

A Few Limited Events Return to Oktoberfest in Owosso

submitted by Sue Kadlek

Traditionally, Oktoberfest has occurred on the second weekend in Oktober. Earlier this year, it was announced that although the event would not go on as planned, organizers would coordinate a few fun events for Saturday, Oktober 10th.

From 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Oktober 10th, there will be a free pumpkin giveaway for children courtesy of Heidi O'Dea of Raymond James Wealth Management Group. Look for the big Oktoberfest inflatable archway on The Armory lawn or listen for the polka music! The Downtown Owosso Farmers Market will be in full swing during that same time.

A limited number of Oktoberfest 2020 Beer Steins will be available for purchase that day. The stein features a commemorative Covid/Oktoberfest logo and will sell for \$20.00 each. The steins are sponsored by Agnew Sign Co of Owosso.



A virtual "Beer Run" 5K walk/run will take place from Friday, Oktober 9th to Friday, Oktober 16th. A virtual race is a fun run that can be run or walked from any location at any time. It can be completed outside on city sidewalks or streets, on a track or trail, or even on a treadmill. The Shiawassee Family YMCA will be offering a marked course at Camp Shiawassee in Bancroft for those that would like to take in the fall colors.

Participants may complete the race anytime between Oktober 9th and Oktober 16th and are asked to share the experience on social media using #oktoberfestinowosso and #beer-run. Participants do not need to submit their time. This is truly a fun run/walk and there is no "first" or "last" place. Everyone that registers receives the official, 2020 Beer Run dri-fit, long sleeve shirt and a medal! Participants may register at www.shiawasseechamber.org.

The Beer Run is sponsored by Dort Financial Credit Union and WeatherVane Roofing of Owosso.

For a more information, visit www.facebook.com/oktoberfestinowosso or www.shiawasseechamber.org.



The Ashley Bears defeated Akron Fairgrove 46-6 at home on September 26th. Jimmy Fabus had this solo tackle for the Bears. See pages 11-12-13 and 16 for sports results and Meet the Team Photos. Photo by Chuck Prikasky.



Modern Woodmen Donates Towards Veterans Memorial Wall: Ovid business owners Ed and Cindy Arthur of Modern Woodmen, a Fraternal Financial Services business, presented a check to Owosso VFW Post 9455 in the amount of \$5003.00 on Saturday, September 26th. The Post Auxiliary members raised \$2,503 thru recent fund raisers. Ed Arthur, thru Modern Woodmen matched the effort with a \$2,500 donation. The funds raised and matched will go towards erecting a second 7'x8' Veterans Memorial Wall located at the Post 9455 Veterans Memorial Garden in Owosso. The wall will include names of veterans and others that will be etched in black granite bricks. Pictured here (L-R) Cindy Arthur, Ed Arthur, Auxiliary members, Donna Vejckik, Evelyn Bila and Karen Horn and Post Commander, Larry Thayer.

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes New Physicians

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus



Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Nancy Herta, MD, FACOG to Memorial Healthcare OB/GYN and Dr. Amna Mehdi to Memorial Healthcare Gastroenterology.

Dr. Herta received her medical degree from The University of Rochester School of Medicine, Rochester, New York. She completed her internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Herta is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG).

Dr. Herta joins Dr. Mario Chaves, Dr. I. Stanley Frye, Dr. Jessica LaForest and Arlanda Smith, MSN, WHNP-BC in offering OB/GYN services for women of all generations. Memorial Healthcare OB/GYN is located at 1457 N. M-52, Suite 2, Owosso. Dr. Herta is accepting new patients with most insurances. For more information on Dr. Herta, please visit:

www.memorialhealthcare.org.

Dr. Mehdi is board certified in Internal Medicine and received her medical degree from Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Harrogate, Tennessee. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine from Inspira Health Network and a fellowship in Gastroenterology at CarePoint Health. While at CarePoint Health, Dr. Mehdi was Chief Gastroenterology Fellow.

Memorial Healthcare Gastroenterology is located at 721 N. Shiawassee Street, Suite 202, Owosso. The office is accepting new patients by referral. For more information on Dr. Mehdi, please visit: www.memorialhealthcare.org.

Memorial Healthcare was granted a three-year renewal recognition in 2018 from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), a leading gastrointestinal medical society for programs dedication to promoting quality and safety in endoscopy. The endoscopy unit at Memorial Healthcare is just one of eight centers recognized in the State of Michigan and the only center in Mid-Michigan with this recognition.



Social



Music Jamboree Begins Again Starting Oct. 14th

The Elsie American Legion Post 502 will resume their monthly Music Jamboree Sessions on Wednesday, October 14th. Doors will open at 5pm with music from 6pm-9pm. The public is invited to come and enjoy acoustical music from many local and surrounding area musicians. Mark your calendar, the Jamboree will be held the second Wednesday each month.

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

The October Meeting of the Ovid Historical Society will be on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Mary Myers Museum.

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Elsie Lions Club President Lion Dwight Hunt at right, installing Elsie's newest Lion member, Lion Douglas Sturgis at their meeting last month.

C.A.C.S Christmas Applications and Old Newsboys Applications

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

C.A.C.S. Christmas applications and Old Newsboys application for children 18 or under who reside in Shiawassee County, will be available beginning October 5, 2020 at Capital Area Community Services through November 13, 2020.

All households must meet 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify.

Applications are available by callign CACS at 989-723-3115. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CACS. The CACS office is CLOSED to walk-in traffic, you must call ahead.

Pittsburg UMC Chicken Dinner

Pittsburgh UMC is hosting their annual chicken dinner on Sunday, October 4th from noon-3pm. The butter basted BBQ dinner includes 1/2 chicken, scalloped potatoes, bakes beans, coleslaw, roll & butter and cookie. The cost is by donation and only available by take-out with curb-side delivery. at 5849, M-52 (Bennington Township Hall)

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Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP for Seniors)

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior CSFP) are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly basis, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

Persons 60 years of age or older must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$16,588; family size 2 - \$22,412; family size 3 - \$28,236. For each additional family member add - \$5,824.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin October 6 through the 23rd, 2020.

The process - As it stands now, the procedure will be drive through. You will begin on Corunna Avenue, drive to the ramp area (there maybe a line - STAY IN YOUR CAR - and you will wait your turn.) Please have your ID in your hand for verification. We will check off your name at the back of the building where your food will be put in your vehicle and you may drive out the back driveway. This will be a one way drive-through; AT NO POINT WILL YOU LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. This PROCESS is being put into place to protect you and CACS staff.

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

Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

submitted by Casey D. Elliott

The Shiawassee County Health Department is conducting a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Saturday October 3, 2020 from 8 a.m. – Noon at the HHW site located on Chippewa Trail, just north of VG's Grocery Store in Owosso.

HHW program funding is provided by Shiawassee County Waste Management fund. The goal of the program is to keep HHW out of the county rivers, lakes, streams and ditches. The collection is FREE to all Shiawassee County Residents. Past collections have received 264,685 pounds of hazardous waste, which was safely disposed of or recycled. Most of these items would have ended up flushed down the sewer, into a septic system, buried at the local landfill or dumped in rivers and streams. Accepted materials include anything that is toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive. We do not accept latex paint. Latex paint can be dried out and safely disposed of with household trash.

No appointment is necessary for the collection; please bring any household hazardous waste materials you have starting at 8 a.m. The HHW collection is on a first come, first serve basis.

For additional information contact the Shiawassee County Health Department at (989) 743-2392.

For information on all HHW materials please visit <http://www.shiawasseechd.net/Environmental-Health/Household-Hazardous-Waste.aspx>

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Calling 8th Graders to Become Shiawassee Scholars

submitted by Renee Dotson

Are you a parent of an academically talented 8th grader? The Shiawassee Regional Education Service District and Cook Family Foundation are inviting all gifted and talented 8th graders to take this above grade level test with the opportunity to become a Shiawassee Scholar. We encourage students in grades 6th and 7th to consider it as a practice.

