



Participants in the Walk to End Hunger on Sunday, August 8 at the ZCJB Hall in Bannister

Walk to End Hunger

submitted by Mary Bradley

A Walk to End Hunger was hosted by ZCJB Bannister, a BetterLife Community, on Sunday, August 8 at the ZCJB hall in Bannister. 100% of all proceeds raised is benefiting the Elsie Area Food Bank that supports the greater Elsie and Ovid communities. Over 100 participants and over 35 business and community groups contributed to this effort. The funds raised will be used to purchase a much needed refrigeration and freezer unit for the food bank.



The walk overwhelmingly surpassed the ZCJB lodge's original goal of \$2,500 and resulted in a total of \$8,334 in donations. \$7,759 was raised in cash donations and \$575 in non-perishable food and home items. The event included a walk around the local community, games, food, a silent auction, and live music by Colin Wever and Tru Neeley.

Prizes were awarded to the top teams and individual walkers. Top teams - ZCJB Bannister and the Elsie Lions Club. Top youth team - Ovid-Elsie FFA. Top adults - Mary Bradley and Dianna and Rick Jones. Top youth - Isaac Bradley. Most laps walked - Sue Peterson, Isaac Bradley, and Jacob Miller.

Director of the food bank, Lucielle Stephens, shared her gratitude for the volunteers and board members of the food bank and her gratitude for the donations of the community to support the efforts of the food bank. Co-chairs Anmarie Bradley-Dodd, Amy Fornusek, and Mary Bradley led the Walk to End Hunger, with the support of several ZCJB lodge members. Diane Bradley and Joanne Fornusek led the local business collection effort across the communities that greatly benefit from the Elsie Area Food Bank, especially the communities of Elsie, Ovid, Bannister, and Ashley. Kevin and Tracy Sommers provided the PA system for the event's speakers and live musicians.

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Summerfest at Heartland Church

by Deb Price

An evening of family fun will take place on Friday, August 20th at Heartland Church in Ovid. The fun starts at 4pm and continues to 8pm. and all are welcome. Live music, food truck vendors, bounce houses, bubble soccer and games will all be a part of this family fun event.

Marq Andrew Speck, lead vocalist and keyboard player will headline the live entertainment. Speck, engineer and music producer of the band "Sweet Crystal" is noted for reaching the world, one song at a time. The band was awarded the Detroit Music Award for the 2021 Outstanding Gospel/Christian Act. In addition to great music, event goers can enjoy great food. Vendors will include, Atomic Taco, Who Doesn't Like Pizza and ice-cream from Laingsburg's own Dairy Den. Bubble Soccer, Bounce Houses and a variety of Games for everyone to enjoy will also be part of the evenings events. "Our heart is to know God, tell his story and enjoy him forever. We invite all to come and share fellowship with us at Heartland as we reach out to become a blessing to our community," said Pastor Ben McBride.

Heartland Church is located at 8440 M-21 in Ovid. For more information call (989)787-2007.



Marq Andrew Speck

Elsie Village Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Officials addressed a number of issues.

The evening began with a public hearing regarding the updated code book. It should be noted that there was no public comment.

Mr. Gene Nethaway, Commander of Elsie American Legion Post 502 updated officials on the status of the Warriors Appreciation Rally slated for Saturday, September 18, at the Village of Elsie Park. Nethaway reported that the Elsie Post was selected as Post of the Year for the 8th District.

Shane Grinnell, village manage, presented the monthly managers' report. The COVID Relief Fund through the American Relief Act grants has been submitted if approved the Village could receive up to \$102,000. There are stipulations with the use of the funds with a focus in infrastructure. Grinnell offered the suggestion that if received funds be utilized to improve the alarm system for the water system. Officials will be updated as information becomes available.

The updated website is progressing, hopefully by the end of the month it will be ready to go. It is suggested that the email and website be changed Elsie.gov instead of a .com for security reasons. The DPW will be looking at a mini-excavator for Village use to replace the back hoe or to retain both pieces of equipment if the Village budget would sustain it. More discussion will take place before a decision is made.

In the cemetery three trees have fallen in the past few weeks. Also, the shed has arrived and has been installed at the cemetery. Grinnell noted that a second shed will be delivered to secure the water system control panel.

Under DPW it was reported that two sidewalk areas will be replaced the cost will be \$750 per home owner, and \$750 per property for the Village of Elsie.

