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Dan Winsor pictured in his office at his Ovid home.

Ready for Hunting Season

by Deb Price

If you have been unable to find ammunition for the upcoming hunting season, Dan's Firearms & Ammo has what you need. Owner, Dan Winsor is located locally at 1398 Vincent Road in Ovid. He began his business in 1991 in Maple Rapids, moving to Ovid in June of 2017. "My initial customers were GM employees whom I had daily contact with as I worked there for 30 years. After retirement, I also worked for Sportsman Supply for 10 years which also added to my customer base. I want the hunters in the Ovid and surrounding communities to know that I carry most ammo with deliveries arriving daily at my shop," explained Winsor. He has Winchester 350 Legend ammo and BushMaster Hornady 450's in stock. 20 gauge and 2/3/4 Sabot are on their way.



Dan's Firearms services include: Gun Sales (new & used) Ammo Sales, Bore Sight Guns, Scope Installation (that are factory drilled & tapped), Shipping & Delivery, Special Orders, Gun Range Use (for those who purchase guns or ammo) set up for 25 yard to 100 yard range. He also offers the service of Background Checks for \$40. "The ATF now requires everyone to have a background check, NO CPL's can be used," he explained. Dan also has gun cleaning supplies and sausage & jerky kits available for purchase.

Winsor is available by calling (989)640-0932 for a daytime or night time appointment. His wife, Loretta can also be reached at (989)834-088. They accept cash or check and invite hunters to visit them

at them at 1398 Vincent Road in Ovid. Dan is also a bow hunter who has already bagged a nice 11 point buck.



Dan's Gun Shack offers customers a gun range set up for 25-100 yards with equipment for sighting in a customers firearm.
Photos by Deb Price



Local Athletes to Compete in Cross County State Finals



Pictured above left is Laingsburg senior Nolan Gregg and freshmen Emily Rathka and Evelyn Logghe; right is Ovid-Elsie freshman Clay Powell and Piper White who are all heading to MIS on November 7 to run in the Division 3 state finals.



Great Gobbler Giveaway

Great Gobbler Giveaway Coming November 14th. Merchants get out your turkeys pails. On Sunday, November 14th, the Meridian Weekly will publish the annual Great Gobbler Giveaway Entry Blanks. Entries will be accepted Monday, November 15th thru Nov. 20th. Winners will be contacted on Monday, November 22nd.

Social

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.



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Clinton County's Toys for Tots

submitted by Kelly L. Schafer

The Voice for Clinton County's Children is excited to once again host Clinton County's Toys for Tots! Santa's Remote Workshop will again be located at 306 N. Elm Street in St. Johns.

Beginning November 1, 2021 families can request help on our website, VoiceForClintonCountyChildren.org. Toy pick up will begin Tuesday, December 7th and be held the Tuesdays and Thursdays in December from Noon until 7:00 p.m.

Donations can be dropped off anytime at Santa's Remote Workshop. In November Top Elves will be available November 9th, 16th, and 30th from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Elves will also be available during gift pick up in December.

Information for families needing help and donors is available on our Facebook page and on our website VoiceForClintonCountyChildren.org.

ZCJB Collects for Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Bannister ZCJB Lodge is again collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots. We want to assist families in the area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year this Toys for Tots organization made sure more than 900 local children could celebrate the holiday with a new present. If anyone (members and non-members) would like to help with this project, toys or financial donations can be dropped off at the ZCJB Hall, 401 Main Street in Bannister on Saturday, Nov. 13th from 7:30 am until 3pm or Sunday the 14th at 1:30 pm. Thank you for your help in putting a smile on a child's face this Christmas season.

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Happy Holidays in Elsie

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The Elsie Community Christmas Project continues to partner with the Elsie United Methodist Church to support families and people in need in the Elsie/Bannister area. We seek assistance from local community businesses, organizations, local churches, and any individuals wishing to donate monetarily to help provide a Christmas to those who would not be able to without our support.

Health and safety continue to be a concern due to the ongoing pandemic, so we will not be able to collect food and personal items. All donations will be used to purchase gift cards and food certificates from local merchants for families in need, and holiday baskets will be made for seniors in need.

If you would like to donate, please make checks out to Elsie United Methodist Church and in the memo indicate "Elsie Community Christmas Project." Cash donations or checks will be accepted at the village office or Elsie United Methodist Church.

Applications for support from the community Christmas project will be available soon at the school office, Elsie village office, or Elsie United Methodist Church office. Pick up for families will be on December 12. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Wooley at (517)819-8459.



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Let's start the conversation.



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A Community in Mourning: On Wednesday evening November 3rd, hundreds of Laingsburg community members attended a vigil in memory of Jamie Antcliff. Jamie, age 44 died on Saturday, October 30th, allegedly shot by her husband, William, age 45, at their home. The vigil was organized by Safe Center, a shelter for abused women and children. Those in attendance wore purple ribbons and stood in silence by candlelight in a show of love and support for Jamie's children and for each other.

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1 Peter 5:5 says, "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

The issue of pride is a tough one and it can affect anyone in the church. It could be a deacon. It could be a Sunday School teacher. It could be a member of the church who doesn't hold any official titles. It may even be you or me.

One way that pride can damage a church is when a member believes that they are the heart and soul of the church. That only they know what is best for the church and so they try to lead and dominate from behind the scenes.

