



## Storm Damage, Hail Damage and Power Outages

In the late afternoon of Saturday, June 12th, a powerful storm with golf ball size hail moved slowly thru the Meridian Weekly distribution area, causing much damage and leaving thousands without power for several hours in the Elsie, Laingsburg and Ovid areas.

The aftermath of the storm left homeowners with hail damage to their vehicles, roofs of their homes and outbuildings, siding and windows. RV's were also damaged due to the pelting of the hail during the storm. Trees were down across roadways and power lines due to high winds.

DPW crews, local fire departments and Consumers Power worked quickly to remove the down trees and restore power. On Sunday and Monday, tree service crews were out attending to the aftermath of the storm.



## Elsie Dairy Festival

*submitted by Carolyn Long*

The Elsie Dairy Festival's new website is up and running now, you can print any of the entry forms off from there. "elsiedairyfestival.com"

Get your Arts and Crafts, parade, 3 on 3, Corn Hole and Talent Show forms in soon! Anyone wishing to donate an item to the Silent Auction is asked to contact Karen Wooley at 989-862-5079. Elsie Dairy Festival T-Shirts can be purchased at Mary's Country Salon in downtown Elsie.

Adults \$12 and \$14.00, Kids \$10.00 each. The Kiddie Tractor Pull has been moved to 9:00 am this year on Friday and will be followed by a Kids petting zoo and DAIRY FUN under the big tent by the cow. Kids come and join the fun! Elsie's own Jim Pontack will perform on the main stage Friday night and the band "Mixed Nuts" will be playing some good old country music on Saturday Night.

The next Dairy Festival meeting will be next Thursday the 24th at the Methodist church and the public is welcome to attend.



## Ovid-Elsie FFA Wins Runner Up for MI Dairy Judging Evaluation Contest

*submitted by Tracey Hoffman*

June 10th, 2021 members of the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter participated in the Michigan FFA Dairy Judging Career Development Event (CDE). The event was virtually; with FFA members judging classes by photo and presenting oral reasons through Zoom. The team was awarded a Silver Award along with being named State Runner Up. Members also competed for individual awards with other FFA participants from across Michigan. Team members were: Emma Fox, Willow Evans and Cassidy Harris. Emma Fox placed Third Individual for the entire state contest.



L to R: Cassidy Harris, Willow Evans and Emma Fox





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## Gugel Named to Presidents List

Jesse Gugel of Laingsburg, a Trine University student, was named to the President's List for the Spring 2021 term.

Gugel is majoring in Exercise Science-Pre Phys Therapy 3+3.

To earn President's List honors, Trine University students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000.

## Did You Go to Ashley Schools?

*submitted by Karen Follett*

If you attended a Country School that annexed to Ashley or Ashley Schools you are invited to the Ashleyite reunion .

This all class gathering will be held at Ashley's community center & pavilion located north of the RR tracks on Sterling St. Activities will take place on Sun., July 11, 12 N - 3 PM, eating at 1 PM. Please bring your own table service, a dish to pass, & any memorabilia you would like to share. Past teachers, administrators, coaches, & community members are also invited.

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**Upcoming Events:**  
**Culpepper & Merriweather Circus in Ovid July 2nd.**  
**Elsie Dairy Festival July 8-11.**  
**Ovid Carriage Days September 10-12.**

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR FOR ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ASHLEY, MICHIGAN.

DATE OF MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021  
PLACE OF MEETING: ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MEDIA CENTER, 104 N NEW ST., ASHLEY, MI 48806  
HOUR OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.  
PHONE NUMBER OF PRINCIPLE OFFICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION: 989-847-4000

A COPY OF THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE AT 104 N. NEW STREET, ASHLEY, MI.

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Cindy Wilson  
Secretary, Board of Education

## 50th Anniversary

On August 26th, the 50th Reunion of the 1970-1971 Conference Football Championship Coaches, Players, Cheerleaders and Managers will be recognized at Mark O'Donnell Field at Ovid-Elsie High School during the kick off of the 2021 O-E football season with the game against Portland.

Complimentary, Commemorative t-shirts will be given to members that are in attendance. More information will be made available closer to the game date. Please contact Frank Quine at (989)666-5810 with shirt size by June 30th.

## Pathways Adult Education Graduation

*submitted by Troy Napier*

Pathways Adult Education, located at Baker College of Owosso, is pleased to announce that seven students completed their high school graduation requirements and received their high school diploma during the 2019-20 school year. They were Jazmin Friend, Dystainy Gardner, Doug Hart, Erika Madigan, Brandon Mann, Casey Soard and Anthony Robinson. Pathways also had 12 students that earned their diploma in the 2020-21 school year. Among those graduating were Joy Brandt, Vanessa Byron, RJ Cabay, James Hall, Justin Kott, Alicia Rood, Nichole Rowell, CJ Shaft, and Josh Voorhies.

The program's annual graduation ceremonies in 2019-20 and 2020-21 were cancelled due to COVID-19. This was disappointing for the graduates and their families. Many students returned to school after being away for a lengthy period of time. Returning required resolve, humility, and perseverance. Family, friends and Pathways' staff are all very proud of the efforts that these adults have made.

Three Pathways' staff members are retiring this summer after several years of helping students achieve their goals. Gayle Jones, Doug Waldie, and Dennis Hrcka will be missed. At our recent retirement celebration, we also honored Brenda Bridges who retired last June. Their efforts have made a positive difference in the lives of many Pathways' students.

Pathways Adult Education has been located at Baker College of Owosso for over 20 years under the leadership of Troy Napier. Karen Wagner has served as the Adult Education Coordinator for the last 10 years.

Pathways Adult Education will be closed for the summer. It will reopen after Labor Day. For information about the opportunities available for those adults without a high school diploma, contact Karen Wagner at 989-729-3620 or [karen.wagner@baker.edu](mailto:karen.wagner@baker.edu).

