



Pictured – Mike Danek, Cindy Malone Arthur and (middle) Librarian Sandra Chavez. Laingsburg Lion's donation of \$2,000.00 to the Library.

Laingsburg Lions Donate to the Laingsburg Library

submitted by Holli Denson

The Lions have donated to the Laingsburg Library for as long as Librarian Sandra Chavez has served the Library. Sandra has been with the Library for 20 years.

The donations in the beginning were for large print books and over the last several years the Library has been building their inventory of eBooks with the help of the Lions.

Sandra said that there are over 55,000 eBooks to choose from as well as 2000 audio books, 1083 Videos and over 3800 magazine subscriptions.

The Laingsburg Library also has many free services including; copy services, faxing, free wifi, 9 PCs, a laminator and a 3D printer.

For more information about the Library or the Laingsburg Lions please visit their websites and Facebook pages.



Village of Elsie Annual Christmas Celebration
Saturday, December 11th at 7:30pm
Light Parade, Tree Lighting

Ovid Drive Thru Christmas
Sunday, December 12th 3-5pm
Wave to Santa!

See page 5 for more information

THE WEEKLY READERSHIP AREA received its first major snowfall of the season starting Saturday morning, November 27. Some areas received as much as 4 inches of sloppy, heavy snow. The first snowman of the season was spotted at Lake Victoria near Laingsburg.

Calling All Veterans

The Annual Army-Navy football game is Saturday, December 11th. It is 122nd meeting of the two teams. The Ovid VFW Post 8964 is inviting all veterans to join them and watch the game at the Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. The game will air at 1500 (3pm) on the 11th, doors will open at 1330 (1:30pm). The event will be a pot luck, bring a dish to pass. The post will be providing pulled pork for the party. Event goers are asked to bring their own beverages.

The Navy leads the series 61-53-7 between the Army Black Knights and the Navy Midshipmen. All Veterans from all branches and eras of service to come and join in on the camaraderie. We will be requiring all guests to be of appropriate to consume any adult beverages. Please join Ovid VFW Post 8964 as they host this event bringing Veterans together.



Clinton County Law Enforcement "Fill a Cop Car" Event

On Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Law Enforcement officers throughout Clinton County will be asking for your help. Our goal is to FILL OUR COP CARS with groceries. Officers will be at your local grocery stores with the purpose of helping to fill our local food banks with non-perishable food items. Police Officers chose their profession so that they can help others.

During this time of year we often experience families in need, but don't have the ability to help directly. By filling our cop cars, we can see to it that those who need a helping hand can get it. We are asking that you purchase an extra item or two and help us help those that are less fortunate. The back seats of the patrol vehicles are usually used to transport people that have run afoul of the law. Help us put them to good use.

Officers will be at the following locations in Clinton County:

Village Food Pride, 501 S. Main Street, Ovid

Krogers, 900 S. Business 127, St. Johns

Wal-Mart, 1165 Superior Driver, St. Johns

All food collected at these locations will be donated to the food banks at The Basic Needs Center in St. Johns. The officers of the St. Johns Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department and Ovid Police Department appreciate your generosity during this holiday season.

It's a Crime to be Hungry! Mid-Michigan Law Enforcement Agencies Thank You for Your Support.



Tuesday, December 7, 2021
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

A special, one-of-a-kind Winter Market event!
Join us for a night of shopping supporting
local sellers of handmade crafts & artisan goods.

Need Info? Call 989-292-4711 or facebook.com/iqhub



Location: The IQhub and
AgroLiquid Headquarters,
3055 W. M-21, St Johns, MI

Rustic barn wood
themed photos
with Santa!

Bring your own camera!
\$5 per child suggested
donation to the museum






60th Wedding Anniversary



We would like to thank our daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren & friends for the wonderful celebration of our 60th Wedding Anniversary (Dec. 2, 1961). We will have a get together at a later date, but just want to say “Thank You” to everyone for remembering us.

All our love, Burt & Sandy Case

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY!



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or Mary Perrien (989) 251-8517

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Social

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service


submitted by Sue Casler

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the United Church of Ovid – 131 W. Front St., Ovid on Friday, December 24, 2021 at 8:00 pm

Picture this...candles everywhere...carols singing... special music...a meaningful time with family and friends. There’s nothing like this special night. There is no other day like it on our calendar. Join our candle-lighters, musicians, and our pastor as they guide us through this awesome “real” candlelight experience. (Battery operated candles are also available.) Every year we look forward to inviting our extended friends and family, to this genuinely meaningful service for kids of all



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY!



Gaylord Long will celebrate his 90th Birthday on December 8th! Birthday wishes may be sent to: Gaylord Long, 8673 West Juddville Rd. Elsie, MI 48831

For more information about The United Church of Ovid, please feel free to call 989-834-5958.

Public Welcome...
BREAKFAST
Every Sunday
8am-11am
Laingsburg
American Legion
Post 248
1240 E. Grand River
(517) 651-6050

Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library is collecting non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, and cleaning and paper products for the Ovid-Elsie Christmas baskets. Please bring your items by Saturday December 11. We want to fill up our donation boxes. Please help us to make sure everyone in our community has a wonderful Christmas! We are also collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks for anyone in need. Please feel free to come in and take what you need. These items are free for anyone who needs them. If you have any of these items-gently used-that you would like to donate, you can bring them in any time we are open. Help us to keep our friends and neighbors in our community warm and toasty during the upcoming winter months.

