



Ovid-Elsie Homecoming King Eddy Evans and Queen Kaylee Hall were crowned during half-time of the game between O-E and Byron in which OE dominated 40-0.

Photo by Christine Hall.



The Ashley FFA was awarded \$1000 by the Ford Motor Company for Travel Expense to the National FFA Convention October 27th - October 29th. Pictured left to right are Gabriel Hirsch and Dillan Beebe who will be representing Ashley at the 2021 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Chapter Advisor Amber McAllister as well as members were overjoyed to receive this gift!

Elsie Area Food Pantry Receives Donation

submitted by Cmd. Gene Nethaway

The American Legion Post 502 and it's W.A.R. Committee donated funds on Thursday, October 21st to the Elsie Area Food Pantry.

The Warriors Appreciation Rally Committee met on Tuesday voted to donate funds totaling \$1,700 to assist the Elsie Area Food Pantry and so along with money donated during the Warriors Appreciation Rally on September 18.

Right: A food bank representative accepts check from Post 502 Commander; Gene Nethaway.



DuPlain Township Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – The regular meeting of the DuPlain Township Board was held Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 145 W Main Street, Elsie. Members present: Bruce Levey, Sandy Frink, Robert Ladiski, Dennis Baese, and Amy Bowen. It was an evening of monthly business.

Steven Naert, Clinton County Sheriff Deputy, was present to update officials on activities in DuPlain Township. It has been awhile since the pandemic. There have been a number of staffing changes. The Clinton County Jail is continuing to keep the population low due to COVID conditions and changes in the lack of incarceration of minor offenses. Most recent criminal activity included the theft of a trailer which has been solved. There are more issues in the southern portion of the county.

Levey reminded officials that it is time to begin looking road priorities for 2022 and putting the list together and forwarding it to the Clinton County Road Commission.

Next, officials were notified that Mutual Data the internet provided will be out of service at the end of the month. Officials were also notified that the Village of Elsie will be contracting internet service through Invisalink and the service is available to the Township, as well.

Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner, reported that a county wide study of accessibility of internet throughout the county will be completed, there is a hope that there will be federal infrastructure funds for providing internet to rural communities. Currently Tricounty/Homework's is the Cadillac of high speed internet providers in the area. It is essential that a baseline study of the county be in place so as funds are available action can be taken. Consumers is collaborating more with many coop associations to provide accessibility to their poles and infrastructure to expedite the process. The public hearing was held on the Clinton County budget, currently 76% funding from property taxes, compared to 62% nine years ago.

In addition, the County Commission will be bonding funds to construct a new Clinton County Road Commission complex, a 19-million-dollar project. It was noted to update the complex was 12 million dollars, replacement is more cost effective.

Officials took formal action to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Mutual Data, the minutes of the September 15, 2021 minutes, and the financial reports. In addition, officials approved expenditures totaling \$22,292.17 with the major expenditures being road maintenance costs.



Elsie - Trick-or-Treat hours will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The EAFD will be holding the annual Halloween Party afterward at the Fire Station, 140 W. Maple St. Elsie. They will be providing hot dogs, French fries, doughnuts, and cider.

Ovid - Sunday, October 31, 2021, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Ovid Middlebury Fire Department - Trunk or Treat 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. October 31, 2021. 1045 Baese Ct., Ovid. Sponsored by 1800BoardUp and Michigan Young Agents.

Ovid Healthcare Center - Trunk or Treat Friday, Oct. 29th 6:00-7:30pm. 9480 E. M-21.

An Event So Good It's Scary - Friday, October 29, 2021, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Daytime trick or treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses will have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Sunday, October 31, 2021. Trick or Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ashley - Sunday, October 31, 2021 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.


Laingsburg - Sunday, October 31, 2021. Trick or Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm.

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Shirley Long celebrated
her 90th Birthday on
October 18th.
Wishes can be sent to:
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Elsie, MI 48831.





Isaac Ricky Allan Kieffer

Dustin Kieffer and Alicia Wilder of Troy, formerly of Ovid, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Isaac Ricky Allan Kieffer. Isaac was born on September 27, 2021 at 2:35 p.m. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Patti Kieffer and the late Ricky Kieffer of Ovid, and Steve and Sandy Wilder of Laingsburg. Proud great grandparents are Howard & Barbara Kieffer and Beverly (Michels) Newell of Ovid, and Ed & Elaine Wilder of Muskegon, and Beverly Stahl of Toledo, Ohio. Isaac is already loved by many, including his Aunt Kira Kieffer and big sister Paige.

**Ovid Boy Scout Troop
585/114 Pasty Sale**
Pasties will be available for purchase Beef for \$5, Fruit for \$4, on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday, November 6th from 3pm - 5pm at the Lions Hall in Ovid, MI. Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.
These pasties are a delicious way to help support Scouting.

Annual Ham & Turkey Dinner
Chapin United Methodist Church
at 19848 S. Chapin Rd.
Saturday, November 6th.
Serving begins at 4:30 until 7:00p.m.
Menu consists of ham & turkey, baked potatoes, dressing, coleslaw, rolls, desserts and beverage.
The meal is all homemade.
Take outs available. Free Will Offering.
Proceeds to church improvement fund.



NOTICE
City of Ovid Residents
LAST DAY for
brush pick up
October 25, 2021.

Ovid Public Library
The Ovid Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, October 26th so employees may attend the funeral of staff member, Carol Smith.

Pumpkin Contest
Winners of the Ovid Pumpkin weight guessing contest will be announced at the Ovid Police Station after Trick or Treating on Sunday, October 31st.

**Holiday
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Oct. 30
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Northern Spy • Golden Delicious
Pumpkins • Squash • Ida Red
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10 am-6 pm Mon.-Sat.
Noon-6 pm Sun.

Guidelines for Keeping Sick Kids Home

submitted by Leslie Kinnear

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- With the school year well underway, Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) wants to remind parents to keep their children home from school or childcare when they are sick.

This is particularly important this year because COVID-19 rates in our area continue to be high, especially in school-aged children. We are also seeing higher than expected respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity. RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults. October also marks the beginning of the influenza season, though the peak of the season is usually between December and February.

