

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The evening was highlighted by discussion regarding a proposed lease agreement with the Elsie Area Food Pantry.

Officials to formal action to appoint Shane Grinnell, village manager, as code enforcement officer of the Village of Elsie. The duties are outlined in the ordinance code book. Logging and communication of infractions has been a challenge a glorified Excel sheet will be developed and utilized.

Next, Shane Grinnell, village manager, presented recommendations to update and increase cemetery fees, noting that changes have not taken place for a number of years. Regular grave openings and closings there will be a weekday rate and then a week-end rate and no holiday burials; full burial plots changed from \$250 to a resident rate of \$350 and non-resident \$50 0; foundation work will be completed by Heritage Monuments; and deed transfer fees for a family member \$50 for a resident/nonresident \$250. Officials approved the recommendations.

The establishment of a golf cart ordinance was once again discussed. Kory Witt, trustee, presented council members with a number of examples to review. More discussion will follow and the information will be shared with the Ordinance Committee. A meeting of the ordinance committee will be scheduled to address the issue. The consideration was prompted by the lack of consistency and to establish a policy that is clear.

Mary Rees updated officials on the progress of the Community Garden. The garden has been plowed and fitted. Rees has been visiting community garden around the State of Michigan for ideas and best practices. It was recommended that during the growing season a portable bathroom be installed at the garden. The cost approximately \$100 per month, officials will consider the request. The goal is that the garden will be plotted out and the MSU Extension Service has been contacted to assist in the planning stages. Finally,

volunteers have been contacting Mary.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, presented the proposed lease agreement for the Elsie Area Food Pantry lengthy discussion followed. There are a number of issues with the lease that need further consideration by both the Village of Elsie and the Elsie Area Food Pantry. No action was taken and open discussion and negotiations will continue so the issue was added as an action step.

Ann Trierweiler, Village Clerk, presented the unofficial election results: President Tom Frink won his election bid, Ann Trierweiler Village Clerk, Trustees: Todd Carroll, Sam Frink, and Joe Ondrusek, losing his seat was James Hyland. As soon as the results are verified officials will be sworn in.

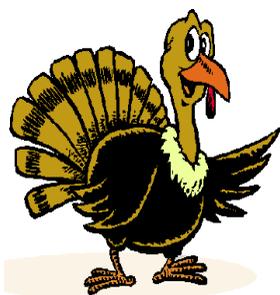
Finally, Grinnell reported that the mausoleum has been finished noting that there were a few unexpected challenges and painting will hopefully be completed yet this year. On a related topic he reported that the lock needed to be replaced so those who need access will have to stop at the Village Office during regular business hours to pick-up a new key, a not will be placed at the mausoleum.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Food Pantry lease, update on the Community Garden, and the golf cart ordinance; approval of the October 13, 2020 public hearing and regular meeting minutes and the monthly financial reports. Officials took formation action to approve expenditures totaling \$67,944.86.

To close the meeting, it was reported that the Village currently has over \$8,000 in past due water bills. Grinnell, has been discussing this situation with other managers, requesting information about what they doing with this problem. Part of the problem is due to confusion in interpreting the Governor's executive order and what is still enforceable. This situation is placing a burden on the Village of Elsie. It was decided to send notices to all residents who are behind that they have an opportunity to request a payment plan or soon the shut-off policy will soon be reimplements.



Ovid resident Dave Miller got this nice ten point buck on Sunday, November 8th around 7am. He was hunting on his property across from Sleepy Hollow State Park. The prize recorded a 10 point Green Score. See pages 6 and 7 for Opening Day information. Good Luck Area Hunters!



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Winterfest in Laingsburg

Winterfest in Laingsburg 2020: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the annual Winterfest celebration has a format change for this year. The annual one day event will feature a week-long list of activities from November 30th-December 5th. The "NEW" Winterfest 2020 will include a Business & Home Decorating Contest, Stuff the Bus (For Local Food Bank), Thoughtful Trees, Santa Parade, Library Auction, Winter Farmer's Market and much more. Watch the Meridian Weekly for Winterfest 2020 updates.



