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City of Ovid Spring Spruce-Up

submitted by Holly Hibbard

It's still spring and that means it's time for cleaning. Join us Sunday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the first annual City of Ovid Spring Spruce-Up. We will meet at Gumaer Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m. where we will be picking up trash, leaves and sticks, painting and cleaning up landscapes. Instructions and supplies will be available at sign-up, but if you have an extra rake, please bring it. A sack lunch will be provided to all volunteers. To sign up or for more information, please contact Holly at 989-666-2215 or holly.hibbard@ovidmi.org.



Yard and Bake Sale Being Held for Upkeep of Colony School House



Due to COVID restrictions, the school was not available to be rented this past year and funds are low. The Rochester Colony Historical Association is having a sale to raise funds to offset the expense of keeping the school open to be used by the public.

A Yard and Bake Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th at the Colony School House. We are asking the community for help with donations of gently used household and garage items. NO CLOTHING donations, please. Items may be

dropped off at the schoolhouse and placed in the enclosed trailer starting Monday, May 31st thru Wednesday, June 9th.

With your help, the school house can continue to be rented at a low price to host events such as showers, birthday parties, graduation open houses, family reunions and other special occasions. We appreciate your help in keeping the school running. For more information or if you have questions, please call Gayla at (989)224-7274 or Lora at (585)298-6144.

Festival Continues Thru Monday



The Laingsburg Springtime Festival, hosted by the Laingsburg Lions Club, continues thru Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st in downtown Laingsburg. The midway is provided by Arnold Amusements, \$25 bracelets are available to ride all day on Sunday from 1pm-10pm and Monday from 1pm-6pm. Winners of the Lions Raffle will be drawn at 3pm on Monday at Leonard Hardware.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - Approximately thirty-five concerned citizens attended the regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education, Monday, May 17. Board President, Josh Miller, outlined the board policy regarding public participation in meetings. Individuals were allotted three minutes and one opportunity to speak and the board would not respond to comments.

First, action item was the designation of the CCRESA board representative and the adopting the CCRESA Resolution. A CCRESA Board meeting will be held June 7, 5 pm for the purpose of an election. Erin Bancroft was appointed to represent to O-E Board of Education and Josh Miller was designated as the alternate. The action was followed by a brief recess.

The following teachers were recognized for completing the probationary period: Kate Draton and Flecia Gingrich, congratulations to both.

Honor students were recognized for both Ovid-Elsie High School and Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School. It was noted that a successful graduation ceremony took place Sunday, May 16, at the Ovid-Elsie Athletic Complex and the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School Graduation is slated for Thursday, May 27, at the Donald G. Thayer Memorial Auditorium at the high school.

Dr. Ryan Cunningham, superintendent and Mr. Randy Barton, assistant superintendent, presented the Return to Learn plan update. It was noted that 26 students are currently in quarantine with 3 positive COVID cases. The district averages 90% in regards to two-way communication; The plan will remain the same with changes to the Return to Learn Plan. Action was taken to reconfirm as presented.

Officials were presented building reports and proposals to amend the student handbooks for the 2021-2022.

Ms. Rachel Parsons gave Leonard Elementary School update the Run for the Roar great success grossing over \$10,000. Field Day is scheduled for June 4 and in lieu of the kindergarten open house a signing day will be held with a letter of intent for each child. Finally, Leonard and EE Knight will work collaboratively to a Literacy Lau that will be a drive-in event with books for all. Standardized testing is wrapping up.

Mrs. Alicia Ormesbee, EE Knight principal, reported that state testing is underway and that the staff is preparing for the June 1 Literacy Lua with 630 books purchased. Additional year end activities include field day and summer school preparations.

Ovid-Elsie High School and Middle School are wrapping up the school year as well. M-Step testing and benchmark testing is wrapping up and focused learning is taking place. The middle school staff presented a request for a year-end dance, like the prom, safety precautions are being taken to ensure a safe and festive event for the students. The request was approved.

Ovid-Elsie High School had a successful prom and graduation, with tea and awards all during one week. It was a busy week but a wonderful time to celebrate with the 2021 Senior Class. In addition, all testing has been completed, AP testing as well. Other year end activities include the completion of dual enrollment classes, and virtual FFA competition.

Officials were invited to the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School graduation set for May 27, there will be twelve graduates in the Class of 2021. In addition, a third ASVAB testing session was held recently for online students. Preparations and applications for summer school are being accepted.

