



City Officials, Dignitaries and Community members took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

McClintock Park Amphitheater Grand Opening

by Karen Anderson, Laingsburg Correspondent

LAINGBURG - On Friday, June 18, 2021 on a sweltering hot summer day, the temperature dropped to 81 degrees for the evening dedication and entertainment at the McClintock Park Amphitheater Grand Opening. There were reports of the crowd number was at least 400 people and nearly another 100 active participants to make this grand event spectacular. The Master of Ceremonies Tom Turek, a well-admired figure of the community, performed an outstanding job of introductions and Joni Starr who kept the program flowing smoothly.

After months of City Council meetings, committee meetings, and writing grants for funding, Paula Willoughby dedicated many hours to raise and coordinate the logistics to obtain funds and worked with planners to build a magnificent addition to the McClintock City Park. Today was the day of recognition and appreciation of all the hard work of so many people who made this event successful. The Amphitheater was designed and built by local architect Bob Ford of Laingsburg. Keith Kingsbury was the photographer who shot dozens of photographs for the historical posterity.

Prior to the main program, Food trucks were available for the public included the Dairy Den, Michigan Vegan and Got Smoke BBQ. The pavilion and lawn activities were coordinated by the LARC members. Sponsors which included Hometown Child Care, Just for Fun, Laingsburg Recycler's and Memorial Hospital.

Tom Turek, MC welcomed the crowd and invited all to assemble around the Amphitheater to begin the dedication of the McClintock Park Amphitheater. First on the program was Laingsburg Community Singers. Turek introduced Steven Easterling, LCS Music Director and Director of the Laingsburg Community Singers.

Easterling opened the program with the announcement of what an honor it is to be able perform on the new Amphitheater steps and be on stage for the first time since their 2019 appearance at Carnegie Hall. The singers opened with "American the Beautiful" and closed with "There's a River in Judea". Some of their songs during their performance included, "The Circle will be Unbroken" and "We Sing Because We are Happy." According to comments from people attending, "The singers set the stage for a beautiful musical evening."

Celebratory guest comments from Rep. Ben Frederick, included a special "Congratulations" to all the people who contribute to make the community a wonderful place to raise their families and make their home. Ms. Carlee Knot represented Senator Gary Peters office. She set the tone of the evening speaking about the long incredible history of community of Laingsburg. The Historical connotations from both speakers and review of the 'berg' history added to the Patriotic theme of the evening.

Laingsburg Mayor Culpepper spoke on behalf of City Council that this celebration is for the community whom they serve. Culpepper stated, "It's about the people who choose to live here and work to pay their taxes to make this community what it is..." Generations of families have resided in this area for 100's of years. He stressed the feeling of gratefulness towards the many people who teach our children, provide services for each other and run businesses to make this a successful and safe place to live and play."

Next, a special tribute was given to the historical plaque that stands between the Pavilion and Amphitheater. The marker was unveiled by Paula Willoughby and Mark Brink representing an impressive history of Laingsburg.

Turek invited the guest speakers, members of the City Council, LARK members and the planning commission, Bob Ford and the contractors who built the Amphitheater, and the community leaders to pose with for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. A special recognition was given to everyone who made this event possible. Mayor Culpepper and Paula Willoughby had the honor of cutting the ribbon.

Father Bob Bachik of St. Isadore Church gave the invocation, as The Jack Clarkson Band played Curtis Mayfield's classic "People Get Ready." Father Bob is leaving Laingsburg for another position in the church but professed his love of Laingsburg and plans to retire in this wonderful community. That, in itself is a tribute to the kindness and love that resides in this city.

The Jack & Tess Clarkson Band, with special guest stars included Kathy Ford, Motown voice and notorious keyboard musician; Bronnie Brown, formerly a USAF Band horn player and Bill Fuller, a Nashville favorite on the guitar was the musical entertainment scheduled for the evening. Many others shared in the joy of music. Autumn Brown, LHS student sang a Taylor Swift and a Linda Ronstadt song in her beautiful voice that echoed in the park from the new bandstand stage. Talent was enjoyed by all when Jen West's "Spirit Expressions" dancers performed, and Laingsburg students stole the show when they danced to "This Thing Called Love" by Queen.

Other musical guests included Dr. Barbara Gurden, local family physician, sang "Doctor, Doctor" with the band. Memorial Health Care, Becky Dhlke sang "Lean on Me." It was a hot night in Laingsburg. Talent and Heat. Memorial Health Care was

the event sponsor for the evening. A appreciative tribute to first responders and medical personnel was part of their dedication. In celebrating the Amphitheater, a special recognition of the LBCA, specifically, Jody, Paula, Lori and Gail and Joni for their contributions to the music and activities they support in the City of Laingsburg.

Clarkson made a special tribute to Mike Putman for his years of bringing music to Laingsburg and to Greg Beavers, of Pine Hills Golf Course for having outdoor concerts for the last two years. A special thank you was presented to Ronda and John Liskey for patronizing and organizing the band shell concerts for the month of July. If there is rain on one of the Friday nights, an announcement will be posted on Face Book that the music will be at the Clarkson Barn, one mile south on Hollister, off Round Lake Road. Lots of parking.



The Laingsburg Community Singers took to the stage.



Jack & Tess Clarkson Band also performed with Kathy Ford.

Lion of the Year

Elsie Lion, Richard Easlick was recently named Lion of the Year by the club. The Elsie Lions Club was one of the few clubs in Michigan to not miss having meetings during the pandemic. Richard navigated the club through the zoom process and was also instrumental in the process in forming the new Elsie Lioness Club. Thanks Richard for all you do for the club and community.



Pictured here is Richard Easlick (at right) accepting his award from President, Lion Ike Hunt.

Social

Elsie Arts Council Looking for Artist

submitted by Patricia Howe

After nearly eighteen years of serving the community, the Elsie Arts Council has disbanded. The Dorman Gallery has closed its doors and most of the artwork has been returned to its owners. The following artists have moved, leaving no forwarding address, or have not responded to our attempts to contact them: Luann Everden, Susan Fernholz, Mark Grubaugh, Wanda Howell, Charlie Sanford, Casey Schmidtfranz, Randy Smith/Crystal Hoover, and Jerry Whisman.

Please contact Janet at (989)292-2818 by July 31st to retrieve your work or, unfortunately, the work will be forfeit.