The first Dorman House committee meeting will be held August 19, 7 pm at the Village Office. The Village received the keys August 1, 2021, a house walk through took place, noting the house looks good.

Amko representative Brian Osowski has re-evaluated the financial status of the sewer indebtedness however he was unable to attend the meeting, Grinnell gave a brief overview of the proposal. It is possible for the Village to save a considerable amount of money and establish an early pay-off if refinanced. There will be more information at the next regular Village Council meeting in September.

Grinnell came to officials with a new proposal for the care of Riverside Cemetery. Three-years ago he recommended that the care be contracted however, it is time to hire someone on the Village payroll to provide the proper care of the cemetery. This decision can be made at a later date, but should be made before the spring of 2022.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Gene Nethaway Elsie American Legion to special reports and Brian Osowski from Amko to Manager's report, the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting, the monthly police report and financial reports. It was noted that there was an increase in police activity. Officials reviewed and approved expenditures totaling \$42,490.05, this includes additions.

Public comment - Doug Sturgis requested that a test be conducted quarterly on the Village Emergency notification app.

Koerner Heads to Ferris

BIG RAPIDS --The Ferris State University men's golf program has reloaded once again as the Bulldogs have announced the addition of three talented prep student-athletes -- including Laingsburg standout Zach Koerner -- who inked with FSU during the fall signing period. The announcement was made by interim head coach Kylee Sullivan.

"We're excited about adding Zach to the Bulldog program and expect him to have bright futures at Ferris State," Sullivan said.

Koerner was a first-team all-state honoree for coach Greg Beavers at Laingsburg High School. He set a school record with a round of 69 and helped his team to the conference championship as both a freshman and sophomore. Along with golf, he's also competed in basketball and plans to major in FSU's Professional Golf Management program.

Zach Koerner competed in the 53rd Michigan Junior State Amateur, which took place July 26 thru 29 at TPC Michigan in Dearborn.

The Michigan Junior State Amateur features a field of 108 golfers age 18 and under, determined by past performance or via sectional qualifiers played in recent weeks across the state. They will play 36 holes of stroke play next week to determine a medalist and top seed to lead the 32-player match play bracket.



Social



Ellie Bowles



Ellie turned 91 on August 6th. Cards may be sent to her at 1201 S. St. Clair Rd. Ovid, MI 48866



Contestants Wanted for Ovid Carriage Days

by Deb Price

Like every other festival in the area, the Ovid Carriage Days Festival returns after a delay in 2020 due to the pandemic. The festival dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 10th-11th and 12th.

Organizers are looking for contestants in the following events: Friday evening Chili Cook-Off Contest, Prettiest Porch Contest, on Saturday BBQ Rib Cook-Off Contest, "NEW" Amazing Race and Carriage Relay. Registration Forms and event rules may be found online at www.ovid-carriagedays.com/events. For more information call Eric at 989-666-2337.

Vendors for the 3-day Arts/Crafts are now being accepted. A 10x10 spot costs \$30 for the 3 days (additional \$5 for electricity). Applications are also available on the website and also at the Meridian Weekly office. For more information call Estrella at 989-666-3058.

Get your applications in for the Super Parade on Saturday, September 11th which steps off at 11am. Applications are available online at ovidcarriagedays.com and also at the Meridian Weekly office. Let's show off the businesses, organizations and groups in our community. For more information call Jodi at 989-307-3981.

Watch the Meridian Weekly for more Carriage Days information. The September 10th-11th and 12th weekend promises to be lots of fun with great entertainment, great food, a super mid-way, city-wide garage sales, a NEW Puppeteer/Magician event, pancake breakfast, kids pedal pull, tractor pull on cement, Lions Chicken Dinner and so much more.

Don't forget to get your Carriage Days Cash Raffle tickets. The cost is \$20 each and are available from any Carriage Days committee member or at the Meridian Weekly office in downtown Ovid.

Elsie Lions Raffle

Get your tickets for the Elsie Lions Club Raffle. The drawing will be held on October 2nd. First Prize is a 1/2 of beef, 2nd and 3rd, 1/4 beef and 4th is a \$100 gift card. Processing will be done by Bellingar Packing. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from any Lions Club member or at the Meridian Weekly office in Ovid.



RBW-St. Johns High School Class of 1964

submitted by Jan Chick

RBW-St. Johns High School Class of 1964 "Annual Potluck Picnic" will be held on Sunday, August 29th, 2021 at the St. Johns City Park "Main Pavilion". Starts at 12-12:30 and eating at 1pm.

