

Dairy Fest Pre-Sale Ride Tickets Available

Pre-Sale Amusement Ride tickets are now available for sale at Country Styles Hair Studio, Piggy Tails Hair & Nail Salon and The Meridian Weekly. The cost for pre-sale tickets is \$20 per (good for one day during the festival) the cost during the festival will be \$25.

The 2022 Elsie Dairy Festival will be held on July 7-9. You can go on Facebook to Elsie dairy festival and download the various activities applications like the three on three, parade, arts and crafts, 5K run and The Talent Show.

To get signed up for them: <https://elsiedairyfestival.weebly.com/>

The dairy festival T-shirts are in and you can purchase them at Country Styles Hair Studio in Elsie starting Monday the 16th. \$10 for children's, \$12 for adults and \$14 for 2X and 3X.

Arts & Crafters are still being accepted, for more information or to sign up, call Quinn Passmore at (989)388-7649. To sign up for the parade, call Brooke Woolley at (517)819-8459.



Native American Ways Presented by The IQhub

submitted by Sue Kadlek

This summer, the IQhub will host a special exhibit on Native American history and culture! This collection of displays is called Native American Ways. The exhibit is open from now until September 2, 2022, with special evening events in July and August.

Central Michigan University's Clarke Library has loaned the IQhub their exhibit on Native American Treaties, with a focus on Michigan territories. On display is a life-sized birch bark hut, maple sugar exhibit and other agricultural items from Cheboygan, as well as an eye-opening boarding school exhibit from the Museum of Ojibwa Culture in St Ignace. Wenonah Bird of Mount Pleasant has a beautiful display of Native American Regalia – jingle dresses, ribbon dresses, authentic bead work examples and beaded moccasins that she hand sews. From the Elijah Elk Cultural Center Seventh Generation Program of Mt Pleasant, the IQhub has on loan various items such as snow shoes, a lacrosse stick, drums and a medicine bag. Also, historical photography from the Library of Congress is on display.

On Wednesday, July 20th from 6 pm to 8 pm, the IQhub will host a special family night that includes Native American dancers and drummers. One of the most beautiful things about Native American culture is the unique quality of Native American dance. To the untrained eye, these Native American dances may look like nothing more than interesting movements designed to match the rhythm of a song. On the contrary, dances in this culture each have a deeper purpose and significance. Native Americans use dance as a way to connect with each other and honor longstanding traditions. After each performance, the dancers will explain the meaning of the dance.

On Thursday, August 18th from 3 pm to 8 pm, the IQhub is excited to hold a Summer Market. Join us for a special, week-night Summer Market on the grounds of the IQhub museum and corporate headquarters of AgroLiquid in St Johns. This outdoor vendor event is open to vendors of all types. Visit our website at www.iqhubag.org for the market vendor application and information. A special market event will include a birch-bark basket making class with Keith Knecht of Cheboygan. Various Native American tribes sewed pieces of birch bark together to make baskets to carry water, food and other supplies. Join us from 5pm-8pm to make your own basket using traditional Native American tools or just watch and listen to Keith as he talks about their history.

As always, admission to the IQhub is free to the public. The IQhub is open weekly Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and 10 am to 8 pm on July 20th and August 18th. For more information on Native American Ways, please contact the IQhub at 989-227-3847 or email IQ.hub@agroliquid.com.

The IQhub is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to be a free educational center for agricultural history, innovation and exploration.



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools ("Ovid-Elsie") is one of the first schools in the United States to adopt Solar-as-a-Service! This service will help a rural school district lower costs immediately, stabilize a budget, save an estimated \$4 million over 30 years and adopt classroom programming. Ovid-Elsie received a check of \$200,000 to the district as part of this partnership with Carmel, Indiana-based SunFunded. (l-r): Patrick Poer, Dr. Cunningham, Craig Coleman, Kelly Hipskind, Jesse Hile.

Photos by Dawn Levey

Ovid-Elsie Schools Sign Up For Solar Savings

ELSIE— In 2020 the Ovid-Elsie Area School Board unanimously approved an agreement with Carmel, Indiana-based SunFunded to develop, finance and service solar energy systems for the District's high school, middle school and two elementaries under the firm's "Solar-as-a-Service" program. The project would reduce energy costs by an estimated \$4 million over the next 30 years.

When installed, the project would represent 744 KW across 4 buildings, that will offset electric consumption for the high school, middle school and two elementary schools freeing up funds for other pressing priorities. The upfront cost of the project was made possible by private investors.

"Typically, a project of this magnitude would require a school to issue a Bond and raise community member's taxes. "Solar-as-a-service" affords the school the opportunity to bring energy savings to each school, with no outlay of capital by the district, no debt and no burden on our community," said Cunningham. Once operational the OE District will be charged a fixed service fee over the life of the contract with SunFund-Ed, a 25 year agreement.

Based on the 4 buildings selected, it's estimated that first-year savings for Ovid will be immediate and approximately \$30,000. Those savings are estimated to accumulate to up to \$4 million by year 30. Consumers Energy has already approved the interconnection applications for Ovid-Elsie and construction is estimated to be late summer to fall 2022.

"It's one thing to read about renewable energy in a book," said Ovid-Elsie Trustee Josh Miller. "When you actually see something like solar technology out of your classroom window, touch it, and run projects around it, that's an entirely different experience than reading about it in a book. SunFunded's educational focus and programming for the classroom gives Ovid-Elsie a leg up compared to most schools across the country who have adopted solar the more traditional way or not at all."