Mr. Dan Davenport gave a brief technology update. Updated and additional cable is being installed, and student devices for fall have arrived. He noted that there maybe an opportunity for some reimbursement from grant funding.

AS stated there were a number of guests present to address the OE Area Schools Board of Education. A parent complained about a teacher encouraging students to get vaccinated, a topic she felt was not appropriate. Additional parents and community comments focused on opposition to the masking mandate for children. A bus driver from DeWitt presented opposition to masks, as well. Many speaking were not parents of Ovid-Elsie students.

It was stressed that they were present to be the voice for those who do not have a voice, the children. A few comments were made stating that constitutional freedoms were being compromised. Note approximately 35 individuals present. A Stand Up Michigan representative requested that studies be entered into the minutes.

Board members approved a number of minor changes to the individual building student handbooks. The changes included addressing truancy, bullying and updated cell-phone usage. The technology policy simplified the language for one-to-one devices, and the deposit per device will be \$20.

In other actions officials extended employee contracts to Jenny Wilcox, Special Education teachers at EE Knight Elementary School; Autumn Windsor, secondary counselor at the high school; and Courtney Loynes, first grade teacher at Leonard Elementary.

In addition, officials accepted with regrets the retirement of Roxanne Baumgras a educational support professional.


Finally, officials took action to change the regular board meeting in June, the meeting is slated for June 16, 2021, 6:30 pm.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, approval of the minutes of the April 19 regular board meeting, financial statements and payment of bills. In addition action was taken to renew board policy 5113 to offer schools of choice at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, and approval of the MHSAA membership resolution.

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

Ovid Historical Society
submitted by Roger Matthies
The June meeting for the Ovid Historical Society will be on Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.
We welcome you to join us for a fun-filled evening celebrating Ovid's colorful past.
The museum is at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

Class 2021 Class 2021 Class 2021 Class 2021
Congratulations Brianna Smith
Graduating Cum Laude
Class of 2021 from
Ovid-Elsie High School.
Brianna will be attending
Saginaw Valley in the
medical field.
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proud of you!



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Stoltzfus Family Performing at Ola Camp
submitted by Judy Hazle
The public is invited to a free concert on Friday, June 4th, 7:00 p.m. It will be an evening filled with music, singing, and family harmonies, testimony, and a message from God's word presented by the Amos Stoltzfus family.
The Stoltzfus family tour in and outside the United States sharing blue grass gospel music with a variety of musical instruments and voices bringing family harmonies together-sharing the gospel message of hope. Everyone is invited to come. There is plenty of seating.
The concert will be held at Ola Camp in the tabernacle. Ola Camp is located along U.S. 127, north of St. Johns and the address is Bagley Rd., Ashley, MI.
For more information call 989-640-4561.

First Baptist Church of Elsie Welcomes Ed Crawford
submitted by Elizabeth Hardaker
On June 13, 2021, First Baptist Church of Elsie will welcome Ed Crawford, The Gentleman of Gospel Music, for their 9:30 AM service. If you enjoy a rich baritone voice, please join us for an hour of ministry. First Baptist is at 163 W Main Street, Elsie.



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Elsie Lions Donation
Elsie Lion Robin Wooley presenting a check for \$200 to WOES Station Manager, Kevin Sommers from the Elsie Lions Club to the WOES Radio Station.

Arthur Achieves Membership in Million Dollar Round Table
Edward J. Arthur, Ovid, Mich., a representative for Modern Woodmen of America, is one of a small percentage of financial representatives worldwide to achieve membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) this year.
Founded in 1927, MDRT, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals®, is a global, independent association of more than 49,000 of the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 500 companies in 70 countries. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.
The local Modern Woodmen office is located at 9790 E. M21 in Ovid. Contact Arthur at 989-834-3300 for more information about Modern Woodmen's financial services and fraternal programs.
Founded in 1883, Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal financial services organization offering financial products and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2021-12

At a Special Meeting of the City of Ovid's, City Council held on the 24th day of May 2021 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Hibbard
ABSENT: None
A motion was made by Mr. Williams supported by Ms. Perrien to adopt the following Resolution:
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed 2021 Millage rates for the City of Ovid, for real and personal property are hereby established and approved as follows:

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate
General Operating	14.6126
Emergency Service	2.2500

The City of Ovid shall charge a one (1) percent admin fee.
The City of Ovid shall charge a three (3) percent late fee for all late unpaid taxes collected by the city.
ROLL CALL:
YEAS: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Hibbard
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
Resolution declared adopted,

Patricia Kieffer, Deputy Clerk
City of Ovid



We will be awaiting your arrival!

