



(L-R) Aubrey's grandmother, Carole Gubert, Aubrey and Mom, Erika Arnett. Standing at left, Craig Thelen, OE soccer coach and Andrew Hosmer, Jackson College soccer coach. Aubrey's dad, Heath was in Tennessee, attending a family funeral.



Aubrey's family and coaches look on as she signs her Letter of Intent to play soccer at the next level at Jackson College.

Arnett Signs With Jackson College: On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, Aubrey Arnett signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer after high school at Jackson College. The Ovid-Elsie Senior has played soccer for four years, earning 1st Team All Conference and 2nd team All District honors last season. She chose Jackson College because of the programs they have to offer in her desired field of Radiography & Sonography. "I also like the size of the campus and the country setting, it feels like home," she said. Aubrey has an older sister, Mallory and is the daughter of Heath & Erika Arnett. OE soccer coach, Craig Thelen as well as Jackson soccer coach, Andrew Hosmer, spoke of Aubrey's toughness, fearlessness and competitive nature on the field. Aubrey has also been part of the volleyball and wrestling teams at OE.



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, November 15, 2021. Highlight of the evening was the discussion and action taken regarding the athletic complex renovations.

Mr. Jason Tokar, high school principal and O-E Stadium Improvement Committee chair, presented school officials with the findings of the committee. The vision of the committee, made-up of coaches, school staff, and community members, is a renovated athletic complex to better serve current and future students, faculty and community; enable the facility to be NFHS/MHSAA compliant; and improve the functionality of the entire complex. The committee reviewed the current status the facility and the improvements that need to be addressed including: the track facilities - long jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot locations and condition; drainage concerns; the timing system - network, software, camera and computers; the sound system; play clocks, press box; lighting; surface area around the track; and the playing surface of the football field, currently limited usage. The life expectancy of synthetic turf is 12-14 years. It should be further noted that there would be a cost savings of about \$47,000 annually in field maintenance costs.

Next, Tokar presented the committee recommendations. First, replace the current playing surface and address the drainage at the same time that the track is being renovated. In addition, replace the playing surface with synthetic turf. It was noted that synthetic turf has notable advantages compared to reinstalling a grass surface including the cost, maintenance and losing a full football season to allow the grass to grow. Studies indicate that synthetic turf is a safer playing surface, there are cost savings regarding maintenance, and surface quality. Also, the turf has the potential to expand the use of the field beyond football including but not limited to band, soccer, PE classes, youth sports, youth camps, and teams. Eliminating the constant worry if additional activities will damage the field prior to a football game.

In addition, the committee recommended that the current track be replaced with a polyurethane surface and relocating the field events to the north end of the field, correction the drainage system, upgrading the the press box through a local vendor bidding process, installing permanent play clocks, and allowing the athletic department upgrade the timing and camera system.

Then the question of the bottom line was addressed. To fund the recommendations the initial estimate is \$1.8 million noting that \$560,000 to replace the track was approved through the bond process. The remainder of the funding would be secured through corporate sponsorships with approximately \$200,000 already committed, individual donations, and fund equity; the goal is to make the project cost neutral.

Officials discussed the project, noting that they wanted assurance that the project would not jeopardize funding of other programs. Officials approved the project and gave the go ahead to secure bids to begin the project.

In other actions officials approved employee contracts for the following: John Elliot, O-E Middle School special education teacher; and para-professionals Rebecca Fogarty and Christopher Parker. And accepted with regrets the resignation of Megan Walter, middle school special education paraprofessional.

Dr. Ryan Cunningham, superintendent, requested that board members consider a new position to address the mental health of students and staff. The posting would be for a mental health professional, possibly a social worker, counselor or other qualified position. The funding for the position would be provided by a grant. The rationale for the position is that the past 18 months have been very difficult for students and staff and that support would be advantageous. Officials approved the additional position as recommended.

Action was also taken to approve the low bid for UV lighting. The bid was awarded to Grand Valley Electric in the amount of \$184,723.

Finally, officials approved the update to the NEOLA policies.

Board members heard from Kelly Nethaway, area resident, requesting that officials reconsider the quarantine and testing policy of healthy students who come into contact with COVID positive students and staff.

Retired in closed session for contract negotiations. 7:43 pm.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included approval of the meeting agenda, the minutes of the October 18, 2021 regular meeting, and monthly financial reports.

Fundraiser for The Laingsburg Connection Tutor Center

by Karen Anderson, Laingsburg Correspondent

LAINGSBURG - The Fall Annual Barn Dance was cancelled due to inclement weather, but the fundraiser was a success. The committee raised over \$600 for The Laingsburg Connection tutor center despite the unpredictable weather. Buckets were placed around at some of the local businesses which allowed this generous community an opportunity to give towards this year's fundraiser.

A special "Thank You" to Sage Market for allowing a table and bucket to be set up on a Saturday morning in the entrance. Buckets were at the Dairy Den, The City Library, Central Pharmacy, and Twilligers and Local Roots, who matched their donations. One of the organizers commented, that "Laingsburg's support and generosity from our businesses, surrounding communities and people that are committed to the best for our families and children is why we call this area home." Lisa Jelenek, LBC teacher is the Director of The Connection and owner of The Clothesline which is a 501C3 with all the monies going into The Connection Tutor Center. Donations can be accepted anytime.

