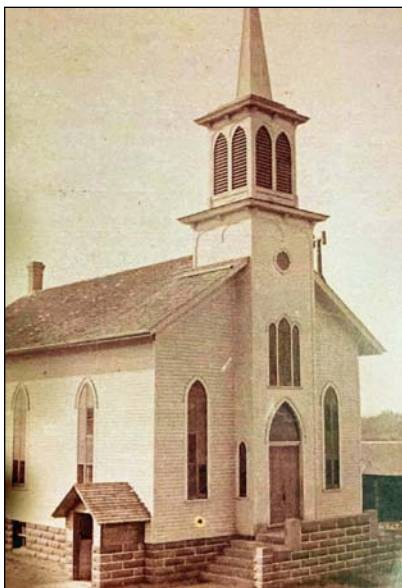




## Duplain Church of Christ Celebrates 150th Anniversary

*submitted by Stephanie Smith*

Duplain Church of Christ, 5565 Colony Road, St. Johns, Michigan, is celebrating their “150” year anniversary on October 3, 2021 beginning with services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Excited about their existence in Rochester Colony, the commemoration will feature the church services followed by a fund raising spaghetti dinner for scholarships for church camp. The day will conclude with a “Festival of Memories” in which songs and special visitors will reminisce of times past. The public is invited to attend any or all of the celebration.



The history of the church began in 1836, when people from Rochester, New York, decided to go “west” to Michigan. They settled in what now called “Rochester Colony.” At this time, there were Presbyterian and Methodist circuit riders who came and held services in people’s homes. In 1849, Luman Wilcox, a devout member of the Disciple Church, began organized meetings at the Rowell Schoolhouse on the corner of Hall and Chandler Roads. The congregation would outgrow the building and a new church was built in the “Colony” in 1871, which became known as Duplain Church of Christ. It was used for nearly 100 years.

Yet again, the need for a new building arose in 1964. Three acres of land across from the old church was purchased. Costing \$140,000, the new and existing church was completed in 1967. Since then, Duplain Church of Christ has had a strong presence in the area serving people in many ways from Sunday services to community dinners.

Head minister, Andy Goodrich, feels the celebration is not about the brick and mortar of the building but a reconnection he hopes to inspire within the community.

“It’s not a building,” he said. “It’s where people assemble in the name of God and worship with love for our Savior.” Andy desires for people to better understand the faith and comfort he believes church fellowship will provide.

Duplain Church of Christ exists to reach out to our community in order to introduce people to Jesus, raise them up toward a life-changing faith, and ready them for ministry in the church and world. For more information contact the church at (989)224-7845 or check us out on the web at [duplainchurch.org](http://duplainchurch.org).



*A Spike by Kalista Bancroft, #3 against Lakeville. The Lady Marauders won all four matches. See pages 8-10 for sports results for Ashley, Laingsburg and Ovid-Elsie. Photo by Chuck Prisaky*

## Ovid-Elsie Schools

*by Dawn D. Levey*

ELSIE – The September meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, September 20, 2021. Officials heard from parents on both side of the school mask debate. In addition, new employees were offered contracts and a school nurse position was added.

Board members heard from parents regarding the District’s policy on masks in the classroom. Bonnie Goupil provided board members with information and statistics about the importance of mask mandates in public schools and her concern about the rising COVID numbers in Clinton County. Next, Beth Sanford voiced concern about sexual harassment and the current zero tolerance policy established at the high school. Kellie Nethaway voiced her concern about the ineffectiveness of masks, and they do not make a difference in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and that testing is not accurate.

Many of the district’s buildings are wrapping up testing and evaluating the results so inventions can be developed to increase student academic growth and success. It was noted that this will be a process and take time to recover from the interruptions caused by COVID-19.

Officials took action to offer contracts to new employees: Morgan Martin, elementary counselor; Logan Kellogg, high school art teacher; Ashtyn Snyder, elementary teacher EE Knight; Megan Walter, paraprofessional; and Heather Kroll, paraprofessional.

Dr. Ryan Cunningham, superintendent, reported that Ovid-Elsie Area Schools received a grant to add a school nurse to the District. The grant will pay 100% the first year, 66% the second, 33% the third and the fourth year the District will pay 100% of salary and benefits. A job description will be developed and the position posted. The nurse will provide beneficial services to all of the buildings.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included: Approval of the meeting agenda; approval of the minutes of the August 16 meeting; approval of expenditures and financial reports; and the FFA annual field trip request.



## ALS Walk Team Larry

*submitted by Allen Martin*

You are invited to come join the Martin family and friends – Team Larry – on Sunday, October 3, as part of the Michigan Chapter of the ALS Association’s Walk to Defeat ALS.

Walkers will be meeting in Ovid on the rail trail near the water tower at 12:30 pm, with the walk to commence at 1:00. The course will be along the rail trail to Hollister Road and back. Along the way, participants can check out the newest bench addition to the Fred Meijer CIS Trail, in honor of Larry Martin, near the Maple River bridge.

The walk is a fundraising effort to assist those living with ALS as well as help in the search for a cure to the disease.

Donations can be made online at: <http://web.alsa.org/goto/teamlarrymartin> or by mail to Team Larry, P.O. Box 481, Ovid MI 48866.