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Special Distribution - Food for Seniors 60+

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

The Greater Lansing Foodbank and Capital Area Community Services, Inc. in Shiawassee County are partnering to assist Seniors 60 years of age or older, who live in Shiawassee County, and have monthly income at/between the listed guidelines, with food items. Those who receive the monthly food program (CSFP), from Capital Area Community Services DO NOT QUALIFY for this food.

Family size 1 - \$1397 to \$2147; family size 2 - \$1889 to 2903; family size 3 - \$2380 to \$3660. For each additional family member add - \$491.

If your income falls within these guideline and you need food help, please contact CACS at 989-723-3115 to pre-register. Distribution will take place on July 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at CACS, 1845 Corunna Ave., Owosso. It will be drive-thru only.

You Must Pre-Register.

Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library 2021 Summer Reading Program has started off with a bang. To date we have had over 185 people sign up and already over 80 children and adults have earned their pizza coupon, ice cream coupon and chances to win one of the many prizes we have available. This week we had our first story time in over a year. We also played bingo and had some outdoor fun with bubbles. We are looking forward to the coming weeks. We have many good stories, crafts, games and activities planned.

We also want to remind people that we will be closed Monday, July 5 for the July 4 holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday July 7 at 10:00.

Hours are still Monday 10-7, Wednesday 10-5 and Friday 10-5. Please call us at 834-5800 with any questions or concerns.

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“Home for the Weekend” at Laingsburg High School

LAINGSBURG -- On Saturday, August 21, 2021 the City of Laingsburg and Laingsburg High School will be "WELCOMING HOME" hundreds of past and present graduates, their spouses and friends to enjoy an all-class reunion.

It is time to get registered and "Prepared" for an outstanding day of activities, fun, food and fellowship.

This year's evening program/dinner will be featuring WILX-TV sports anchor Tim Staudt. Tim has been in the Lansing sports business for over fifty years.

By now the majority of our graduates have received an invitation and registration form in the mail. If not, you can contact one of our staff members listed below or pick up a reunion registration form at the Laingsburg Post Office.

Most graduates don't bother to come to reunions until they have been out of high school for 15-20 years. We would like to change that scenario this year. We would love to have plenty of recent graduates in attendance.

High school friendships in rural communities last a long time. Time to reconnect and keep those memories alive.

See you on August 21!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Turek (810) 241-1007, Tomturek@20032003@yahoo.com; Ken Walters (517) 402-7146, kgwalters45@gmail.com or Frank Mallon (248) 348-5189, foxtrot@mi.rr.com.

July Happenings at Elsie Baby Pantry

The Baby Pantry will be open during the Dairy Festival on Thursday, July 8th from 9am-noon. Everything is Free.

The July 13th hours will be from 11am-5pm, the regular Pantry day. Caring and Sharing will be available to present important family topics. Participants will be entered into a contest to win a very nice prize.

The Baby Pantry is open regularly the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The pantry is open to Clinton County & surrounding area residents. Grandparents and child caregivers are also welcome to come and shop. The pantry is not just for babies. We have clothing sizes to 14/16. All items are FREE: diapers, wipes, clothing, books, etc.

The Elsie Baby Pantry is located across the street from the Elsie Post Office. Come check us out.

Carriage Days Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 29th for the Ovid Carriage Days Wine & Hard Cider Fundraiser Night. The event will be held at Uncle Johns Cider Mill at 6:30pm. Persons 21 & older are invited with ID. The event will include tasting, snacks and 50/50. Make plans now to Join the committee in July.

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24th Annual Member Artists Show Now Open

submitted by Piper Brewer

Nearly 90 Michigan artists are participating in the Shiawassee Arts Center's 24th Annual Member Artists Show which runs through September 5th. This exhibit, always one of SAC's most popular shows, generates a wide variety of artwork in mediums and styles that appeals to all visitors. The show is sponsored by Owosso Graphic Arts in memory of Lance Ellenberg.

The public is invited to meet the artists, view their work and enjoy refreshments and live music during the 'Meet the Artist' reception Friday, June 25, 4-7pm -- \$500 in awards will be presented at 6pm. The juror, Valerie Allen, a professional artist, received her BFA from the University of Cincinnati, associate degree in interior design from Delta College and has completed post-graduate studies at Central Michigan University. She is the curator of Studio 23 in Bay City and a certified working artist for Golden Artist Colors.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso, is open and free to the public Monday through Friday 10-5pm, weekends 12-4pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Friesseke Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. SAC, which is celebrating its 49th anniversary in 2021, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information call 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

Below: Pauline Southworth displaying her painting.



Arthur Johns and Valerie Allen

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.

SYNOPSIS PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING CITY OF OVID JUNE 14, 2021

The Full set of the Minutes for the Public Hearing & Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ms. Perrien opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

She explained the purpose of the public hearing and asked if anyone had any question regarding the Truth and Taxation information.

No questions were asked so, she proceeded to close the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ms. Perrien then opened the regular meeting at 7:01 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Miss. Hibbard and Ms. Perrien

ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn.

EX OFFICIOS: Al Goodrich - Chief of Police, Rich Simpson - DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier- Treasurer and Josy Medina – Clerk.

VISITORS: Tracy Garcia, Betsy Schack, Lyle Perrien, Luke Downing and Sherry Byrnes.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to approve the agenda as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 10th and the Closed Session held on April 12, 2021 as printed

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss Hibbard to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on May 24, 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Miss. Hibbard, second by Mr. Brown to approve the check registry for the period of May 12th thru June 15, 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Tracy Garcia from Ovid Healthcare introduce the facility back to the community and asked for suggestions as to how they could be involved with the community. After covid they are ready to get back involved with the community. They have a new administrator as well.

2. Discussion was held forgiveness on an account for a notice fee. A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Williams that the Council denied the request to remove the notice fee of \$25.

MOTION CARRIED

You may view the Treasurer, Police & DPW Report's in their entirety in the full set of minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to accept the Treasurer, Police & DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held on the 2020 audit. Mayor Pro-Tem Perrien thanked Mr. Downing and a motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to accept the 2020 audit as presented. Roll call was taken by the Clerk as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Pro-Tem read resolution #2021-14 titled 2021 Millage Rate. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt resolution #2021-14 as read. The Clerk took roll call as follows: YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordiway and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution will be published in its entirety in the local paper The Weekly.

2. Mayor Pro-Tem read resolution #2021-15 titled Additional Delinquent Utility Bills. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss Hibbard to adopt resolution #2021-15 as read. The Clerk took roll call as follows: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brown and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution will be published in its entirety in the local paper The Weekly.

3. Miss Hibbard gave her report on the cleanup that took place on Saturday June 5th. they are thinking of doing another one in the fall.

