



Anniversary committee members (l-r) include, Rita Boyd, Sue Hardaker, Pastor Rogers, Raelene and Richard Easlick. Missing from the photo is Sheila (Brown) Morley, the church's longest member.

Elsie First Baptist Church to Celebrate 170 Years

In the dense woods by the Mill Pond, five people gathered together in the little red school house to pray and ask God's blessing on their desire to start a Free Will Baptist Church. It was 1851, there was no Elsie yet. They were ministered by a traveling pastor, Rev. Chauncey Reynolds who traveled from Lyons every two weeks to the small congregation. The five charter members of the congregation were George W. And Samantha Lewis, Seth and Mary Ann Richards and Moses Wooll.

By 1852, three families arrived from Ohio. They were Ira and Rosannah Allen, Curtis and Artemesia Fuller and Charles and Nancy Sexton. In 1854, George Lewis was licensed to preach, and Alonzo and Olive Bennett arrived, bringing their letters of standing. They met in the school-house, alternating with the Methodist congregation. When the Methodist built their church house in 1860, they met together in that church until the building was finished in 1866.

Here we are in 2021, members today want to celebrate that we, by God's grace, have come through the Civil War, World Wars 1 and 2, the Korean and Vietnamese Nam Wars, Civil Unrest and Covid 19. On October 24th, Elsie First Baptist will be celebrating their 170th Anniversary and would like to extend an invitation to the Elsie and surrounding communities to join them as they celebrate this historic milestone. The service will begin at 10am followed by a dinner at 11:30am. If you have been part of our journey, we would like you celebrate with you. If your grandma hauled you to Sunday School, or were a part of Summer Bible School, come and reconnect with old friends.

Pastor, Phillip Rogers, who came to Elsie in April of this year, expressed that this church may be small in numbers but is BIG in faith. "If we do the unusual, God will do the extraordinary,"

he explained. A big tent will be put up in the front yard of the church, thanks will be given to God for his Goodness as we share time and a meal together. Organizers are asking those to RSVP to (517)881-0024 or (989)398-1009 by October 10th so plans can be made for the dinner. The church is located at 163 W. Main Street, Elsie, MI 48831.



(l): The church was built in 1866, the Bell was installed in the Belfry in 1873 and remains in the church today (r).



LUMC Will Celebrate its 150th Anniversary on Saturday, October 16 with Gala Open House

LAINGSBURG — The Laingsburg United Methodist Church (LUMC) will be celebrating its 150th anniversary with special events planned on Saturday, October 16.

Food, fun, fellowship and faith are on the agenda when the gala event kicks off at 11 a.m. on October 16 at the church, 210 Crum St. in Laingsburg. The event runs until 3 p.m.

All are welcome to come and join in the festivities, celebrating 150 years of ministry in the Laingsburg community.

The church emphasizes it has been about outreach, worship, fellowship, service and discovery since 1871.

Dedicated Volunteers to the Community



Members of Lodge Michigan #225 just completed 32 years as Adopt a Highway volunteers. Pictured are Amy Fornusek, Ruth Malek, John Chvojka, Diane Bradley, Ed Fornusek, Dale Yelsik, Joe Brown, Joe Smolka, and Tom Bradley.

Social

Ovid Public Library News

The Ovid Public Library will be closed on Saturday, October 9 so the staff can attend a wedding. No books will be due that day. We will also be having a Classic Movie Day on Wednesday, October 6 at 1:00. We will be showing Jumbo with Doris Day and Jimmy Durante. You can bring your lunch or personal snack. There will be water provided. The Adult Booktasting will be held on Monday October 11 at 1:00. This will be held at the Ovid Public Library. On Friday, October 22 we will be having our Preschool Story and Craft time. This will start at 10:30. We are happy to announce that we will be having our newest librarian, Miss Shelly, as our reader for storytime. Be sure to bring your kids. They are welcome to come in their halloween costumes for this storytime.

Open House for Retired Library Director Sharlyn Huyck

An open house will be held at the Ovid Public Library on Sunday, October 17th from 2-4pm for retired library director Sharlyn Huyck.

Huyck has served as library director for 36 years. Since March of 1985 she has overseen library operations in Ovid. In 1985 the building was a small three-room facility that served the 5,000 people who reside in the Village of Ovid, Middlebury Township and Ovid Township. During the next 10 years, the library added property to the south and east. The millage proposal was passed. The library building was remodeled into the November 1996 addition. In the next two years the Thomas Reading Room was added. The current building is 3,700 square feet in size. Current circulation in nearly 40,000 books annually.

Please extend your appreciation to Huyck on October 17th.



Recycling in October

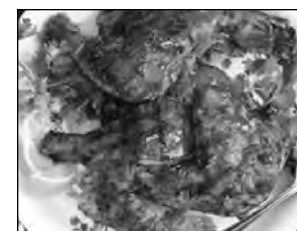
submitted by Ellen Link

The next area-wide recycling drive will be held on Saturday, October 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual location in downtown Laingsburg on Roosevelt Row. Collections are always held the second Saturday of the month. However, the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers are hoping that will soon change with the construction of the new recycling facility in later October. We'll keep you posted. To be open more often will require more volunteers, so please consider giving this worthy cause a few hours of your time once or twice a year.

Clinton County residents, take note: The county's Free for Fall event will be held Sat., October 16, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in DeWitt Twp. They will be accepting household hazardous waste items (such as unwanted medications, lawn chemicals, pool chemicals, oil-based paint, etc.) and electronics (e.g., computer equipment, stereo equipment, TVs, phones, etc.) only; there is a \$10 fee for televisions and computer monitors. To make an appointment (required), call 989-224-5186, or send an email to recycle@clinton-county.org. Volunteers are needed here, too.

Materials accepted every month at GLR recycling drives include newspaper and phone books; tin and aluminum; scrap metal; corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard (but not refrigerated or juice boxes); mixed office paper (no adhesives), junk mail, books and magazines; and plastics #1-2 (please separate) but no clamshells (takeout, berries and salad containers). Household batteries continue to be accepted as well; please separate into regular, rechargeable and lithium. Unfortunately, we cannot accept glass right now, but hope that will change once our facility has opened. The GLR cannot accept plastic grocery bags or polystyrene/Styrofoam (the latter is accepted at the St. Johns Lions' site, Meridian Twp. and East Lansing). We've also added empty inkjets from Canon, Brother and HP to the list.

