



The new Amphitheater at McClintock Park saw its first performance, "Hello Girls", on Saturday, May 8, 2021. *Courtesy Photo*

The Show Must Go On...the "Hello Girls"

by Karen Anderson, Laingsburg Correspondent

LAINGSBURG - On a sunny afternoon, Saturday, May 8, 2021 the first performance in the recently built McClintock Park Amphitheater was none other than the Laingsburg High School Drama Club. An outstanding performance on a perfect day in the new well-designed structure. Students exclaimed how honored they were to be a part of history of the Amphitheater by performing the musical "Hello Girls." Directed by Dr. Jennifer Strickland, Language Arts & Drama teacher at Laingsburg High School, who recently won the People's Choice Award and the Innovation Award at the Online State Theatre Festival for 2020-2021.

The "Hello Girls" was the name of the group of women who served in World War I as telephone operators. The females were a unit formed in 1917 to improve the communication, which helped win the war. The applicants were bi-lingual in French, English, and some German. They wore Army regulation uniforms, and some assignment took them to the front line of the fighting. The 223 women were not given an honorable discharge due to Army regulation specified as male gender only. Sixty years after the end of World War I, the U.S. Congress approved their Veterans status and Honorable discharges for the remaining seven living women who served. This play is a recognition of their heroic contribution to winning the war by translating strategies of the enemy and relaying orders to the field.

The inspiring performances of the play, "Hello Girls" with a cast of singers and outstanding actors which included Regan Yates (21), Brienne Jones (21), Kylie Carlson (21), Tabitha McDowell (21), Caitlyn Sanders (21), Tyler Scanlan (21), Nichole Steffens (22), Mason Bartly (23), Libby Zukatis (23), Olivia Weston (24), Evan Hamilton-Eakin (21).

Grace Matthews (21), Student Director & Choreographer; Tabitha McDowell (21) and Riley Freeman (22) showed excellent student leadership as the Co-Stage Managers. Set Crew and artists included Emily Arthur (24), Makayla Guenther (22), Kaitlyn Kingsbury (24), Piper Seguin (24), Samantha Walker (24).

The Costume crew included Rachael Lalonde (23), Riley Walker (23). Autumn Brown (23) styled the hair and makeup for the actors. Pops and set building included Livia Gauthier (24), Jaylei Kramer (24), and Dan Miller (21). Light & Sound crew included Liam Doyle (21), Ethan Mohney (23), Claire Sanderlin (22). Each of the students brought in pictures for a War Veterans Memorial board which was on display and dedicated the play to grandparents and family who served in the wars.

A grateful thank you is in order for the teachers, parents and friends who volunteers to run the concessions, ticket booth, sound track, military consultant, set designers and the City of Laingsburg for supporting the performance by allowing the students to use the new amphitheater.

Sponsors included Central Pharmacy, TK's Kookies, Van Attas Greenhouse, PDP's Pizzeria. Donations for a Silent Auction include gifts from PDP's, Laingsburg Recyclers, City Limits, Pampered Chef, ESCAPE Challenge, Photos by Jodi, Mackie Mae's by Makayla Marrison, Mixology from the Topsy Gardener, Hart of Glass (stained glass), Potters Park Zoo, Create with Ava on Etsy, An Adventure Flight Aeromark Aviation, Launch Adventures, Wolfpack Pride Fan Basket, Local Handmade Soaps, Mary Kay, A 'Let Freedom Ring' wreath. Silent Auction bids brought in much appreciated financial support for this play and many other to follow.

The performance ended with an appreciation to all those who have served in the Military. The matinee was a "hard act to follow" but the evening brought in another big crowd.

Dorman Art Gallery To Close

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, May 10, 2021.

Gene Nethaway, Elsie American Legion, updated officials on the Memorial Day Services slated for Monday, May 31, 9am. There will be a memorial service on the former bank lawn on West Main Street. There will not be a parade this year due to COVID restrictions and the lack of a band. He reported that the City of Ovid and St. Johns will not have parades this year.

The Elsie Art Council located at the Dorman Gallery is closing and the fate of the property is unknown at this time. It was noted that there may be an interested party in possibly moving the house. It appears that according to the initial agreement the Art Council owns the house but the property will be returned to the Village of the organization dissolves. Discussion followed, can the art council be saved was also discussed. The possible dissolving of the organization is due to lack of participation. Grinnell is reaching out to economic development for a possible business opportunities other options were also discussed. The issue was left as an action step.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, reported, that it is time for annual action to implement the summer water minimum charge from 5k minimum to unlimited for residential customers. Officials approved the recommendation for June, July and August.

Next, Grinnell updated officials on the status of the bonfire pit. The Elsie Lions Club is interested in funding one fire pit. Currently, the village is looking for a silo or two for the project. Anyone who has a silo they would like removed should contact the Village business office, 989-862-4273.

Grinnell updated officials on the Riverside Cemetery shed project an 8 x 14 building, without a floor, at a cost of \$3,651.71 from BC Barns this includes delivery or the current shed could be moved to the site needed. The major cost of the move would involve moving the electrical. Discussion followed. Action was taken to purchase the new shed from BC Barns and to repair the door on the old shed which is not to exceed \$1,000.

Paving bids were presented for consideration, noting \$10,000 was originally approved, office parking lot \$1,459.; along the park the gravel street (State Street) paving would cost \$11,225 (Island Road to the porta bathrooms); 5 areas damaged by water main breaks \$9,982. After intense discussion it was determined to accept the bids for everything except the stretch at the park but will have chloride treatment applied to that section.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of the Dorman Gallery, approval of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes, the monthly police department and financial reports. Next, officials approved expenditures totaling \$46,782.55.



The Dorman Gallery is set to close.



Grateful and Giving Back

Johnnie Dwyer was involved in a serious vehicle accident last year. The Dwyer family was great full for the help that Johnnie received from the Ovid Middlebury Emergency Service members and in return have made a \$1,000 donation to the service. Pictured here (left to right) are Jim Zola, Gary Kriner, Ken Monks, Tyler Pease, John Dwyer, Nate Pease, Steve Pease, Eric Brown., Dario Hebel and Dan Lupu. Johnnie Dwyer is seated. \$500 was donated from Johnnie himself and the Dwyer family matched his donation with another \$500.

Social

Concealed Pistol License Class

submitted by Norm Martin

The Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, is hosting concealed pistol license class on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished.

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Class fee is \$120.00 (15% to support SCA).

Pre-register by calling Norman Martin at 989-834-5628 (home) or 989-277-1002 (cell).

Ovid Public Library News

We are excited to announce that we will be getting a new roof at the Ovid Public Library. For the safety of the staff and patrons we will be closed on Friday, May 21 while they work on the roof. We will also be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Right now our normal hours are Monday 10-7, Wednesday 10-5 and Friday 10-5. We still offer curbside service for those that would rather not come indoors.

Please call 989-834-5800 if you have any questions

Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School Offering Summer School Options

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

OVID – Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School is offering two summer school options to students who need credit recovery to meet graduation requirements. Option one is face-to-face two-days per week Tuesday and Wednesdays for six weeks beginning Tuesday, June 22 and ending Wednesday, July 28. Busing and lunch will be available for participants. For applications and more information, call 989-834-5440.

The second option is a virtual opportunity with courses beginning Friday, June 11 and ending Friday, August 6, 2021. In addition, assigned essays and projects must be completed by August 6. For more information and applications, call 989-834-5440.

In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School is accepting applications for enrollment. Students have a number of options including face-to-face learning, virtual instruction or blended learning. Again, for applications and more information call 989-834-5440.

First Annual “Eat Your ART Out” Event

submitted by Janell Kebler

The first Festival Event of the year will take place in Downtown St. Johns on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 10 am to 4 pm. The Clinton County Arts Council will be presenting its first annual “Eat Your ART Out” event. This festival will include a craft show and a food art contest. There will be Food Trucks and activities for children.

Please join in this fun one-day event as food and art come together. Explore the art and craft booths of local artisans and taste the creative masterpieces of various bakers and food enthusiasts. Local businesses, boutiques and restaurants will extend store hours to also participate in the day’s festivities!

For more information, check out the CCAC website at www.clintoncountyarts.org or call 989-224-2429.