Laingsburg Alumni Committee Releases Welcome Home 2021 Update

LAINGSBURG -- A class reunion is a powerful event for many. The LHS All-Class reunion is now scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2021 after being DELAYED for a year. The delay was due to major high school construction and the Covid-19 concerns.

The dedicated reunion staff of twenty plus strong are committed to putting on an even bigger and better fun filled day of fellowship.

The deadline to register will be August 9, 2021. Early registration would be very helpful in determining a solid head count for our gala dinner.

Please pass this updated information to your family and friends who graduated from LHS. We need everyone's assistance in helping us promote the reunion and the date change.

Classmates should be getting their official registration letters in the mail in late May/early June.

Additional news articles will be published in June and July to keep everyone in the loop.

Tim Staudt, WILX Sports Anchor will be our keynote speaker for the evening.

Comments/registrations can be sent/emailed to:

Laingsburg Alumni Association, P.O. Box 358, Laingsburg, MI 48848. foxtrot@mi.rr.com

Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant

submitted by Dawn Reha

The 2021 Shiawassee County Fair queen pageant will look a little different this year. We are excited to announce that the pageant will be held on Saturday August 7 at 5:30 p.m. This event will kick-off the August 8-14, 2021 Shiawassee County Fair. The newly crowned Fair Queen and her attendant will reign over the 2021 fair season and represent the Shiawassee County Fair throughout the year until the 2022 fair. This change mirrors how many fairs throughout Michigan crown their royalty. It also ensures that the 2021 Shiawassee County Fair Queen and Attendant have all the experiences of parades and events that their predecessors had in prior years. Young women, ages 16-21, are encouraged to read the pageant information on the website, www.shiawasseeffair.com. Applications can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the Fair Office, 2900 E Hibbard Rd. Corunna. Applications must be submitted to the Fair Office by July 15, 2021 at 5 p.m.

submitted by Ellen Link

At long last, recycling drives will resume in Laingsburg! The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers can't wait to get back on track and greet area recyclers (we've missed you!) on Saturday, June 12, from 9 am to 1 pm in the usual location on Roosevelt Row in downtown Laingsburg. For good and bad, however, things won't be exactly the same.

As we've explained in the past, we can only accept what waste haulers can find markets for, and that has changed considerably. Some of the changes are due to the pandemic. But perhaps even more are due to the universal realization that plastics are not being recycled as we were all led to believe. Consider: of the more than 8.3 billion metric tons of plastics that have been produced since their invention, only 9 percent has been recycled! (Yes magazine, Summer '21) It will take time, but somehow our plastics culture must change.

Thus, there are now items we will no longer be able to accept: plastics #3-7, glass, or electronics. We will, however, continue to accept #1 & #2 plastics; cardboard and boxboard (but not refrigerated/freezer or juice boxes); metals; mixed office paper, junk mail, & magazines; newspaper; and household batteries. We would love to be able to recycle so much more and in the future we're planning we will, but for now the decisions are made by our waste hauler.

That future we're planning, though, is already in the works. The GLR still needs to raise more funds to cover the equipment that will be needed for expanded operations, but a deposit has already been made for construction of the building. Make sure you pick up a flyer describing the Waste Reduction Center at the drive, and you can contribute to our GoFundMe campaign through the link on our website (<https://recycle-laingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>) and Facebook page. We're shooting for a grand opening in late fall.

The building will be sited on Laingsburg Schools' property on Woodbury Rd., with expanded hours and services

Recycling is Back!

available to all residents, businesses, schools and offices in the surrounding area. Heads-up: we'll be needing more volunteers for a variety of tasks to make this project a success and an asset to the entire area. So help us spread the word: The GLR is back!

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Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Council of the City of Ovid will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.0428 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2021.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI 48866.