“One of the most effective ways to keep illness out of school is for those who are ill to stay home,” states Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for MMDHD. “In general, children should not go to school or childcare if they have a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, belly pain, or unusual rashes or sores. During the COVID-19 pandemic, RSV season, and influenza season, other concerning symptoms include new or worsening cough, wheezing, difficulty breathing, sore throat, body aches, extreme fatigue, and new stuffy or runny nose.”

If your child is experiencing any of the symptoms listed above, he or she should be evaluated by a healthcare provider and not return to school until told it is safe to do so. If your child requires testing for COVID-19 or another illness he or she should not return to school while waiting for the test results. Also be sure to tell your child’s school or childcare provider if your child is diagnosed with an illness, as it is important for the safety and wellbeing of other students and staff members.

If your child has been exposed to a contagious illness, like COVID-19 or whooping cough, he or she may need to quarantine. Quarantine has been used for centuries to prevent the spread of infection by those who may be infected and contagious but not yet showing symptoms. There are now modified quarantine options approved by the health department that provide more opportunity for students to stay in school. The modified quarantine options can be found here

MMDHD highly recommends that students wear masks while at school. Many schools have made mask use “optional” in their buildings and at school activities; however, mask use is still recommended for your child’s and family’s safety.

Parents can help reduce the spread of germs by teaching their children how to properly wash their hands and to wash their hands frequently, especially before eating, and after using the bathroom and blowing their nose. Parents can also help keep germs at bay by teaching their children how to properly cover coughs and sneezes.

If your child is eligible, consider getting them vaccinated for COVID-19 and for influenza now and every fall. Eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep, and staying active are also very important ways to protect against illness.

Ham/Turkey Dinner

Make plans now to attend the Chapin United Methodist Ham/Turkey dinner on Saturday, November 6th. This event will be a take-out, curb side delivery only event. The menu will consist of Ham & Turkey, Dressing, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert. The cost is 100% by donation and proceeds from the dinner will go towards building fund projects. The church is located at 19848 S. Chapin Road, Elsie.

CSFP and TEFAP

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Applications for the USDA Commodity Food Programs through Capital Area Community Services, Inc. Distribution will begin on Tuesday, November 2 - 12, 2021 for both programs.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Seniors 60 years of age and up provides nutritious food on a monthly basis to low-income residents living in Shiawassee County, 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.

The Temporary Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides nutritious food to low-income residents (singles and families) of Shiawassee County who meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Family size 1 - \$25,760; family size 2 - \$34,840; family size 3 - \$43,920. For each additional family member add \$9,080.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin November 2 -12, 2021.

This will be drive thru only on November 2, 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 November 2, 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 CACS at 989-723-3115 to pre-register before November 2, 2021.

Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Journey Federal Credit Union Donated \$1,100 to the Epilepsy Foundation of MI

submitted by April Steele

St. Johns – Journey Federal Credit Union’s Charity Committee held a special fundraiser during the months of August & September this year in memory of former co-worker Austin Drake, who lost his battle with Epilepsy in August 2020. JFCU sold t-shirts with their logo imprinted in pink (Drake’s favorite color) to raise awareness of this disease. A total of \$1,100 in proceeds were sent to the Epilepsy Foundation of MI as a result of this fundraiser.

Journey FCU is proud to support community organizations and serve Clinton, Gratiot, and Shiawassee Counties. Discover the Possibilities at JFCU today! Call us at 989.227.3700 or visit us online at JourneyFCU.org.

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CITY OF OVID REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2021

Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Starn, Perrien, Brown, Lasher, Williams and Ordiway.

ABSENT: Hibbard and Josy Medina- Clerk

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

VISITORS: None

AGENDA: A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Perrien to accept the agenda as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Ordiway to accept the minutes for the regular meeting held on September 13, 2021 as written.

MOTION CARRIED

INVOICES: A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Perrien to accept the check registry from September 15th, 2021 to October 12, 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

TREASURER: The first half of the ARPA Funds have been received.

Discussion was held on how these funds will be posted and how they can be spent.

POLICE: Chief Goodrich reported he has offered the full-time patrol officer position to the candidate that was interviewed.

DPW: Superintendent Simpson reported that the tower inspections are done and the report has been received. The stand pipe at the lagoon has been repaired. The parking lot at City Hall has been repaved.

A motion was made by Ordiway, seconded by Brown to accept the Treasurer, Police & DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The City has received the Insurance adjuster's report for the hail storm damage. Discussion was held on putting out an RFP. The Bid package will be presented at the November meeting for approval.

2. Chief Goodrich recommended Trick or Treating hours of 5:30 to 7:00 pm on Sunday October 31, 2021. This year the police department will be handing out goody bags at City Hall.

A motion was made by Perrien, seconded by Williams to have the 2021 Halloween time between 5:30 and 7:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion was held on possible dates for a special meeting to interview Chief candidates.

4. Mayor Lasher presented the contract for professional assessing services with Complete Appraisal Service. A motion was made by Starn, seconded by Perrien to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor sign.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mayor Lasher explained that after looking back through our records and asking Deb Price to look through her archives Ordinance 105 was never published. Discussion was held. It was decided to have personnel meet and make a recommendation.

Old Business:

1. The City has received a DWAM Grant. It is a 3 year grant with a start date of September 15, 2021. Mayor Lasher presented a contract with Flies and Vandenbrink. A motion was made by Perrien, seconded by Starn to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Planning Commission had a website demo from Revize at their last meeting. They are currently waiting for demos from other companies. They are looking into RRC and Michigan Main Street.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: The finance committee met and looked at the three RFP proposals received for auditors. The 1st proposal was \$24,000 and dismissed right away. Maner Costerisan was \$13,300 the first year to \$14,770 the 3rd year and Gabridge was \$9,000 the first year to \$9,200 the 3rd year. The committee's recommendation was Maner Costerisan. A motion was made by Starn, seconded by Ordiway to accept the RFP from Maner and Costerisan.