Friends of the Maple River Clean-Up Day

submitted by Seth Gibson

The Friends of the Maple River (FOMR) will be hosting a river clean up on Saturday, June 5th. Plan to meet at the Elsie dam at 9:00 am to split it up into work groups. We plan on working until mid-day, but we won’t run any later than 1:00 pm. Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring any applicable gear or equipment that can assist with removing downed timber from the river. Please direct any specific questions about the clean up or gear to Jack Nutter at 989-862-5541.

Immediately after the clean-up, those interested are invited to hang out at a casual social gathering back at the Elsie dam site. Bring a change of clothes, something to sit on, and whatever refreshments you would like. We also may decide to order food from a local restaurant if there is enough interest.

The FOMR is looking forward to a productive effort to open more of the river for recreation and a chance to catch up current members and hopefully some new ones! All are welcome and we encourage everyone to get involved. We’ll see you on the water.

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Special Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a special board meeting in the Middle School Media Center, prior to the scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

The special board meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. to review the Shiawassee RESD General Fund 2021-22 Operating Budget and review and consider the biennial election process and candidate(s) for Shiawassee RESD Board of Education.

The regular board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: Shiawassee RESD proposed 2021-22 General Fund Operating Budget resolution, resolution designating district’s election representative for Shiawassee RESD biennial election and who to vote for on behalf of The Board of Education, 2020-21 and 2021-22 general fund budget update(s), legislative update, personnel items, Staff Building Reports, Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, and any other business that may properly come before the board.

Meetings are open to the public. Persons with disabilities, who may need special accommodations, may contact the Superintendent’s Office at 517-651-2705 prior to the board meeting.

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Duplain Township May Meeting

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – The regular meeting of the DuPlain Township Board was held Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at the township hall located at 145 W Main Street, Elsie. The township once again held a blended meeting providing teleconferencing as well as face-to-face adhering to masking and social distancing recommendations.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, reported under the topic of roads, bridges, and mill pond that the door at the bridge continues to be unlocked. Officials discussed options to addressing the problem. 2021 road contracts have been signed and the work has started.

Levey also addressed questions that arose regarding the type of support for the youth leagues. In the past is was unclear regarding the purchase of equipment. After consulting with the Michigan Township Association (MTA) it was understood that because the equipment and fields are used by the township residents and available to all it is allowable to utilized township funds.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, also updated officials on the cleanup at the cemetery, though lightly attended very thankful for the help. Those helping included Alexandra Ladiski, Alyse Ladiski, Jaxon Ladiski, and Kaden McKern.

Denny Baese, Duplain Township representative to EAFD, reported that the fire department was bored last month responding to only one mutual aid run. Fire Rescue responded to 13 rescue calls. To date the department has responded to 28 fire emergencies and 80 rescue runs.

Baese further reported that a number area departments are becoming authorities including Ithaca and Ashley; the details of the contracts will be available for officials to review. It was noted that EAFD is considering reorganizing the governance of the department a process that has been in progress for two years. The Supervisor Levey was directed to seek information from the Michigan Township Association regarding the pros and cons of an association, authority and a district. More information will be available in the future.

There was a brief discussion on the American Rescue Plan and the funds the township will receive. Officials are still waiting for guidance on how the funds can be spent.

Mark Holley, assessor, thanked Supervisor Levey for his recommendation to a neighboring township and has been contracted with Chapin Township. Clinton County has unlocked the property assessment information, and 30 farms will be visited for the purpose of auditing of the assessment.

Kam Washburn, County Commissioner, presented his monthly report. A new Clinton County Circuit Court judge was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Judge Cori Barkman of DeWitt. Capital City Airport a new CEO, Nichole Noll Williams, the airport cannot survive with only public usage the airport needs UPS, the Michigan National Guard and others to sustain the facility. The new CEO is the one to expand and encourage companies to locate and utilize Capital City Airport. The he was also happy to report that the 911 project is on schedule and budget despite the COVID-19 virus issues. Commissioners voted officially to allow the fair grounds to be utilized for the 4-H fair, though the fair will be different from the past, safety precautions will be adhered to. Smith Hall will not be utilized as it is being utilized the by the county court system and health department. Jury trials will be beginning as well. The local state of emergency is voted on monthly, it was once again approved, this allows local municipalities to continue virtual meetings. Motz Park will also be opened this year. Finally, it was reported that Clinton County will receive 15.4 million dollars over two years from the American Rescue Act, officials are still waiting for guidance on how the funds can be spent.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting and the financial reports. In addition, officials approved expenditures totaling \$25,581.77.

Shiawassee Arts Center

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be continuing to offer the Open Painting sessions for Acrylic and Oil Painting. The next six week session will be offered on Wednesdays, May 26 - June 3, 1pm - 4pm. This is for adult students or teens 16+, who have some experience with painting. Philip Ruehle, MFA, is the artist/instructor.

Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided for oil painters. The cost is \$125 Member/\$135 Guest. New session will follow. For questions or registration, call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354. The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The galleries and classrooms are handicap accessible.

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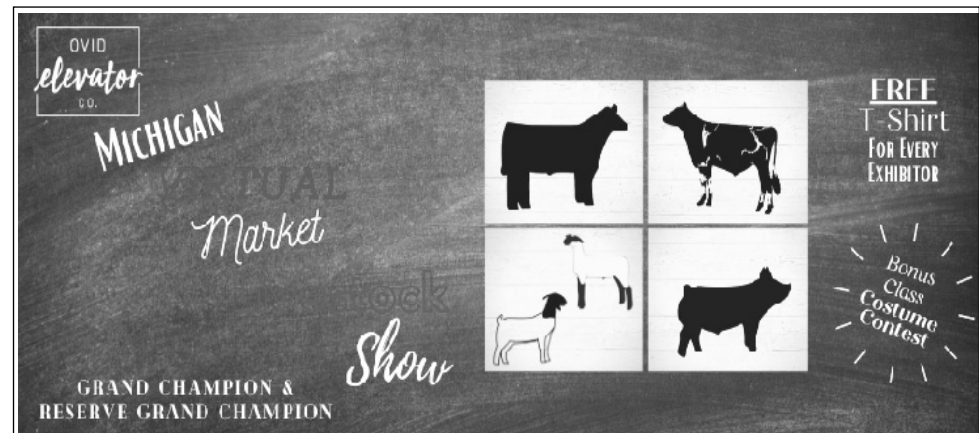


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Michigan Virtual Market Livestock Show

submitted by Jan Peck

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Each youth exhibitor will be given a free shirt for participating, and they will be given feedback on each animal so they have the tools they need to prepare for summer livestock shows and fairs. Each of the market species (Goat, Sheep, Swine, Beef, Beef Prospect, Dairy Beef and Dairy Beef Prospect) will have an Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion. The Grand and Reserve prizes will be sponsored by Kent Feeds and Formula of Champions feed. Each exhibitor (youth- under 21 years old) will be able to enter and virtually show 2 animals per species. We will also continue the tradition and host a fan favorite Costume Contest class!

Out-of-state judges have been booked and information about the show has started circulating. Please help us reach as many kids as possible to spread the word about the show.

Our goal is to have a fair, educational, and fun show!

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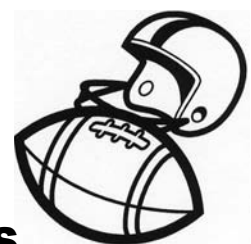
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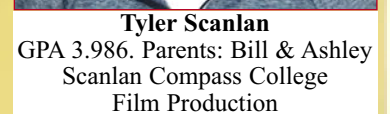
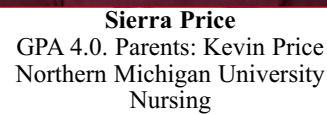
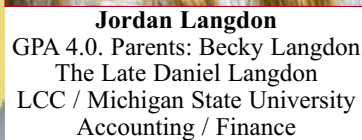
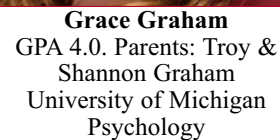
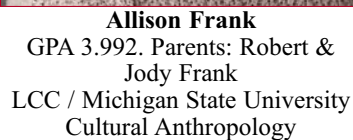
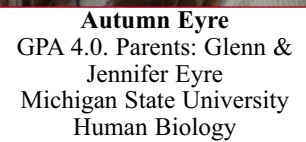
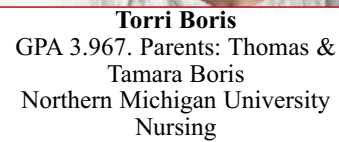
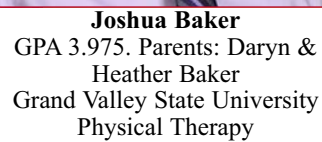
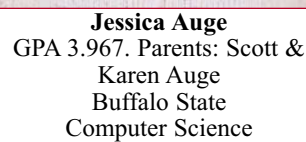
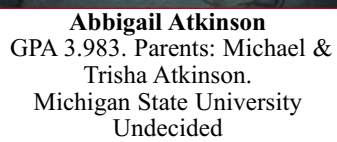
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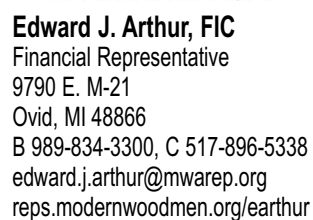
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Special thanks to Smith's Funeral Home for their excellent service; Shannon Price Thornton, who took care of every minute detail, so we didn't have to; Gayle Green, for the beautiful flowers; Margaret Horak, for being her wonderful self, and Country Spice Catering, for their short-notice feast, provided after the funeral.