This is sin. Really two sins at least. One is the sin of pride. The other is the sin of letting their pride cause disunity in the church. Such disunity may cause people to leave the church and may even cause a church-split.

There are many ways to try and remedy this problem. One is to remember what Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, that they should lift up the people in the church who seems to be just regular people or nobodies.

Paul writes, "...On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty."

- 1 Corinthians 12:22-23

Also, we are to be inspired by and follow Jesus' supreme example of humility- God who became a true human being. As Paul writes in Philippians 2:5-8-

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross!"



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

Obituaries

Jamie Jean (Curtis) Antcliff

Jamie Jean (Curtis) Antcliff, 44, of Laingsburg, passed away on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Jamie was born on June 10, 1977, in Owosso, Michigan to Richard Gerard Curtis and the late Joy Jean Lee. Jamie graduated from Laingsburg High School in the class of 1995 and continued her education at Northwood University graduating with a bachelor's degree in business. Jamie spent her career at LAFCU starting as a teller and working her way up to the executive team. Jamie was a fun lady; she loved people, she loved her family and always had a smile. She enjoyed baking and cooking for everyone, she also fed everyone whether you needed to eat or not.

Jamie is survived by her children, Curtis and Joy Antcliff, her parents, Rick (Sue) Curtis, her brothers; Rick (Hilary) Curtis, Adam (Kelsey) Curtis, and Eric (Jamie) Curtis, also her grandmother, Norma Lee.

She was predeceased by her mother Joy, her grandparents, Durwin and Delores Curtis, her grandfather, Robert Lee and uncle, Shawn Curtis.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 11:00am at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 310 Crum St. Laingsburg. with Rev. Fr. Robert C. Bacik. Burial followed in Laingsburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Curtis family for future designation, checks can be made payable to Richard Curtis.

Online condolences can be shared at WatkinsFuneralHomes.com

To send flowers to the family of Jamie Jean (Curtis) Antcliff please visit our Tribute Store.



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WOW! That's a Lot of Pull Tabs

submitted by Richard Easlick

Thank you to the family who's been collecting for a long time! OE Lioness collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House, who provide a resting place for families who have children in the hospital or having test done. If you would like to support this cause you may drop off pull tabs to any OE Lioness member or the Elsie Library. Pictured is OE Lioness president Raelene Easlick holding a jug of pull tabs



CACS Christmas Applications and Old Newspaper Applications

submitted by Becky Zemla

C.A.C.S. Christmas Applications and Old Newspapers Applications for Children 18 or under who reside in Shiawassee county, are available at Capital Area Community Services, now through November 24, 2021. All HOUSEHOLDS must meet 15-% of 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 CACS office is CLOSED to walk-in traffic. You must call ahead.

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Laingsburg

The City of Laingsburg Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on November 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan to review the following:

A. Applicant! Owner — Sandra J. Cain

Site Location - 117 N. Laing St., Laingsburg, MI 48848; Tax ID# 022-40-006-004-00

Request - To permit a second driveway to be utilized for a single-family residential lot.

Ordinance Reference - Section 402(B), Required Access! Street Frontage
Legal Description: CITY OF LAINGSBURG, SEC 21, T6N-R1E COM AT SE COR OF BLK 6, ORIG PLAT TH ALG NLY LN OF LIKING ST S 57°30' W 96.33 FTN 26° 13' W 169 FTN ~4° 45' E 87 FTTH 532°30'W 131 FTALG WLY LN OF BLK 6 TO BEG.

B. Applicant — Jack and Kayla Shaffer

Owner — Richard A Kindervater Trust

Site Location —315 F. Grand River Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848; Tax ID# 022-40-016-003-00.

Request - To permit the construction of a 20' by 15.5' (31 0-sf) addition to an existing single-family dwelling which will encroach into the minimum required side yard setback of 7' by approximately 7' and expand the existing nonconforming structure (single-family dwelling).

Ordinance Reference - Section 512, RM, Medium-Density Residential District & Section 1104, Expansion of Non-Conforming Use and/or Structure
Legal Description: CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOTS 4 & 11, BLK 16

C. Applicant - Todd Brewer

Owner — Apollo KAST, LLC/ Todd Brewer

Site Location — 107 5. High St., Laingsburg, MI 48848; Tax ID# 022-40-022-005-00 & 022-40-022-004-01

Request - To permit a second driveway to be utilized for a single-family residential lot.

Ordinance Reference — Section 402(B), Required Access! Street Frontage
Legal Description: CITY OF LAINGSBURG 5 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF LOT 11 BLK 22 ALSO LOT 9, SLY 115 FT OF LOT 10, SLY 115 FT OF WLY 1/2 OF LOT 11, WLY 20 FT OF NLY 10 FT OF LOT 10. BLK 22. & CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 12&N 1/2&E 1/2 OF LOT 11 BLOCK 22

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 November 19, 2021:

City of Laingsburg

Ann: City Clerk

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Laingsburg MI 48848

City Hall is barrier-free.

If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-6101 prior to the meeting.

Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

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Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly
P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Andy says:

“Be Smart-Get Vaxxed”

Dear Andy,

My Stepdad and I are planning a special 80th Birthday dinner for my mom. We have made a reservation at a nice restaurant with a private room and have invited just family and a few friends. We have all been vaccinated and wear masks when appropriate or around crowds and businesses with mandates or recommendations. The problem is my stepbrothers. They have not been vaccinated for COVID. I have talked to them and their wives about getting their COVID vaccines and how it not only protects them but others. We all had our immunizations growing up since the 1950's for polio, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever, pneumonia, smallpox and flu shots over the years. We cannot figure out their stubborn attitudes when it comes to this concern.

I am having mixed feelings about the vaccine conflict and my family opinions. Is it right to tell someone that hasn't had their vaccine that they cannot come to a family party? Wondering what you think or have any suggestions.

Upset Sister

Dear Sister,

You are right. Excluding family does not sound right. However, if they are your stepbrothers and the party is for your mom, that would make her their stepmom. Right? Depending on the relationship with the stepparent and if the situation was reversed, I might have a different opinion, but as a stepchild of the guest of honor... I might not invite them. Just remind them to send a card. I do think it would be prudent to add to the invitation that “If you have not been immunized for COVID please wear a mask and practice social distancing.” In fact, you could make name plaque cards and seat your stepbrothers at the far end of the tables with their families.

As far as understanding why people do not get the COVID vaccine, I have heard it all. My favorite is, “Not enough research?” Since the N1H1 Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 thousands of Scientists, the CDC, WHO, and notable researchers have worked for over 100 years in the United States and around the globe dedicating their lives to the viral and bacterial flu viruses that have plagued United States and other places all over the world. There is no valid reason, in my opinion to not get the vaccines unless someone is allergic to one of the ingredients. (Medical records will know that before a person receive their first shot) Masks and immunizations protect others as well as themselves.

Non-compliant people who think it is a hoax or that it won't happen to them have a ‘mind-set’ that is difficult to understand. Often people will say, “I’m not going to take cover or go to the basement, I have lived through 100 tornadoes, and I am just fine.” “I’ve never had a car accident.” “I don’t lock my car or my house doors, I’ve never been robbed.” Or, I have never had the flu, I am healthy as a horse.” The list of, “It won’t happen to me.” can go on and on. Unfortunately, until it hits home, it is not real to them. Sadly, if we hope to eradicate viruses or the variants, Andy says, “Be Smart - Get Vaxxed.”

If anyone has a rebuttal or comment, I would love to hear from you. Andy Email me at ask_andy@aol.com

P.S. Have a wonderful time at the birthday party; let me know how it turns out. Andy



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is shortly after four on Tuesday morning and I have awakened for no foreseeable reason. I was sleeping well and just woke up...I think that my body has some mistaken idea of urgency. It is rather cold out this morning and I have been trying to defrost the shed freezer unsuccessfully. The wind blew the freezer door shut yesterday afternoon and even though the freezer was unplugged it did a good job of keeping the heavy frost on the top of the freezer interior frozen. I propped the door open and had this silly notion that I would be able to wash the interior in the morning....the notion failed. I am glad that I'm not losing the contents which are packed away into four coolers but I really would like to get them back into the freezer. I am half tempted to start up the pickup and move it to the doorway of the shed so that I can see the interior, and hopefully finish wiping down the freezer and repacking it with the venison and beef and vegetables and fruit...yup half tempted. Maybe I should just mull the idea over as I sip my herbal tea.

Yesterday morning I sorted out some winter shirts and jeans into a box for the thrift store up on Mill Street in St Louis. I also added a couple of oak stools to that pile. I then got my son to finish transplanting a pair of green pepper plants so that I could return their five gallon containers of dirt to Tammy in St Louis. I also had to bake a Dutch style apple pie for Roxanne who was to meet us at the Mill Street store. After loading everything onto the garden wagon I pulled it out to the driveway and loaded up the back of the truck. So then I picked up Karen and we made a quick stop at the church office to pick up my pay check and we headed north. Gabbled all the way up to Ithaca and onto St Louis where we arrived at the thrift store at 11:00 AM as planned.

Karen had added a feather tick and a bag of coats to my drop offs and everything was quickly unloaded. I didn't see Roxanne in the vicinity so we started checking out what other folks had donated. Maybe a bit too much because I walked out with a box full of goodies which included a brand new Monopoly game still cello wrapped. Fortunately Roxanne wandered into the store and I was able to deliver her birthday pie and she was happy because she didn't have to freeze it and she was getting a pie fresh from the oven. Yup it was still warmish...Karen and I then went to the Petticoat Truck Stop and had lunch and headed home. I made it up to the office by two and finished the bulletins and started the Prayers and Concerns. I checked the freezer again when I got home as the sun was setting, it still wasn't completely thawed.

Finally the freezer is thawed and I have emptied the coolers...my fingers are frozen but I do have time to get them warmed up before I head up north with Diane. Fortunately I have finished and delivered the bulletins and hopefully will be able to get the scanner to work so that I may get them sent this morning. Diane and I took a trip up to the Mission Store south of Rosebush and stocked up on our chocolate wafers and of course we discussed our intentions. Diane is now looking for some yuletide shaped pretzels to hand dip. In the past I have seen both trees and bells and either one of them would be very suitable. I even got excited because I found some red and green chocolate discs to add a bit of pizzazz to the candy.