MOTION CARRIED

CEMETERY: Discussion was held on repairing mausoleum roof. Discussion was also held on a headstone that is not following regulations and how it should be handled.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

OMESA: Mayor Lasher presented that OMESA may be looking into a district wide mileage.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The public survey was mailed out. So far 30 have been turned in online and a handful in the office. Discussion was held to turn off the survey on November 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

*Liza Kusnier, Treasurer
City of Ovid*

Obituaries

Carol L. (Aldrich) Smith

Carol L. (Aldrich) Smith, a life long resident of Ovid, died peacefully at her home on October 21, 2021 at the age of 76.

Born in Owosso on March 10, 1945, the daughter of William H. and Betty Ann (Shinaberry) Aldrich, Carol grew up in Ovid where she was a 1963 graduate of Ovid High School. On September 20, 1963 she married Lawrence R. "Larry" Smith.

Carol was the reading program director for Grove Christian School, she worked for over twenty five years at the Ovid Public Library and together with Larry, ministered to their friends and fellow believers at Grove Bible Church in St. Johns.

In addition to Larry, her beloved husband of over fifty-eight years, she leaves her sons, Robert (Donna) Smith, James Smith, and Mark (Sylvia) Smith; her daughters, Sarah Smith and Abbie Smith; grandson, William Smith; father, Bill Aldrich; sister, Angie (Bob) Lawrence and many extended family members and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty (Shinaberry) Aldrich.

Visitation will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Monday, October 25, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at Grove Bible Church, 6990 E. Price Road, St. Johns, on Tuesday, October 26, at 12 Noon. There will be visitation at the church from 10 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow in Middlebury Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to Reach the Forgotten Jail Ministry, 1480 Buchanan Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49507.

For further information please phone 989-224-4422 or visit www.McGeehanFH.com



Charles Alan "Chuck" Wittenberg

Charles Alan "Chuck" Wittenberg, age 81, of Owosso, MI, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2021, at The Meadows Assisted Living, Owosso, MI.

Charles was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 2, 1940, the son of Willard and Adra (Kosht) Wittenberg. He graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1958. Charles married Maryann Hildebrant on May 22, 1965 at the United Church of Ovid, MI. Maryann passed away on September 27, 2011.

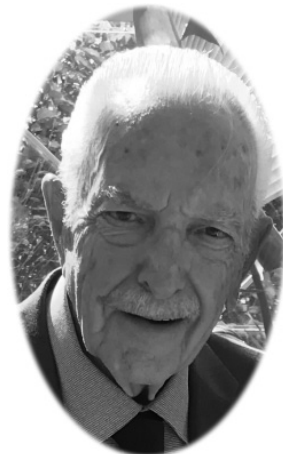
After retirement Chuck and Maryann moved to Grand Marais, MI. He continued staying busy and became the harbor master and helped with snowmobile trail grooming.

He enjoyed attending car shows, camping, and photography. Chuck had a love for Fords and that was the only vehicle he would drive. He liked following Ovid-Elsie Sports, especially watching and supporting his children and grandchildren. Chuck volunteered at Ovid-Elsie sporting events from parking cars to announcing volleyball tournaments. Chuck helped his wife Maryann with crafts and craft shows throughout Michigan. They loved rock hunting on Lake Superior together. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his children: Curtis and Kelly Wittenberg of Lake Linden, MI, Christine and Bill Helms of Ovid, MI, and Craig and Annie Wittenberg of Ovid, MI; 4 grandchildren: Jake and Beth Helms, Kylie and Aaron Hatter, Cole and Clay Wittenberg, and 2 great grandchildren: Hudson and Oakley; and brother Sidney and Angie Wittenberg of Ovid, MI. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Willard and Adra Wittenberg, wife Maryann, father and mother-in-law Clifford and Irene Hildebrant, and his sister Sharon Kurka.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ovid-Elsie Sports Boosters or Crisp Point Light Historical Society, PO Box 229, Paradise, MI 49768. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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In
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Memory

Brent Alan Behrens

Brent Alan Behrens, age 59, of Ovid/Owosso, passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer, on Thursday October 17, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Brent was born in Owosso, Michigan on August 8, 1962 the son of Stanley and Nancy (Higgins) Behrens. He attended Ovid-Elsie High School, where he played JV Football. He had a passion for football. As a youth, he played KIKS Football on the Golden Lions team in Owosso, and Later in life he enjoyed watching college and NFL football. You would often see him jumping and hear him hollering at the players and the Refs.

Growing up Brent enjoyed water skiing at Lobdell Lake, where he could ski with only one ski. He also loved to bowl, and starting at age six, he bowled on a youth league at Tri-Ami Bowl. His 5 man Peanut (youth) Team went to the State Finals in Alpena. Later on, while on the Prep league he bowled a 117 - 219 - 244 (580 series) with a Hdcp of 775 - All done when he was 12 years old. His accomplishment made the Owosso Argus Press, and earned him plaques from the YABA STATE for his high game and series.

Brent is survived by his parents, Nancy and Stan Behrens, daughter, Amy (Anthony) Ackels, and their children: AJ and Aydan. Daughter, Autumn Behrens and her children: Amarii, Adrianna, and Carmillia. Daughter, Ashley (Amanda) Behrens and children: Ashton and Aubree.

Son, Brandon Gilbert. He is also survived by his siblings: Kathy Latz of Elsie, and Brad (Cindy) Behrens of Laingsburg, Grandmother, Gail Goelz of Lansing, Ex-wife, Martha Kelley, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Brent was preceded in death by Brother-in-law, Dan Latz, and grandparents, cousins, and uncles.

A Memorial Service will be held at the VFW-Lions Hall, 218 S. Main, Ovid, MI at 3 pm on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Memorials may be made to the family to help cover medical and funeral expenses.