The date of the location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues ad valorem property taxes 0.25% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by -0.20% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

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Ovid, MI 48866
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CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2021-13

At a regular meeting of the Ovid City Council held on the 24th day of May 2021 in the Council Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Ovid shall charge a Special Assessment for Delinquent Waterline replacement and Ready to serve fees for the following parcels for the 2021 Tax Collection:

TAX ID	WATERLINE REPLACEMENT	RTS	TOTAL
580-013-100-070-00	\$21.40		\$21.40
580-000-018-010-00	\$25.80	\$103.20	\$129.00
580-013-100-070-01	\$8.40		\$8.40

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Resolution declared adopted,

Patricia Kieffer, Deputy Clerk
City of Ovid

Editorial



Have a Question for Andy?
 Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com
 You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly
 P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Moral Hunting Season Advice

Dear Andy,
 I have walked all over my county and in upper Michigan over the years and I have never found a Morel Mushroom. Is there a trick to finding them? Any tips?
 The Huntress



Dear Huntress,
 There are some great tips that have been shared with me over the years. It's not too late in the year, but most serious hunters are out the end of April and into May. The best time is after a night or early morning Spring rain at about 40 – 50 degrees. Followed by sunshine. It is tricky. Morels will not grow if it is too cold or too hot. The best temperature I have seen this fungi "pop up" was in the low 60's. Some hunters use a soil thermometer.

Once you find a spot, do not tell anyone the exact location. Most patches will come back in the same area for a few years. The natural deterioration of the mushroom can take up to 2 weeks before it decays. Mushrooms are just waiting for someone to find them. It takes morel mushroom up to 3 weeks to fully extend their heads. Many are found under leaves near old Elm tree trunks that have decayed naturally. In a warm sunny area, usually on the sunny side of a hill.

The scientific name is Morchella esculenta; ie Morel Mushrooms which can grow into many shades of tan and brown to almost white in the same patch. Take a photo of the Morel Mushroom with you. Making a mistake can get you extremely sick. There are a few look-alikes hidden in the woods, as well. Be patient in your search. Take a phone, secure your keys, and use a compass and a paring knife. Always cut the stem of the mushroom; do not pull it out of the ground. It needs the root to regrow. Use recycled onion bags to carry your harvest with you. It allows the spores to spread as you hike through the woods. Deer hunting trails are a great place to start. The further north you travel, the later the season....all the way in to mid-June.

Last time I went Morel hunting I lost my car keys and parked in an area I thought was a parking entrance where I have seen hunters by Sleepy Hollow Park. Turned out to be an off road jump for 4-wheelers and I was stuck. When I got towed out, my front bumper tore off. So advice... watch where you park, hunt, and walk. Bring the right tools and know exactly what you are looking for. If it sounds like too much work... Morels can be purchased at the tune of \$50 - \$60 a pound.

Cooking eating them is the best. Soak clean in cold water to get the sand out completely. Save up to 3 days or use a food drier for eating at another time. (follow food drier directions). The best way is to slice and sauté in butter, sliced onion, and garlic until tender for about 5 -7 minutes and serve over burgers or steaks. I think I will go out today to look again, after I get an estimate on my bumper. Last time I only found 1 big one so I am motivated to find more.

Thanks. Ask_andy@aol.com



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I was beginning to believe that I wouldn't get a column out this week....to be honest I am still wondering. The week has been busy but I still feel as if I'm running about in slow motion. I know that I'm accomplishing something but don't know how.... I have a red ugly sunburn on my arms and neck so either I was sitting in the sun and not paying attention to what the weather was doing or I really did do more than burn. What a conundrum!!!

Diane and I will be meeting with lawyers and accountants for the next couple of days. Everyone is trying to keep us up to snuff and on top of things. Sometimes the things seem to be more the size of mountains.....just saying. I am getting much better at taking food orders and using the cash register and the square. All of this modern day tech stuff can be frustrating. I have enough problems with my cell phone and its idiotic meaning and tendencies to correct non-existing errors. The darn phone changed "Lugnuts" to Lights and windburn to wind-surf.....and it takes numerous re-entering of info to correct and get it into the computer's memory.

I had a wonderful time at the Leisure Lake campgrounds last Friday.....the people were wonderful and it was an enjoyable experience. That being said I had to call back one of our customers because I didn't charge him for his chili cheese fries. He was gracious and forgiving. The food trailer got a bit hot at times, and it didn't help when Brent managed to drip oil from the hot fryer on the top of his foot. The one footed stomp is hard to avoid in tight quarters. We had used up all of the bacon by 7:30 and had to tell the ten folks who had ordered the last bacon cheese burgers that we had run out of bacon..... Fortunately for us the lieutenant rescued us with a two pound package of bacon. We were blessed with friends in the right place at the right time. Of course this bacon was thicker and we ended up putting it in the deep fryer to have it ready for the burgers. Shortly we may be offering a "Swiss hammy burger"....