4. Discussion was held on the current rate of DPW to mow lawn. No action taken.

5. Discussion was held on when to open the front office. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to reopen the front office on July 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to create the Patrol position with a start pay of \$19 per hour with the start date being June 19, 2021 and with the position description done by Miss Hibbard.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Brown second by Mr. Ordiway to give Patti Kieffer a merit increase pay up to \$14.00 starting the 19th, of June, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

HALLS & GROUNDS: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Ordiway to allow the Ovid Lions Club to put a bench at Veterans Park and to put up a flag.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Pro-Tem closed the meeting at 8:48 pm.

*Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid*

Laingsburg Lions Annual Golf Outing

Calling all golfers. Mark your calendar for the Laingsburg Lions Annual golf outing to be held on Saturday, August 14th at Pine Hills Golf Course. The 4-person scramble will shotgun at 9am and will include 18 holes with cart, steak dinner after golf, raffle prizes and skins game.

Proceeds from this fund raising outing will benefit Lions of Michigan Foundation and Bear Lake Camp. For more information or to sign up as an individual or team call Terry Fraidenburg at 517-881-6315 or email him at terryforegolf@gmail.com or Mary Perrien at 989-251-8517 or email her at perrien41@msn.com.

Petting Zoo During Dairy Festival

New to the Elsie Dairy Festival will be a petting zoo on Friday morning, July 9th immediately following the Kiddie Parade.

The event will take place under the big tent behind the cow. There will be all kinds of small animals to kids to see including a station where kids can actually milk a cow. A sawdust pit will also be available. This event is sponsored by Farm Bureau.



We're Back

Elsie, Michigan...The official Dairy Festival cow says, We're Back. She is super excited to see all of her old friends after a year of everything being closed. The festival is set to begin Thursday-Saturday, July 8th-10th. Thursday will start with the village wide garage sales, arts and crafts vendors along with Anderson Amusements, the ice cream booth and Golf on the Go, all beginning at noon. Opening ceremonies and the talent show highlight Thursday evening. Fridays list of things to do include the Kiddie tractor pull, Kiddie Dairy Fun, Dunk Tank, Elsie Lions Food Tent and Jim Pontack will perform on the Main Stage. Saturday promises to be a big day starting with the Lions Pancake breakfast, 3on3 basketball, the Super Parade, Silent Auction, Corn Hole Tournament, evening entertainment featuring "Mixed Nutz" and to close things out, a Light Parade hosted by the Elsie Fire & Rescue Departments.

Applications and information for 3on3 basketball, cornhole tournament, talent show, arts/crafts and parade are available on the website: Elsie dairy festival.com. The 2021 Elsie Dairy Festival is sponsored by the Michigan Dairy Association.

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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.

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.

Questions? call Karen at 989-331-1492 or Frank at 989-307-1062.



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CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2021-15

At a regular meeting of the Ovid City Council held on the 14th day of June 2021 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Ovid shall charge a Special Assessment for Delinquent Waterline replacement and Ready to serve fees for the following parcels for the 2021 Tax Collection:

TAX ID	WATERLINE REPLACEMENT	WATER	RTS	SEWER	TOTAL
580-000-003-008-00	\$2.00		\$8.00	\$8.13	\$18.13
580-000-019-006-00	\$3.00		\$12.00	\$6.65	\$21.65
580-130-000-028-00	\$2.60	\$16.25	\$10.40	\$13.10	\$42.35

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn

Resolution declared adopted,

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

MDARD Seeks Proposals for Food Safety Education and Training Grants

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is seeking grant proposals for food safety education and training as part of the annual Food Safety Education Fund grant program. The 2021-2022 grant will be a 12-month cycle from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

The Food Safety Education Fund was established under the Michigan Food Law of 2000, as amended, Sec. 4117, and is funded through assessments of \$3.00 to \$5.00 from each Michigan food establishment license. Up to \$365,000 is available during the 2021-2022 grant cycle for projects focused on food safety training and education. Of the \$365,000, \$265,000 will be available for consumer food safety education and \$100,000 for education to food service establishment employees and agents of the director of MDARD. Grants from the Food Safety Education Fund are competitive and designed to provide food safety training and education to consumers, food service establishment employees and agents of the director who enforce the Michigan Food Law of 2000. Entities eligible to receive grants include Michigan governmental and non-profit organizations and entities. Producers, processors, marketers, and growers are not eligible for this grant opportunity. Proposals with sub-grantees will be considered. Proposals should not include funding for required routine training such as hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP)

training and manager certification.

Proposals will be scored and selected based on the following criteria: Goals/objectives to improve food safety; Statewide need and audience; Measurable outcomes; Partnering with other organizations; Matching funds; Opportunities to build upon previously funded projects.

Electronic submission of grant proposals is encouraged and should be sent to: MDA-FoodDairyInfo@michigan.gov. Electronic submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. on July 23, 2021 and will be confirmed via email receipt. If you have not received a confirmation email within five business days of submission, please contact Lori Yelton.

Hard copy submissions must be postmarked no later than July 20, 2021 (please allow ample time for delivery). Hard copies should be mailed to: Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Food and Dairy Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, Michigan 48909

An advisory committee will convene in August 2021 to review, score and rank proposals and make funding recommendations to MDARD. Grant awards will be announced in September 2021. Grants will be awarded for projects that run from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Multi-year proposals will be considered on an individual basis, contingent on future year funding. For more information, contact Lori Yelton, MDARD's Food Management-Nutrition Consultant, at YeltonL@Michigan.gov or by calling 517-420-3249.



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Obituaries

Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant

submitted by Dawn Reha
The 2021 Shiawassee County Fair queen pageant will look a little different this year. We are excited to announce that the pageant will be held on Saturday August 7 at 5:30 p.m. This event will kick-off the August 8-14, 2021 Shiawassee County Fair. The newly crowned Fair Queen and her attendant will reign over the 2021 fair season and represent the Shiawassee County Fair throughout the year until the 2022 fair. This change mirrors how many fairs throughout Michigan crown their royalty. It also ensures that the 2021 Shiawassee County Fair Queen and Attendant have all the experiences of parades and events that their predecessors had in prior years. Young women, ages 16-21, are encouraged to read the pageant information on the web-site, www.shiawasseeFair.com. Applications can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the Fair Office, 2900 E Hibbard Rd. Corunna. Applications must be submitted to the Fair Office by July 15, 2021 at 5 p.m.



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Connie Lorraine Weller

Connie Lorraine Weller, age 74, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2021, at her home.