Kelly Hipskind, the co-founder of Sun FundED, told the board that the cost of solar has fallen 99% since 1977, making solar energy now the cheapest form of electricity in the world.

"In today's every changing economy and education landscape, it's not often you meet leaders who are willing to take a personal political risk and do what's best for the district's bottom line, for the students and for the classroom as a first adopter," said Hipskind. "For Superintendent Cunningham and his board to be one of the first public schools in the country to adopt

Solar-as-a-Service, that speaks volumes about where their priorities are for the school system and the community of Ovid-Elsie at large."

Hipskind also informed the board that SunFunded would be investing millions into the project, and based on his upbringing and this commitment, SunFunded treats this relationship as if the founders and companies are moving into the community with them.

"As the son of a retired teacher and a former basketball coach growing up with educational conversations at the dinner table, I get the political and financial pressures Ovid-Elsie and their team face and this is why it brings great personal and professional pride for SunFunded to help Ovid-Elsie win!"

The project should be in place by the time students come back in the fall.



The entire team: Sun FundED staff - Patrick Poer, Dr. Ryan Cunningham (OE Super.), Kelly Hipskind (Sun), Jesse Hile (Sun), Craig Coleman (OE), Brooke Wooley (OE Board), Eric Jones (OE Board), Jason Tokar (OE High School Princ).

Social

All Class 70th Ashleyite Reunion

submitted by Karen Follett

This reunion is for anyone who attended Ashley Schools, teachers, administrators, or interested community members. It will be held Sunday, July 10, 12n - 3p (eating at 1 p). Please bring your own table service, a dish to pass & photos, etc, to share. We will meet at the Ashley Community Center & Roger Keck Pavilion located on Sterling St. just north of the RR tracts. Join us for reminiscing & reacquainting. Questions may be directed to Karen Follett 989-331-1492 or Frank Chvojka 989-307-1062.



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Parker's Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Keith and Patricia Parker, of Ovid, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 23, 2022. The couple were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Owosso and started their honeymoon camping at Rose Lake, Leroy, MI.

They are celebrating their 50th with a trip to Traverse City from their children, Kip and Kimberly (Parker) Scott, Kris Parker and Alyssa Helvie and Kelly and Jodi Parker.

Keith and Patty have six grandchildren Kennedy, Katie and Parker Scott, Cameron, Olivia and Isla Parker.

The couple enjoy spending their time between their cottage at Rose Lake and home in Ovid attending family ballgames, cookouts and celebrations with their new mini Goldendoodle puppy, Max.



Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library will be closed July 1-4 for the upcoming holiday. We will reopen at 10:00 on Tuesday July 5. We hope everybody has a safe and enjoyable holiday. There will be no kids craft on Wednesday July 6. We will be showing a movie instead. We will be showing Surfs Up. Movie time will be 10:30. Also on July 6 the Classic Movie will be held at 1:00. This month's movie will be Yankee Doodle Dandy.

Our Tuesday crafting group will be meeting on June 28 at 1:30. In July they will only be meeting on July 12 and July 26.

Project Connect 2022 Volunteers Needed

submitted by Becky Zemla

The Shiawassee County Homeless Coalition is looking for volunteers to assist with Project Connect 2022, being held on July 26, 2022 at The First Church of the Nazarene, 1865 S. M-52 in Owosso. The hours needed would be from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

We need volunteers for, help with set-up and take-down; traffic control, intake, guides.

This will be an outside event.

If you are able to give 4 hours of your time to help people, please contact: Capital Area Community Services, 989-723-3115.

United Church of Ovid Invites Children to Monumental VBS: Celebrating God's Greatness

submitted by Sue Casler

A summer kids' event called Monumental VBS will be hosted at United Church of Ovid from Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22. At Monumental, kids explore the sun-baked



Southwestern desert as they dig into God's great love! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Canyon Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:35 am.

Monumental is for kids from age 3 (toilet trained) – entering 6th grade and will run from 9 am (registration 8:45 am) to 12noon each day. Can pick up pre-registration forms during UCO office hours Mon-Thurs 9am – 12noon. For more information, call United Church of Ovid 939-834-5958.

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Rep. Filler: Historic Reforms Fix Guardianship System, Protect Michigan Seniors

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler today led the House Judiciary Committee in approving a bipartisan plan to ensure vulnerable adults are not taken advantage of by those who are trusted to care for them.

Filler, who chairs the committee, is sponsoring the historic plan to improve the state's guardianship and conservatorship systems, the process used after a court decides an individual is not capable of making their own legal, medical or financial decisions.

"We've seen egregious cases in southeast Michigan, including one where a guardian severely limited an elderly couple's access to their loved ones, spending thousands of the couple's money to erect fences to keep family out," Filler said. "I'm working hard to institute some common-sense guardrails to prevent abuse and stop guardians who neglect or take advantage of their wards."

The legislation, which has support from the attorney general, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh and numerous other state leaders, is the culmination of more than two years of work by the Elder Abuse Task Force. The group of about 55 organizations and more than 100 individuals is dedicated to addressing abuse, neglect and exploitation of Michigan's vulnerable older adults.

