truth. We should judge others to help them come to know God or know God better; that is, for their benefit.

Proverbs 28:13 says, *"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."*

Paul in Galatians writes, *"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."*

- Galatians 6:1

Notice that we should restore the person "gently." Not meanly or harshly, but gently.



Religious Thoughts

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The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021 at a meeting of the Planning Commission starting at 7:00 P.M. to consider amendment to the City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance"); the following is a list of proposed amendments and their effects.

- Amendments to Sections 515, 601, 837 – To eliminate the marihuana microbusiness use as a permitted use within the City of Laingsburg as provided for in the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, Public Act 281 of 2016 and the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, being MCL 333.27951 et seq.
- Amendments to Sections 203 and 424 – To provide for the general use and location requirements of solar energy systems. The recommended changes establish requirements for associated placement, land development, installation and construction regulations of solar energy installations.

Any persons wishing to address these issues should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than April 16, 2021:

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Senior Spotlight

Alzheimer’s Patients Claims

Submitted by Vonda Van Til, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist



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Happy Easter - Eat Chocolate Bunnies

Dear Andy,

What does the Easter Bunny have to do with the Resurrection of Christ? Isn’t that what Easter is supposed to be about? Annoyed by Commercialization of Religious Holidays

Dear Annoyed,

Good question. The answer is “Nothing”. The Easter Holiday is a Christian celebration with the belief that Jesus, the Son of God was crucified and resurrected to give forgiveness to the world for their sins, if they chose to believe, according to the Holy Bible in the Book of John, Chapter 3, Verse 16. There are several references to this monumental event occurring in the Spring in all the translations of the Christian scriptures. But there is nothing about some long-earned cotton-tailed creature in the Bible or any other religious publications that I could find.

For many people it is a time to gather and remember while they worship with church friends and family. For even many other people it is a time to just celebrate family. This year especially! Since many of us have been separated from in-person gatherings for over a year, this will be a special year for everyone. Families gather to have dinner and Easter Egg hunts. Eggs are the symbol of rebirth. Families are having a special rebirth this year after our difficult challenges of social distancing and uncertainty of jobs and finances.

The celebration of Spring and the Vernal Equinox historically stem from the pagan roots. Prior to Easter it was one of the many celebrated days in honor of seasons and events when pre-Christian ideals were accepted, people worshiped several gods and goddesses. Eggs are an ancient symbol of Spring and new life. The Teutonic Deity, Eostra was the goddess of spring and fertility. Her symbol was a Rabbit because they reproduced abundantly in the spring.

The first Easter Bunny legend was written in the 1500’s. Stories of bunnies hiding eggs for children in the garden. The stories and folklore were brought to the United States when people migrated in the 1700. The legends became traditions to celebrate Easter Sunday with eggs, and rabbits ie The Easter Bunny. The two traditions were incorporated at that time to celebrate Easter and bunnies on the same special day of family gatherings, rebirth of spring with the rebirth of Christ and his followers.

Eventually, over the last 400 years egg decorating has become an admired form of art. Chocolate covered marshmallow bunnies, eggs and peeps© have become a significant part of family celebrations and a profitable business. The National Retail Federation survey for 2021 reported that 79% of Americans are planning on celebrating Easter with family with purchases on the average of nearly \$180 per family. It is the highest amount in the survey’s history for Easter.

This past year has been a difficult year emotionally and financially for most families. Commercialization is part of marketing towards people’s needs and desires. It is nothing against Spiritual or Religious beliefs. It is just business. Consumers are taking advantage of their stimulus checks to share in the joy of getting together by having big dinners, giving Easter gifts and candy.