Free Thanksgiving Dinners

The Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs will be hosting Free Thanksgiving Dinners on Thursday, November 26th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual free dinner events will be take-out only. The Ovid Lions dinner will be staged out of the Lions/VFW Hall located at 214 S. Main Street from 11am-1pm. To order please call (989)666-0444, by email at lydenp@icloud.com or message on facebook: Lions Club of Ovid Mi. Cash donations will be accepted on that day to help with the funding of local families in need this holiday season. Monetary donations may also be dropped off at Ovid Service Agency. The Laingsburg Lions Club will stage their event at the American Legion Post 248 from 1pm-3pm. To order please call (517)8965338 or (517)881-9518. Winners of the Beef Raffle will be drawn also on thanksgiving Day between 3:30 and 4pm.

Social

Ovid Scouts Christmas Trees New This Year



It's time to get your Christmas Tree and support Ovid Scout Troops 585 and 114!

We are offering a variety of Christmas trees at The Modern Woodmen on the corner of M21 and Main St. starting November 27. The Scouts will be selling trees Friday, November 27 from 11am - 8pm; Saturday, November 28 from 11am - 8pm, and Sunday November 29 from 11 - 5pm. Sales will continue throughout December on Fridays from 5 - 8pm; Saturdays from 11am - 8pm, and Sundays from Noon - 5pm.

FREE delivery on trees Dec. 4 from 5 - 7pm, Dec. 5 from Noon - 4pm, Dec. 11 from 5 - 7 pm, and Dec. 12 from Noon - 4pm. Max distance 10 miles from Ovid, please.

Questions please contact Steve Dennis at 989-862-4868. Get yours before they sell out!

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Bannister Veterans Memorial

submitted by Joanne Fornusek



Members met at the Bannister Veterans Memorial for a short service honoring all who have served in our armed forces and to pray for the safety of all who are currently serving. We thank Sally Stoll for making and placing a beautiful new wreath at the monument.



Grand Re-Opening at Ayven Grace: On Sunday, November 8th, a Grand Re-Opening ceremony was held at Ayven Grace. The coffee shop/boutique studio opened at the 750 E. Grand River, Laingsburg location in June of this year. Recently the boutique has expanded its size due to moving the company's shipping and receiving to a new offsite warehouse. The doubling of boutique space has allowed for adding men's, children's and household items. Joining Ayven Grace owners in the ribbon cutting ceremony were Laingsburg Community & Business Association members. Pictured here (l-r) LCBA Vice-President, Andy Wirostek, Treasurer, Tom Nemeth, Kevin Caswell, Beverly Caswell, Addison Grace Sivertsen Jessica Sivertsen Sam Sivertsen, Carrie Rathbun-Hawks and Lisa Jelinek. Ayven Grace hours of operation are: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm. For more information call (989)323-1575.

The 2020 Holiday Season Is Upon Us In Elsie!

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The holidays are a wonderful time of the year that allow us to be thankful for what we have and embrace those around us! The Elsie Community Christmas Project supports families and people in need during the holiday season in the Elsie/Bannister area.

We are seeking out support from local community businesses, organizations, local churches and any individuals wishing to donate monetarily to give families in our area an extra special Christmas. Health and safety considerations are being taken seriously due to the pandemic, and this year, we will not be able to collect food or personal items. All donations will be used to purchase gift cards and food certificates.

If you would like to donate to the Elsie Community Christmas Project, please contact Brooke Wooley at (517) 819-8459 and leave a message. Donations are also accepted at the Elsie Village Office and the Elsie United Methodist Church. We are in the process of gathering applications from families and working to give them the best holiday season we can! Thank you for your support!

Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Ovid and Elsie Christmas Committees

The applications for Ovid and Elsie Christmas help are being made available starting November 2nd, 2020. The following locations will have them:

In Ovid: Leonard Elementary School Office and Ovid City Hall.

In Elsie: E.E. Knight Elementary School Office and Elsie Village Hall.

Notice: The applications will have different instructions as to how this is being handled this year with all the Covid restrictions. As always, your family must live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and you haven't asked for help with any other agency.

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- Simply fill out and clip the entry form from the paper, and drop it in the entry box at the business listed in the entry form.
- One winner per store will be drawn, and will be notified on Monday, November 23 just in time for Thanksgiving!
- Winners will receive a certificate for a free 10-12 lb. Turkey redeemable at Village Food Pride in Ovid or Sage Market in Laingsburg
- Certificates may be redeemed through December 31, 2020.
- You must be 18 years or older to enter. One entry per person.
- Winning names will be published in the Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 edition of *The Weekly*.
- As always, we remind you to please support the merchants who make the drawings possible.