As always, recyclers from any community are welcome. A \$2-\$3 donation to help cover our costs is requested but not mandatory. Volunteering with the GLR, which is run completely by volunteers, is a great opportunity for Scouts, honor students, and others looking to do public service. Flyers describing the Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center are available at the drive, or you can check it out on our website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>) and Facebook page. For questions re: what we take or more information about anything mentioned, contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437.



Pittsburg United Methodist Church

The Pittsburg United Methodist Church will be hosting a Butter Basted Chicken BBQ at the Bennington Township Hall on Sunday, October 3rd from noon-3pm as a curbside take-out only event. The menu will consist of a 1/2 chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, roll & butter and a cookie. The cost is by donation, with no change.

The Bennington Township Hall is located at 5849 S. M-52.

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Obituaries

Adrian Lee Huss

Adrian Lee Huss, age 74, of Elsie, MI, passed away Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Adrian was born in St. Johns, MI on August 9, 1947, the son of Adrian D. Huss and Katherine (Perrien) Kelley.

Adrian worked with Consumers Energy for many years. He went on to work in the gravel pit industry. He also owned and operated Huss Gravel. Adrian enjoyed his paper route delivering the Lansing State Journal to the Clinton & Gratiot county areas for over 10 years.

Adrian was 7 when he got his first horse. This began his life-long love of horses and attending horse shows with his family. He was an avid college sports fan and he also enjoyed NASCAR. Adrian loved the holidays and he always made sure to make it special for his family. Adrian was a member of the United Church of Ovid.

He is survived by daughter Julie and Steve Maynard of Elsie, MI; son Kyle and Karen Huss of Cement City, MI; grandchildren: Katie Maynard and fiancé Warren Fink, Grant Maynard, Keith Huss, Kyler Huss and fiancé Andrew Hunter, Karissa Huss; siblings: Linda and Rod McCreery of Ovid, MI, Marie and Butch Mohre of Lansing, MI, and Albert and Linda Huss of Apache Junction, AZ. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother of his children Sherry Huss, one brother Delbert Huss and an infant brother.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Memorials may be made to Shiawassee County 4-H. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



Terry Wayne Bigford

Terry Wayne Bigford, of Orlando, Florida passed away September 1, 2021 at the V.A. Hospital in Orlando, Fla. He was born August 21, 1945 in Muskegon MI, to Albert Sr. and Esther Bigford. He graduated in 1963 from Laingsburg High School and served a tour in Viet Nam, while in the Army.

During his working career, Terry worked for Brown's Tavern in Laingburg, The Moose Lodge, both in Michigan and Florida and as a security guard for Admiral Security in Florida. Terry also enjoyed playing guitar, singing, and was also shooting competitive pool and was involved in many tournaments.

Terry is survived by his daughter, Jamie (Kit) Peters of Kansas City, MO., and son Jason (Shannon) of Orlando, and a grandson. He is also survived by brothers, Robert of Copperas Cove, Texas; Raymond of Charlotte, MI; David of Georgetown, Kentucky; and Albert Jr. of Williamston, MI; sister Marilyn (Jan) VanTassell of Ovid, MI and Shirley (Thomas) Mahoney of Laingsburg, MI. He is also survived by special friend Virginia Boies of Orlando and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Albert Sr., and Esther Bigford, brother Frank and sister Kathleen.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is scheduled for October 30, 2021 at 11am at Grove Bible Church, St. Johns. Interment will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. A special thank you goes out to the staff of the VA Hospital, Orlando, Fla., and April Kaiser for all she has done for Terry.



Angela Lynn Wahl

Angela Lynn Wahl, age 52 of Ovid, passed away on Sunday September 12, 2021 at her home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Ovid Bible Church, 8975 M-21, Ovid MI 48866. Pastor Scott Seelhoff will officiate.

The family will receive friends at the church 12:00 until the time of service.



Tricia A. Brown

Tricia A. Brown, age 52, passed away Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. Tricia was born in Lansing, Michigan on October 8, 1968, the daughter of James & Mary Lou (Voisinet) Bradfield. She graduated from Laingsburg High School in the class of 1986.

Tricia married Lewis Edward Brown on August 29, 1991 in Lansing, MI and they just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

She loved spending time with her "HEROS", was an avid supporter of the Laingsburg Band Boosters, and she volunteered for the Lion's Club Thanksgiving dinner.

Tricia is survived by her husband, Lewis, their son Mitchell Lewis Brown of Lansing, brother Rodney Bradfield of Lansing, sister Angela (James) Szczepanski of Macomb, MI, her father James (Celie) Bradfield of Lansing, her mother Mary Lou (Dennis) Lee of Laingsburg, 3 step sisters, Tamara (Mark) Faccio of Belmont, MI, Amy (Dennis) Crum of St. Johns, and Jennifer Lee of Napoleon, OH, several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Laingsburg on Friday October 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks will officiate with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Laingsburg.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences maybe sent to the family by going to www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com. There is a picture on our website watkinsfuneralhomes.com

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Obituaries

Evert Hendley, Jr.

Evert Hendley, Jr., age 75, of Ovid and Laingsburg, died peacefully at home on September 25, 2021 after a valiant battle with cancer and complications of rheumatoid arthritis.

He was born on March 23, 1946 in St. Johns, Michigan, one of four children born to Evert Sr. and Imogene (Jones) Hendley. Following graduation from Chesaning High School in 1964, he enlisted with the United States Navy and served from 1964 to 1968. He married his lifelong sweetheart, Suzanne Price, on October 8, 1966. Together, they raised four children in Laingsburg. He was so proud of his children – he loved to watch them succeed and led by example – he was hardworking, strong, honest and a man of great integrity. Evert earned his master's degree from Central Michigan University and enjoyed a long career with General Motors as a financial analyst, project manager and developer. Following his retirement in 2002, Evert and Suzanne built their dream home in Ovid Township and he was an active member and past commander of Elsie American Legion Post 502. Evert loved the out of doors, especially hunting and chopping wood. He loved hunting trips, going up north and having coffee with friends. He was an avid sports fan, and especially loved to watch the Spartans and Tigers and play golf.

He will be missed by many, especially beloved wife of nearly fifty five years, Suzanne Hendley; sons, James, Jeffrey (Caren) and Jason (Carrie); daughter, Jennifer; grandchildren, Jordon (Jacob) Garner, Erika (Cody) Schieberl, Mattison, Ashley, Emily and Megan, Kara, Kayla and Kevin; great-grandson, Ezra Garner; brother, Bill (Sherry) Hendley. He was also survived by extended family members, dear friends and his beloved dog, Sweetpea. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Bonnie and Janie.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Gathering will be Saturday, October 9th at 1pm at the Elsie American Legion Hall, 220 S. Ovid St., Elsie, MI 48831.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to: Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, Help Fight RA, 8815 Conroy Windermere Rd. Suite 309, Orlando, FL 32835.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, at 989-224-4422 or visit www.McGeehanFH.com



James Walter Clock

James Walter Clock, 84, of Prudenville passed away on Thursday September 23, 2021 at home with his loving family by his side.