So, let’s celebrate life, death, rebirth and forgiveness during this Easter Holiday Spring season. We still need to be careful - wear masks and do not go to gatherings if you have not been vaccinated or have been exposed or having any symptoms of COVID, stay home. We have come a long way, but we still have a way to go on this journey of recovery and eradication of this virus. According to the CDC, until you are vaccinated, you can still be a carrier of the virus without outward or obvious symptoms. Be Diligent. And, eat chocolate bunnies and lemon meringue pie! Happy Easter! ask_andy@aol.com



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Senior Spotlight

How To Prepare for Your Vaccination Appointment

Millions of people are receiving COVID-19 vaccinations every day. Projections from the United States government estimate that much of the country's adult population will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer, providing hope that life can soon return to some semblance of normalcy.



After booking a vaccination appointment, people can take various steps to ensure their vaccinations go as smoothly as possible.

- Bring your identification. A photo ID, such as a driver's license, can be used to verify your name in the vaccination system. Though some vaccination sites may not require photo identification, some are asking for ID in order to confirm vaccine recipients are eligible members of groups currently considered priority. So anyone with photo identification should bring it along to their vaccination appointment.

- Bring your health insurance card. COVID-19 vaccinations are being administered at no cost to individuals. But individuals should still bring their health insurance cards if they have one. That's because vaccine providers are still billing applicable insurers/government plans for the administration of the vaccine. These charges will not cost individuals anything.

- Wear your mask. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that vaccine recipients and the health care workers administering vaccines will both need to wear masks that cover their noses and mouths during the appointment. The CDC also urges people to remain six feet away from others while inside and in line.

- Ask for information about the vaccine you received. The three vaccines currently being administered in the United States are the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals should receive information about which vaccine they receive. The CDC notes that each COVID-19 vaccine has its own fact sheet that contains information to help recipients understand the risks and benefits of receiving that vaccine.

- Expect to be monitored on-site. After receiving their vaccines, individuals should expect to be monitored on-site. The monitoring period may vary depending on how busy the administration site is, but individuals should expect to be monitored for any adverse symptoms for no less than 15 minutes.

- Expect to be given a vaccination card. Recipients of the vaccine will be given vaccination cards indicating which vaccine they received and when and where they received it. Keep this card in a safe place.

- Book your second appointment. The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are two-dose vaccinations, while the Johnson & Johnson's vaccine is a single dose. Individuals who receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine should get their second shot three weeks after their first, while Moderna vaccine recipients should get their second shot four weeks after their first. The CDC advises against getting the second shot earlier than the recommended interval, but notes that the second dose may given up to six weeks after the first dose. Recipients should go back to the same vaccination site to receive their second dose.

- Learn about the side effects. Vaccine recipients can access information about the potential side effects of COVID-19 vaccines at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>. The CDC advises against taking over-the-counter medications like ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin, or antihistamines prior to vaccination for the purpose of trying to prevent side effects. If side effects appear after vaccination, individuals are urged to speak with their physicians about how to address them.

More information about vaccinations is available at www.cdc.gov.

How to Help Seniors Adapt to Technology

If seniors have had a hard time adapting to technology, their families can try these strategies to make that transition go more smoothly.

Children, adolescents and young adults likely cannot imagine a life without modern technology. Technology may have pervaded every part of life in the 21st century, but it wasn't so long ago that phones were still attached to walls and people had to watch their favorite shows and films exclusively on televisions instead of having the option to watch them on devices like smartphones and tablets.

The transition to life in the age of technology went smoothly for most segments of the population, but some aging adults have had a more difficult time making the adjustment. That difficulty was apparent throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, when public health agencies like the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged aging adults to limit interactions with people outside their homes. Such recommendations forced many seniors to communicate with their families exclusively over the phone or via video conferencing apps like Zoom.

If seniors have had a hard time adapting to technology, their families can try these strategies to make that transition go more smoothly.

- Go over product manuals with seniors. The senior caregiving experts at Home Care Assistance note that older adults are less likely to learn through experimentation than they are by reading instructions in the manual. When helping seniors learn to use new devices, go over the owner's manual with them as you set up the device. Mark important pages in the manual so seniors know where to go for quick answers if they experience any issues logging in or using certain apps.