This morning I need to empty the back of the pickup so that I can refill it later in the day. Karen and I are headed for Lansing to pick up a coach. This is after I have the oil changed and have the outdoor furniture ready for storage. Is there anyone out there who is interested in about two face cords of dried ash? I have some stored in my shed and would like to have the space for storage and am asking a hundred dollars for it, come to think of it, I still have an oil barrel and cradle to sell, if anyone is interested give me a call at 989-398-0211. I'll try to get the voice mail set up...with luck you will be able to leave a message.

As you can see, I have a mundane life, and yet I enjoy myself daily.....simple pleasure for simple folks. It is a good place to be and I do enjoy myself. May the simple things of your lives be filled with delight and pleasure and may God bless you daily. Stay safe and be healthy.

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Senior Spotlight

Senior Center News

submitted by Brenda Terpening

Senior Center to Hold Craft Show

On Saturday, November 20, the Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns will hold a Craft Show from 9 am to 3 pm. In addition to the center selling their homemade crafts and a multitude of other items there will be additional vendors selling other homemade items including a Bake Sale by the St. Johns Lutheran Church. The center has room for one more vendor, but the vendor must sell something different than is already being sold. If you would be interested in the booth for \$10, email brenda@4wbi.net with a list of what you would be interested in selling.

Senior Center Open - Bingo Two Days a Week

The Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 9 am - 3 pm. On Mondays they have a public lunch from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and a Euchre Tournament follows from 1-3 pm. The public lunch is \$6 per person (\$8 with homemade pie) and the Euchre costs \$2.


On Tuesdays and Fridays a nutritional meal is available for a \$3.50 donation at noon. Bingo starts at 12:30 pm and the cost is \$1.50 per person.

The public is always welcome to stop in on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays to purchase homemade crafts, puzzles, books and many other items.

If you have any questions about the Senior Center, please call them at 989-224-4257.

Senior Center Accepting Puzzle Donations

One of the things many senior citizens do throughout the winter months is put together puzzles. The center sells donated puzzles anywhere from 10 cents each through \$2.00. If you have any puzzles you would like to donate, they can be dropped off on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 9 am - 3 pm. If you need them picked up, call the center at 989-224-4257 and they will find a volunteer that can pick them up.

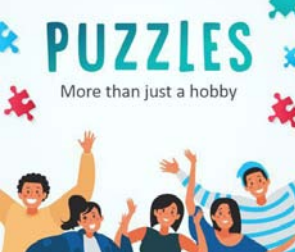


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Physician Health Plan to Lunch a New Medicare Advantage Plan

submitted by John Foren

LANSING — Michigan Medicine and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a member of Trinity Health, today announce a partnership with Lansing-based Physicians Health Plan (PHP) to bring a new choice in Medicare Advantage plans to Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

The plans will be marketed under the name U-M Health + St. Joe's Advantage and are administered by PHP. U-M Health + St. Joe's Advantage will be available to Medicare-eligible residents of those counties during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) began Oct. 15, 2021, for the 2022 calendar year.

Members in the U-M Health + St. Joe's Advantage plans will have access to a wide network of hospitals and providers, which includes all Michigan Medicine providers, hospitals and ambulatory facilities as well as IHA and HHPA primary and specialty care providers within Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

For Michigan Medicine, the U-M Health + St. Joe's Advantage represents the next step in the strategic partnership with PHP. In 2019, Michigan Medicine became a minority owner of PHP, and joined Lansing-based Sparrow Health System as the second health system owner. In 2020, Michigan Care, a PHP commercial health plan, was offered to University and Health System employees.

During the Medicare AEP starting Oct. 15, 2021, the U-M Health + St. Joe's Advantage will be available in Livingston and Washtenaw counties. PHP also offers Sparrow Advantage in Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Montcalm, and Shiawassee counties; Covenant Advantage in Saginaw, Bay, and Tuscola counties; and PHP Advantage in Calhoun, Jackson, and Kalamazoo counties.

Eligible enrollees can begin to sign up for a plan offered in their area through Dec. 7, 2021. Coverage for beneficiaries will begin Jan. 1, 2022.

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Ovid and Elsie Christmas Applications Available

The applications for Ovid and Elsie Christmas are being made available starting November 8th, 2021

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Ovid City Hall on Front Street.
In Elsie: E.E.Knight Elementary School Office
Elsie Village Hall

If your family could use some help, please pick up and fill out an application: tear off the bottom to save for the days and place for pickup. Ovid is no longer giving out wrapped gifts to children under 12, so also pick up a Toys for Tots applications for children for age 12 or younger. They encourage you to submit them on line but you can also turn in to us and we will see they receive them.

Your family must live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and you haven't asked for help with any other agency.

Recycling Moves Ahead in November

submitted by Ellen Link

The dream of a recycling and waste reduction facility that can serve western Shiawassee County is becoming a reality! The Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center, being built on Woodbury Rd. just north of Old Grand River, is coming to life and will hopefully be ready for a grand opening soon (a very Merry Christmas?). To truly fulfill the dream, however, will require more volunteers to staff expanded hours or attend to other tasks that may arise. The GLR hopes to get schools involved in waste reduction and recently learned that some interested



New recycling and waste reduction facility being built on Woodbury Rd.

Laingsburg High School students, with whom we look forward to collaborating, have already formed an Environmental Club. We'd love to see this kind of energy expand in our area. So please consider taking your commitment to the environment to a new level by joining us in this rewarding endeavor, even if it's just for a few hours once or twice a year. You can visit our web-site (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>) or Facebook page for more information, or call the numbers given below.