A Spring Barn Dance is being planned. Tickets previously sold will be honored at the 2022 fundraiser event. The food purchased for the fundraiser was donated to Homeless Angels of Lansing, who house and feed over 70 people on most any given day.



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18th Annual Christmas Festival on Saturday December 4th

submitted by Brenda Terpening

Plan to do your Christmas shopping at the 18th Annual Christmas Festival Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, December 4. The event, sponsored by the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce will be held at the CC RESA at 1013 S US 27 (across from McDonalds) in St. Johns from 9 am to 3 pm.

More than 90 craft booths will sell homemade items such as pillows, quilts, jewelry, wood items, toys, flower arrangements and more. There will also be baked goods, honey and maple syrup, candy and many other food items.

Bring the kids from 12:00 - 3:00 pm so they can play free games and make free crafts. All kids entering the "Kids Corner" will receive a small treat bag.

When entering the building everyone will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets - more than 75 prizes will be awarded throughout the day. Everyone will also be eligible to enter The Grand Prize Drawing in the Vendor Rooms. Chamber Buck Gift Certificates and a certificate from Avery Eye Care Center will be awarded after the festival.

See you on December 4 at the 18th Annual Christmas Festival



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Elsie Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 24th from Noon-5:45pm at the Old Huntington Bank Lounge at 101 W. Main Street in downtown Elsie. The event is hosted by the Elsie Lions Club and Ovid-Elsie Lioness Branch Club.



Those who wish to donate blood MUST have an appointment by visiting RedCrossBlood.org using sponsor code Elsie Community, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

For more information or have a question, call Doug Sturgis at (517)256-4585.

Laingsburg Community Singers Christmas Concert

submitted by Cathy Chubb

Laingsburg Community Singers, under the direction of Steven J. Easterling, proudly present "A Singers Christmas" on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m. This is our first Christmas concert since December 2019 due to the pandemic and we are excited they will be performed in the NEW AUDITORIUM at Laingsburg High School, 8008 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg MI 48848. Admission is free and donations are greatly appreciated. New Members are welcome with rehearsals beginning January 11, 2022 for our Spring concerts. For further information please contact Janice Hurst at 517-651-5937.

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The Ovid Christmas Program has always had a lot of support from the Ovid Community and Dick Ehlert and his family have been part of that support. When Dick passed away this fall, the family made his wishes known that the memorial funds would go to the Ovid Thanksgiving and Christmas Program. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this fund in tribute to Dick. This will allow the program to be more generous in our giving back to help families in the Ovid Community for Christmas and in the coming years.

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Obituaries

Sue Ann Monroe

Sue Ann Monroe, age 81, of Ovid, MI, passed away Sunday, November 14, 2021, at Hospice House of Shiawassee County, Owosso, MI.

Sue Ann, daughter of Wilber and Ethel (Maddox) Durkee, was born on November 27, 1939 at her parents' home in Ovid, MI. She had two siblings: her sister Juanita and brother Hugh. Sue graduated from Ovid High School in 1958. Sue and Wells Monroe were married on February 7, 1959 at the United Church of Ovid. Together, they raised three sons: Kane, Kevin, and Klayton.

In the course of her life, Sue lived in Ovid, MI, Owosso, MI and Angola, IN, but she and Wells made their home in Ovid. She worked for Jenks Drugs Store, Clinton County Drain Office, Kline's Department Store, Monroe Hardware, and JCPenny.

Her life's pursuit and passion was all things art. She pursued art from an early age (grad school). She enjoyed trying various styles and worked with a variety of mediums including: pencil/pen, charcoal, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, and oil. Primarily self-taught, she excelled at portraiture, but was highly motivated to paint just about anything including murals, themes, scenes and Caricatures. Sue is an accomplished artist with works being exhibited in a number of art galleries throughout the years. She has done murals for the United Church of Ovid, Judy's Diner, and Ovid Library Carriage House. As a member of several councils (Shiawassee Arts Council, Clinton County Arts Council, Elsie Arts Council, and National Museum of Women in The Arts), Sue has sold various works and has been commissioned a number of times throughout her career.

Reading was a pastime she enjoyed, and she was honored and happy to illustrate a children's book, *Gingerbread Grandma*, by Evelyn Wilhelm Behrens. Sue was a member of the Jobs Daughters and the United Church of Ovid.

She is survived by her husband, three sons and their wives: Kane and Sherry (Butler) Monroe, Kevin and Suna (Paik) Monroe, and Klayton and Micaela (Palms) Monroe; as well as six grandchildren: Lacy, Tyler, Hayne, Calvin, Logan, and Luke. Additionally, she is survived by five nieces: Vicky Rush, Susan Lukkar, Barbara Stahl, Debra Kemp, and Bonnie Jury, one nephew David Jury, and five cousins: (Marlene Smith, Margaret Fryman, Jeanne Cooley, Nelson Weisman and Edward Doan). She was preceded in death by her parents Wilbur and Ethel Durkee, her brother Hugh Durkee, her sister Juanita Jury, granddaughter Misty Monroe, and nephew Hugh McCombs.

Funeral Services was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI on Thursday, November 18, 2021, with Dr. Eugene Blair officiating. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Memorials may be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice, Ovid Public Library or to the United Church of Ovid. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

Frank J. Bernath

Frank J. Bernath, age 95, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Friday, November 12, 2021, at his home. He was the last surviving sibling of Andro and Katerina Bernath.