On Monday, December 6, we will be having our Adult Booktasting. This will start at 1:00. Come and tell us about what you've been reading and find out what books other people have been reading. You never know, you might just find your new favorite book!

The Ovid Public Library also has a drop-off box for blankets and pillows that are being collected by the confirmation class at Holy Family Catholic Church. These items will be given to residents at local nursing homes. The collection box will be here until Saturday, December 11.

On Friday, December 12 is our Preschool Story Hour. This starts at 10:30. There will be Christmas related stories and a craft to take home. Looking forward to seeing lots of little ones at the library!

Our normal hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10-7, Friday 10-5 and Saturdays 10-1.

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

The Ovid Historical Society will host our annual Christmas gathering at the Mary Myers Museum. We will meet on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 pm

The museum will be decorated for the season and we will enjoy music and holiday refreshments.

Please join us! The museum is located at 131 East Williams St. in Ovid.

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Life insurance can help pay mortgage, bills

Jason’s neighbor, a widow, sold her home six months after her husband died. The woman told Jason she was moving from the neighborhood because she couldn’t afford the mortgage, credit cards and car loan without her husband. Jason was unsettled thinking debt could force his family into the same predicament.

Life insurance can provide peace of mind for you and the loved ones you leave behind. The income tax-free death benefit can help pay for housing and debt, as well as funeral costs and living expenses.

A Modern Woodmen of America financial representative can review flexible and affordable life insurance options. The more you learn about your options, the better prepared you can be to select the type of life insurance that’s best for you and your family.

Let’s start the conversation.



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Obituaries

Sylvia K. McKay

Sylvia K. McKay, age 83, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2021, at her home.

Sylvia was born in Lansing, Michigan on June 15, 1938, the daughter of Harlan Randall and Emma (Penoyer) Halpin. She graduated from Resurrection High School in Lansing, Michigan. On June 2, 1956, she married Dean McKay in Lansing, Michigan. Dean passed away on August 3, 1998.

She was a telephone operator in her earlier years and then she worked for an answering service in Lansing, Michigan. She enjoyed going to lunch and dinner with friends. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were very important to her and



she enjoyed spending time with them. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Daneen and Todd Carroll of Elsie, Michigan; and Jill and Tod Herblet of Ovid, Michigan; her son Michael McKay of Lansing, Michigan; four grandchildren: Steven and Jessica Miller, Devan and Jacob Munson, McKayla and Jordan Bultema, and Kathleen and Samuel Frink; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Dean, and two grandsons: Nicholas Greenhoe and Gregory Greenhoe.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, Michigan, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks presiding. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

Andrew Hatta

Andrew Hatta, age 88, age of Howell, Michigan formerly of Ovid, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021, at Quality Care Of Howell, in Howell, Michigan.

Andrew was born in St. Johns, Michigan on March 31, 1933, the son of John and Martha (Pencak) Hatta. Andy graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School with the class of 1952. On November 23, 1957 he married Virginia Rose Surik in Owosso, Michigan.

Virginia predeceased him on August 28, 2014. Andy served his country in the US Army during the Korean War.

Andy worked for Federal Mogul in St. Johns, Michigan retiring after 40 plus years of service. He was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame for football. He was one of founding members of Holy Family Catholic Church and was very active in his church. Andy was of member of the Knights of Columbus and an Ovid-Elsie Sports Booster and enjoyed listing to WOES Radio. He enjoyed working in his garden.

He is survived by his children: Eileen and John Brussolo of Ann Arbor, MI; Thomas and Michelle (Jeffreys) Hatta of



Laingsburg, MI; Teresa and Robert Sutton of Northville, MI; five grandchildren: Alan Commet and Maia Brussolo, of Chicago, IL; McKenzie Hatta of Williamston, MI; Casey Sutton of Livonia, MI; Parker Sutton of Grandville, MI; two great-grandchildren: Alex & Liam Commet. He is also survived by his sister Anna Gardner of Florida. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Virginia, 4 brothers: Michael, Peter, John, and Nicholas Hatta.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, Michigan, on Monday, November 29, 2021, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks presiding. Burial has taken place at Mt. Rest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to WOES Radio, or Holy Family Catholic Church, 510 Mabbitt Road, Ovid, MI 48866, or All American Hospice, 39555 West Ten Mile, Suite 308, Novi, MI 48375. The family requests that social distance be practiced and asked that everyone wear a mask. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

Gerald "Duane" Gingrich

On July 23, 1928, Myrtle (Howard) and Berl Gingrich gave birth to a son, Gerald "Duane" Gingrich. He grew up in Ashley and graduated from Ashley High School in 1946. He always boasted that he was 8th in his class! Jerry served in the United States Army from 1950-1952 during the Korean War. On September 13, 1952 he married Wilma Norris in Water Loo, Indiana. Together he and Wilma enjoyed 59 years of marriage and raised 7 children.