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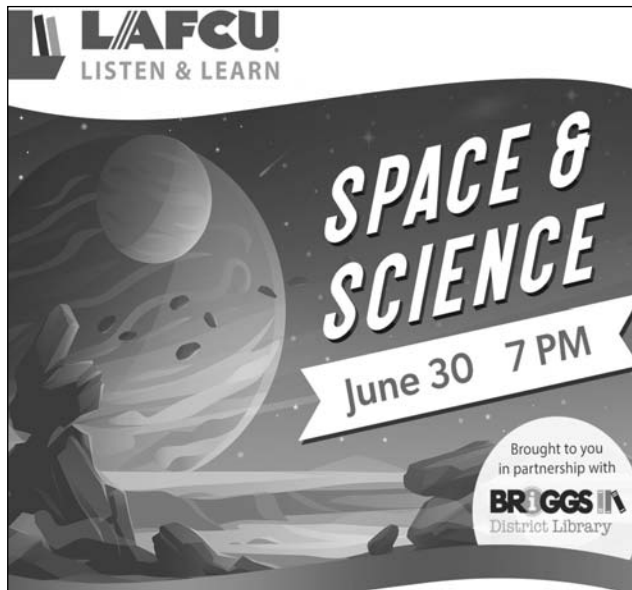
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Joining LAFCU as presenting partners for the June 30 LAFCU Listen & Learn live event are a planetarium, a family science museum and a library.

## LAFCU Invites Young Star-Catches to 'Space & Science' Exploration June 30

submitted by Jan Jenkins

LANSING— LAFCU is partnering with a planetarium, a family science museum and a library to explore the wondrous intersection of space and science for its June reading event for Michigan kids, Wednesday, June 30, 7 p.m.

LAFCU Listen & Learn Space & Science is a free, virtual, live event designed to encourage children up to age 12 to read through fun, interesting and informative ways.

Budding young astronauts, star-catchers, space-travelers and others will virtually visit Abrams Planetarium, at Michigan State University, to learn about the summer sky in Michigan. Impression 5 Science Center, a family museum in Lansing, will present a science demonstration about space travel and the effects of space's atmosphere.

As always, a book will be the Listen & Learn superstar. The award-winning children's book "Rocket Says Look Up!" by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola will be read by Erin Faivor, programming librarian at Briggs District Library, St. Johns.

There will also be a drawing to give away three \$20 eGift cards for a bookstore.

"Reading encourages kids to dream big," said Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, LAFCU chief marketing officer and chief diversity officer. "And this is centerstage in LAFCU Listen & Learn Space & Science. Enhancing critical reading and learning skills is important to the future success of our communities and supports the LAFCU philosophy, 'LAFCU, Your Credit Union for Life.'"

Registration for the virtual LAFCU Listen & Learn event is at [www.lafcu.com/read](http://www.lafcu.com/read). Using a provided web link, registrants can view the event on computers, tablets, smartphones and smart TVs. No additional software is required.

The Michigan credit union created the LAFCU Listen & Learn Program in response to the pandemic to provide a new option for a fun way for kids to learn, listen, read and interact. In addition to live events, the program also offers ongoing virtual readings of children's books by phone, 517.622.6789, and YouTube videos, <http://bit.ly/LAFCU-L-L>. Volunteer readers can register at <https://bit.ly/LAFCUVolunteers>.

More information about the LAFCU Listen & Learn Program is at [www.lafcu.com/read](http://www.lafcu.com/read).

## 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.

## Michele Partain Named Memorial Healthcare June Employee of the Month

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Michele Partain, Housekeeping Aide, The Meadows, as our June Employee of the Month. Michele has been an employee at Memorial Healthcare since 2018.

According to her winning nomination, "Michele continues to step outside of her position and take on additional training to be able and available to assist in different locations throughout The Meadows when needed, especially during COVID. She has developed wonderful relationships with each of the residents; they all love her because she is such a great listener and a friend to them. Michele provides wonderful, consistent customer service which enhances the reputation and quality of The Meadows."

Michele lives in Owosso with her husband and three children. Michele enjoys spending time with her family, bike riding and playing cards or dice games. Her first job was at Community Mental Health. Michele enjoys attending the Immanuel Baptist Church with her family. She would like to be remembered as someone who has a positive attitude. "At the Meadows, we are all team players and help each other whenever it's needed. It is an honor to be chosen as Employee of the Month," said Michele.



## 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.

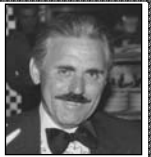
All of these activities are online via our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and website ([www.elsiepubliclibrary.org](http://www.elsiepubliclibrary.org))

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.

## In Memoriam Carl Bowles

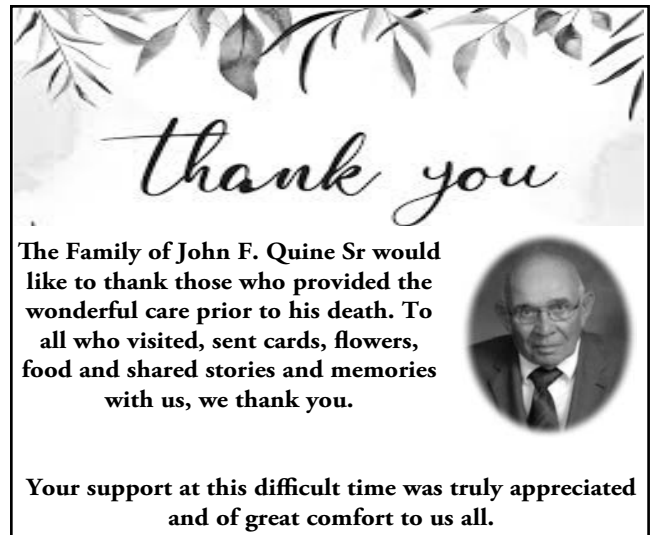
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Mike, Randy, Jayme & Ray  
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The Family of John F. Quine Sr would like to thank those who provided the wonderful care prior to his death. To all who visited, sent cards, flowers, food and shared stories and memories with us, we thank you.

Your support at this difficult time was truly appreciated and of great comfort to us all.

## DINNER AND DISCUSSION



### YOU'RE INVITED TO SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Please join **Christina Dumond**, Advance Funeral Planner at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes for a thoughtful discussion about the many benefits of early planning.

Meal will be served.

### EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, June 30th at 5:30 p.m.

**The Comstock Inn- Tanglewood**  
300 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867  
Please RSVP to (989) 725-7171 as seating is limited.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

7/28/21 // 2:00 pm // Dinner & Discussion // The Comstock Inn-Tanglewood // Owosso  
8/31/21 // 5:30 pm // Dinner & Discussion // The Comstock Inn-Tanglewood // Owosso  
9/29/21 // 2:00 pm // Dinner & Discussion // The Comstock Inn-Tanglewood // Owosso

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Ovid Spring Spruce-Up

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The first annual Ovid Spring Spruce-Up was a success. The event was held on June 6th and work was able to be done at Gumaer and Boyer Parks despite the steamy temperatures. At Gumaer Park, both play areas were cleaned up, an old bench was brought back to life with a lot of scrubbing, the sand-box and horseshoe boards were painted and several areas were raked. At Boyer Park all weeds were pulled and the entire area was given a fresh load of mulch.



The Ovid Parks and Recreation committee would like to thank the DPW Staff, Boy Scout Troops 114 and 585 and their leaders, Larry Ordiway, Jody and Madison Thornton and Sophie Simon for all their help. We look forward to seeing this event grow as we work to spruce-up Ovid's parks.

“Big A” (Jason E. Andersen) Memorial Scholarships Awarded

submitted by Janice Andersen

The BIG A (Jason E. Andersen) Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Cameron Salas, a graduating senior at Laingsburg High School and three high school seniors at Alpena High School. Cameron is the son of Michael and Tiffany Salas of Laingsburg, MI. He has started working/training at the Local 7 Sheet Metal Layout and Welding Plant.



Cameron Salas

The BIG A Scholarship was started in 2009 in memory of Jason E. Andersen, a former Laingsburg High School graduate of the Class of 1995, and over \$39,000 in scholarships have been awarded thus far. Jason's life was taken at the young age of 31 due to hypertensive cardiovascular disease. Jason had a tremendous impact helping students both from a coaching aspect and counseling at risk students of all ages. What better way of continuing his leg-end of helping students of all ages. Additional information on the Alpena recipients will be forthcoming. Scholarships are awarded to those seniors in good standing and have participated in school based and non-school based activities, along with their future study area and goals. We are honored to acknowledge Cameron Salas as this year's LHS recipient.

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Obituaries

Pennie Lee Martin

Pennie Lee Martin passed from this life to her Eternal Home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 12, 2021. She was born in Lansing, Michigan on January 9, 1939 to the late Glen Don Herblet and Theda Grace Munroe Herblet. She was raised on a farm in Laingsburg, MI and graduated from Ovid High School in 1957. Mrs. Martin worked as a pre-school and elementary school teacher, college secretary and for over 20 years worked for Pensacola Christian College, 11 of those years as the college registrar. She loved her family, her friends, flowers, being creative and watching baseball.

She is preceded in death by, her husband, Dennis W. Martin; her parents, her brothers, Jerry Herblet, Michael Herblet and Thom Herblet.

Mrs. Martin is survived by, her daughters and sons-in-law, Susan Seelye (Jeff), Stacy Painter (David); a son and daughter-in-law, Seth Martin (Michelle); Grandchildren: Caleb Seelye (Amy), Cody Seelye (Leah), Hudson Seelye (Sarah), Andrew Seelye (Elizabeth Kline), Logan Seelye, Brandon Painter (Kristi), Benjamin Painter (Anna), Zachary Painter (Mary), Tyler Martin; brothers, Jim Herblet, Pat Herblet (Patty); a sister, Kim Herblet and 10 great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held on June 15, 2021 in the Mullenix Chapel at Pensacola Christian College with Rev. Josh Burdick officiating. Interment will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Owosso, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers her wishes were that contributions be given to the Hodges family, missionaries in Honduras in care of The Campus Church.



Faith Chapel Funeral Home South, 100 Beverly Parkway, Pensacola, was entrusted with arrangements in Florida.

For further information please contact McGeehan Funeral Home (Keck-Coleman Chapel), St. Johns, Michigan, at 989-224-4422.

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Teresa Louise VanDeusen

Teresa Louise VanDeusen, age 84, of Ovid, MI, passed away surrounded by her family on Friday, June 11, 2021, at Hospice of Lansing Stoneleigh Residence.

Teresa was born in St. Johns, Michigan on June 5, 1937, the daughter of Edwin William and Theda Marie (McCullough) Rademacher. She graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School with the class of 1956. Teresa was a waitress at Juanita O'Leary's restaurant in her early years. She later worked for Federal Mogul for nearly 20 years prior to her retirement in 2001.

Teresa loved music and singing. Her dogs Mollie and Mickey were her faithful companions. She always looked forward to family gatherings. Her family loved her fudge and potato salad. She enjoyed going out to eat and visiting with friends. Teresa's life was revolved around her family and spending time with them.

Teresa is survived by 4 children: Rodney (Deanna) VanDeusen of Ovid, MI; Lori Price of Ovid, MI; Sheri (Ken) Monks of Ovid, MI; and Tracey VanDeusen of Ovid, MI. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Derrek (Heather) VanDeusen, Joshua (Hollie) VanDeusen, Matthew VanDeusen, Adam Syers, Corey Helmer, Cassie Syers, Cody (Sydney) Syers, Megan (Dustin Speers) Vess, and Dumitru Vess; 8 great-grandchildren: Audrie, Emmie, Grayson, Maddie, Dominic, Rowan, Ren, and baby Syers; 3 sisters: Rosie Steffens, Shirley Russell, and Doris (Calvin) VanDeusen; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters: Ernestine "Maggie" Bancroft, and Loretta Thornton; and the father of her children, Doug VanDeusen.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, Monday, June 14, 2021, with Justin Shepard officiating. Burial has taken place at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Colony School House c/o Gayla Ruehle 3850 N. Watson Rd. St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



Theresa Ann Blasen

Therese Ann Blasen, age 93, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Therese was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on March 8, 1928, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Lynch) Sommer. Therese married Clarence Joseph Blasen on March 6, 1948 in Lansing, Michigan. They celebrated 61 years of marriage before Clarence passed away on July 6, 2009.

Therese loved crocheting and needle point. She enjoyed sharing her afghans and homemade crafts with family and friends. She was known for her homemade cookies she baked without a timer. She will be remembered as a wonderful wife and mother who was always there for her family.