I rushed around Sunday morning trying to get the yard mowed before church services. Notice, I did say rush and when I viewed the front yard on Monday morning I noticed a few triangle shaped areas that I managed to miss as I mowed. It would appear that I was making a statement of sorts.....don't rush it or you may end up with a crazy quilt yard. I did....

Asparagus to pick, and rhubarb to pick and freeze.....it should be enough to keep me out of trouble for a while. Actually taking care of them is faster than peeling the potatoes....though I believe that I'm becoming much faster and efficient at that chore. Tomorrow I hope to finish up my Memorial Garden and hope to clean out my garlic patch....of course I will be checking out the garden to see if anything has sprouted yet. I also have a Zoom meeting and an errand to run with a friend. It will be another busy day.

May your days be filled with faith in yourself and capabilities, God has blessed us all with many talents and sometimes we are late bloomers.....there is a reason for everything. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2021



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

This week's article is about marriage, so I'd like to start out with a joke I heard somewhere.

One woman says to her co-worker at the office, "Did you wake up grouchy today?" The lady replied, "No, I just let him sleep in."

Marriage is God's plan for the formation of the family. It is for all humanity. One woman and one man united together for

as long as they live.

I've been married to my wife for 24 years this May. Over that period of time there have been ups and downs, as is to be expected.

I've found that while there are many things that are needed to have a good, godly marriage, two stand out. One is love (big surprise there) and the other is forgiveness.

Love for each other and for God is the foundation of a strong marriage. Love for God first and for their spouse second. Love your spouse for who he/she is, not for who you want for them to be.

Forgiveness is also crucial to any good, enduring marriage. Forgiveness is needed not just for minor slip-ups, but over big mistakes and big wrongs as well. This means not bringing up past wrongs time and time again, but truly letting things go.

1 Peter writes something that while in context applies to all believers, we can say that it has special meaning for married couples- "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

- 1 Peter 4:8

I'd like to close with the following story from Reader's Digest, sent in by Larry Cunningham-

"We were visiting friends when they received a telephone call from their recently married daughter.

After several tense minutes on the phone, the mother told the father to pick up the extension. The newlyweds had had their first big fight.

In a few moments, the father rejoined us and tersely explained, "Said she wanted to come home."

"What did you tell her?" I asked.

"[I] Told her she was home."

SYNOPSIS SPECIAL MEETING CITY OF OVID May 24, 2021

The Full set of the Minutes for the Special Meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.

Mayor Lasher opened the Special Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Lasher asked the Deputy Clerk to take roll call.

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

ABSENT: None

EXOFFICIOS: Liza Kusnier—Treasurer and Patti Kieffer—Deputy Clerk

Mayor Lasher stated that the purpose of the meeting is to have a discussion and set the millage rate that Council will be approving at the June meeting and putting forth the truth & taxation hearing prior to the June meeting.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, supported by Ms. Perrien to adopt the following resolution #2021-12 titled: Proposed 2021 Millage rates for the City of Ovid. Mayor Lasher asked the Deputy Clerk to take roll call as follows: YEAS: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Hibbard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION #2021-12 ADOPTED

2. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams to adopt the following resolution #2021-13 titled: Delinquent utility Mayor Lasher asked the Deputy Clerk to take roll call as follows: YEAS: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Hibbard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION #2021-13 ADOPTED

3. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams to approve Mr. Starn to apply for a liquor license during Carriage Days.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk
 City of Ovid

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Healing From the Hurt

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It's so exciting when a woman has their child. They nurture their little tiny miracle and teach them as they grow. Kissing their boobies, cleaning cuts, scraps, and tons of messes up. Teaching them right from wrong. Guiding them through school and sometimes even college. Helping them with tough rela-

tionships, life problems and choices, along the way. Watching them grow up so quickly and finding themselves wondering just where the time went.

Then out of nowhere, things change. That once close and loving relationship disappears. It's almost like, the now grown child, went to sleep one night and awoke a completely different person. Everything changes and you, the parent, is left in this whirlwind of confusion.

Your grown child is now behaving oddly, reacting strangely and not only going out of their way to ignore you but being extremely condescending and belligerent towards you.

Its mind blowing for sure and makes you start thinking that maybe it's all in your head. Until someone else notices it too and mentions it to you. Then the horrifying thoughts begin flooding your mind. Memories of a close blood relative who acted bizarre and now you're noticing the similarities. Scared to know yet needing to know, you work at talking them into seeing the doctor.