Jerry was a lifelong farmer and he worked and retired from Midland Ross in Owosso. He also worked for Capital Tool & Die for another 10 years before retiring at the age of 65.

Surviving him are children: Howard (Melanie) Gingrich, Chris (Sue) Gingrich, Russell (Rhonda) Gingrich, Brenda (Brian) Acre, Linda (Donnie) Snelling, and John (Geneva) Gingrich. He also leaves behind 26 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Buttercup. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Marjorie Beard, his wife, Willie, and his son, Jimmy Gingrich.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors. Family was important to him and he loved spending time with them, especially his grandkids and great-grandkids. He had an amazing life and touched everyone he knew.

He will be remembered at a Celebration of Life the summer of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elsie Area Food Bank, 225 South Ovid Street, Elsie, MI 48831. 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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The family of Sue Monroe would like to thank the staff at the Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department, Dr. Frey and surgical floor staff for their care of our love one. The director of the Owosso Hospice House and all the staff that cared for Sue. Thanks to all the staff and nurse of Memorial Healthcare Services that provided help and information to make our home care easier. Also thanks to the Meals on Wheels for providing meals at our home. Thanks to Pastor Eugene Blair for the Prayers and Ministerial support that he provided for Sue and the Family. Thanks also to the Ovid United Church Women's Fellowship for the Lunch after the Funeral.



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Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid
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Minister: Rev. Terry Melton



Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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103 Hanvey Street
Pastor: Zella Daniel
Sunday Worship 11:15am

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5565 E. Colony Rd.
(3 mi. W. of O-E H.S.)
Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30am, & 11:00am
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Senior Minister: Andrew Goodrich
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Children's Minister: Jessica Prieto
www.duplainchurch.org

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Pastor: John Jakus
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Worship Service 10:00am
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ELSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: JD Paik

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517-651-5531
Worship:
Sundays at 10am.
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Pastor Tiffany Newsom
laingsburgumc@gmail.com
www.laingsburgumc.org

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Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Watch Sunday Service on
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Pastor Phillip Rogers

United Church of Ovid

Office Hours: 9-1 Mon - Tue - Wed
9-Noon Thur • Closed Fri
Sundays am: 10:45 - Hymnsing
11:00 - Worship
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Pastor Eugene Blair

St. Cyril Parish of Bannister

Mass: Sun 10:30am,
Wed. 9:00am

Confession:
Sun 11:30am

We Welcome You to Come...

Obituaries

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Donna Fay Allen

Donna Fay Allen, a long time resident of Ovid, died on November 29, 2021 at the age of 83.

Donna was born in Eureka, Michigan on August 31, 1938, the daughter of D.O. Wakefield and Georgia Thompson Wakefield. Donna retired from Toledo Commutator after thirty-six years of service and also enjoyed over thirty years as a hostess at The Wheel Inn Restaurant in St. Johns. She loved people, was always willing to help others, and loved spending time with her grand-kids and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlene (Mead) Hyde and husband Emerson Hyde of Mason, Michigan, and two sons, Mike Mead and wife Lisa Mead of Elsie, Michigan and Pat Mead and wife Angie Mead of Hudsonville, Michigan; three grandchildren, Megan (Kevin) Adams, Makayla Mead, Terry (Katrina) Evans, four great grandchildren, and her brother, Ronald (Sue) Wakefield. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Jeanette Gruesbeck.

A Funeral Service was held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Friday, December 3, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Dementia Society of America. For further information please phone 989-224-4422 or visit www.McGeehanFH.com



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is another Wednesday morning and I'm a bit excited because Tammy has come over and is washing my kitchen walls, ceiling, and doing an amazing job on my kitchen fan that is over the oven. It looks as if it just came out of the box. She is doing an awesome job and I feel privileged to have her here. I also feel a bit spoiled which is kind of nice. At the rate she is going my whole kitchen will be sparkling and could do a modeling job!!! I should have taken a "before" picture.

It is already Thursday morning and though I have been on the move all week long, I seem to need a bit of time to collect and focus my thoughts and intentions. Yesterday, I did manage to catch up on folding the laundry...I'm ecstatic that I don't have any ironing to do. I still have a few more clothes to put away which is not such a bad thing. I just wish that my son wouldn't automatically throw the clothes from the dryer onto the freezer, the washer and the dryer and then have a bout of indignity because he can't find anything.

Last week was a blur of activity and I feel badly that I forgot to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Day that was filled with the joy of family and friends. My list of attendees had dwindled from twenty-two down to a mere eight. And what a group that was, my house was filled with much laughter and a great deal of kidding. It was also the first time that I was not ready to put out the feast as soon as all the guests arrived. Some were early for which I am thankful and some were late, so my visitation time was more open. I believe that we all counted our blessings and I have had many to acknowledge. I made more dinner rolls and half of them were dispersed before the dinner began. I made less pies and it didn't matter....everyone was full to overflowing. And we all got a good laugh when Ryan and Isabella set the dinner table and used tablespoons instead of the teaspoons. Jake kept snitching the dinner rolls and didn't mind being caught in the act.