She is survived by her children: Stanley Blasen of Holt, MI; Russell Blasen of Ovid, MI; Barbara Blasen of Lansing, MI; Floyd Blasen of Lansing, MI; Rose Blasen of Haslett, MI; Roger Blasen of Ovid, MI. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, one brother Raymond and Marge Sommer of St. Louis, MO, sisters in law: Irene Smith of Holland, MI and Anna Blasen of St. Johns, MI. Therese was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Robert Joseph, daughter Susan (Floyd) Stevenson, granddaughter Joyce Davis, and 5 siblings: Kathleen (Bob) Jones, Edward (Ila) Sommer, Dorothy (Lee) Anderson, Gerald (Jeanette) Sommer, and James (Joann) Sommer.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Burial has taken place at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

Memorials may be made to Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Rep. Filler Honors Local Marine Killed While Serving in Vietnam

submitted by Christina Guenther  
State Rep. Graham Filler of DeWitt is spearheading a plan to honor a Clinton County native who was killed in 1967 while deployed with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam.

Pfc. Ronald James Fitch was born on Feb. 10, 1947 and grew up in St. Johns. He enlisted in the Marines after he turned 18 and was deployed to Vietnam as part of the 3rd Motor Transport Battalion. Pfc. Fitch was tragically killed just shortly after his 20th birthday on April 5, 1967, during a resupply run in Thua Thien Province.

Filler's plan would designate a portion of US-127 in Clinton County as the "PFC Ronald James Fitch Memorial Highway."

"Naming the portion of U.S.-127 that runs by Pfc. Fitch's hometown in his honor will ensure that his life will never be forgotten," Filler said. "It is my hope that everyone who drives this stretch of road will pause and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Pfc. Fitch gave for our country."

If enacted, House Bill 4735 will name the portion of highway US-127 between Wildcat Road and Livingston Road in Pfc. Fitch's honor.

# Obituaries

## Kay Elaine Grove

Kay Elaine Grove, age 69, of Ovid formerly of Laingsburg passed away Friday, June 11, 2021 at Sparrow Health Systems, Sparrow Campus. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service honoring her life will be announced.

Kay was born June 19, 1951 in St. Johns, Michigan to the proud parents Jacob and Constance (Sparkes) Wing, Jr. She was a lifelong resident of Laingsburg, graduating from Laingsburg High School in 1969. She went on to work for Laingsburg Elementary School for many years. She married Arnold W. Grove on June 17, 1990 in Owosso, Michigan; recently celebrating 31 years of marriage. Kay enjoyed hunting, camping, gardening; including her succulents, creating many crafts, crocheting, knitting and was known to all as an impeccable cook!

Kay is lovingly survived by her husband; Arnold Grove, Sr., her children; Tony (Kristina Reed) Grove, Melody (Tim) Arnst, Kandy (Ron) Stein, and Arnold (Tina) Grove, Jr., her daughter-in-law; Cindy Grove and son-in-law; Kenny Austin, her 18 grandchildren, her 15 great-grandchildren, her 4 great great-grandchildren, her 4 sisters; Gladys Wing, Sue (Lynn) Pierce, Jean Scripter, and Rose (Dennis) Doody and the many friends she has made throughout the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Jacob and Constance Wing, Jr., her son; Rex Grove, her daughter; Tina Austin; her brother; Howard Wing and brother-in-law Joe Jester.

Memorials are suggested to META Peace Team at [metapeaceteam.org](http://metapeaceteam.org) or to the American Cancer Society at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org). Online condolences may be made at [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com).



## Frances Kay Clapp

Frances Kay Clapp, age 75, of Steele, ND, formerly of Elsie/Chapin MI, went to be cradled in the loving arms of the Lord on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Kay was born on September 14, 1945, in St. Johns, MI, to Paul and Frances (Somers) Jones. Kay graduated from Elsie High School in 1963. She married Elmer Clapp on November 4, 1962. Elmer preceded her in death in 2013.

Kay, as she was always known, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. Always a people-person, Kay opened her heart and arms to so many. Kay had many hobbies. She loved to sew and made many beautiful quilts over the years.

Surviving Kay are her children: Paul (Wendy) Clapp of Cadillac, Patrick (Pam) Clapp of Owosso, Mylynn (Jerod) Tuft of Kidder County, ND, Joyelle (Joe) Dorer of Holt, Liisa Clapp of Steele, ND, and Garrett Clapp (Aleph) of California; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Kay is also survived by her siblings Lois (Jerry) Boone, RJ (Sue) Jones, and LD Jones, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Kay was preceded in death by Elmer, her husband of 51 years, her parents Paul and Frances Jones, and granddaughter Mayna.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until the service.

Memorial contributions may be made in accordance with the donors' wishes. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

## Patricia Kay Perez

Patricia Kay Perez, age 65, of Haslett, MI, passed away Monday, June 14, 2021, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, MI.

Patricia was born in Carson City, Michigan on October 5, 1955, the daughter of Kenneth and Edna (McGuire) Wicke. She graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1974.

Pat enjoyed watching tv, puzzles, games, plastic canvas and spending time outdoors. She liked listening to stories her daughter Jane co-wrote. Pat had a sweet tooth and she loved salt water taffy. She retired from Oldsmobile after many years of service. Her family was very special to her and she loved time spent with them. She was a member of Lansing Central Free Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children: Paul and Cathy Conaway Jr., Joseph and Devin Conaway, Jennifer and Lee Lara, Sara McMillan, Jane Labby, 7 grandchildren with one more on the way, 6 great grandchildren, siblings: Theresa McElhaney, Sandra Boulis, Donna Wicke, Bruce and Lori Wicke, and half brother Rex Irons. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother in law Ron McElhaney.

A Memorial Service will be held at Central Free Methodist Church, 828 North Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906, Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Joanna DeWolf officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family to cover funeral expenses. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



## John Carroll, Jr.

John Carroll, Jr., age 92 of Laingsburg passed away Thursday, June 17, 2021, at home with his wife by his side.

John was born January 3, 1929, in St. Louis, MO to the proud parents; John and Anna (Karek) Carroll. The family moved to Laingsburg and made this their permanent residence. He graduated from Laingsburg High School in 1946 and went to work for Fisher Body in Lansing until his decision to serve his country bravely in the United States Navy. Upon John's return to civilian life, he married Virginia "Jinny" Bliss on November 12, 1949, in Angola, IN, recently celebrating 71 years of marriage. John remained actively working throughout much of his life. He was the co-owner of Jinny's Restaurant from 1968-1976 and the co-owner of Laingsburg Laundromat. He started the first ambulance service in Laingsburg and was a Licensed EMT for 16 years. He worked for Centrifuge in Lansing until transferring to Goodyear in Akron, OH where he retired in 1989. John is a member of the American Legion, Post 248 in Laingsburg, a past president and district governor of the Laingsburg Lions Club District 11-C2 as well as their secretary and sat on their Board of Directors for many years, a past vice-president of the Laingsburg Business and Community Association, a past president of the Laingsburg Cemetery Association, a past president of the Michigan Braille Transcribing Service, a past executive director of the Laingsburg Boy Scout Troop 205, and a past committee member for the Laingsburg Winterfest. In his free time, he raised a family and made them the center of his world.