You are all truly appreciated and we cannot begin to tell you how much your prayers and support have helped us through this extremely difficult time.

May God bless each of you.

Sincerely, the family of
 Mildred "Micky" Chapko

Jennifer Lynn Schueller, age 42, of Ovid, MI, passed away Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at her home.

Jennifer was born in Lansing, MI on August 31, 1978, the daughter of Terry and Sandra (Max) Lange. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1997.

On May 30, 1998, Jennifer married Benjamin Robert Schueller at Greenbush United Methodist Church, St. Johns, MI. They were blessed with nearly 23 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Jennifer was very creative and enjoyed anything artsy. She loved listening to music. She liked watching horror movies



with her family. Her family enjoyed her humor. She was very determined and worked hard after her stroke to maintain her independence.

Jennifer is survived by her husband Benjamin, son Benjamin Schueller II, daughter Trisha Schueller, father Terry Lange, and sisters: Barbara Stirm, Becky (Jeremy) Baldwin and Danielle (Bob) Moore; and many nieces and nephews. Jennifer was preceded in death by her mother Sandra Smith and grandmother Gladys Max.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. Visitation will be at 11:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smith Family Funeral Homes for Jennifer's funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



Editorial

There are many Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and bodily resurrection from the dead. These prophecies were predicted hundreds of years before Jesus was born and some of them He had no control over self-fulfilling.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is a classic Text which covers many areas of Jesus' life, death and bodily resurrection. As you read it, keep in mind that Isaiah was written around 700 years before the birth of Christ.

Also, there is the prophecy that none of Jesus' bones were broken when He was beaten and crucified (Zechariah 12:10). Despite the fact that most people who were crucified did have their legs broken- either to hasten death or to make sure that the person had died, this prophecy also came true in Jesus. The two prisoners who were crucified with Jesus did have their bones broken, and yet Jesus was spared this happening to Him. More than that, a Roman soldier thrust his sword into Jesus' side and yet did not break or crack one of Jesus' ribs! Incredible!

These and other prophecies show us several things:

1. God was at work through it all. God had a plan and He wanted to be sure that people knew that He was behind it. It's comforting to know that God has a plan of salvation that is available to all people. Having a plan shows God's love, care, concern and foresight.

2. God is in control. We see this in the detail of the prophecies, even to the point of saying that none of Jesus' bones were going to be broken. This shows us the intricacy and detail of some prophecies. This shows us that the prophecies came directly from God, who told people to write it down for the rest of humanity to know.

3. God's love for all of humanity. Through the gospel itself- God sending Jesus, fully God and fully human, to live a sinless life and then be crucified on the cross and raised bodily from the dead as full payment for all of our sins.

God's love motivated Him not only to provide the only way for people to enter into a personal relationship with Himself, but it also motivated Him to let humanity know about it. At times hundreds and even thousands of years before it happened.

Thank You Ovid Community

Letter to the Editor:

The Ovid V.F.W. Post 8964 would like to thank the Ovid community for the generous support during our Poppy Sales, May 6, 7 and 9. It is basically our only fund raiser to help Disabled Veterans.

We would again like to the the Ovid community for all you do for us.

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is that time of week and again I find myself falling behind....I believe that my muse feels the same way. Of course this could be my sunburn speaking....I'm satisfied that I have my dishes done and a load of laundry done and it is only a quarter to seven. My pot of coffee is brewing and I will be sipping it momentarily and yet the back of my neck is radiating heat and my face is a mass of red as are my arms....funny about my arms because I wore a jacket most of the day. Of course my spectacles have left their outline and draw even more attention to my burned face.....do I feel foolish? Yup, I do.....I had even set out one of my hats and still managed to ignore using it. So far no blisters so my skin is probably tougher than expected and this red will turn to a tan.

This morning I need to get to the office and finish up for the week. Once I have finished and done deliveries the rest of the day will be mine to explore. I have promised Karen a visit, she will have the coffee ready and I will bring the donuts. I think that I may have time for a short visit with Rolayne also. Then later this evening I hope to plant a few things in the garden. Maybe I should have worded that more precisely...I have a pair of beautiful delphiniums for the memorial flower garden and some seeds for the vegetable garden.

I hope that all of the Mothers had a wonderful day Sunday. I know that Karen had a yard filled with vehicles on Saturday for her family's celebration and half of my family was at church for me on Sunday. Diane and Brent gave me the delphiniums and Dena shared her family with us in the afternoon. A very nice chatty gathering which I missed their successful mushrooming experience. I was a bit stove-upped because I had been a stumble bum on Saturday.

"Our Taste of Michigan" was set up on Sterling Street in Ashley for their village wide yard sales. We were plugged into one of the poles by the small grandstand and for some reason our coffee pot wouldn't work so I spent the day seeking a good cup of coffee.....we thought that something must be wrong with the pot because everything worked well while using the generator. I had to make a couple of quick trips to the home-stead to pick up forgotten items...it's all part of the learning curve.

After the shredded cheddar pick up I had to make a quick run back to get the pickles. I got back with the pickles as a lady was taking a picture of our menu board that had or phone numbers listed. I walked over to her to give her a menu with that information on it. That is when I stumbled on the barricade and the container of pickles went flying. Fortunately I only said shoot as I headed for the paved street. I grabbed the barricade with my left hand and managed not to hit the street with the rest of my carcass. It did give me a jolt and my muscles kept me apprised of the situation. My left shin started radiating pain where I had hit it but moved onto a dull throb....the bruise is a bit specular and a whole lot tender. The pickle jar which was plastic cracked from hitting the paved ground. Fortunately I am tougher and didn't fracture.... Of course everyone was very kind and I realized that I needed to have all of my facilities working in unison as I zipped around. Translation try moving sedately...it is safer.

I did also do something a bit extravagant for myself on Saturday....one of the vendors had some beautiful vintage pins and I got one for myself. It is a very elegant piece and reminds me of a shooting star. It also reminds me of my own Mother and beautiful things..... May your days be filled with good memories and happy thoughts and God's blessings.

Crystal Mitchell©2021



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Key Ideas for Financial Security With Vacations

Dear Andy,

We have a 2-income family, with a beautiful house with all the comforts of home, plenty of food, new cars, and plenty of amenities. Our sons are College bound and we have funding for them. We have both work from home since the beginning of the pandemic. I am ready for a vacation. We just cannot seem to save any money for a vacation. We now have 2 teenagers, and they are not only eating us out of house and home but are needing \$10 and \$20 every day and recently twice a day. We attend all of their sporting events since they were younger and that will continue to be costly. Then they wonder why we are not going on any big vacations. I would like to take them on some fun adventures before they get any older and before they only want to be with their teen friends or go off to College. What can I do to save and plan? Endless budget family

Dear Endless,

Sounds like a BUDGET is exactly what you need. Most people do not live within their means and often cannot save enough for vacation and put it on their credit cards which gets you deeper in to debt. The first thing I advise in Budget Planning is to quit Smoking. Cigarettes cost the average smoker about \$2,000 and month. Over a few years that could help buy a first car for both of your sons. It's ok to drive a 4- or 5-year-old car that is paid for. Next, pay off all credit cards and do not use them for any reason!!!