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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Ph. _____

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Name: _____
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 Ph. _____

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 133 S. Main, Ovid
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Name: _____
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Obituaries

Vaun O. Gruesbeck

Vaun Omaine Gruesbeck, age 103 passed away on Monday, November 9, 2020. Vaun was born on August 21, 1917 the son of Arthur Alonzo and Edna Cordelia (Peet) Gruesbeck. He was a dedicated farmer all his life and married Irene A. Brown on January 11, 1945 in Morrice, MI. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2006. Vaun served in the U. S. Army from May 7, 1941 to June 26, 1945. He enjoyed doing wood working, reading and doing cross word puzzles.

He is survived by his sons, Larry V. (Kathy) Gruesbeck, Dennis (Marge) Gruesbeck and daughter Ardith (Rick) Mulder. There are 14 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Siblings, Grace Luke, Marjorie Behrens and Hattie Spencer. He was preceded in death by siblings, Wayne, Myrl, Earl, William, Rolland, Vern and Rolla Gruesbeck, Ilene Corp, Margaret Jackson and Lena Mordaunt.

Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck conducted the funeral service and Military Honors were provided by the St. Johns Honor Guard. Prior burial at Middlebury Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



Joyce B. Hughson

Joyce B. Hughson, age 95, of Elsie, MI, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid, MI.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 1:00 P.M., with Mr. Everett Smith officiating. The family will receive visitors beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the day of the service.

Joyce was born in Midland, MI on January 8, 1925, the daughter of George and Nella (Kenney) Davis. On September 2, 1956, Joyce married Dexter Glenn "Dec" Hughson. They were blessed with nearly 55 years of marriage prior to his death on April 22, 2011.

Joyce was a farm wife and worked many years alongside her husband. She enjoyed being outside working in her garden. Her home is filled with her beautiful works of art on china and canvas. Joyce loved her Lord and her faith was an anchor for her life. Together, she and Dec were active members of Duplain Church of Christ and were involved in many ministries of the church. Most of all, Joyce loved her family and cherished her time with them.

Joyce is survived by daughter April (Dennis) Wortman of Gould City, MI, son Dexter Lynn Hughson of Atlanta, GA, and 2 grandsons: Benjamin Hughson and Jacob Turner. She is also survived by 4 great-grandsons: Samuel Hughson, Wyatt Turner, Daniel Turner and Edwin Turner; great-great-granddaughter Taylor Ann Turner; sister-in-law Barbara Davis; and many nieces and nephews. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, husband "Dec" Hughson, 4 siblings: Vera (Richard) Latz, Gertrude (Louie) Zolensky, Millie (John) Schultz, and George "Red" Davis Jr.; and nephew Michael Schultz.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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<p>Bannister United Methodist Church 103 Hanvey Street Pastor: Zella Daniel Sunday Worship 11:00am</p>	<p>ELSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 160 W. Main St., Elsi e(989) 862-5239</p> <p>Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: JD Paik</p>	<p>United Church of Ovid Office Hours: 9-Noon Mon - Fri Sundays am: 10:45 - Hymnsing 11:00 - Worship</p> <p>131 West Front Street Ovid, MI 48866 • (989) 834-5958 www.unitedchurchofovid.org or on Facebook Rev. Melanie Young</p>
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Holiday Along the River

The Shiawassee Arts Center's 32nd Annual Holiday Along the River in Owosso opens to the public Saturday, November 14 and runs through Sunday, December 31. Over 80 Michigan artists are displaying and selling their original artwork, unique gift items and holiday decorations. Shoppers are sure to find gifts at affordable prices for everyone on their gift lists. The public is welcome to the opening receptions on Saturday, November 14 & Sunday, November 15, 12-4pm for refreshments, shopping and live music performed by Richard Lahmann. SAC members receive 20% off on one Holiday Show purchase during the receptions. The show is sponsored by Memorial Healthcare with outdoor decorating by Sunburst Gardens.

Specialty Gift Items and Baskets are available to purchase in person or online at shiawasseearts.org/Holiday-show/ and include a VIP Wine-tasting for six at Chateau Chantal, Mission Point, a Sea Plane Flight over Lake Michigan & Sleeping Bear Dunes and Dinner at Red Ginger Restaurant, Traverse City. SAC Gift Cards Make Great Gifts for Classes, Art and Gift Items.

Located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, the Shiawassee Arts Center is open Monday through Friday, 9-5pm, Saturday and Sunday, 12-4pm and features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieseke Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 48th anniversary in 2020, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, entertain and enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information call the Arts Center at 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.