Connie was born in St. Johns, Michigan on April 25, 1947, the daughter of Lester Hughson and Dorothy (Schneider) Thompson. She graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1965. Connie married Jerry Weller on June 12, 1965.

Connie retired as a bus driver from St. Johns Public School after many years of service. She loved cooking, baking, and sewing. She enjoyed farming, mowing lawn, flower gardening, and rides on their gator. Her world revolved around her grandchildren. She was a member of Eureka Christian Church where she also taught Sunday school and vacation bible school.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Weller, children: Brent and Karen Weller, Bryan Weller, Christopher Weller, Sara Ann and Timothy Cox, Jeri Kay Leavitt, grandchildren: Ashlynn, Natilynn, Isabelle, Wyatt, Grace, Collin, and Katie. She is also survived by her brothers: Tom and Nancy Hughson and Terry and Pat Hughson. She was preceded in death by her parents: Lester Hughson and Dorothy and Harry Thompson and son Daniel Weller.

Funeral Services were held at Eureka Christian Church, Eureka, MI, on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, with Pastor Justin Shepard and Pastor Keith Whipple officiating. Burial has taken place at Duplain Township Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

Memorials may be made to Eureka Christian Church or Sparrow Hospice. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI.



Michigan New College Savings Mobile App

submitted by Ron Leix
LANSING – Michigan families can now manage their children’s college education savings right from the palm of their hand.

The Michigan Department of Treasury announced the launch of READYSAVE 529, a new education savings mobile app available to Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) account owners. The app provides a convenient way to access information, track progress and make contributions.

Developed by Ascensus, the READYSAVE 529 app allows users to view account balances and investment allocations, make one-time or reoccurring contributions and see how their savings compare with peers. Future launches of the app will add new capabilities like allowing family and friends to make gift contributions.

READYSAVE 529 is available for download in the Apple and Google Play app stores and can be installed on any device. MESP account owners can log in using their existing username and password.

Managed by TIAA-CREF, Tuition Financing Inc. on behalf of the Michigan Department of Treasury, MESP is considered one of the nation’s top college-savings options, earning silver and gold ratings from Morningstar each year since 2012.

Penny Bearden Family

Thank You

Our greatest thank you goes to our Creator God for choosing to send Penny into our lives. We are in awe of how many people that her life touched. It is impossible for us to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness that were expressed to her family. We truly loved and will treasure the responses from her students both current and past. Thank you to all who prayed for Penny and all of us. May you continue to do so. Thank you to her co-workers who stepped up to complete her last year of teaching. Thank you to friends who brought food, sent flowers and other tributes, gave to Memorial Fund and attended her Memorial Service.

A very special word of appreciation to Pastor Jeff Reser and all who shared at her celebration of life service. Also thank you to the Smith Funeral Home especially for sharing her service on line. It was literally watched all over the world. May God Bless each one of you, even if we are unaware of how you reached out to all of us as Penny's Family.

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I have spent another day not getting anything done at home. An again I'm on the exhausted side of life but my glutes have improved greatly. The good news being that the food trailer sold out again but we did make it almost to our scheduled closing time. There were only eight Kogel hotdogs left and maybe enough French fries for four side orders. Our customers came at a steady pace and that kept us up and moving. It is a good that we are working better as a team.....translation we are becoming more efficient. I have learned when not to be helpful....and when to be patient. Like most Moms, I tend to be overly helpful and it is not always necessary and it could lead to small disasters like spilling gasoline while filling the generator.

Thursday will be a busy day, the co-op order will be coming in and needs to be picked up, transported, and put away. I have one or two different bulletins to be put together, inserts made and delivered....won't know for sure until I make it into the office. I also have a Farmer's Market in St Louis to finish my baking, bag it and tag it. Some folks are expecting rhubarb bread, others want Hummingbird bread and a few would be happy if I can get more yeast breads done. I know that I do not have the capacity to please everyone so maybe I might just please myself.

I am looking forward to catching up with myself this weekend. I don't have any open houses or showers to attend. My yard will be ecstatic when I get it mowed and possibly trimmed. Every day I have managed to pull a few weeds and this alteration is improving the appearance of my small piece of paradise. The cluster bell flowers that are in blossom under the Hawthorne tree are very appealing and brighten my day. The yellow primroses add another touch of sunshine to my day and the deep pink floribunda roses add a gentle peace. I did say that this is my small piece of paradise....sadly the catalpa trees have lost their glorious blossoms and which are now scattered across the yard.

This morning I was awakened by the sounds of cat fight and my brain kicked into alert mode at 3:45 AM.....my body was not so sure that it was the right thing to do. I ended staying up, throwing in a load of clothes, scrubbing on the air vents that go above the grill, and making some Hummingbird and some blueberry peach quick breads. I don't know where they get the quick from because these specialty breads usually take longer than making my yeast breads. That being said, the yeast breads do need the time to rise and poked down a couple of times to form some wonderful earthy loaves and the quick (non-yeast breads) are usually out of the oven and cooling in about seventy-five minutes...hence quick.

Have you ever noticed that sometimes the hands on the clock are moving faster than you are? This morning I finished kneading my onion bread dough, and cleaned up the excess flour and then felt guilty because I could have spent a few more moments and kneaded the flour into the dough. It would appear that I rushed the process. Granted my shoulders were a bit angry this morning, it probably had to do with getting the generator unloaded last night. Don't get me wrong, I did have help but that machine is heavy and hard to move. Thankfully Brent was there to give me the helping hand that I needed.

The Hummingbird bread just exited the oven and I can now turn it off for a short while. Hopefully, I will have the time needed to get to the office and finish up things there. Stranger things have been known to happen. I know that I must be bagged, tagged, and loaded by 12:30 this afternoon when I should be on the road to St Louis. If truly necessary I can tag the last two quick breads when I get to the market.....for now I will be satisfied to finish working with my muse now. May God bless you daily and may your outlook be filled with beauty and truth and a great deal of insight.

Crystal Mitchell©2021



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

In Philippians 4:11-13, Paul writes, "...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

There's a story about a man who became envious of his friends because they had larger and more

luxurious homes. So he listed his house with a real estate firm, planning to sell it and to purchase a more impressive home. Shortly afterward, as he was reading the classified section of the newspaper, he saw an ad for a house that seemed just right. He promptly called the realtor and said, "A house described in today's paper is exactly what I'm looking for. I would like to go see it as soon as possible!" The agent asked him several questions about it and then replied, "But sir, that's your house your describing."