Always be honest with your children regarding your money. Often children grow up with a distorted view of money and have no clue when they are out on their own. Give your children an allowance. My suggestion is 50 % less that what you are dishing out now. According to your inquiry, you are giving them both up to \$100 a week. Make them budget their money and work on increases if the need changes. They need to learn to prioritize. Are they spending their money to treat for friends, are they paying for lunch at school, are they going to every single school event and the movies, roller skating, paint ball, fast food every day? They need to make choices within their own budget.

When my daughter was a teenager 35 years ago, I gave her a fixed amount. Sometimes I was borrowing \$10's from her. She is great at saving and spending as an adult. She can save and go on vacations with her children and purchase luxury items to increase her quality of life, and it is a credit to her that she can prioritize and budget. Depending on their expenses, some things should be saved for, such as a class ring, a car, hair, prom, Year books, PSAT test. You work for your money and it's your money you are giving them, so I also think they need to earn the money you give them. Daily Chores and expectations. They are part of the family and need to learn responsibility by contributing. Open a savings and get your kids one as well. Encourage them to put a percentage away towards a specific item. Such as a new set of skis, a trip to an amusement park with friends, or towards a camping trip. They want money to spend at the arcade and for entertainment or specialty snacks.

As for you, the first thing to do is quit any habit that is costly. Limit your coffee shop lattes. Put that \$5 a day into a jar at home. Get ice cream cone for 99cents. Limit the malts and sundaes. Helps on the diet plan, too. When planning meals, cut the expensive items and plan for items that you can use for a less expensive meal the next day. For example: a large Pot Roast on Sunday. Save a portion for Taco Tuesday. Chicken dinners, use leftovers for soup. Most families of 4 waste 30% of their food each week. Do not buy expensive junk food. Buy a bag of apples instead of providing premade packaged heat up snacks or bags of empty calories and chips to munch. If you spend \$175 for weekly grocery. Limit yourself to \$125 weekly and put the other \$50 into your savings every week.

I encourage you to have an Annuity savings or a "max" matched pension - 401 K with your companies. You will be needing it someday, sooner than you think. A savings for minor home repairs. Life and Car insurance. Plan for household expenses to fluctuate. Do not put a 2nd mortgage on your home. Write everything down so you can see what you spend and find ways you can save. If you tally an amount you want to save for a vacation, research your costs and divide it up by the months you are going to save. For example: If you need

\$5,200 for a "Special Vacation", you need to save \$100 per week.

Put your \$100 per week into your vacation savings though an auto transfer on pay day. You will not miss it and you will get used to it not being there. You can do it. Use some of the suggestions I have given you and if you have not seen a professional Financial advisor- find one that does not charge fees on your transactions and do not excuse yourself by saying, "we don't have enough money to worry about it yet!" Not true! Safe investments are key to financial security. Take a Dave Ramsey Financial course and get some FREE advice on ramseysolutions.com. He has several proven methods to get out of debt with frugal living and smart shopping. No Credit cards at 29.9% interest rate. Nothing you purchase is worth that much. Send pictures from your vacation, next year! ask_andy@aol.com

CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING MAY 10, 2021

The Full set of the Minutes for the Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

EX OFFICIOS: Al Goodrich - Chief of Police, Rich Simpson - DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier- Treasurer and Josy Medina – Clerk.

VISITORS: Deb Price, Dave Draggoo and Aric French.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Ordiway to approve the agenda as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Closed Session held on April 26, 2021 as printed

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Brown to approve the check registry for the period of April 28th, through May 11, 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: No action was taken on the discussion on the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss Hibbard to accept the reports from the Treasure, Police & DPW as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Ordiway to authorize the Mayor to sign the reasonable accommodations agreement between the City and Mr. & Mrs. French. Mayor Lasher asked the Clerk to take roll call: YEAS: Mr. Brown, Mr. Starn, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Miss. Perrien and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Mayor Lasher suggested that we form a committee to review our animal ordinance to make it clear. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Ms.

Perrien, second by Mr. Williams to form a committee of three council members to recommend changes to our ordinances referencing animals.

MOTION CARRIED

3.A motion was made by Mr. Starn, second by Ms. Perrien to approve the action of the Mayor to sign the DWAM Grant application submitted by Flies & Vandenbrink signed on December 29, 2020 to the State of Michigan EGLE Department.

MOTION CARRIED

4.Discussion was held on the purchase of what type of flower arrangement for the Memorial Day celebration. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to spend no more than \$200 for flowers at Simpson Green House.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

1.Mayor Lasher gave a copy of the report on the SAW grant to each council member.

2.A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Brown to approve the forgiveness on the sewer line for the May billing to reflect the average of 5,000 gallons as requested by the resident at 314 W. High Street.

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Miss. Hibbard to schedule a special meeting on Monday, June 24th, at 7 pm to discuss and set the 2021 tax mileage rate.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

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GPA 4.05. Son of Mark and Claire
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Political Science.



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GPA 4.0. Daughter of Dennis and
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Great Lakes Christian College
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Rachael Roszman
GPA 4.07. Daughter of Eric and
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Materials Engineering.



Emily Sopocy
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GPA 4.17. Daughter of of Duane
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Sports

Wolfpack's Koerner Fires Back-to-Back Medalist Rounds at Timber Ridge

EAST LANSING — Zach Koerner shot medalist rounds of 39 and 34 to lead Laingsburg to consecutive fourth-place finishes at Friday's Central Michigan Athletic Conference jamborees at Timber Ridge Golf Course.

Bath won both jamborees, carding 179 as team on the front nine and 171 on the back nine.

Laingsburg placed fourth in both events at 209 and 199, respectively.

Sean Divine carded a 49 for the Wolfpack on the front nine, finishing 10th.

Koerner follows Tullymore title with win

PORTLAND — A day after winning the Tullymore Invitational with a 5-under par 67, Laingsburg senior Zach Koerner shot 36 Tuesday to place first at the Central Michigan Athletic Conference jamboree hosted by Portland Country Club.

Koerner was two shots better than Bath's Ethan Swenson, who carded a 38.

J.R. Nixon of Laingsburg shot 47 to tie for eighth.

Laingsburg totaled 189 for a second-place finish. Fowler was first with 184 while Pewamo-Westphalia was third (191), Bath fourth (192) and Portland St. Patrick fifth (233).

Durand Edges O-E Golfers

DURAND — Durand slipped past Ovid-Elsie 185-192 Tuesday at Dutch Hollow Golf Course to tie up the race for the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference title.

It was Durand's lowest nine-hole round of the season. Ovid-Elsie held a slim lead over Durand in the MMAC standings entering the day.

Elijah Beland shot a 6-over par 41 on the back nine for Durand. Jacob Johnson shot 42, while Gavin Powell carded 49 and Owen Stout shot 53.

The league champion will be decided at the final conference meet May 24.

Ovid-Elsie featured Tyler Bancroft's 42. Adam Barton shot 47, while Dylan Carman shot 51 and Clay Wittenberg added a 52.

Wolfpack Sackers Stand 4-31-1

LAINGSBURG -- A sacrifice fly in the fifth inning helped Laingsburg battle to a 9-9 tie with Dansville on May 5, in a game that was called due to darkness.

In the top of the fifth inning, LHS tied things up at nine when Justin Grandy's sac fly scored one run.

Laingsburg notched three runs in the fourth inning. Brody Rodriguez had an RBI single in the inning to lead the run scoring. Rodriguez led coach Todd Randall's Wolves with two hits in three at bats.

Dansville collected six hits on the day.

-- **ERLY LEAD FOR CALVIN CHRISTIAN SEALS FATE FOR WOLVES:** Laingsburg fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 10-0 loss to Calvin Christian on May 8.

LHS struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Calvin Christian, giving up ten runs.

Christian got on the board in the first inning, when when Viersluis doubled.

A single by Zack Fortino in the first inning was a positive for Laingsburg.

Viersluis led the Calvin Christian to victory on the mound. The ace went six innings, allowing zero runs on six hits, striking out eight and walking one.

Nick Regan took the loss for the red-and-white. The righthander surrendered three runs on five hits over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking zero.

Ethan West started the game for Laingsburg, surrendering zero runs on zero hits over one-third of an inning, walking zero.