Mr. Carroll is survived by his loving wife; Virginia, his children; John (Clara) Carroll, Sue Ann (Charlie) Sharp, Richard (Donna) Carroll, James (Lois) Carroll and Debra (Chuck) Ross, his 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, his sister; Patty (Tony Ramm) VanNocker and the many friends he made throughout the years. He was preceded in death by his parents; John and Anna Carroll, his son; Robert Carroll, his siblings; Betty Jean Carroll, Virginia Glidden, and Jim (Betty) Carroll.

A funeral service honoring Mr. Carroll will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, 203 E. First North St., Laingsburg, MI 48848. Interment immediately following at Laingsburg Cemetery. Eric Schuman will officiate. The family will receive friends from 1:00 – 3:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Monday, June 21, 2021, at the funeral home as well as one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorials honoring Mr. Carroll are suggested to Lions Club International Site First: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-our-focus-areas/vision/sightfirst> or to Leader Dogs for the Blind: <https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/>. Online condolences may be shared at [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com).



## Editorial

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## ZEBCO Rhino

The Weekly Sportsman likes to test and review new hunting, fishing, and outdoor products all the time and report to column readers what is quality and what is junk. This week ZEBCO Rhino Rods will be covered with over 30 years of field testing on numerous rivers, ponds, and lakes across Michigan. What started as a purchase due to a clever marketing campaign has continued through to current purchases based on performance and quality.

Back in high school the Weekly Sportsman went to Meijer to purchase a new rod to go fishing for pike. At the time there were some pretty monster pike being pulled out of Round Lake.

Browsing the poles the Zebco Rhino Rods stood out because they had a mail in coupon attached for a t-shirt with an illustration of the front and rear of a rhino. Above read "INDESTRUCTIBLE FROM TIP TO BUTT." So a t-shirt offer decades ago sucked in the Weekly Sportsman and brand loyalty continues due to the fact Rhino rods simply do not break from either big fish on the line or being tossed around in boats and in the back of pickup trucks.

The Weekly Sportsman still seeks these rods out at second hand stores and garage sales. ZEBCO has reintroduced their strong rods under the name Rhino Tough. They are covered by a 10 year warranty and feature a stainless steel guide at the tip and quality continues with cross weave construction and is unsanded to provide toughness and stability. Easily affordable for the beginner or expert angler they are available in both spinning and casting models of differing lengths.

Whether you are looking for a used bargain or purchasing new from a retailer you can not go wrong with a ZEBCO used Rhino or new Rhino Tough rod.

-WS



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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(above): Attending Lions Club Photo Front L-R, Arden Densmore, Don Gilbert, Ike Hunt, Glenn Tucker, Robert Boyd and Robert Skaryd. Back Row L-R, Kyle Thornton, Roseanne Weyersburg, Richard Easlick, Rick Jones, Dennis Lion, Robin Wooley, Dr. Robert Peterson, Les Loyne's and Douglas Sturgis,



L-R: Richard Bates, Kayla Levey, Megan Ladiski, Faith Brown, Connor Brown and Bruce Levey.

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(above): Kyle Thornton receiving his 10 Year Lions Chevron Award from Elsie Lion's President Ike Hunt.

## Elsie Dairy Festival

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Elsie Lions and Lioness Club News



Starting July 1st the Ovid-Elsie Lioness Club will become a Branch Club under the Elsie Lions Club, I have attached a picture of the new O-E Lioness Branch Club, with a picture attached. Front Row L-R Mary Huhey, Rose Marie Thering, Joanne Sturgis. Back Row L-R Karen Wooley, Raelene Easlick, Sue Peterson and Peggy Airgood. Missing member's from photo are Vivian Durling, Diane Courter, Laurie Mead and Karen Riegle.

(right): President Lion Ike Hunt presenting a 60 Year Chevron Award to the Eugene Schoendorf Family, in honor of past Lion Member Eugene Schoendorf, We started the evening with a catered meal from Mary's Country Kitchen. Past District Governor Brent Beracy MC'd this fun event.



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(right): We also presented two new Lions Member's a certificate, President Lion Ike Hunt is pictured with New Lions Member's Roseanne and Douglas Sturgis.



(left): President Lion Hunt presenting Lions Robert Boyd and Robert Skaryd with there 20 Year Lions Chevron Award.

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# Sports

## Wolfpack’s Koerner Fires 151 for 36 Holes; 8th in MHSAA State Finals

ALLENDALE — Laingsburg’s Zach Koerner finished in a tie for eighth place Saturday in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 boys golf finals at the Meadows Golf Course. Koerner shot 70 on Friday and followed Saturday with an 81 for a 151 total. P.J. Maybank of Cheboygan was the Division 3 champion with a 135 (66-69). Grand Rapids Catholic Central won the team title.



## Wolfpack Baseballers Open Summer League Season in Lansing

LANSING -- Laingsburg's Wolfpack opened its summer league season in Lansing on June 15, losing the lead late in a 5-2 defeat to Lansing Catholic. The game was tied at two with the Cougars batting in the bottom of the sixth when they drew a walk, scoring one run. Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack lost despite out-hitting Lansing Catholic six to five. In the first inning, Lansing Catholic got their offense started. #15 singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run. Ty Randall was on the pitcher's mound for Laingsburg, giving up two runs on two hits over four innings, striking out seven. Ethan West threw two innings out of the bullpen. Randall went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Laingsburg in hits. In the second game, the Wolves watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in an 8-5 loss. Lansing Catholic took the lead on a double in the first inning. The Wolfpack scored three runs in the fourth inning. The Wolves put the pressure on, lead by singles by Tommy G and Matt F and a groundout by Randall. Jayce and Hayden Johnston each collected one hit to lead Laingsburg.