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Editorial

DuPlain Township

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN - At the regular meeting of DuPlain Township officials took time to honor and thank Richard Bates for sixteen years of dedicated service for DuPlain Township his dedication and sense of humor will be missed.

Sandra Frink, as newly elected clerk, was appointed to become the Township's notary of the public. The process of transiting to a new clerk will begin with updating financial accounts, effective November 20, 2020 and newly elected official training.

On a related topic Supervisor Levey presented information regarding training for elected officials and deputies. The virtual training is an opportunity for all board members and deputies the cost will \$350.00 for the entire board. The training is set for dates in December and January. The training package was approved.

Levey, updated officials on the status of the property concern in Rochester Colony. To date, DuPlain Church of Christ has not returned contact with the DuPlain Township supervisor. There will be follow-up communication and the Michigan Township Association will be contacted regarding the steps DuPlain Township is responsible to take to resolve the situation.

Dick Bates, clerk, presented a recap of the election results. 1336 ballots were cast of which 577 were mail-in ballots and 759 walk-ins equating to 75.3% participation for the township. The unofficial results: Trump 852 and Biden 451; Sandra Frink, clerk 856 votes, Dawn Levey 417. Bates noted that all proposals passed. It was further noted that there were 471 permanent mail-in voters an increase of 127 and 18 same day registrations. It was a long night due to the processing of mail-in ballots with everything wrapping up at 1:30 AM.

Officials took action to approve a designated county assessor Scott Cunningham. A visit by the tax commissioner and legislation resulting in a change in how assessing in done in the counties and if there is a problem with local assessing the county assessor will resolve the issues. Kam Washburn, county commissioner, commented that he does not feel this assessor will ever be used because all of Clinton County roles are very accurate.

Commissioner Washburn presented a report on the happenings in Clinton County. The COVID update was given to officials, the system is overwhelmed and numbers are not accurate. To date deaths in Clinton County have risen by two to 16 as of November 10, 2020; The cases are going straight up and continues to climb. Daily more county employees are going remote and will be working from home and it is getting close to individuals having to make appointments for County Court House related issues. All trial cases have been postponed until the end of November. Currently there is a quarantine wing at the jail. The jail population and employees are a concern, though an outbreak has not taken place. The positive is that Clinton County has an idea of how to navigate this issue however, the spread is getting out of control. It was noted the loss of a DeWitt Township officer due to COVID was a realty check, the hazard pay was not enough which was approved is simply not enough. We are doing the best we can fighting this virus.

Next, Washburn presented an election update the Clinton County staff was there all night and into the morning. There was added security all around the county provided by local departments, the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the State Police. Diane Zuker, county clerk, does a stellar job at the County level.

Finally, the county budget was approved.

Monthly action was taken to approve the agenda with the addition of election update and designated county assessor and scheduling a December Board of Review, the minutes of the October 2020 meeting and the financial reports. Action was taken amend the budget due to expenses incurred due to COVID and approved expenditures totaling \$29,661.10.

"When he was young, I told Dale Jr. that hunting and racing are a lot alike. Holding that steering wheel and holding that rifle both mean you better be responsible."

— Dale Earnhardt



Dick Bates (at left) pictured here with Supervisor, Bruce Levey. Dick was honored for his 16 years of dedicated service as DuPlain Township Clerk.

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Be Cautious and Take Precautions

Dear Andy,

My mother-in-law is in assisted living. It is an outstanding facility. We know she is being well cared for in every aspect. However, we could not visit her for months – during the COVID “no visitors allowed” restrictions, then we visited through a window screen all summer - wearing masks, with noise in the background and no hugs. We have enjoyed an occasional face time conversation. Three weeks ago, the homes stopped visits due to the increase of positive cases in our state. I am afraid she is going to die of loneliness long before COVID. It is making her final years miserable. We miss and love her so much. Sad Family

Dear Sad Family,

Unfortunately, it is a sad situation. There are many things you could do to make things happier for her. There is nothing better than a hand drawn picture from a grandchild. Write in big letters so grandma can read it. Send cards often. A couple of stamps a week are priceless when it comes to getting mail. Send musical CD's especially with the holidays nearing. Make an appointment to FaceTime with your loved one's and shut-in's. Keep your conversation short; the staff must coordinate the call and they have other responsibilities. Short calls also keep your loved one from getting too sad when the conversation lingers. Reassure them it will be over soon and that you love and miss them.