Learn all about SAT testing, Shiawassee Scholars, other available gifted and talented programs at the Center for Talent Development with Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search, and how to register for the SAT test held in December at Owosso Middle School at the Shiawassee RESD website, www.sresd.org. The SAT test to qualify for Shiawassee Scholars must be taken on or before December 5, 2020.

The top 50 eighth grade students in the county who achieve at the highest level as determined by their scores on the SAT will be invited to become Shiawassee Scholars! The Shiawassee Scholars program has been in existence for over 20 years and is a collaborative program between the Shiawassee RESD and The Cook Family Foundation. The program recognizes academically talented students early and seeks to encourage these students to continue to pursue academically challenging activities during their high school years. It is the mission of the Shiawassee Scholars program to assist these students through various opportunities, resources, and support to reach their full potential.

If you have any additional questions, join in on the Q & A Zoom to be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 P.M. The Zoom invite and all of the above mentioned documents and video can be found at <https://www.sresd.org/District/Department/22-Shiawassee-Scholars/Portal/sat-information>.

Recycling Put on Hold Until Spring

submitted by Ellen Link

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers regret to announce that recycling drives will be on hold until spring. The complete unpredictability of the COVID-19 case numbers continue to present unacceptable risks involved in carrying out operations. We still hope that our much hoped-for grant application to EGLE, which would turn the dream of a permanent recycling facility for Laingsburg and the wider community into reality, will be approved. Their decisions were originally expected in late July, but two months later they have yet to be announced. Apparently the state is like so many other entities in finding themselves economically challenged and uncertain.

Materials can still be taken to Granger (Wood Rd. in Lansing), Meridian Township (Lake Rd. in Haslett), MSU Recycling (Farm Lane), and the St. Johns Lions' site, but note that hours of operation and the variety of recyclables accepted may have been reduced and/or changed so it is best to check lists and hours before making the trip. If you are elderly or physically disabled and need assistance, please call one of the numbers given below; we will try our best to provide you with assistance.

Last month we told you about H.B. 5423, aka the "Broken Bottle Bill"—that would raid \$21 million from bottle deposit revenues that are presently used for cleaning up contaminated sites; there are over 24,000 such sites in Michigan. Michigan's successful bottle deposit bill, in effect since 1976, boasts a 90 percent return rate on bottles and has been lauded across the country. It seems illogical to ruin a good thing. But there is also good news. A bipartisan package of bills is making its way through the legislature that will reform solid waste laws and policy with the intention of encouraging recycling over landfilling.

So please don't give up on recycling—after, of course, reducing and reusing. Vote for candidates who care about the environment. Stay healthy, stay home when you can, wear a mask, and social distance. Together we can beat this virus and get back on track to a green, sustainable future. If you have any questions or comments, contact Terry or Ellen Link (517-651-2005) or Beth Lange (651-6473).

Monday Walk-In Sports Injury Clinic Now Open!

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare Orthopedics, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation will be holding a sports injury clinic, to assess orthopedic-related injuries, on Mondays from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. This weekly clinic gives your family access to the most specialized sports medicine and orthopedic care in the state.

Board certified Orthopedic/Sports Medicine physicians will evaluate athletes and may include X-ray evaluation. In addition, nurses or athletic trainers may assist with treatment plan and/or rehabilitation programs — all in one visit.

"We are excited to offer this service to middle school and high school athletes," says Ashraf Elbanna, MD, board certified orthopedic surgeon and Chief of Surgery at Memorial Healthcare. "This structure offers treatment at a much more cost-effective rate than an emergency department for those less serious injuries."

For social distancing purposes, we ask that you contact the office (989) 729-7780 before entering the building. Patients will be seen on a walk-in basis from 9 am until 3:30 pm at Memorial Healthcare Orthopedics, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation located in the King Street Building, 818 W. King Street, Lower Level, Owosso. Parental consent is required before treatment and fees are applied with insurance being billed.

To learn more about Memorial Healthcare orthopedic services, visit www.memorialhealthcare.org/location/memorial-healthcare-center-for-orthopaedic-and-sports-medicine/.

Drive-Thru Flu Vaccine Clinic Now Available

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso, MI – Memorial Healthcare is a strong advocate for improving the health of the community. To assist in these efforts, we are pleased to offer the community a convenient drive-thru flu vaccine clinic. This clinic is open to anyone, ages 5 years and up.

The drive-thru flu vaccine clinic is located at the Memorial Healthcare Foundation Drive-Thru site at 1637 W. Main Street (M-21) in Owosso. Dates for the clinic are Saturday, October 3 and Saturday, October 17, from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. No registration or appointment needed!

There is no cost for the flu vaccine on most insurance plans. As we were unable to partner with the Shiawassee County Health Department to offer free vaccines for those individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, Memorial Healthcare will offer the vaccine for a self-pay fee of \$35. If individuals are unable to pay this fee, the Memorial Healthcare Foundation will cover the cost.

Those participating in the drive-thru flu vaccine clinic are encouraged to enter the vaccine site from the second drive off Young Street, be healthy and wear a mask.



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National Principal Month

submitted by Ryan Cunningham

October is National Principals Month. Personally, having worked in three districts, including the last 21 years at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, I understand the hard work and dedication that goes into running our schools. I am grateful for the service and leadership of Rachelle Parsons, Alicia Ormsbee, Brian Powell, Cory Gavenda, and Jason Tokar.

Through visionary leadership and a tireless pursuit of success for each student, these individuals have guided and supported their schools in ways large and small every day. During this challenging school year, their commitment and devotion to Ovid-Elsie Area Schools and our community are keys to the long-term success of our students. As we faced new challenges presented by COVID-19, our principals came through when it mattered most.

National Principals Month (October) is our way of honoring their dedication and thanking them for all they've done. Let's come together to celebrate these heroes of education.



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

Let's start the conversation.



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Consumers Energy Commits \$12 Million to Help Michigan Customers Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic

submitted by Brian M. Wheeler

JACKSON – Consumers Energy is providing \$12 million to help Michigan residents and small businesses with energy bills, making an unprecedented commitment to helping customers and communities the COVID-19 pandemic has affected.

“We stand with Michigan and are working around the clock to help our friends and neighbors through a time like no other,” said Patti Poppe, Consumers Energy’s president and chief executive officer. “Our company’s \$12 million contribution will provide a lifeline to many families and businesses, helping them stay on their feet until we can defeat the pandemic and Michigan can fully reopen.”

Consumers Energy has set a goal to help about 25,000 households and 1,000 small businesses with this new assistance. The funding will go directly to customers in need and to Michigan nonprofit organizations.

The best way for people to get help is to call 2-1-1, a free service that connects people with nonprofit agencies in their communities, including the new financial help that Consumers Energy is announcing. If a Consumers Energy customer is struggling to pay a bill, they also can call 800-477-5050.

Since March, Consumers Energy and its charitable foundation have now provided over \$16 million to help Michigan residents. Consumers Energy has mobilized to respond to customers’ needs:

- Suspending energy shut-offs for nonpayment for residential and most business customers.
- Making payment arrangements for customers in need.
- Providing access to federal, state and local resources that can help small businesses.

“We knew from the start this pandemic would create unimaginable challenges for many people and businesses,” said Brian Rich, Consumers Energy’s chief customer officer. “We’re talking about our neighbors, our friends and even our co-workers. We know we have an obligation to help our communities stay resilient through this time.”

Heading into winter, Consumers Energy also is working to keep energy costs low for customers. Customers should pay 20% less next year compared to a decade ago, or less than \$2.30 a day, for natural gas.

Consumers Energy, Michigan’s largest energy provider, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.7 million of the state’s 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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Rep. Frederick (right) is joined by Howard Hipes, Director of Training for the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (left), in providing testimony before the House Education Committee.