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## Social

### Carriage Days Raffle Winners

The cash winners in the Carriage Days raffle were: 1st, winning \$1,500 was Adam Ringle, 2nd, \$750, Robert Watson and 3rd, \$350, Barb Galehouse. Thanks to all who supported the raffle by buying tickets.

### Elsie Historical Society

submitted by Elizabeth Hardaker

The Elsie Historical Society will be open October 2, from 10 to 2, during the Fall Festival.

We will have Dairy Festival t-shirts for sale from years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. If you would like one, here is your chance! We are located on the East side of the Library.



### Maron Family Picnic Table Donation to Library

George and Marian Maron were co-owners of Maron's IGA and Riverside Laundromat along with John and Clara Maron. They raised their six children Deb, Charlie Smith, Kathy Corey, Sheila, Tim Burgin, Erica, Jim Warfle, George Maron and Gregg Maron in Ovid.

They were involved with the First Baptist Church of Ovid, Marian was a volunteer with the Ovid Ambulance in its early years as well as the Acme Society. After retirement they volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels. They were married for 51 years and resided in the Ovid area all of that time. They enjoyed traveling to Texas to visit John and Clara and traveled to Alaska with them. They enjoyed spending time with their 7 grandchildren and their 9 great-grandchildren.

In their memory the family donated the picnic table that is on the south side of the Library as well as monies to upgrade the computers and whatever else the library could use.

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Drawing Date: **October 2nd**  
 In Front of Former Elsie Bank.  
 Tickets Also Available at the Weekly Office.

## Fire Prevention Week

*submitted by Shane Grinnell*

Elsie— The Elsie Area Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™.” This year’s campaign, October 3-9th, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.



“What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide

alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family,” said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

The Elsie Area Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme.

“It’s important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action!” said Assistant Chief Shane Grinnell “Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.”

Assistant Chief Grinnell wants to share safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in the Elsie area please contact the Elsie Area Fire Department at [www.elsiefd.com](http://www.elsiefd.com) or their facebook page. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

## Deadline Approaching for Brick Orders

St. Isidore’s memory or family brick project is winding down as orders will be placed the first part of October. The bricks are being offered at cost, \$25 for three lines or \$30 for four lines. Bricked will be placed at the church entrance once the shrubs are removed. Ordering envelopes are available in the entry way of the church, checks are to be made payable to St. Isidore and left at the office or in the drop box. For more information call the church office on Wednesdays or Fridays from 8-3 or Barb Koonter at 517-651-6206.

## Elsie Annual Fall Festival Activities Finalized

*submitted by Dawn D. Levey*

ELSIE – The annual Elsie Fall Festival details are finalized and there will be family fun for all. Activities include a craft fair and flea market with more than twenty vendors, activities for children and an opportunity to support the Ovid-Elsie Band, live music and an amazing tractor show. In addition, there will be specials at local restaurants and food trucks. The one-day festival is slated for October 2, 10 am-4. The purpose of the festival is to support the Elsie Food Pantry everyone is encouraged to bring a bag of non-expired, non-perishable food or monetary donations will be accepted; a trailer will be located near the center of town. So, come out and help fill the selves at the Elsie Area Food Pantry.

### CITY OF OVID ORDINANCE NO. 88 PREAMBLE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 88 SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND CHAPTER 06 ANIMALS SECTION 2 STATE LICENSED KENNELS TO DEFINE KENNEL, TO ADD SECTION 8 PROHIBITED ANIMALS.

**THE CITY OF OVID ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 6, SECTION 2. STATE LICENSED KENNELS**

Ordinance No. 88, Section 6.2 is hereby amended to add:

287.270 “Kennel” defined; kennel license; fee; tags; certificate; rules; inspection; exception. Sec. 10. For the purposes of this act, a kennel shall be construed as an establishment wherein or whereon 3 or more dogs are confined and kept for sale, boarding, breeding, or training purposes, for remuneration, and a kennel facility shall be so constructed as to prevent the public or stray dogs from obtaining entrance thereto and gaining contact with dogs lodged in the kennel.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 6**

Ordinance No. 88 is hereby amended to add 6-8 Prohibited Animals as follows:

6-8 Prohibited animals

(a) In General. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, and except for domesticated breeds of dogs and cats, no person shall keep, maintain, or confine anywhere in the City, bovines, equines, sheep, goats, fowl or swine, regardless of whether the same have been domesticated or otherwise kept, maintained or confined by virtue of a State or Federal license. In addition, and by way of illustration, but not by way of limitation, no person shall keep, as a pet, the following wild or exotic animals: alligator, badger, bat, bear, beaver, bobcat, cheetah, cougar, coyote, crocodilian, eagle, elk, ermine, falcon, ferret, fox, hawk, jackal, jaguar, nonhuman primates, lemur, leopard, lion, lynx, mink, muskrat, ocelot, opossum, owl, panther, porcupine, puma, raccoon, skunk, tiger, venomous reptiles, wolf, wolf-hybrid, wolverine, weasel or wildcat.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.**

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Introduced by the City Council of the City of Ovid this 13th, day of September, 2021, where the following were present:

**Present:**

**Absent:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt the ordinance #88 titled Amendment in ordinance #88.**

**Roll Call:**

**YEAS: Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordway, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Ms. Perrien.**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: Mr. Lasher**

*Josefina Medina, Clerk  
CITY OF OVID*

### CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Full set of the Minutes for the Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. Mayor Pro-Tem Perrien opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Lasher & Liza Kusnier- Treasurer.