I forgot to tell you all about Amy and her amazing pebble art. She has a beautiful skill set that flows across her choice of canvas. Understand that I'm being a bit illusive when I call her background a canvas. Her wood burning is elegant and the placement of Michigan pebbles make a very charming scene. I'm now on the hunt for some perfect rocks for her to apply her artistic talents. I need to check out Rolayne and Carl's rock pile for some perfect specimen. I also caught a look at her sketch book and hope that she will help me make a pattern for the Unicorn apron that Isabella has requested for Christmas.

The "Lavender Lady" from the St John's area is also another very knowledgeable person that is over at the Village of Ashley Christmas. Annette has been growing her lavender and harvesting it manually on six acres for a number of years. She also dries it by hand, if you have the time come on down and visit with her, she has much information to share. She also does all the hand weeding that many of our dedicated gardeners do. I find it very interesting that she and Deb (the bee lady) live in close proximity to each other's farms which is beneficial for both. Lavender is good for your skin and after a raw cut is healed and closed the scar can be diminished by using lavender oil. Did you know that lavender is a naturally anti-viral and anti-bacterial? IF you can't make it over to the 1225 Train you can contact Annette by email at Milavenderpatchfarms@yahoo.com. The Lavender Lady has started to make her own essential oils and can explain the soothing powers of lavender.

This morning I have put together my first Christmas plate and will deliver it later this morning, I must admit that I put more food and less fufu in the first one. The cookie decorating party on Christmas Eve has been confirmed and I may need only to make about ten dozen cookies. I have a great deal of sprinkles and colors and colored sugars on hand for the festive occasion and of course I have the tubes and decorating tips to amuse everyone. I will also have my home-made lasagna ready for those who might prefer a little dinner to go with all the sweets.

I would like to say that I have some of my Christmas cards ready for the mail...but if I did I would be stretching the truth to the breaking point. Since I don't have the time this morning it will be moved to my Monday morning agenda, today I will bake and make fudge for this weekend. I should be able to stay out of trouble. May God bless you daily and may you enjoy the opportunities that surround you, many times there are more than we perceive. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2021

Winter Clothing Giveaway at Salvation Army of Owosso

OWOSSO — The Salvation Army Owosso has hundreds of coats, hats, mittens and gloves for children and adults in need this Christmas season, thanks to donations at 12 collection sites. Distribution of coats started Tuesday, November 16. Clients should call the Salvation Army

at (989) 725-7485 and complete an application by phone.

A date and time will be scheduled for people to visit the office to pick out a coat, hat, or gloves.

Call from 8:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays.

Coat signups are available throughout the winter, with the coat distribution ending March 31, 2022.

2021 Regulations and Restrictions of Ford Cemetery Located in Elba Township, Gratiot County.

The cost of one grave as of October 1, 2021 is \$300 with \$50.00 of this going towards permanent care.

The charge for a grave opening in the summer is \$420.00 and \$675.00 in the winter. Winter pricing is from December 1st to March 31st. Sunday and holiday burials are \$200.00 extra. Burials performed at 3:00pm and after are \$200.00 extra. Cremations and baby burials are \$150.00 in the summer and \$550.00 in the winter.

All burials must go through the township clerk or the funeral home.

All foundations and maintenance will be done by cemetery employees.

All grave markers will have firm concrete foundations to be installed by the cemetery employees only.

All grave markers will be in a straight line at the head of the graves.

Urns must be lined with the grave markers. Urns that are not used or become unsightly will be removed.

There will be not planting in front of the markers (west). Planting in back of markers (east) will be within 12 inches of markers.

There will be no shrubs, bushes, or trees.

Rose bushes of any description are not allowed.

There will be no mounding of graves.

There will be no crushed stone or flower bed boarders.

All planting or placement will be subject to approval of and maybe removed by order of the Elba Township Board.

All winter grave blankets, stakes and all artificial arrangements must be removed by March 15. All of the above not removed by the designated date will be moved to the dumpster and hauled away. New arrangements may be placed starting April 1.

Any perennials such as iris or peonies that are not kept weeded will be mowed over.

When roots of any tree or shrub cause a marker to move or tilt that tree or shrub will be removed.

No wooden borders may be installed. Only the two already placed in the cemetery years ago may remain.

Graves may be transferred to another party only through the township clerk.

No more than two burials per grave site will be allowed. (1 or both a cremation or baby).

There will be no exchanges of graves from Blocks 1-2-3-4-5 to graves in any other section.

All rules are subject to change by the Elba Township Board.

Elba Township Board
Madaline C. Morris, Clerk
989-847-2210

2022 Meeting Calendar Middlebury Township

P.O. Box 622, Ovid, Michigan 48866
989-834-9900

Supervisor: Michael Herendeen Treasurer: Carolyn Stevens
Clerk: Susan Tomasek Swan (989-307-8841)
Trustee: Jeffery Swan and Gene Ruess

Note: Meeting Day of the week change:
Every 2nd Tuesday of each month except

August no Meeting.

**All meetings will be held at 7627 M-21, Ovid, MI
and will start at 7:00 pm**

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14

July 12
August - No Meeting
September 13
October 11
November 15
December 13

ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

The December Board of Review will meet
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Elba Township office
at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley at 6:00 p.m.