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10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30am, & 11:00am
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Pastor: JD Paik

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**It's been a long 10 years
Since we lost you.
There are no words to
express how much
you are missed.**



Love,
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& Family



Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This new computer has been installed and the darn thing is so updated that I get a bit snarky as I work on it. I am thankful that I can now use the new printer. However, I am no techie and do have a time adjusting to these new versions of computer reality. I truly hope that I won't have to learn a newer version than this one. Maybe, in a few weeks I will become comfortable with it and not have such a severe technophobic reaction. I do apologize for not getting a missive out last week...it (the week) was filled with unusual and some unexpected occurrences.

Tuesday was spent in the waiting room at Sparrow when my son was being operated on. It was definitely not my idea of a scintillating day. I was frustrated from the start when the anesthesiologist and nurse both had an error in their report pointed out to them. This then delayed the procedure for an hour and I was ushered out to the surgical lounge. At least I could read the schedule board and see what was happening. And yet, no one could answer my questions...I didn't get to speak with the doctor until after he had left the building, at which point I had already pointed out to the attendants that my son was in recovery. They couldn't get the surgeon to answer his page so they decided that I would be taken to recovery which is where I received a call from him. While I waited out the six hours, I finished a book and played enough word games on my cell phone to get through fifty levels. I had gone to the cafeteria to get a cup of coffee and could have had several more, but I waited... Don't get me wrong, I am happy that the surgery went well but I do hate the waiting game. It was a good thing that I finally connected with the surgeon because he was going to release William to go back to work in three days because he thought that William had an office job which he doesn't, so it will be at least two weeks before he can go back to work.

Wednesday afternoon I went into the office to get the bulletins ready and delivered. I was able to do this with a few added complications. I had to search for some much-needed information and was finally satisfied when I found it. I finished the Prayers & Concerns and inserted them into the bulletin. All that was left to do was deliver them...have I mentioned that there is a great deal of venison on the hoof in my area? The deer especially like the Barry Road area south of M57. Of course, they seemed to be moving constantly when it became dark and I was on the road at 8:30 and it was pitch black. Fortunately, I was able to avoid the first two that popped up. One on the curve north of Bannister, another just north of the Taft Road intersection...the third one had to jump a steep ditch just south of the Roosevelt intersection and slammed into the passenger door and removed the cap on the front wheel well. Oh, what a joy, truly I was happy that the truck was still drive able and that I was left undamaged. And the deer had run away. I did stop at Laural's and knocked on the door, to let the girls know that I wasn't there to create havoc. Gena came out and we inspected my truck. I was not in the best of moods and she certainly lightened mine and for that I am thankful. And yes, I did get the bulletins delivered.

Thursday, per usual, I was up and had bread in the oven before five. I had to get my baking done for the St. Louis Farmer's Market. I managed not to burn anything and the last item out of the oven was chocolate chip cookies. They cook fast so that I could bag and tag them after I made myself presentable. It is amazing how heavy the totes are when I go to load them in the truck. My garden wagon gets a good workout every Thursday and Saturday, it is also very helpful when I have been grocery shopping, I just unload the pickup and placed everything into the bed of the wagon and pull it up to the front steps where I load up and carry everything into the house.

As you can see, my life is rather mundane and I am greatly blessed. May God bless you daily and may you enjoy whatever makes you smile.

Crystal Mitchell©2021



Have a Question for Andy?

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Sharing the Road with Farmers and Slow Drivers

Dear Andy,

I get so annoyed in traffic with cars going under the speed limit and big farm equipment in my way. I become antsy and occasionally angry when it takes me so long to wait for tractors and trucks. I feel like they think they are the only ones going somewhere. I travel for my job, so I am on country roads and State hwy's often. I would have to say I get downright angry when I have to stop or drive slowly behind traffic and farm equipment that block the entire side of the road especially near a farmer's field. Don't they have special rules to pull off or at least have flashers? Annoyed Driver

Dear Annoyed,

Quite frankly you sound like you're in too big of a hurry and need to plan some extra time. I am not surprised to receive your concern on this subject. It is the beginning of the hunting season and harvest season for farmers. Hunters slow down to park off the edge of the road, usually in the early mornings or evenings. Farmers are harvesting crops using slow big equipment and extra vehicles to farm all day and into the late hours. Fall means changing colors in the woods, going to apple cider mills and back roads often attract casual drivers this time of year. This is a time of year for slowing down before the winter snow which will really slow us down.

Hurried drivers can get easily distracted, causing serious accidents and when farmers are harvesting their crops, they are working their jobs, too. Just as traveling motorists are allowed to drive their vehicles on public roadways, farmers are legally allowed to operate farm equipment on these same roads. It takes courtesy and patience to ensure the safety of motorists and drivers of the slow-moving farm equipment.

I live in a rural area and some of the equipment is as wide as both lanes. They only travel about 10-15mph but also only travel short distances. Do not try to pass them, it will only delay your trip a few minutes or you may never make your destination after a head on collision. Big equipment drivers occasionally cannot immediately move over due to some narrow or steep shoulders on the side of the road. They are aware of the cars behind them. Farmers will pull over or turn into a field when it is safe. Slow down, take a deep breath and be patient, we need our farmers to produce our food.

In response to the farm equipment laws and guidelines: ie slow moving vehicle (SMV) emblem and additional reflectors must be visible on farm tractors and farming vehicles. Watch for hand signals too. Special mobile equipment is required on every vehicle that has a maximum speed potential of 25 mph and can be operated on public highways. If you're that concerned about the laws your research could start with The Michigan Farmer's Transportation Guidebook. MDOT has pages of interesting safety regulations online.

Basically, the Michigan laws are in place for safety first. Most important tip I got from reading the information was to keep in mind that they are giant pieces of farm equipment, and they may need to swing a wide right to make a left-hand turn. Watch for flashers and hand gestures, wait your turn, and use your common sense.

In general, keep in mind, it's ok to turn on your flashers when you are stopped or behind a slow-traveling vehicle as a concerned driver, you may endanger other drivers on the road. When you do pass, be sure to look behind you, there may be another driver in an even bigger hurry than you.

Motorists and farmers have an obligation to share the road safely. Be Safe. Andy

Readers: Send your concerns, complaints, joys and general information you would like to see responses in print. Andy will respond.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

"Hasenpfeffer Hostage"

"You fool! This very night your soul is demanded of you (Luke 12:20)."