Frederick Plan Would Make Apprenticeship Programs More Accesible to Michigan Students

submitted by Rachel Doane

Legislation sponsored by Rep. Ben Frederick encouraging further skilled trades apprenticeship programs in high schools was approved by the House Education Committee.

Frederick’s legislation aligns the state of Michigan with current federal workforce mandates to allow federal funds to be more readily utilized by apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. He pointed to Perry Public Schools’ partnership with the Genesee Lapeer and Shiawassee (GLS) Building Trades Council as an example of successful innovation in a local high, providing early exposure to students related to apprenticeship opportunities in Michigan.

“Modern apprenticeships are in emerging and high-growth sectors such as energy conservation, health care and information technology, in addition to traditional industries such as manufacturing and construction,” Frederick said. “Apprenticeships are a great option for people seeking a job in skilled trades without college debt and we should do all we can to make these programs accessible, especially as students consider their future careers.”

Joining Frederick for testimony was Howard Hipes, Director of Training for the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, which as part of the GLS Building Trades Council helped launch the apprenticeship readiness program for juniors and seniors at Perry High School.

“Registered Apprenticeship is a proven and effective system to reach workforce goals,” said Hipes. “Opportunities for Michigan students will be expanded by the adoption of this legislation and we hope to build upon the success we are seeing in Perry and elsewhere in Michigan.”

“At this time of increased federal and state support for the advancement of apprenticeship programs, this legislation is critical to allow us the flexibility to assist job seekers to enter these high skill and high wage careers without the burden of college debt,” said Jodi Kerbyson, CEO of GST Michigan Works! in testimony provided to the committee.

The legislation was adopted unanimously and now proceeds to the House Ways & Means Committee for further consideration.

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Moolenaar Welcomes Grants for First Responders

submitted by David Russell

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development announced grants that will be used to purchase new equipment for first responders in three Fourth District communities. The Village of Elsie and Richfield Township both received grants to purchase new law enforcement patrol vehicles and the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board in St. Louis received funding to purchase a new radio system.

"I am proud to support Michigan's first responders and the work they do to keep our communities safe," said Congressman John Moolenaar. "This funding from USDA will provide updated equipment that our law enforcement officers and firefighters need to serve and protect Michigan residents."

Congressman Moolenaar is Michigan's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, and a member of the subcommittee which has oversight over the Department of Agriculture. As a member of the committee, he has supported rural development funding that helps local communities meet the needs of Michigan residents. Additionally, Congressman Moolenaar has supported legislation in Congress to provide resources for law enforcement and first responders.

The Village of Elsie and Richfield Township were awarded \$42,000 and \$24,000 respectively, and the Mid-Michigan Community Fire Board was awarded \$32,000. They will each contribute additional funding to complete the projects.

Shiawassee Arts Center Offering One More Session of Beginning Fundamentals of Blacksmithing

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering one more session of Beginning Fundamentals of Blacksmithing with Arthur Johns, this fall. The next session will be held in the spring of 2021.

This five-week course offers a comprehensive hands-on overview of the art of blacksmithing.

Students will be introduced to basic forging and metalworking techniques including stock manipulation (both bar stock and sheet metal forming), basic tool making, traditional joinery and finishing techniques. It also offers insights into design development and execution. Students will make some of their own tools and design/build their own individual projects. Students need to furnish safety glasses, hearing protection, gloves and appropriate footwear.

Arthur is an artist/blacksmith with a Master of Fine Arts degree and primarily works in forged iron or steel.

CLASS IS LIMITED TO FOUR – Call the Shiawassee Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 to register. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The class is held at Arthur's Forge, north of Elsie. The cost is \$220 for a SAC member or \$235 for a guest. Students must be at least 16 years of age.

Bannister ZCBJ Helps Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Although the Bannister ZCBJ Lodge has canceled all activities for the rest of 2020 due to COVID -19 we want to continue our support for Toys for Tots. A spokesman for Toys for Tots reported that these difficult economic times make the need for donations even greater. A lodge member will be at the hall in Bannister on Sunday, December 6th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm to accept new items for youth (aged newborn to 17 years old) or cash donations. If this time is not convenient, please call Joanne (989-862-5591) to schedule a better time. Members and non-members are invited to participate to help make a child's holiday season a little brighter!

Ovid Public Library

At the last meeting of the Ovid Public Library Board the members moved to add Saturdays to the current Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays that the Ovid Public Library is offering only curbside service. The Ovid Public Library is offering curbside service Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 – 5:00. Saturdays the curbside service will be from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. Materials may also be requested from other libraries through the library interloan service MEL if you have a card from the Ovid Public Library. Please call the library at 989-834-5800 during the above hours to request titles, to be put on hold for certain titles, or other information.

Time to Renew Your Sport Boosters Membership

With the athletic budget taking a hit from no paid admissions, your membership becomes even more important as we try to help them out as much as possible. In the past year, the Sports Boosters were able to help with the following items:

- An online scouting /video recording software package for Football, Soccer and Basketball
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- Plus 50% of all sports booster concessions went back into the programs of the teams who volunteered to work the concessions so that those coaches could spend it however they needed to. Please consider renewing your membership. All money brought in gets reinvested into the athletic programs at Ovid-Elsie. If you signed up after March 1st, 2020, your membership is good for the 2020/21 year. Attached is the membership form. The completed form with your \$20 membership can either be turned into the athletic department or mailed to:

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SCIOTA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF OPTICAL SCAN and AUTO-MARK VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting system and the Auto-Mark machine to be used in the November 3, 2020 Election on:

Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:45 p.m.
Sciota Township Hall
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Laingsburg, MI 48848

This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
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County over Party

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Obituaries

Betty Louise (Goodrich) Morden

Betty Louise (Goodrich) Morden, age 91 of Midland died peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's on September 28, 2020.

Born December 24, 1928, she grew up in Ovid, Michigan. After graduating from Ovid High School Class of 1945, at age 16, she worked at Oldsmobile in Lansing.

On December 4, 1948 she married Virgil Morris "Sandy" Morden and they moved to Midland, MI. She was a homemaker and later worked as a secretary at Bullock Creek High School, always encouraging everyone to reach for their potential. She attended St. John's Episcopal Church.

Betty loved to travel and organized several family vacations throughout the U.S., enriching the lives of her family.

Surviving are her daughters, Sandra (Jess) Dunham of Ft. Myers, FL; and Phyllis "Pam" Ritchie, of Lansing, MI; sons, David (Jean) Morden, of Florence, KY, Dennis (Jan) Morden, of Midland, MI and Richard, of Federal Way, WA; sister, Sarah (Ron) Woodruff, of St. Johns, MI. 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Virgil Morden; mother, Helena Goodrich; father, Lewis Goodrich Sr.; brothers, Lewis Jr., Paul, and Harold, and daughter-in-law, Fe Morden.

There will be a private graveside funeral. A celebration of life will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in Betty's name to St. John's Episcopal Church of Midland, MI.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Ware-Smith-Woolever funeral directors.



Georgiana L. Weiderer

Georgiana L. Weiderer, 89 of Ovid, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Monday, September 28, 2020.

A private family service will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Georgiana was born on February 19, 1931 to George and Thelma Ardith (DeVoe) Critikos in Owosso. She spent several years working in retail, including at Giant Supermarket, Tradeway's, and Yankee's.

Georgiana was a devoted mother and grandmother all her life. She had a fun personality and was known for always doing "out of the ordinary" things with her grandkids and family. She loved to laugh and have a good time. Georgiana enjoyed camping, fishing, bingo, and playing cards late into the night.

She is survived by her children, Deb (Ed) Vaclavik of Ovid, Charles (Nadine) Weiderer of Land O' Lakes, FL, Steve (Mary) Weiderer of Owosso, Virginia Weiderer of Ovid, and Dave Weiderer of Owosso; and her 9 special grandchildren and 13 special great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her son, Michael A. Weiderer; her grandsons, Davey, Paul, and Christopher; her father and mother; and several sisters and brothers.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Home Health and Hospice of Owosso for their wonderful care and assistance.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at McGeehanFH.com.