Finally, you begin to feel a little better after talking with the doctor and having some type of a plan on how to navigate this unknown territory. Even your frustrations have gone down because although the doctor told them the same things you've been telling them for months, they listened as though they've never heard those things before and they're going to work to find out what's wrong and get better. You're finally seeing light at the end of this dark tunnel and you're feeling relief.

Until things shatter again and hell's demons rear their nasty heads. Or at least that's how it feels to you when they simply decide that they don't need help and it's all your fault. They never finish seeing the doctor or have the testing done. In fact, they isolate themselves from everyone and turn against you even worse.

Then the next thing you know, they're packing their vehicle with their belongings. Thinking they're throwing a tantrum and not knowing at the time; it'll be the last time you'll ever see them. You just stand there in shock, with no words, wishing to just wake up from this enormous nightmare that seems to just continue on forever.

The next thing you hear is their vehicle driving away and the last words they said to you burns in your ears as you helplessly watch them drive away. Your heart all of a sudden crack and you're completely broken by the time their vehicle is out of sight.

The fear of your child needing help and being unable to do anything about it, haunts you. Your beautiful child that you created, raised, protected and cherished, has now turned against you. Blaming you for everything that ever went wrong in their life and you have no idea why.

You try calling and texting them but both only go unanswered and you know you're being ignored. At first you count the hours, then the days, which turns into weeks and then passes into months. Still hearing nothing from them. It's as if you no longer exist to them. The only thing giving you any comfort at this point are the little birdies letting you know that they're safe.

Even after all this time you still find yourself sitting and waiting for them to call or text. Getting hopefully every time a vehicle drives by until you realize it's not theirs. Your worries still continue because you know they need help and it's only going to get worse until they do.

The questions are still haunting your mind on a regular basis. What happened? Where did you go wrong? What could you have done differently? You shower yourself with guilt and blame but have no clue why or what you've done to cause or deserve this. There's no closure and only pain grows inside.

Sad, isn't it? Especially when you've actually done everything you could to help them. You took care of them, you raised them, set them up for a successful life, and even sought out medical care for them. The rest, unfortunately, is out of your hands. It's completely up to them to choose what they want for themselves, their life and their health. There's nothing to blame yourself for because you didn't do anything.

The reason they blame you for everything is because it's easier for them, than actually taking responsibility for themselves and getting the help they need. After all, getting help would be admitting they're the one that has issues and that's not possible because they're better than that.

This is how mental illness affects some families. It can literally rip a solid foundation into shreds as if it was nothing. Now in many cases the person will eventually get the help they need and the family becomes the support through it, but not every time. There are parents out there that haven't heard from their child for several years and never will.

So, after a mental illness has torn a family apart and stole the precious child from the hands of its parent, how does the parent heal or recover? Well, the answer is, not easily.

Healing, as with any loss, takes time and a lot of it. The scars will always remain though. But as time fades into the abyss, the days become easier to accept. Then the empty hole in the heart will begin to slowly scar over the wound. Not completely healing it but numbing the pain. Soon, the days will pass with no more wishing, constant looking, or waiting for any type of signs from them. Eventually the continuous crying stops as well. Although there'll be breakthroughs at different times so don't be too surprised when it happens again out of the blue.

The top priority now is the only one left... you. It's time to take care of yourself and your health. After all, turmoil like this not only wreaks havoc in your life but has a toll on your body as well, mentally, emotionally, and physically. You need to care for yourself and get your health better. The time will pass by either way so you might as well make the best of it.

There's no reason to stop living because when you do that you've given up. Not only on yourself but on them too. It's better to work on yourself during this time and make yourself healthy. Then if they ever do return, you can be a strong support and if they never do, well, you didn't waste away and you set an example for others who needed it.

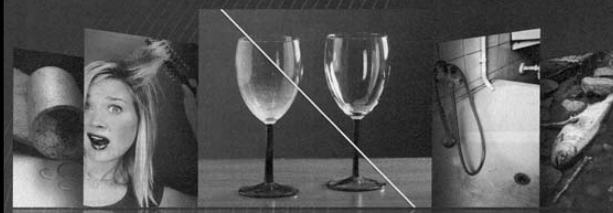
Some people have this happen with more than one child, two, three and even sometimes four. Can you imagine the trauma of that? What emotional and mental stress goes through their body. When it comes to dealing with mental illness, it affects everyone, not just the person who has the illness.

Going through this traumatic experience is hard on the body and causes havoc for the persons systems, emotionally, mentally, and physically. This is why taking care of yourself is vital.