Why is God so concerned with Death? The Bible mentions Death 372 times, so you could say God cares about it a lot, even that He's obsessed with it. Since Halloween is only a week away it seemed like a good time to talk about our demise, like the dinner caught in our fence last week, it can be scary.

Our dinner was disguised as a rabbit, his front half outside of the fence with two feet on the ground. His back legs were up in the air inside the fence, firmly stuck at his hips (which were rubbed raw and exposed from struggling to get free). He was stuck all night.

As I approached him the spiritual imagery was deafening; he was just like us. Stuck, helpless, and dying. He needed to be rescued. The Bible says we are spiritually dead and need rescuing too (Ephesians 2:1-5). We tend to ignore our plight, that is until a funeral arrives (Ecclesiastes 7:1-2), which like an alarm clock, wakes us up to our appointment.

So what is Death exactly? The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." If you work at Sin, Inc. then your paycheck will be Death (Romans 6:23). In the Bible, Sin and Death are linked together and you are fully employed as members of the human race.

- Death is physical and spiritual. "The soul that sins shall surely die (Ezekiel 18:20)."
- Universal. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)."
- Divisive. "Your sins have made a separation between you and your God (Isaiah 59:2)."
- Inescapable. "It is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment (Hebrews 9:27)."
- Finished. Jesus killed Death for all of us by rising from the dead, but we have to accept His help (1 Corinthians 15:24-26; John 1:12). Your death sentence can be pardoned.

But without Jesus, like my rabbit, you're stuck...separated. I could have shot the rabbit (the fence was to protect our apple tree), but out of mercy I freed the thief. Are you exhausted, rubbed raw with guilt, the fear of death, and judgment? Jesus offers mercy, release from your offenses. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners (stuck rabbits), Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)."

So why is God so obsessed with our Death problem? The answer is in another word in the Bible, mentioned 541 times. God is also obsessed with the word Love...for you, to the point of His own death to rescue you from it, if you want His help (John 3:16).

CITY OF LAINGSBURG SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Laingsburg Council (the "City Council") has adopted Ordinance No. 01-2021, an Ordinance to authorize, regulate, and establish a licensing process for mobile food vending units. In summary, this Ordinance regulates the use of mobile food vending units, commonly known as food trucks, on both private and public property within the City of Laingsburg. The Ordinance also establishes a licensing procedure for such mobile food vending units. This Ordinance amendment was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 4, 2021, and shall become effective November 17th, 2021, 30 days after the date of this publication. A complete copy of this Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk and online on the City of Laingsburg's official web site.

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MDHHS Recommends Best Practices to Safety Celebrate Halloween

submitted by Chelsea Wuth

LANSING – To keep Halloween a safe and fun holiday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is offering tips and tricks to keep loved ones safe and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“Because many of our young Michiganders are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, we urge everyone to take precautions to participate safely,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “There are still ways to celebrate safely, and the MDHHS guidance provides tips for trick-or-treaters and their parents along with homeowners who wish to pass out treats.”

Tips for all persons include getting the COVID-19 vaccine if you are eligible (ages 12 and over), staying home if you are sick, wearing a mask that covers both the mouth and nose, washing hands often and/or using hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, and coughing or sneezing into your elbow.

MDHHS also strongly advises adults and children ages 6 months and over to get their annual flu vaccine. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines can be administered in the same visit.

Tips for trick-or-treaters and parents:

Talk with children about Halloween safety and expectations.

Stay outdoors for activities, particularly if participants are not vaccinated.

Trick or treat in small groups.

Avoid congregating in groups around houses.

If indoors or in crowded outdoor settings, wear a face mask covering both mouth and nose (a costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask).

Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

Tips for homeowners to consider:

Distribute candy on a table to eliminate direct contact.

Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.

Consider a neighborhood costume parade; it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.



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Pasties will be available Saturday, November 6 from Noon til 3pm on a first-come, first-served basis at the Lions Hall on Main Street in Ovid. Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.

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Sports



Marauders Clay Wittenberg and Landon Stoneman stop Byron offense from scoring. Photos by Marie Spiess

Marauders Wrap Up Share of 1st-Ever MMAC Football Title, dominating Byron by a 40-0 Count

OVID-ELSIE — The host Marauders battled through the 2021 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) football schedule with just one loss.

Coach Travis Long's grinders have their first-ever MMAC title share to prove it.

In three of their last four contests, O-E pitched shutouts to get it done. Check yourself: one of those was on a forfeit (Covid) gift from Mount Morris.

Yet, still, you can't diminish what the Marauding blue-and-gold have accomplished in 2021.

They moved to 6-2 overall, and tied New Lothrop at 6-1 for the conference title, with a 40-0 shellacking of the Byron Eagles here October 15. The out-manned Eagles finished the MMAC season at 1-6, 1-7 for all games.

Logan Thompson opened the scoring at 1:57 of the first quarter on a 19 yard run, for the only points the Marauders would need. The two-point conversion pass try by Brayden Phillips was no good, and O-E led 6-0.

Max Spiess opened the 2nd quarter with a 3-yard blast to the end zone. Again, O-E failed on the two-point try, a pass from Axel Newell falling incomplete.

Next, it was the Marauder defense's turn to shine, on a tackle for safety on Byron QB Jaen Branch.

Then, with just :56 seconds left before halftime, Eddy Evans made it 20-zip on a 3 yard plow to pay dirt. Colin Fluharty tacked on the PAT kick for a 21-0 intermission lead.

The Marauders mopped up in the second half on a 16-yard run by Evans, another defensive TD off an Eagle fumble recovered by Clay Wittenberg, and a one-yard blast by Landon Stoneman. Fluharty kicked the PAT after the final touchdown for the 40-0 final score.

The only thing close about the outcome was the number of plays ran; 46 for Byron, 54 for O-E. It's what they did with those plays that was telling: the Eagles managed just 51 yards total offense.

Long's Marauders amassed 366 total yards, all on the ground. Evans ran 16 times for 152 yards, Thompson 6 for 90, Perrien Rasch 9 for 75, and Spiess 6 for 26.