- Look for senior-specific devices and guidebooks. When shopping for devices for seniors, look for those that have been designed to help them overcome issues that have proven problematic for aging adults in the past. Devices that feature touchscreens with large menus, easily accessible navigation tools and simplified features can help seniors as they learn to use new technology.

- Be patient. Some seniors are excited by the prospect of learning to use new technology, while others may be hesitant. Patience is essential when working with an aging loved one who's intimidated by technology. Take the time to explain apps and features and don't take it for granted that seniors will know how to use a device or recognize what a device can do.

Today's seniors may not have grown up with technology at their fingertips, but they can still learn to use devices to their advantage.



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Sports

Laingsburg Seniors

Once again it's that one post I always dread as a head coach. Having to Say good bye to my seniors , and a big Thank you! The last 4 yrs these 5 seniors have dedicated their time to girls basketball.

Shaily Baynes, Grace Graham, Gabby Paquet, Hayleigh Mertens, and Saige Wurm. They have been a pleasure to coach. You honestly won't find a nicer group of girls. They have earned my respect and love over the last 4 years, and like any family we had many laughs/tears and even arguments, and frustration, but that's what every family goes through! And yes I call them my family (my basketball family! Once a Wolfpack always Wolfpack in my my heart) and all the underclassmen deserve praise as well. All 11 girls have been fun to coach, and worked hard, they also deserve a thank you.

We set goals as a team and achieved a great deal this season, and we also stumbled at times this season, but we always picked



Good Bye and Thank You Seniors: Pictured here with coach Hurst are his Seniors, Shaily Barnes, Grace Graham, Gabby Paquet, Hayleigh Martens and Saige Wurm. The Lady Wolfpack went 8-4 overall this season and made it to the District Championship against the number 5 rated team in Class C, the Byron Eagles.

ourselves back up and we moved forward and learned from it. Great job girls!!

Over all 8-4, 6-2 league, made it to The District championship. We hung tough against the number 5 team in class C.

I challenged this team all season about heart and mental toughness, and last night was no different, and they never disappointed, they gave their best. Thank you to all the girls! As well to my Asst. Coaches! Eric Wade, Tim Beebe and JVG coaches Julia Angst, Katie Chalker.

Parsons and Workman Head to State Finals

LANSING — Ovid-Elsie freshman 103-pounder Talan Parsons captured an individual Division 3 regional championship March 27 at Lansing Sexton.

Parsons improved his record to 21-0 by defeating Jack Chambers of Williamston, 4-2, in the finals. Coach Kyle Spiess Marauders also qualified Parsons' freshman teammate, Cole Workman, who placed third at 112 pounds and is also headed to the Division 3 State Finals.

Marauder Bowlers Compete

On Thursday, March 25th, the Marauders boys team competed at Jax 60 Lanes in Jackson, Michigan, the site of the state finals team event. It was a rough day for the Marauders as they finished last in the 12 team field. The format for the day was 8 games of Bakera and 2 games of Peterson. In the Petersons, Ian Hehrer had games of 154, 158, Tommy Terpening, 170, 148 and Evan Hehrer, 158, 205.

The following day, March 26th, four Marauders, 2 boys and 2 girls competed in state singles. The format 6 games, total pins, top 16 of the 60 person field would enter into a roll-off. Ian Hehrer finished 31st with games of 210, 189, 167, 164, 202, Evan Hehrer finished 57th with games of 128, 145, 191, 148, 162, 141. Mikayla Kelley finished 38th with scores of 172, 153, 149, 166, 152, 141. Morgan Gouglass finished 57th with scores of 144, 151, 142, 124, 122, 138.

Overall it was a great year for O-E bowling. Both the boys and girls finished the season undefeated and won the conference. "I was very happy for the kids and the year they had especially competing during a pandemic, I am very proud of them all," said coach Matt Fabus.

The fund raiser golf outing to support the Marauder bowling teams will take place on Sunday, July 18th. Sign up forms will be available soon.