One can start by talking to someone about the emotional roller coaster ride they're going through at different times. Which are normal and will happen. Having support during all of it really helps but if there is none then perhaps finding a good therapist is in order.

The next step could be working on yourself. After all, you've taken care of everyone else and now it's your turn. There's no guilt in giving yourself what you need and deserve. So, do it.

At first, it'll be difficult but remember, you need this time for yourself and it's perfectly fine. In fact, you'll be perfectly fine too. Just be patient with yourself and use the time you need in a positive way. Then one day soon, you'll be strong, healthy, and balanced again. That's when you'll be able to help others again too. ~Best of Health & Positive Energy,




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Elle Rowlison Named Memorial Healthcare May Employee of the Month

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus
Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Elle Rowlison, Office Coordinator at Memorial Healthcare Orthopedics, Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation, as our May Employee of the Month. Elle has been an employee at Memorial Healthcare since 2019.

According to her winning nomination, “Elle is the heart and heartbeat of our department by always being available to the team and helping out wherever and whenever needed. She is an amazing employee and has been such a strong leader throughout the many changes since the department opened and through the whole pandemic. Elle demonstrates everyday exactly what Memorial Healthcare stands for.”

Elle lives in Owosso and attended Owosso High School and Michigan State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Elle enjoys spending time with her family and friends in northern Michigan. Her first job was at the local Young Chevrolet, Cadillac dealership as a file clerk. An interesting fact about Elle is that she summited a mountain at 15 years old. She would more like to be remembered as someone who is compassionate, hardworking, loyal and witty. Elle’s personal outlook is, “If the plan doesn’t work, change the plan, but never the goal.”



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Sports



Ovid-Elsie Youth Soccer Try-Outs

submitted by Craig Thelen

Tryouts for Ovid-Elsie Youth Soccer CASL (Capitol Area Soccer League) Team will be held Tuesday, June 15th 6:30-8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, June 16th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Elsie Park.

Eligible students are 2nd graders – 12th grades (fall 2021).

* Please have your child registered (online) prior to tryouts.

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* Please visit our Facebook site (search Ovid-Elsie Soccer Club) for more information.

* Fees for registration and uniforms will be finalized after tryouts.

Marauders 2nd in MMAC Golf Race Behind Durand

CLIO — With individual league champion Elijah Beland leading the way, Durand wrapped up the outright Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) boys golf title May 24 at Vienna Greens Golf Club.

Beland shot a medalist round of 83 and Durand totaled a 386, 20 shots better than second-place Ovid-Elsie, at the MMAC Postseason Tournament. Chesaning was third at 442 while Mt. Morris was fourth at 455 and Montrose was fifth at 463. New Lothrop did not have an official team score.

The Railroaders and coach Josh Latz's Marauders entered the day tied for the top spot. The Marauders won the MMAC Preseason Tournament, while Durand had topped Ovid-Elsie in their head-to-head dual-meet battle two weeks ago.

New Lothrop's Gabe Salsgiver finished second individually with an 88. Jacob Johnson of Durand and Noah Ruddy of New Lothrop each shot 91. Chesaning's Jaden James was fifth with a 95, while Tyler Bancroft and Adam Barton, both of Ovid-Elsie, shot 97 and 98, respectively.

Beland finished as the top scorer in the MMAC with 93 points. Other first-teamers in the league were Ruddy (86), Salsgiver (81.5), Johnson (782), James (72) and Bancroft (67).

Four RBI Day for Maddisyn Miller Carries O-E Softball Team over Morrice

MORRICE -- Maddisyn Miller drove in four on three hits to lead the Ovid-Elsie softball team past Morrice, 17-4 on May 27. Miller drove in runs on a single in the first, a double in the third, a triple in the fourth, and another hit in the fourth.

Coach Felicia Gingrich's Marauders (20-16-0) secured the victory thanks to ten runs in the fourth inning. The big inning was thanks to singles by Olivia Burt and Alexis Hart, by Burt and Miller, doubles by Ashland Particka and Jolene Nash, a walk by Zoe Baiz, a triple by Miller, and an error on a ball put in play by Skylar Bowen.

Kaitlyn Fry pitched the Marauders to victory. The righty surrendered four runs on five hits over five innings, striking out two and walking one. Beem took the loss for Morrice, giving up 13 runs on seven hits over three and two-thirds innings, striking out three.