Filler said the comprehensive proposal – House Bills 4847-50 – will fix issues identified by the task force and provide a number of important safeguards for the elderly and people with disabilities. It will provide procedural safeguards for the appointment of guardians, require guardians to take special precautions to protect people's property and increase transparency about the way a ward's property is being used.

The plan now advances to the full House for further consideration.

Shiawassee Community Foundation Summer Grant Cycle Opens

submitted by Lora Phelps

Shiawassee Community Foundation summer grant applications are open as of June 15! Two grant opportunities are available with grant applications due Monday, August 1, 2022.

The Memorial Healthcare Foundation Community Health and Education Fund is available to support local non-profits in health outreach programs primarily serving residents of Shiawassee County.

The William "Bill" J. Brooks Memorial Fund is available for the first time and the purpose of this fund is to support community beautification projects. This could include, but is not limited to, tree and flower planting, community gardens, upkeep/repair of downtown projects, parks, and community spaces, as well as plant and tree education/camps/classes for any age.

If you know of an organization, school, government entity, or charitable project/program that could qualify to receive the funds, please pass the information along!

The applications can be found at www.shiacf.org/grants. If you have any questions regarding the summer grant cycle, please contact our office at (989)725-1093 or email Kim Renwick at kim@shiacf.org.

NOTICE CITY OF OVID

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. Purpose of meeting is to adopt the DWRF Plan resolution & approve purchase of new copier.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

'Big A' Scholarship Awarded to LHS Grads Putnam, Antcliff

LAINGSBURG —

The "BIG A" (Jason E. Andersen) Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Brooke L. Putnam and Curtis Antcliff, both graduated seniors at Laingsburg High School, and to Madison Szymanski and Ryan Voltz, both seniors at Alpena High School.

Putnam plans on attending Lansing Community College before transferring to Michigan State University. Antcliff plans on attending Lansing Community College to study building management.

The "BIG A" Scholarship was started in 2009 in memory of Jason E. Andersen. Anderson was a Laingsburg High School graduate in the class of 1995, who also starred on the gridiron at LHS and at Alma College. After graduation, he was influential in the Alpena community, where he coached football and basketball.

Over \$41,000 in scholarships have been awarded thus far. Jason died at the age of 31 due to hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

Scholarships are awarded to those seniors in good standing who have participated in both school-based and non-school based activities; future study areas and goals are also taken into account.



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CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2022-5

At a Regular Meeting of the City of Ovid's, City Council held on the 13th, day of June 2022 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ordiway, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien and Mr. Starn.

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mr. Williams supported by Ms. Perrien to adopt the following Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 Millage rates for the City of Ovid, for real and personal property are hereby established and approved as follows:

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate
General Operating	14.6126
Emergency Service	2.2167

The City of Ovid shall charge a one (1) percent admin fee.

The City of Ovid shall charge a three (3) percent late fee for all late unpaid taxes collected by the city.

ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Mr. Starn, Mr. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway and Mr. Lasher.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution declared adopted,

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

OE Band Can & Bottle Drive

The Ovid-Elsie Band will be holding a Can and Bottle Drive during the Dairy Festival, July 8-10.

Cans and bottles can be dropped off at the Cooper Creations booth. For more information call 989-413-2202, leave a message and your call will be returned.

SYNOPSIS PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING CITY OF OVID JUNE 13, 2022

The Full set of the Minutes for the Public Hearing & Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid or on line at www.ovidmi.org.

Mayor Lasher opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

He explained, the purpose of the public hearing and asked if anyone had any question regarding the Truth and Taxation information.

No questions were asked so, he proceeded to close the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

Mayor Lasher then opened the regular meeting at 7:02 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Chief of Police: Ron Gwizdala.

EX OFFICIOS: Rich Simpson - DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier-Treasurer and Josefina Medina-Clerk.

VISITORS: Kam Washburn and Arnold Dunchock.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Perrien, second by Williams to approve the agenda with the date corrected as requested by the Clerk.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Brown, second by Starn to accept the minutes of May 9th, & May 25, 2022, as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Brown second by Perrien to accept the check register for the period of May 11th, thru June 14, 2022 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, second by Ms. Perrien to accept the Treasurer, Police and DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Lasher read the resolution #2022-05 titled 2022 Millage Rates. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. William, supported by Ms. Perrien to adopt resolution #2022-05 as read. Roll call was taken by the clerk. **YEAS:** Starn, Perrien, Brown, Williams, Hibbard, Ordiway and Lasher. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution will be published in its entirety in the Weekly.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Ms. Perrien to accept the budget amendments as recommended.

MOTION CARRIED

3. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Mr. Williams to Post the ad for two weeks on Indeed & MCOLES for a part-time Chief at \$30 per hour and a full-time Chief negotiable.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss. Hibbard to accept the invoice from Peerless Midwest to do the repair in the amount of \$11,930.21.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Mayor Lasher asked if anyone had questions on the grant/loan program for the DWFR (Drinking Water Revolving Fund) program.

This is what we are having a Public Hearing on June 22nd at 6 pm about. This will come down to an intent to apply.

6. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to appoint Patti Kieffer to the Election Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Williams to accept the quote from ROWE engineering in the amount of \$38,800 and to authorize the mayor to sign agreement to do the work.

MOTION CARRIED

CARRIAGE DAYS: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss Hibbard to authorize Mr. Starn to apply for the liquor license and to have the Mayor and Officer Watson to sign said application.