Frank resided in Elsie and the Clinton county area for over 90 years and the last few years in St. Johns.

Frank was proud to serve in the United States Marine Corp he enlisted on December 13, 1943. Frank was a World War II veteran serving in the Pacific Front. Upon completion of his tour of duty Frank returned home and finished his senior year of high school; and was one of the founding members of Elsie American Legion, of which he was a member for 76 years.

Frank married the love of his life Mary Lucinda Cornell on January 17, 1948. Mary passed away in 2017. They raised 6 kids, Jerry (Helen) of Portland, Sherry Allan of Speedway, IN, Terry (Phyllis) of Lansing, Larry (Paula) of St. Johns, Garry (Sid) of Elsie and Barry (Martha) of St. Johns. He has 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

In his free time he spent time at his cottage at Houghton Lake with his wife, fishing and enjoyed the outdoors with his family. Frank enjoyed visiting the casino and garage sales with his wife.

Frank worked for General Motors, Consumers Powers and found success with State Farm Insurance as an agent for 34 years until retiring on December 31, 1999.

He served his community at St. Cyril Catholic Church where he served as commentator on parish counsel; he was an Elsie Village Council member and part of the Elsie Improvement Association.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Thursday, November 18, 2021, with Father Bill Gruden presiding. Burial has taken place at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Cyril's Catholic Church Bannister, MI 48806 or American Legion Post # 502, Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



Sally (Smith) Frederick

Sally (Smith) Frederick of Gould City, MI passed away unexpectedly November 10, 2021 in Phoenix, PZ.

Sally was born January 15, 1945 to Clifford and Helen (Kauffman) Smith. She graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1963. On November 29, 1971 she married Walter Frederick in Lake Tahoe, CA.

After returning to Michigan, Sally and Walt built a home on the Hiawatha Sportsmen Club, Engadine, MI. After retirement the moved to Gould City, MI and spend winters in Yuma, AZ. She was a member of Saint Stephen Catholic Mission Church, Naubinway, MI.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Frederick, stepson, Ted Frederick CA; Sister Sandra (Burt) Case of Ovid; Brothers Richard (Linda) Smith, Yorba Linda, CA; Raymond (Martha) Smith, Mayfield, KY. Also surviving Sally are her special nieces, Kim Case-Audia, Ovid, MI; Karen Case, Eureka, MI; Julie Brown, St. Johns, MI; Amber Waldburger, Ovid, MI. She also leave behind a niece & nephew in CA & several other nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Bill & Bob Smith. Sally enjoyed her many friends in Michigan, California and Arizona. She will be deeply missed by all.

A memorial for Sally will be held at a later date in Gould City, MI.



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Obituaries

Mary Ellen Sievert

Mary Ellen Sievert, 96, passed away on November 12, 2021 at Ashley Health Care Center after a recent sudden decline in her health. She was born on December 25, 1924, to William and Lula Elliott in Lansing, Michigan. In her youth, she was quite the athlete, with a talent for softball—she excelled as a pitcher, and would routinely outperform her male peers on the field. In her junior year of high school, the family, to her dismay, moved to St. Johns. Her dismay turned to delight however, when she met Reo E. Sievert; she and Reo were graduated from St. Johns High School in 1942. She then worked at Kresge in Lansing and Kroger in St. Johns before marrying Reo on February 5, 1944. They settled in rural Ashley, where she began the task of learning to cook, bake, and can on a woodstove in a home with no central heat or running water.

By the early 1950s, she and Reo bought a farm, and in 1960, they began building the house where she lived for 58 years. While raising three children, she gardened, sewed, cooked, and by the 1960s, began working part-time in the Ashley post office. She also served on the school board at the Washington Center School while her children were in attendance. She eventually transferred to the St. Johns post office, where she worked long hours until her retirement in 1984. Additionally, Mary belonged to the Honor Rebekah Lodge 194 of Pompeii, serving in several offices over her 74 year membership.

Mary and Reo traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico—by car and by camper. They attended many conventions for harmonica players, as well as for postal workers. Together, they enjoyed cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and the Panama Canal. Mary also traveled to France and England, and to the Big Bend area of Texas. Her last trip was at age 92, a Columbia River cruise in the Northwest with her daughters. Besides travel, her hobbies included ice skating, bowling, decorating cakes, square dancing, playing cards, and fishing, spending two weeks for many summers on Drummond Island. She was noted for her strawberry jam, bread, cakes, popcorn balls at Halloween and Christmas, and pies at Thanksgiving. Her special hobby became cross stitch, creating many beautiful pieces until failing eyesight robbed her of that pleasure.

She garnered amazement over the years for her ability to appreciate Reo's storytelling and humor, and her patience for his boisterous impishness was remarkable. He always teased that he "married an older woman", rarely adding that he was only 12 days younger than she. An incredibly giving woman, Mary supported many charitable causes, including local PBS stations, Habitat for Humanity, and Doctors without Borders. She was a lifelong Democrat, and was active in supporting the party and its causes. Her political opinions were well-reasoned and strongly held. She was always generous and caring.