If one sets their highest aspirations on having bigger and better things or the latest thing as their highest goal in life, they will always be unfulfilled. After all, the latest version of one thing- computer, phone, tv, Ipad, watch, is soon to be replaced by something either better or at least newer.

But it's not only material things that we can desire. We can desire to have good health, more friends, a spouse, etc.

Of course, none of these things are wrong in and of themselves. Not even the desire to have a certain amount of money and material things. The problem comes when we make them our god. When we will do anything to get them.

Paul gives the Philippians and us some very practical advice; to be contented wherever we are in life. Wherever God has placed us, we need to be content there. This is the start. The foundation. We need to be humble and thank God for what He has given us.

From there, it's okay to desire things- a place to live, food, friends, etc. For example, if you are offered a promotion at work and it looks like it is God's will- take it! If a different job opens up and it looks like the Lord is behind it- make the move! If there is an improvement in some area of your life and with prayer it seems that God is calling you to take that step- go ahead and take it.

The main thing is for us to be sure that we are following the Lord first and foremost and that the Lord is truly our God.

As Paul writes, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:17

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the middle school media center, Laingsburg, Michigan, the Board of Education of Laingsburg Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2021-2022 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2021-2022 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the superintendent's office, 205 S. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing. **

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.
Mary Angst, Secretary

Thank You

Letter to the Editor:

We would like to thank the community for their donations of items to sell at the Colony School House yard/bake sale. As well as the many people who came and purchased items and to those who made cash donations.

It was very successful and greatly appreciated.
Rochester Colony Historical Association

Rep. Filler Spearheads Plan to Further Protect Michigan Seniors

submitted by Christina Guenthner

State Rep. Graham Filler and other state officials today announced a plan to combat elder abuse and make sure vulnerable adults are not taken advantage of by those who are trusted to care for them.

The Michigan Elder Abuse Task Force identified several failures of the state's guardianship system, the process used to maintain the trusts and assets of people who do not have relatives able to maintain them. Filler, a member of the task force and chair of the House Judiciary Committee, said the legislation announced today will fix those issues and provide a number of important safeguards for the elderly and people with disabilities.

Filler pointed to one particularly egregious case in where a Macomb County couple was put under the care of professional guardians, who then used the couple's own money to install a 6-foot-tall privacy fence around their home, limiting their access to family.

"This is insanity. Elderly folks in the guardianship system should not be fenced in," Filler said. "While these guardians were eventually removed from 'caring' for this couple, we must make sure no one else is put in such a devastating situation. My promise to older folks in Michigan is that this legislature will stand with and protect you."

The legislation announced the will require increased training for professional guardians, provide procedural safeguards for the appointment of guardians, require guardians to take special precautions to protect people's property and increase transparency about the way a ward's property is being used.

The plan will be referred to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration. Filler, who chairs the committee, plans to hold hearings on the bills in the coming weeks.

CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2021-14

At a Regular Meeting of the City of Ovid's, City Council held on the 14th, day of June 2021 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn

A motion was made by Mr. Brown supported by Miss Hibbard to adopt the following Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2021 Millage rates for the City of Ovid, for real and personal property are hereby established and approved as follows:

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate
General Operating	14.6126
Emergency Service	2.2500

The City of Ovid shall charge a one (1) percent admin fee.

The City of Ovid shall charge a three (3) percent late fee for all late unpaid taxes collected by the city.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Lasher and Mr. Starn

Resolution declared adopted,

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

Health

Memorial Healthcare Earns Top 10 Hospital Status in Michigan

submitted by Vicki McKay

OWOSSO – Memorial Healthcare has earned coveted 5-star recognition from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), as well as continued recognition as an “A” Leapfrog Hospital for Spring 2021. Memorial Healthcare is just 1 of 10 hospitals in the State of Michigan to obtain these quality and safety recognitions, and the only hospital within a 50-mile radius of its headquarters in Owosso, MI.

“We are reaffirming our mission commitment to quality and are focused on continuing to build our reputation for offering world-class care,” said Brian Long, FACHE, President/CEO of Memorial Healthcare. “These recognitions are a testament to our team’s commitment to our vision to be

recognized for excellence in personalized healthcare. Safety and quality are two non-negotiable standards that we will always uphold in the highest regard to create an environment in which our patients can focus on their health and healing.”

CMS regularly measures and rates the performance of more than 4,000 Medicare-certified hospitals across the country in categories ranging from safety of care, readmissions, mortalities, and timely and effective care to doctor and nurse communication and cleanliness. Memorial Healthcare exceeds the national standards in communication with nurses, responsiveness of staff, communication about medications, cleanliness, discharge information, care transitions, and overall rating. “Our team’s dedication to remain steadfast in prioritizing

patient safety as we continue to battle COVID-19 is commendable,” adds Long.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 acute-care hospitals across the U.S. The Safety Grade assigns an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to all general hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections, and other harms to patients in their care.

To learn more on Memorial Healthcare’s quality and safety priorities, including links for CMS and Leapfrog, visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org/about/quality-safety/.

Memorial Healthcare Announces Recipients of Annual Awards

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare announces the recipients of its annual awards during National Nurses Week and Hospital Week celebrations.

Receiving the 2021 Nurse of the Year award was Erin Parker, RN, Nurse Educator and Jodie Croskey, Patient Care Tech, was selected as the 2021 Patient Care Tech of the Year. The Nurse of the Year and Patient Care Tech of the Year are chosen by Memorial Healthcare colleagues as a leader of patient safety and acts as a patient advocate or leader of change. Both recipients work on the Intensive Care Unit.

Receiving the 2020 Employee of the Year Award was Marylou Mahoney, Dietary Aide in the Food & Nutrition Department. The Employee of the Year is selected by a vote of Memorial Healthcare employees from those individuals who were named as an Employee of the Month in the previous 12 months. Employees are nominated for upholding the mission of Memorial Healthcare – to promote health and provide quality compassionate healthcare in the community through a commitment to service excellence, teamwork and innovation.

Elizabeth Meganck, Senior Medical Technologist, Laboratory and Nicholas Decker, Director of the Laboratory received the 2021 President’s Awards. The President’s Award this year was presented to two Memorial Healthcare employees who have exhibited exceptional devotion to our patients. The recipient’s exemplify Memorial’s values and exhibit outstanding personal qualities such as compassion, innovation, integrity, and competency. Individuals receiving this award exceed expectations to better Memorial’s ability to fulfill its mission.