MOTION CARRIED

CEMETERY: Discussion was held. A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Ms. Perrien to award the bid to Roofing Innovations at \$28,120.00 and to authorize the mayor to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor lasher closed the meeting at 8:59 pm

Josefina Medina, Clerk
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Robert Lee Wilber

Robert Lee Wilber, age 95, of Ovid, MI, passed away Thursday, June 16, 2022, at his home with his family by his side.

Robert was born in Owosso, Michigan on February 20, 1927, the son of Howard and Velma M. (Hopkins) Wilber. On January 3, 1948, Robert married Dorothy Marie Roth in Owosso, Michigan; they were blessed with 62 years of marriage, prior to her passing on November 19, 2010. He served his country in the U.S. Army. Robert retired from General Motors in Flint after 28 years of service. He enjoyed bowling and playing the Michigan Lottery. He was an avid Detroit Lions and Tiger fan.

He is survived by his children: Gary Wilber of Ovid, MI; Jerome and Cindy Wilber of Elsie, MI; John and Deb Wilber of Ovid, MI; son-in-law Ron Nethaway of Elsie, MI; daughter-in-law Gloria Wilber of Owosso, MI. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Tricia Lynn, Lisa, Robert A., Shanna, Hanna, Jerome Jr., Eric, and Joshua and many great and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons: Jerry Lynn and Robert, daughter Anna Nethaway, son-in-law Jeff Shea, two grandsons: Jeffery and Kenneth.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Monday, June 20, 2022, with Pastor Eric Wilber officiating. Burial has taken place at Duplain Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Ovid VFW Post #8964, 218 South Main Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866; American Legion Post #502, 220 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 Chapel.





Thank you
Thank you to Smith's Family
Funeral Home for all
their caring help.
We appreciate St Paul's
Catholic Church for the beautiful
mass and Elsie Methodist Church for
the delicious luncheon. We would also like to
thank Riverside Cemetery staff. A special thank
you to the staff at A Family Affair for the
excellent care they gave our mother.
We want to thank all our family
& friends for all their support.
The Gertrude Dunham Family



“POV”

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the... (1 Samuel 16:7).”

We're all just 12-year-olds in grown-up clothes. That perspective got me through a recent conference full of very important Hollywood folks. We're all just people.

Anyone who knows me knows that I like to talk to strangers. On a vacation once my family didn't know where I was. My daughter said, “Just look for a crowd and Dad will be in the middle.” I'm used to talking to strangers, but when they wield that much media influence, it puts me off my game a bit. We see the clothes, famous faces, and name tags.

Our human point of view can shift, be influenced, and we all disagree on something, but God is not sidetracked by appearances – He looks inside, at the heart. And so, His POV is right, and always right. We form opinions and views, but God has the heart facts.

And what is God's point of view on us? God's POV on “our facts” is clearly revealed in the Bible. He says we are made in His likeness and each person has great value as His reflection. “God created Man in His own image, male and female...(Genesis 1:27).”

But He says we're rebels, lawbreakers, running from Him and His immense love. “All of us like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way...(Isaiah 53:6).”

That's because we're all broken by this rebellious, independent, and selfish attitude, what the Bible calls sin. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).” (Doubt it? Who do you look for first in your school yearbook or family group photos?)

And yet, He loves us anyway, which is quite astounding. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us...(Romans 5:8).”

He came to rescue us from spiritual death, caused by sin that makes us unholy. “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10, Romans 6:23).”

He also says that if we don't return, that one day He'll punish everyone who defies Him and His Word. “Be sure of this: The wicked will not go unpunished (Proverbs 11:21).”

Our punishment is just, and loving (because it protects those who love Him from harm). “Dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).”

He does not delight in our death or our rebellion. “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live...(Ezekiel 33:11).” It's all very bad news, and thankfully really good news. I guess it all depends on our point of view on how we see God's POV. After all, most 12-year-olds in adult clothes know best.

Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.
- Warren Buffett



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is already Tuesday and another week is flying by...I'm sure that folks have been telling me for years that the days seem to get longer and don't zoom by as they seem to do for me. No doubt I'm being stuck in one of those reverse 'act your age scenarios'. I seem to have a great deal to do at all times, therefore I must be moving slower than a snail? I know, it makes no sense to me either. I hate to admit that I still don't have my whole garden weeded. I'm gradually making headway and am very pleased with the new hoe, even though it can't function without my assistance.

I spent Saturday morning at the St Johns Farmer's market and had another sell out, I had added more to what I took the prior week and sold out at about eleven thirty so now I need to figure out how much more to bake. Hopefully I won't be bringing any excess home with me. I'm enjoying the fresh vegetables that I brought home. The hoop house tomatoes grown northwest of here are sumptuous. That being said, I'm tickled with the red beets and greens that Roy Davis has grown. Of course, I also picked up some farm eggs, I never seem to have enough to get the baking done. Depending on what I make, I have been using between six and eight dozen...maybe I should get a flock?

Sunday was a very relaxing day. I went up north and was delighted with the company, conversations, and surroundings. For awhile the weather was cooler than expected but we found ways to use our time. To be honest, I was pampered and waited on, and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Coffee was poured, luncheon was plated and served and the grilled New York strip was amazing at dinner. Yes, Prudence went with us and she was a bit intimidated by a couple of other pooches, but she certainly seemed to enjoy the travel. Also the novelty of being able to sit on my lap all the way up and back, since then she looks at me critically as I get into my car on the driver's side. I'm glad that she doesn't try to land in my lap as I drive. Pru loves to visit with Karen because she gets treats and extra attention when I have to leave her.

