

Signature Ford Celebrates 25 Years in Perry

On Monday, June 7, 2021, Signature Ford in Perry owners Joe and Angie Falzon celebrated their 25th Anniversary at the Perry location.

Joining the Falzon's and the staff at the Perry location were representatives from Ford Motor Company. In a letter to Mr. Joe Falzon, Andrew Frick, VP of Sales for the US and Canada had these words; It is my honor to congratulate Signature Ford of Perry on your 25th anniversary as a Ford Dealer. We at Ford Motor Company understand and appreciate the significance of this milestone. This incredible accomplishment recognizes your well-deserved commitment to your communities, customers and employees. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership and friendship.



Pictured here (l-r) Angie Falzon, Regional Manager of Ford Motor Co., Mike Murphy and Joe Falzon. The Falzon's are accepting a plaque in recognition of their 25th Anniversary in Perry.

On behalf of Ford Motor Company, thank you for your loyalty and congratulations on this special occasion.

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Signature Ford in Perry is located at 3942, Lansing Road and in Owosso at 1960 E. Main Street.



Pictured here (l-r) Angie Falzon, Ford Credit Department Business Development Manager, Steve Eggelhoff and Joe Falzon accepting their plaque of appreciation and recognition of their 25 years in Perry.

America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Town

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Ovid Lions Club, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Ovid, MI on Friday, July 2nd, 2021 to the lot behind the Leonard Elementary School located at 732 Mabbit Road. Now in its 36th edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment.

Tent Raising & Tour: On circus day between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE Tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, daycare centers and community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus.

Circus Performances: Our circus performances will be at 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. bringing the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute show. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers. See Miss Simone and her breath taking single trapeze, Miss Paulina's proud "Big & Little" prancing ponies. the Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy uni-cycles, Logan Jimenez with his Cockatoo Review, Emilie Dean with her amazing feats of aerial strength, the Wheel of Destiney, and back by popular demand, the Russian Swing by The Perez Family. But, lets not forget our favorite performing Jungle Cats, Solomon & Delilah, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seats!

SAVE MONEY by purchasing your tickets in advance at the following locations: Ovid Service Agency; The Meridian Weekly; Village Food Pride; Foo G's Pizza; Piggy Tails Hair and Nail Salon.

Prices for advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for senior (65 and over) and children (2 to 12), children under 2 are always free. Advanced tickets can also be purchased online

10 days before the show at cmccircus.com until 10:00 p.m. the day before the show. On show day the tickets will be \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 seniors/children. Support your community and save money by purchasing your tickets early.

The Midway Box Office will open at 4:00 p.m. There will be pony rides, moon bounce, concessions and more. First show 5:00pm-6:30pm; Second show 7:30pm-9pm.

For more information call 866 BIG TOP 6. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Central Time everyday or email at cmccircus@gmail.com



Duplain Township Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – The regular meeting of Duplain Township was held Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of fire department designations as districts, authority, or association.

It's been a busy month for the department. EAFD responded to 5 runs in Duplain Township, 1 in Chapin, 1 Fairfield and 1 mutual aid. The department is up 15 run compared to 2020. Elsie Rescue responded to 15 calls in Duplain, 2 in Chapin, 5 in Fairfield, and 2 mutual aid responses. Everything going well. In addition, 7 new recruits are near completion in fire school.

The organization of the department was once again discussed. Both Dennis Baese, trustee, and Amy Bowen, treasurer contacted MTA regarding the options to consider, fire district, association or authority. The end result was for the township seek legal assistance with a decision. The funding continues to be a concern specifically the taxing, noting that it can be determined by the involved municipalities. The decision between district, association, and authority is on a priority list.

Leadership of EAFA is under the understanding that by reorganizing an authority will qualify the department for more grant funding opportunities. MTA indicated that some grants are specific for each designation district or association or authority. Kam Washburn, former supervisor and current county commissioner, gave a detailed history regarding why the decision to form an association was made.

Taxing continues to be a concern, currently each municipality determines how they will fund the ready to serve fee. Amy Bowen commented that the fire department would like the millage to go directly into their accounts, Duplain Township has a commitment to two emergency entities EAFA and Clinton Area Ambulance. Further information is needed before the township will support a decision.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, reported that the door on the bridge at the park near the dam was open once again. Officials discussed other possibilities including a hasp and lock, or removing the door. The liability continues to be an issue at that park and those utilizing the area need to work with Duplain Township to insure that the park remains assessable to the public.

Next, it was reported that recently there was a FOIA request regarding taxes. However, the request was not in proper form as a result the Clinton County Clerk was contacted for advice. MTA provided FOIA Policy recommendations to be considered. Officials were directed to review the policy and to bring back ideas at the next meeting.

Kam Washburn, County Commissioner, presented his monthly report on the activities at the county level. The Emergency Operation Center report presented June 8 the 455th day of establishment. June 8 there were no new cases of COVID in Clinton County and the percentage of vaccination is increasing.

In addition, the courts are in phase 3 with first Clinton County District Court trial held June 8, and Circuit Court June 9. In person visits at the jail have resumed. Clinton County is evaluating to possible uses of the American Rescue Act monies. Commissioners are not rushing into the use of those funds the infrastructure committee will meet to begin prioritizing the needs and wants of Clinton County contingent on how the funds can be utilized. The Clinton County Road Commission is considering building a new building, there is a good plan in place. This is going to be a busy time in the county which will set the county up to eliminate long term liabilities. Finally, County Commissioner meetings will be remote until July 1, 2021 with the hope to return face-to-face with a phone option.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, minutes of the May 12, 2021, and financial reports. In addition, officials approved expenditures totaling \$2,658.52.

Social

Free Clothing Give Away Day

submitted by Patsy Towar

The St. Johns Seventh-day Adventist Church will be having a Free Clothing Give Away Day on Thursday, June 24th at 1400 S. Oakland St., St. Johns from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Everything is free, includes men, women and children clothing, shoes and lots of misc. items.