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Sports

Wolfpack Girls Hang Tough, Byron Bulls Way to Second Straight District Title

LAINGSBURG -- Give 'B' (Byron) an 'A' for resiliency. The host Wolfpack spotted undefeated Byron a 12-0 lead, then outscored the Eagles the rest of the way, but a furious rally fell short in the fourth quarter.

The end result was a 47-37 victory that secured a second-straight Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Girls Basketball District title for BHS, and an unblemished 18-0 record they'll carry into MHSAA Regional Play.

Veteran coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack finished a Covid-shortened season at 8-4. "This year's group is equal to one of the hardest working ones I've ever had," Hurst said. "We just played above and beyond the whole season. I am just so proud of them."

"You've got to play with heart and you've got to have mental toughness and they did that, every one of them did that (tonight). "They never quit and they hung in there."

Eagle All-Stater Sarah Marvin had 22 points and 20 rebounds — eclipsing 1,000 rebounds in her career — and Byron was limited to just seven players, playing without senior Makayla Clement and sophomore Reese Forgie.

Makayla's sister, Makenna Clement sunk a corner '3' to stake the Eagles to a 12-0 lead midway through the first quarter. Laingsburg's floor game and defense looked good -- especially when Hurst opted out of a zone to man-to-man 'D' midway through the first quarter -- but the Wolves' shooting touch was way off. "At halftime we told the girls to stop 'chucking' the ball and start shooting it," Hurst said. "We got better in the second half."

As it was, three-point shooting kept the Wolves in the game. After trailing 14-4 after one quarter, Julia Starr hit two critical treys, and Lorna Strieff added 5 points, as LHS closed the gap to 19-11 at the intermission.

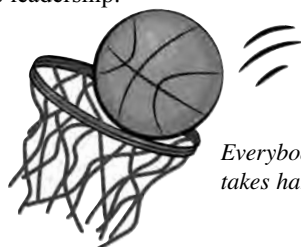
The three-ball was also critical to Laingsburg's run at the Eagles in the second half. Ellie Baynes opened the third quarter with a long ball, and later knocked one down off the glass as the red-and-white moved to within 31-25. Baynes took a feed from Grace Graham, and moments later Starr hit another '3.' With 6:00 to play, LHS trailed just 33-30.

That's when the burly Marvin took over. When she wasn't drawing fouls and going to the line, she was driving the floor and dishing to teammates. A final '3' by Erica Wade got the Wolves within 41-33, but then Byron closed it out at the free throw stripe -- including 8 points from Marvin at the line in the waning moments.

"We made a couple runs at them," said Hurst. "But when we made a run, they answered back. That's the sign of good, senior-led team. Give Byron a lot of credit."

Laingsburg scoring went like this: Graham 10 points, Starr 9, Baynes 8, Strieff 5, Wade 3 and Hayleigh Mertens 2.

Clement scored 15 points for the Eagles to complement Marvin's leadership.



Everybody has talent, but ability takes hard work.

--Michael Jordan



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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CWD Update 2020-2021

Recently the Weekly Sportsman had the chance to participate in a summary briefing on the 2020 chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance program for free-ranging deer. The briefing was given by State wildlife Veterinarian Kelly Stratka and given to the Michigan Conservation Coalition. Just like everything else lately COVID-19 played a role in disrupting what has been a very comprehensive state-wide sampling of the deer herd in past years.

The Michigan DNR began testing free-ranging deer for CWD in 2012 and detected the first presence of the disease in 2015. To date over 80,000 deer have been tested for CWD with the largest samples coming in 2018 with 30,000 and 2019 with 20,000. The purpose of the surveillance program offers all hunters statewide to have their deer tested but also to detect areas of CWD where it was not known to exist and to determine appropriate frequency and effort needed to determine future monitoring. This last year only a little over 2,000 deer were tested and the low sample size can be blamed directly on COVID-19. Reduced check stations and the temporary closure of the testing lab along with a reduced number of hunters submitting samples are believed to be the primary reason for such low numbers.