At least there is a remarkably high percentage of Assisted living homes and Long-term care facilities reporting negative COVID cases due to their strict guidelines. Keep in mind, it has not even been a year when our shut-down and restrictions began. Medical researchers and Scientists are working around the world and around the clock and know much more about the virus already. It is highly likely the country will need to have another shutdown if we expect to eradicate the spread of the Virus. Pray for a smooth transition back into “normal” activities and living life.

Be a part of the solution, wear a mask or wear a double mask and gloves if you must, wash your hands, use soap and sanitizer. Do not worry about grandma and grandpa living in the facilities. Be happy for what they have – meals, therapy, medical, activities director's and social interaction with each other and with staff. We will be able to visit them again soon.

I know too many of us are spoiled and want to do, what we want to do, when we want to do it. But, let's grow up a bit here and think of others health before we inadvertently give the virus to another person who has just as much right to live and breathe as anyone else, regardless of how spoiled we might be. I am being careful. I know I am high risk and if I get it. I will not make it. It is a scary time, but we do not need to live in fear. Live with caution, taking precautions. Be patient and kind to others and yourself. Andy at ask_andy@aol.com

LSW Emergency Services Names New Fire Chief



WOODHULL TWP. — James Betts has served for 26 years as a firefighter and officer for the Laingsburg-Sciota-Woodhull Emergency Services Authority.

Now, he's the chief.

Betts was promoted by the fire board into the top spot, effective Nov. 1, taking over for his father, longtime Chief Rick Betts, who is retiring. The older Betts was honored by the board with a plaque Wednesday.

Betts, 43, a decades-long team player who's now in charge of 37 firefighters and 15 EMS personnel, said he's happy about the change but is still getting used to it.

Betts lives with his wife and son in Woodhull Township, where Betts, a Perry High School graduate, also grew up. In his limited spare time, he said he and his son enjoy going camping and hunting.

The LSW Authority boasts 21 fire trucks, two ambulances and three fire stations. Its coverage area spans the city of Laingsburg, and Woodhull, Sciota and Victor townships.

LGB School Board Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. in the Middle School media center.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: 2020-21 Budget Update, Legislative Update, Sinking Fund Projects Update, Bond Construction and Finance Update, Wall of Fame Discussion, Personnel, Reaffirm the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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2nd Place Biggest Buck

Free processing & hunting accessories

3rd Place

Free processing

Most Antler Points

Hunting accessories

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Widest Spread

Hunting accessories

Heaviest Doe Competition

Free processing

Youth Award (16 & younger)

Overall biggest buck

Shoulder mount & free processing

2nd place biggest buck

Free processing & hunting accessories

3rd place

Hunting accessories

How To Win The Grand Prize

- All bucks brought to the pole between 3p-8p on November 15th will automatically enter you into the drawing
- Buck must be tagged with a valid Michigan deer harvest license
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Hunting Safety Reminders

Hunting requires discipline, dedication, patience, and, perhaps most important, a commitment to safety. Because safety plays such a vital role in successful hunting trips, hunters of all experience levels can benefit from a refresher course on the safety measures they should take each time they go on the hunt.

• Treat all firearms as if they're loaded. Treating all firearms as if they're loaded ensures hunters won't be tempted to engage in the kind of fooling around that can contribute to tragic accidents. This approach can reduce the risk of firearm-related accidents or injuries, and can be an especially effective way to teach youngsters about the dangers of firearms and the correct ways to mitigate those dangers.

• Keep your finger off the trigger and only point at what you plan to shoot. Keeping your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot ensures you won't accidentally discharge your firearm. In addition, never point your firearm at anything other than what you plan to shoot.

• Know the forecast and dress appropriately. Firearms are not the only risk to hunters' safety. Inclement weather can put hunters at the mercy of Mother Nature. Hunters may be at risk of hypothermia even if temperatures are hovering around 50 F. Outer layers that repel water can help keep hunters dry, and hunters also should avoid wearing cotton, which retains moisture and can increase their risk for hypothermia. Clothing made with moisture-wicking fabrics is a great alternative to cotton.

• Share your plan with others. Returning home safe is the ultimate goal for hunters, and that's more likely to happen when hunters share their hunting plans with others. Let someone, ideally a spouse, parent, roommate, or sibling, know when and where you will be hunting and when you expect to return by. Direct this loved one to call the local authorities if you do not call by a predetermined time. This can dramatically reduce the time it takes to find you if you become injured on your hunting trip and prove unable to get back to your vehicle safely.