## Lady Wolfpack Advances to Regional Final with Big Win Over Tough Hornet Team

SHEPHERD -- Laingsburg came out stinging the ball and didn't let up during an entire hot, steamy Saturday afternoon here June 12. While Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack didn't come away with their ultimate prize -- a MHSAA Regional softball championship -- their high-powered offense turned some heads; the youthful Wolves made their case for one of the state's top returning teams in 2022. LHS ended up one run and one out short, after Shepherd bounced back from a six-run deficit -- in extra innings, no less -- in closing out a superb 32-5 campaign, resplendent with Central Michigan Athletic Conference and District titles.



Ella Merrell scores a run in the June 12 Regional showdown vs. New Lothrop. Merrell doubled over the leftfielder's head, then later scampered home to stake LHS to a 4-1 lead.


## 10th Annual Golf Outing

The Ovid-Elsie Golf fund raising golf outing will hold its 10th annual event on Sunday, July 18th. At the Emerald Gold Course in St Johns. The format will be a 18 hole, 4 person scramble. The cost per person is \$50 (\$200 per team) and includes the cart, range balls, hole prizes, 1 mulligan per golfer and dinner after golf. The event will shotgun at 10am. Proceeds from this fund raiser will benefit the O-E bowling teams. To sign up, contact Coach Matt Fabus at (989)862-5746.

New Lothrop (33-8) fell behind, 5-1, early and couldn't come back in a 6-4 loss in the Regional opener. The Lady Wolves on a double by Hailey Bila in the first inning, a single by Madison Wagner in the first inning, and a single by Kailey Cataline in the second inning. The Horent lost despite out-hitting Lainsburg 11 to nine. Cataline led things off in the circle for Lainsburg. The pitcher lasted seven innings, allowing 11 hits and four runs while striking out five. Jersey Hemgesberg was in the pitcher's circle for New Lothrop, surrendering six runs on nine hits over seven innings, striking out seven.

The **Ovid-Elsie Area School** announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. **Free meals** will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site listed below.

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This menu is for the week of June 21, 2021

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<b>Lunch</b> WG Bosco Sticks Grape Tomatoes Clementine FF Chocolate Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Ham & Cheese Lunch Kit Carrots Peaches FF Chocolate Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Salas on WG Croissant Coleslaw Strawberries FF Chocolate Milk	<b>Lunch</b> WG Taco Stick Salsa Pears FF Chocolate Milk	<b>Lunch</b> Mini Twin Burgers Baked Beans Mandarin Orange FF Chocolate Milk

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Isabel Henige, Makayla Lienau, and Brynne Birchmeier all had multiple hits for the Lady Hornets. Henige went 3-for-3 at the plate. The Wolves collected nine hits. Ashley Bila, Wagner, and Hailey Bila all collected multiple hits for the 'Pack. -- HOST BLUE JAYS WIN THRILLER TO END WOLF-PACK'S SEASON: Laingsburg’s softball team failed to hold onto a six-run lead in Saturday’s Division 3 regional championship game, falling to Shepherd 19-18 in eight innings. The Wolfpack turned back New Lothrop 6-4 in the regional semifinals earlier Saturday, but couldn’t stave off a Shepherd rally in the eighth inning of the title game. Laingsburg’s season ended at 32-5 while Shepherd rose to 23-9, earning a berth in the state quarterfinals.





## Rep. Filler Tours St. Johns Fertilizer Operation

*submitted by Christina Guenther*

State Rep. Graham Filler of DeWitt and Rep. Luke Meerman of Coopersville recently toured AgroLiquid in St. Johns to learn more about the company and the fertilizer industry. The family business manufactures and distributes plant nutrition products across the world and hosts visitors at its IQ Hub to teach families about the agricultural industry and farming technologies. “AgroLiquid is a huge asset to the St. Johns community,” Filler said. “They’re a great local job provider and they teach thousands of kids about science behind plants and the history of farming.” From left: Rep. Filler, Rep. Meerman, AgroLiquid Founder Troy Bancroft and AgroLiquid Outreach and Education Manager Burt Henry.

## Governor Whitmer Proclaims June as Michigan Dairy Month

*submitted by Jennifer Holton*

LANSING — Governor Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed June as Michigan Dairy Month, coinciding with National Dairy Month, to celebrate the state’s dairy farmers and dairy processors; to recognize the dairy industry’s contribution to the state’s economy; and to promote the health and nutrition benefits of dairy products.

National Dairy Month is traditionally celebrated in June to encourage Americans to reduce the risks of osteoporosis, high blood pressure, obesity, and colon cancer through consumption of dairy products, and to help parents and caregivers teach the children in their care the importance of healthy eating habits, good nutrition and physical activity, and how dairy fits into a well-balanced, healthy meal plan. Dairy foods provide about 52 percent of the calcium, 51 percent of the vitamin D, and 17 percent of the protein consumed by Americans.

There are 440,000 dairy cows on 1,153 dairy farms of all sizes in our state, which produced 11.56 billion pounds of milk in 2020, ranking Michigan 6th in the nation for milk production. For the first time, in January 2021, Michigan dairy farmers produced more than one billion pounds of milk in a single month, joining an elite group of five other states to reach this production level. That production trend is expected to continue and has led to an expansion of dairy processing facilities and the use of new technologies.

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Driving offers a sense of freedom that is hard to replicate. Is it any wonder young drivers are so eager to get their licenses while older drivers aim to hold on to them as long as they can?

Certain hazards come with getting behind the wheel, though most are largely preventable — including drowsy driving. As more people take to the roadways this spring and summer, it is important to remember that drowsy driving is a major problem.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that as many as 6,000 fatal crashes each year may be attributed to drowsy drivers. The National Sleep Foundation found about half of adult drivers in the United States admit to consistently getting behind the wheel while feeling drowsy. In addition, more than 40 percent of survey respondents say they have fallen asleep behind the wheel at least once.

The impact of drowsiness on driving is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated, distracted or under the influence of both legal and illegal drugs.

- Reaction times are greatly reduced and worsen the drowsier the driver becomes.
- Awareness of hazards and the ability to sustain attention are diminished.
- Driving after being awake more than 20 hours without sleep is the equivalent of driving with a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent.
- The National Safety Council warns that fatigued drivers are three more times more likely to be in a car crash than drivers who are not fatigued.
- Insufficient sleep is tied to poor decision-making, which can lead to risk-taking behind the wheel.