Tails & Tales at the Elsie Public Library

The Elsie Public Library is again presenting many fun activities, which are planned to help get kids and adults excited to read this summer. This year's theme is "Tails & Tales".

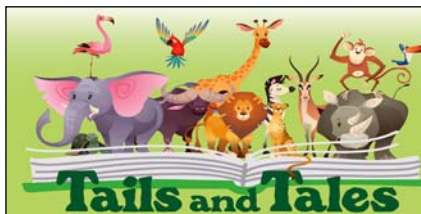
The Summer Reading Program & Challenge officially starts on June 14 and will continue through August 14.

Every week there will be two story times, an activity related to the reading, and chances to win special prizes.

All of these activities are online via our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website (www.elsiepubliclibrary.org)

The Elsie Public Library will be holding a separate summer reading challenge for everyone, from babies to adults, along with the themed weekly programs.

Please visit our website or our Facebook page for all necessary information.



Laingsburg Community Schools

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the middle school in the media center. Please visit our website at 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 Update, 2021-22 Budget Proposal, 2021-22 Board of Education Calendar, 2021 Tax Levy L-4029 Resolution, Legislative Update, District Staffing Update, Bond Construction and Finance Update, MHSAA 2021-22 Membership Resolution, 2021-22 General Fund Operating Loan State Aid Note Resolution and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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Grove VBS "The Incredible Race"

submitted by Sandy Wong

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Attendance at "The Incredible Race" is free. To save time on Registration Day, please pre-register by going to www.grovebiblechurch.org. Click on the Ministries tab, then go to "Children's Ministries" to download the registration form. Mail or deliver the form to Grove Bible Church, 6990 E. Price Road, St. Johns, MI 48879.

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Obituaries

Robert Gene "Bob" Pettigrew

Robert Gene "Bob" Pettigrew, age 63, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Monday, June 7, 2021, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, MI.

Robert was born in St. Johns, MI, on July 22, 1957, the son of Gene and Betty (Taylor) Pettigrew. He graduated from St. Johns High School with the class of 1976. Bob married Linda Wicke in April 26, 2008 at their home in St. Johns.

Bob loved hunting, fishing and horse back riding. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with his family.

He is survived by his wife Linda Pettigrew, sons: Gordon and Raven Pettigrew, Jessie Pettigrew, step-daughter Linda and Steve Miller, grandchildren: Mukwa Pettigrew, Dustin, Branden and Kylee Miller, great grandchildren: Scout, Violet, and Philip, brother Curt and Kathy Pettigrew, sister Shirley Eldridge, sister in law Paula Pettigrew, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Mike Pettigrew, and brother in law Ken Eldridge.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life was held on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI.



Eugene "Gene" Carl Schoendorf

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

Gene was born in Detroit, MI on June 12, 1926, the son of Leo Joseph and Laura Catherine (Schemansky) Schoendorf.

Gene graduated from St. Johns High School in 1944 and immediately enlisted in the Navy. He served in WWII piloting a landing barge in the Pacific. Gene married Mary Jane Trierweiler on September 7, 1957 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia, MI.

As a young boy he pedaled papers and as a teen he worked at Andy's IGA in St. Johns. He went on to purchase a store in Elsie in 1964 - Gene's IGA. Gene loved telling stories and visiting with the store patrons. He was a community man and took pride in serving the community through the Lions Club, St. Cyril's K of C in Bannister, American Legion Post 502, Ovid-Elsie School Board, Board of Directors for Clinton Bank and Trust / City Bank. Gene was instrumental in starting WOES and the Elsie Festival. He took pride in helping those less fortunate and was a giving man. Gene was an avid sports fan. He loved to watch his children and grandchildren play sports. His greatest sport was golf and could be frequently found at the golf course, even on his 90th birthday. When he wasn't at the golf course he could often be found playing cards, fishing and telling one of his many stories. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Mary Jane Schoendorf of Elsie, MI, children: Stacy and Tom Doubrava of Elsie, MI, Scott and Cindy Schoendorf of Laingsburg, MI, and Sarah and Ron Maynard of Elsie, MI. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Kyle and Bryce Doubrava, Ryan (Amber) Schoendorf, Riley (Jake Hicks) Schoendorf, and Molly, Ben, and Tori Maynard. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary Jane Johnson, and brothers: Joseph and Gerald Schoendorf.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. with Rev. Fr. Robert C. Bacik presiding. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Elsie Lions Club or to the Ovid-Elsie Community Fund (WOES or Athletics). Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



Geraldine Irene Geiger

Geraldine Irene Geiger, age 103, of Clare, MI, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at her sons home.

Geraldine was born in Millbrook, MI on May 9, 1918, the daughter of William Harrison and Maude Belle (Briggs) Smith. Geraldine graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1937. Geraldine married Clarence "Pudge" Geiger on November 14, 1938. He passed away in 1985.

Geraldine worked at Vaughn Seed Company for many years. Her family and friends were very important to her and she enjoyed spending time with them. Geraldine was very involved in her son & daughter's childhood. She loved throwing dance parties for her kids and their friends and she was a den mother. She also liked spending time at Higgin's Lake and sitting on the beach in Florida.

She is survived by her son Kim and Susan Geiger of Clare, MI, son in law Joe Stehlik of Owosso, MI, grandchildren: Brian and Connie Stehlik, Debbie and Doug Wirostek, Eric and Rachel Stehlik, Scott and Deb Stehlik, Karl and Jenn Geiger, and Kevin and Stacie Geiger, 16 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Clarence, daughter Virginia Stehlik, granddaughter Sarah Wirostek, and brothers: Franklin Smith and Clifford Smith.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at on Friday, June 11, 2021, with Pastor Mona Kindel officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to Mid Michigan HomeCare and Hospice Program 3007 North Saginaw Road Midland, MI 48640. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the Board of Education of Laingsburg Community Schools, Shiawassee County and Clinton Counties, Michigan.