Neil Kenneth Somers

Neil Kenneth Somers, age 78, of Chapin, MI, passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at Hospice House of Shiawassee County, Owosso, MI.

Neil was born on May 11, 1942, the son of Elwood and Iva Ruth (Harmon) Somers. He attended Elsie Schools. Neil married Paulette Brandal on August 25, 1962 at the Chapin United Methodist Church.

Neil was a lifelong dairy farmer. He also drove semi for Jim Myers for many years. He loved bowling, camping and driving his antique tractors in local area parades. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, old westerns and listening to Willie's Roadhouse. Neil liked making people laugh. He loved time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member of the Chapin United Methodist Church.

He was a great husband, wonderful father and grandpa, and loyal friend. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Paulette Somers, children: Susie Olds, Kathy (Greg) Wirostek, Michael (Lisa) Somers; grandchildren: Scott, Ashley, Keith, and Michelle Wirostek, Becky Olds, Heather (John) Schragg, Matthew and Jacob Somers, and 4 great grandchildren. He is also survived by brother in law Rick Beracy, sister in law Marie Somers and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Richard Somers, son in law Ron Olds, mother and father in law Edna and Harry Brandal, step father in law Dan Johnson, brother in law Richard Brandal, and sisters in law: Wanda Beracy and Lana Sanders.

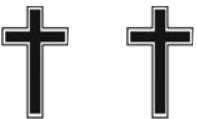
Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, MI.

Memorials may be made to Hospice House of Shiawassee County 2005 East Copas Rd., Owosso, MI 48867 or to the Chapin United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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The Family of Artie "Wayne" Brown would like to thank: our extended family, neighbors and friends for the flowers, gifts, cards, telephone calls, memorials and support during our time of loss. Thank you to Dr. Rajesh and Sparrow Hospital for their medical help. Also, thank you to Smith Funeral Home for their great service during our difficult time.



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Death Notice

Sharon Arbutus Wagner

Sharon Arbutus Wagner, 70 of Florida, formerly of Bannister passed away on September 20, 2020.

She was born on November 11, 1949.

Cremation has taken place, no services per her request.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

What a way to start out a new week.....out with the old and in with the new. I finally managed to clear out one set of the canning shelves upstairs on the west end of the hallway. I am horrified to think that so much was shoved to the back and not rotated. Apparently I have become very lax or maybe I didn't stress the importance of rotating the home canned goods to those who have helped me fill the shelves. I have dumped out about seven pints of discolored peach jam, one of currant jelly, seven of zucchini bread and butter style pickles, fourteen sweet chunk pickles and a dozen or so of chili sauce. Granted these are specialty items that we don't use on a daily basis but it is still a waste. And the list grows as I dispose of the contents which included pickled beets which had a faded appearance, tomato relish, cucumber bread and butter pickles that had turned to mush. Good thing that I had written the dates on the lids. I can't believe that it spanned time from 2002 to the current 2020.

Of course this dumping has opened up more canning jars for this year's endeavors. I promised both of my granddaughters to help them can about twenty-five pounds of red potatoes each. Of course the potatoes came from the fifty pound bags that are becoming a yearly ritual. The girl's and their other half will combine efforts to have them peeled and immerse in water for transport to Gram's for processing. Oh, and yes, I also had quart canning jars that had to be dumped.....which is a good thing.

I wish that I had found some more new lids while switching out the old. Just went on Amazon and ordered the lids that I needed...seems a bit strange to me that they are still available online but not in the store.....just saying. Someone came and offered me some pears to can.....I wasn't home and my son told them that I hated canning pears and wouldn't use them. William was right about how I don't like canning them but I did want enough to make some pear honey like my mother used to make. Wish I knew who had been so kind in offering and I do thank you.

On Monday, Arlene and I made a trip up to Clare and had a very enjoyable day. Arlene is one of my readers from the Ovid area; I believe that she lives on Hollister. We talked all the way up and all the way home. We laughed a lot too. My purpose was to give her guided tour of all the places that I honed in on. We also got an amazing color tour. Arlene can now find the Collinsville General Store, their furniture store, the natural cheese store, the country store, and a great place for lunch or breakfast. In fact the gents that sat at a table behind us were heartbroken because breakfast was not served after eleven. Twice... because one of them didn't pay attention to the waitress when she explained to one of his companions that it was too late to order breakfast.

I didn't get any of the cut out cookies baked yesterday; Noah was gas poor and couldn't make the trip. So I have two fifty pound bags of potatoes sitting in the living room waiting for the girls to fetch them. However I did make some progress on other issues.....I was able to get my signature authenticated and my "write in" document will be delivered to Madeleine today. So as long as those who know how to put my name in the right spot on the ballot and remember to fill in the dot I have a better chance than not. And yes, I do understand that many have already cast their vote.....such is life. After all life does have the capacity to interfere with intentions...good and bad.

I also managed to get the pickled beets finished last night and spent some time at the office. This morning I will be headed up that way very shortly, I'm getting the canning mess cleaned up so that the kitchen is no longer a disaster area. I'm also enjoying my coffee and have considered taking the canned beets upstairs but decided that the fourteen pints could wait until I get back home this afternoon. Hopefully when the kitchen is up to par I will be able to get some baking done which means more dirty dishes and the beat goes on.....

I do hope that you have had a phenomenal week filled with interesting experiences. It has been a good week because I also managed to visit with three of my neighbors. Planted a tree and

Editorial



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY

Please TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of October, 2020, at 4:30pm a public hearing will be conducted Electronically to consider the petition of the Village of Ashley to annex Village owned property described as:

Parcel 1: The Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼, EXCEPT a parcel of land Commencing 357 feet South of the Northwest corner; thence East 295 feet; thence South 189 feet; thence West 295 feet; thence North 189 feet to the point of beginning, Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 1 West, AND EXCEPT beginning at a point on the North-South ¼ line of said Section 7, North 00 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, along said North-South ¼ line, 959.91 feet; thence continuing along said North-South ¼, North 00 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West, 357.00 feet to the South 1/8 line of said Section 7; thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 08 seconds East, along said South 1/8 line, 610.08 feet; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, parallel with said North-South ¼ line, 356.73 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds West, 610.08 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2: The Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼, Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 1 West.

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-48, will be implemented in response to the Covid-19 social distancing requirements and Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-42. The public may participate in the meeting/public hearing through Zoom access by computer and smart phone using the following link:

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The public may also participate by calling into the below toll-free number: 1-312-626-6733

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If you wish to watch the meeting but not offer comment during the period available for public comment, please click the link below to view the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners YouTube Channel. Meetings will be live-streamed and will remain posted after the meeting is finished.
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Requests for Public Comment must be made to the County Clerk's Office at (989) 875-5297 or by email to athompson@gratiotmi.com prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please include your phone number so you can be un-muted when it is your turn to speak. Follow the instructions below to call in to the meeting.

For tips on making a public comment in a virtual meeting, visit www.gratiot-mi.com/virtualmeetings

If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate remotely, please call the County Clerk at 989-875-5297.

All persons having interest in such proposed annexation may appear and be heard at such time.

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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Parts for Walnut & Steel .22's

The other day the Weekly Sportsman stopped by Corky McCreery's place on Wilkinson Road to drop off some Delicata squash. This was an in person follow up to some messages exchanged about Delicata and also an opportunity to thank him for being such a loyal reader of the column.

The conversation quickly changed to hunting and firearms and then where to find parts for what the Weekly Sportsman calls walnut & steel .22's.

Corky has recently acquired a Remington 550 but it doesn't have the ejection shield like the one from his youth. We talked about how those shields often were removed because people blamed them for jamming issues when in truth it was probably just cheap dirty fouling ammo.