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

VISITORS: Dr. Mark Holley & Ovid Township Supervisor Jennings West.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown second by Mr. Starn accept the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 9, 2021 with corrections.

MOTION CARRIED

INVOICES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams accept the check registry from August 11th, thru September 14, 2021 as printed.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

TREASURER: Discussion was held on the quote for the new web site.

The Council will wait for more information.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Starn to accept the Treasurer, Police & DPW reports as presented.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dr. Mark Holley introduced Mr. Jennings West as the newly appointed Supervisor to Ovid Township.
  2. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams to adopt amended ordinance #88 titled: To amend chapter 6 Animals Section 2 State Licensed Kennels to define kennel. To add Section 8 Prohibited animals. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordway, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Mr. Lasher.

#### **ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

The ordinance will be published in its entirety in the Weekly.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Miss Hibbard, to adopt amended ordinance #129 titled: To amend sec. 36-728 Uses permitted by right to add condition (20) defining measuring distances. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Mr. Ordway, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Starn, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lasher.

#### **ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

The ordinance will be published in its entirety in the Weekly.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt resolution #2021-16 as corrected. Roll call was taken as follows: YEAS: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ordway, Mr. Starn, Mr. Williams and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lasher.

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

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

5. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Starn to accept the DWAM grant agreement and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem requested a roll call: YEAS: Mr. Starn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordway and Ms. Perrien. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Lasher.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Mayor Pro-Tem Perrien, opened the sealed bids for the audit service. The bids were for the next three (3) years, 2021, 2022 & 2023. Discussion was held. Miss Hibbard stated that she would like the Finance Committee to review them and bring their recommendations to the Council at the next meeting. No action taken.

DPW: Discussion was held on the tree list that was presented to the council. A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Ordway to increase the line in Major Streets – Tree Trimming line by \$3,645 from the reserve funds in Major and to increase the line in Local Streets – Tree Trimming line by \$8,355 from the reserve funds in Local.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT: a motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

*Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid*

CITY OF OVID  
RESOLUTION  
2021-16

At a regular meeting of the Ovid City Council held on the 13th day of September 2021 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Lasher

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, State of Michigan receives Act 51 funds from the State of Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, is currently in non-compliance with the Actual qualified expenditures for Non-motorized Improvements Section 10k of the Act 51 law, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, in order to achieve compliance with the State of Michigan, Section 10k of the Act 51 law must present a plan to expend at least \$10,550.00 within the next three years on non-motorized transportation improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, after reviewing the Reporting Guidelines for Non-motorized Transportation Expenditures of the State of Michigan, Street Financial Report and the needs of the populace does hereby submit the following proposal;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, hereby submit to the State of Michigan the following Project Plan for the City of Ovid to replace / repair non-motorized transportation improvements. This plan also, covers the 1% of the Act 51 Non-motorized Transportation Expenditures for the year 2021. These projects will return the City of Ovid into compliance with Act 51 Section 10k.

Roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Lasher.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED:

Josefina Medina, Clerk  
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# Obituaries

## Donna June Kusenda

Donna June Kusenda, age 95, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2021, surrounded by her family at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor in St. Johns.

Donna was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 22, 1925, the daughter of Floyd H. and Wilda (Hipkins) Johnson. On July 15, 1946 she married Milton D. Kusenda in Chicago, Illinois. She and Milt moved to Ovid, Michigan in 1952 and raised their 3 children. Milt passed away on December 28, 1963. Donna began working for the United States Post Office in Ovid in 1965 and retired after 20 years of service. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and music. Donna was the taxi driver for her family and grandchildren's events.

Donna enjoyed watching Star Trek and was a true Trekkie. She was a member of United Church of Ovid. She loved to sing in the church choir and served with the church finances and was a member of the United Methodist Women.

She is survived by her son Dan and Karen Kusenda; 2 daughters: Debbie and Jim Gorney, and Diane and Mike Perrien. She is also survived by 1 granddaughter Allison Kusenda Halerz and Mike and 4 grandsons: George and Molly Gorney, Kevin and Heather Gorney, Jacob and Mary Perrien, and Richard and Cassie Perrien; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and 2 sisters: Dorothy Sauber and Bobbie Price.

Funeral Services will be held at United Church of Ovid, 131 West Front Street, Ovid, Michigan at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, with Pastor Dr. Eugene Blair officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 12 noon until the time of service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of Ovid. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



## Mary A. Bielik

Mary A. Bielik, age 99, of Ashley, MI, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2021, at Union Court Assisted Living, Chesaning, MI.

Mary was born in Bannister, MI on June 30, 1922, the daughter of Michael and Frances (Smihal) Bielik. She graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1940.