At said meeting, the Board of Education will consider for approval its proposed State Aid Note (General Obligation-Limited Tax). The proposed State Aid Note (General Obligation-Limited Tax), if issued, will contain the limited tax full faith and credit pledge of Laingsburg Community Schools, Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan.

Date of Meeting: June 16, 2021

Place of Meeting: Laingsburg Middle School-Media Center,
112 S. High Street, Laingsburg, MI 48848

Hour of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Telephone Number of Principal Office of the Board of Education:
517-651-2705

**Board Minutes are located at the Principal Office of the
Board of Education:** 205 Woodhull St., Laingsburg, MI 48848

Mary Angst, Secretary, Board of Education

Obituaries

Charles V. Moore

Charles Moore passed away on Monday, May 31, 2021. Honoring his wishes, cremation has taken place, and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Charles was born in Owosso, MI on September 26, 1935, the son of Vern and Nellie Moore. He married Shirley Bates on December 25, 1954 at the Ovid United Church parsonage. Charles was a loving, caring and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Charles served in the Army for 2 years and was stationed in Japan. He owned Moore Chevrolet in Ovid for 20+ years. For many years he volunteered to work in the concession stands for the Lions Club and the American Legion. He also devoted much time to Ovid Carriage Days. He served on the Ovid Council for 15+ years and was instrumental in getting Ovid changed from a village to a city. He also served the City of Ovid as the sexton at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Those who cherish his memory include his daughters, Vicki (James) Horvath of Strongsville, OH and Terri (John) Stewart of Ovid; grandsons, Nick Stewart and John Stewart; great-grandchildren, Katelyn Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Sawyer Stewart and Cora Stewart; brother-in-law, Lee Bolton; sister-in-law, Jean Bates and many nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Moore; his parents, Vern and Nellie Moore, and 2 sisters, Dorothy Davidson and Marylu Strickland.



John F. Quine, Sr.

John F. Quine, Sr., age 88, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2021, at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, MI.

John was born in Grand Rapids, MI on January 29, 1933, the son of William T. and Frances J. (Klapp) Quine. On June 13, 1953, he married Virginia King at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Owosso, MI. They were blessed with 61 years of marriage, prior to Virginia's passing on July 6, 2014.

John raised beagles and bird dogs for field and trial. He served on the chain gang for Ovid Elsie Football for many years. He was a member of the Elsie Lions Club. He was a member of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors Association and he received a lifetime achievement award in 2021. When he graduated from high school he joined the Navy Sea Bees. When there was an event that his grandchildren were involved in, John made a point to be there. He was also a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

He is survived by his children: Frank and Melvia Quine of Ovid, MI; Tim and Brenda Quine of Bannister, MI; Jim and Mary Quine of Frankfort, MI; Daniel Quine of Lansing, MI; Sue and Rick Rademacher of Moorestown, MI; Jerry Quine of Elsie, MI; 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; and his brother William Quine of Ann Arbor, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Virginia, sister-in-law Becky (Hamilton) Quine, and daughter-in-law Karen (Bishop) Quine.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI, on Thursday, June 10, 2021, with Rev. Fr. Robert C. Bacik presiding. Burial has taken place at Fairfield Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Elsie Lions Club or Ovid Elsie Sports Boosters. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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Teresa L. VanDeusen
Teresa L. VanDeusen age 84 of Ovid, MI passed away peacefully on Friday June 11 2021.
Full obituary to come.

Donna Marie Lockwood

Donna Marie Lockwood, age 82, of Elsie, MI, passed away peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Ashley Care Center, Ashley, Michigan.

Donna was born in Owosso, Michigan on October 5, 1938, the daughter of Ralph H. and Leota D. (Smith) Long. She attended Ashley Public Schools and Baker College where she was on the Dean's List. On April 1, 1954 Donna married Lowell Wayne Lockwood in St. Johns, MI. They celebrated 67 years of marriage this year.

Donna was a talented artist and enjoyed painting. She liked to play Canasta with her girls. Donna was always on the go. She and Lowell enjoyed spending their winters in Florida and summers in Harrison for many years. She loved being with her sisters shopping, traveling, and just being together. She also coached her girls' softball teams. Donna loved to dance and spend time with her family.

Donna is survived by her husband Lowell, and 5 children: Vanessa (Bill) Cutter of Elsie, MI; David (Susie) Lockwood of Ft. Wayne, IN; Tanya (Ranee) Rewerts of St. Johns, MI; Tamara (Chad Crippen) Mannon of Saginaw, MI; and Heather (Stan) Bond of Dwight, IL. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren: Jason Lockwood, Kevin Lockwood, Lisa (Paul) Phillips, Jeremy (Dawn) Ackels, Mitchell Lockwood, Madelyn (Cory) Borders, Tara (Josh) Rose, Ethan Fair, Collin Rewerts, Andrea (Will Allen) Lockwood, Kaleb (Kathleen) Taylor, Rylie Bond, and Olivia Bond; 13 great-grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren, brother Gareld Long, sister Connie (Jerry) Blount, and many nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, son Ralph Lockwood, infant grandson Ryan Taylor, siblings: infant sister Linda Sue, Cleta Strieff, Reuben (Onnie) Olsen, Gerald Long, and Marilyn Goldman; and sister-in-law Aleene Long.

Funeral Services was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Monday, June 7, 2021, with Denny Baese officiating. A private burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17 Chicago, IL 60601. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Editorial

Today, may be another hot muggy day....I hope not because much of the time I will be in the food trailer and with the grill and fryer turned on it becomes almost unbearably hot. You would think that I would be able to quickly "suck it up buttercup".....after all I did work in the Centrifuse foundry that had three huge furnaces.....year round everyone wore heavy jeans, t-shirts layered with flannel shirts and steel toed work boots. Didn't matter if it was scorching outside and of course most folks wore headbands to keep the sweat out of their eyes. It was probably the most dangerous job that I ever held and also one of the most interesting. To this day I'm very fond of my simple bandana.