We welcome the Classes of 1965 & 1963 to join us.



Elsie Baby Pantry

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The Knights of Columbus-Bannister is proud to support the Elsie Baby Pantry and families in need. Pictured are Kathy Washburn and Knight Robin Wooley, who is presenting a \$500 donation.



Knights of Columbus Donates to Elsie Area Food Bank

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The Elsie Area Food Bank is an amazing resource located in our small community, and continues to help others in surrounding communities as well. The Knights of Columbus-Bannister is a supporter of Elsie Area Food Bank. Pictured are Lucielle Stephens and Knight Robin Wooley, who is presenting a \$500 donation.

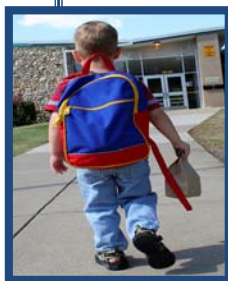
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Erin Zindle and The Ragbirds Playing at McClintock Park

submitted by Ronda Liskey

Ann Arbor based National Touring Band, Erin Zindle and The Ragbirds, will play as part of the Local Roots Concert Series, In Laingsburg, Mi. Sunday August 22nd. This is one of their very first shows in seventeen months, and it's been nearly two years since they have played in the Lansing area. The show will take place at Laingsburg's McClintock Park Bandshell, Downtown, 5-7pm. There will be concessions offered by the Laingsburg Dairy Den. Visitors should bring a chair, a cooler, and their dancing shoes!

With a genre-bending hybrid of indie-pop melodies, global-infused beats, rock guitar riffs, conscious lyrics and virtuosic fiddling, Erin Zindle & The Ragbirds deliver something that's hard to define. Their music is equally danceable, intelligent, and vulnerable – a rare combination in an increasingly marketing-driven industry.

So much has changed in the last two years for the Ann Arbor, MI-based nationally touring folk-rock group known as The Ragbirds. Frontwoman, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist, Erin Zindle, is eager to get back to the stage after riding out the gig cancellations of 2020's pandemic panic. The band had been in production for a new album when the shutdown went into effect. The project was forced to a premature pause, but Zindle's fiery drive to create and produce fresh music has only grown in intensity during the quarantine. With a 2019 line-up change, brand-new music and a fresh sound, the band has been reinvented on many levels and now officially goes by the name Erin Zindle & The Ragbirds.

Local Roots Cannabis is a marijuana dispensary that opened in Laingsburg, Michigan in April of this year. As part of its giving back campaign to the local community it has created a Summer Concert Series sponsoring such acts as Root Doctor, The Third Degree with Catherine Groll and on Sunday August 22nd at 5pm, Erin Zindle & The Ragbirds. Local Roots is located at 120 W. Grand River in Laingsburg. The concert will be held at Laingsburg's new amphitheater at McClintock Park, across from city hall at 114 Woodhull St in Laingsburg 48848.

For More Band and Contact information Please see attached Official Band Press Kit!

For More Information Contact: Ronda Liskey , Ronda.liskey@gmail.com 517-881-4840



In coming Club President Clyde Stanlake (right) presenting Larry Wagner The Lion of the Year Award.

Laingsburg Lions Recognized

The Laingsburg Lions Club recognized the following members at their July monthly meeting at Bates Scout Park. The Lion of the Year, as voted by the membership, was Larry Wagner. Lion Mike Danek was recognized for his many years of service as the clubs Treasurer. Dane Nickols was presented a Membership Plaque for his 35 year commitment to the club. Outgoing President, Cindy Arthur was given the President Award and thanked for a job well done. The evening included a steak dinner for members and their guests.



Dane Nickols was presented the Membership Plaque for 35 Years.



Mike Danek was recognized for many years as club treasurer.



Cindy Arthur was given the President Award.

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct its board meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Media Center. Please visit our website at www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us for up to date meeting information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: Legislative update, District Staffing Update, 2021/22 Budget, Personnel, Bond Construction and Finance Update and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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Obituaries

Donald Wilbur Mulder

Donald Wilbur Mulder, age 95, of Ovid, entered into the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, August 8, 2021.

He was born on September 5, 1925 on his parent's farm, south of Ovid. He was the son of Eugene and Ruby (White) Mulder. Don married his high school sweetheart, Ethel Simpson, on June 4, 1946. They had three children, Rita (Frank) Gazda, Dale (Elena) Mulder and Donnie (Jackie) Mulder.