After graduation she went to work as a clerk with the post office. In 1950, became a rural letter carrier until her retirement in 1981. During her career she was very involved with the Michigan Rural Letter Carriers Association as secretary/treasurer for over 20 years and was selected member of the year in 1982. Mary was the editor for the Michigan Rural Letter Carriers Associations newspaper for many years, even after her retirement. Mary received a certificate from the National Rural Carriers Association for 70 years of membership. She enjoyed ceramics, painting and knitting. She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister Frances Slavik of Ashley, MI; nieces & nephews: Tammy Slavik of Perry, MI; Michael Slavik of Ashley, MI; and Roger and Cheri Slavik of Ashley, MI; great-nieces and nephews: Katie and Michael Reynolds of Tampa, FL; Natalie and Travis Norkowski of Perry, MI; Jessie and Kurtis Houston of Elsie, MI; Brandon and Katelyn Slavik of Ashley, MI; and Devin and Kelsey Slavik of Ashley, MI. She is also survived by her great-great-nephews:



Colorado, Graham and Remington. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers, brother-in-law Raymond Slavik, and niece Kalie Slavik.

A private family burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI.

Memorials may be made to Ashley Community School Library or the Ashley United Methodist Church or the Ashley Fire and Rescue Department. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

## In Memory of Neil Somers 5/11/42 – 9/29/20

It's been a year since we lost you  
And for a time it felt as though our lives  
had ended too.

Sad are the hearts that love you; silent are  
the tears that fall,  
Living without you is the hardest part of all.  
And though we're full of sadness that you're no longer here,  
Your influence still guides us and we still feel you near.  
Love and all that we shared will never die; it lives within our  
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Pastor: Zella Daniel

Sunday Worship 11:15am

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Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

8:30am, & 11:00am

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Children's Minister: Jessica Prieto

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Worship Service 10:00am

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# Obituaries

## Patricia Marie “Pat” Latz

Patricia Marie “Pat” Latz, age 83, of Elsie, MI, passed away Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Pat was born in Elsie, Michigan on November 15, 1937, the daughter of Frank and Helen (Slovacek) Vlcek. She graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1955. Pat was an active member at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid, Michigan. She drove school bus for Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. She went back to college to earn her Bachelor of Science in nursing to become a registered nurse. Pat went to work for Ovid Healthcare Center and was the Director of Nursing. She then went to work as a RN at Durand Convalescent Center, retiring from there. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, floral design, traveling extensively and spending time with her family; especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She resided all of her life in Elsie, Michigan. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid, Michigan.

She is survived by: Steve and Sue Latz, Mark and Soni Latz, Robert and Rachel Latz, Ken and Kurt Latz, Beth and John Reilly, and Marigene and Doug Betts; daughter-in-law, Kathy Latz; her siblings: Carolyn Thornton, Tom and Susan Vlcek, and Mary and Phil Fizzell, Anne and Su Vlcek; and her sweetheart Leonard Mitchell. She is also survived by her 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and her three exchange students. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Daniel Latz, one grandson Jacob McIntyre, and brother-in-law Larry Thornton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 30, 2021, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks presiding. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, Michigan. Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## Capital Area Community Services’ Christmas Applications and Old News Boys Applications

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

C.A.C.S. Christmas Applications and Old Newsboys Applications for Children 18 and under who reside in Shiawassee County, will be available beginning October 5, 2021 at Capital Area Community Services through November 12, 2021.

Households must meet 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify.

Applications are available by calling CACS at 989-723-3115. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CACS. The office is Closed to walk-in traffic. You must call first.

# Editorial

### “Not Sure”

*“These things I have written to you...that you may know...(1 John 5:13).”*

The first rule in writing a movie is to be clear. If the audience can’t follow your story, then game over. How much more important is clarity in communicating spiritual truth to a world flooded with disinformation. So who can you trust? How about the first Writer?

God has written a movie called “Being 100% Sure You’re Going to Heaven.” It’s playing in a Bible near you, and He lays out the logline in 1 John, “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.” That’s pretty clear, but most people are still not sure.

Most hope they’re good enough to go to Heaven because they haven’t done anything really bad and guess they’re between the 40-75% range, but the Bible says that you can be 100% certain. That’s why God wrote “these things.” So how can you be 100% sure?

First, realize nobody’s perfect. Since God is perfect (holy), we cannot be with Him in Heaven or our sin would wreck it pretty quick. “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God (Isaiah 59:2).” Pretty clear, broken and alienated.

Second, good works don’t work. Would you accept a million bucks from a leper? “All our most righteous deeds are like a filthy rag to God (Isaiah 64:6).” And there is no scale to weigh good deeds and bad deeds. “Whoever keeps the whole Law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all (James 2:10).” If a big, red balloon represents God’s Law, how many pins are needed to break it? No matter how hard you try, you cannot make that balloon perfect again. It’s not about being good; it’s about perfection.

Third, God’s holiness also means our sin must be punished. A sin a day is over 25,000 in 70 years, and if He ignored it, then He’d be a crooked judge. He solved this problem; loving us and punishing us, by taking it on Himself...only a perfect Person could pay our debt, so God became flesh. “He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).” His gift makes you holy, but it’s on His terms, and “believing” can be a confusing term.

True faith is action, the plot-point most miss in His story (especially the religious who think their good works matter). Believing is not just acknowledging a fact. Demons believe, but they’re not going to Heaven (James 2:19), so what’s the difference between your belief and their belief? True, saving faith is repentance, surrendering pride and will.

This action, to take His free gift by faith, is enough to pay for all your sin. Doing good works to gain righteousness is pride, and an insult to His sacrifice (Galatians 2:16, 21). Genuine faith is a humble, thankful surrender, and receiving Him makes you as righteous as God because now He sees you through the camera lens of Jesus. But the Holy Spirit will only come into your heart “theater” if you’re showing His other film: “Jesus Alone.”



## Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger  
Graham Community Church

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# Health

## Emergency Day at Laingsburg Eyecare

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The simple sentence of “I don’t have the time” is one of the main excuses people use today for not caring. That’s correct, not caring.

People use this as their excuse for literally any and everything. At least anything that would be good or healthy for them.

I don’t have the time to do yoga.

I don’t have the time to meditate.

I don’t have the time to get a massage.

I don’t have enough time to get Reiki Therapy.

I don’t have the time to cook a healthy meal. (Fast food is quicker!)

I don’t have the time... (blank) You fill in the blank.

Our health requires us to make choices in our life daily. Choices that create a healthy lifestyle or an unhealthy lifestyle. Pretty straight forward, but the choices are ours to make, whether good or bad, it’s up to us to decide.

With every unhealthy choice made, a shift in the health moves farther off balance and soon, you’re not well, having different kinds of issues, becoming ill and not understanding why.

The truth is when you use the excuse of “I don’t have the time“, you’re actually saying;

“I don’t have the time to take care of my body.”

“I don’t have the time to lower my stress levels.”

“I don’t have the time to be healthy.”

“I don’t have the time to heal myself.”

“I don’t have the time to care about myself.”

Which all of it just boils down to...

“I’m not worthy of the time”!

When have we become so negative about ourselves? Why do we make time for everyone else yet, allow the behavior to ignore what we need?!

It’s time to stop for a moment and think about what truly matters. Seriously, just stop! Think about your life. Think about your health. Think about what or where you’re lacking in your life. It’s not always about physical health either. What about emotional, mental, or spiritual?

If any of those four are unhealthy then none of them are working at full momentum or power. When one section on the wheel is unbalanced then none of them are balanced because they all need to work together to be in perfect harmony.

Now that you took this quick moment to realize what is wrong, begin to think about ways you can help yourself get back on the correct path. The path where you’re balanced and healthy. Once you do, you’ll see and feel a difference within yourself and your health.

If you stay in the stuck position of “I don’t have the time“, then you’ll never be whole. Plus, you’ll only be giving everyone else you think you’re helping, a fraction of what you could really be giving. Now that’s some food for thought.

It’s basically this; until you decide that you are a priority, you will never have the time to care. No time to care about yourself, care about your mental health, care about physical health, care about your emotional health, care about your spiritual health, or care period and at the end, you won’t even understand why you’re not well or what is wrong with your life.

Now is the time to make changes, live healthier, be happier and feel the balance within yourself!



## “I Don’t Have the Time!”

by **LeeAnna Woods**

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# Health

## Sparrow Clinton Hospital Hosts Free Flu Vaccination Event October 2nd

*submitted by Nan Simons*

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital hosts a FREE Flu Vaccination event in St. Johns on Saturday, Oct. 2. Vaccination takes place at the hospital in the glass hallway by the Emergency Services entrance from 8 to 11 a.m. or while supplies last.

These are challenging times, and healthcare experts are recommending influenza vaccination prior to the start of flu season. Since the hospital cannot host its traditional Community Health Fair this year, Sparrow Clinton has stepped up to provide this FREE flu vaccination event.

Clinton County residents seeking vaccination must:

- Wear a mask •Be age 18 or older •Answer screening questions on site for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure •Complete vaccination paperwork

Participants will park in the southeast lot near the Pharmacy and walk to the glass doors between the Pharmacy and Emergency entrances. Please do not enter through the Emergency or Pharmacy doors. Participants will answer screening questions, then complete vaccination paperwork. After being vaccinated, all participants remain in the post-vaccination safety area at the hospital for a 15-minute wait before heading home.

For more information about this event, call Sparrow Clinton Community Relations Manager Nan Simons at 989.227.3323.

## Did You Know?

The terms “hospice” and “palliative” are not interchangeable. Hospice care is a form of palliative care geared toward patients with terminal illnesses facing their final months or weeks of life. Palliative care, according to WebMD, aims to ease pain and provide help to people confronting a serious illness, even if it’s not necessarily life-threatening. Palliative care

may include assistance for those with cancer, kidney disease, multiple sclerosis, or any number of conditions. Illnesses can make it difficult to live life fully, and palliative care is used in conjunction with other treatments to improve quality of life.

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- » Answer screening questions about COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Participants can park in the southeast lot by the pharmacy. They will walk toward the south entrance and access the clinic through the glass doors to the right of the emergency room. Participants will be screened and complete vaccination paperwork. After vaccination, it is recommended that all participants be seated in the hallway for 15 minutes before going back to their vehicles.

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# Sports



*Curtis Antcliff and Leilani Johnson were crowned king and queen during half time of the Laingsburg and Saranac game. The Wolfpack won 21-19.*



*Kaitlyn Walter had four kills for the Lady Marauders against Lakeville. The Marauders won all four matches. Photo by Chuck Prikasky*

## Volleyball Marauders Follow Walter, Tyler to Big Win over Lakeville Falcons

OVID-ELSIE -- "We worked very hard to keep up our aggressive offense and our defense is looking better and better each game," Ovid-Elsie coach Kortney Miller said, after her Lady Marauders scored a four-game victory over Otisville-Lakeville on September 22.