Jackson Wilcox led BHS with 9 touts for 22 yards. Branch connected on 3-of-7 passes, but for just 23 yards.

The ferocious Marauder "D" was paced by Stoneman with 6 tackles, 5 solo; Wittenberg with 5 stop, Spiess 4, Fluharty 4, Rudy Ramirrez 3, Rasch 3, Hayden Pontack 3, Alex Eichenberg 2, Thompson 2, Theron Brooks 2 and Kevin Ley a pair.

Jason Schaub picked off a Branch passes for O-E.



OE's Max Spiess carries the ball while Alex Eichenberg blocks Bryon defense.



Laingsburg defensive line holding back Breckenridge during the Oct. 15th game. Photos by Burg Sports

Breckenridge Huskies Turn Tables on Wolfpack, Run to 34-21 Grid Win

BRECKENRIDGE —

The host Huskies busted open a tight game with 20 points in the fourth quarter, and ran their record to 6-2 overall with a hard-fought 34-21 victory over Laingsburg here October 15.

The non-league loss dropped coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack to 5-3 (4-2 in the CMAC) — and still Division 7 postseason-playoff eligible. That would all depend on an October 22 non-league date at Montrose.

The Huskies dominated the game late, and wore down their non-traditional opponent.

Prep football historians were digging to see if this was the first contest ever between the schools from Gratiot and Shiawassee Counties. The Huskies were MHSAA Division 8 football finalists as recently as 2018. Over the past three games in 2021, they outscored their opponents 100-21, including LHS.

The hosts ran 61 plays to the Wolfpack's 38, gaining 285 yards total offense, a telling 243 on the ground. They had to rally from a 14-0 deficit to do it.

The Wolves opened the scoring on Mike Brooks' 3-yard TD blast at 5:09 of the opening quarter, followed by Addison Goff's PAT boot.

LHS furthered the lead to 14-0 on QB Ty Randall's 4-yard run at 11:54 of the second period, again with Goff tacking on the PAT kick.

That's when Breckenridge started their comeback. Consecutive touchdowns came over the next 1/3 of the game — 6:14 of the second through 9:59 of the fourth quarter — on a 20 yard pass play, a 2-yard blast to paydirt, and a 12-yard run by the Huskies QB. With a little over 9:00 to play, BHS owned a 20-14 advantage.

Laingsburg re-awakened, stunning the home crowd on Randall's 62-yard scoring toss to Connor Hulliberger. Goff's PAT kick staked the red-and-white to an ill-fated 21-20 lead.

Breckenridge returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for the go-ahead score. Then, with just 2:11 left, they sealed the contest on another 5-yard running score, then ran in the two-point conversion.

Laingsburg was led on the ground by Dayshawn Bowman with 86 yards on 15 carries. Randall connected on 3-of-10 passes for 67 yards and the one TD to Hulliberger, who finished with the one catch for 62.

Brooks again led the LHS defense with 8 tackles, 6 solos, and a tackle for loss. Hulliberger (5 tackles), Hayden Johnston (5), Elliott Wilsey (4), Jack Byrnes (4), Eli Woodruff (4), Matt Freels (3), Alex Brown (3) and Sean Divine (3) were also top Laingsburg defenders. Wilsey and Byrnes both had tackles for loss.



Ty Randall carries ball for Laingsburg against Breckenridge.



We Got it Wrong:

Samantha Grubaugh's name was left off last week's photo of

Ovid-Elsie Girls Cross County 1st ever conference title. Back row: Ella Powell, Rachel Spitzley, Samantha Grubaugh, Emily Muller, Alyse Ladiski, Abigail Prewitt, and Hannah Koutz. Front Row: Madison Thornton, Kaia Spiess, Alexis Spitzley, and Piper White.

Wolfpack Girls Run Third at CMAC X-Country Jamboree

LAINGSBURG — Emily Rathka and Evelyn Logghe ran 15th and 16th, respectively, for Laingsburg during Wednesday's Central Michigan Athletic Conference jamboree here October 20.

Rathka finished the 3.1-mile course in 21 minutes, 35.8 seconds. Logghe ran 22:03.1.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves finished third with 75 points. Pewamo-Westphalia ran first with 21 points. Saranac was second with 65.

P-W's Whitney Werner won the race in 19:06.2.

Emma Kribs of Laingsburg ran 20th (22:10.9), while Addison Rusz finished 21st for the Wolfpack in 22:13.1. Dakota Ballard finished 23rd (22:27.4).

-- BOYS JAMBOREE: Laingsburg's Clark runs 24th ... Caleb Clark of Laingsburg was 24th in the October 20 CMAC jamboree. Clark clocked a time of 18:29.2.

The Wolfpack boys finished seventh with 201 points. P-W was first with 48 and Dansville was second with 60.

Nolan Gregg of Laingsburg finished 28th (18:47.6). Teammate Miguel Ramirez placed 32nd (19:06.4) while Felix Ramirez of the Wolfpack ran 35th (19:14.3). Sawyer Shastel finished 40th for Laingsburg in 19:36.5.

Emily Rathka, Evelyn Logghe, Emma Kribs and Addison Rusz received All-CMAC honorable mention plaudits.

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Sports



OE Youth Football 8th Grade

submitted by Janell Kebler

Ovid-Elsie Youth Football 8th grade team finished their 2021 season 6-0.

Back row (l-r): Norman Forbis, Hunter Long, Daniel Topping, Owen Long, Nolan Rasch, Braxton O'Bryant, Danny Olger, Brock Spitzley, Jaxson Custer, Nathan Brown, Landen Kusnier

Fron row (l-r): Robert Kebler, Devin Pugsley, Blake Fabus, Josh Brown, Mikey Bancroft, Logan Workman, Dalton Jordan.

Not in photo: Coaches Bancroft, Kebler, Pugsley and Rasch.