She was preceded in death by Reo, her husband of 62 years in 2005; her son, Brian, in 2015; her older sister, Maxine, and her parents. Mary is survived by her daughter, Kay (David) Aughton of Bloomfield Hills, and their children, Laura and Michael; her daughter, Ann (Eldon) Whitford of Reed City, and their children, Angi, Michelle, and Josh; her daughter-in-law, Pamela Sievert, of Cape May Courthouse, NJ and her children, Matthew, Aaron, and Jeff; her sister, Shirley Warstler, of St. Johns; 8 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her best friend of 70+ years, Mary English, and her wonderful next-door neighbors, the family of Levi and Irene Lambright, whose kindness and care allowed her to stay at her farm in spite of failing health until the summer of 2018.

Thanks to the Ashley Care Center staff for their care over the last three years. The family requests that donations in Mary's memory be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Any celebration of Mary's life will be next spring, when it is safer to do so.

Matilda Nellie "Tillie" Boeskool

Matilda Nellie "Tillie" Boeskool, of Ithaca, Michigan, born November 14, 1924 to Roman and Agatha Wawsczyk, passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the age of 96.

She married Kenneth Boeskool in 1949. He passed away in 1997. Tillie was a homemaker who enjoyed all aspects of raising her family. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting beautiful dollies, bingo, gardening, and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Bill) Cartwright, daughter, Marcia (Mel) Zimmerman, son Larry Boeskool, and son David (Ann) Boeskool; her grandchildren: Marty Cartwright, Nick and Kelli Zimmerman, Brian, Alexis, and Samantha Boeskool. She is also survived by her brothers: Raymond (Vivian) Wawsczyk and Bernard (Ann) Wawsczyk. Tillie was preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Casmer, John, Stanley Wawsczyk, Adela (Drust), Leona (Gustafson), and one grandson Jeremy Cartwright.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, Michigan. There will be a luncheon to follow. The family will greet friends and family before the service.

In lieu of flowers, please, consider a donation to the Ashley Lions Club or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, Michigan.



Carol Jean Clark

Carol Jean Clark, age 86, of Bannister, MI, passed away Monday, November 15, 2021, at The Meadows Assisted Living, Owosso, MI.

Carol was born in Bellevue, MI on April 16, 1935, the daughter of Harry Bennett and Jennie June (Manney) Cook. Carol married Cliff Clark on September 20, 1951, in Lansing, MI. They were blessed with 70 years of marriage and 6 children.

Carol was a wonderful caregiver for her family and many children she babysat. After her children were raised she went to work as a CNA for Hazel Findlay Country Manor in St. Johns, MI. Carol was a wonderful cook known for homemade noodles, pies, roundies and special birthday cakes. She liked working in her garden, canning, shopping with her girls, and traveling. She and Cliff spent winters in St. Cloud, Florida and enjoyed many fishing and camping trips to Merrill Lake with best friends Bud & Mona Jean and also enjoyed annual fishing trips with friends to Eagle Lake in Minnesota. They loved trips to the casinos with her brother Paul & Sally and Cliff's sisters Ruth & Doris. Most of all Carol loved spending time with her family, grandchildren, and their dog Tillie. She was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church where she was also active in the altar society and taught CCD.

She is survived by husband Cliff Clark, children: Debbie and Gary Rivest, Brenda Thomas, Laurie Linman, Paula and Steve Schreiner, Carrie and Jeff Houska, Dennis and Dawn Clark; 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Harry Bennett and Jennie June & Dennis Cook, siblings: Ardath Hoag, Nyra Scandling, and Paul Bennett.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Friday, November 19, 2021, with Rev. Fr. Bill Gruden presiding. Burial has taken place at Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI. 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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CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING November 8, 2021

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

Mayor Lasher opened the floor for the interview process for the Police Chief position. Questions were asked by the Council to the applicant and no action was taken.

Mayor Lasher then returned to the regular meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Perrien, second by Brown to accept the minutes of October 12, 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Brown, second by Perrien to accept the check register for the period of October 13th, thru November 9th as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Brown, second by Williams to authorize the purchase of eight tables for the activity room as requested.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Williams, second by Ordiway to accept the Treasurer's, Police and DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion was held on possibly amending ordinance #105 which talks about the hiring of the Police staff. No action was taken.
2. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Brown, second by Williams to accept the proposed 2022 budget for public review.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Brown, second by Perrien to put the RFP out for bids and that we change the date for receiving the bids for December 6th, and have a flexible date of completion by August 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Perrien, second by Brown to extend the meeting an additional 15 min.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Perrien, second by Starn to close the meeting at 9:06 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid



OVID: Suzanne and Chara, the Mother/Daughter team from Mary's Country Kitchen will be cooking up a Free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25th serving from 11am-1:30pm at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. The menu will consist of turkey and all that comes with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner will be dine in, shut-in deliveries will be available, if pre-ordered, by calling the restaurant at 989-834-9640. Donations will be accepted at the dinner on Thanksgiving Day with proceeds going to the Ovid Christmas Basket program. "My daughter and I are excited about continuing the tradition that my Mom Mary started years ago. My staff and I will be doing the cooking but if anyone would like to make a dessert, that would be great," explained Suzanne. Dessert donations can be drop off at the hall on the morning of the 25th after 9am. All are welcome to bring the family and enjoy this holiday meal together.

The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 along with the Laingsburg Lions Club will be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25, 2021 from 1pm-3pm at the Post home hall located at 1240 East Grand River in Laingsburg. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverage. All are welcome to dine in or take out. Kindly RSVP to (517)896-5338 or (517)651-6323. Delivery will be available for the disabled by calling ahead.