This Saturday is the first Farmer's Market in St Johns; I hope to see some of you. I really enjoy talking with my friends and regulars and catching up on each other's lives. That being said I hate to admit that I'm a bit overwhelmed at getting the baking all done. This morning I need to zip out to the shed and make sure that I still have some zucchini available and to bring in some butter. I'm looking forward to seeing all the amazing products and fresh produce that will appear. It is good to be able to see the various skill sets and the amazing artistic endeavors of others. I have always enjoyed these events and those who create them.

This morning I've been experimenting with a lemon blueberry recipe that I have..... I do hope that the lemon blueberry donuts turn out well. Wouldn't you know that I have them all mixed up and ready to deal with.....when I realize that I don't have any butter on hand. I need the butter to make the lemon glaze, I called Barb and Diane both to see if they had any on hand....they didn't.....so it appears that I can't raid my neighbor's or daughter's pantry. Awww shucks, I'll need to make a run to either Ovid or Ashley to get what I need.

Randy and Dena stopped last night to bring me back my rototiller, it is much easier to start now and Randy even gave it a power wash. I can hardly wait to get back into my garden which has become quite overgrown with 'non-struggling weed growth'. I want to put the struggle back into their lives. Of course I need to wait until the garden dries up a bit or I will only be creating a mess that almost turns into cement. Yes, I want the weeds to struggle but not my tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, beans and cucumbers. I picked up a few more plants on Monday and would like to get them into the ground. I wished that I had picked up a few more seeds.....maybe this weekend after the Farmer's Market.

I am hoping that when I head into the office in the morning that the internet will be working and then I hope that I have cleared enough of the dual documents out to give me the room needed to get things to print. I hope that the bulletins will be back to normal. Whatever normal is.....made a quick run up to the office this morning and there is still no internet service. The last mail received was on May 27th.....this is not a good thing. I contacted Deb and asked her to text me any changes for the "Prayers & Concerns". Deb was kind enough to read them to me, and I was excited to welcome a new cousin into this world, little Russell Jonas Follett weighing in at seven pounds seven ounces arrived on June 5th. Life is good!!!

We have a new site for "Our Taste of Michigan" and it is located at 623 Quarterline in Ashley on Wednesdays. This Wednesday, the 16th of June will be a taco menu, hope to see you there. We will be set up by the Country Car Wash from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

May your life be filled with happy events, new experiences, and challenges. I do hope that you were blessed with the rain shower that swiftly drenched the driver's seat and left my hair and clothes rain soft.... It actually felt pretty good and was a natural way to cool down from the heat. God bless.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

OMESA Relies on Volunteers

Letter to the Editor:

The residents of Ovid and Middlebury Townships and the city of Ovid are fortunate to be part of the Ovid-Middlebury Emergency Services Authority (OMESA), which relies heavily on volunteers for its success. For years, volunteers have been the backbone of fire departments in our community and there is tremendous pride in serving in this way. Right now, there are openings for women and men in our community to answer the call to serve as a paid, on-call fire fighter and Michigan first responder for OMESA.

I've served on the fire department for 26 years and found it to be a rewarding way to give back to my community when someone is in need of assistance. If you are interested in applying to serve, and if hired by OMESA, you'll be required to take the State of Michigan FIRE I&II program along with the State of Michigan First Responder class. All classes are typically two nights per week to accommodate daytime work schedules and are be paid for by OMESA upon successful completion.

If hired, you'll be paid per on-call emergency you respond to, as well as being paid for training and meeting days. Our pay is very competitive to other fire departments in the area.

If you'd like to have an opportunity to serve as a volunteer fire fighter/first responder, you can pick up an application at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court. Your completed application can be returned to the drop box near the front door of the hall. If you have any questions about joining our fire fighting family, please feel free to contact me at 517-719-0335 or Assistant Chief Steve Pease at 989-666-5802.

Sincerely,
Fire Chief Jerry Stevens
Ovid Middlebury Emergency Services Authority
517-719-0335



Letter of Thanks

Letter to the Editor:

Fifth grade students at EE Knight in Elsie recently sent Thank You letters to the community for contributing to the fund raising effort that put a book in every students hands earlier this Spring. The majority of the letters may be viewed next to the Post Office in Ovid. Others Amy be viewed at Main Street Pizza, Eatery 21, Elaine's Quilt Shop, Bud's Barber Shop, Corner Carousel, Ovid Service Agency, the Ovid Library, Shears and Food Pride.

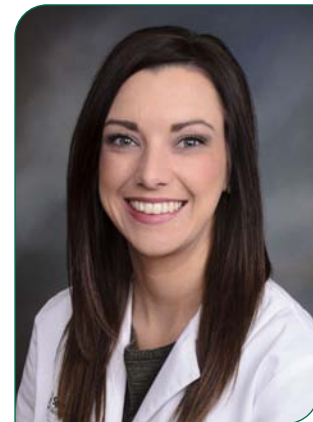
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Signs of Drought Stress and What to Do About It

A pristine lawn is a source of pride for homeowners. Even the most well-maintained lawns must confront a host of challenges in a given year, and perhaps no challenge is more daunting than drought.

Homeowners may feel helpless when drought strikes and begins to transform their lawns from green sources of pride to off-color eyesores. However, learning to identify signs of drought stress and what to do about it can help homeowners get their lawns through dry periods.