2021 Laingsburg Farmers Market: Great Success

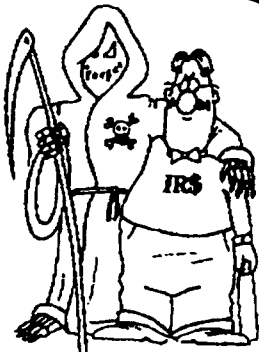
by Karen Anderson, Laingsburg Correspondent

LAINGSBURG- The last Wednesday, vendors from the Farmers Market in Laingsburg wrapped up the 20-week season with a pot luck on October 20, 2021. The vendors would like to thank the community for their support. On some of the Market Days only a few showed up, but there was the wonderful regulars who stopped by every week. "We especially appreciate our regulars. We wish the entire city, owners of businesses, and city government personnell would patronize the City Farmers Market." exclaimed organizer Dena, Judd, City Council woman.

Vendors offered homemade baked goods, cotton candy, children's clothing and baby accessories and hand crafted jewelry, Facial Care, Hand made soaps, gardeners with floral plants and greens, edible micro plants, homemadenment breads,cheese cakes, pies and sweet rolls, spices, seasonal garden vegetables, fresh and dried fruit. Frozen organic chicken and even flea market wagon pulled in a few times. Vendors included stained glass art and fabric handmade items, wigs and facial and skin care products. A great variety of items. Any vendors are welcome to share thier wares and talents. No charge to set up.

A special thank you to Dena Judd, Laura Smith and Kayla (our energizer bunny) who made every week special and fun. The Farmer's Market will be back next spring hoping to offer more products. If you would like to make suggestions to what you would like to see sold or set up at the Farmers Market to meet your specific needs, please post on City of Laingsburg Farmers Market Face Book with your ideas. Thank you.

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Wolfpack Boys Win District Soccer Opener, Then Fall in Semifinals to End 2021

LAINGSBURG — The host Wolfpack blanked Portland 2-0, October 14, in a first-round Division 3 district game.

Adam Myers scored in the first seven seconds of play for coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack, off a pass from Miguel Fajardo. Fajardo, a senior, scored the team's second goal off a cross from senior left winger Caleb Clark.

The Wolfpack (8-3-2) advanced to the district semifinals at 7 p.m. October 11 against the host Hornets (9-6-2) at Williamston. The other semifinal featured Corunna (2-14-1) against Lansing Catholic (8-3-1); Lansing Catholic advanced with a second half score to move past the Cavaliers.

-- **HORNETS BLANK WOLVES TO ADVANCE:** Scoring twice in each half, No. 7-ranked Williamston ended the LHS boys soccer season, 4-0, in a Division 3 district semifinal.

The Hornets (10-6-2) faced Lansing Catholic (9-3-1) for the district title at 7 p.m. Thursday in Williamston.

The Hornets got a pair of Ryker Johnnecheck goals in the 10th and 23rd minutes to take a 2-0 lead. Aidan Parkin padded the lead to 3-0 with a tip-in off a centering pass from Johnnecheck with 33:15 left in the contest. Matthew Palmer closed the scoring off a corner kick with 29:43 remaining.

"I think we had moments of excellence in which we played better than we've ever played," Laingsburg coach Natalie Elkins said. "But I also think we had moments where we did not play our best and that's when all four of their goal-scoring opportunities happened."

Laingsburg (8-4-2) was outshot 13-2. Wolfpack goalie Luke Snyder made nine saves.

The Wolves nearly scored midway through the first half, but the shot sailed over the goal. Junior Adam Myers unleashed a hard shot with 4:40 left in the game that was headed toward the net but stopped by the Hornet goalkeeper to preserve the shutout.



Miguel Fajardo

8th-Ranked Pewamo-Westphalia Sweeps Past Wolfpack Volleyball Girls

LAINGSBURG — No. 3-ranked Pewamo-Westphalia remained perfect in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) while downing the host Wolfpack on October 20.

The Pirates swept past coach J.J. Strieff's Wolves 25-19, 25-16 and 25-11, to stay perfect at 8-0 in the CMAC. Coach Strieff said his team hung with the Pirates in the first game, but P-W's talented servers and attackers asserted control as the night went along.

Ellie Baynes had a team-high four kills for Laingsburg. Bella Strieff, Lorna Strieff and Erica Wade each had three, with Wade serving up two aces.

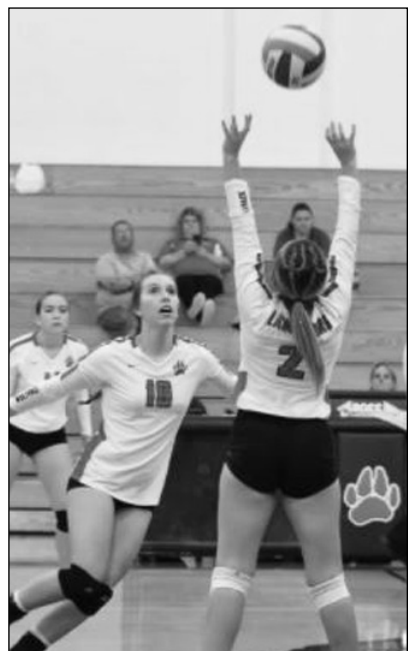
Laingsburg senior Lorna Strieff said Laingsburg played strong in the first game, but then a few errors seemed to bog down the Wolfpack.

Coach Strieff said except for a few critical stretches Laingsburg played solid volleyball.

The Wolfpack led 3-1 to start Game 1 but the Pirates quickly tied it at 3. Bella Strieff's kill gave Laingsburg a 4-3 lead, but P-W scored the next five points. Lorna Strieff put down a kill for the Wolfpack and Laingsburg crept to within 20-16 before P-W scored the final five points.

Laingsburg trailed 11-10 in Game 2 following Baynes' tip for a point, but the Pirates again pulled away.

The Wolfpack held early 1-0 and 3-2 leads in the final game.



Laingsburgs Lizzy VanElls sets the ball for Ellie Baynes during the match with P-W on October 20th.

Photo from Burg Sports.