For now, however, the next area-wide recycling drive will be held on Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual location in downtown Laingsburg on Roosevelt Row. Until the new facility opens, we will continue to be constrained in what we can accept by our vendor, but that is true for all of the recycling services in mid-Michigan. We hope you will continue to support this local effort.

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', Meridian Township and East Lansing sites). 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. 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.

Hospital Remembrance Tree Lighting Nov. 9

submitted by Nan Simons

ST. JOHNS – Join Sparrow Clinton Hospital Caregivers for their annual Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m.

Each year, Sparrow Clinton invites the community to remember and honor their loved ones who have passed away by attending a special tree lighting in North parking area (corner of Sturgis and Oakland streets). Each light on the tree represents the life of someone who received compassionate care at Sparrow Clinton.

Participants are asked to practice social distancing. This event also can be enjoyed by parking in the North lot and remaining in your vehicle to view the lighting.

Sparrow Clinton Food Bank Schedule Nov. 11

submitted by Nan Simons

ST. JOHNS, MI – 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, Nov. 11, 2021.

This month's food bank is 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 by 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.

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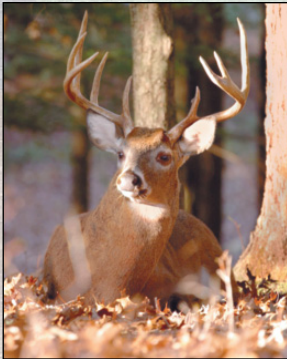
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Sports

Ovid-Elsie, Laingsburg Cross-Country Runners Earn Top Spots at Regionals

DeWITT -- Local harriers impressed at the MHSAA Division 3 Cross-Country Regionals on October 30.

In the Regional 3 meet at DeWitt St. Francis, Lansing Catholic (44), Ithaca (66) and Pewamo-Westphalia (84) were the top three state qualifiers. Bath (103), by placing four runners in the top 20, also earned a state finals bid.

Laingsburg took seventh with 170 points. Nolan Gregg (234d, 19:44.9) and Caleb Clark (25th, 19:53.7) were the Wolfpack's top runners.

In the girls' Division 3 meet, also held at St. Francis, freshmen Piper White of Ovid-Elsie and Ally Andres of New Lothrop both earned state finals spots. White was in 14th in 22:37.4. The Marauders finished seventh as a team (186 points). Andres was 12th in 22:28.5.

Laingsburg placed fourth with 123 points. Freshman Emily Rathka missed a state finals spot by one place, taking 16th in 22:46.5. Evelyn Logghe was 22nd (23:40.8) and Emma Kribs was 24th (23:59.8) for coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack.

Wolfpack Volleyballers Eliminate Perry, Byron to Move to District Finals

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg turned back Perry 3-1 in a MHSAA Division 3 District volleyball quarterfinal here November 1.

Coach J.J. Strieff's Wolfpac prevailed over the Ramblers, 20-25, 25-18, 25-19 and 25-20, setting up a meeting with Byron in the District semifinal on November 3.

Byron kept it interesting by winning the second set but eventually fell 3 sets to 1. A well-balanced attacking game lifted the Wolves to a 25-13, 22-25, 25-17, 25-23 victory.

Leading the way for the Wolfpack was Lorna Strieff, senior outside hitter with 14 digs, 7 kills, 3 blocks and 5 setting assists.; Bella Strieff, sophomore outside hitter with 15 kills; Ellie Baynes, junior middle hitter with 12 kills, 4 aces and 2 blocks; and Brooke Putnam, senior libero with 19 digs.

"It was a really tough game," coach Strieff said. "We struggled a little bit with serving, serve receive and a little bit of everything. Overall, I'm very proud of my team. They worked hard and showed great improvement from the beginning of the season."

The Wolfpack earned a berth in last Friday's district championship game against Dansville, which swept Bath 25-13, 25-22, 25-15 in November 3's other semifinal. Laingsburg went 3-5 in the CMAC during the regular season, while Dansville was 5-3. Pewamo-Westphalia won the outright CMAC title at 8-0.



Lorna Strieff



Bella Strieff



Ellie Baynes



Brooke Putnam

Millington Romps Through Weather, Mauders Absences for First-Round MHSAA Playoff Win over Ovid-Elsie

MILLINGTON — Crappy weather. Covid-19. A depleted lineup due to injury.

Enough already.

Ovid-Elsie's first-ever MMAC championship season came to an end here October 29, on a chilly, sloppy, rain-soaked night that ended a campaign once filled with so much promise.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders made the Division 6 playoff field at 6-3 despite their 9th regular season game being forfeited to Corunna

because too many players were sick with Covid.

Conversely, just two weeks earlier they marched ever closer to the playoffs with a forfeit win over Mount Morris because — you guessed it -- of Covid.

Enough already.

The Covid crap has got to go away. The gloomy Halloween weather didn't, however, and the Millington Cardinals extended their unbeaten 2021 campaign at 10-0 with a 36-0 victory that ended O-E's season.

Most of the Marauders' starting offensive line was out. Regular starting QB Dylan Carman gave way to freshmen Axel Newell because of a broken hand. The decked was stacked against Long's Marauders ...