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The applications for Ovid and Elsie Christmas are available through the end of November.

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Elsie Village Hall

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OSHA Suspends Enforcement of Biden’s Vaccine Mandate

submitted by Kerri Smith
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has announced that it has suspended the implementation and enforcement of President Biden’s vaccine mandate following the U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit ordering the mandate be halted until further notice.
“President Biden’s vaccine mandate is unconstitutional, and the federal government has no business enforcing this executive overreach on businesses and workers,” said Congressman John Moolenaar. "Businesses are already struggling with supply chain disruptions and a labor shortage – the vaccine mandate will only exacerbate those issues. I will continue to oppose this mandate until the courts, Congress, or the Biden Administration bring it to a permanent end."
Earlier this month, Congressman Moolenaar introduced the No Vaccine Mandate Act. This legislation would prohibit the Department of Labor from using federal funds to administer a COVID-19 vaccine mandate should it be reinstated.

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Editorial

Ask Andy

Thanksgiving is Easy as Pie

Dear Andy,

I heard from a reliable source that you were an "outstanding" baker and loved to cook. I would like to know your secret to a perfect pumpkin pie. Sometimes mine are too soft and almost soupy and other times it is as stiff as day old Jell-O with no flavor. Please share your secret recipe with me. Shhhhh. I won't tell anyone. From a friend of a friend who is a relative and said you would be happy to share!

Dear friend,

Your relative or mine? Ha. My pumpkin pie filling is made with a solid pumpkin. The pre-mix, just add milk and eggs is a beautiful color but too soft. As for it being too solid and not flavorful, it could be not enough “fresh” spices or too much flour. Never use last year’s cinnamon, cloves, or pumpkin pie spice. Buy fresh organic spices every year. Always use the exact amount of sweet, evaporated milk on the pie can directions. (not the entire can, using the entire can will make the pie too soft – save extra for the smashed potatoes)

First, my easy crust is 1 1/4 C. of unbleached flour, 1/2 cup of salted butter and 1/4 cup of “real” solid (not whipped) cream cheese. Chop into the flour until pea sized. Add 1/2 cup of ice-cold water, work in, handle it gently, roll out on the 1/4 cup of flour dusted on the top and bottom of the crust. Gently ease the crust into a glass pie plate, carefully not stretching the crust. Poke several air holes in the bottom and sides. Bake with a pie ring protector over the edges for 5 minutes at 350 degrees. Take out partially baked pie crust out of the oven. Cool it.

Add the pumpkin pie filling that you have mixed thoroughly, exactly as the recipe instructions are written. Heat the oven to a higher heat of 425 degrees for the first 20 minutes to allow the filling to develop a custard consistency. Then finish baking on 350 degrees for apx 30 minutes. A knife should come out clean. Never freeze pumpkin pie, but it can be made the day before serving. Store in the refrigerator. OR ... this year you could what I am doing:

Buying my favorite pumpkin pie from Costco©... or Sams©. All the bakeries in town and nearby grocery stores are selling already made 17-inch pumpkin pie for \$6.99 and smaller ones for less. They are perfect consistency and already baked and ready to eat. Easy as Pie.

I am also picking up some premade crust to roll out for the kids to cut out mini pumpkins, apples, and maple leaf shapes with mini cookie cutters. They will sprinkle cinnamon and sugar, Bake at 325 degrees. Delightfully eating a yummy snack before dinner and have a memorable activity. I will cut another 2 dozen and bake until golden brown, cool and add around the crust edges to my delicious store-bought 17-inch giant pumpkin pie. It will look like I fussed all day. Fussing too much or being stuck in the kitchen is not necessary on Thanksgiving! Most items can be made in advance so you can spend time watching the parade and having fun with family. Make it an easy one this year.

Get your Turkey early. Don't make the mistake over roasting the bird. A 12-pound Turkey only takes about 3 hours or less depending on your roasting technique. Buying a \$30.00 roaster is well worth the investment. It frees up your oven for other dishes and holiday sides. Remove the giblets and clean the inside of the cavities of the Turkey with cold water. I smother the bird with melted butter. Rub 3 T. spoons of sage in the cavity with a cut up apple and small onion. (discard before slicing) Roast for an hour at 400 degrees with a quart of turkey or chicken broth. Remove the giblets (except the liver). Liver: trash it or slice it, flour it, and fry it in butter and onion, only if someone insists. Slow simmer the giblets to get the broth you will need for gravy. Roast Turkey until the internal temperature reaches 170 degrees. If you want crispy and browned skin, bake uncovered in the oven for the last 30 minutes. If you follow the rule for an unstuffed turkey, the recommendation is 13 minutes per pound, use a meat thermometer to test its doneness. It will be perfect. Allow Turkey to rest for 20 minutes before slicing, while you make the gravy and set out the other dishes you made in advance. It is ok to delegate exact items to others if you are having guests or family over. Everybody loves to help and be a part of the event.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. Be Safe in your travels. Be kind with your words. Give from your heart. Love and give with all your heart. If you are celebrating or having company over the weekend, sign up to help at a community Thanksgiving Day event serving other families or some who are not as fortunate to afford an entire traditional meal or may not have family to share this day. It is a wonderful opportunity to get family involved in the “giving” part of a Thankful holiday. Happy Thanksgiving. Andy

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Home Improvement

Must-have Features in Your Bathroom Remodel

Veteran homeowners recognize the value of remodeling their kitchens and bathrooms. Kitchens and baths tend to appear dated more quickly than other spaces, such as living rooms and bedrooms, which can always be revamped with some fresh paint and new furnishings.