Kaitlyn Walter had four kills and Kyran Tyler delivered 13 digs and two aces as the Marauders prevailed in a 25-13, 22-25, 25-16, 25-12 win.

## Wolfpack Outlast Hard-Hitting Saranac Gridders for Tough 21-19 Homecoming Win



*Kyle Thelen, #11 had 7 tackles, five of which were solo against Saranac. Photos from Burg Sports*

LAINGSBURG — Sophomore quarterback Ty Randall accounted for three touchdowns — one with his legs — junior wide receiver Hayden Johnston latched onto two scoring aerials, and the host Wolfpack outlasted pesky, hard-hitting Saranac for a 21-19 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) victory here September 17.

The win, which lifted Brian Borgman's Wolves to 2-1 in the CMAC, 3-1 overall, was especially sweet as the Wolves celebrated their 2021 Homecoming. Saranac, under new head coach Kirk Jackson, continues to look for its first win in an 0-2, 0-4 start to the campaign.

SHS didn't look like a winless team. The Wolfpack did not have an easy time of it, finally scoring the clinching points with :10 seconds left in the third quarter on a Randall-to-Hayden Johnston TD pass of 25 yards. Addison Goff, who made all three of his PAT kicks, booted the point-after that staked LHS to a 21-13 lead.

Still, they had to fight off Saranac's final thrust to tie things up. With just :28 seconds remaining, Parker Edwards connected with Keatyn Walsweer from 18 yards out, forcing the Pack had to stymie the visitors' two-point conversion attempt that could have forced overtime.

Laingsburg opened the scoring in the first quarter, with the Randall-to-Johnson connection hitting paydirt from the 50 yard line.

The guests bounced right back, however, Warren Hill bulling in from a yard out at the 5:29 mark. A crucial factor in the game was the point-afters. Saranac scored its lone PAT of the contest when Cam Cook tied things at 7-7 with his kick.

In the second quarter, the two teams slugged it out until Randall ran in a TD from 8 yards. Goff's kick gave the hosts a 14-7 advantage with 4:17 before halftime.

Again, primarily running between the tackles, Saranac slugged its way down the field. :41 seconds before the halftime festivities began, Maddox Foster slammed in for a one-yard TD and it was 14-13. The Wolves stormed the backfield and blocked the PAT boot to maintain their lead.

The crowning of 2021 Queen Leilani Johnson and King Curtis Antcliff then set the stage for the second half theatrics.

Randall completed just 5-of-15 passe for 97 yards, but two of those went for scores. Jack Byrnes led an impressive Wolfpack running attack with 19 carries for 114 yards. Dayshawn Bowman ground out two carries for 11 yards before being injured and carted off just before the intermission.

Totaled up, Johnston nabbed three catches for 85 yards and the two TDs.

Edwards was true on 19-of-25 passes for Saranac, for 181 yards and a TD. Foster carried 9 times for 47 yards, and Nick Bergeron led the visitors in receptions with 7 for 70 yards.

Kyle Thelen led a bruising Pack defense with 7 tackles, 5 of them solos. Michael Brooks boasted 6 stops (4 solo), Thomas Gousetis 5, Eli Woodruff 5, Johnston 4, Matt Freels and Byner 3 each, and Jackson Audretsch three. Brooks, Freels, Byrnes and Audretsch all had tackles for loss.



*Jack Byrnes, #12, led the Wolfpack on offense with 19 carries for 114 yards.*

## Wolfpack Gals Run 2nd at CMAC Jamboree

FOWLER — Laingsburg's girls cross-country team ran second with 71 points at the first of three CMAC Jamborees on September 21.

Pewamo-Westphalia was first with 18 points.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Lady Wolves were paced by Emily Rathka, ninth in 22:28.4. Other scorers for the Wolfpack were Evelyn Logghe (12th, 22:49.7), Emma Kribs (13th, 22:51.4), Addison Rusz (18th, 23:35.0) and Dakota Ballard (19th, 23:57.7).

The Wolfpackk boys were fifth out of seven teams in male action at the Fowler Jamboree.

The Wolfpack scored 130 points as Pewamo-Westphalia ran first with 41.

Nolan Gregg led LHS, finishing 17th in 18 minutes, 54.3 seconds. Miguel Ramirez was 18th (19:04.3), while Caleb Clark finished 30th (20:22.5) and Felix Ramirez ran 32nd (20:34.5).

## Wolfpack Soccer Boys Excelling After 6 games

LAINGSBURG — First-year coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack boys soccer team is excelling after six games, with a 5-1 overall record.

Laingsburg's lone loss is to Lakewood 1-2, with big wins over Owosso, Corunna, Portland, Vermontville and Leslie.

Team stats thus far include:

Keeper Luke Snyder: 3 shut outs of 6 games. 4 goals against—18 for Wolfpack; Brayden Thomas: 6 assists, 2 goals (1 a PK); Dylan Hulliberger: 4 assists, 4 goals (1 header); Addison Goff, Marlon Graham, and Connor Barrett: 1 assist Miguel Fajardo: 6 goals (2 headers); Caleb Clark: 1 goal; Dano Winans: 2 goals (1 header); Andrew Park: 1 goal; Trevor Barrett: 1 goal; Reece Kramer: 1 goal

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# Sports



Max Spiess, #3, had 2 tackles and carried the ball five times on offense for 26 yards. Photos by Marie Spiess

## Marauders Maul Otisville-LakeVille on the Gridiron 56-0

OTISVILLE — Ovid-Elsie outgained LakeVille -- times ten -- in a 56-0 MMAC football romp here September 17.