Millions of people across the globe enjoy hunting. Avid hunters know that no hunting trip is successful if safety is not the utmost priority.



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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A lot has changed in our daily lives since early March of this year. Politicians and government health officials have placed many rules and regulations on travel, shopping, dining, and working. We have even been told how to run our businesses, how to worship, along with restrictions on educating our children. Even local Whitetails Unlimited and Quality Deer Management Association banquets and other related events have been cancelled. Whether these efforts are legally right or wrong, or even working, to help stop the spread of COVID-19 is probably best left up to our judicial system and members of the medical and scientific community. One thing is for certain though, despite everything that has changed in our daily lives there remains one constant... conservation and hunting!

There are three days this year that will be the same as years past; Sept 15, Oct 20, and Nov 15.

We, as fellow conservationists and hunters, know these to be "openers" or "opening days" for small game, pheasants, and deer. No matter what, nothing can nor should stop us from purchasing licenses, ammo, gear and heading outdoors to practice the best social distancing ever known to mankind. Hunting. Now more than ever an infusion of cash will certainly help

local retailers and the DNR. Speaking of money, please consider upcoming opportunities to assist local wildlife chapters. Despite the lack of fundraising from cancelled local chapter banquets many youth hunts and habitat projects still continue and of course need funding.

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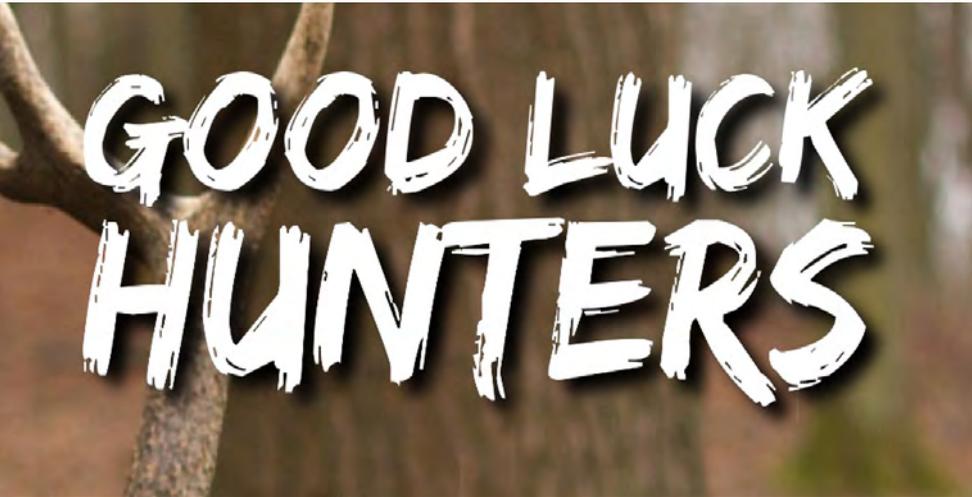
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\$3.33 Million Grant Supports Workers

LANSING, Mich.—The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) has been awarded a \$3.33 million Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to support the continued reopening of Michigan’s economy and to mitigate workforce disruptions related to the ongoing pandemic.

Approximately 30 percent of the grant funds will be used to employ temporary workers to assist with contact tracing, sanitizing, test-site facilitating and other jobs directly tied to the state’s COVID-19 relief and recovery effort. All temporary workers will receive additional employment services and, potentially, training to enable them to transition into full-time employment when the crisis ends.

Approximately half of the grant funds will be used to support those whose jobs have been permanently eliminated.

“Through this grant, we’ll be able to support the state’s pandemic relief efforts while directly supporting impacted workers,” LEO Office of Employment and Training Director Stephanie Beckhorn said. “This funding will provide essential reemployment services such as assessment, career counseling, training and other supportive services to help our hard-working Michiganders get back to full-time employment in high-growth, high-demand industries.

Grant funding will also be used to improve the delivery of reemployment services through the Michigan workforce system. Technology upgrades will enhance the system’s ability to better serve participants, including improvements to virtual service delivery models, electronic registrations, website upgrades, virtual talent tours and equipment necessary to accommodate virtual learning.

The State of Michigan will contract with the 16 Michigan Works! Agencies to provide disaster-relief employment for an estimated 110 participants; employment and training activities to approximately 565 participants; and support where technology upgrades are needed in Michigan Works! regions.