Wahoo, I now have a shower and am enjoying it. My knee was making it difficult to get into and back out of the tub. Feeling like a beached whale because everything was awkward, not that I have ever been all that graceful. Whatever floats my boat, because I seem to be having a rough time with comprehending what I've been told. Every time that I feel as if I understand what is happening in the peripheral edges of my life and respond to it I hit another one of those blank walls. Good thing that I believe in perseverance.

I believe that I may have a mini vacation in the making. And I may need one shortly. I'm trying hard to get four of the rooms upstairs cleared to the walls so that I can have the dry-wall replaced. Of course that involves taping it and having it ready to paint. I believe that I will have six guests on the 29th of July and need to have everything ready for their stay. Life will be a bit hectic but interesting for a few days. I hope to have the antique doors ready and finished to be hung by then also. I know, if wishes were horses than beggars would ride. And I would choose to be a beggar.

It seems to be time for me to get into micro-focus time without losing track of what needs to be done and by what date. Looks simple. So it is time to focus and stay focused for the next couple of weeks. I already have the manpower that I need to remove the old drywall and replace it. I have the necessary funds set aside to accomplish the plan. Now I will need to see that it is done. Ah yes, the best laid plans oft fail...but if I only get three of four rooms finished I will have made a great deal of progress under my own steam. And having steam seems to be one of those expectations that I fill.

May you have all the steam you need and be filled with God's blessings.

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Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
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Swimming and Water Safety

Dear Andy,

We lost a child on the 5th of July last year due to a drowning in a nearby lake without a lifeguard. It breaks our heart every day to think about the incident and how it should have been prevented. We would like to take the opportunity, in your column, to make others aware of how important it is to always swim with a sober adult in charge of safety. It can happen in a minute. Please remind your readers to watch their swimmers regardless of age or swimming ability to play safely and take all water precautions. I pray others will not know the heartache we have felt. We also are trying to think of a tribute we could do in our daughter's memory, if you have any suggestions, please share with us. Sad Dad

Dear Sad Dad,

My heart aches for your loss. It is my belief she is in the hands of angels being cared for, with as much love as you felt for her. I hope you are or have received professional counseling. A grieving process can be long and can often create some difficult challenges, especially if you blame yourself. The loss of a child who died too young without knowing their earthly life will always hurt deeply in your heart. Time will make it easier as the days pass but there will always be ache in your heart. And...that is ok.

I spoke to a Certified San Diego lifeguard friend who grew up in California and saved over 600 lives during his career. He advised, "Swimming where there are lifeguards, life rings and/or a lifeboat. Swimming in only designated areas and using proper equipment such as life jackets and fins is recommended. Know the water warnings such as undertow, cold spouts and dangerous situations that can occur while having fun in our great water wonderlands in our State."

Planning a tribute for your daughter will be extremely healing. I would like to recommend you pursue some information on the LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM. The Sea Tow Foundation spearheads a Boating and Safety and Education program that you might want to join or donate in your daughter's name. Many boating and swimming areas are providing "Borrow and Return" dockside stations with bright yellow life-jackets, assorted sizes which include directions as to how to properly wear a life jacket. Volunteers can install stations and/or take donations from individuals, companies, or fundraising events. For more information go to www.boatingsafety.com/donate

The US Coast Guard accident statistics recently posted that 80% of fatal boating and accidental drowning occurred because they were not wearing life jackets. Even if you are a strong experienced swimmer, they recommend wearing a life jacket when you are in unfamiliar deep-water or unpredictable waves in shallow waters.

Dad, perhaps you could have a fundraiser for the "Borrow and Return" program. If you need assistance in organizing a fundraiser, email me for suggestions. You will get through this. Blessings of support to you and your family. Thank you for sharing your story, it will save lives. Andy @ askandy-foradvice@gmail.com or ask_andy@aol.com

Readers: Starting at age 15 an individual can enroll in Lifeguard/First Aid/CPR/AED at the American Red Cross. If you are a serious swimmer and meet the requirements of becoming certified lifeguard, it can be a rewarding life-saving job with life-long skills and get paid for a great tan.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 29, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the middle school media center, Laingsburg, Michigan, the Board of Education of Laingsburg Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2022-2023 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2022-2023 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2022-2023 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the superintendent's office, 205 S. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing. **

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Sparrow Clinton Hospital Names Kris Tennant as New Interim President

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital caregivers have welcomed longtime healthcare leader Kris Tennant as the hospital's new interim president. Tennant stepped into the role upon the recent retirement of former SCH President Beth Daugherty.

Previously serving as vice president of Patient Experience for Sparrow Health System, Tennant offers 16 years of experience with Sparrow and 30-plus years as a highly skilled, inspiring and innovative healthcare leader. In her role as director of Rehabilitation Services, and later as director of Mary Free Bed at Sparrow, she successfully led her team to earn the nationwide title of Top Performer in Overall Quality of Care for Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals over four consecutive years – expanding the program and improving the quality of care for patients.