Signs of drought stress

The lawn care experts at TruGreen note that there are four common characteristics of drought stress. Perhaps the most noticeable is changes in color, but it's important that homeowners recognize there's a difference between a change in hue and a change in color. When a lawn changes its hue, typically turning from bright green to a dull gray or blue green color, it is in what TruGreen identifies as the first stage of drought stress. Regular watering, if it's allowed (local drought restrictions may dictate how much water can be applied to the lawn), can help the grass regain its moisture and the lawn may recover within a couple of days. When lawns change from green to brown, this is indicative that the lawn is in a dormancy stage. At this point, the lawn is entering survival mode. Watering to save the lawn will need to be more extensive. Deep and repeated watering for two to three weeks may help restore the lawn, but some parts ultimately may not recover. And deep watering may not be allowed until drought restrictions are lifted, increasing the likelihood that a significant portion of the lawn turns brown.

Footprints in the lawn are another sign of drought stress. TruGreen indicates that this is a result of lawns that are too tired to spring back up after they have been walked on.

Wilting also indicates drought stress is affecting the lawn. Wilting occurs when grass blades roll or fold because they don't have sufficient water content.

What to do about drought stress

In addition to the watering techniques noted above, homeowners can try other strategies to help their lawns make it through a drought. TruGreen advises against mowing drought-stressed grass and keeping off the lawn as much as possible.

Removing tall weeds is another strategy homeowners can try. Doing so ensures the grass, and not the weeds, gets what little water is available during a drought.

Homeowners also should resist the temptation to mow too close, especially when signs of drought stress are just beginning to appear. TruGreen notes that mowing too close creates a shallow root system that makes lawns more vulnerable to drought.

It can be hard to watch a pristine lawn suffer from drought

stress. But several strategies can increase the likelihood that lawns survive such conditions. More information about combatting drought can be found at www.trugreen.com.



How to Care for Perennials

Perennials can add color and vibrancy to any garden. One of the more desirable components of perennials is that they come back year after year, meaning homeowners do not have to invest in a gardenful of new flowers every year. That can add up to considerable savings. Perennials often form the foundation of beautiful gardens.

Annuals only grow for one season, produce seeds and then die. However, perennials die back to the ground every autumn and their roots survive the winter. So the plants reemerge in the spring, according to The Farmer's Almanac. Some perennials are short-lived, meaning they will come back a few consecutive years; others will last for decades.

Though planted perennials require less maintenance than annuals, they are not completely maintenance-free. Certain care is needed to help perennials thrive, and that starts with the soil. In fact, soil is the single most important factor for growing healthy plants. Penn State Extension says most perennials grow ideally in well drained, fertile soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0. In addition, organic matter can improve soil texture and water-holding ability.

When including perennials in the garden, make sure you wait for the right time to plant them. The ideal time is during the spring or fall. Perennials come as container-grown perennials, which already have been established in the soil. Bare-root perennials are just roots that are often packed in peat moss. In order to plant bare-root perennials, soak the roots in water for several minutes before gently planting in the ground, indicates the how-to resource Tip Bulletin.

Perennials should be watered deeply, especially during the first growing season. However, the soil should never be overly dry or wet. Most perennials do not need to be fertilized heavily. A single application in the spring typically is all that's needed.

Care along the way can include deadheading spent flowers so that plants can use their energy on seed production and reblooming. Perennials should be divided when they grow large, every three to four years when the plants are not in bloom. Perennials produce fewer flowers or may look sickly when the time has passed to divide them. Early spring often is a good time to divide perennials, advises The Farmer's Almanac.

A thick layer of mulch can help perennials to overwinter successfully. Perennials planted in containers will need to be transplanted into the garden before it gets cold because most containers cannot thoroughly insulate perennial roots.

Apart from these strategies, perennials pretty much take care of themselves. As long as sunlight requirements match plant needs, the perennials should thrive.

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Home Improvement

The Pros and Cons of Irrigation Systems

Maintaining a lush, green lawn and thriving landscape that includes shrubbery, flowers and trees requires time, money and often some sweat equity. However, the beauty that results from such effort compels many homeowners to take on the landscaping challenge.

Forgetting to water the greenery or getting hit with a drought can cause a lawn to deteriorate rapidly. An irrigation system may seem like a smart investment, but homeowners should weigh the pros and cons of such systems before having one installed.

Irrigation systems are installed to protect landscaping so plants can thrive year-round. Irrigation systems come in various forms, from sprinkler to drip to surface irrigation systems. No system is necessarily better than another. That's because each is designed to address specific watering needs.

Here's a look at various irrigation systems and the pros and cons of each.

Sprinkler system

Sprinklers are popular because they tend to be very affordable and easy to set up. Manual sprinkler systems utilize a hose and sprinkler head, while automatic systems are programmed and do all the work once they're installed. Sprinklers cover a lot of ground and can irrigate large spaces quickly. However, that same benefit can be a disadvantage as well.

Sprinklers are indiscriminate in their watering, sometimes hitting pavement or driveways. Also, the Gardening Channel says that water from sprinklers is lost due to evaporation on hot, windy days. In fact, as much as 80 percent of the water used may not make it onto the grass or plants.

Surface irrigation system

Sometimes called gravity irrigation, these systems use channels or furrows throughout the cultivation area. Once the water runs through these channels, gravity distributes it accordingly.

Surface irrigation systems require minimal effort but are best suited for farms and commercial enterprises because they require a large reservoir or pond to accumulate water. Also, uneven terrains could divert the water.

Drip irrigation system

This type of irrigation system is used primarily in arid regions. It is made up of lateral lines of flexible or rigid polyethylene pipe. Drip irrigation allows homeowners to focus watering on a particular garden area. It provides moisture directly to the soil. Therefore, there is no water waste from runoff or evaporation. Drip irrigation waters plants slowly and can cause less soil erosion and reduce nutrient leeching.

While easier and more effective than some other irrigation methods over the long haul, a drip irrigation system has a substantial startup cost. In addition, the system can get clogged at times. When gardening season is finished, a drip irrigation system will need to be drained and dismantled.

Irrigation systems can help care for plants and lawns. However, they can be costly and some require significant maintenance. Weather and pests also can reduce the effectiveness of yard irrigation systems by damaging equipment or directing water in directions homeowners did not intend. Customers are urged to do their research regarding which system, if any, is best for their properties.