James was born on November 29, 1936 in Ovid, Michigan to Walter and Helen (Updegraff) Clock. He grew up in the Ovid area and graduated from Fulton Township High School near Maple Rapids. On April 19, 1958 in Ovid, James was married to Gayla Louise Bashore. James worked in the Laboratory for Michigan Milk Producers Association in Ovid from 1957 to 1999. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader for many years. He served as Treasurer for his bowling league for several years and was an avid fisherman. James served the city of Ovid as a Trustee on the City Council and served several years as Mayor Pro Tem for Ovid..

Surviving Mr. Clock are his loving wife of 63 years, Gayla Louise Clock of Prudenville; two sons, Brook (Kathie) Clock of St. Johns, and Brian (Julie) Clock of Prudenville; four grandchildren, Megan, Mallory, Holly, and Bailey; three great grandchildren, John, Kensi, and Reagan; sister, Audrey Bancroft of Ovid; several nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Elaine Moorehouse; and brother, Charlie Clock.

A graveside service will be conducted on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 12:00pm at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid.

Memorial contributions in memory of James are asked to be directed to Heartland Hospice, 564 Progress St, West Branch, MI 48661. Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville Chapel is serving the family.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.christler-holdship.com



Robert Paul Taylor

Robert Paul Taylor, age 83, of Ovid, MI, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family Sunday, September 26, 2021, at his home.

Bob was born in Ovid, Michigan on July 5, 1938, the son of Don and Ruby (Darling) Taylor. Bob worked for Midland Ross for many years until they closed.

On November 28, 1987, Bob married Sharon (Carroll) Martin at their home in Ovid. They were blessed with 33 years of marriage.

Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing. Family was most important to Bob. He loved spending time with them and was always at his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's special events.

Bob is survived by his wife Sharon, son Bryon (Kristi) Taylor of Bannister, MI; daughter Shelly (Mark Owens) Taylor of Mason, MI; step-son Rex (Kim) Martin of Owosso, MI; 6 grandchildren: Nate (Jenn) Taylor, Cassie (Adam) Coleman, Zach (Jenny) Salander, Nikki Salander, Chassidy (Mark Crumbaugh, Jr.) Martin, and Jeremy (Sam) Martin; and 10 great-grandchildren: LeaLynn, Phillip, Brayden, Nolan, Parker, Maggie, Josie, Talon, Natalie, and Blaze; and the mother of his children Norma Schroeder. He is also survived by 6 siblings: Lois Wadsworth, Linda White, Richard (Sandy) Taylor, Gordon (Kathy) Taylor, Donnie Taylor, and Dennis (Beth) Taylor; and many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, 4 siblings: Donna (Dale) Dumond, Betty (Gene) Pettigrew, Barb Stewart, and Jim Taylor; brothers-in-law: Richard Wadsworth and Leo White; sister-in-law Mary Taylor and 2 step-sons: Eric Martin and Danny Martin.

In following Bob's wishes, a cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

The family requests that memorials be made to the National MS Society - 29777 Telegraph Rd, Southfield, MI 48034. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



David Wayne Smith

David Wayne Smith, age 55, of Owosso, Michigan passed away Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Henry Ford Detroit Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 111 South Shiawassee Street, Corunna, MI, with Rev. Russell Merrill officiating.

David was born in Flint, Michigan on July 19, 1966, the son of David George and June (Bikoski) Smith. He graduated from Ovid - Elsie High School with the class of 1985. He enjoyed online gaming and liked to fish. He also liked to travel.

He is survived by his parents David and Linda Smith of Ovid, Michigan; one brother John and Kim Buck of Ovid, MI; grandmother Violet Smith.

Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 111 South Shiawassee Street, Corunna, MI, with Rev. Russell Merrill officiating.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Have you ever felt as if you had been bitten by the negativity bug? You know that nasty little thing that just bores into your consciousness and wreaks havoc with your perception... It makes things appear as if you are incapable of rising to the standards of others. Apparently I have fallen flatly upon my face in this particular situation...I will have to address this item and decide if I need to rise or just ignore it. Of course that doesn't say much for me. I must be tired.

Last night I was switching off the last light before going up to bed and a strange thing happened. At least I thought it strange, I turned off a lamp and a plethora of flies zoomed out. I grabbed a bottle of fly spray and doused the varmints, they fell to the floor in seconds and I cleaned up the mess. What floored me was that I normally swat two or three a day....where the swarm came from is beyond me. I counted thirty of the little beasties as I swept them up. It was just plain weird and then my son scolded me for contaminating the air with the aerosol bug killer. As I cleaned up the mess, I was irritated because I had to use a paper towel instead of sweeping everything up into the dust pan both of mine have disappeared. Yes, I do know that there are bigger issues to address.

While I was at the St John's Farmers Market on Saturday, Brenda Stewart stopped by to chat with me and as we talked she found out that I knew Kathryn Hucko. I was to pass on a message and I did while at church but didn't have my notes with me to tell Kathryn who the message was from. I felt bad about that and promised to get back to her this week. I'm hoping to stop by tomorrow or maybe I'll text Vera to pass on the message.

I have much to finish before I head over to Diane's to help with canning stewed tomatoes. I took my pans over yesterday afternoon when we got together to play Tripoly. Speaking of being there, I got to view the little renegades....all fourteen of them. Diane had had a problem with a hawk decimating her flock of chickens.....decimating is a bit harsh, but he did manage to get one. At the same time another one disappeared until three days ago when her goats were curious about those fuzzy little beings that had invaded their space. The young red hen had gotten broody and took it upon herself to put together a clutch of eggs, and she successfully hatched all thirteen. She made herself a nest under the stand that held the goat's water buckets. The young hen and her brood are now in their own little high rise with enclosed run that also has night lights and heat. Now if she will only teach her brood about using the ramp for getting to the second floor...