On the upside the testing did not detect CWD outside of the already eight confirmed counties in the lower peninsula and one in the upper peninsula. For 2021 the DNR hopes to return to a more aggressive year of testing and with the focus switching to the southernmost counties located along the Ohio and Indiana borders. To date Indiana remains disease free but a buck and a doe have recently tested positive in Ohio. The DNR will continue to make early detection a high priority but like past years this can only be successful when hunters voluntarily submit samples to be tested. Make sure you do your part to help manage CWD in Michigan's free-ranging whitetail deer herd.

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Leslie Nips Wolfpack

LESLIE -- The Laingsburg varsity wrestling team rolled to victory over Byron, then lost an oh-so-close Regional Finals match to the Leslie Blackhawks in MHSAA Team Regional action.

"It was a nail-biter," veteran coach Shawn Baynes said of the Wolves' 44-36 to the Blackhawks. Before that, the 'Pack forged a convincing 63-16 victory over the Byron Eagles, for their 9th and final team win of the 2021 season.

Byron broke through for wins at 160 lbs., 189 and 285; other than that, the Wolfpack dominated. Blake Goetschy at 103, Gabby Motz 112, Martin Meyers 119, Desire Knoblauch 125, Garrett Matthews 130, Aden Baynes 135, Dakota Dysinger 140, Noah Genter 145, Kyle Boettcher 152 and Sean Divine 215 all scored 6-point wins for LHS, and Bryce Smith added a 3-point, 5-4 decision over Byron's Canyon Butterfield at 171 to complete the scoring for the Wolves.

The Leslie match bounced back and forth. Laingsburg dominated the lighter weights, with Goetschy at 103, Motz 112 and Meyers 119 all posting 6-point wins. The 'Hawks ran the table at 125, 130, 140, 145, and 152, with only Aden Baynes forfeit win at 135 stemming the tide. Leslie then put the match away by collecting wins through the heart of the Wolfpack roster, include big wins at 215, 189 and 160 lbs.

The Wolves' season continued with four qualifiers at the MHSAA Individual State Finals (see related story).

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submitted by Norm Martin

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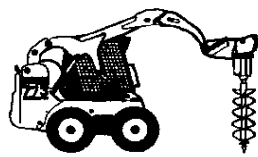
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The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Michigan has added a second selection period for 2021 Conservation Stewardship Program funding for applications received by April 16. The Conservation Stewardship Program helps farmers and forest landowners earn payments for implementing new conservation activities while maintaining agricultural production on their land. CSP also encourages adoption of new technologies and management techniques.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is offered in Michigan through continuous signups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. The program is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an American Indian tribe. The Conservation Stewardship Program is available statewide with additional funding targeted to northwest Michigan through the Tribal Stream and Michigan Fruitbelt Collaborative, a project funded through the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

For additional information about the Conservation Stewardship Program, contact your local service center. USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. Producers can also apply online using the farmers.gov portal. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with NRCS, Farm Service Agency, or any other Service Center agency should call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment.



LAINGSBURG SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN Round-Up Scheduled



We are excited to announce that it's that time of year again! Laingsburg Community Schools is compiling a list of students for our annual KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, **APRIL 21 & 22**. If you have a child, who will be five years of age by September 1, 2021, please contact the Early Childhood Education Center at **517-651-3100** or Laingsburg Elementary at **517-651-5067** to register. Students currently in Laingsburg’s Wolf Pup’s Preschool will need to attend Round-up. We have your names for registration already. **If you do not plan on your child attending Laingsburg Community Schools in the fall, please let us know as soon as possible so we can remove their name from the list.** A waiver is also available for those who miss the September 1 deadline but will be 5 by December 1. Once again we will also have Developmental Kindergarten.



Families of **registered** students will be mailed a packet in March informing them of the date and time their child is scheduled to attend Round-up as well as what paperwork they will need to bring. Should you have any questions, please contact Sue Bates at the elementary school.

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