CACS Announces the Receipt of CARES Act funds for Shiawassee County Residents

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. (CACS) has received funding to assist individuals and families with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Family size and Gross Monthly Income:

1 - \$2,147; 2 - \$2,903; 3 - \$3,660; 4 - \$4,417; 5 - \$5,173. Each additional member add \$757.

The program is for HOME OWNERS and RENTERS who live within Shiawassee County.

The funds may be used to assist with Utilities (metered, deliverable, water/sewer); Rental Assistance (eviction prevention); Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention; Funeral Assistance (death caused by COVID-19); and Minor Home Repairs (specifically related to Health & Safety).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The household must be negatively impacted by COVID-10; the bill must be in applicants or their spouse's name; documentation must be provided verifying they live at the property (I.D. and bill); the most recent 30 days of income must be provided which meets income guidelines using gross income (Unemployment income is exempt but must still be provided); and, they must reside in Shiawassee County. Eligible arrears must be incurred after March 1, 2020.

HOME OWNERS should contact CACS, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso. 989-723-3115. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RENTERS must access the online portal for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) funds first: <https://ceraapp.michigan.gov>

Questions contact: 517-719-0193 (Shiawassee HARA)

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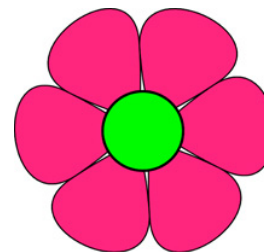
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Sports



Epic Wolfpack Softball Season Continues with District Title over O-E

BATH — Laingsburg defeated Ovid-Elsie 14-8 Saturday and coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack (31-4) moved on to the regional semifinals against New Lothrop at Shepherd.

Kailey Cataline was the winning pitcher in the Division 3 district championship game. Cataline worked all seven innings, giving up 16 hits and two walks with four strikeouts.

Ashley Bila was 4-for-4 and scored four runs. Jordan Langdon was 4-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs, while Hailey Konieczny batted 4-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs. Hailey Bila homered, tripled and scored four runs.

Ovid-Elsie's Maddisyn Miller was 4-for-4 with two RBIs. Zoe Baiz added two doubles and a single. Kaitlyn Fry was 3-for-3. Olivia Burt took the loss for the Marauders. The righty lasted seven innings, allowing 18 hits and 14 runs while striking out three.

OE Marauders totaled 16 hits. Miller, Kaitlyn Fry, Zoe Baiz, and Jolene Nash all managed multiple hits for Ovid-Elsie. Miller led with four hits in four at bats.

Coach Felicia Gingrich's Marauder club ended 2021 with a solid 23-17 record.

Laingsburg opened the day with a 19-0 win over Byron in three innings. Hailey Bila homered and Ashley Bila went 2-for-2 and scored three times. Cataline was the winning pitcher, striking out two and walking one.

Ovid-Elsie advanced to the District title game with a 21-4 thrashing of Perry in the opening tilt. Perry scored three runs in the third inning, but O-E still managed to romp.

O-E secured the victory thanks to 12 runs in the second inning. Zoe Baiz, Ashland Particka, Olivia Burt, Maddisyn Miller, Kaitlyn Fry, and Jolene Nash each had RBIs in the big frame.

Fry earned the victory in the pitcher's circle, lasting four innings, allowing three hits and four runs while striking out three and walking zero.

The Marauders racked up 15 hits in the game. Nash, Fry, Burt, Miller, and Particka each had multiple hits.

Long Wolfpack win streak comes to an end with 10-0 loss to Owosso

OWOSSO — Owosso downed Laingsburg's varsity softball team, 10-0, in six innings Wednesday in a regional tuneup for both teams.

Macy Irelan pitched a two-hitter with 15 strikeouts and no walks for the Trojans (32-3). Reyn Tuttle homered twice for Owosso, going yard in each of the second and fourth innings.

Kailey Cataline took the pitching loss for the Wolfpack (31-5). She worked 41/3 innings, giving up seven runs on six hits. She struck out four batters.

Ashley Bila had two hits for Laingsburg. The loss ended an 18-game winning streak for coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack.



Early Lead for Hemlock Seals Fate for Laingsburg Baseball Team; Wolves Fall in MHSAA Regional Semifinals

SHEPHERD -- Laingsburg watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 9-3 loss to Hemlock on Wednesday, in the opening round of MHSAA Regional play.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Hemlock. The Huskies pulled away for good with one run in the second inning. In the second Larkin's sac fly scored one run.

The hosts scored four runs in the sixth inning. The offensive firepower was led by Stockford, Greeb, and Dinniger, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Dinniger pitched the Huskies (29-4) to victory, allowing one run on three hits over four innings, striking out nine and walking one. Stedry entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Nick Woodbury took the loss for Laingsburg. The righthander allowed two hits and four runs over three innings, striking out three. Ty Randall led the way in hitting ty with two hits in three at bats.

The loss ended a solid 12-19-1 season for the Wolfpack, which advanced to Regional play with its first District title in three years.

Wolves power past St. Louis, Ovid-Elsie for MHSAA District baseball crown

BATH -- Laingsburg survived its Division 3 district Saturday with a pair of 2-1 victories for the MHSAA District championship.

That included an eight-inning win in the championship game against St. Louis, where the Wolfpack scored a run in the top of the extra frame to win it. Ty Randall struck out eight over seven innings and also drove in a run to lead the Wolfpack to the win. Zach Fortino had two base hits.

Laingsburg beat Ovid-Elsie in the semifinals, breaking a 1-1 tie in the top of the fifth. Josh Baker and Talor Zdenahlik drove in the Wolfpack runs, while Nick Woodbury fanned seven batters in seven innings on the mound.