Don graduated from Ovid High School in 1943. After graduation, he worked at Ovid Creamery hauling Milk until he bought a farm with Ethel and milked cows and worked the land until retirement. Don was very witty and always had a smirk on his face. He played ball for Ovid Oil for many years as their pitcher, bowled on a team, and he and Ethel belonged to two card parties for sixty years. He was a real handyman and could fix anything. He loved to hunt pheasants and trap.

The most important decision he ever made was accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1979. He realized he could not go through life without Christ and that you cannot save yourself. He was a member of Grove Bible Church for many years.

Don is survived by Rita and Donnie, ten grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel; his son, Dale; his parents; siblings, Margaret Kelley and Richard Mulder; great-grandson, Cayden Patrick and great-granddaughter, Destiny Mulder.

Graveside Services for the immediate family wase held at Middlebury Cemetery on Thursday, August 12, 2021.



In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Lansing Hospice or Grove Bible Church.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home (Keck-Coleman Chapel) at 989-244-4422.

Janet Elaine Smalldon

Janet Elaine Smalldon, age 77, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Friday, August 6, 2021, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor with her family by her side.

Janet was born in Ovid, Michigan on March 27, 1944, the daughter of Christy and Neva (Burl) Louth. She graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School with the class of 1962.

On September 29, 1962, Janet married her high school sweetheart, Harold William Smalldon, at St. Peter Lutheran Church. They were blessed with nearly 59 years of marriage.

Janet enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She hosted a "cousins' week" for many years. She was an avid reader and card player. She liked gardening, crafting, painting, and spending time with friends. She always looked forward to traveling up north and trips to Arizona to see her brother.

Janet was the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of St. Johns High School for many years and a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Janet is survived by her husband Harold of St. Johns, MI; 2 daughters: Kathy (Chris) Fairchild of St. Johns, MI; and Kris (Dennis) Sleep of St. Johns, MI; and son William (Jocelyn Kroupa) Smalldon of Holland, MI. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren: Aaron (Brittini) Fairchild, Jacob (Alisha) Fairchild, Christy (Michael Mihneski) Fairchild, Alex (Melissa) Rickman, Ben (Erika) Rickman, Claire Rickman, Brad (Shana) Sleep, Anthony (Audrey) Sleep, Zachary (Hannah Knight) Smalldon, Brock Smalldon, Andrew Smalldon, and Samuel Smalldon; 10 great- grandchildren: Isabella, Ilijah, Willow, Tyler, Colton, Lyla, Emma, Kennedy, Nola, and Quinn; and brother Jack Louth. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Services were held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, St. Johns, MI, on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, with Pastor Jim Pearl officiating. Burial followed at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Janet's family requests that memorials be made to Wounded Warriors, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneral-homes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



Earl Michael (Mike) Seybert

On March 14, 2021, Earl Michael Seybert passed away unexpectedly due to health complications. Mike was surrounded by loving family at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Mike was born on June 2nd, 1949 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan to Earl and Madeline Grace Seybert. Mike lives on through his seven brothers and their wives, Stuart (Betty) Midland, MI, Terry (Barbara) Mesa, AZ, Cliff (Michele) Holt, MI, Phillip (Kim) Mt. Pleasant, MI, Greg St. Johns, MI, Chris (Betsy) Traverse City, MI, Joe (Toni) Traverse City, MI, and Rosemarie Dexter sister in-law Glidden, WI. Many nieces and nephews, and cousins also survive Mike. Mike was predeceased by his beloved wife Pat, brother in-law Jerry Dexter, paternal and maternal grandparents, his mother Madeline and father Earl, and sister in-law Lynn Seybert.

Mike graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1967. He went on to attend Eastern Michigan University graduating later from Michigan State University with a BA in English and Education. His first teaching assignment was with his old Alma mater Ovid – Elsie High School as an English teacher. Teaching became a lifelong pursuit for Mike. Never without a book or a pen or pencil, he navigated the essays and writings of high schoolers and later on middle schoolers encouraging all to excel in the language he loved.

To say Mike was a reader and a writer is a serious understatement. Following his teaching stint in Michigan, Mike moved to Appleton, WI to be with Pat, also a much loved and adored teacher in her own right. Together they forged a life path in Appleton, Mike at Hilbert Public Schools and Pat at Neenah High School.