Allison Tichenor, Nurse Practitioner, with Memorial Healthcare’s Hospitalist department, received the 2020 Bright Idea of the Year Award. All staff at Memorial Healthcare have a responsibility to ensure that the environment and care delivery processes are free of conditions that could potentially harm patients, visitors and staff. The hospital’s Bright Ideas program is designed to identify any potential serious safety concern related to patient, visitor, or staff encounters. It is also designed to identify any environmental situations in which no system is currently in place or the system in place is not adequately preventing the potential for patient, visitor, or staff harm. This annual award is chosen from those individuals who were recognized as receiving a monthly award in the previous 12 months. Allison’s Bright Idea was to have iPads or Kindles available for patients in the hospital so they could communicate through Facetime with their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those employees celebrating milestone anniversaries were recognized for their dedication and service. There were 52 employees recognized for 5 year of service, 25 employees recognized for 10 years of service, 19 employees recognized for 15 years of service, 20 employees recognized for 20 years of service and 18 employees recognized for 25 years of service. Special recognition was extended to 30-year employees, Tina Coffman, Krista Corl, Brian Drury, Kayann Fritz, Tina Lytle, and Lynnea Malatinsky; 35-year employees, Rebecca Ardelean and Paulette Riley; 40-year employee, Laura Zyber and 45-year employees, Cynthia King and Andrea Meyers.

Memorial Healthcare thanks its’ nearly 1,500 talented and gifted individuals — physicians, nurses, clinical and support staff and volunteers — who continue to take health care to new heights of excellence each and every day.



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www.MemorialHealthcare.org



Health

Sparrow Clinton Names Angie Hufnagel as Nurse of the Year

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital recently recognized Angie Hufnagel, BSN, RN, CEN, as its Nurse of the Year.

“Angie is a passionate, caring emergency nurse who embraces excellence in every aspect of her life and serves as an extraordinary patient advocate,” said Interim Chief Nursing Officer Mariah Hesse.

Hufnagel embarked on her nursing career as a St. Johns Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) student, moving to patient access clerk, and entering the Emergency Department as a patient care technician. After completion of her licensed practical nurse and advancing to registered nurse, she began working in the Sparrow Clinton Emergency Services Department.


In addition to her hospital role, Hufnagel has served her community as a firefighter and paramedic. She continues to facilitate CPR training classes at Sparrow Clinton and area schools and community organizations.

A lifelong resident of Fowler, she shares her life with her husband, Dan, and their three children.

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Health

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Sparrow Clinton Recognizes Nurse for Four Decades of Compassionate Care

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, MI –

Sparrow Clinton Hospital recently recognized Teresa Pickens, RN, CEN, for 42 years of compassionate care, making her the longest-tenured nurse at the hospital.

The Laingsburg resident stepped onto her career path at a young age. "Starting in the sixth grade, I knew I wanted to be a nurse – although I had never even had the opportunity to meet one. Luckily, I have been well-suited to nursing."

She credits her fellow caregivers and the work climate at Sparrow Clinton for supporting and holding her interest in nursing through the years. "Sparrow Clinton Hospital allows me the time to comfort my patients and get to know them a little. My fondest memories are the times I can provide major emotional support by being able to take the time to just sit at a bedside and hold a hand."

Pickens says her greatest achievements over the past four decades are keeping her compassion alive and the role she played in securing the Sparrow Clinton Emergency Services Department's Level IV Trauma Designation.

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Did You Know?

According to the American Cancer Society, recent research has found that sleeping problems associated with cancer treatment persist in almost 40 percent of cancer survivors for up to five years after diagnosis. The 2019 study, published in the journal Sleep Medicine, also found that one-fifth of cancer survivors reported poor sleep quality at nine years after diagnosis. In fact, high sleep disturbance was reported by 51 percent of long-term cancer survivors. The researchers studied more than 1,900 long-term cancer survivors nine years after diagnosis, and participants had one of 10 common cancers, including cancers of the breast, prostate, bladder, kidney, and lung. It's especially important for cancer survivors to recognize the potential for sleep problems after successful treatment, as the Mayo Clinic notes that sufficient rest is a vital component of patients' recovery. Survivors experiencing difficulty sleeping after successful cancer treatments can discuss their issues with their physicians, who may recommend certain sleep aides or strategies to increase patients' chances of getting more restful sleep.

Drive-thru Food Distribution Scheduled July 8

submitted by Nan Simons

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital's Food Bank project distributes food for Clinton County families in need on the second Thursday of each month at the Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Road in Bath.

The next distribution date is Thursday, July 8, 2021.

This month's food bank returns to indoor registration and distribution. All recipients must register inside, then return to their vehicles until the distribution is ready to begin. Participants will maintain social distance while moving through the line to receive food. Masks for vaccinated individuals are optional. Please remember to bring your own bags and boxes for transport of food to your home.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Please do not arrive earlier than 7:45 a.m. to park in the lot. Distribution begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 9 a.m. or when all supplies are gone.

Clinton County residents who can benefit from this service include senior citizens on fixed incomes, families and individuals with limited incomes or working minimum wage jobs, as well as those who must choose between purchasing groceries or fulfilling medical needs. Each family receives \$50 to \$75 worth of food.

This project is supported by a grant from the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The Sparrow Clinton Food Bank serves nearly 60 families each month, so financial contributions to benefit the project are welcome.

For more information about sponsorship, donations and volunteer opportunities or future distribution dates, call Sparrow Clinton Hospital Community Relations at 989.227.3323.

Blood Drive to be Hosted at Laingsburg UMC June 30

submitted by Carrie A. Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. – Laingsburg United Methodist Church will be partnering with Versiti Blood Center for a blood drive Wednesday, June 30 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the church, located at 210 Crum Street in Laingsburg. Anyone age 16 and older can donate.

Versiti is the blood bank for the state of Michigan.

Appointments can be scheduled online at <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/.../drive.../142122>. Walk-ins are also accepted, but scheduling ahead helps Versiti to better staff the blood drive. It also decreases wait times, according to LUMC Pastor Tiffany Newsom.

In addition to being a valuable community service, the event is also a fundraiser for the church's middle and high school youth program.

"If we get 25 donors, we will receive funds for our Core Youth Group. Donating will not only help people who need blood, it will also help the youth of our church," explained Newsom.

COVID-vaccinated people may donate blood if there have been at least 48 hours since their vaccination. The donation process itself poses no risk of infecting a donor with coronavirus, according to Versiti's website. People who have recently had COVID but would like to donate blood can do so as long as they've been symptom free for 14 days. Versiti is monitoring and adhering to guidance from the FDA.