The home improvement pricing resource Home Guide indicates an average bathroom remodel costs anywhere from \$5,500 to \$15,000 depending on the size and scope of the renovation. However, a bath redo can increase a home's resale value and can return as much as 68 percent of homeowners' investments. As homeowners plan their bathroom renovations, it's a good time to consider improvements that will improve function and add design appeal for years to come.

- **Floating vanity:** Add an airy feeling to the room by creating space between the vanity and the floor. A floating vanity can be a counter with a vessel sink or even have cabinets, as long as the vanity doesn't extend to the floor.

- **Freestanding traditional sink or tub:** There's something elegant about a freestanding tub or pedestal sink. Such features can lend a classic vibe to a space. However, freestanding fixtures also come in modern or eclectic forms, so there are options for any design style.

- **Frameless showers:** Switch to a walk-in shower option, which improves aesthetics and makes it easier to "age in place" in a home. Pair that frameless shower with clear glass shower doors so sightline in the space remains unencumbered.

- **Natural textures:** Create a calm and serene sanctuary in the bathroom with light, natural hues and materials. Nature-inspired colors on tiles, walls and vanities can add to the spa vibe.

- **Dual sinks and vanities:** With a double vanity, two people can share the space and easily use the bathroom without getting in each other's way. One vanity with two sinks works, but homeowners can create even more personal space by dividing vanities and mirrors.

- **Small textured tile on shower floors:** Small textures are appealing and add safety. The added texture and grouting will keep feet from slipping on wet floors. Also, opt for mold-resistant grout to make cleanup even easier.

- **Special shower heads:** Invest in shower heads that can run the gamut from creating steam showers to rainfall effects. Some

showers will have multiple shower jets to offer an invigorating experience.

- **Improve drainage:** Increase the diameter of the drain pipe in the bathroom from the standard to a two-inch drain pipe. This will reduce the risk of clogs and overflow leaks.

- **Install a window:** Natural light and air flow can reduce the risk for mold and mildew growth, and windows add some aesthetic appeal to a space. Just be sure to choose frosted privacy glass.

Additional considerations for a bath remodel include heated floors, well-placed and attractive storage options and a toilet enclosure (water closet) for added privacy. These and other bathroom renovation ideas can add value and improve the appeal of the room.



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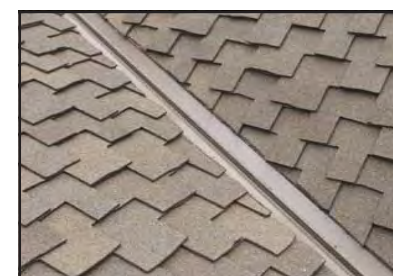
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Editorial

"Breadcrumbs in the Sky"

"When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers (Psalm 8)."

Two college roommates disagreed on the origin of the universe. Bob was a diehard Evolutionist, while Jerry was a devout Christian who believed in Creation. Despite their different worldviews, they remained good friends and both respected true Science.

They agreed that Evolution and Creation were theories, and not a fact since Science is based on two main pillars—Observation and Repetition. Since no one was there to observe the birth of the Universe, and no one could repeat it, both were only theories.

After going round and round, they concluded that both theories required faith in the vast circumstantial evidence. Beyond that, they were deadlocked. They saw the evidences through their own bias. The Evolutionist got behind in his classes because of a family emergency and had to go home often, and so Jerry tried to help him with his assignments.

Bob's World Geography 403 class was especially challenging and being gone for several weeks meant he was flunking in his major's most important class for graduation. Only acing his final project, worth 75% of his final grade, could save him, so Jerry looked over his friend's syllabus, and secretly got to work.

He made a huge globe out of papier-mâché to the exact scale with three dimensional topography, mountain ranges, oceans, and all the major rivers. Jerry hand-painted the Earth, labeled the continents, identified each country, and all their capital cities. As an Electrical Engineering major, he even wired it inside to light up these cities so that at night you could see it. It was magnificent, and even more stunning in the dark!

When Bob got back to the dorm, he saw the amazing work his friend had done for him over the last three weeks. Jerry closed the blinds, and it streamed from within like a giant ballroom chandelier. Bob was speechless, flabbergasted, but finally he had to know.

"Where did this come from?" he asked, seeing his name and class on the globe's base.

"You won't believe it, but while you were gone the paper, the wire, the glue, the electrical wires, and all the paint just appeared here in our room one day. So I put it in a pile in the center of our room and shocked it with electricity every day, for 24 hours, for the last three weeks. When I woke up this morning, there it was! A miracle! Something out of nothing, I can't believe it, but I guess Darwin was right."

His stunned friend didn't say anything. Bob looked mad. Finally, he went to the window, opened the blinds and looked out at the storm clouds moving off, changing into a beautiful blue sky, and then Bob admitted, "Intelligent design implies...."

"Implies a Designer," Jerry said smiling, and gave him the receipts for his materials. "You owe the designer \$74.87, and maybe even reconsider the work of His fingers?"

Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
 Graham Community Church



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



And the day has begun...at 3 AM, I am not too happy about this occurrence. Hebaw, the yellow and white kitten that we had rescued sauntered into my bedroom. He also leaped onto the bed and then Pru went into berserk-er mode. She was barking up a storm, and was a virtual tornado of action, her growl was menacing. How dare that upstart come into her inner sanctum? How dare he climb to such heights? Hebaw took everything with panache, he knew that Pru snaps but she doesn't bite unless overly provoked. He took the hint that he had overstepped his boundaries or hers and leaped off the bed and exited the room. Of course this did wake me up so I made the mandatory trip to the facility and laid back down. Just started to snooze again when I heard my son's alarm clock go off at 4 AM. So now I'm wide awake and make the trip down the stairs to put on a pot of coffee, maybe that will enhance this unexpected awakening.

Since I was up and it wasn't raining, I grabbed the box of burnables that was taking up space on the dining room floor. I got it out to the burn pile and found the bag of burnables from my son's truck. I went back into the house to make sure I had everything that I had assigned to the burnables. Of course I had missed a small box which I took out to the pile and ignited the mass. Yes, I stayed out there to make sure nothing else added to the luminary. The milk truckers that fly by here must have gotten a hoot out of the old lady in her long flannels guarding the fire. They tooted their horns...

I seem to have a plethora of packaging that is filling up my living and dining rooms. The Village of Ashley Country Christmas starts this Saturday, the 20th of November. Two trains come in each Saturday and Sunday from now until the weekend before Christmas. On Saturday the train arrives at 11 AM and 7 PM, and on Sunday (and Black Friday) the trains get in at 11 AM and 6 PM. I have a booth at the Oak Street building and need to be unloaded and completely set up about an hour before the trains arrive. Yup, that is a lot of candy making, pouring, and dipping. The baking is much easier and I feel as if I have accomplished more...unfortunately I won't be baking before Friday morning. Today I make peanut clusters and mold chocolate and I have to make a quick run up to the office because I FORGOT to send out an email.

And life goes on... Yesterday morning I made a quick trip up to the office to put out documents as requested... I did plan on being back in time to join the meeting but that didn't happen. I then zipped over to Karen's and picked her up. She had offered to go up to the Mission Store with me and I knew that it was open by nine, we arrived to find that it opens at 8:30 and I believe that we were customers two and three for the day. I quickly filled up my shopping cart with the candy making supplies that I had needed and then moved to the deli counter to get some Black Forrest ham and hard salami. I was surprised that we made it into and out of the store by 9:15 and headed back our way. It was raining not quite cats and dogs but rather miserable looking. Next, supposedly short stop was at Meijer in Alma.

Who would have thought that we both would keep running into friends and relatives and we both gabbed a lot!!! Cousin John made me an offer that I could not refuse. He has a large farm and a block permit to render deer into venison burgers. On Friday morning I need to make a quick run to his home to pick up a couple, one for me and one for my granddaughter Ryan's family. I can't drop it off to be processed before Friday. I also need to be set up Friday afternoon and bake, bag, and tag the goodies for Saturday morning. I did manage to get the bulletins finished and delivered last night but oh how I hated driving down Barry Road, it was pitch black and fortunately it was raining and the deer weren't moving. The insurance company has okay-ed the repairs and sent the check from a similar drive when the deer ran into the side of my pickup.

May your life be filled with good runs of family and friends, may God bless you with the time and inclination to visit your friends and family. They are a blessing even though they can be an aggravation at times. Keep your common sense optimal and be at peace. Crystal Mitchell ©2021

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Whirlwind Weekend

Friday morning last week was the beginning of a whirlwind weekend that started with hunting pheasants at Rose Lake. The Weekly Sportsman along with friend Bill Vander Zouwen spent over four hours hunting most of the fields on the west side of Upton Road. A rooster was finally flushed but no clear shot was made possible as it flew away at a very low height behind some trees and brush. No birds were bagged; nonetheless, a worthwhile morning hunt as the walk was very refreshing with warm temperatures and a beautiful sky for almost mid November. A few days later the Weekly Sportsman learned that the pheasants being released at Rose Lake, as part of the Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative, were released in fields on the opposite side of Upton Road. Next year hunting will be done east of Upton Road, south of Bath Road, and north of Stoll Road.

Friday evening brought a sojourn to the Kalamazoo State Theatre to see the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band in concert. What can be said other than after 55 years they are still the best. Some songs brought tears and others a smile. What was most interesting about the concert was a cocktail being served called "Fishin' in the Dark." After some searching on the Google machine a recipe was found with very similar ingredients being used that night. Don't worry, it will appear in a future column so you can kick back with drink and song this cold winter and think about

...when spring is almost over and the summer's come and the days gettin' long, when the crickets are singin' and the lightning bugs are floatin' on the breeze...

Saturday evening brought a meeting with a neighbor friend who decided to part with a Remington 700 ADL in .22-250 at a very reasonable price. After some discussion about opening day and what big bucks have been seen roaming the Laingsburg and Ovid area money and rifle were exchanged for an early birthday present from the Weekly Sportsman to himself.

Sunday morning brought another early birthday present from his father with a new roof on the huntin' blind which was already loaded on its trailer and outfitted with a scavenged comfy rolling

office chair. Next the Weekly Sportsman went to meet the new neighbor to the north and inquired, as a common courtesy and for safety, if anyone would be hunting the property line.