But fight they did. Millington's road to victory was not — at all — easy.

The contest started with two teams slogging their way through the muddy conditions. The Cardinals managed to down a punt within the Marauder one-yard line, but O-E fought back over their next two possessions and — led by a long run from Eddy Evans — gained back the battle of field possession. Then, the contest pivoted.

MHS quarterback Issac Slough connected with Luke Matusik on a 63-yard scoring strike, and the tide turned. Luke Williams kicked the PAT for a 7-0 lead at 2:34 of the opening quarter.

Millington broke the game open with three TDs in the second stanza: Leyton Mays on a 2-yard run, Matusik on a 22-yard jaunt, and another Slough to Matusik scoring pass of 26 yards. Williams tacked on two PAT kicks, and after the last touchdown before the half, Mays ran in a two-point conversion for a 29-0 intermission lead.

The Cards completed the shutout when Jacob Legue tossed a 24-yard touchdown to Drew Kihn at the 9:16 mark of the third quarter. Williams' extra-point kick finished the slate at 36-0.

How electric was the Cardinal offense when it had to be? Slough completed just 2-of-8 passes for 89 yards ... but both of them went for touchdowns.

Newell returns next year with plenty of solid experience under his belt. He completed 4-of-15 tosses in the slop for 82 yards. Colin Fluharty latched onto one of those for 58 yards. Logan Thompson caught two O-E aerals for 15 yards.

The Marauders tried and tried again to unleash senior RB leader Eddy Evans, and he turned in a solid game with 54 yards rushing on 11 carries. Fluharty rushed twice for 9 yards, and led O-E with one catch for 58 yards.

Thompson caught a pair of passes for 15 yards, and Jacob Schaub one catch for 9 yards.

Fluharty and Thompson paced the Marauder defense with 5 tackles each; Thompson had four solo stops and Fluharty, three. Clay Wittenberg made 4 stops (2 solo), Theron Brooks 3, Alex Eichenberg 2, Schaub 2, Max Spiess 2 and Jacob Tomasek 2. Evans, Hayden Pontack, Tyler Bancroft and Perrien Rasch also made the tackle sheet for Ovid-Elsie.



Max Spiess with the tackle for OE causing a Millington fumble.

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Venison Wellington

With opening day next week and two important holiday meals quickly approaching, consider preparing Venison Wellington to grace the table shared with family and friends. Commonly prepared with beef, this dish dates back to the Battle of Waterloo and was prepared in honor of Duke Wellington and to celebrate victory on the battlefield. For over 200 years this dish has been prepared by both the French and English along with across the pond here in America.

The dish combines the tenderest cut of tenderloin coated in a savory spread, like a mousse or duxelle, and then wrapped and baked in a light puff pastry.

To prepare Venison Wellington requires a little more skill than just swapping beef tenderloin for venison loin. To clear up any confusion the term venison loin does not refer to tenderloin found inside the rib cage but instead the backstrap that runs along both sides of the spinal cord.

Venison is a lot leaner than beef and of course when overcooked is not very desirable. Unlike beef that is often under seasoned, consider using ginger, shallots, garlic, clove, allspice, pepper, juniper berries, black berries, red wine and cognac, and other additives to enhance the flavor of venison. There are basically five steps or stages to preparing this dish; searing the meat, making the spread, preparing pastry and wrapping the meat, baking, and lastly plating.

Start with a piece of backstrap and figure at least one inch minimum per slice so plan accordingly for the number of guests. Rub the venison with some spices and throw in a pan with red wine and then some cognac. After the flames burn out make sure there is a nice sear on both sides and then let the meat cool. The meat needs a layer or coating of duxelle or mousse so it doesn't overcook and to keep the juices from soaking into the pastry. Duxelle can be made from grinding earthy mushrooms and cooked duck livers along with some shallots. Be creative here and add in some herbs and spices of your liking. Or consider a poultry mousse with chicken or duck breast and an egg, heavy cream, and garlic chives. Be very liberal and coat the meat and spread some on your prepared thinly rolled out puff pastry. Some chefs roll the meat in a crepe or thinly sliced ham to prevent the pastry from getting soggy. Roll it all up including the ends like it is a very large burrito and then brush with warm butter. Place in the oven until the pastry is golden and meat is medium rare. Easy to say 425 degrees and forty minutes but all ovens are different. Using a large serrated bread knife, slice into minimum one inch pieces and plate with a wine or fruit sauce and some creamy horseradish. Maybe some multi-colored swiss chard and roasted pine nuts on the side.

Just like cooking prime rib at home in your oven you may want to do a few trial runs before the big holiday dinner. Which is ok because the average doe probably provides enough backstrap meat for four Venison Wellingtons.

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Help Raise UP Shiawassee Through Comedy AND Service

submitted by Lori Phelps

For the 5th annual Raise UP Shiawassee campaign, a Sketch Comedy- Improv Night will be held on Friday, November 12 at 7:30 pm, with doors opening at 7:00 pm. The Comedy Project will be visiting from Grand Rapids for a one-night-only show at the Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts in Owosso. Proceeds from this show will benefit the 23 non-profit organizations participating in this year's campaign! Ticket prices are \$27-\$37 and can be purchased online at lebowsky-center.com or by calling (989)723-4003.