The Weekly Sportsman has never had a 550 or 552 jam even when switching back and forth between .22 shorts and .22 LR. It is easy to see why an armchair gunsmith would rip it off to remove stovepipe shells or other issues. Corky asked why the shield was even on the rifle in the first place and the Weekly Sportsman told him that the Remington semi-autos had shields to prevent hunting partners from getting a hot shell casing in the eye. Similar to the old shields on Browning SA-22's that prevented hot spent shells from dropping down a cuff of a long sleeve shirt or jacket and burning the wrist. Corky lamented on the impossibility of finding a replacement part or even the thought of having a local machine shop make up a batch. The Weekly Sportsman told him not to worry as those parts are still readily available.

If you own an old walnut and steel .22 rifle and are looking for factory original parts then look no further than Numerich Gun Parts Corporation. This business is located in upstate New York at the foot of the Catskills Mountains. What originally started in the 1950's as a gun shop by George Numerich has now expanded to over seven warehouses with over 1 million cubic foot of inventory and a manufacturing facility. If there was a gun made and you are looking for a part chances are they have it in stock or will very soon. The best part of their website www.gunpartscorp.com are the schematic sketches shown for just about every firearm and its respective part number. The Weekly Sportsman uses this business often to keep old Remington rimfires working that sometimes get purchased as incomplete and non-functioning firearms.

Corky, if you are reading this please make sure you look closely at what model of Remington 550 you own as there are a few variations and then call or go online and order your shield.

-WS

Senior Spotlight



Exploring Hospice and Palliative Care

The opportunity to live independently is a goal for many people as they plan for retirement. While there's much people can do to plan for financial independence in their golden years, health issues may arise that can make it hard for aging adults to get through the day without a little help.

Palliative care and hospice are sometimes mistaken as the same thing, even though they're quite different. Learning about each option can help adults identify which option is best for them should they one day require daily assistance.

Palliative care

Palliative care may be available at any time for individuals with serious and potentially life-threatening conditions. According to Healthline, palliative care is focused on improving the overall wellness of individuals with serious illnesses, such as Alzheimer's disease, cancer, COPD, and other chronic illnesses. Since it is based on individuals' needs, palliative care can differ from one person to the next.

WebMD says a palliative care program frequently aims to ease pain and help with other problems, including improving comfort. It is used in addition to other treatments. Palliative care also can help patients and their families if an illness makes it more difficult to get around, leads to depression or adversely affects the family, including caregivers.

Hospice care

The National Institute on Aging notes that hospice care may be recommended when it is no longer possible to cure a serious illness or when a patient opts out of certain treatments. Like palliative care, hospice provides comprehensive comfort care and family support. However, attempts to cure the person's illness are stopped in hospice. Hospice is typically recommended when a person with a terminal illness has around six months or less to live.

When people hear "going into hospice" they may think this means entering a facility. However, hospice can take place in many different settings, including at home, in a nursing home, in a hospital, or even a facility that specializes in hospice care.

Both palliative and hospice care bring together a team of health care professionals with special skills. This team can include doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, spiritual advisors, and trained volunteers. Everyone works together to address patients' emotional, medical and spiritual needs.

The main difference between palliative and hospice care is when each is offered to a patient. Palliative care can be available at any time, regardless of illness stage, prognosis or life expectancy. Hospice care is only available when an illness is no longer responding to treatment. It is sometimes known as end-of-life care. However, a person can come out of hospice care should his or her condition begin to improve.

Patients and their families can discuss the options of palliative and hospice care with their health care teams. While these types of care have become much more accessible in recent years, they may not be available everywhere. It also pays to ask questions about health insurance coverage to determine if the costs of palliative or hospice care will be covered by a provider. A long-term care policy also may be an option to cover palliative services.



When Communication Becomes Difficult

Trouble communicating with others can be a symptom of various disorders. Difficulty conveying words or emotions can be a condition of autism spectrum disorder, but quite frequently it occurs when a neurological injury affects the portion of the brain responsible for language.

The National Aphasia Association states that aphasia is an impairment of language that affects the comprehension or the production of speech as well as the ability to read and write. Aphasia results from an injury to the brain, including head trauma, brain tumors, infections, and stroke.

The Cleveland Clinic notes a person with aphasia may experience difficulty speaking, writing, reading, and understanding language. Impairments can range from mild to very severe (nearly impossible to communicate). While aphasia may only affect one area of communication, usually limitations occur across many areas.

One of the more common symptoms of aphasia is word-finding issues. This can be characterized by challenges remembering the names of people, events or things. Sometimes an individual may not be able to think of the word he or she wants to say. In other instances, that person may say the wrong word entirely, such as using "rope" for the word "ball." The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association also states that it is common for someone with aphasia to switch sounds in words, like "wishdasher" for "dishwasher." Often sentences are difficult to come by, and single words may be easier.


Trouble communicating also extends to a person with aphasia having challenges understanding what others are saying, particularly when they speak fast or in long sentences. The situation may be exacerbated when it is noisy or a person is in a group setting.

Aphasia can affect anyone. However, it is more common in those who are middle-aged and older. The NAA says roughly 180,000 people are diagnosed with aphasia each year. Even though brain injury is a primary cause of aphasia, it also can create other language-related issues, such as weakness in the muscles that control the face or mouth or an inability to move the lips or tongue in the right way to make sounds.

People with aphasia can benefit from working with a speech-language pathologist as early as possible. This professional can present many strategies to help manage deficits or potentially return some measure of communication. Augmentative and alternative communication, such as using images or a computer to tell what a person wants, may be options in more severe cases of aphasia.

Aphasia affects many people and can rob them of the ability to communicate effectively without intervention.

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Senior Spotlight



Explore Long-Term Care Insurance

Individuals plan for many different scenarios: buying a home, putting kids through college and saving for retirement, among them. Quite often the concept of making arrangements for one’s golden years is placed on the back burner. However, that can be an expensive mistake.

According to AARP, by the time a person reaches age 65, he or she has a 50-50 chance of needing long-term care at some point in the future. Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older in the United States, does not cover custodial care, which is the primary form of care in nursing homes. Therefore, many people must find alternative ways to finance nursing home and other long-term care options. Those who must pay out-of-pocket spend an average of \$85,000 per year on a nursing home in the U.S., and this is often an expense that has not been included in retirement budgets.

Long-term care insurance can be the best option to offset the high costs of nursing home and other care in most instances. It helps cover the costs of services that aren’t covered by regular health insurance, namely assistance with routine daily activities like bathing, dressing or getting in and out of bed, advises the financial resource NerdWallet. Such care may be administered at home by a private health aide or in a skilled nursing facility. Most policies also will reimburse for services rendered in an assisted living facility or an adult day care center.

According to a study revised in 2016 by the Urban Institute and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, about 14 percent of people age 65 and older will require care for more than five years. Getting the facts about long-term care insurance can help individuals make important decisions for their futures.

- The earlier a person buys a long-term care insurance policy the lower the rates tend to be. The American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance says a 65-year-old couple can typically buy a policy for \$4,800 per year to offer base benefits of \$180,000 plus 3 percent inflation growth. That plan price more than doubles if purchased at age 75.
- Cost also is based on the maximum amount the policy will pay per day and the number of years the policy will pay. Many policies limit how long or how much they will pay, some between two and five years, states the Administration on Aging.
- Policies require some medical underwriting, so not everyone will qualify.

AARP suggests seeking out an independent agent who sells policies from multiple companies rather than a single insurer.

Long-term care insurance can be an effective way to pay for the often high cost of skilled nursing care.

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Senior Center Open on Limited Basis

submitted by Brenda Terpening

The Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns is currently open two days a week. On Monday’s they are open from 10 am to 3 pm and on Tuesday’s they are open from 9 am to 2 pm. They are currently open for socialization and games, but they are not serving meals.

The summer has given crafters a lot of time to create, so the Gift Shops at the Clinton County Senior Center are overflowing with new items. Stop in and check out the quilts, pillows, pet blankets, table runners, etc in one gift shop and glassware, decorations, puzzles, books and misc in the other gift shop.