This gesture was very much appreciated by Fred and after discussions about the shared property line, along with an introductory handshake, the Weekly Sportsman was given access if tracking was necessary. Robert Frost could not have been more right about good fences and good neighbors. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Opening morning came too quick and the Weekly Sportsman had to skip breakfast at Mary's Country Kitchen in order to be settled in the huntin' blind before sunrise. Good thing because

within thirty minutes after sunrise a big bodied buck suddenly appeared about 125 yards downhill and upwind on a culvert bridge. After a few deep relaxing breaths the crosshairs were settled on the buck and the trigger was pulled. The shot was good and the buck did a mule kick, stumbled, and then went down. After waiting some time the Weekly Sportsman approached and the buck jumped and wandered slowly through thick brush and overgrowth for about 75 yards and then expired. The Weekly Sportsman was expecting better performance from the 150 grain 350 Legend cartridge. Penetration and damage seemed a bit on the weak side. This 2 ½ year old five point became the first opening morning/birthday buck ever in 49 years of life. Having traveled north across the creek and into heavy cover the most logical way of extraction was to use a John Deere loader tractor and enter via Fred's property. Thanks Fred! That evening he was hung at Young's Auto and Fortitude Farms & Event's buck pole on M-52. He was the second of thirteen bucks hung that evening. A decent crowd of a couple hundred people gathered and stayed warm outside around wood fired burn barrels and inside where food and drink was available.

Tuesday netted absolutely nothing and warming temps on Wednesday morning meant a quick trip to the Rose Lake deer check station and off to the processor. The evening hunt saw action within five minutes and two deer were hit at just under 200 yards and both did the mule kick, but heavy rain, coming darkness, and no blood trails made tracking difficult. Initial performance of the 350 Legend cartridge has been marginal at best in the eyes of the Weekly Sportsman but more on that in a future column.

-WS-



Rusty Lamay - Overall Biggest Buck



Cael Taylor - Overall Youth



CITY OF LAINGSBURG RESIDENTS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AN ORDINANCE 02-2021 TO AMEND CHAPTER 18-BUSINESSES BY ADDING ARTICLE VIII - USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR OUTDOOR SEATING, SALES AND SERVICE

The City of Laingsburg City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6th, 2021, 7:00 pm at the regular meeting of the City Council, that will be held at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, MI. The public hearing will start at 7 p.m. City Council will consider adding Ordinance 02-2021 to amend Chapter 18 - Businesses by adding Article VIII -Use of Right-of-Way for Outdoor Seating, Sales and Service. Any persons wishing to address these issues should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than Friday December 3, 2021 at noon:

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Draft

Regular Meeting
August 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: William Lasher-Absent, Kim Williams-Absent, Michael Herendeen, Nancy Hughson, Carolyn Stevens, Jennings West.

Others in Attendance: There were four others in attendance: Greg Palen, treasurer, Recording Secretary, Susan Swan; Chief Jerry Stevens and Arlene Pesik.

Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve agenda as presented. Secretary Hughson second the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried Absent: Williams and Lasher

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Hughson moved to approve the July 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Stevens seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried Absent: Williams and Lasher

Financial Report / Payment of the Bills:

Greg Palen, treasurer, reviewed the financial reports to the Board. Mr. Palen reviewed the budget and discussed possible budget amendments. He also explained the transaction of the payoff of the fire hall debt. He reviewed some of the issues he has experienced with using QuickBooks. He continued with some of the items he needs to attend to with payroll taxes.

Budget adjustment: Trustee Stevens made a motion to amend the budget with \$9,475.60 coming out of debt service line item with \$200.00 going into Audit line and \$9,275.60 into Capital Outlay. Secretary Hughson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hughson, Stevens, West, Herendeen Nays: None

Absent: Lasher and Williams

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None. Carried

Trustee Stevens moved to approve payment of Checks #11413-11442 for payroll and vendors totaling \$17,478.24 (\$3,789.95 for payroll; \$13,688.29 for vendors). The motion was seconded by Secretary Hughson.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Stevens, West, Hughson, Herendeen Nays: None

Absent: Lasher, Williams. Carried

Public Comment: Opened 7:05pm.; Closed 7:05 pm

None

Fire Chief Report:

Runs for the Month: July 28-August 24- 20 runs

Runs for the Year: - 205 runs

Chief Stevens reviewed the different types of runs for the month. The turnout gear that was ordered has arrived.

Communications:

None

General Business:

1. Elect Vice-Chair- Chair Herendeen motioned Jennings West for Vice-Chair. Secretary Hughson second the motion.

Voice Vote: Ayes: All Nays: None Carried Absent: Williams and Lasher

2. Equipment Status-Turnout gear has arrived.

3. Other Pending Business-

Secretary Hughson commented about thinking about the millage that is coming due. Chair Herendeen stated OMESA may want a district wide millage verse having each entity have their own millage. The board discussed possible options and the different scenarios that could occur. The board needs to think about how much of a mil and how long.

Stevens asked if there are any quotes on cement for the west side of the parking lot. Chief Stevens has not had time to get any quotes.

Final Comments: None

Adjournment-

Without objection, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm

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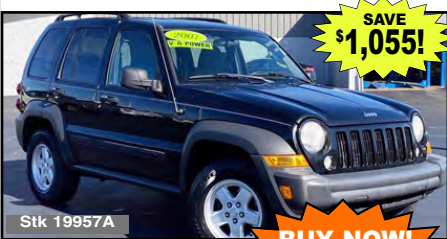
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