Madalin Morris
Township Clerk

New Recycling Facility to Open in December

submitted by Ellen Link

Barring some freak snowstorm that shuts down the roads, the GLR will be thrilled to hold the next recycling drive in the new Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center on Sat., December 11, 9 am to 1 pm! You'll find us on Woodbury Rd. just south of old Grand River (look for our spiffy sign). Many generous and far-sighted people came together to create this waste reduction resource for thousands of people in the Laingsburg vicinity. A grand opening with all the hoopla will be planned and announced as soon as possible.



So, what's the plan? For now, recycling patrons will drive into the building and stay in their cars while volunteers unload their materials. Due to the nasty new virus variant, we'll need to take special safety precautions for a while, hence we will all be vaccinated and wearing masks. We want everyone to have happy, healthy holidays. And then, stay tuned. As we're all learning, things continue to change—viruses, recyclable materials, frequency of recycling drives... Let's hope that in 2022 they will all change for the better.

The holiday season always seems to result in lots of trash—wrapping paper and ribbon, single-use plates, utensils, etc., Styrofoam and boxes. This year please give some thought to reducing that waste, and to choosing gifts that are Fair Trade, made locally, or are designed with sustainability in mind. Need some ideas? We'll try to offer some on our website.

In case you're new or forgetful, clean and dry materials accepted every month at recycling drives include: newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal; aluminum (separate); corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper (no adhesives), junk mail and magazines; books; #1 plastics (bottles and jars—no clamshells, e.g., takeout, berries and salad containers); and #2 plastics (milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid color containers). We also accept household batteries; please separate into regular, rechargeable and lithium. Unfortunately, we cannot accept glass right now but hope that will change in the future. The GLR cannot accept plastic bags or polystyrene/Styrofoam (the latter is accepted at the St. Johns Lions', Meridian Township and East Lansing sites). We also take empty inkjets from Canon, Brother and HP.

You can visit our website—<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite> or Facebook page for this and more information—like how to sign up to volunteer (we need you like you need us). 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. As always, recyclers from any community are welcome.

We rely on donations to cover our costs but they are not mandatory. 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. Happy Holidays!



VILLAGE OF ELSIE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

**Light Parade through
Downtown Elsie**

Starting at 7:30 pm.

**Christmas Tree Lighting
Ceremony Following**

TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA

**Family Fun for Everyone!
Including Music, Cookies,
Popcorn & Hot Chocolate at the
Village of Elsie Office**

**Hosted by Elsie Fire & Rescue • Elsie American Legion Volunteers Welcome
• For Information or to Become a Parade Entry Contact the Village Office at (989) 862-4273**



The Thanksgiving Community dinner was a great success on Thanksgiving Day in downtown Ovid. Over 150 people (between dine-in and take-out) enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by Suzanne & Chara from Country Kitchen. Desserts were donated from community members including 20 pies from Leonard Elementary. Larry Bosom delivered sixteen meals to shut-ins. Donations from those who enjoyed the meal totaling \$800 will be going towards the Ovid Christmas Basket Project.

Pictured here are volunteers who helped make the event possible. Back row (l-r) Sherie & Johnny Jankovic, Chara Potter, Randy Elwood, Suzanne Grubaugh and Diane Aldrich. Front row (l-r) Jamie Aldrich and brothers Adam & Matthew Jasicki who were visiting from out of state for Thanksgiving. The brothers are both Boy Scouts and when they learned of the community dinner event they called Suzanne and asked if they could help. "We would like to thank all who helped that day and donated desserts. Special thanks to all who donated in Memory of Dick Ehlert for this event and the Christmas Basket program. We are truly blessed to live where we do," explained Chara Potter.



Ovid Carriage Days Drive-Through Christmas

Wave to Santa

Sunday, December 12, 2021
from 3:00pm - 5:00pm

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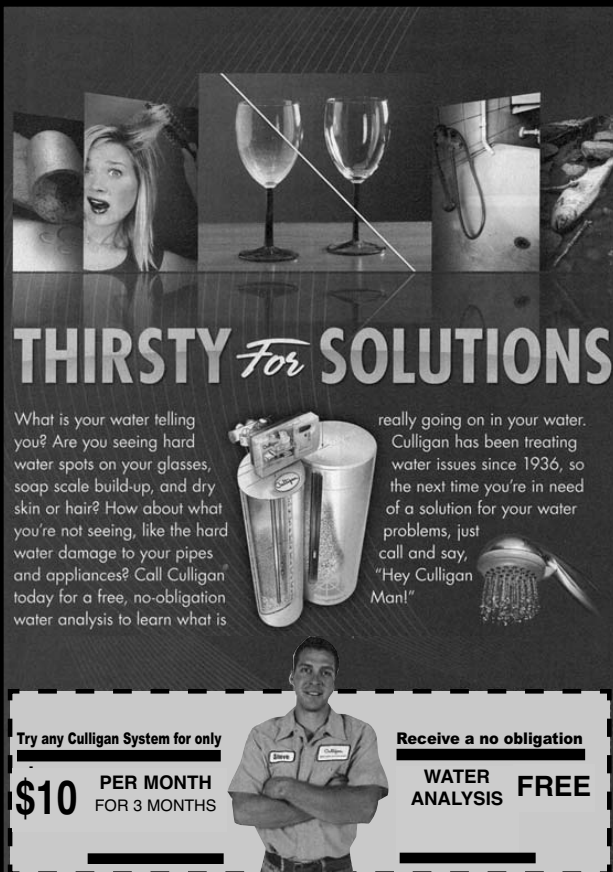
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Senior Spotlight



Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP for Seniors)

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. is taking applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly basis, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

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

This will be DRIVE-THRU ONLY ON December 7, 2021 (First Distribution Day). No food will be placed on the front or back seats of the vehicle. "TRUNKS" should be open before driving up to receive the food. After December 7, 2021 you will need to load your own food into the vehicle.