Fortino went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Laingsburg in hits.

Calvin Christian totaled 11 hits in the game.

Wolfpack varsity sack team nabs blowout victory over Bath, 12-2

BATH -- Laingsburg won big in CMAC baseball action at Bath, 12-2 on May 10.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack opened up scoring in the first inning, when an error scored one run.

LHS scored four runs in the fourth inning. The offensive firepower was led by Hayden Johnston and Taylor Zdenahlik, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Ty Randall pitched Laingsburg to victory, going four innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out seven. Brody Rodriguez threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Noah toed the rubber for Bath. The pitcher lasted three innings, allowing two hits and five runs while striking out three. Preston and Payton entered the game from the bullpen, throwing one and one-third innings and two-thirds of an inning, respectively.

Randall led Laingsburg with two hits in four at bats, as the Wolfpack improved to 6-13-1 overall, 4-2-1 in the CMAC.

Lucas went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Bath in hits.

Host Pirates sweep twinbill from Wolves in CMAC sack action

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- The Laingsburg Wolfpack fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 14-0 CMAC baseball loss at Pewamo-Westphalia on May 14.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack fell behind in the first inning, when Pewamo-Westphalia got their offense started. The Pirates scored one run when Wirth tripled.

A single by Josh Baker in the fourth inning was a positive for Laingsburg.

Simon was the winning pitcher for Pewamo-Westphalia. The pitcher went five innings, allowing zero runs on one hit, striking out ten and walking zero.

Ty Randall took the loss for LHS. Randall allowed four hits and nine runs over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking zero.

Baker went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Laingsburg in hits.

Pewamo-Westphalia stole seven bases during the game as two players stole more than one.

-- **PIRATES COMPLETE SWEEP, 10-0, OVER LAINGSBURG:** LHS fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 10-0 loss to P-W in the completion of the twinbill.

The Pirates got things moving in the first inning. Pewamo-Westphalia scored one run when Wirth singled.

Josh Baker singled in the first inning for the Wolves, but they couldn't push a run across.

Nurenderg led the Pewamo-Westphalia to victory on the hill. The hurler lasted six innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out 11 and walking zero.

Nick Woodbury took the loss for Laingsburg Wolfpack Varsity. Woodbury went three innings, allowing five runs on three hits and striking out four.

Baker went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Laingsburg in hits.

Pewamo-Westphalia had nine hits in the game. Wirth and Stopezyaisez each racked up multiple hits for the Buccos.

Ovid-Elsie Soccer Gals Blank Montrose 2-0

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie beat Montrose 2-0 on May 12 to remain unbeaten.

Tristan Ziola and Kalista Bancroft scored the goals for the Marauders (6-0, 5-0 MMAC) with Caitlyn Walter and Haylee Palus getting the assists.

Ava Bates made two saves for Ovid-Elsie.

“It was nice to see the girls step up their intensity level and be able to get past a tough Montrose team,” Ovid-Elsie coach Craig Thelen said. “It might not have been pretty, and we let some opportunities go by the wayside, but they found a way to win.”

Ashley Softball Takes One From Carson City

The Lady Bears took game one from the Eagles with a score 10-9. Jenna Wirt got the win on the mound striking out 5. In the second game the Bears fell 10-7, with Alexa Burlingame taking the loss and striking out three.

Ashley also played Merrill this week losing 10-0 and 13-0. Jenna Wirt took the loss in game one striking out three and Alexa Burlingame taking the loss in game two striking out 2.

Maruader Softball ‘9’ Can’t Catch up to Laingsburg

LAINGSBURG -- Ovid-Elsie watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 23-13 loss at Laingsburg on May 12.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack scored on a double by Hailey Konieczny, a double by Julia Starr, a single by Ella Merrell, and a triple by Hailey Bila in the first inning.

Maddisyn Miller collected four hits in defeat. Miller homered in the third, singled in the fourth, singled in the fifth, and doubled in the sixth.

Coach Felicia Gingrich's Lady Marauders tallied four runs in the fifth inning. O-E's big bats in the inning were led by a single by Miller, an error on a ball put in play by Alexis Hart, and a double by Jolene Nash.

Kailey Cataline earned the victory on the rubber for Laingsburg, allowing 15 hits and 13 runs over five and a third innings, striking out two.

Kaitlyn Fry took the loss for Ovid-Elsie. The pitcher allowed seven hits and seven runs over one inning, walking one.

O-E scattered 15 hits in the game. Miller, Gracie Schultz, Nash, and Fry all managed multiple hits for the Marauders. Miller led O-E with four hits in five at bats. The Marauders tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Zoe Baiz led the way with three.

Laingsburg tallied 22 hits. Jordan Langdon, Hailey Bila, Ashley Bila, Madison Wagner, Konieczny, Starr, and Ellie Baynes each racked up multiple hits for the Lady Wolves.

-- WOLFPACK SWEEPS O-E, IMPROVES TO 16-4:

The visiting Marauders lost the lead late in a 13-8 defeat at Laingsburg in the second game of the non-league twinbill.

The game was tied at seven with LHS batting in the top of the ninth when Bila singled on a 0-2 count, scoring three runs.

O-E collected nine hits and Laingsburg had 12 in the high-scoring affair.

In the first inning, Laingsburg got their offense started. Cataline drove in two with a double.

In the bottom of the 7th inning, the Marauders tied things up at seven, scoring one run when Skylar Bowen singled.

O-E notched four runs in the fourth inning. The offensive onslaught by OE Marauders was led by Ashland Particka, Maddisyn Miller, and Kaitlyn Fry, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Ella Merrell got the win for Laingsburg. The fireballer went three and a third innings, allowing six runs on four hits and striking out three. Bila and Cataline entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief. Cataline recorded the last six outs to earn the save for Laingsburg.

Olivia Burt took the loss for Ovid-Elsie. The righthander allowed 12 hits and 12 runs over nine innings, striking out five.

O-E had nine hits in the game. Jolene Nash and Allyson Pokorny each managed multiple hits, while Pokorny and Nash each collected two hits.

Laingsburg scattered 12 hits in the game. Langdon, Bila, and Bila all managed multiple hits for the Wolfpack.

Bears Lose to Vandals

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Baseball team took on Merrill in a double header this week. Chase Kral took the loss in game one for the Bears losing 15-0, and the offense was only held to two hits, Logan Drummond and Gavin Malek had those hits. Ashley also loss game two 12-0 with Logan Drummond taking the loss on the mound. The Bears were held to on hit in this game by Grant Malek.

Ashley also took on Carson City in a double header where they won game one 3-2, Evan Litwiller earned the win. Carson Litwiller giving up 3 hits, walking 2 and striking out 8. Aaron Drummond, Carson Litwiller and Logan Hardman each had singles, with C. Litwiller and Logan Hardman driving in the runs.

Sports

Ovid-Elsie Baseballers Can't Catch up to Durand

DURAND -- Ovid-Elsie watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 12-2 varsity baseball loss to Durand on Monday. Durand took the lead on a single in the first inning.

Ovid-Elsie struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Durand. The Railroaders got on the board in the first inning. Durand scored two runs when Trenton Boisclair singled.

The hosts scored three runs in the fifth inning. Ben Nebo, Austin Kelley, and Boisclair all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Boisclair led things off on the hill for Durand. The ace lasted six innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out ten.

Carson Gregory was on the mound for the Marauders. Gregory allowed seven hits and seven runs over three and a third innings, striking out eight. Dominic Wilkinson and Chase Kline entered the game from the bullpen, throwing two innings and one-third of an inning respectively.

Dylan Carman, Jacob Tomasek, and Kayden Leslie all had one hit to lead O-E.

Durand totaled 15 hits.

-- RAILROADERS HANG ON FOR 8-6 SACK WIN OVER MARAUDERS: Ovid-Elsie fought back after falling down by seven runs in the fourth inning of the MMAC doubleheader, but the comeback fell just short though, in an 8-6 defeat to Durand..

Coach Luke Martin's Marauders put up five runs in the failed comeback. Brandon Zruna, Perrien Rasch, Kayden Leslie, and Carson Gregory picked up RBIs to lead the rally.

Ovid-Elsie couldn't keep up with Durand early in the game. The hosts scored on a walk by Carter Boisclair, a walk by Maddon Wells, a single by Ryan Tolene, and a single by Ben Nebo in the first inning.