Some drivers may not recognize they are driving while drowsy. Drivers with certain sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea, may not recognize that their interrupted, less restorative sleep can adversely affect their safety behind the wheel. Addressing sleep disorders can help drivers be more safe. Other people may be sleep deprived from working shift hours or taking care of young children. Asking for help to catch up on sleep can alleviate drowsiness when behind the wheel.

Individuals can take additional steps to make them less susceptible to drowsy driving.

- Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m. or in the mid-afternoon when sleepiness peaks, according to the Sleep Foundation.
- Ask to change medications if they cause drowsiness. Check to see if supplements list drowsiness as reactions and avoid those that do.



### How to Protect Your Car from Sun Damage

People know to protect their skin and eyes from the sun. Sun exposure can be dangerous for the body, but the sun's rays also can damage automobiles.

Leaving a vehicle exposed to sunlight for extended periods of time increases the risk of damage to its interior and exterior. It's important that car and truck owners recognize this so they can mitigate the potential problems sun and heat may cause. Testing conducted at the State Farm® Vehicle Research Facility found interior vehicle air temperatures have been recorded well in excess of 145 F. Interior surfaces exposed to direct sunlight have been recorded at temperatures in excess of 195 F.

The automotive repair service Fix Auto says the sun's ultra-violet rays can cause the vehicle's paint to peel and fade over time. UV rays break down the molecules in the paint and make it appear dull. The company says red paint is particularly susceptible because red paint molecules deteriorate faster in the sun than other paint colors.

To prevent potential sun-related damage, take these precautions.

- Avoid direct sunlight. Park in the shade as much as possible.
- Crack a window. If it is safe to do so, lower interior air temperature and equalize air pressure by opening up car windows a little.
- Use a windshield protector. Reflect sunlight away and keep the vehicle cool with a windshield sun protector that unfolds and slides into place.
- Use a protectant wax. A layer of wax can offer another layer of protection against the sun's ultraviolet rays.
- Wash the car frequently. Washing and hand-drying the vehicle helps to remove dirt and other debris which can cause micro-scratches in the paint.
- Install seat covers. Seat covers can protect leather and fabric upholstery. A leather conditioner can help prevent cracks and tears from sunlight and heat.

These easy steps are simple preventative measures that protect vehicles against sun damage.

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## Happy Fathers Day, Dad's and Grandpa's

Dear Andy, I'm sitting here at our camp tending the Sunday morning bon fire this week. We are on Day 3; four more days for our annual family bonding ritual ie a camping trip. Looking around, most everyone is on their cell phones – the pre-teens are giggling with their friends, the teens are making plans for next week or playing a game, the sons-in-law are checking emails from work. My adult daughters are reading from a tablet. I prefer reading a hard back book with pages and the local newspapers in print. I am just old fashioned but...

I decided to go electronic and read the obituaries in the Meridian Weekly online, since I was not at home this week to read my Weekly. On line was convenient but not the same. When I got to the Ask Andy column, I laughed out loud (lol) at your suggestions for an organized and smooth camping trip. Let me share this with you...and you can quote me. "Camping is a lot of work." Let me also share a few more observations from my viewpoint of the campfire I am tending. Wood cannot be transported so it had to be purchased locally, grandpa found wood, stacked, and split it. Ice needs to be purchased for 5 coolers every day. Kids need something from the store, every day. Kids need pushed in the swing, every day. It took half the day to get through breakfast, clean up and an activity before hitting the beach for more fun.

On the first day, one of the dogs had a freak accident and had to go to an animal hospital 2 hours away, gone over night for a surgical procedure, at the cost of \$1,500. Then the tents had to be pitched, air mattresses had to be pumped. Set up of beverages to make sure we all stay hydrated. No electronics...are you kidding? LOL. Cell phones, a radio for music and walkie talkies for the little kids even though we could see the playground next to our camp site, electronics in every direction I looked. And then, first night...it poured rain. But the sun dried us out for the rest of the week.

Between all the families we had every convenience of home...really! I watched grandma as she organized the pantry area, labeled coolers, set up the non-electric dish washing area. Then it happened: Electronics! Gma pulled out a waffle maker, pop corn popper, electric frying pan, a 2- burner electric stove, a coffee pot, and air fryer for the homemade French fries which were awesome...4 slice toaster, and a cast iron pan?... and an electrical appliances and conveniences continued, but it was still hard work. Some one set up the toss across, the giant badminton, and a general family game area. Table clothes on the tables. Set up of lawn chairs around the campfire. Sorting duffels to the correct tents to match up with the persons sharing accommodations.

Set the boundaries for the kids to ride their bicycles. Oh yes, we pack bikes, including grandma's Big 3-wheeler. Cooling fans, sleeping bags, blankets, fishing poles, kayaks, paddles, life jackets and the of course the pontoon. After reviewing boating and swimming safety rules we parked the boat and set up water chairs.

We took turns making meals and cleaning up. We organized times for swimming, boating, hiking, and biking. Games and Photo shoots. Spills, bumps, suntan lotion in the eyes, tears, and laughter and watermelon. Camping is fun, but we had to load up and clean up and take it all home to clean up and put away. Again, a lot of work. One family member had to go get the dog at the Animal hospital, a few other family friends stopped in, at meal time, of course....I don't know who told them where we would be...but it was fun to see them anyway. Lof. On the way home, only 35 miles from camp; tired but on our way home... flat tire on the pontoon trailer....oh no, not just a flat tire but the 5 point axil needed to be replaced. Try finding a auto mechanic that can do an emergency job. After several locals stopped to help out...friendly folks in small towns up north, we made a dozen phone call (thank goodness for electronics) to finally find the parts and find mechanics who knew what to do and had time to do it on the same day. Thank you ATM's.

Did I say camping was a lot of work? It was a lot of work but all the fun and family antics and watching them interact with one another during playing, working, communicating, and getting things set up and break down for camping made it all worth it. And, yum yum. S'mores. Marshmallows burning and chocolate melting. Who cares if things don't go as smoothly as hoped. It's a "family vacation" ...but don't believe for a minute that grandmas do all the work. I watched her have fun, too. And I love and appreciate how everyone chips in to make contributions towards the family bonding and success of our annual family camping trip. Gramps.

Dear Gramps, You said it all, but just to add to this note to our readers: Start planning your family camping trip. Cabins, Tents, campers, motor homes, B&B, cottages, hotels, resorts. Whatever works for you and your family. And thank you to all the dads and granddads who make fun possible, even with a little or a lot of work!