Ovid-Elsie stayed in it until the end, but Laingsburg pulled away late. The contest game was tied at one with Laingsburg batting in the top of the fifth when Josh Baker singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Laingsburg pitchers struck out seven, while Ovid-Elsie sat down eight.

The Wolves fired up the offense in the second inning, when Taylor Zhenalik grounded out, scoring one run.

Ovid-Elsie evened things up at one in the bottom of the third inning. Nick Woodbury threw a wild pitch allowing one run across the plate for the Marauders.

Woodbury earned the win for Laingsburg. The fireballer surrendered one run on two hits over seven innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Brandon Zruna took the loss for Ovid-Elsie. The righty lasted seven innings, allowing four hits and two runs while striking out eight and walking one.

Jacob Tomasek and Kayden Leslie each collected one hit to lead the Marauder offense.

Coach Luke Martin's O-E team ended its season at 5-27, while Laingsburg advanced to Regional play at 12-18-1.

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Sports



Laingsburg Girls Wins MHSAA Soccer District

DANSVILLE — Lorna Strieff scored two second-half goals on June 5 and the Wolfpack girls soccer team won its first district since 2004, edging Lansing Christian, 2-1.

Abby Kirkbride made five saves for the Wolfpack (16-2-2). Cadie Ellis assisted on Strieff's first goal.

The Wolfpack faced Clarkston Everest Collegiate (13-1-4) Tuesday in a Division 4 regional semifinal at Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Wolfpack soccer girls advance to first-ever Regional Final

SAGINAW -- The Laingsburg Wolfpack held off Clarkston Everest Collegiate, 3-1, Tuesday in a Division 4 girls soccer regional semifinal at Saginaw Valley Lutheran High School and played in the regional championship for the first time Thursday against Bad Axe (20-1-1).

Bad Axe defeated Marine City Cardinal Mooney 5-3 in the late regional semifinal Tuesday. Laingsburg's last trip to regionals came in 2003, when the Wolfpack lost 3-1 in the Division 4 regional semifinal to Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport.

Tuesday, coach Graham Lockwood's Wolfpack got a quick 1-0 lead when midfielder Addison Elkins intercepted a pass and scored on a shot just under the crossbar 11 minutes into the contest. The freshman had scored only twice all year.

Wolfpack forward Lorna Strieff made it 2-0 with 5:38 left in the first half, getting by a defender and beating the Mountaineer goalie, who charged to try and stop the shot. The goal was set up by a pass from senior wingback Hayleigh Mertens.

Everest (13-2-4) made it a 2-1 game on a perfectly placed direct kick from the right side, just above leaping senior keeper Abby Kirkbride with 23:05 left in the second half.

Everest, recharged by the goal, continued to keep the ball in the offensive zone. Laingsburg was just trying to run out the clock for the most part, but the Wolfpack got some insurance when Graham scored off a close shot from right side with 4:33 left.

The goal was Graham's 37th of the season.



Ovid-Elsie Soccer Gals End 2021 Season with Sterling 12 Wins in 14 Outings

FREELAND -- The 2021 spring soccer season ended for the Ovid-Elsie girls varsity, with a 4-0 loss at Freeland in MHSAA District play on June 4.

Coach Craig Thelen's Marauders closed the campaign with a sterling 12-2 record overall.

"Freeland is a very good team and possesses the ball extremely well. It seemed like we were chasing them all night," said coach Thelen. "They were simply a step quicker all night long. Although we did not play our best game tonight, we still had a great season finishing at 12-2 and winning a conference championship. Give Feeland credit, they were simply the better, more aggressive team tonight and they deserve to move on.

"(O-E goalie) Ava Bates stood on her head tonight and was able to help keep the score respectable, saving 22 of 26 shots, including a penalty kick."



(l-r): Caleb Clark, Zach Hawes, Lucas Woodruff, Tyler Henne. 7th in 1,600 relay.

Wolfpack Boys, Girls Track Teams Shine at Division 3 State Championships

JENISON — Laingsburg's Shaily Baynes finished second in the pole vault (11-0), and the Wolfpack's Emma Kribs was fourth in the 100-meter dash (12.53) at the MHSAA Division 3 State Track and Field Championships here June 5.

The Wolves' Jack Borgman was fifth in the pole vault at 12-9. Teammate Lucas Woodruff placed sixth in the 800 run (2:00.01) and Maier placed eighth (2:00.39).

The Wolfpack's 1,600 relay team of Woodruff, Caleb Clark, Tyler Henne and Zach Hawes took seventh in 3:33.38.



Top left: Jack Borgman 5th in pole vault.

Top right: Shaily Baynes 2nd in pole vault.

Right: Emma Kribs 4th in 100-meter dash.



Hole in One

submitted by Greg Beavers

Rick Hebert shot a hole in one on 6-4-2021 at Pine Hills golf Course on #6 at 76 yards.

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The 1st of June was the deadline to pay the DNR a few bucks and apply for an Elk or Bear license through the annual lottery system. In true fashion the Weekly Sportsman waited until the last day and found himself at a big box store in Owosso. An annual ritual dating back almost twenty years of going to a license retailer at the last minute has probably ended due to the rigameroll encountered the other evening.

With the clock ticking and nobody behind the sporting goods counter the Weekly Sportsman went looking for a clerk and found one stocking a shelf a few aisles over. For personal privacy purposes she will be referred to as "Abbie" which actually rhymes with her real name.