“We’re proud of the important role we’ll play in helping these impacted workers – we believe we’re uniquely prepared to do that,” said Jennifer Llewellyn, Director of Oakland County Michigan Works!. “At the same time, we’re thankful this grant will allow us to provide enhanced services to all Michiganders.”

Visit the Michigan.gov/Workforce website to learn more about Michigan’s Dislocated Worker Program.



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Doctor and Dental Offices in our area have decided not to participate in the Great Gobbler Giveaway this year. For the health and safety of staff, foot traffic at their offices have been kept to a minimum. They wish to express a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and look forward to participating in this community event next year.



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Sports

Bees out Wolfpack as Gavin Parry runs wild

LAINGSBURG — For the 2nd time in four weeks, in this crazy Covid-19 season, the Laingsburg football Wolfpack squared off against neighboring arch-rival Bath.

Only this time, it was in the 2nd round -- the District Finals -- of the MHSAA post-season.

Coach Brian Borgman's injury-depleted Wolfpack battled back valiantly after falling behind early, but ran out of gas in the second half and dropped a 44-28 decision to the Bees.

The Bath victory split the season series, and ended the Wolves' season at 3-4. At 4-3, the Fighting Bees drew the unenviable task of taking on #1 ranked New Lothrop in the MHSAA Regionals.

The Wolfpack simply couldn't stop the run, as Gavin Parry rushed for five touchdowns to spark the Bees. Parry broke lose on a 73-yard run on the first play scrimmage, and though he didn't score, that play set the tone for what the Bees wanted to do:

Wear down the Wolfpack.

Parry scored on the next play, and just 21 seconds into the contest, the two-point run was good and the Bees had a quick 8-0 lead.

The visitors intercepted an errant Wolfpack pass two plays later, and at 5:05 of the opening quarter Parry blasted in from 2 yards out. The try for two failed, and it was 14-0.

It took the Wolves just :20 seconds to get on the board, QB Zach Hawes breaking away on a 62-yard keeper. Addison Goff



Wolfpack QB Zach Hawes takes off his first scoring run, a 62-yard run that got LHS on the scoreboard in the first quarter



The Wolfpack defense, including Miguel Fajardo (20), gang up to get Bath standout Gavin Parry on the ground during MHSAA playoff action at Laingsburg.

kicked the PAT, making it 14-7, still in the opening quarter.

Parry's 28-yard run boosted the Bees to a 20-7 lead (the PAT failed again) and then Hawes was back at it, hitting paydirt on a 8-yard keeper. Goff's kick got the hosts within 6 points at 20-14.

Laingsburg took its first lead at 6:17 of the second stanza, Hawes scampering in from 43 yards out. Goff's kick was true, and it was 21-20 LHS at halftime.

Parry scored again at 5:22 of the third quarter, and this time the PAT pass was good for a 28-21 Bee lead.

At 3:20 of the 3rd period, the Wolves were backed up by a series of costly penal-

ties, but facing 3rd-and-goal at the Bath 18, they converted the first down. Hawes scored on a crunching 7-yard run, and Goff put the Red-and-White up again, 28-27.

The 4th quarter was the Gavin Parry Show.

The diminutive Bee running back gave Bath the lead for good with 10:09 remaining in the game -- more like a track meet -- scooting in from 22 yards away, then adding the 2-point run on two-yard sweep.

The Wolfpack's last gasp came with 7:25 left, Hawes hitting Josh Baker with a first-down pass on 2nd-and-19. After that, they stalled for good.

Parry gashed them again, and after QB Payton Hinsman ran in the final TD, the final score was 44-28.

"We did what we could with the injuries we have, missing multiple key pieces," Hawes said. "We gave it all we had but they just made plays, they ran the ball all over us."

Despite the loss, it was a valuable season for LHS, particularly with a playoff appearance that was a fitting reward for a stout senior class. The Wolves were hurt with a season-ending shoulder injury to standout QB Doug Matthews midway through the campaign.

Wolfpack head coach Brian Borgman said he was impressed with the team's resiliency, climbing back into the game after facing multiple deficits.

"I was very proud of their effort," Borgman said. "We just couldn't stop (the run). It's been our Achilles' heel the entire year this year is just being able to effectively stop the run up front. We just weren't big enough and strong enough to handle their big guys (tonight)."