Happy Father's Day. Andy ask\_andy@aol.com



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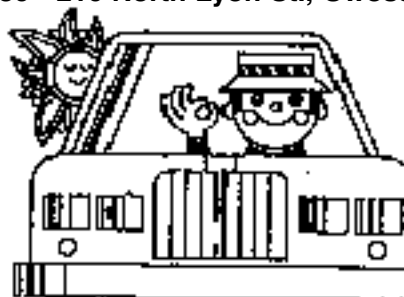


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# Editorial

It is now Tuesday evening and I'm wrung out like a wet dish rag....I haven't figured out how I got here.....but there are a few indications. Such as, I have a definite lack in the use of the negative response to simple questions. Somehow, I have managed to pick up another Farmer's Market to keep me from disturbing others. So, beginning this week, on Thursday, I can be found at the St Louis Farmer's Market from one in the afternoon until six in the evening. Of course this means that I should be packed and on my way before 12:40 PM at the latest, I will also need to have the oven filled by 5:00 AM. Everything will need to be



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

packaged and labeled and put into totes to transport.....of course the totes seem to gain weight just by me carrying them from the house out to the pickup. There is a possibility that my perception is just a bit off...

Miss Isabella spent about four hours with me today, she was pleased that we picked up the four feather flags and she had an opportunity to meet some more nice people. As the three of us, Prudence was there too, made our way to see the Wilson's homestead Isabella decided that we needed to have a singing competition. She went first so that I would know what to do when it was my turn.....she merrily and robustly belted out her rendition of a lullaby. I cringe at what I may have sounded like but Isabella was pleased with my progress. Prudence even got into the mix with an occasional howl of disbelief. Or at least that is how I interpreted her actions. Mostly the three of us just made happy and joyful noise.....I'm very glad that no one was able to hear our attempts at singing. Isabella also informed me that it was okay to think as I sang.

After we made it back home, Diane came over and watched as Isabella and I played "Kings Corners", we only finished three hands but Isabella had the lowest score and therefore won the game. Then we headed back to the homestead to prep the generator for travel. We had picked up a carrier that fits into the trailer hitch, and then a ramp drops down for us to wheel the generator onto. A thirty amp generator is very heavy and was not built to glide up a ramp....not even a shallow one. I have learned not to help Diane as she fills the gas tank....I tend to make it splash and it usually doesn't hit me. But it does her.....fortunately for me she is very forgiving of my klutziness.

Diane sent me a photo of one of her tomato plants.....an Early Girl that has a significantly sized tomato on it. No doubt in my mind that it will probably be the first ripe tomato....unless the deer or a tomato worm nibbles on it. I'm fairly sure that it will be guarded like Fort Knox and Diane also has a few back up tomatoes. Yes, mine are in blossom but I keep having timing issues...such as the weeds are winning because I cannot walk or rototill without turning the ground into cement. And what grows best in cement is weeds...check out the cracks in a sidewalk...what a bummer.

The feather flag frames are coated with vegetable oil.....yup they are gooey and yucky to touch. I need to use some form of degreaser on them first thing in the morning...then I will be able to put them together and get them anchored so that I can put the flags up. I do so hope that everything will just flow together. Next on the agenda will be to have the food trailer up and ready for business at eleven in the morning. I also need to measure the trailer and send pictures with the menu on them to a couple of different events. Whoops I was supposed to take of photo of the menu and get it texted when I got home tonight....

It would appear that the office computers are both in sad shape.....guess the best that can be done is to go buy a new one that has the necessary programs loaded. I'm looking forward to this happening but remain a bit doubtful. Looking on the bright side, I wonder if I would be allowed the funky, non-working laptop to use as either a paperweight or target. Just a thought....

I hope that your thoughts and vocals are gusty and joyful and may your days be filled with unexpected laughter, enjoy the little things even when they may be a bit off key. God bless you even when we don't see eye to eye on things.

Crystal Mitchell©2021

### "Remember When...!"

*"God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death...(Acts 2:24)."*

I don't remember reading this verse in the Book of Acts. I know I have, it's underlined in my Bible, but it never hit me like it did until today. It's the whole Bible, in just 13 words.

At 60, I'm more forgetful, waxing nostalgic more and more, especially kid memories—building forts, rock fights, baseball games every day, trees climbed to scary heights, or playing Three Wishes...get a million bucks, meet Al Kaline, and become an astronaut.

But now, as an adult, if we're honest, what we really want is to cheat death, to be able to say, "Hey, remember when...I was dead?" Our death in the past tense (was dead). Doubt it? I'll prove it with your own Yes and No, respectively, to my next two questions.

First, think you'll die someday? And, knowing that you will die, do you think about it much? That's odd. You know you'll die, but you avoid considering the afterlife. Why?

Solomon said, "It's better to go to funerals than parties because death is the end of every man and the living take it to heart (Ecclesiastes 7:2)." Funerals force you to ponder what you won't think about...a kind of warning light. And Jesus, who cheated death, proving He was God in the flesh, is also something we avoid giving any serious consideration. See a weird pattern here? We ignore our biggest problem and Jesus, the only solution.

For some reason, we do not want to think about our death, or consider the one person who ended death when "God raised Him up again." Can you explain that avoidance? There are a lot of answers, but I'll throw one out from my own childhood. Fear!

One day, I got caught stealing some pretty significant items and I hid from my Father, knowing full well he'd punish me (and rightfully so). I hid in the basement under our pool table. I had to return the items, and it was embarrassing, but I cannot remember him punishing me. My fear was unfounded. The next day I was still his son! Nothing changed, and for 70 years he was my Dad. He never mentioned it ever, and loved a thief.

I submit that you know you're guilty too, fear your Heavenly Father will punish you, and so you avoid facing Him...ignorance is bliss, but if your car's brakes are broken you can be ignorant, in bliss, and dead. Your brake light, like a funeral, is a warning to respond.

I further submit that you're wrong about our Heavenly Father, just as I was about my Dad. "For God so loved the world (that's you, guilty), that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever (you again) believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Twenty-five words to say He loves you, almost twice those in Acts 2:24, which should make you think twice about responding. Repent, believe and He'll forgive you, and then 150 years from now you can wax nostalgic with, "Hey, remember when...I was dead?"



## Religious Thoughts

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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