Yesterday morning before church Diane and I cleaned the food trailer, and to be honest it was the first time this year that we didn't work up a sweat. Obviously the weather was very cooperative and it was pleasant to do the work. I then zipped home and got cleaned up and oh my goodness, I actually made it to church on time. I stopped in the kitchen to drop off some banana nut, banana, and hummingbird bread to share with my fellow parishioners after services and dropped some documents off in the office. After church I then had a cup of coffee and went over to Richard's to pick up the venison that he so kindly gave me. I then returned to church to speak with our minister Zella and pulled up some documents for her before going home. I think that I got home at seven after playing cards and just relaxed and played a word game. Such an exciting life...dang it, I forgot who wanted a bag of potatoes, red ones, I need to start writing more notes to myself.

As the days shorten I keep going over my be ready list.... I try to have all options and occasions covered, and I don't always succeed. That is okay, because it reminds me that I'm just as flawed as ever and gives me a way to focus upon needed improvements....both in me and in my home. May your days be filled with thought, and focus, and the joy of living life. Enjoy your renegades and be at peace. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2021



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Crosman American Classic

Recently the Weekly Sportsman acquired a used Crosman American Classic .22 caliber pellet pistol for a song. This variable pump air single shot air pistol appeared at first glance to be an attractive option to make the taking of squirrel, rabbit, and other small game a little more challenging. Having never been a fan of switching in and out CO2 cartridges the pump feature on the rifle seemed to make it that much more practical.

Crosman offers this black synthetic pistol in not only .22 but also .17. The .22 version shoots a standard pellet 460 fps and the .17 version 695 fps when pumped ten times. Weighing in at just under two pounds it handles well and is easy to grip, pump, cock, and work the cross bolt safety with very little effort. The front sight is fixed but the rear sight is fully adjustable for dialing in head shots. If one wants to accessorize then longer barrels and a skeleton shoulder stock can turn the pistol into a mini carbine looking rig. The Weekly Sportsman was fortunate to have one of these stocks thrown in with the deal but it doesn't seem to fit right and will require some work with a Dremel. Aesthetically speaking this pistol has perfect styling but truth be told it is probably because it looks like a scaled down version of the Crosman 766 rifle. Such a rifle was given to the Weekly Sportsman on his tenth birthday.

How does it shoot? Well, shooting a regular Crosman pellet it will deliver minute- of-squirrel head accuracy at 15-20 feet but groups really start to increase out to around 35 feet. Don't expect to make ethical, accurate, and lethal shots beyond that distance. Both calibers and their respective maximum velocities can take down small game when taking head shots or precise hits in the vital spots. Consider upgrading pellets by looking at what GAMO has to offer. Now one doesn't have to pursue small game to appreciate the very affordable use of lead pellets for target practice and the sticker price of around \$65 dollars at box stores or online. You cant go wrong by picking one of these pistols up for casual target shooting or making small game hunting a little more of a challenge.

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Save This Date

submitted by Marion Killingsworth

It's a "Bowl-A-Thon", Pottery Sale at Wacousta Community United Methodist Church, 9180 Herbison Road, Eagle, MI 48822 on Saturday November 6, 2021 from 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 A.M.

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*From the family of
John J. Winkler*



Washington Township Planning Commission Meeting
Oct 7th, 2021 at 7:00pm
Washington Township Hall
8989 S Baldwin rd, Ashley MI

For the purpose of adoption of text amendment to the
Zoning ordinance in
Reference to Special Use Permit procedures.
To View the proposed amendment or for questions please contact
Howard Whaley, Supervisor, at 989-388-8455

CITY OF LAINGSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS October 18, 2021 7:00 P.M.

The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021 at a meeting of the Planning Commission starting at 7:00 P.M. at the Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N. Woodhull Street Laingsburg, Michigan to consider amendments to the City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance") and a petitioned special use permit final site plan review:

- Amendment to Section 406 - Additional outdoor accessory uses are permitted within the C-1, Central Business District by site plan review.
- Amendment to Section 408 - Agricultural fencing is permitted for seasonal use only.
- Amendment to Section 515 - The maximum permitted height in the C-1, Central Business district is expanded to 40'.
- Amendment to Section 1309 - The Planning Commission may waive the off-street parking requirement within the C-1, Central Business District.
- A petition for special land use and site plan review - has been submitted by The Kyoor, LLC to convert an existing office retail building located at 105 East Grand River Road to a Marijuana Retailer and Processor which will allow for the processing and retail sales of recreational and medical marihuana. The subject property known as 105 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel ID# 022-42-001-002-00) and is legally described as the following.

LOTS 1,2, & 3 BLK I OF THE PLAT OF WEEKS ADD CITY OF LAINGSBURG; DESC AS: BEG ON NELY LN OF GRAND RIVER ST AT PT 22 FT SELY OF W COR OF LOT I, TH NWLY ALG SWLY LN OF BLK & ON NELY LN OF ST 44 FT, TH NELY PLL WITH NWLY LN OF LOT 1150 FT, TH SELY PLL WITH SWLY LN OF LOT 4 BLK 44 FT, TH SWLY 150 FT TO BEG. EX DRIVEWAY RIGHTS HELD BY ADS PROPERTY OWNERS OVER A STRIP OF LAND 10 FT WIDE OFF NELY END OF SAID DESC PREMISES. ALSO PART OF LOT 4, BLK I WEEKS ADD & PART OF LOT 4 BLK 5 VILLAGE OF LAINGSBURG DESC AS BEG ON SELY LN OF LAING ST AT A PT WHICH IS 108.08 FT SWLY FROM N CORNER OF LOT 3 BLK 5 VILLAGE OF LAINGSBURG PLAT, I H SWLY ALNG THE NWLY LN OF SAID LOT 4, BLK I OF SAID WEEKS ADD TO THE CITY OF LAINGSBURG A DIST OF 43 FT TO A LN 25 FT NELY OF & PLL WITH SELY LN OF SAID LOT 4, TI- I SELY ANG PLL LN 89.75 FT TO AN IRON STAKE WHICH IS 25 FT NELY FRON NE CORNER OF LOT I BLK I OF WEEKS ADD, TI-I NWLY 78.8 FT TO POB; EXC DRIVEWAY RIGHTS IN LIBER 258 PAGE 624.; ALSO EXC PCL DESC IN LIBER 566 PAGE 84-85 TO CORRECT ENCROACHMENT OF BLD OVER .62 FT ALNG NW BOUNDARY.

Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than October 15, 2021 at 12:00 P.M.:

City of Laingsburg
Attn: City Clerk
PO Box 178
114N. Woodhull Street
Laingsburg MI 48848

City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-61 Oiprior to the meeting.

Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

Senior Spotlight

Sparrow Clinton Food Bank Scheduled for October 14th

submitted by Nan Simon

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

The next distribution date is Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021.