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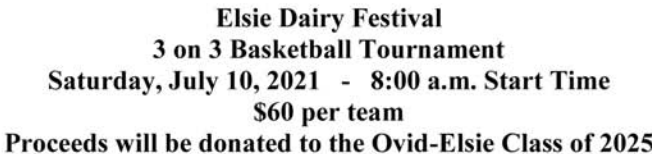
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Sports



Wolfpack’s Hailey Bila Honored on Division 3 All-State Softball Team

LANSING -- In Division 3, four area players have been named honorable mention All-Staters — Laingsburg's Hailey Bila, New Lothrop’s Makayla Lienau and Brynne Birchmeier, and Chesaning’s Hailey Rolfe. Bila batted .509 through district play and scored 73 runs. The junior center fielder is committed to play at Michigan State University. Bila helped lead coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack to a 32-5 overall record, including CMAC and District championships, and a trip to the Division 3 Regional Finals.

Wolfpack’s Graham, O-E’s Walter Lead Local Contingent on All-Area Girls Basketball Team

BYRON — Sarah Marvin never dreamed of becoming the all-time leading scorer at Byron High School; she only wanted to help deliver the program its first district championship. It was a feat neither her mother, Theresa Marvin, or sister, Jessica Marvin, could accomplish when they played the Eagles, a feeling that often left a sour taste in the younger Marvin’s mouth. The 5-foot-9 senior guard/forward eclipsed 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds for her career this season, earning Shiawassee Area Player of the Year honors for a third consecutive year, as named by the Owosso Argus-Press.

It was Marvin's team, Byron, that bounced the Laingsburg Wolfpack out of the District Finals -- on the Wolves' home floor. Locally, Ovid-Elsie's Caitlyn Walter and Laingsburg's Grace Graham led the way on the prestigious honor contingent, both of them named to the Second Team. Walter led the area in 3-point shooting with 38 made trifectas. The first-team all-MMAC selection averaged 11.3 points, 1.5 assists and 2.5 steals per game for the Marauders.

Graham, a senior guard recorded 65 steals (5.4 per game). She averaged 11.5 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.9 assists for the 8-4 Wolfpack. Marvin joins Corunna’s Payton Birchmeier as the only other three-time Argus-Press Player of the Year, and she’s the only player to be named to the All-Area first team four times. Durand’s Kristen Long was the first player to make the All-Area first team as a freshman in 2009, though an injury late in her junior season limited her to just five games as a senior.

2020-21 ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM
Player of the Year
Sarah Marvin, Byron
Marvin led the Eagles to a 17-1 record and their second straight Division 3 district title. The first-team All-State selection averaged 18.1 points, 12.9 rebounds and 7.1 assists this season, finishing her career as Byron’s all-time leading scorer. Marvin is the only player to be named first-team All-Area four times, including three consecutive seasons as Player of the Year. She has been named first-team All-State by the Associated Press for three straight years.

FIRST TEAM: Ellie Toney, Corunna, Makayla Clement, Byron, Brooke Wenzlick, New Lothrop, Sydnie Gillett, Corunna, Karissa Ferry, Chesaning
SECOND TEAM: Grace Graham, Laingsburg, Reyn Tuttle, Owosso, Jordyn Lawrence, Durand, Makenna Clement, Byron, Caitlyn Walter, O-E, Aubrey Rogers, Morrice
HONORABLE MENTION: Abi Beem, Morrice, Makayla Lienau, New Lothrop, Alexis Miller, New Lothrop, Kennedy Pawloski, Durand, Ellie Baynes, Laingsburg, Lorna Streiff, Laingsburg, Becky Marvin, Byron, Peyton Spicer, Owosso, Lilly Skayrd, Chesaning, Meghan Florian, Chesaning, Grace O’Neill, Perry, Kiah Longoria, Ovid-Elsie, Ava Bates, Ovid-Elsie, Madison Cunningham, Ovid-Elsie, Jenna Bauman, Corunna



Caitlyn Walter
Ovid-Elsie
2nd Team
All-Area



Grace Graham
Laingsburg
2nd Team
All- Area

Honors for Ashley Baseball and Softball Teams

submitted by Ashleigh Shaw
The Ashley Baseball team had three players selected on the 2020-2021 MSAC All Conference Teams. Senior Aaron Drummond was selected to First Team All-Conference while Jimmy Fabus and Grant Malek were selected to the Honorable Mention All-Conference. The team also had athletes who were selected for the MHSBCA All District Team. These players were Evan Litwiller (pitcher), Grant Malek (Infielder), Aaron Drummond (Utility), and Jimmy Fabus (Catcher). These players were selected to the MHSBCA Academic All District Team: Nate Reser, Aaron Drummond and Evan Litwiller. The Ashley Softball team also had two players selected on the 2020-2021 MSAC All Conference Teams. Jenna Wirt was selected to Second Team All-Conference while Sharla Juhas was selected to the Honorable Mention All-Conference Team. Congratulations to all on a great season!



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Ashley
1st Team
All-Conference
All-District Team
Academic All
District Team



Jimmy Fabus
Ashley
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Jenna Wirt
Ashley
2nd Team
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Sharla Judas
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St. Johns Lioness Club Dissolving

submitted by Brenda Terpening

Dear St. Johns community members,

We regret to inform you that after 39 years of serving the St. Johns community and supporting Lions Club International projects, our club is dissolving. This is not a choice we made but rather a decision of Lions Club International Board of Directors which voted to end the Lioness program effective June 30, 2021.

Our club members have decided not to charter a new Lions Club. However, our official sponsor, the St. Johns Lions Club, remains active and serving the community. We are happy to report the annual Easter Egg Hunt will continue under their direction, with support from several former Lionesses and other community volunteers.

Since 1981, we have held countless fundraisers and contributed many thousands of dollars to the community and to Lions-supported organizations. Some of the local organizations that have benefited from our donations include Basic Needs Center, Beacon of Hope, Clinton County CASA, Clinton County Senior Center, Habitat for Humanity, Safe Center, Special Olympics, St. Johns Baby Pantry, and more.

We have hosted or participated in numerous activities, most notably the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year, in addition to handing out eggs in a drive-through event, we also distributed \$1,000 in gift cards to support areas businesses most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Another event we previously co-sponsored with the St. Johns Lions Club was the annual Pumpkin Festival that included a pumpkin decorating contest and a "Pumpkin Trot" 5K run. We also have assisted the Lions Club with its fundraisers including the White Cane Sale and food trailer sales at the Concerts in the Park series.