Mike was a brilliant witty man, husband, son, uncle, friend, and a sadly missed brother. Mike looked at life through a compassionate lens giving many hours of volunteer time to the Community Clothes Closet he and Pat adopted as a significant way to give back to their community. He was an excellent photographer with prized photos still hanging in my home. His unique perspective made him look at life with a different lens. His was through music, the arts, writing with his Mill Writers' friends to seek and learn about the art of writing and to live what Shakespeare opined, "To be a well-favored man is the gift of fortune; but to write and read comes by nature." Ever a teacher, Mike's ever present wit challenged us all to learn, "I would challenge you to a battle of wits, but I see you come unarmed." William Shakespeare

Thank you to all of the medical staff who served Mike in his final hours and to all who loved him as a friend, mentor, neighbor, teacher, and a good human being.

A celebration of Mike's life was held at 1pm on Saturday, August 7th, 2021 at Valley Funeral Home; Appleton, WI,

A second memorial will be on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 1 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie chapel. Visitation will be 11 Am until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Community Clothes Closet, 1465B Opportunity Way, Menasha, WI 54952



Lynn R. Bolton
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Editorial

Laingsburg Amphitheater Tune n Tales

by Karen Anderson, Laingsburg Correspondent

LAINGSBURG – The Laingsburg City Library is excited to sponsor a FREE musical and story-time at the new McClintock Park Amphitheater on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 1:00pm. Tunes N Tales by Tricia Kjolhede affectionally known by the community as Mrs. K. will be doing a back-to-school send off for area children and families.



Mrs. K., a former pre-school and elementary Laingsburg teacher entertains all ages with her joyful music and stories that will melt your heart. Please join her with your children for this concert on Tuesday. Currently Mrs. K travels all over mid-Michigan to play at events and private parties. As a graduate of Central Michigan she continues to use her talent and knowledge as an Educational Specialist in Reading and Literacy.

Mrs. K. stated she is looking forward to reconnecting with Laingsburg friends this week. She tells her story explaining that "...Music was magic to me...my guitar and ukulele followed me into the classroom for over 30 years." Her children are grown, and she has grandchildren who make her happy as the music she shares with others. For more information, find Mrs. K's Tales N Tunes on Facebook and LinkedIn.com

A special thank you to the library staff and volunteers for all they contribute to the community. Their efforts through the reading programs and library services create opportunities through books, videos, and computers towards the betterment of the Laingsburg Community, as well as offering outstanding programs available for our youth.

Please Welcome back Mrs. K. to Laingsburg by being in the audience.

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.
~ Henry David Thoreau

Frendz to Perform at the 'Concert in the Park' Series on August 18th

submitted by Bill Tennant

Frendz, a 6-piece rock group, will present a fast-paced review of AM Gold from the 50s to the 90s of tunes we all know and love. They will be featured on the Wednesday, August 18 'Concert in the Park' performance. This special concert will start at 7:00 p.m. in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

The music being performed will include pop tunes you have heard on your AM radio over the years. Great American Songbook, easy listening as well as light acoustic rock will be featured. You will hear songs by artists such as The Supremes, Carol King, Neil Diamond, Garth Brooks, Chuck Berry, Jimmy Buffet, Everly Brothers, Elvis, The Beatles, ABBA, Elton John, and many other artists.

Band members include: Don Sovey on Nylon String & Acoustic Steel String Guitars and Vocals; Don Sare on Bass and Vocals; Bronnie Brown on Sax and Clarinet; Alexis Start on Vocals; Tim Thelen on Drums; along with special guest, Jeff Kressler on Piano. Each of these musicians has a lengthy biography filled with incredible national and international experiences.

The concert is sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. It is open to the public free of charge – donations are graciously accepted.

Misuse of Federal Funding

Letter to the Editor:

The misuse of federal funding for covid relief is a betrayal of our community. Elected officials serve the people who hired them. They do not take advantage of them in a difficult time.

Jeremy Root must resign his position as commissioner immediately. He already knows he made an egregious mistake. He has shown this by resigning as chairman of the board of commissioners and by not attending the commission meeting on Sunday, August 1st. Mr. Root has taken advantage of his position long enough.

His former primary election opponents were unsuccessful as he was re-elected to district five. We strongly encourage conservative GOP candidates to step forward in the 5th District who have a genuine desire to serve the the people of Shiawassee County.