Her clinical background includes acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient services in both the hospital and private sectors, and skilled nursing. She received her Master of Physical Therapy from Andrews University in Dayton, Ohio; a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University; and an Associate of Arts in Social Work from Southwestern Michigan College.

Inspired by her own life experiences, Tennant brings an empathetic and holistic approach to healthcare and leadership – always putting the needs of patients and caregivers first and delivering leading-edge medicine.

"I enjoy cultivating strong relationships and seeking community involvement and collaboration," Tennant said. "I am looking forward to working with the communities Sparrow Clinton has the privilege to serve."

For more on Sparrow Clinton, go to [Sparrow.org/Clinton](https://www.sparrow.org/Clinton).



Kris Tennant

Coming Soon to the Memorial Healthcare NOW Building-The Big Salad!

Owosso, Michigan —The Big Salad is coming soon to the Memorial Healthcare NOW Building! THE BIG SALAD STORY

John Bornoty was in New York City some years ago, eating a sandwich in a delicatessen in Manhattan. While he was eating, Bornoty noticed a small salad bar in the corner of the room where customers, looking for a healthier alternative to a mile-high pastrami on rye, could "build" their own salads.

Bornoty found the drawback to virtually every salad bar in the country is that the lettuce is not always fresh, the toppings limited, and, moreover, patrons all handle the same utensils, all awkwardly reaching beneath a glass or clear plastic panel. The ingredients are typically not replenished until empty, so the ingredients are usually warm and wilted.

Bornoty had an idea to create a specialty salad restaurant, where salads are made for you. A salad restaurant where the number of fresh toppings seems limitless and where the lettuce is continuously kept crisp and cold. And the salad ingredients are not handled by the masses, but by one associate who is dedicated to making you the best salad possible.

And to finish off the concept, Bornoty wanted to create an environment that did not say "fast food" but "good food."

The Big Salad offers 11 signature entree salads that are all made to order. For those customers wishing to "build their own" salad, The Big Salad offers over 28 vegetable topping choices, over 30 dressings, over eight meat and seafood topping choices and over eight dry topping choices. In addition, The Big Salad offers over 16 varieties of delicious soups and five healthy and unique sandwiches.

Watch our social media platforms for information on a future Grand Opening event! To learn more about The Big Salad food options, please visit www.thebigsalad.com.



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Our life begins, flows, and ends all in a circle, as do all things in life. There's a cycle that carries out in every decision and path that a person takes throughout their life. The circle of life is designed for each of us to learn and become the self we each were meant to be.

Past - leave it where it sits and belongs. The past was only the lessons you learned along the way to where you are now. It's nothing to keep regrets over or anything to punish yourself with. The past is there as a learning tool for continuous growth so you can become the best version of the person you are to be. The past is not a place to stay, but to visit only on occasions for a reminder of the lessons learned.

Present - stay in the moment and live your life without looking back at your past. You're not facing that direction when you are moving forward in life for a reason. Don't throw your head into the future because that place isn't developed yet and is subject to changing. The future is only for setting intentions of goals. If you're always looking farther ahead, you'll miss the fun of the here and now. Staying within the moment is where you should be in order to be present with the time and people within your life.

Future - this is the place to set your life goals, achievements, and long-term dreams. The future isn't a place to stay, it's a place to go or head towards. Living for the future will only speed up your life now, creating remorse for missing everything you rushed by in order to get there. The future is not designed as a destination to get to, it's simply a guide for each separate path we choose to take on our journey of choices within our life. It is always changing with each decision made or not made. Therefore, the future is an unstable place to stay in.

Now how does all of this tie in with your health? Actually, quite easily! Keeping the human mind in a certain place for so long can create worry, stress, anxiety, depression, and more. By constantly living in these moments, we're self-inflicting unhealthy habits, self-talk, regrets, confusion, illusions, and ultimately creating illness, and lowered immunity within our body.

Drawing negative thoughts of disappointment and regrets from the past is done by most people. Getting down on yourself about the past doesn't help heal your body. It's only causing mayhem on the body and your health physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Leading into a downward spiral of darkness and an endless sea of problems.

The same goes for pushing constantly towards the future. When people do this, they miss out on all the great things happening right in front of their own faces. If you find yourself in this category it may be time to stop and look around yourself. This might be why your friendships are lost and relationships fail. You're not present in the moment with the people around you and chances are they're done with traveling the path alone while standing next to you, because even though you're physically there, your mind and energy is not, thus leaving them alone. The worst kind of loneliness is being alone when you are with someone.

Maintaining balance in your life helps provide stability for a healthy body, mind, and spirit. Staying present in the moment gives our thoughts and feelings a rest from the chaos of everyday life. It's been proven to lower stress, calm the brain, and build clarity within oneself. This is where living in the present moment becomes a significant part of living life itself. Now, this doesn't mean that every single day will be a life filled with tranquility but it sure is a better place to be. Some days will still be better than others and of course you'll have ups and downs but that's what living life is. It's all about learning to become the best version of yourself and enjoying the journey along the way. Staying and living in the present moments is also known as "to just be". You'll find this term used in many meditation and relaxation settings.

The decisions and choices you make along the way creates the path for your future, while the things you've learned from your past improves those decisions and choices you now make, all while living in the present. You see the pattern here... life is a continuous circle!

Enjoy Life!

Camping Season is Here

submitted by Bob Holzhei

Memorial-day weekend was the beginning of the 2022 camping season!