In addition to the comedy night, Raise UP Shiawassee partners are hosting Shiawassee SPARK! The Shiawassee Family YMCA and The United Way of Genesee County (Serving Shiawassee County) are co-hosting K-8 aged youth who want to have a night of activities, snacks, and FUN while Mom and/or Dad enjoy a night out. (Perhaps The Comedy Project Improv Show at the Lebowsky Center!) The fun activities will help make a difference in our community. Youth who attend SPARK will make "Service In a Box" projects, which will be donated to local charities. The cost is \$5/per youth, Cash or Venmo at the Door ONLY, No Cards Accepted.

"Service in a Box" Projects include:

- Comfort Care Kits for Voices for Children, The SafeCenter, and First Responders
 - Laundry Soap Making for The Laingsburg Clothesline & Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties
 - Garden Seed Packs for Shiawassee County Victory Gardens
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 - Dog Toy Making for the Shiawassee Humane Society
- Questions about Shiawassee SPARK? Call: 810-762-0863
 Be sure to visit our restaurant partners the day of the Lebowsky Center performance as well. Present your show tickets and Raise UP Shiawassee will receive a percentage of your bill.

Restaurants participating as of 11/3/2021

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- Joe-Lee's Crosswinds Café
- Union Station Smokehouse
- Charlie's Bar and Grill Perry
- Greg and Lou's Family Restaurant
- Roma's Back Door Owosso

Please visit lebowskycenter.com for an updated list of our restaurant partners, adding daily.

To learn more about Raise UP Shiawassee, please contact The Shiawassee Community Foundation at (989)725-1093.

Doctors, Druggist and Dentist

submitted by Judy Hubler

The Clinton County Historical Museum will be showcasing the medical exhibit of many items and pictures from yesteryear through Sunday, November 21. The new displays of the Victorian side porch and Mid-Century kitchen are also open. After Nov 21, the Museum will be closed until May, 2022. Check it out at 106 Maple, St. Johns, MI (West of the courthouse square) on Sunday 1 to 4 and Wednesday 2 to 6. The web site is pgsmuseum.com or email pgsmuseum@gmail.com. Phone is 989.224.2894 or 989.292.9096 for Clinton County artifacts or monetary donation and more information.

Health Department Ready to Vaccinate Children Ages 5 to 11 Years

submitted by Leslie Kinnee

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- Mid-Michigan District Health Department is now scheduling Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination appointments for children ages 5 to 11 years following Tuesday's announcement that the Food and Drug Administration had granted emergency use authorization of the vaccine for this age group. The emergency use authorization has also been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination appointments for children ages 5 to 11 years can be made by calling the Mid-Michigan District Health Department branch office nearest you:

Clinton County: 989-224-2195, option 5 and then option 2

Gratiot County: 989-875-3681, option 5 and the option 2

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Please keep in mind that a parent or legal guardian must accompany minors to all health department vaccination appointments. Parents looking for a vaccination site can also check with their child's doctor or local pharmacy to see if they offer the Pfizer vaccine to children ages 5 to 11. For a complete list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics near you, visit www.vaccines.gov. The pediatric Pfizer vaccine consists of two shots, given at least three weeks apart with the doses being a third of what adults receive.

During clinical trials, the Pfizer vaccine was shown to be nearly 91 percent effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 to 11 with no serious side effects. The most common side effect was a sore arm.

For additional information, please visit Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine



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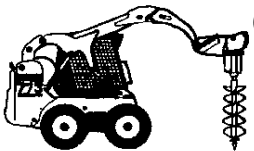
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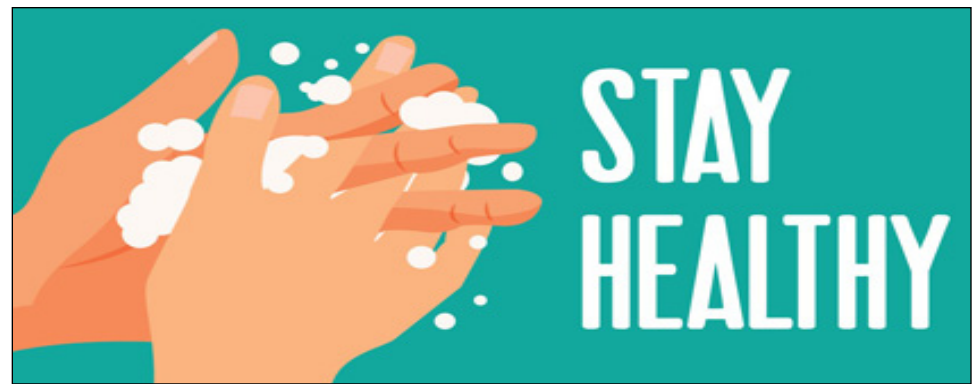
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OVID TOWNSHIP SEEKING SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

Ovid Township is currently taking bids from qualified contractors for snow removal services for the 2021-2022 winter season.

Bids are to be broken down into a price per plowing, and price per salt application, (if needed) as listed below:

Snow Plow 2 to 4 inches \$
 Snow Plow 4 to 8 inches \$
 Snow Plow 8+ inches \$
 Salt - Per Applications \$
 (if needed)

Insurance: The contractor shall carry comprehensive general liability and property damage insurance. After contract is award, Ovid Township need to be identified as an additional insured party on the policy for the duration of the contract.