WS: Excuse me. Do you work in sporting goods?
Abbie: Uh, yeah.
WS: Can you help with applying for a DNR license?
Abbie: Ummm... what are you looking to buy?
WS: Bear and Elk.
Abbie: Ummm... deadline for that was June 1st.
WS: Today is June 1st.
Abbie: Well, the deadline was like 10:00 this morning or something
WS: No, it wasn't.
Abbie: Well we tried earlier and the machine didn't work.
WS: Can you please try again?
Abbie: We can try but it wont work.
Now at the counter.
Abbie: Bear? Public or private?
WS: How do I know? I haven't even been drawn yet
Abbie: I need to know and if private I need a phone number.
WS: Fine, public. Hunt #19 Drummond
Abbie: What county?
WS: This doesnt make sense as I want to apply for Drummond and if I tell you Chippewa how do you know if it is for Newberry or Drummond?
Abbie: Look, the DNR changed the system and they need to know what county you are hunting. Would you like to see a manager?
WS: Please.
Manager arrives and issues me a receipt for the sacred Drummond BMU #19 and the ever elusive Michigan Elk. As the Weekly Sportsman pays Abbie she complains that the manager just made it all sound better but she knew what she was doing. The Weekly Sportsman just stared at Abbies pink and powder blue hair and was just relieved that nothing got screwed up.

Thinking it was time to leave the counter, Clerk Abbie said something that was really confusing.

Abbie: Don't worry sir you wont get fined.
WS: What? What are you talking about?
There were three very important lessons learned that evening. The first is that if you are going to use a license retailer then stop going to big box stores where employees are untrained and really don't care or understand. Secondly, just stop using a license retailer and consider leaving nothing to chance by going online to the DNR website. Lastly, don't be such a procrastinator and apply earlier in case you encounter problems.

-WS

Camping Rules...&
Etiquette

Dear Andy, We have 5 extended families who are planning a 5 day summer camping trip to a State Park on a lake. I do not want grandma getting stuck with all the work and making herself exhausted. How do you suggest we divide up the chores without sounding bossy? We have some expierenced campers with 4 kids - 10+ and 9 adults. Are there rules of camping that we should know? We are tent camping, pontooning and bicycling on trails and Kyacking. Any suggestion so things are not all disorganized? Camping Coordinator

Dear Campers, First of all make sure everyone has a life jacket. When around water, always have a nondrinking adult watching the children, even if they are avid swimmers. It's still unfamiliar water. Stay within the marked boundaries. Do NOT cut through other campers camp site. Keep your dog on a leash! Be friendly to your neighbors. But don't be the social butterfly or the nosey neighbor. Enjoy your own family.

RULE # 1... Safety First!


Rule#2 Review your State, County. Public or Private camp rules. Many have quiet time after 10:00 pm. Please respect that rule. Break down your campfire when no one is there to tend the flames or smoldering. It is too dangerous to even leave hot coals. No outside wood.

RULE #3. (for grandma) I highly recommend that each family purchase, prepare, host, clean up and provide a breakfast and a supper. Have a planning meeting together or over a Zoom call. It will keep you from duplicating meal choices. And, keep from doubling up on the clothesline, cook stove, spatulas, dish soap, etc. Make a list of needs, then as you read off the items, let people volunteer.. it's also a good time to see if anyone needs something they could borrow. Each group of extended families could bring their favorite snack food to share on the boat or at the camp site. Pick one person to bring the paper plates, trash bags... etc. Bring lots if bottled water, lemonade and iced Tea.

Rule #3. No electronics! Play Games. Swim. Laugh. Run, Bike, Fish, Relax. Make marsh-mallow Sommores. Go for a walk. Read. Star Gaze. Eat. Find shapes in the clouds. Take a nap in a hammock. Sleep. Laugh again. Eat again.

RULE #4: HAVE FUN! Andy

P.S. Do not be bossy. Things are never perfect. Go with the flow! ask_andy@aol.com



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Watch the Weekly next week for our entertainment schedule.

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Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Officials opted to hold a blended meeting face-to-face and virtually via ZOOM. The evening was highlighted by approval of the annual approval off the millage rate.

Annual action was taken to approve the L4029 millage rate for 2021. The operational millage rate adopted is 11.2450.

Shane Grinnell presented the monthly managers’ activity report. The park fire pit is in progress, noting that a grain bin has been donated. The challenge now is getting it moved and installed at the park. The Elsie Lions Club has offered \$2,000 toward the project. The proposed placement is northeast of the tennis courts. On a related topic Shane Grinnell is researching the DNR grant involved with the tennis courts at the Elsie Village Park. The Village is looking for funding to re-purpose the site, maybe a parking lot, splash pad, many suggestions were offered for consideration.

The DPW has been busy at Riverside Cemetery working on foundations. The mausoleum is finished and has been cleaned inside, as well.

Roadwork projects will begin the week of June 14. The project near the Elsie Town Tub may be completed later in the season.

In addition, East Main Street water system project is completed, and the project was much more complicated than anticipated. The cost of the project was approximately \$6,000.

Shane Grinnell further reported that Code Enforcement has been very busy. The tickets that will be issued are much like a traffic ticket, with resolution at the Clinton County Court House. The official tickets will be arriving soon. A page with village fees and charges is being compiled and will be available on the website as well as available at the Village business office. This system will make amending fees much more efficient without extensive changes to the ordinances. The Village is willing to work with residents regarding compliance, it is the habitual offenders that are causing concerns within the Village limits.

Grinnell presented a recommendation to update individual village bank/credit union accounts to sub-accounts which allows funds to remain separate but would make accounting more efficient with one statement instead of five plus monthly. Officials briefly discussed the recommendation they were assured that the auditor approved of the change. Officials approved the recommendation.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting, financial reports and the monthly police department report. Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$72,846.50.

Sorting is Important at Clinton County Drop Off Recycling Sites

submitted by Katherine Neese

Clinton County Department of Waste Management would like to remind residents to take the time to properly sort their recyclables into the proper containers at the Rural Recycling Sites. The Rural Recycling Sites are located in Fowler and Maple Rapids. Acceptable materials include all colored glass bottles & jars, metal cans, household plastic containers numbered #1 to #7 (NO Styrofoam or plastic bags please), newspapers, magazines, office paper, junk mail, cardboard and boxboard (NO waxy coated freezer boxes please). Please remember to empty all recyclables before placing them into the proper bin. NO PLASTIC BAGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BINS!

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