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

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Please do not arrive earlier than 7:45 a.m. to park in the lot. Distribution begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:15 a.m. or when all supplies are gone.

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

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

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

Senior Center Seeking Donations

submitted by Brenda Terpening

The Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns is seeking donations for their various programs.

They are looking for empty #10 cans and Christmas picks for a craft they will be making at the end of the month.

They are also accepting Christmas decorations, nic naks or Puzzles they can use as Bingo prizes or sell in their Gift Shop. Finally, they are accepting any finished crafts they can sell at their Sat, Nov 20 Craft Show.

Donations can be dropped off on Monday's, Tuesday's or Friday's between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. If you need things picked up you can call them at 989-224-4257.

Senior Center Available for Holiday Rentals

submitted by Brenda Terpening

Are you looking for a location to hold a Family or Business Christmas Party? Then come and take a look at the Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns. It is available for rent most weekends of the year.

The center has two large rooms (one with dining tables & chairs) available for use. The center rents for \$100 - \$150. The price depends on whether you use the kitchen or just the large rooms.

If you would like a tour of the facility, stop in any Mon, Tue or Fri between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions you can also call them at 989-224-4257.

COVID-19 Pfizer BioNTech Boosters

submitted by Grace Czubachowski

Following the approval and recommendations from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for a single booster dose.

The Pfizer BioNTech vaccine is recommended for individuals aged 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions and increased risk of COVID-19. A booster dose cannot be given until six months from the initial completion of the series.

The CDC recommends the following groups are eligible for a Pfizer BioNTech booster dose:

- People 65 years and older and residents aged 18 and older in long-term care settings.
- People aged 50 through 64 with certain underlying medical conditions.
- People aged 18 through 49 who are at high risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions.

• People aged 18 through 64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

• Per CDC, occupations at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission include frontline essential workers and health care workers including:

o First responders (health care workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff). Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers). Food and agriculture workers. Manufacturing workers. Corrections workers. U.S. Postal Service workers. Public transit workers. Grocery store workers.

Shiawassee County residents interested in a Pfizer BioNTech booster are recommended to bring a copy of their vaccination card when getting their booster dose. Individuals 18 and older who have lost or misplaced their vaccination card can download and print a copy through the Michigan Immunization Portal. There is no cost to access the portal, however, and individual must upload a copy of a valid ID.

The booster dose recommendation only pertains to individuals who received the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. Individuals who received Moderna or J&J are not eligible for a booster dose under current recommendations.

The Pfizer BioNTech vaccine is available at many local pharmacies within Shiawassee County and at the Shiawassee County Health Department. Individuals interested in receiving a booster dose through the Shiawassee County Health Department should call 989-743-2460 and select option 1 (vaccine).

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>.



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Senior Spotlight

Memorial Healthcare Offers New Technology for Lumpectomy Patients

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare has expanded its partnership with Hologic, Inc. by implementing the Hologic LOCALizer™ Wireless Breast Lesion Localization System for lumpectomy cases. Our surgical and diagnostic imaging teams (including our general surgeons and the Advanced Radiology Services (ARS) radiologists) collaborated on bringing this technology to patients of Memorial Healthcare.

"The Hologic LOCALizer™ Wireless Breast Lesion Localization System is monumental for breast care at Memorial Healthcare in terms of patient comfort, convenience, and outcomes. It provides patients with more flexibility in scheduling and less discomfort with great cosmetic results. It also eliminates the possibility of wire displacement and transection associated with wire localization. We are very excited to be teaming up with Hologic to make this technology available to our patients," said Dr. Sasha Spencley, Surgeon at Memorial Healthcare Surgical Associates.

Use of the Hologic LOCALizer™ will significantly enhance both the patient experience and make breast localization procedures easier for surgeons and care teams for better overall care and outcomes.

Additionally, the Memorial Healthcare Mammography team and our ARS partners were recently awarded the coveted gold seal of approval by the American College of Radiology (ACR) for being a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence. This seal renews our accreditation for 3 years and affirms the quality work we deliver with mammography care. Being recognized by industry leaders for excellence in meeting or exceeding patient care standards is the highest designation available through the ACR.

For more information, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.



Diabetes PATH Workshop

submitted by Christine Histed

Diabetes PATH is a 6-week interactive workshop designed for individuals with diabetes and pre-diabetes. You will learn how meal plan, decrease stress, get physically active, balance blood sugar, make goals, improve energy, and more!

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Clinton County Historical Museum

submitted by Judy Hubler

The "Doctors, Druggists and Dentists" exhibit includes photographs of Clinton County doctors and dentists, and interesting devices used to treat patients years ago. In addition, new rooms open for viewing are the Mid-Century kitchen reminiscent of the 1940s and 1950s, and the enclosed side porch with appropriate 1900s wicker and accessories. With cooler weather approaching, the Carriage House and General Store will be closing for the season soon.

Check it out at 106 Maple, St. Johns, MI (West of Courthouse Square). Open Sunday 1 to 4 and Wednesday 2 to 6. Closed Holiday weekends. Follow up at pgsmuseum.com or contact pgsmuseum@gmail.com and 1.989.292.9096.



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Sports



Quarterback Dylan Carman scored a touchdown in the first half for OE.

Photos by Marie Spiess

Marauders Mar Chesaning Homecoming with 35-0 Win

CHESANING — You want to lose a football game, go ahead and turn the ball over.

The host Indians turned it over four times — two interceptions, a fumble and a botched kickoff return — and Ovid-Elsie took full advantage here September 24, in a 35-0 MMAC football victory that ruined the CHS Homecoming.

And ... moved the Marauders squarely in the MMAC title picture.

Coach Travis Long's O-E gridders rolled to 4-1, 4-0 in the MMAC, with a lopsided victory that finished with a running clock in the second half. The host Tribe fell to 2-2 in the league, 3-2 overall with the loss.

Logan Thompson blasted in two rushing TDs, and Dylan Carman, Eddy Evans, and Clay Wittenberg also scored touchdowns in a "statement" game that set up the Marauders for a league showdown with perennial favorite, state-rated New Lothrop. The Hornets lost their first-ever MMAC game the same evening, with a 35-14 home setback to arch-rival Montrose.

The Marauders came at the Tribe from all angles. QB Dylan Carman split the signal-calling duties with Axel Newell ... and it didn't really matter which one was at the helm. Carman opened the scoring at 3:12 of the first quarter on a one-yard blast to the endzone, and Colin Fluharty added the PAT kick for a 7-0 lead.