Durand got things started in the first inning when Boisclair drew a walk, scoring one run.

Ovid-Elsie tallied three runs in the seventh inning, the offense in the inning led by Leslie and Gregory, all knocking in runs.

Devin Freier led things off on the pitcher's mound for Durand. The fireballer allowed six hits and six runs over six innings, striking out eight.

Tyler Bancroft started the game for Ovid-Elsie. The pitcher went one inning, allowing six runs on four hits and striking out two. Ian Hehrer threw five innings in relief out of the bullpen.

O-E totaled six hits. Leslie and Braxton Stenger each managed two hits to lead Ovid-Elsie.

Nebo went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Durand in hits.

Marauder baseballers lose lead early in 15-1 loss to Ramblers

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 15-1 non-league baseball loss to Perry on May 12.

The Ramblers got on the board in the first inning. Perry scored one run when Lamb singled. Perry scored eight runs in the second inning. Perry big bats were led by Bryce Krupp, Lamb, Krupp, Cole Alli, Michael Werner, and Nicholas Spiess, who all drove in runs.

Alli was credited with the victory for Perry. The ace lasted two innings, allowing two hits and one run while striking out two and walking zero. Blake Lantis threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Kayden Leslie took the loss for Ovid-Elsie. The righty surrendered ten runs on six hits over one and one-third innings, striking out two. Tyler Bancroft and Leslie each collected one hit to lead coach Luke Martin's Marauders (4-15-0).

Perry had eight hits in the game. The Ramblers (8-12-0) stole nine bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Lamb led the way with four.

Panther, Marauder Girls Tennis in 4-4 Draw

MT. MORRIS — Ovid-Elsie's girls tennis team battled Mt. Morris to a 4-4 draw Tuesday.

Winning for the Marauders were Alexis Phillips No. 1 singles (6-4, 6-3) Brooklyn Bellill at No. 2 singles (6-0, 6-0) and Christina Rademacher at third singles (6-1, 6-2). Abigail Hills and Katelyn Swender won at No. 2 doubles, 6-3, 6-3, for the Marauders.

Complete match results:

SINGLES

No. 1 - Alexis Phillips, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL def. Sydney Williams, Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S., 6-4 , 6-3

No. 2 - Brooklyn Belill, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL def. Janae Pashby, Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S., 6-0 , 6-0;

No. 3 - Christina Rademacher-Vine, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL def. Natalie Foster , Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S., 6-1 , 6-2

No. 4 - Mikayla Wesenick , Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S. def. Default Default , OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL

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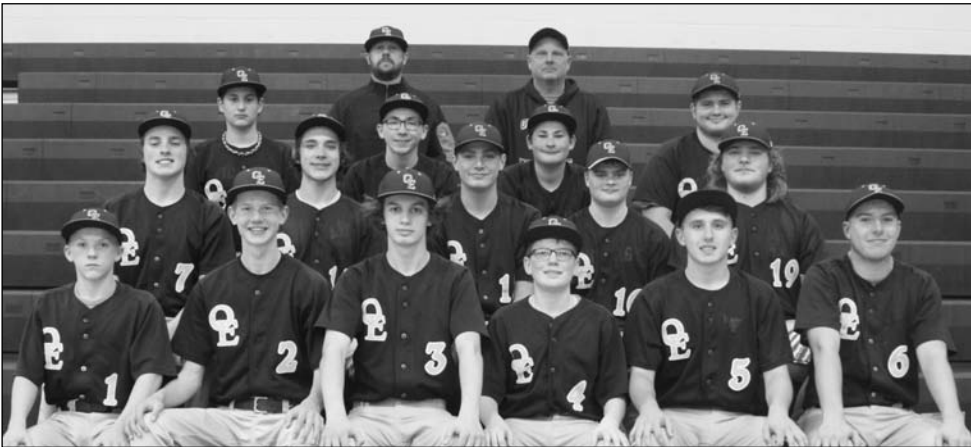
No. 1 - Blair Wilson , Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S. - Rylee Herrick, Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S. def. Claire Thornton, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL - Rylee Lewis, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL, 1-6 , 7-6 (74), 6-2

No. 2 - Abigail Hills, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL - Katelyn Swender, OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL def. Makenna Stevenson, Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S. - Princess Savage , Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S., 6-3 , 6-3

No. 3 - Analesia Psycher, Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S. - Rachel Daniels , Mt Morris E.A. JOHNSON MEMORIAL H.S. def. Default Default , OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL - Default Default , OVID-ELSIE HIGH SCHOOL

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O-E Spring Sports



Ovid-Elsie JV Baseball

Front row (l-r):Talan Parsons, Colin Veith, Caven Brooks, Shaine Leslie, Perrien Rasch, Dustin Anderson. Second row (l-r):Breckin Kirby, Landon Stoneman, Hunter Bates, Cale Jones, Chase Kline. Third row (l-r): Trace Taylor, Justice Moore, Kayden Huss, Brayden Leland. Back row (l-r): Coach Jeff Wiktorowski, Coach Marc Johnson. Not pictured Hayden Pontack

Marauder Softball '9' Scores Late, Sweeps Durand

DURAND -- Ovid-Elsie stole the lead late in the game in an 8-6 MMAC girls softball victory at Durand on May 10.

With two outs in the top of the eighth Kaitlyn Fry singled on a 2-0 count, scoring two runs, that proved to be the difference.

Both offenses were strong at the plate as coach Felicia Gingrich's Marauders collected ten hits and the Railroaders nine in the high-scoring affair.

O-E opened up scoring in the first inning.

Durand scored three runs in the fourth inning. The offensive onslaught by Durand was led by Patterson and Gilson, all driving in runs in the stanza.

Fry earned the victory in the pitcher's circle for O-E. The pitcher went eight innings, allowing five runs on nine hits and striking out five.

Gilson took the loss for Durand, surrendering seven runs on ten hits over eight innings, striking out two.

The Marauders totaled ten hits. Olivia Burt, Fry, Zoe Baiz, and Maddisyn Miller each had multiple hits; Burt went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Durand racked up nine hits in the game. Garske, Gilson, and Robinson all had multiple hits for Durand.

-- 4-hit day for Miller as Marauders skirt past Durand: Maddisyn Miller was dialed in at the plate on Monday, tallying four hits and leading O-E to a 10-4 win at Durand in the MMAC doubleheader. Miller doubled in the first, singled in the fourth, singled in the sixth, and singled in the seventh.

The Marauders scored three runs in the fourth inning. The offensive firepower was led by Ashland Particka, Miller, and Kaitlyn Fry, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Olivia Burt got the win for O-E. Burt surrendered four runs on eight hits over seven innings, striking out two and walking one.

Defrenn took the loss for Durand. The pitcher lasted one inning, allowing three hits and five runs while striking out one.

Burt led O-E with three stolen bases, as the Marauders ran wild on the base paths with nine stolen bases.

Durand racked up eight hits in the game. Gilson and Winson all had multiple hits for the hosts.

Chesaning Indians Edge Ovid-Elsie Track Girls

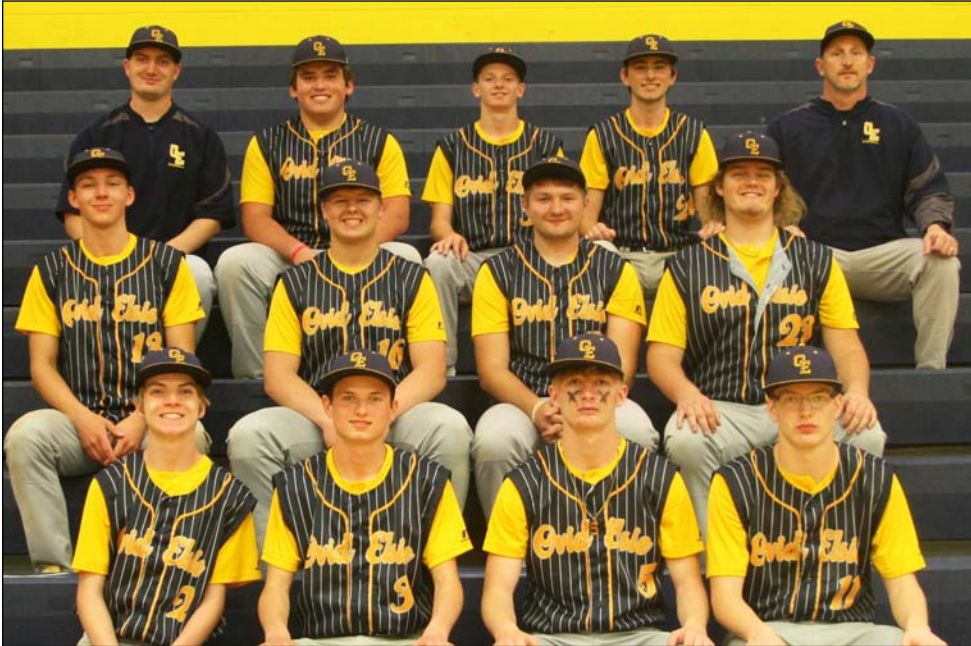
CHESANING — Chesaning edged Ovid-Elsie's girls track team, 80-78, on May 13 at CHS. Montrose was a distant third with three points.