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

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Safe Ways for Seniors to Volunteer

Charitable organizations rely on the efforts of volunteers to meet their missions every day. People of all ages can volunteer, and a great number of volunteers are seniors.

A 2016 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that nearly one-quarter of American volunteers are age 65 and over. That was never more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many nonprofit organizations were suddenly forced to confront a volunteer shortage due to the adoption of social distancing guidelines that were designed to keep vulnerable populations, such as seniors, as safe as possible. One study from Fidelity Charitable found that two out of three volunteers decreased or stopped contributing time during the pandemic.

The rollout of various COVID-19 vaccines has allowed vaccinated individuals to return to a certain degree of pre-pandemic normalcy. However, the threat posed by strains of the virus like the Delta variant has made some seniors apprehensive about returning to volunteering. Though each individual should consider various factors before returning to volunteering during the pandemic, the following are some options seniors can consider as they aim to safely pitch in once again.

- Look for contactless opportunities. Interactions with the people they help and work alongside is what drives many volunteers to lend a helping hand. That's especially so for seniors whose children have grown up and moved out. In person interactions may be too risky during the pandemic, but seniors can still volunteer via contactless opportunities. For example, in lieu of delivering meals by hand, seniors who work with organizations such as Meals on Wheels can deliver prepackaged meals outside recipients' residences.

- Pitch in with fundraising. A report from Giving USA released in 2021 revealed that Americans gave more to charity in 2020 than in 2019. That increase came in spite of an economic downturn that saw millions of people lose their jobs or take pay cuts as companies scrambled to deal with lost revenue related to the pandemic.

Though giving might have increased in 2020, many nonprofit organizations, including local community theaters, likely suffered due to cancellations and audience restrictions. As a result, many local nonprofit organizations are in need of financial support. Seniors who want to pitch in but stay safe can volunteer to help local organizations raise funds. Seniors can participate in fundraising efforts from the comforts of their own homes.

- Offer professional expertise. Many seniors retired after spending decades mastering their crafts, and that experience can be an invaluable resource to local nonprofit organizations. Seniors can offer professional advice and mentor youths remotely via apps like Zoom without putting their physical health at risk.

Seniors concerned for their safety can still lend a hand by volunteering with their favorite nonprofit organizations.




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Senior Spotlight

Senior Center Seeking Donations

submitted by Brenda Terpening

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

They are looking for puzzles (300-1000 pieces), fabric, batting and yarn. They are also accepting items for Bingo prizes their members can win. Things like canned fruit (green beans are not needed), peanut butter, jelly, hot chocolate, paper towels and bagged candy are items the members enjoy receiving but are seldom donated.

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



Senior Center Seeks Volunteers

submitted by Brenda Terpening

At the Clinton County Senior Center they have two Gift Shops that are open for their members and the general public to shop in. One gift shop has glassware, decorations, cards, etc and the other is full of homemade sewn items.

The center is looking for someone that would volunteer their time to make dish scrunchies. The center would provide the netting.

If you would be interested in helping the Senior Center, please call them at 989-224-4257. Please leave a message if no one answers and they will get back to you.

Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owen Prussner

Owosso Parkinson Support Group to meet on Wed. Dec. 8, 2021, at 5:00PM at Owosso Council on Aging 300 S Washington St Owosso, MI 48867. Phone Number 989-723-8875. The Owosso Parkinson's Support Group meets the second Wed of each month.

With pleasure announce are speakers for the evening, Drs.

Melissa Schneider and Tish Mahoney. They are Physical therapists at Ascension , St Mary's in Chesaning. They work with Parkinson's people and those with neurological conditions. They help them learn to walk better.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support. If you have any questions about Owosso Parkinson's support Group, please contact, Karen Prussner, Facilitator, at 989-723-6901.



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It's ok to be Sensitive

Dear Andy,

Why do I take thing so personally? I often feel as if I am on the defense all the time. People tell me to “just get over it” or “stop being so hard on yourself.” My boyfriend upsets me all the time over some of the most mundane issues. Sometimes I just can't shake it. My family laughs at the goofy things he says but I feel as if he is setting me up to make me the butt of a joke. My friends say, “he didn't mean it like that” or “let it go,” or “don't sweat the small stuff.” Sometimes I feel everyone, including myself, is disappointed in my decisions or what I say. I am thinking there is something wrong with me. Most of the time I only feel this way with my boyfriend or immediate family. At work I feel confident and respected and valued. Feeling Criticized too much, Beth (not my real name)