Still in the first stanza, Logan Thompson sprinted 31 yards to paydirt. Fluharty was again true on the PAT kick, 14-zip.

Thompson wasn't done. After Newell passed 8 yards to Clay Wittenberg for a 21-0 lead (Fluharty PAT pick), Logan rambled 16 yards through the Indian defense, teaming with Fluharty to make it 28-0, marring the CHS Homecoming.

Senior RB Eddy Evans ran in the final score of the night, from 6 yards at the 10:24 mark of the third quarter. Fluharty's kick completed the tally

at 35-0. Evans summed up the Marauders' run to title contention following the contest: "We want to win. We all just have that bond, that chemistry that helps us play as a team."

Carman and Newell combined to hit 3-of-13 passes for 17 yards — but that wasn't the focal point of the O-E offense. Perrien Rasch rushed 14 times for 91 yards, Thompson 8 for 75, Fluharty 5 for 28, Evans 6 for 28 — and five other blue-and-gold runners accounted for another 64 yards. O-E marauded to a 303-83 advantage in total yards.

Wittenberg latched onto two completions for 17 yards and the TD.

Chesaning had no answers for the O-E defense. Alex Eicenberg led the way with 5 tackles, three solos and two tackles for loss. Max Spiess broke through for four stops, Theron Brooks 2, Jacob Tomasek 2, Thompson 2, Landon Stoneman 2 and Fluharty one. Thompson also had a tackle for loss.



Perrien Rasch, #28, carried the ball for the Marauders 14 times and racked up 91 total yards of offense.

Wolfpack Stands up to Feisty Bath Football Team, Romps Away to Ruin Bees Homecoming 28-14

BATH — Anyone thinking Laingsburg's 28-14 win at Bath on September 24 was a romp, didn't watch much of the contest.

Yes. The scoreboard favored coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack. But you can bet there were some bumps and bruises in both locker rooms after the nearby (arch-rival) Wolves ruined the Fighting Bees' 2021 Homecoming.

LHS kept climbing in the statewide rankings at 4-1, 3-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) with a hard-fought win. The Bees drooped to 1-2 in the CMAC, 2-3 overall with the loss.

Laingsburg powered through a hard-hitting Bee defense in the first quarter. At 6:17 of the period, Jack Byrnes overcame a penalty-marred drive with a TD blast from one yard out. Several Ty Randall QB runs helped set up the score. Addison Goff boomed the PAT kick and the visitors led 7-0.

Bath bulled right back down the field. Owen Christmas made it count from 1/2 yard out at 6:17 of the second quarter, and the Bees were poised to knot the score. The Wolf defense blocked the PAT, however, keeping the red-and-white on top, 7-6.

Laingsburg extended its lead on the next play. Eli Woodruff gathered in the ensuing kickoff, broke two tackles, and sprinted down the Wolfpack sideline into the end zone for a 13-6 advantage. Goff quickly made it 14-6 with the PAT kick.

Still in the second stanza, the Wolves advanced the lead with a 8-yard Ty Randall to Thomas Gousetis pass. Then, with 3:14 unplayed before half-time, Daysawn Bowman tip-toed virtually untouched into the end zone and the Pack was in command. Goff's twin PAT boots made it 28-6 at halftime.

Christmas tallied the lone score of the second half with 3:02 remaining in the 3rd quarter, on another one-yard blast. Sophomore RB Bradlee Uhlmann ran in the two-point conversion to complete the scoring at 28-14.

Randall clicked 8-of-10 passes for 92 yards and the one touchdown, four of his completions going to Connor Hulliberger, good for 25 yards. Byrnes led the LHS rushing attack with 55 yards on 11 carries, on the one TD.

A bruising Wolfpack defense was centered by Kyle Thelen with 8 tackles, and Seth Sivak with 8 stops — including 5 unassisted. Sivak had one of five 'Pack tackles for loss.

Tyler Flynn-Lacey was credited with 7 tackles, Michael Brooks 4, Bowman 4, James Nixon 3 and Matt Freels 2. Michael Rutila, Hulliberger, Brooks and Caleb Boettcher all joined Sivak with tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Woodruff's special teams excellence included a 50-yard average on kick returns, including the one TD.



Eli Woodruff, #13, took a kick-off to the end zone in the second quarter to give the Wolfpack a 13-6 lead in the game.

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Kyle Thelen, #4, racked up 8 tackles against the Bath Bees.



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Sports

Bears Handed Loss by North Huron

North Huron traveled to Ashley for a Friday night match-up with North Huron winning 50-20. "North Huron is always the class of our conference, so we knew we were in for a battle. We had too many mistakes and three blocked punts, but I'm very proud of the heart of my team" stated Coach Saylor.

Ashley played the entire game with only eight players, and they were able to hang in throughout the game even though North Huron was fast and hitting hard. Logan Drummond continues to lead the Bears in offense, defense and special teams. On offense Drummond had 14 carries for 146 yards and three touchdowns, on defense he had 5 solo tackles and 6 assists. He also had 8 kick returns for 121 yards and 8 punts for 130 yards.

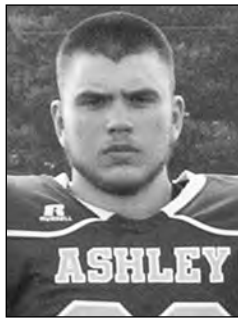
Dillan Beebe also had 14 carries for 45 yards and a two-point conversion. Beebe also had 4 solo tackles and 3 assists, Jordann Huntoon had 1 solo tackle and 4 assists and Jon Snider had 5 assists.

"We'll go back at it on Monday and try to get Bailey Long healthy for this one and welcome in a very tough CPS this week for homecoming" said Coach Saylor.

Ashley Cross Country

The Ashley Cross Country team competed in two events this week. The first was at Carson City where Sharla Juhas came in 30th in 26:36.38, Sophia Wirt came in 37th finishing in 29:37.56, Jenna Wirt finished 46th in 32:00.40. Clayton Juhas finished 30th in 21:21.40.

Only the middle school girls were able to compete in the second meet of the week at Coleman. Peyton Rohn finished 18th in 16:25.29, Alizabeth Throop finished 24th in 15:56.30 and Paige Larsen finished 25th with a time of 19:4.43.



Dillan Beebe



Sophia Wirt

O-E Grad Beard Shows His Skills for Olivet Grid Team

OLVIET -- A 59-7 Olivet rout of Manchester (Indiana) provided Cooper Beard, Ovid-Elsie alum, with a chance at some action September 18.