Brayden Phillips, #5 ran the ball 8 times and gained 32 yards and scored a touchdown for the Marauders.

Five different players ran for touchdowns for coach Travis Long's Marauders, who rolled to 329 total yards.

The host Falcons managed just 32.

Perrien Rasch, Logan Thompson, Brayden Phillips, Colin Fluharty and Kaylee Hall rushed for Ovid-Elsie touchdowns. Rasch led the Marauders' (3-1, 2-0 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference) ground attack with 90 yards on nine carries. Thompson added 85 yards on six carries, and got the scoring started with a 48-yard punt return to paydirt.

Dylan Carman passed for two scores -- one to Alex Newell and one to Alex Eichenberg -- all before halftime, and the Marauders led 35-0 at the intermission.

Carman didn't need to throw much, completing 2 of 4 passes for 38 yards. Phillips rushed 8 times for 32 yards; Newell 2 for 28; and Max Speiss 5 for 26.

Clay Wittenberg led the shutout-minded O-E defense with 5 tackles, 3 of them solo shots. Theron Brooks was in on 3 stops, Rasch 3, Max Spiess 2, Beau Price 2, Jacob Schaub 2 and Kevin Ley 2. Fluharty and Wittenberg each had tackles for loss, and Newell picked off Falcon QB Andrew Hitz one time.

LakeVille, which was led by Logan Kelley's 37 rushing yards on 14 attempts, fell to 0-3 in the MMAC, 0-4 overall.



Perrien Rasch, #28, scored a touchdown for the Marauders in the first half against Lakeville. He also had three tackles on the defensive side.

## Ashley Falls to Bear Lake

by Ashleigh Shaw

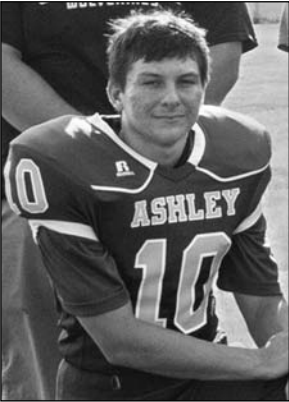
The Bears from Ashley struggled against a tough Bear Lake team coming up short in the contest 66-22. "It was a tough day for us to stop anything that Bear Lake threw at us. They tore up our edge, which then made our middle vulnerable" expressed Coach Saylor.

Logan Drummond led the team in both offense and defense. Drummond went 4/12 for 68 yards and a touchdown, while also gaining 115 yards on 15 carries. On defense her had 13 solo tackles and an assist.

Jordan Huntoon caught one pass for 35 yards and Dillian Beebe also caught one pass for 30 yards. For the rushing offense Bailey Long had 13 carries for 46 yards, Beebe had 6 carries for 34 yards and a touchdown and Jon Snider had 14 carries for 35 yards and a touchdown.

Beebe also had 4 solo tackles and an assist while Long had 3 solos, an assist and a sack.

"We're young, we make a lot of mistakes, but we fight until the buzzer so I'm glad for that. We'll keep learning and hopefully we'll start to become a disciplined football team" said Coach Saylor.



Logan Drummond

## Ashley Cross Country

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Cross Country team competed in to races this week. First was the Blue and Gold Invite from Carson City. Sharla Juhas finished 43rd in 27:12.4 and Sophia Wirt finished 60th in 31:47.4. Clayton Juhas ran for the boys and finished 75th in 23:10.4. There was also a middle school race and Peyton Rohn finished 6th in 15:09.8, Dana Juhas finished 14th in 15:50.5, Paige Larsen finished 25th in 17:54.2 and Alizabeth Troop finished 26th in 17:58.8.



Clayton Juhas



Sharla Juhas

The team also competed in the MSAC Jamboree hosted by Breckenridge. Sharla Juhas finished 28th with a time of 26:32.65 and Sophia Wirt finished 37th with 31:06.40. Clayton Juhas finished 26th in 21:19.37. In the middle school race Dana Juhas finished 27th in 15:31.34, followed by Peyton Rohn at 28th in 15:41.57, next was Alizabeth Troop finishing 43rd in 18:08.26 and Paige Larsen finishing 48th with a time of 18:52.14.

### OFFICE OF THE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

**Notice Is Hereby Given** that on October 7, 2021, the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Shiawassee County Drain Office, 1024 N. Shiawassee St, Corunna, MI 48817.

The Day of Review is for the purpose of reviewing and revising the boundaries of the Drainage Districts below, and also to review the apportionment of benefit for the Drains for each parcel and municipality within the Drainage Districts. The Drain Commissioner and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at <http://www.shiawassee.net/Drain-Commissioner>

There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the Day of Review at the Office of the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner, 1024 N. Shiawassee Street, Corunna, Michigan 48817 or [drains@shiawassee.net](mailto:drains@shiawassee.net) or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Shiawassee County

Circuit Court within ten (10) days, and you may also appeal the determination of apportionments to the Shiawassee County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner's Office at (989) 743-2398 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Shiawassee County and the municipalities listed below will be assessed at large. A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections to be Added and/or Removed
No 140 Intercounty	Fairfield	2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9
S. Br. Of Bad River & Pine Creek Intercounty	Fairfield	2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9

Anthony Newman  
Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner

### Victor Township Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Approved Board Minutes from September 13, 2021 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Jim Conklin at 7:00 pm.