Not only does camping allow travelers to spend time outdoors in the fresh air, camping has become more popular than ever during the pandemic. Some recreational dealers are having difficulty keeping RV's on lots.

Camping is very budget-friendly too! It has allowed our family of six to afford more time vacationing than if we were to stay in motels. Our current R.V. is a self-contained 30-foot motor-home with a kitchen, dining area, bath, shower, living room, televisions, and a sleeping area which accommodates eight.

Choosing where to camp involves deciding on a state or national park, to a luxury full-service RV resort offering a variety of amenities including a clubhouse for social gatherings, swimming pool, hot tub, bocce ball, golf cart rentals, horse-shoes, and shuffleboard.

A new RV Resort at Arcadia, Florida just opened three years ago and is expanding with additional RV sites, and an elegant clubhouse scheduled to be finished by next winter. The clubhouse will have exercise equipment, a pool table and weekly activities such as dances, poker nights, bingo, and pool exercises. One weekend seven hosting campsites offered complimentary snacks and drinks at their campsite, as a meet and greet social event.

The spacious RV sites are 20 by 70 feet and are paved with a brick base.

The bulletin board in the on-site laundry had a sign-up sheet for additional activities including golf, pickle ball and Mexican train dominos.

During our first winter camping trip to Florida, my wife, and I were surprised to discover food trailers arriving at the RV resort each week. Our initial week stay quickly turned into a month reservation and led to reserving a spot for a longer time next winter.

"It looks like we're eating out tonight," stated Becky, a fellow camper my wife Shirley made friends with.

An assortment of various foods trailers arrived weekly offering pizza, burritos, chicken wings, fries, filet mignon, porterhouse steaks, salmon and other fish dishes. Add other amenities including poker nights, bingo, pool exercises, and social meeting opportunities.

Across the United States one can request free state campground directories which list the locations and amenities offered. Reading through the literature during winter is a great way to prepare for the upcoming camping season.

As new amenities are offered by RV parks across the United States, roughing it has taken on a brand-new meaning!



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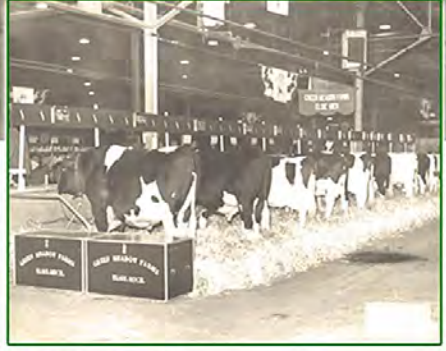
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LAFCU's Personal Finance Course Grads 'Better Prepared for Life Success'

LANSING — The seven adults who completed LAFCU's first comprehensive personal finance course have already reaped benefits of the 16-session course designed to help participants improve financial behavior and build a roadmap to attain financial freedom.

The graduates of LAFCU Pathway to Financial Transformation are Barbara Andersen, East Lansing; Michael Boles Sr., Lansing; Mackenzie Callahan, Normal, Illinois; Cathy Daniels, Dimondale; Robin Kinzel, Howell; Tabitha Thompson, St. Johns; and Lori Wurm, St. Johns.

"By understanding that financial wellness is the underpinning of a good life, these community members are now better prepared for life success," said Shelia Scott, community financial education & business development officer who led the course. "Students were at various stages of their lives: Some wanted a complete reset of their financial situation; others wanted to purchase a large asset, such as a house; and some wanted to learn more about investing or how to make assets work best in retirement.

"It was especially rewarding to see that by the end of the course some graduates had already improved their credit score, stopped living paycheck-to-paycheck, started a savings account and paid off debt."

Cathy Daniels summed up the course's impact on her: "It changed my life. It is so useful to everyday life, it should be required learning for everyone."

Lori Wurm knew that she and her daughter, Robin Kinzel, were at stages of their lives in which they could both benefit from intensive financial education: Wurm was starting a new career as owner of Woodbury's Flower Shop in St. Johns, and Robin was engaged to be married.

"The course was more like a conversation than a lecture class," Wurm said. "Often you feel alone about finances, but Shelia made it seem so easy. The information was insightful, and the experience boosted our confidence that financial freedom is within our reach. We now know that when we have a plan for success our chances of achieving it are so much greater."

At a cap-and-gown ceremony for the graduates, LAFCU CEO Patrick Spyke said, "We might not be changing the financial wellness of 100,000 lives today, but we've started the journey. We will continue on that path because we know a little education can make a big difference for so many in our community."

He then challenged the graduates: "If each of you share some of what you learned in the program with a friend or relative, you can double this program's impact. If they each share it with another person, the reach spreads exponentially."

Classes were spread over eight months so students could see benefits of making even small changes in their financial behavior throughout the course. It was free and structured similarly to a college course with a syllabus, assignments and quizzes.

Topics included all facets of personal finance that support an individual's pursuit of financial freedom, including traps that can derail a person's financial stability. Guest speakers were

LAFCU financial professionals with one session led by a representative of LAFCU's financial counseling partner, GreenPath Financial Wellness, Farmington Hills.

LAFCU plans to continue offering the course to help others improve their financial future. The next session begins fall 2022. For more information, contact Shelia Scott at sscott@lafcu.com. Participation is free and open to the public. It is not necessary to be a LAFCU member.