Beard, a sophomore running back, got in on the scoring action, too, logging his first two career carries. He gained 9 yards — 8 of which came on a touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.



CACS 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.

Laingsburg Girls Run Fourth at P-W X-Country Inviational

PEWAMO-WEST-PHALIA — The Laingsburg girls cross-country team ran fourth out of 11 schools at the Pewamo-Westphalia Invitational at Huckleberry Creek Golf Course, on September 29.

Laingsburg freshman Emily Rathka raced 14th in 21:53.4.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack, scoring 124 points, trailed Pewamo-Westphalia (38), Haslett (72) and Fowler (104).

Laingsburg's Evelyn Logghe finished 23rd (22:44.0) ahead of teammates Emma Kribs (27th, 23:03.7), Dakota Ballard (34th, 23:26.8) and Addison Rusz (35th, 23:27.8).

-- Wolfpack boys take eighth: Nolan Gregg ran 15th in 18:36.5 and the Wolfpack boys cross country team finished eighth out of 10 teams at the Pewamo-Westphalia Invitational.

The Wolves scored 169 points. P-W was first with 48. Dansville was second with 81.

Laingsburg's other scorers were Felix Ramirez (28th, 19:52.5), Aden Baynes (40th, 20:57.3), Sawyer Shastal (47th, 21:23.6) and James Pratt (54th, 21:48.5).

Collin Farmer of P-W was first in 16:29.0.



Marauder Football Alum Palus Scores in Adrian Loss

Ovid-Elsie alum Gage Palus caught the game-tying touchdown in the third quarter, but Adrian College fell 21-14 to Hanover recently.

Quarterback Jack Wurzer found Palus on a 29-yard score in with 1:02 to play in the third to tie the score at 14. However, Hanover scored a touchdown with :32 seconds left in the game to record the victory.

Palus finished with two catches for 42 yards.



Wolfpack Volleyball Alums Shine in College Action

Maya Ferland, the former All-Area Player of the Year, continues to make a big impact in her first season at Northwood University.

The senior had 16 kills Friday in a 3-1 win over Tiffin, adding three digs. The Timberwolves played three more matches recently; Ferland racked up 18 kills in those contests as Northwood picked up two more wins.

At Lansing Community College, MaKayla Koenig had one kill against the College of DuPage during a 3-1 loss for the Stars.



Marauder Volleyball Gals Go 1-3 at Stockbridge Invite

STOCKBRIDGE — Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team went 1-3 at the Stockbridge Invitational on September 25.

The Lady Marauders reached the finals of the Silver Division Bracket, but lost to East Jackson, 25-18, 25-22.

In pool play action, the host Panthers defeated the Marauders 23-25, 25-22, 27-25 and Dansville swept O-E, 25-14, 25-14, 25-18.

The Marauders opened Silver Division play by defeating Vermontville Maple Valley, 25-14, 25-11.

Hornet girls forfeit to O-E volleyballers

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie's volleyball team won by forfeit over New Lothrop on September 28.

New Lothrop head coach Rondalee Beardslee said the Hornets didn't have enough players available to field a team.

Marauder volleyball girls bested by Ithaca in three sets

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team hosted Ithaca on September 27. Ithaca came out fast and strong against the Lady Marauders.

"We were making lots of small mistakes which Ithaca took full advantage of," said Marauder coach Kortney Miller. "They were able to find our holes and use them against us. By the third set we were playing very smart and using our strengths to the fullest. We were moving very well and being big at the net. Even though we lost the game the girls learned a lot and worked very hard."

Final scores were Yellowjackets 25 Marauders 16; Yellowjackets 25 Marauders 12; Yellowjackets 25 Marauders 23.

Ovid-Elsie Volleyball Leader Board

OVID-ELSIE — Midway through the 2021 season, here are the leaders for the Lady Marauder varsity volleyball team ...

Kills:

Senior OH- Kalista Bancroft = 136

Senior OH- Jolene Nash = 73

Senior S- Braylon Byrnes = 54

Sophomore MH- Hailee Campbell = 42

Assists:

Senior S- Braylon Byrnes = 142

Sophomore S- Evalyn Cole = 103

Aces:

Senior S- Braylon Byrnes = 50

Sophomore S- Evalyn Cole = 16

Senior OH- Kalista Bancroft = 16

Senior OH- Jolene Nash = 14

Digs:

Senior S- Braylon Byrnes = 142

Senior OH- Jolene Nash = 102

Senior OH- Kalista Bancroft = 80

Sophomore S- Evalyn Cole = 78

Junior DS- Rylee Lewis = 76

Senior DS- Kyran Tyler = 73



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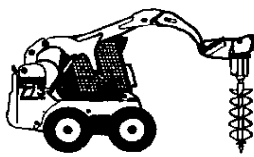
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**Watch Out for
Scams: "If it's too
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Dear Andy,

I was scammed again! I sent for a 3-month FREE trial, pay only S&H for a face lotion (samples .5 oz). Then for the next 3 months I was sent the product. At the end of the 3 months, I called and asked for an extension as I had not yet used the product and to stop future shipping until I could try the lotion. Then over the next 3 month 6 - forty-dollar charges were made on my credit card. When I called again, they explained it would have needed to be cancelled within 14 days to avoid the full charge (small print in the advertisement). I cannot understand why a company would have this kind of policy. They also have a no return policy. I ask you... How can I use a product for 3 months if I had to cancel in 2 weeks? Duped Again

Dear Duped Again,

Meaning you have been tricked or swindled before? Sound like you need to read the small print ie "If it's too good to be true, it probably is!" ...And, now that you have paid for it...use it! As for future scams...Be Warned...read some of the recent scams that have been devastating for many others:

One of our readers applied for a data entry job on-line. Work from home. \$32.50 per hour for 30 hours a week, benefit opportunities after 6 months, passed background check, passed speed test, provided letters of recommendation, the application processed, including direct deposit.

Then the company sent a check to cover necessary office equipment to her home address including a \$400 startup bonus for extra expenses. She was told to deposit the \$1,200 check into her ATM, wait 3 days for it to clear before making purchases. She was instructed to send an \$800 money order to an independent location which will have the equipment pre-programed and set up for her to receive assignments; she could get right to work within a week. Since the money amount was recorded at the ATM, she withdrew the \$800 to purchase a money order and sent for her equipment.

Guess What? It typically takes 10 days for a business check to successfully clear. And sadly, there is no such company! Not only has she lost a week of not searching for a legit job, but this bogus company also has \$800 with a non-traceable money order as well as her account number and other personal information. She is still out of a job and now overdrawn in her account. There are too many con artists and desperate crooks out there who are savvy with no remorse for scamming people.