**Attendance:** Present: Jim Conklin, Nikki Fickes, Amanda Conklin Absent: Paula Willoughby & Julie Townsend

**Agenda:** Motion by A. Conklin to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by A. Conklin to approve the August 09, 2021 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by A. Conklin to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of bills:** Motion by A. Conklin to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,259.24 using checks #28340-28356. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Fickes to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$7952.93 using checks #12254-12261, EFT 149 &150. Supported by J. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

**Victor Township Planning Commission:** The draft Master Plan will be forwarded to the board for review in the next few weeks. The next PC meeting will be held electronically and in person pending meeting restrictions, on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID 83394750325 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83394750325>

Maintenance & Facilities: Report placed on file.

**New Business:**

- KC Fowler Request – Tabled
- ZC-11-21 VR – Motion by A. Conklin to support variance. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Custodial Amendment – Motion by A. Conklin to amend contract. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2021 Tax Rate Request – Motion by A. Conklin to approve 2021 L-4029. Supported by Fickes. Roll call. Motion carried.
- Extended Public/Board Comment – Custodian would like parking lot trash container removed during the winter months. Discussion regarding MRTMA and the board's plan for the recent request was addressed. The supervisor will meet with the attorney and Clinton County and schedule a special meeting to review findings.

Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

## Commodity Supplemental Food Program

*submitted by Rebecca Zemla*

Applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior CSFP) are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly basis, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

Persons 60 years of age or older must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$16,744; family size 2 - \$22,646; family size 3 - \$28,548. For each additional family member add - \$5,902.

This will be DRIVE-THUR ONLY ON October 5, 2021 (First Distribution Day). No food will be placed on the front or back seats of the vehicle. "TRUNKS" should be open before driving up to receive the food. After October 5, 2021 you will need to load your own food into the vehicle.

If you do not already have someone designated to pick up your food, you may call the CACS office at 989-723-3115 and let us know who you are designating to pick it up. If you are not registered, please call the office at 989-723-3115 to pre-register.

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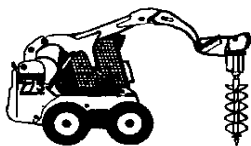
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## Editorial

### Lithium Ion Survival Tools

Many readers may have a plethora of lithium ion survival tools stashed in their tool box or workshop and have not even thought of their application for "when it goes down." There are nearly twenty companies that produce lithium ion tools with batteries ranging from 12 to 40 volt.

With a little bit of creativity and some planning a collection of such tools could save your life under less than fortunate circumstances.

When building a collection of such tools it is important to understand the pros and cons of using rechargeable lithium ion batteries. Much like computers and cell phones, directions need to be followed closely to not overcharge or deplete. It is rare to find two brands that have interchangeability between batteries and tools. And of course, it is important to always have a supply of batteries charged up before the crisis shows its ugly face. On the pro side, the versatility of having a multitude of tools all using the same battery and charging system is incredible and some chargers can service different voltages of batteries. Think of what you have and what your neighbor, family, or friends also already have. If you plan on seeking refuge with others make sure everyone's tools are compatible. Also, when selecting a brand think of what is commonly available locally either new or used and cheap so you can afford to stock up on batteries and tools.

The following are some tools that could prove valuable under a survival situation:

Radio- AM & FM and weather band plus some have outlets to charge computers and cell phones

Lights- flashlights, spotlights, floodlights

Power inverters- ideal for charging tech devices and running other small electrical items

Fan- perfect for power outages in hot weather

Chain saws- firewood and removing debris on roadways

Reciprocating saw- brush cutting and quick processing of large animals such as deer

Clothing- many brands have clothing lines with heating coils

Drills- useful for quick shelter building

It doesn't take much thought to realize the potential of these tools under right or "wrong" situations. Before investing in a collection check with others along with what each brand offers in their different product lines. It is hard for the Weekly Sportsman to say what is the best or worst but it seems very apparent that Milwaukee may be the front leader right now with not only selection but also quality and durability. Many professionals who use such tools on a daily basis say that Milwaukee batteries seem to keep a charge the longest.

-WS



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by Dan McMaster

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## Peggy Cummings Named Memorial Healthcare September Employee of the Month

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

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According to her winning nomination, “Peggy is a ray of sunshine and the first face that all patients, employees and guests see when they enter the hospital. She is consistently positive and upbeat, takes her job very seriously and always has her department’s best interest in mind. Peggy displays outstanding customer service by going the extra mile to help visitors over and above what is expected of the job and shows compassion to everyone she interacts with.”

Peggy lives in Owosso and is happily married with three sons and two stepsons. Her first job at Memorial Healthcare was in the housekeeping department. Peggy enjoys kayaking, walking, camping and spending time with family. Her special achievement is she ran track and field in high school and continues to run marathons in her spare time. Peggy would like to be remembered as someone who is always honest and cheerful.



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