Chesaning's Olivia Grover won both the 800-meter run (2:45.23) and the 1,600 run (5:52.96). Other winners for the Indians were Karlie Lewis (400 dash, 1:07.33), Taylor Bailey (3,200 run, 14:11.44), Kyla Jackson (shot put, 32-4), Natalie Drope (discus, 85-10), Avery Beckman (pole vault, 7-6) and Julia Warby (long jump, 13-4 1/2).

Chesaning won the 400 relay in 57.32 seconds (Lewis, Beckman, Warby, Drope) and the 800 relay in 2:02.7 with the same lineup.

Ovid-Elsie featured Isabella Loynes, who topped the 100 (14.09) and 200 dash (29.76). Other winners were Samantha Snider (100 hurdles, 22.58), Aubrey Johns (300 hurdles, 1:02.50) and Ella Powell (high jump, 4-2). O-E won two relays — the 1,600 in 4:46.71 (Loynes, Kaia Spiess, Rachel Spitzley, Alexis Spitzley) and the 3,200 in 12:01.65 (Alexis Spitzley, Abigail Prewitt, Spiess, Samantha Grubaugh.)

Ovid-Elsie Spring Sports



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Baseball

Front row (l-r): Dominic Wilkinson, Brayden Phillips, Carson Gregory, Kayden Leslie. Middle row (l-r): Jacob Tomasek, Brandon Zruna, Ian Hehrer, Keigan Ormes. Back row (l-r): Head Coach Luke Martin, Tyler Bancroft, Braxton Stenger, Dylan Carman, Assistant Coach Mike Loynes. Not Pictured: Josh Everden, Tyler Burt, Even Hehrer, Assistant Coach Zac Steele, Assistant Coach Tyler Knickerbocker

Pitching, Defense are Strengths as Marauder Baseball Team Opens 2021

OVID-ELSIE -- Coming off a 2020 season that was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Marauder varsity baseball team is a little bit behind the eight ball -- with no real varsity-experienced players returning.

Look for O-E to battle that, however, with strong pitching and defense.

Head coach Luke Martin and his staff of assistants Zac Steele, Mike Loynes and Tyler Knickerbocker look to improve on the numbers from their last season out -- 2019 -- of 13-15-1 overall and 7-7 in league play.

Newcoming players include Brandon Zruna, Keigan Ormes, Kayden Leslie, Ian Hehrer, Evan Hehrer, Carson Gregory, Tyler Burt, Dominic Wilkinson, Jacob Tomasek, Brayden Phillips, Joshua Everden, Dylan Carman and Tyler Bancroft.

"We should have a deep group of pitchers and be good in the field," says coach Martin.

In the Mid-Michigan Athletic Conference (MMAC) race, the coach looks for New Lothrop to be the team to beat once again.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Lacrosse

The team includes: Kameron Arnett, Theron Brooks, Cam Cuthbert, Rudy Morales, Logan Sempstrott, Jacob Smalec, Max Spiess, Zach Prince, Beau VanAble, Wyatt Blemaster, Jacob Gregg, Bobby Bunn, Wesley Schultz, Dillon Bartlett, Max Voisenet, Brady Purtill, Mason Keller, Evan Peele, Head Coach: Pat Witt. Asst. Coach: Karl Dahlke.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Softball

Back row (l-r): Paula Olger, Caron White (Assistant Coach), Jason Bowen (Assistant Coach), Felicia Gingrich (Head Coach) Third row (l-r): Olivia Burt, Morgan Douglass, Zoe Baiz, Kaitlyn Fry, Kaydence Bowen. Second row (l-r): Danica Bancroft (Manager), Olyvia Darling, Tori Maynard, Skylar Bowen, Gracie Schultz, Maddisyn Miller, Kathryn Thornton (Manager) Front row (l-r): Katie Lorio, Allyson Pokorny, Karigann Cuthbert, Jolene Nash, Ashland Particka, Alexis Hart-Butcher. Charleigh Gadd (insert left bottom), Chloe Taylor (Assistant Coach) (insert right bottom).

Ovid-Elsie Softball Girls Look to Potential, Large Numbers as Reasons for Optimism in 2021

OVID-ELSIE -- Talented returnees Zoe Baiz, Skylar Bowen, and Jolene Nash will lead the Marauder softball team into a hopeful 2021 season.

"We've got lots of potential and young players that are eager to play," says coach Felicia Gingrich. "We've got a lot of players, and some young players."

Young? The Marauders do not have a senior on the roster this season.

Joining the talented trio of Baiz, Bowen and Nash will be promising newcomers Olivia Burt, Ashland Particka, and Gracie Schultz. Coach Gingrich will be assisted by Jason Bowen, Caron White, Chloe Taylor, and Seneca DeSander as the 2021 diamond season gets underway.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Lacrosse

The team includes: Mary Draher, Kaylee Hall, Maddie Sanborn, Macey Bennett, Allie Brown, Leah Kendall, Vanessa Bailey, Madison Dennis, Anna Kadlek, Braylon Byrnes, Erynn Kolhoff, Maya Hunt, Kylie Davis, Laura Schlogel, Loni Kahalehau, Lauren Beck, Emma Bunce, Rachel Roszman, Maddie Metzmaker, Maggie Falor, Natalie Ensign, Izzy Ward, Head Coach: Jeff Draher.

Ovid-Elsie Spring Sports



Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Track

Front row (l-r): Jacob Schaub, Alex Eichenberg, Corbin Kelley, Luke Spitzley, Jonas Neumeier, Gavyn Leavitt, Eddy Evans. Second row (l-r): Ryan Gavenda, Christian Schmidtfranz, Andrew Hall, Bryce Blaha, Clay Wenzlick, Kaden Fry, Kaden West, Dillon Renfroe. Back row (l-r): Austin Smith, Austin Darling, Nick Long, Isaac Orta, Bruce Thornton, Joe Humrich, Cole Workman. Coaches (l-r): Doug Long, Mark Darling. Missing Coach Zach Loynes

Low in Numbers, Marauder Thinclads Turn to Experience for Leadership in '21 Season

OVID-ELSIE -- What veteran coach Doug Long's boys track team lacks in numbers, it makes up for in talented leadership.

"We're low in numbers with not a lot of depth," says coach Long, "(But) we have one or two people in each event who can compete with other top performers on other teams."

The Marauders return seniors Gavyn Leavitt, Corbin Kelley, Luke Spitzley, Bryce Blaha, Alex Eichenberg, Eddy Evans, Kaden Fry, Andrew Hall, Jacob Schaub, Christian Schmidtfranz, Clay Wenzlick and Kaden West to a roster that features just four seniors. Newcomers include Carson Damon, Austin Darling, Ryan Gavenda, Joseph Humrich, Nick Long, Jonas Neumeier, Isaac Orta, Dillion Renfroe, Ryder Rulison, Austin Smith, Bruce Thornton and Cole Workman.

Coach Long, assisted this year by coach Mark Darling, sees New Lothrop, Byron and Chesaning challenging for the top spot in the MMAC. "We hope to land somewhere in the middle," he says.



Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Tennis

Front Row L-R: Brooklyn Belill, Alexis Phillips, Hanna Pappila, Abigail Hills, Christina Rademacher-Vine. Middle Row L-R: Head Coach Taylor Johnson, Claire Thornton, Katelyn Swender, Rylee Lewis, Coach Shyler Stehlik. Back Row L-R: Hannah Moore and Jollee Swender. Not Pictured: Coach Haley Johnson.



Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Track

Front row (l-r): Ella Powell, Alyse Ladiski, Abby Prewitt, Kloe Bigelow. Second row (l-r): Kaia Spiess, Audrey Johns, Sam Grubaugh, Alexis Spitzley. Third row (l-r): Macey Bennett, Haley Bashore, Makenna Pierce, Kylie Davis. Fourth row (l-r): Izzy Loynes, Telexia Terpening, Jadyn Yonchewski, Rachel Spitzley. Coach: Nick Hufnagel. Not Pictured: Braeden Tokar and Sam Snider

Marauder Girls Track Features Young team; Look for Top 4 Finish in MMAC Race

OVID-ELSIE -- Head coach Nick Hufnagel, assisted by coaches Doug Long and Mark Darling, is looking for an upper division finish in the MMAC race as the Lady Marauder track team treks through the 2021 season.

This year's Marauder team is young; only two returning athletes are on the roster, Sam Grubaugh and Jadyn Yonchewski.

But with newcomers like Alexis Spitzley, Rachel Spitzley, Sam Snider, Kylie Davis, Izzy Loynes, Abby Prewitt, Alyse Ladiski, Makenna Pierce, Braeden Tokar, Telexia Terpening, Ella Powell, Kloe Bigelow, Haley Bashore, Macey Bennett, Kaia Spiess, and Audrey Johns, the Marauders are optimistic.

"We have a larger team size than I've had in previous years," says coach Hufnagel. "The group is full of talent and consistency that will allow for effective relays across the board. We're a young team with very little experience. We have no seniors and only two juniors returning."

As far as the league race, coach Hufnagel explains, "We'll likely finish 4th in the league behind Chesaning, Byron and New Lothrop. These three programs have been consistent the last few years and I think it will be a great opportunity to gain some experience for our young athletes to improve on in the years to come."

Marauder Tennis Girls Look to Compete for Conference Title in 2021

OVID-ELSIE -- It's been two years since an Ovid-Elsie girls tennis team hit the court. The last time the Marauders did -- 2019 -- they were 0-10.

Put all that behind you. The coaching staff look for the Lady Marauders to compete for the conference title in 2021.

"Our team has a lot of natural athleticism and fast learners," says head coach Taylor Johnson. "They are picking up skills remarkably quick."

A strong returning cast of six players are a big reason for the optimism. Junior Alexis Phillips, and sophomores Brooklyn Belill, Emily Ladiski, Hannah Moore, Christina Rademacher-Vine and Claire Thornton will lead O-E into 2021.

Newcomers include senior Hanna Pappila, junior Abigail Hills, sophomores Rylee Lewis, Justice Moore, Katelyn Swender and freshman Jollee Swender.

Says coach Johnson, "We do have a young team, with only one player that has true match experience. (But) we have a team of go-getters and they have set some wonderful goals for themselves that with the skills they are mastering are likely to become a reality."

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Editorial

Wild Ramp Season

There are still a few weeks left to hit the local woods for wild ramps but the foraging season will be quickly drawing to a close. As leaves begin to develop on deciduous trees and start to form a canopy this will hinder wild ramps from receiving sunlight and cause their leaves to die back.

These wild ramps have a bulb shaped root system much like a green onion and top leaves resembling lily of the valley plants.

Ramps can usually be found under deciduous stands of trees, like maples and oaks, on northward slopes with rich moist soil. They are often found in higher elevations (3,000 to 5,000 feet) in the Appalachian Mountains, however, they do grow quite commonly in Michigan. When walking through the woods in April and May they are often the only vegetation sprouting up through the leaf covered ground. Their strong pungent smell is a clear indication that you have found a patch. There are two methods of harvest; digging up the whole plant including the roots and bulb, or just harvesting the leaves. It takes a full seven years for a ramp to grow from seed to full maturity height of eight inches so many conservationists are only harvesting the tops as the root/bulb system can help shorten the maturity to four years. While the roots can multiply, most new plants germinate in the spring when the black seeds from the pink flower stalks are self seeded in the fall.

This wild allium can be substituted in any recipe calling for onions or garlic. The leaves can even replace basil for a fresh bright green spring pesto. Many festivals in the Appalachians honor this wild plant and prepare it by boiling the entire plant in large containers much like other greens. The Weekly Sportsman has even sampled wild ramp wine from a winery in West Virginia. While some drink this fermented beverage straight others use it as a cooking wine.

The taste can only be described as something ten times more pungent than garlic wine if there even is such a thing.

If foraging isn't your cup of the tea then consider a backyard raised bed operation started from seeds or root transplants. If you can keep the soil moist but well drained and provide adequate shade and have the patience to wait seven years then maybe ramp farming is for you. Every spring Upscale restaurants in Chicago and New York pay foragers upwards of \$25/lb.

-WS

Telephonic Workshops Available- No Internet or Computer Required

submitted by Christine Histed

Tri-County Office on Aging is offering two 6-week telephonic workshops for individuals with chronic pain or diabetes (no internet required). You will learn tools and techniques to better manage your condition, increase energy and improve quality of life, and more!

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Ovid-Elsie Spring Sports

Marauder Golf Team Shows Improvement, Eager to Hit the Links for 1st Time Since 2019

OVID-ELSIE -- Improvement and gaining experience will be the names of the game as the Ovid-Elsie boys golf team gets back in action for the first time since 2019.

With no season last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, veteran coach Josh Latz returns only one senior, Noah Fahey, to this year's Marauder squad.

Noah will be joined by incoming senior Cal Byrnes; juniors Tyler Bancroft, Adam Barton, Dylan Carman, Brayden Phillips and Jacob Tomasek; sophomore Clay Wittenberg and freshman Brayden Ormes as O-E chases Durand and Chesaning for this year's league title.

"We have strength in numbers," says coach Latz. We have around 20 interested golfers, and had players really improving during the first week of practice.

"With no season last year, and many new golfers, we are looking to get better each time out on the course, and look to really teach our players how to play golf the right way."

Latz will be assisted by coach Randy Barton as the Marauders open the 2021 campaign.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Golf

Front row (l-r): Jackson Thornton, Cal Byrnes, Noah Fahey, Dominic Kline. Second row (l-r): Colin Fluharty, Brayden Phillips, Jaxsen Jones, Kamryn Middleton. Third row (l-r): Beau Price, Adam Barton, Jake Tomasek, Dylan Carman, Tyler Bancroft. Fourth row (l-r): Hunter Brock, Justin Cole, Clay Wittenberg, Brayden Ormes. Back row (l-r): Josh Latz, Randy Barton

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Marauder Soccer Girls Have a Chance to Compete for Title

OVID-ELSIE -- Marauders head soccer coach Craig Thelen believes his team "has a chance at a title," he explains, as Ovid-Elsie kicks off the 2021 girls prep season.

Thelen will be assisted by Justin Fluharty as the Lady Marauders look to improve on last season's solid 14-4, 8-1 finish, good for 1st place in the MMAC.

Returning players include Kalista Bancroft, Tristin Ziola, Madison Cunningham, Audrey Bates, Aubrey Arnett, Amber Dorn, Kendahl Smeltzer, Allison Reppenhagen, Taylor Stinson, Emma DelBosque, Caitlyn Walter and Karli Witt.

Newcomers are Ava Bates, Hadley Bukantis, Hailee Campbell, Evalyn Cole, Genevieve Hills, Rian Kirby, Kiah Longoriah, Murphey Alexa and Hailee Palus.

"From the limited time we have had together, it is easy to see that all of these girls get along and really like playing with each other," says coach Thelen. "I believe this group is very hard-working and that we have a lot of potential all over the field."

Thelen explains the Marauders' youth and inexperience is concerning, " ...but within that youth I see talent, drive and determination. We just need time to play and work together," he explains.

As far as the MMAC outlook: "I feel that we will have a chance to go for the title, but it will be a battle for first between us, Montrose and Byron," the coach explains. "I am excited for this season to finally be here. I feel really sad for all of the seniors from last year, that team had a chance to be really special. Raygan Fluharty, Josie Nash, Lauren Palus, and Alexis Kusnier all had a great chance to break school records for our program. I know we won't take this season for granted."