Some other scams include: ...the text notification of "packages you have ordered will be sent back if you do not reply to the number attached." DO NOT call the number. Another scam is persons calling you from the Social Security office to let you know that someone else is using your social security number or there has been a mix up in the number... Social Security DOES NOT call you. Next, you have won a cruise, or you have won magazine subscriptions, or you have been selected to _____. Put anything in that blank. It's a scam.

And, my favorite scam...YOU qualify for only paying \$40.00 a month on your student loan...or complete forgiveness of the student loan. Oh no, Andy...yes me; and, I learned the hard way....I was scammed \$7,000. The U.S. or a Department of Education is the only department you can negotiate reductions, forgiveness, forbearance, or options for payback. ...And the person I was talking to knew everything about my student loan and my personal information...and they still were crooks.

When you order online, just because it looks like and sounds like a professional legit offer. There are some clues: Brand Names at "low low" prices are often knock offs. Do not give your credit card or debit card number if they have not provided you a copy of "terms of agreement" or if you cannot delete from your shopping cart. Once you give out your card number, your purchase is binding. Purchases are automated within seconds. Be careful. Even ordering with a well-known company there can be problems and if an item is personalized, it's a done deal and cannot be returned. As our lifestyle changes, manly are ordering more items on line, so stay with a delivery company with good reputation and in business to make deliveries.

DO NOT order from Face Book offers, especially the Weight loss junk. If you want to lose weight, eat smaller portions, fruits and veggies, drink lots of lemon water and walk 30 minutes twice a day. Can't walk that long? Start with 10 minutes a day and work up to it. Our weight did not get on us overnight, it won't go away overnight.

Ways to not be scammed: Keep in mind, Criminals are scamming to get personal information. Ask for a call back number, know who you are speaking to and do not give or "verify" any personal information. Scammers target people can include anyone, from...students to the elderly... So" If it's too good to be true...It probably is." Andy @ask_andy@aol.com

Bannister ZCBJ Holiday Bazaar Returns

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

After a year's absence due to Covid concerns, the annual ZCBJ Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 30th from 9 am until 3 pm at 401 E. Main St., Bannister. A few tables are still available (8 foot for \$12). Please contact Donni at 989-862-5290 for information. The lodge will be selling Czech bakery (Kolache, Rohlicky, Nut Rolls and Poppy Seed Rolls) and yeast dumplings, 100th Anniversary cookbooks, Czech garnet jewelry, lodge history books, Czech culture items and baking sheets. Table renters will offer a wide variety of items including needlework, jewelry, Rada cutlery, Tupperware, baked goods, candies, jams and jellies, holiday decorations, Color Street nail polish, greeting cards, and much more.

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Concealed Pistol License Class

submitted by Norm Martin

The Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, is hosting concealed pistol license class on Saturday, October 16. Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Bruce & Jacqueline Cook Class of 2022 Scholarship Nominees

submitted by Yvette Collard

Thirty-nine of Shiawassee County region's most academically accomplished high school seniors have been nominated for scholarships to the University of Michigan by the Cook Family Foundation.

One of these students will be selected to receive a four-year, full-tuition, scholarship from Bruce and Jacqueline Cook.

In order to assist them with their college selection, twenty-five of the nominees recently attended an overnight trip to the University of Michigan where they met with admission officers, took a tour of the campus and stadium, heard a presentation for a professor, and had the opportunity to spend time with students from the Shiawassee County area presently enrolled at the University of Michigan.

"We want to make sure the leaders and the best among local high school students seriously consider the University of Michigan for the next level of education," said Foundation President Bruce Cook.

"We are committed to the academic success of local students, and are committed to building partnerships with our public schools and our oldest public university."

Each of the nominees will receive at least a \$3,000 scholarship to the University of Michigan from the Cook Family Foundation. The Cook Family Foundation annually provides a scholarship (add full website for print version: <https://www.cook-familyfoundation.org/scholarships/>) to any student from the greater Shiawassee region admitted to the University of Michigan. In addition to scholarships to help students attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Foundation now also provides scholarships to Shiawassee area students with a 3.7 GPA or higher, who are admitted to UM-Flint or UM-Dearborn. For assistance applying to UM, or for more information on scholarships, contact the Foundation or visit their website at: cookfamilyfoundation.org.

If they apply and are admitted to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the following students will be considered for the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook scholarship: from Byron: Ella Coulter, Abigail Franzmeier, Rachel Reed, and Anya Wasilenski; from Chesaning: Reed Frasier, Nicholas Healey, and Hayden Williams; from Corunna: Stephen Bender, Kalon Boilore, Claire Buckley, Colin Lavery and Collin Munro; from Durand: Zachary Hinojosa; from Laingsburg: Grace Elfring, Grant Goetschy, Reece Kramer, Caiden Palaziola, Alyse Rowley, and Ethan West; from New Lothrop: Hannah Beaucamp, Eva Harden, Isabel Henige, Luke Henige, Dillan Morell, Haley Vincke, and Madison Wheeler; from Ovid Elsie: Koralyn Bailie, Wyatt Wilcox, and Dominic Wilkinson; from Owosso: Kendall Anderson, Ellie Feldpausch, Aaron Jafri, Jillian Klaver, Joseph Marcotte, Jack Smith, and Kyra Waldner; and from Perry: Elyse Bawks, Grace O'Neill, and Lillian Warren.

This is the seventeenth year of the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook scholarship, which is funded entirely by its namesakes. Past recipients of the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship have included Elizabeth Tolrud from Owosso in 2021, Mason Collard from Owosso and Kyah Ribble from Perry in 2020, Autumn Zwiernik from Laingsburg in 2019, Tyson Moore from Corunna in 2018, Elizabeth Hoonstra from Chesaning in 2017, Mitchell Lawrence from Byron in 2016, Nick Miller from Laingsburg in 2015, Nolan Wendling from New Lothrop in 2014, Emily Feuka from Perry in 2013, Sam Whaley from Perry in 2012, Adam Stewart from Laingsburg in 2011, Valerie Foster (Micol) from Byron in 2010, Adam Dingens from Corunna in 2009, Randy Piper from Owosso in 2008, Dan Frechtling from Perry in 2007 and Kendra Frye of Owosso in 2006.



Twenty-five of the most academically accomplished high school seniors from the Shiawassee County area recently made a trip to Ann Arbor. (See below for the full listing of all thirty-nine nominees, which includes those nominees unable to attend the trip.)

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