Dear Beth,

Psychologists call this trait “Social Perfectionism.” You may have some lifelong habits of worrying about what others think about you. It can put you on the defense or hurt your feelings easily. Most people have sincere intentions in trying to make you feel better by giving you the advice to “not care what others think” but the truth is “it is ok to care about what others think” about you. It is a normal social response especially if you have spent your life trying to do your best. Typically, when we want to strive for the best, we are toughest on our-

**Winter Market/Rustic Santa is
Tuesday, December 7th**

submitted by Sue Kadlek

The IQhub is pleased to host a very special Holiday Winter Market at the IQhub museum and corporate headquarters of AgroLiquid in St Johns, MI. Join us for a night of shopping while supporting local businesses with handmade crafts and artisan goods. There will be something for everyone on your list! The Market is from 3:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, December 7th. This unique, one-of-a-kind vendor sales event will be held in conjunction with “Art Explosion” - a very popular local artist event that drew several hundred visitors in 2019.

Santa visits the IQhub on Tuesday, December 7th during the Indoor Winter Market! Bring your own camera and snap some pics of the rustic, barn wood themed Santa display. Suggested donation to the museum: \$5.00 per child.

selves. So, when others find fault or are being too picky about what we do or say, it is because we have learned to be critical of our flaws in a society that we think expects perfectionism.

In our cultural we grow up with low esteem when we do not acknowledge our good characteristics and positive strengths. We need to have more positive self-talks. Repeating affirmations to encourage us to value our self and opinions. It is important stay positive when you are having your “zero to 60” internal dialogs. Spend time around people and friends who respect you for who you are and appreciate your contributions. As a sensitive person who cares what other think or feel, it is surprising how much influence other people have in our adult lives, even the ones who seem to care about us the most or the one we spend a lot of time with at work, socially or in a family situation. Sometimes we need to weed out negative people in our lives and make friends with more positive and uplifting individuals. Change your thinking. Your thought affect how you feel. Keep your thoughts kinds and your words to yourself kind. Be nice to you.

There is a psychologist who has a blog to encourage individuals to find methods to work on personal growth in understanding why we take things so personally.... <https://nickwignall.com>. If you are interpreting remarks or other opinions as a personal criticism more than you can handle, ask your family doctor or minister for a referral to a counselor. Often to stop taking things personally, you may need a deeper understand of the reason you are a “social perfectionist.” So, learn to be more assertive, be proud of yourself and accomplishments or achievements. No more negative self-talk.

Look in the mirror every day and tell yourself that you “love and approve of yourself.” It is hard to not take things personally when you are in the habit to “being on the defense, all the time.” Good luck on your continued journey of self-reflection and growth. It takes time. And it is ok to not be perfect. Andy @ask_andy.com

Lions Cheese Sale Returns

The cheese is here. The Ovid Lions Club cheese sale is now in progress and will run thru the holidays into January. The varieties come in one pound packages and include Amish Creamery, Sharp Cheddar, Colby Jack, Pepper Jack and Horseradish for \$8.00, Baby Swiss and the Variety Wheel are \$10. The cheese is available for purchase at the Meridian Weekly office on Tuesdays until noon and on Wednesdays and Thursdays until 4pm. To order you may also call Mary Perrien at (989)251-8517 or Mike O'Bryant at (989)834-2425.

Ovid businessman, Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen is offering a matching fund for the Ovid Lions Club for this fundraising event. Proceeds for the project will be used for development at Veterans Park (at the old Ovid High School field).



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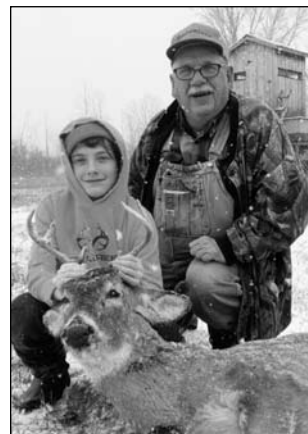
Freshman Kelley Stars for Spring Arbor JV Bowling Team

SPRING ARBOR — It was a big day on the lanes for the SAU bowling program.

Both the Men and Women varsity teams brought home the hardware for the Bowling Green Tournament.

Locally, Ovid-Elsie grad Mikayla Kelley bowled on the JV side of the match. The Cougars won and Mikayla made the All-Tournament Team.

She currently ranks 5th on the team with a 174.6 pin average per match..



Brothers Alex and Jaxson Barth were successful deer hunters. Alex (at left) got his 10 pointer on opening day, November 15th while hunting on family land in Gratiot County. His brother Jaxson, got his 6 pointer on November 27th, also in Gratiot County. Both boys used a 243 rifle. Jaxson is pictured here with his Grandpa, Norm Martin.

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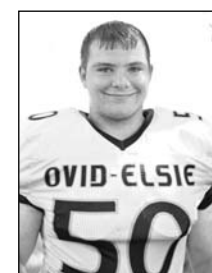
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Emme Koutz

(Emme's name was spelled wrong in the November 26th edition)

Emme Koutz, Adrian College (Ovid-Elsie), laced seventh in 20 minutes, 35.8 seconds to lead all Adrian runners Saturday at the Terracotta Invite in Toledo, Ohio. The Bulldogs finished fifth as a team.