The center is also accepting limited donations at this time. They are accepting puzzles, books and like new items for their gift shop. They are not accepting garage sale items.

If you have any questions about their open hours or their gift shops, please call them at 989-224-4257.

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All Hands on Deck

Dear Andy,

Already Fall, soon to be Winter and I did not get nearly the projects accomplished I had planned! It is so frustrating. I get into a project and get interrupted with a phone call or a visitor for coffee or lunch. Sometimes, I am missing the necessary tools, or I just lose my motivation and strength. I have been a widow for 10 years and have become rather independent; but at my age and living alone, projects as simple as washing the

baseboards or getting the cob webs out of the corners or the shed organized become overwhelming. I really cannot afford to hire out, as I have limited income. Any suggestions? Brenda G.

Dear Brenda,

Sounds like you have special friends and that your interruptions are welcome. Why not create a club of ladies with areas of expertise. Call it the “Fun Friends” or the “Chore Buddies.” Plan a project and take turns getting together to help one another. If you are finding obstacles or challenges to get a project done, so are others. Get together and help each other out!

For example, schedule every other Thursday, invite someone over to work a project together, then you host lunch or dinner. Make the meal simple so it is not taking away from the intended “project” of the day. If the project is raking leaves, invite 2 or 3 friends over; then the next week go to one of your other ladies’ home to dig into their project. There is cupboard organizing, pulling weeds, making jam, canning tomatoes; the daily chores of a household are endless, even when you are retired or living on your own. Great way to get things done with more hands-on-deck.

Have fun. Let me know how it goes. Thanks for asking ask_andy@aol.com

P.S. If you are lucky enough to have grandchildren, you can get a lot done with the payment of a couple of dozen chocolate chip cookies.

**The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission
will hold a public hearing on October 19, 2020 at
7:00 p.m. REMOTELY via Zoom to review
the following:**

A petition for map amendment has been submitted by Joe M. Palazzolo to amend the zoning district for property located at 504 E. Grand River Rd. & 500 E. Grand River Rd. from R-M, Medium Density Residential District to R-H, High Density Residential District. The subject properties known as 500 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-006-00) and 504 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-005-00 & 022-40-027-004-00) are within the City of Laingsburg (“City”), and are legally described as the following:

(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-006-00)
CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 8 & W 10 FT OF LOT 7 BLK 27

(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-005-00)
CITY OF LAINGSBURG E 40 FT OF LOT 7 & W ½ OF LOT 6 BLK 27

(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-004-00)
CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 9 & 10 & W ½ OF LOT 11 BLK 27

For individuals who wish to give public comment on this issue, the method for providing public comment during this remote-participation meeting is to call the following toll-free numbers:

1-646-876-9923 or 1-312-626-6799 (Meeting ID: 5165368664#) Participant ID is not required.

Callers wishing to give public comment may call in before the meeting starts and wait in a “virtual waiting room.” These instructions will be included in every official published agenda of the Commission. Those calling in will be able to hear the audio of the Commission meeting, yet their microphone will be muted. Callers who do not wish to give public comment are encouraged to view the meeting live-streamed, with a closed caption option on you tube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzo_7JSRnVML18i8u1LKtGg

Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than October 16, 2020:

City of Laingsburg
Attn: City Clerk
PO Box 178
114 N. Woodhull Street
Laingsburg MI 48848

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

Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

Notice of Registration for the Election to be Held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in Clinton County, Michigan

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Clinton County who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township or City Clerk; the office of the appropriate County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township or City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 19, 2020**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following:

Bath Twp Clerk 14480 Webster Rd., P.O. Box 247, Bath, MI 48808 517-641-6728	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Bengal Twp Clerk 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI 48879 989-640-4750	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Bingham Twp Clerk 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns, MI 48879 989-224-7297	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Dallas Twp Clerk 11245 W. 1st St., Fowler, MI 48835 989-593-2542	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
DeWitt City Clerk 414 E. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-669-2441	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
DeWitt Twp Clerk 1401 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-668-0270	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Duplain Twp Clerk 340 W. Main St., Elsie, MI 48831 989-862-5084	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment - Monday, Friday, Sunday Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and Sunday, November 1st 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Eagle Twp Clerk 10505 W. Howe Rd., Eagle, MI 48822 517-526-0218	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and Sunday, November 1st 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
East Lansing City Clerk 410 Abbott Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823 517-337-1731	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sunday, November 1st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Essex Twp Clerk 8740 W. Colony Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879 989-224-3484	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Sunday, November 1st 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
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Olive Twp Clerk 1669 E. Alward Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-668-9506	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and Sunday, November 1st 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Ovid City Clerk 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI 48866 989-834-5550	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Ovid Twp Clerk 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI 48866 989-834-2597	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Sunday, November 1st 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
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St. Johns City Clerk 100 E. State St., Ste. 1100, P.O. Box 477, St. Johns, MI 48879 989-224-8944	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday, November 1st 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
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Watertown Twp Clerk 12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 517-626-6593	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, October 31st 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm
Westphalia Twp Clerk 13950 Pratt Rd., P.O. Box 429, Westphalia, MI 48894 989-587-3411	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, October 31st 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm

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- PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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- TOWNSHIP: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee
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- CITY: DeWitt Mayor & Council Members; Ovid Mayor & Council Members; St. Johns City Commissioners
- VILLAGE (where applicable): President, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees and Library Board
- LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER: Bath Community Schools; Carson-City Crystal Area Schools; DeWitt Public Schools; East Lansing Public Schools; Fowler Public School District; Fulton Schools; Grand Ledge Public Schools; Haslett Public Schools; Laingsburg Community Schools; Lansing Schools; Ovid-Elsie Area Schools; Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools; Portland Public Schools; St. Johns Public Schools; Waverly Community Schools
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBER: Lansing Community College, Montcalm Community College
- LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER: Bath Township Public Library, Grand Ledge Area District, Village of Maple Rapids

Also to vote on the following proposals:

STATE PROPOSALS:

- 20-1 A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent
- 20-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications

TOWNSHIP:

- Watertown Charter Township – Millage on all property of up to 3 mills for 10 years, 2021 to 2030

CITY:

- City of St. Johns – Headlee Override Millage Proposal to Restore authorized Original Charter

LIBRARY:

- Elsie Public Library – Additional millage not to exceed 1.0 mills annually against all taxable property within the Elsie Public Library District beginning in 2020

SCHOOL:

- Fulton Schools - General obligation unlimited tax bond proposal for building and site purposes in the amount of not to exceed \$9,460,000

COLLEGE:

- Mid Michigan College
 - Annexation proposal to annex the territory of Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District
 - Proposal to adopt Mid Michigan College maximum tax rate by the annexed territory of Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District 1.2232 mills in perpetuity

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained at the Clinton County Clerk’s Office, 100 E. State St., Ste. 2600, St. Johns. A sample ballot may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk’s office.

This notice is given as required by law (MCL 168.498(3))

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk
Election Coordinator, (989) 224-5140

Sports

Evan, O-E Grab First Grid Victory in 19-0 Whitewashing of Lakeville

OVID-ELSIE — Eddy Evans and the Marauder offense joined the O-E defense in a stellar effort, propelling the hosts to a 19-0 victory over Otisville-Lakeville.

Evans had his second big game of the young season, running for 122 yards and a touchdown to propel Ovid-Elsie to its first win September 25 at Mark O'Donnell Field.

Evans ran for a 4-yard score in the first quarter to put the Marauders (1-1, 1-1 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference) up 7-0. Jacob Schaub had a 55-yard fumble return TD 25 seconds before halftime to pad the lead to 13-0, after O-E defender Cal Byrnes forced Lakeville's Thade Ferris to cough up the pigskin.

Dylan Carmen punched in a four-yard touchdown for the final TD of the night in the 4th quarter. Jackson Thornton kicked a pair of PATs to complete the shutout.