Signed,

The Shiawassee County Republican Party Executive Committee



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Home Improvement

Tips Before Deciding to do a DIY Demolition

Home improvement projects can range from relatively inexpensive undertakings to complex endeavors that cost homeowners thousands of dollars. In an effort to make expensive projects more affordable, homeowners may look for ways to pitch in, and do-it-yourself demolition is a common way to cut costs.

Due to geographical fluctuations in price as well as the scale of a project, it's hard to pinpoint just how much homeowners can save by doing demolition work themselves. HomeAdvisor estimates that the average small interior demolition project costs just over \$3,000, though more significant demolition projects can cost considerably more than that. Given the cost, it's no surprise that so many homeowners volunteer to do demolition on their own. Though it's possible to do so safely, homeowners can take steps to determine if it's in their best interest to take on a DIY demolition or leave it to the professionals.

- Conduct a cost analysis. Demolition projects seem simple, but they often require the use of equipment most homeowners don't have on hand. Rentals can be considered in such instances, but the cost of renting equipment can reduce the amount of money homeowners are saving by going it alone. For example, homeowners may be able to pull up vinyl or tile flooring on their own, but not all floors are installed the same. Some floors may have been glued more effectively than others, making it hard and/or time-consuming to pull them up by hand. A walk-behind floor scraper can make it easier to remove such floors, but that equipment must be rented. A cost analysis comparing the contractors' demolition cost estimate and the cost of DIY, complete with equipment rental projections, can give a more accurate picture of how much money homeowners will save by going it alone. If the savings of DIY are negligible, homeowners should probably let the contractor handle the demo.

- Speak with your contractor. Prior to saying they'll do the demo work on their own, homeowners should speak with their contractors to get an accurate idea of what the project will entail. Demolition projects may seem simple enough, but contractors can illustrate the correct way to do things so as to minimize potentially costly damage. Some contractors may offer to help homeowners start the demo project and then leave them to their own devices once they get a knack for what to do. Once homeowners see what it will take, they can then decide if DIY is best for them.

- Enlist help. No DIY demo should ever be done alone. The risk for accident and injury is simply too great for homeowners to go it alone. Homeowners who can't enlist some volunteers to pitch in should leave the job to the professionals.

DIY demolition can save homeowners a lot of money. But such projects are not necessarily as simple as they seem. Homeowners should take steps to see exactly what they're getting into before they volunteer to take on demo duty.



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How to Maintain Hardwood Floors

Hardwood floors have long been sought after by home buyers. In its 2019 "Remodeling Impact Report," the National Association of Realtors® revealed that new wood flooring was the fourth most popular project to attract buyers.

Of course, hardwood floors aren't just for buyers. Homeowners who already have hardwood floors know just how impressive these floors can be, especially when they're well maintained. Maintaining wood floors is not necessarily as straightforward as it may seem, and homeowners may benefit from a tutorial on how to keep the floors under their feet looking good.

To polish or not to polish?

Polishing floors is an inexpensive way to keep them looking good. But the home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that not all floors can be polished, and determining which ones can depends on the finish. Floors with waterproof barriers such as urethane will benefit from routine polishing. However, floors with penetrating finishes like tung oil will need to be waxed rather than polished.

What finish is on the floor?

The Hardwood Distributor's Association recommends a simple way for homeowners to determine which type of finish is on their hardwood floors. Homeowners are advised to rub a finger across the floor. If no smudge appears, then the floor is surface sealed. If a smudge is created, then the floor has been treated with a penetrating seal. The HDA also notes that recently installed wood floors are likely surface sealed.

How often should floors be polished or waxed?

Wood flooring professionals recommend polishing floors that can be polished once every few months. Waxing wood floors does not need to be done as frequently, and most can benefit from a fresh coat of wax every 12 to 18 months.

What can I do on a daily basis?

Some simple tricks and daily maintenance can help wood floors maintain their impressive look.

- Utilize floor mats. The HDA notes that floor mats near entryways can reduce the time it takes to clean hardwood floors and reduce the wear and tear they endure. For example, tiny particles like dirt can scratch the floor and contribute to the kind of minor damage that adds up to significant scarring over time. Floor mats near entryways ensures that most of that dirt never makes it to the wood floors.

- Vacuum without a beater bar. Some vacuums contain beater bars, which are designed to pick up human hair, dog hair and other things that conventional vacuums may not be able to pick up. The HDA advises vacuuming without the beater bar, as it can contribute to small scratches in the floor. Sweeping with a

high-quality broom or microfiber cloth is another way to pick up dirt without damaging floors.