It has been a privilege to serve the St. Johns community and we want to thank the business community, organizations, and others who have supported us for nearly four decades. The end of the Lioness program and our club is bittersweet....we almost made it 40 years. We will miss being a part of this wonderful community, but we look forward to contributing individually in other ways.

Sincerely,

Members of the St. Johns Lioness Club

Eric & Nikita Becks Dean & Carrie Hartenburg

Laurie Blackmer Cheryl Hickey

Jeff & LuAnn Cannell Cathy Kelley

Gloria Carnicom Nancy Presocki (charter member)

Pat Dickson Paul & Sandy Witgen

(And many former members who left the club for various reasons, including those who passed away while serving)

Rep. Frederick House Approves K-12 Budget, Fully Closes Funding Gap Between Districts

submitted by Christina Guenther

State Rep. Ben Frederick and the Michigan House in a wide bipartisan vote approved a budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year with record-high investments in K-12 students.

Frederick, of Owosso, said the plan invests more in every student while finally and fully eliminating the funding gap between districts, one of his longtime goals.

"For decades, kids in smaller, rural schools – including every district I represent – have gotten less funding than those in more affluent areas," Frederick said. "I have repeatedly voted to fix this disparity and ensure all Michigan children are treated equally. No longer will students in our community be valued at hundreds of dollars less than their peers in other communities."

The plan dedicates \$16.7 billion to the school aid fund – up nearly 8 percent overall from the current year. All Michigan schools will receive \$8,700 per student. This provides an additional \$589 per student (up 7 percent) for districts currently at the minimum foundation allowance, and an additional \$171 per student (up 2 percent) for schools now at the maximum guaranteed foundation allowance.

Other highlights of the plan include:

Federal COVID relief funding with equalization payments to ensure every school gets at least \$1,093 in additional funding per student. More than \$4 billion in federal COVID relief for schools was approved overall today, in addition to the money in the regular school aid fund for next fiscal year.

The Great Start Readiness Program receives an additional investment of \$168 million to significantly increase the amount of funding per child while also adding thousands of new openings statewide.

More resources are invested in special education, career and tech equipment, and many other initiatives to help give every student a better chance to thrive.

A one-time \$560 million investment into the school retirement system will help ensure promised benefits get paid while freeing up money for the classroom in future years.

The funding measure now advances to the Senate for further consideration.



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Health Editorial

Intensions are the things you want to improve about yourself or your surroundings. They might be to eat healthier, find balance with life, to have better focus or anything else that will help improvement.



Setting Intentions

by **LeeAnna Woods**

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Intentions are similar to the resolutions that many people make at the end of each year. The difference is intentions are a smaller version of a resolution and always worded in a positive manner. This promotes the positive side to instill a better effective outcome when repeated.

Using an intention helps one to grow and become the best possible version of themselves. Intentions have been used for hundreds of years. They're used during yoga practices to help the student by giving them something to focus on during their poses, which allows them to hold the pose longer and with the balance and endurance needed.

Setting daily intentions can help improve focus, concentration, lower stress levels, provide positivity, balance, confidence, along with many more things.

An intention is set before doing a meditation practice so as the monkey mind wonders, the intention can redirect the mind back to the place it should be. Meditation intentions can strengthen the concentration and focusing abilities for the person practicing.

There are many different practices that setting intentions are used in. But even if you're not doing any special practice, the benefits of setting daily intentions can still be helpful for you. Rather it's one word, a phrase, or sentence, it'll be unique to you as well as the benefit you receive.

It's not hard to set an intention. Simply think of a quality that you'd like to emulate. It could be gratitude, strength, awareness of breath, or whatever you want to cultivate in your life or your surroundings.

Setting intentions can be very powerful when they're focused on throughout a full practice like in yoga or meditation. The mind will continue to be drawn towards the intention even after the practice has ended and will continually reach through the subconscious, manifesting and bringing the intention into your life.

It's a good idea to work with one intention at a time for a while, until you feel the qualities of the intention have become embedded at the degree you're happy with.

Try setting an intention for yourself by sitting comfortably with your eyes closed, thinking of and repeating the intention in your mind. Continue to do this for a few minutes or however long you'd like. You can do it as many times in a day as you want but should be done at least once a day for as long as it takes for the benefits to be seen or felt. You can even write the intention on a piece of paper and read it every morning and night. Remember to always use positivity with setting intentions.

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by Deb Price

Ovid has only two remaining World War II veterans, Bob Wilber, who served in the Army and Bill Aldrich, a Navy Veteran. A couple weeks ago, someone left a beautiful tapestry blanket on Bill's porch. He would like to thank whomever left it for him personally. Prior to Bill making me aware of the blanket gift, he brought into my office a yearbook about the ship he was on while serving in the Navy, the U.S.S. Alcyone. Bill also shared information about VJ Day, September 2, 1945 and what he experienced on that BIG day when Japan formerly surrendered.

On that September 2nd day, a day when the ship's officers and crew realized the gratification in the success of their arms. The day also marked the culmination of their hopes and desires in that it was the beginning of their movement HOME. A celebration meal consisted of Cream of Tomato Soup and crackers, roast turkey, mashed potatoes & giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, baked spiced ham, sage dressing, buttered corn, oranges, grape-

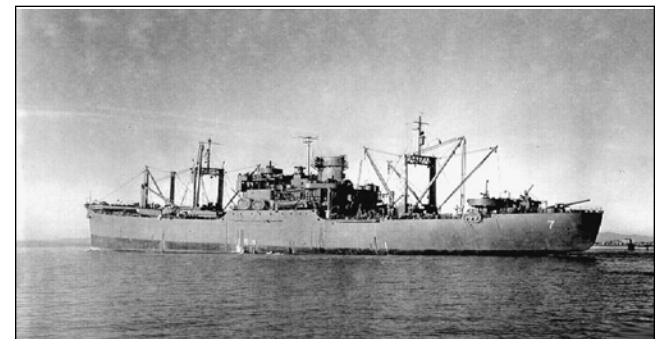
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If you wanted to talk more with Bill Aldrich about his Naval experiences, you would have to catch him early in the morning or early evening as at the age of 95, he plays golf with his buddies most days at the Emerald golf course in St Johns. And not just 9 holes, he plays 18 but admits he rides in a cart.



This beautiful tapestry blanket representing World War II American Heroes was left for Bill Aldrich at his Ovid home recently. He would like to thank the person responsible for leaving it. Please stop by so he may thank you.



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