The Pathway to Financial Transformation personal finance course is the most recent complement to LAFCU's financial literacy program, which includes free classes for adults on singular financial topics and real-world financial education opportunities to K-12 students.



Mother-daughter Lori Wurm, at left, and Robin Kinzel, second from right, tackled the personal finance course together. They are with their husbands, from left, Cal Wurm and Jake Law.

Volunteers Needed

submitted by Dawn Parker

We are in dire need of volunteers at the Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity ReStore, especially on Thursdays. Is there anyone out there who can help us between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays? Even an hour would help! Please come by 2352 N US 27, Saint Johns or call 989-227-1771, ext. 4. Helping a good cause is a good feeling.



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Accident Shuts Down US-127

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office were on the scene of a 2-vehicle traffic crash involving a Semi-Tandem Trailer and a John Deere commercial tractor that occurred on southbound US-127 north of Maple Rapids Road in Greenbush Township. Currently southbound US-127 is closed at the Clinton County and Gratiot County Line. Southbound motorists will be rerouted from US-127 west on County Line Road, south on DeWitt Road and east on Maple Rapids Road back to US-127.

Initial on-scene investigation indicates that a Semi-Tandem Trailer was southbound on US-127 and struck a Clinton County Road Commission John Deere tractor which was mowing the shoulder area. The Semi-Tandem Trailer then drove off the westside of US-127, crashed through a guard rail, entered a deep ditch, and rolled over. The driver of the Semi-Tandem Trailer was trapped inside the cab and was extricated by the St. Johns Fire Department.

The driver of the Semi-Tandem Trailer, a 34-year-old male subject out of Bay City, was transported by Mercy Ambulance to Sparrow Hospital-Lansing with minor injuries. The driver of the John Deere tractor, a 41-year-old male subject out of Ovid, was transported by Clinton Area Ambulance Service to Sparrow Hospital-Lansing with minor injuries.

The overturned Semi-Tandem Trailer was hauling a road tar substance which was released upon overturning. This substance has entered the Ferdon Inter-County Creek and work is currently being done to mitigate the release of this product. The Clinton County Drain Commission along with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) are on scene evaluating steps for proper containment and cleanup.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office is being told by both the Clinton County Drain Commission along with EGLE that there is currently no immediate harm to the public at this time and to advise the public to stay clear of the Ferdon Inter-County Creek which leads north from the scene to the Maple River.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Gratiot County Sheriff's Office, Clinton County Central Dispatch, Clinton Area Ambulance Service, Mercy Ambulance, Clinton County Road Commission, St. Johns Fire Department, Maple Rapids Fire Department, Michigan State Police Motor Carrier, Clinton County Drain Commission and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.



Carson Litwiller
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Golf Outing Fund Raiser

The Mid State Athletics Conference bestowed honors to Ashley Baseball/Softball players for 2022 season. Jenna Wirt received first team all-conference, while Ashleigh Jelinek and Sharla Juhas received honorable mention for softball. Evan Litwiller received first team all-conference while Carson Litwiller received second team and Logan Drummond and Logan Hardman received honorable mention. Congratulations to all players.

The 11th Annual Ovid-Elsie Bowling Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd at North Star Golf Course. The format is a four person scramble and is limited to the first 22 teams PAID teams. The cost is \$50 per person (\$200 per team) and includes 18 holes of gold with cart, hole prizes and dinner after golf. For more information or to sign up call Coach Matt Fabus at 989-862-5746.

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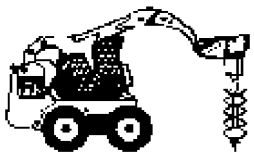
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submitted by Tracy Wimmer

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Voters on the permanent absentee list have been mailed applications by their local clerk and some clerks may mail applications to all registered voters in their jurisdiction. Regardless of if they have received an application in the mail, voters can apply to vote absentee at Michigan.gov/Vote. At the same site, voters who have already submitted their application can track that it has been received and track the mailing of their ballot.

Voters on the permanent absentee application list will receive their application at the last address the clerk has on file. Political parties, candidates and partisan and nonpartisan organizations also frequently mail absentee applications directly to voters. Clerks only provide one absentee ballot to each voter, and only after verifying the signature on the application matches the voter's signature the clerk has on file.

Voters who wish to request and submit their absentee ballot in person may now do so at their local city or township clerk offices. Voters can find their clerk's office information at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Absentee ballots are available at local clerk offices across Michigan, except for in Genesee County, where staff vacancies resulted in the county clerk's office failing to prepare and print the ballots in time to have them in local clerk offices today.

The county clerk's office acknowledged they missed mandatory deadlines in an email sent yesterday to all city and township clerks in the county. The Michigan Bureau of Elections has directed the office to fill its vacant positions and make additional hires as necessary as soon as possible, and has urged the county administration to support such expedited hiring in order to prevent future violations of the state constitution that deny Genesee residents the ability to fully exercise their voting rights. The bureau also continues to support the staff currently working at the county clerk's office.

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Members of the group include Jack DeFranco, guitarist, who performed for a while with The Ventures, Al Carmichael, guitarist, Ken Murphy, drums and Dennis Kiraga, bass guitarists – all highly regarded Detroit musicians with national touring experience. The band, formed in 2012, is true to the original works, using vintage guitars, amps, effects and playing styles, just like it was 1963.

The concert is sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. It is open to the public free of charge – donations are graciously accepted.

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