Kevin Ley

(Kevin's photo was left out of the November 26th edition)

2nd Team All Conference for Ovid-Elsie High School

Kevin Ley 11th grade, DT. A 3 year varsity player, Kevin was a member of the Leadership Council. He started all 7 games, and was out for the playoff game at Millington. A starter at LG on offense, defensively he boasted 26 tackles, 2 sacks and 2 TFL.

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Editorial

Drunken Raisins

Growing up in the country the Weekly Sportsman has heard many ole time natural cures for aches, remedies, pains, and sicknesses. There was an old farmer down the road that spoke of a “healing tree” that he would visit and chew on the leaves belonging to that old cherry tree long before cherry juice concentrate from Traverse City was marketed for healthy living. He also wore farmer jeans everyday that carried a magnet in one pocket and a piece of copper in the other to help relieve pain long before copper garments were sold on infomercials. Then there was a great grandfather who had walnuts everyday at lunch and grew Jerusalem artichokes to fight diabetes fifty years before health studies and doctors praised their consumption. Many books have been written chocked full of such examples and modern day medical trials and scientific studies are slowly starting to show evidence that many work and shouldnt be dismissed as mere placebos.



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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Recently the Weekly Sportsman has witnessed several family members and friends have arthritic pain in joints either disappear or become somewhat tolerable while consuming “drunken raisin” on a daily basis. This concoction drew national attention about thirty years ago when Paul Harvey spoke of making drunken raisins. It is easy to be a skeptic if you don't have a background or knowledge understanding that modern day pharmacy has its roots in literally centuries around the world of using natural items alone or mixed together to cure ailments. Could consuming nine yellow raisins per day that were soaked in gin on the counter for nine days really help arthritis? Is it really that simple? The simple answer is yes. Some skeptics will say that raisins have too much sugar and can harm diabetics and that gin soaked raisins will cause recovering alcoholics to want to drink again. Is this possible? Maybe, but let's look at the two ingredients in drunken raisins and what has been discovered by current day modern science and medicine.

Drunken raisins are made from yellow raisins that are dehydrated using sulfur dioxide to preserve their natural color and not turn dark. In small doses sulfur has been shown to not only have antioxidants but also anti inflammatory properties when it comes to arthritis. As for the gin part, well gin is made from juniper berries and juniper extract has been shown to reduce inflammation in lab tests with animals. So sulfur and juniper combined in the form of drunken raisins kind of does make sense. The Weekly Sportsman suggests, after consulting your doctor, giving it a try because raisins aren't that bad for diabetics and there won't be enough alcohol left in the nine raisins a day dosage to even come close to making you drunk. What's the worst that could happen? A placebo effect that makes you feel better even if it is just in the mind?

Directions:
Take a glass jar and fill with a cup or two of yellow or golden raisins. Cover the raising just enough with gin so they are soaked but not swimming. Place the jar in a cool dark place with a cheesecloth over the top which will let most of the alcohol evaporate and leave raisins swollen and full of juniper. Let the jar sit for at least nine days. Consume nine a day and make sure you start succession batches so your homemade medication does not run out too soon.

Don't let some aches and pains keep you indoors this winter! -WS

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Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, “Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved...”

Paul gives us two very important facts about the gospel, which are also true about salvation. One is that it must be received and the second is that it saves.


Salvation must be received. No one is born into Christianity. No one is born into a personal relationship with God.

Receiving salvation can be seen as receiving a gift. For example, we all know from having birthday parties that we don't do anything to receive a birthday gift. You expect your friends to give you presents on your birthday. You don't have to go out and shovel out their driveway to earn your birthday present. You don't have to fix a person's leaky faucet, or mow their lawn or do some other kind of favor for that person before he or she will give you your present. It is a free gift. You just take it and enjoy.

Receiving salvation also means that people must believe in the gospel. People must believe with their hearts and minds.

Believing in the gospel is not just an emotional experience, though coming to faith in God can certainly be that. It is not just nodding in agreement about the life, death on the cross and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, as if it were just an academic exercise. Rather it takes both, heart and mind, to believe in the gospel and come to true faith in God.

And what is the gospel? It's a word that means, “good news.” The good news that although our sins separate us from God, Jesus, fully human and fully God, lived a perfect life and died on the cross for our sins. Jesus three days later rose bodily from the dead. Faith alone in Jesus' death and bodily resurrection from the dead is what brings you into a personal relationship with God and grants you entrance into Heaven when you die.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn

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Rep. Filler Sponsors Measure to Delcare December as Reserve Police Officer Month

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler today led the Michigan House in adopting a resolution to declare December 2021 as Reserve Police Officer Month in the state of Michigan.

Filler, of DeWitt, said police reservists are drawn from their communities and provide crucial public safety support.

“Reserve officers provide a tremendous amount of support to their communities,” Filler said. “The training reservists receive gives them the ability to provide immediate help to a citizen and stabilize a situation until sworn police officers arrive. It also allows them to perform routine support tasks, freeing up sworn police officers to focus their time on actual criminal investigations and law enforcement.”

Filler’s resolution reads, in part: “Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us.”

Filler called on the public to show support for reserve police officers and law enforcement this month and throughout the year.



State Rep. Graham Filler is joined at the state Capitol by Ken Mitchell, a reserve officer and county commissioner in Clinton County.

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