- Use manufacturer-recommended cleaning products. Local home improvement stores sell a host of hardwood floor cleaning products, but the HDA notes that many flooring manufacturers now sell their own hardwood floor cleaners designed specifically for their floors. These products are likely homeowners' best bets. Homeowners who can't find them can seek recommendations from a local flooring retailer.

Hardwood floors are attractive for many reasons. And they look even more stunning, and last much longer, when homeowners make an effort to maintain them.



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Annual Sports Injury Clinic

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Dr. Ashraf Elbanna and Chelsea Baker, PA-C, from Memorial Healthcare Orthopedics, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation are hosting a sports injury clinic to access orthopedic sports injuries for adolescent and high school athletes, beginning Monday, August 16 and concluding October 18, 2021. There will be no appointments necessary on Monday's. In the event an injury arises Tuesday through Thursday, please call the office for expedited scheduling.

This clinic provides specialized orthopedic sports medicine care to student athletes with acute sports injuries. We welcome all adolescent and high school level athletes. Our clinic has the ability to obtain x-rays in office for immediate review and in collaboration with our Radiology Department, we are able to guarantee an MRI, CT scan or further imaging needs within 72 hours of the appointment, pending insurance authorization. This structure also offers treatment at a much more cost-effective rate than an emergency department visit for those less serious injuries.

Athletes will be seen on a walk-in basis, Monday's from 9:00am to 3:30pm at Memorial Healthcare Orthopedics, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation located at the Main Campus, 818 W. King Street, Lower Level, Owosso. If needed, please call the office to schedule an expedited appointment Tuesday through Thursday. Parental consent is required before treatment and fees are applied with insurance being billed.

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DuPlain Township Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – The regular meeting of the DuPlain Township Board was held Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Bruce Levey, Supervisor, reported that FEMA sent information requesting that the township participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Doug Riley, Clinton County Planning and Zoning, was contacted and will research the details. A report will be presented at a future meeting.

Levey reported that tar seal has been applied to the areas that have been chipped sealed. Overall the DuPlain Township roads are looking very good.

Levey wanted to publicly thank the Village of Elsie for mowing the park at the Elsie Dam. Noting that the park is utilized a lot, and appears to be a fishing destination.

It was also reported that the American Rescue Plan grant paperwork has been submitted. Officials will be updated as information becomes available.

Sandy Frink, township clerk, proposed that a local service handle the quarterly payrolls and taxes. The cost would be \$300 per quarter with Elsie based Account On Us2, and will take care of the 941's. In addition, Frink recommended that BS & A software be purchased to replace Quick Books. The program will address the general ledger and expenditures, there is also a component that will allow updating the Rochester Colony Cemetery files and records. The cost \$18,380 for initial setup and training, and annual fees of \$1,930. The funds will come from computer maintenance/101931 fund. Action was taken to transfer \$25,000 from unallocated balance which would also cover projected computer needs for the assessor and treasurer.

Dr. Mark Holley, township assessor, presented a resolution for a PA116 withdrawal, the request is due to set aside of a two-acre parcel with house and buildings. Officials took formal action to approve the resolution.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Dr. Mark Holley with a resolution of withdrawal of PA16 designation, the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting, and the financial reports. Action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$23,976.36.

Attention OE Class of 1970

The class of 1970 will hold a Picnic at the Elsie Park on Saturday, September 11th beginning at noon with a meal at 2 pm. Meat will be furnished and organizers are asking for those in attendance bring a passing dish, your own beverage, table service and table covering. Please RSVP to Debbie Heinz by August 27th, by email at debrasue-heinze@gmail.com or text her at 989-723-7522.

Addresses are needed for the following classmates: Linda (Davis) Adams, March (Brigham) Brown, Bruce Dennis, Bonna (Beeman) Dudash, Edward Fortier, Jean Porubsky, Sherry Sadler and Wayne Snyder. Reply to Deb Heinz if you have contact information on any.

Carriage Days Cash Raffle

The Ovid Carriage Days committee is selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser for the 2021 Ovid Carriage Days Festival. The September festival will be held Friday-Sunday, September 10th-11th-12th in downtown Ovid.

The Cash Raffle tickets are available from any Carriage Days committee member or at the Weekly newspaper office for \$20 each. First prize is \$1,500, 2nd prize, \$750 and 3rd prize, \$350. The winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, September 12th at 4pm in the entertainment tent in downtown Ovid.

Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Show

Thursday, August 19th

7:00.....Gate Opens & Pancake Breakfast
 8:00.....Flea Market Opens
 Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
 9:00.....Arts & Crafts Opens
 10:00.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
 Saw Mill Demo, Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin
 11:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
 Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos, Cider Mill Demo
 Noon.....Bingo Tent Opens
 1:00.....Saw Mill Demo
 Oliver Only Pull - Track 1
 1:30.....Threshing & Baling Demos
 2:00.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg.
 Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos, Gang Saw & Drag
 Saw Demos, Crop Demos
 3:00.....Cider Mill Demo
 4:00.....Transfer Sled Pull - Track 1
 5:00.....Off The Wall Band - Founders Bldg.
 Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos, Gang Saw &
 Drag Saw Demos
 7:00.....Jubilee and Fire Band - Handle Mill
 9:00.....Sarah Regal Band - Pavilion
 10:00.....Display Area Closed

Friday, August 20th

7:00.....Gate Opens & Pancake Breakfast
 8:00.....Flea Market Opens
 Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
 9:00.....Arts & Crafts Opens
 10:00.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
 Garden Tractor Pull - Track 2, Saw Mill Demo, Kids
 Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin
 11:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
 Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos, Cider Mill Demo
 Noon.....Members Only Junior Pull - Track 1
 Bingo Tent Opens
 1:00.....Cider Mill Demo
 Saw Mill Demo
 1:30.....Threshing & Baling Demos
 2:00.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg.
 Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos. Gang Saw & Drag
 Saw Demos, Crop Demos
 3:00.....Cider Mill Demo
 5:00.....Off The Wall Band - Founders Bldg.
 Members Only Powder Puff Pull - Track 1, Shingle Mill
 & Veneer Mill Demos, Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos
 7:00.....Jubilee and Fire Band - Handle Mill
 9:00.....Sarah Regal Band - Pavilion
 10:00.....Display Area Closed

Saturday, August 21st

7:00.....Gate Opens & Pancake Breakfast
 8:00.....Flea Market Opens
 Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
 9:00.....Pedal Pull - Track 1, Arts & Crafts Opens
 10:00.....Saw Mill Demo, Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin
 10:30.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
 Dead Weight Pull - Track 2, Cement Pull - Track 1
 (Following Parade)
 11:00.....Cider Mill Demo
 Noon.....Bingo Tent Opens
 1:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
 Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos, Threshing & Baling Demos
 Cider Mill Demo, Saw Mill Demo, Crop Demos
 2:00.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg.
 3:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
 Gang & Drag Saw Demos, Cider Mill Demo
 5:00.....Off The Wall Band - Founders Bldg.
 Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos, Gang Saw &
 Drag Saw Demos
 5:30.....Oliver Banquet (Off Site)
 7:00.....Jubilee and Fire Band - Handle Mill
 9:00.....Sarah Regal Band - Pavilion
 10:00.....Display Area Closed
 (Fireworks at dark - Weather permitting)

Sunday, August 22nd

7:00.....Gate Opens & Pancake Breakfast
 8:00.....Flea Market Opens
 Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
 9:00.....Church Service, Arts & Crafts Opens
 10:00.....Saw Mill Demo, Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin
 10:30.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
 11:00.....Transfer Sled Pull - Track 2
 (V-8 Tractors In Between), Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill
 Demos, Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos, Cider Mill Demo
 Noon.....Tractor Plowing Demo
 Chicken Barbecue Opens, Bingo Tent Opens
 1:00.....Slow Race - Track 1
 Threshing & Baling Demos, Saw Mill Demo
 2:00.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg.
 Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos, Gang Saw &
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 3:00.....Cross Cut Saw Contest - Track 1
 Cider Mill Demo
 4:00.....Steel Wheel Tractor Pull - Track 1
 5:00.....Off The Wall Band - Founders Bldg.
 9:00.....Sarah Regal Band - Pavilion
 10:00.....Display Area Closed
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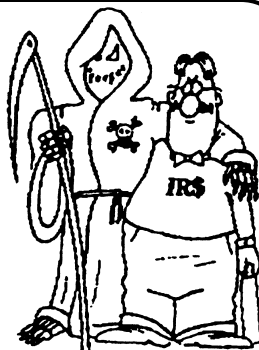
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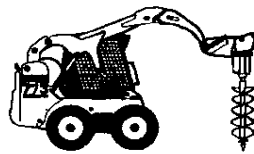
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