Dylan Carman had a rough outing throwing the ball, completing just three of 11 passes for 19 yards and two interceptions. He did punch in a 4-yard touchdown, however, with just over three minutes left for O-E's final points.

The statistics told a somewhat different story of the contest; it was virtually dead-even. Lakeville amassed 146 yards of total offense to Ovid-Elsie's 141. Both teams managed 10 first downs.

It was the Marauder' opportunistic defense that made the difference. Byrnes recorded eight tackles and picked off two passes on defense. Landon Stoneman and Clay Wittenberg also had eight tackles apiece. Other stops came from Thornton, Schaub, Brayden Phillips, Kevin Ley, Rudy Morales, Tyler Bancroft, Maxwell Spiess, Michael Olger, Kaylee Hall, Theron Brooks, Dillon Renfroe, Noah Gonyea, Dylan Taylor and Eddy Evarts.

Carmen clicked on 3-of-11 passes for 19 yards; the Falcon defense did come up with two picks. Joining Evans in the O-E rushing attack was Byrnes with 5 carries for 22 yards, and Wittenberg with one rush. Spiess, Schaub and Alex Eichenberg caught Carmen aeriels; Spiess led the Marauders with 12 yards receiving.

Logan Kelley led the Lakeville offense with 93 yards on 21 carries. Falcon QB Andrew Hilt connected on 7-of-15 passes for 60 yards.



OE Max Spiess blocking for Eddy Evans who ran for 122 yards for the Marauders.

Wolfpack Air Attack Unloads on Saranac, 49-19 for First Win of Grid Season

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack opened the first quarter with a swarming defensive effort that resulted in two quick turnovers.

The only thing overshadowing that great defense? Quarterback Doug Matthews' connection with his receiving corps.

Laingsburg scored early and often in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) play here September 25, romping past Saranac 49-19 for the Wolves' (1-1) initial win of the 2020 season.

Parents were still coming in the gate when coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack scored on the first play from scrimmage. Matthews hit one of his favorite targets, Zach Hawes, with a 63-yard pitch-and-run -- Hawes broke a pair of tackles -- and after Addison Goff booted the PAT, Laingsburg led 7-0.

Thirty seconds later, DT Josh Roosa pounced on a Saranac fumble. Matthews then showed his scrambling ability, getting outside the SHS rush and improvising a 13-yard TD pass to Hawes, breaking off his route and running the back line of the endzone. Goff's PAT had the Wolves romping, 14-0.

Saranac then put together a decent drive, but Zach Fortino ended that at 5:45 of the first quarter with a leaping interception over the middle. Fortino then showed off his receiving skills with a stellar one-handed catch for a first down, that set up Matthews' scoring pas to Lucas Woodruff from 20 yards. Goff made it 21-0, still in the opening quarter.

Matthews threw for 304 yards and six touchdowns. Hawes caught three TDs from Matthews, who completed 15 of 24 passes, with one interception.

Hawes added two more scoring grabs of 13 and 61 yards. The senior also helped break the game open in the second half with a 70-yard kick-off return for a score. Matthews also tossed TD passes to Fortino and DayShawn Bowman.

Laingsburg improved to 1-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference one week after being shut out by defending Division 7 state champion Pewamo-Westphalia. Saranac also stands 1-1 in the CMAC.

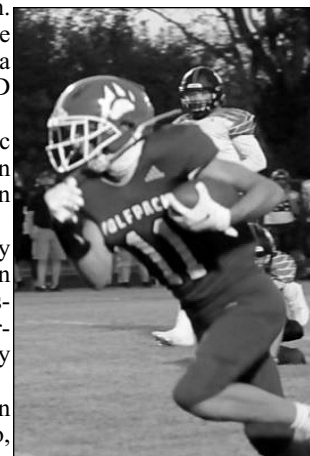
Said Borgman, "I was really excited that our offense finally got started and that Doug and Zach were able to hook up early in the game and get some confidence with those two. It was a frustrating first week against P-W. We kind of got stymied, no scoring at all for us. So for us to put up some numbers quick and early and get these guys into rhythm was really key for us."

Hawes finished with five catches for 161 yards. DayShawn Bowman had four catches, one for a score, for 41 yards. Fortino, Woodruff and Michael Brooks each had two grabs. Matthews was the leading rusher for Laingsburg, gaining 37 yards on three carries.

Woodruff had nine tackles for Laingsburg including six solos. Fortino, Michael Brooks, Bowman, Jack Byrnes, Roosa, Thomas Cecil, Taylor Zdenahlik, Miguel Fajardo, Michael Rutila, Hawes, Josh Baker, Tyler Flynn-Lacey, Matthews, James, Nixon, Alex Brown and Jacob Welch also registered stops for the Wolves.



Wolfpack defenders including Thomas Cecil #50 and Tyler Flynn-Lacey swarm Saranac RB Dylan Whigfield.



Zach Fortino sprints for TD



Cal Byrnes ran for 22 yards on the night. Defensively he had 8 tackles and 2 interceptions.

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Ashley Bears Cross Country

Front row (l-r): Robert Kral, Dana Juhas, Peyton Rohn, Sharla Juhas. Back row (l-r): Coach Hannah Williams, Carson Litwiller, Sophia Wirt, Josh Lewis, Jenna Wirt, Clayton Juhas, Coach Andy Denman.

Photo by D.S. Events



Ashley Bears Varsity Volleyball

Front row (l-r) : Renee Wirt, Vada Kirkey, Sharla Judas. Back row (l-r): Coach Madison Howe, Ally Emmerdorfer, Korryn Brown, Ashleigh Jelinek, Alexa Burlingame, Jenna Wirt, Coach Lynne Burlingame.

Photos by D.S. Events

Ovid-Elsie Volleyball Come Up Short Against Byron Eagles

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder varsity volleyball team came up a little short against the Byron Eagles, despite fighting back and showing some resiliency.

The Lady Eagles went home with a hard-fought 23-25, 25-18, 25-9, 20-25 and 15-5 victory on a night that went five sets.

"We came out strong but had lots of errors," said coach Kourtney Miller. "Too many missed serves and bad serve-receive errors."

After losing two of the first three sets, O-E came out and played together to fight back to win the 4th set. "These girls fought hard all game and brought Byron to the 5th set," said coach Miller.

"Even though the outcome of the game was not what we wanted, I am a proud coach that these girls continued to fight and play hard."

An important note in the contest: O-E's Jolene Nash went down in the 1st set by landing on another players foot.

Key for the Marauders were Maddie Cunningham with 12 kills, 15 digs, 13 serves and one 1 ace; Braylon Byrnes with 12 serves, 1 ace, 62 attempt assists with 11 assists and 9 digs.



Maddie Cunningham

Braylon Byrnes

Ovid-Elsie 2 Chesaning 0 on MMAC Soccer Pitch

CHESANING -- The visiting Marauders were victorious over the Chesaning Indians in a 2-0 shutout.

O-E's first score came from Joshua Swender who had a long give-and-go with Talan Parsons late in the first half to put the Marauders up 1-0.

In the second half Noah Fahey made a long run deep into Indian territory, then passed to Jackson Thornton who chipped the goalie for the final score of the contest.

"We had a fun game at Chesaning and look forward to our next meeting at home," said O-E coach Justin Fluharty. Final stats looked like this: Jackson Thornton 1 goal, Joshua Swender 1 goal, Noah Fahey 1 assist, Talan Parsons 1 assist.



Joshua Swender scored first goal against Chesaning

E coach Justin Fluharty. Final stats looked like this: Jackson Thornton 1 goal, Joshua Swender 1 goal, Noah Fahey 1 assist, Talan Parsons 1 assist.

Ovid-Elsie Ties up Byron in MMAC Soccer Play 2-2

OVID-ELSIE -- In a MMAC soccer league matchup, Ovid-Elsie tied the Byron Eagles in a 2-2 knot.

The Marauders scored first when Noah Fahey found Jackson Thornton to get the Marauders started. Later in the first quarter, Kayden Leslie found Thornton to make the score 2-0 at half.