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Corrections

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

CORRECTIONS: Laingsburg City Council monthly regular meeting on October 4, 2021: There were 3 references from Mayor Culp, Councilman Alan DuCastle, and Paula Willoughby, City Clerk in reference to the 64% approval vote from the City voters to Legalize Recreational Marijuana/Cannabis. Their reference was to the November 11, 2018 vote, not the specific approval of the current or future Cannabis businesses. **OTHER CORRECTIONS:** Minutes were approved for the September 13, 2021, not 2001. Roll call vote...Motion was made "to extend the application process for additional Cannabis dispensaries to be reopened indefinitely." Roll call vote was 4 – 3. Motion passed. Not 5 -2. For specific details, see the official minutes posted on online for the City of Laingsburg.

Special Exhibit Closing Reception at the SAR

submitted by Jennifer Ross

The Shiawassee Arts Center invites the public to a special "Meet the Featured Artists Reception", Thursday, October 28, 6-8pm. Owosso fiber artist, Marti Liddle-Lameti will be doing a demonstration of her work and Robert Doran-Brockway, Glen Lewis and members of the Shiawassee Artists' Guild will be available to answer questions and talk about their work. Buyers will receive a 10% discount on featured show purchases. Complimentary refreshments will be offered. The exhibit, which ends October 31, is generously sponsored by Dr. Dan Williams & Diane Cutler.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso, is open to the public Monday through Friday 10-5pm, weekends 12-4pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieseke Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome to schedule an appointment and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 49th anniversary in 2021, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information or to schedule your appointment call the Arts Center at 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

Deadline Quickly Approaching to Become a Shiawassee Scholar

submitted by Renee Dotson

Are you a parent of an academically talented 8th grader? The Shiawassee Regional Education Service District and the Cook Family Foundation invites you to register your child before October 24 for the December 4 SAT.

To learn all about Shiawassee Scholars and how to register for the SAT go to www.sresd.org, Career and College, Shiawassee Scholars, SAT Information or

<https://www.sresd.org/career--college/shiawassee-scholars/sat-information/>

The top 50 eighth grade students in the county who achieve at the highest level as determined by their scores on the SAT will be invited to become Shiawassee Scholars! The Shiawassee Scholars program is a collaborative program between the Shiawassee RESD and The Cook Family Foundation. The program recognizes academically talented students early and seeks to encourage these students to continue to pursue academically challenging activities during their high school years. It is the mission of the Shiawassee Scholars program to assist these students through various opportunities, resources, and support to reach their full potential.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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COVID-19 Deer Revisited

Recently correspondence was received from a reader about the past column COVID-19 Deer published on September 5th. The Weekly Sportsman always appreciates feedback from the readership, and usually replies directly, but this particular correspondence warrants a column addressing several concerns expressed. It is very important to clarify the purpose of the column in case other readers walked away with the wrong message or impression.

Approximately two months ago the USDA reported some findings that whitetail deer herd populations across the country, including a few select counties in Michigan, have tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies. The Weekly Sportsman reported on this emerging issue much like other health issues such as CWD facing the Michigan deer herd. In the column there was some analysis on sample size and methodology pointing out that the results were weak at best if trying to draw any conclusions. The more the Weekly Sportsman looked at the findings the more questions arose. In particular, the Weekly Sportsman asked three questions that have still gone unanswered. The first was how did all these deers contract COVID-19 and currently carry antibodies? Secondly, can deer transmit COVID-19 to humans? Lastly, is venison safe to eat?

The Weekly Sportsman was very disappointed to read an email with conspiratorial accusations of trying to instill fear in order to control people and make them not want to hunt deer this year.

Those claims couldn't be further from the truth. This column always tries to educate the community on present conservation issues and always promotes the wise use of natural resources. Therefore, please plan to partake in deer hunting this year and as always keep up the correspondence via email or phone.

-WS



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submitted by Donna Kanan

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Clinton County Historical Museum

submitted by Judy Hubler

The Clinton County Historical Museum is showcasing a very interesting exhibit of medical items from yesteryear, along with pictures of Doctors and Dentists. All are displayed in new room arrangements. Also, visit the newest room on display...the Mid-Century kitchen. Check it out at 106 Maple, St. Johns, MI, (West of the Courthouse Square). Open Sunday 1 to 4 and Wednesday 2 to 6. Closed holiday weekends. Also see pgsmuseum.com or contact pgsmuseum@gmail.com and 989-292-9096.

Victor Township Clinton County, MI

6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI

Proposed Board Minutes from October 11, 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 & Paula Willoughby Absent: Julie Townsend

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to approve the September 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Supported by A. Conklin with a correction of approved to proposed. 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 Willoughby to pay the bills in the amount of \$394,463.89 using checks #28357-28374, which includes payment for the Hollister Road project. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$8,816.55 using checks #12262-12269, EFT 151 and Stub8. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Officials: Clinton County Commissioner Stacey reported plans for use of ARPA relief funds to provide relief to small businesses. Motz Park dog beach and parking improvements underway. Clinton County Road Commission will be building a new maintenance facility. Victor Township Planning Commission has requested a future seat on the Clinton County Planning Commission.

Reports:

Victor Township Planning Commission: The Master Plan has been forwarded to the board for distribution approval. Review of the Parks and Recreation Plan has begun. The next PC meeting will be held electronically and in person pending meeting restrictions, on November 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID 83394750325 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83394750325> Maintenance & Facilities: Report placed on file. Supervisor to reach out regarding light bulb and paper towel holder replacement.

Unfinished Business:

• KC Fowler Request – A tentative work session will be held on October 27, 2021 or November 3, 2021 at 5:00 or 6:00 pm.

New Business:

• Draft Master Plan – Motion by Willoughby to approve for public distribution. Supported by Fickes with corrections to decimal place value on pages 15-17. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Perez PC-39-21 SLU – Motion by Willoughby to support special use permit. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
• 2nd Quarter Budget Report – Reviewed. A budget workshop has been scheduled for November 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm.
• Budget Amendment – Tabled
Extended Public/Board Comment – Motion by Fickes to hold all township meetings in the large hall until further notice. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to pay the Ricoh and Revore Law firm bills totaling \$441.75. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

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