Deadline for Submission: Thursday, November 11, 2021, 4 p.m., to be reviewed that evening at the Ovid Township regular board meeting at 7 p.m.

Please call 989-834-2838, if you have any questions.

Bids can be dropped off at the Township Offices at:

1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI

Or can be dropped in the dropbox outside the Township doors.

Thank you,
 Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF EVICTION AND REMOVAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM STORAGE UNIT

Storage facility location: **9446 E. M-21 Ovid, MI 48866 Unit #C05(57)**

Timeline and actions taken

Communication to Tenant:

USPS 70201290000108190208

Notice of non-compliance mail out: **2021-10-16**

Notice of non-compliance received: **No Receipt at destination, unclaimed**
 Settlement date to resolve non-compliance dispute: **2021-10-30**

Public notice of sale or other disposition-
FIRST NOTICE: 2021-11-07

Public notice of sale or other disposition-
SECOND NOTICE: 2021-11-14

Newspaper contracted to publish notice to the public: **The Weekly**

Contents of the unit will be removed: **2021-11-22**

Description of unit contents:

Miscellaneous items with or without

personal or familial value. Some items

may or may not be in individual contain-

ers.

Owner/manager actions: **All items will be**

sold and/or discarded. Upon removal of

all items the unit will be restored to a

functional, safe condition, making this

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ants.

This action is pursuant to self-storage facility act 570.521 1986-March-31, State of Michigan.

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Storage facility location: **9446 E. M-21 Ovid, MI 48866 Unit #C24(67)**

Timeline and actions taken

Communication to Tenant:

USPS 70201290000108190192

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33rd Annual Holiday Along the River

submitted by Piper Brewer

The Shiawassee Arts Center's 33rd Annual Holiday Along the River opens to the public Sunday, November 7 and runs through December 31. Over 80 Michigan artists are displaying and selling their original artwork, unique gift items and holiday decorations. Shoppers are sure to find gifts at affordable prices for everyone on their gift lists. Join us Sunday, November 7, 1-3pm for refreshments, shopping, live music by Richard Lahmann and book signing by Totally Toys. SAC members receive 20% off on one Holiday Show purchase during the reception in person or online. The show is sponsored by Memorial Healthcare with outdoor decorating compliments of Sunburst Gardens.

Seven "Art a la Carte" events including wreath making, pottery, fused glass, watercolor and acrylic painting are also offered. And, the ever-popular children's Gingerbread House Creations are back. SAC gift cards make great gifts and are available for these classes, art, gift items and more! In addition, the Arts Center is beautifully decorated for the holidays and would make the perfect holiday event location.

Also, a limited-edition, one-of-a-kind, hand-



Linda VanCise and Jax

painted Polish Glass ornament of Curwood Castle will be available for sale along with a new 500-piece jigsaw puzzle of Curwood Castle. Both of these items would make great holiday gifts.

Located near Curwood Castle in Owosso, the Shiawassee Arts Center is open Monday - Friday, 9-5, weekends 12-4 and features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 49th anniversary in 2021, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, entertain and enrich the quality of life in our community. Check www.shiawasseearts.org/holiday-show/ or call 989.723.8354 for more information.

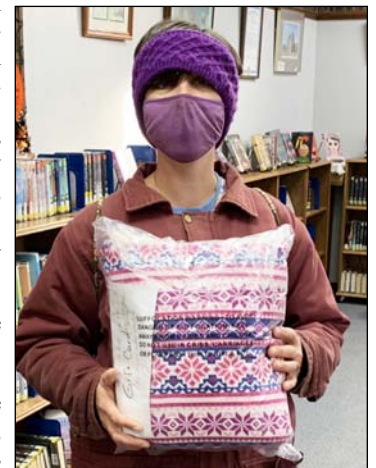


Curwood Castle Ornament

Great Squash Weight Off Winners

On Sunday, October 31st, winners of the Great Squash Weight Off were announced. The squash including the pallet weighed 483 pounds. The following were winners in each category: Youth: 1st place Andrew Zimmerman & Sophie Burstey with their guess of 400#, 2nd, Liam Lawler, 391#, 3rd, Dean Palen, 380#. The heaviest weight guess was made by Lilly Jo, 1380# and the lightest weight, Becky Bontrager, 29#. Teen: Zachary Zimmerman, 458#, 2nd, Katelyn Sewnder, 210#, heaviest, Gavin Jones, 2492#. Adult, 1st, Nate Allen 432#, 2nd, Angel Hartsuff, 412# and 3rd, Britney Casler, 360#. Heaviest, Sarah Miller, 980#, lightest, Bethany Bontrager, 101.5#. Senior Division: 1st, Ron Raines, 450#, 2nd, Brad Kelley, 418#, 3rd, Christine Miller, 385#, heaviest, Mary Ladiski, 150,000# and lightest, Katgy Wilson, 120#.

The winners received various gifts and certificates made available by the following businesses: Country Kitchen, Ovid Service Agency, Main Street Pizza, Main Bar, Tom's Western Store, Village Food Pride, Michigan Livestock, Eatery 21, Ovid Elevator, Journey Federal Credit Union and Ovid Iron and Metal. Organizer of the event, Gayla Ehlert would like to thank all who participated and made prize donations.



Angel Hartsuff



*Zachary and
Andrew Zimmerman*