In the middle of the second half Byron was awarded a penalty kick to shrink the lead by one. Byron then had a fierce attack late in the game that led them to the tying goal. Justin Frye scored both goals for Byron.

Nate Reser had 15 saves.

Said O-E coach Justin Fluharty, "Nate Reser came up with some big saves in net for us this game. It was a great game to watch with both teams playing hard to win."



Goalie Nate Reser had 15 saves for O-E

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Meet the Teams



Laingsburg Wolfpack Varsity Soccer

Front row (l-r): Reece Kramer, Kade Clone, Dano Winans, Cameron Salas, Adam Myers, Haydon Collier, Brayden Thomas, Jacob Agueros, Asst. Coach Mike Salas. Back row (l-r): Coach Graham Lockwood, Luke Snyder, Caleb Clark, Broderick Rodriguez, Ashton Jones, Zachary Grandy, Tyler Henne, Trevor Barrett, Alex George, Dylan Hulliberger, Aaron Willoughby, Justin Grandy, Asst. Coach Brad Kramer. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Wolfpack Cross-Country Teams Run 4th at CMAC Jamboree

BATH -- Laingsburg cross-country teams ran to middle-of-the-pack finishes at the first Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) Jamboree of the 2020 season.

Dansville and Pewamo-Westphalia dominated the team scores, with the Aggie boys topping the field with 53 points, followed by P-W 56, Saranac 69, Laingsburg 105, Bath 105, Pottersville 153, Fowler 156 and Fulton-Middleton 206.

P-W was outstanding in the girls team scoring with 19 points. Saranac was a distant second at 68, trailed by Fowler 81, Laingsburg 88, Bath 128 and Fulton-Middleton 167.

Coach Shawn Bayles' girls had 8 athletes finish in the scoring: Emma Kribs 23:31.08, Shaily Baynes 23:51.08, Saige Wurm 24:50.2, Danielle Winans 25:23.74, Hayleigh Mertens 25:38.33, Emily Gutzman 25:36.05, Desire Knoblauch 27:24.51 and Kezzie Dietz 28:00.72.

There were nine finishers for the male Wolfpack: Garrett Matthews 23:35.64, Brad Dedie 23:55.38, Dawson Shastal 24:14.07, Kadin Beck-Kusnier 24:40.82, Levi Stephens 29:39.88, Zach Slider 30:24.93, Dan Miller 34:41.70, Tanner Scanlan 35:02.35 and Jacob Slider 43:15.54.

O-E Volleyball Come Up Short Against Byron

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder varsity volleyball team came up a little short against the Byron Eagles, despite fighting back and showing some resiliency.

The Lady Eagles went home with a hard-fought 23-25, 25-18, 25-9, 20-25 and 15-5 victory on a night that went five sets.

"We came out strong but had lots of errors," said coach Kourtney Miller. "Too many missed serves and bad serve-receive errors."

After losing two of the first three sets, O-E came out and played together to fight back to win the 4th set. "These girls fought hard all game and brought Byron to the 5th set," said coach Miller.

"Even though the outcome of the game was not what we wanted, I am a proud coach that these girls continued to fight and play hard."

An important note in the contest: O-E's Jolene Nash went down in the 1st set by landing on another players foot.

Key for the Marauders were Maddie Cunningham with 12 kills, 15 digs, 13 serves and one ace; Braylon Byrnes with 12 serves, 1 ace, 62 attempt assists with 11 assists and 9 digs.



Laingsburg Wolfpack Girls Golf

(l-r): Assistant Coach John Saller, Makayla Hagerty, Hailey Hagerty, Grace Elfring, Alyse Rowley, Sydney Pohlod, Coach Greg Beavers. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Wolfpack's Elfring Tops All-GLAC Girls Golf Team

LAINGSBURG -- Grace Elfring easily topped the field with a 9-stroke lead, as the medalist of the final Great Lakes Activities Association (GLAC) league meet of the 2020 season.

Elfring's score of 92 placed her as the leader of the GLAC's all-conference team. She was the lone representative on the team for coach Greg Beavers' Wolfpack.

Lakewood won the meet with a team score of 435. Olivet was 2nd at 466, Perry 3rd at 471 and Laingsburg 4th at 486.

Joining Elfring with 1st Team All-GLAC honors were Jackie Mattison of Perry, Claire Benham of Lakewood, Morgan Stahl of Lakewood, Natalie Lang of Lakewood and Abby Williams of Olivet.



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Meet the Teams



Laingsburg Wolfpack Varsity Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Makenzie Brundage, Jordan Langdon, Miana Washington. Second row (l-r): Brynn Wilson, Gabby Paquet, Hanna Brooks, Erica Wade, Team Manager Hailey Bila, Brooke Putnam. Third row (l-r): Grace Borgman, Team Manager Elizabeth VanElls, Amelia Hurst, Sophia Dittrich, Lorna Strieff, Ellie Baynes, Autumn Eyre, Bella Strieff.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Laingsburg Wolfpack JV Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Maggie Willoughby, Gaby Motz, Reagan Gregg, Grace Martio. Back row (l-r): Haley Konieczny, Maddie Audretsch, Audrey Cook, Olivia Smith, Ashleigh Austin, Rachel Olsen, Kellyn Heaton, Coach Kelsey Jones. Not pictures: Savanna Hernandez.

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Marauder Harrier Teams Run at MMAC Jamboree #2 at Chesaning's Showboat Park

CHESANING -- While slightly damp, the Ovid-Elsie cross-country team enjoyed a beautiful day for running at Showboat Park in Chesaning. The event was the 2nd MMAC Jamoree of 2020.

The Marauder Boys showed what weeks of hard work can do by posting a strong result at the conference meet. The team reduced its score from the last conference meet while having 3 runners break 20 minutes, two -- Gavyn Leavitt and Ryan Gavenda -- for the first time this season. However, great times were had up and down the lineup. "It's performances like this that show the talent that this team is ready to show to the area. While we won't be vying for the conference title, I see no reason why we shouldn't dream of making moves to try and fit into the top 3," said coach David Pastula.

The following Marauders turned in their Personal Records today at the meet: Ryan Gavenda, Dalton Love, Christian Schmidtfranz, Coleten Towsley, and Cole Workman. These athletes ran their best race of the season: Gage Kvalevog, Gavyn Leavitt, Justin Prewitt, and Luke Spitzley.

Team scores looked like this: New Lothrop 24, Chesaning 51, Montrose 60, Ovid-Elsie 89, Mt. Morris 131 and Otisville-Lakeville 170.

In the girls competition, to say Pastula was ecstatic about his team's performance would be an understatement. Said the coach, "Although times may not have been what everyone hoped for, places matter much more in a conference meet. Last time, we came in 3rd by a tiebreaker. This team had one focus going into this meet: 1st place. If anyone on this team stepped up and found a single place, we would take 2nd and have a chance to have a top finish in the conference. Today, this team found 16 of those places."

The Lady Marauders were led by great performances from Alexis Spitzley, Kaia Spiess, Samantha Grubaugh, and Abigail Prewitt, as well as highlighted by outstanding jumps in performance by Rachel Spitzley, Ella Powell, and Alyse Ladiski. "This team has put themselves in the drivers seat for a top two finish in the conference this season. With only having 7 total athletes, this is an outstanding achievement," explained coach Pastula.

Alyse Ladiski and Abigail Prewitt had their season records today, and Rachel Spitzley achieved her personal record.

Final girls team scores were New Lothrop 28, Ovid-Elsie 53, Montrose 69, Byron 81 and Chesaning, Durand and Otisville-Lakeville NS.



Laingsburg Wolfpack Freshman Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Ella Merrell, Callie Clark, Ashley Bila, Addy Elkins, Ally Hill. Back row (l-r): Kaitlyn Kingsbury, Hailey Mahoney, Brenna Highfield, Libby Rucklos, Joy Antcliff, Remi Fuller, Sophie Freeman.

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