Ovid-Elsie racked up nine hits in the game. Miller and Particka all managed multiple hits.

Beem went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the host Orioles in hits.

-- OVID-ELSIE CLINCHES LEAD IN 5TH INNING TO SWEEP MORRICE: O-E snagged a late lead and defeated Morrice 11-3 to complete the non-league twinbill sweep.

The game was tied at two with O-E batting in the bottom of the fifth when Ashland Particka grounded out, scoring one run.

The Marauders secured the victory thanks to seven runs in the fifth inning. Alexis Hart, Particka, Maddisyn Miller, Kaitlyn Fry, Jolene Nash, and Skylar Bowen each drove in runs during the inning.

Olivia Burt was credited with the victory for O-E, lasting seven innings, allowing seven hits and three runs while striking out nine and walking one.

Brewer took the loss for Morrice. The pitcher allowed 11 hits and 11 runs over six innings, striking out five.

O-E totaled 11 hits in the game. Hart, Bowen, Miller, and Particka all collected multiple hits for OE Marauders. Particka, Miller, Bowen, and Hart each collected two hits to lead the way.

Beem led the O's with three hits in four at bats.



Hornet Catcher Birchmeier Slugs Two Grand Slams in Sweep of O-E

NEW LOTHROP — It was a grand day for Brady Birchmeier of New Lothrop.

Birchmeier, a junior shortstop/catcher/pitcher, slugged two grand slams and became the school record-holder for home runs in a season with 12 during the Hornets' 15-0, 16-0 baseball sweep of visiting Ovid-Elsie on May 24.

The previous record holder Quentin Taylor, who hit his 10 dingers in 2016, was on hand in street clothes to congratulate Birchmeier Monday. Both grand slams were hit over the left-center field fence.

Coach Luke Martin's Marauders saw their record lowered to 3-10 in the MMAC with the twin losses. "That's a darn good baseball team," coach Martin said. "They hit the crap out of the ball. Birchmeier is a special kid."

Birchmeier batted 7-for-7 with 13 RBIs in the twinbill. In Game 1, he was 3-for-3, adding two run-scoring singles. In Game 2, he was 4-for-4 with a run-scoring double and two run-scoring singles.

New Lothrop surged to 23-3 overall and 14-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference. The Hornets had already wrapped up the outright league title last week and are now just trying to get ready for the upcoming district tournament.

NL's Cam Orr pitched the first 21/3 innings of Game 1. He did not give up a hit while striking out five and walking none. Tommy Williams pitched the final 2/3 of an inning and gave up one hit to Ovid-Elsie's Jacob Tomasek. Carson Gregory took the pitching loss in Game 1 for the Marauders. He worked the first inning and surrendered nine runs on five hits and three walks. The Marauders made two errors.

In Game 2, Orr worked all four innings for his second win of the day. Orr shut out the Marauders on three hits and no walks. He was helped out by a first-inning double play. Ovid-Elsie's Kayden Leslie, Dylan Carman and Braxton Stenger all had one hit for the Marauders. Brandon Zruna took the pitching loss for O-E in Game 2.

Koerner Takes CMAC Golf Crown for 3rd Time in Four Years

ST. JOHNS — Laingsburg senior Zach Koerner wrapped up his third individual Central Michigan Athletic Conference golf championship on May 20.

Koerner shot 75 at the CMAC league tournament at The Emerald. Koerner was second to Bath's Ethan Swenson, who carded a 73, but Koerner won the overall season title.

"Zack has been consistently outstanding," said veteran Wolfpack coach Greg Beavers. "This is his third title in four years of varsity golf -- and his junior season was canceled because of Covid-19."

Bath was first in the team standings Thursday with a 333. Fowler was next (362) while Pewamo-Westphalia (371), Laingsburg (389) and Portland St. Patrick (511) rounded out the field.

Laingsburg finished fourth in the final team standings.

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Sports

Wolfpack Boys, Girls Both Turn in Outstanding, Runner-up Finishes at MHSAA Track & Field Regionals; O-E Girls 9th, Boys 11th at Bath

BATH -- Laingsburg turned in another strong day on the track, both Wolfpack teams grabbing Regional runner-up finishes in the team standings in both the boys and girls competitions.

In the girls regional team standings, Pewamo-Westphalia was first (161 1/2) while Laingsburg was second (81 1/2), Stockbridge was third (78 1/2). Perry took fourth (68 1/2), Byron fifth (59), Ovid-Elsie ninth (26) and Durand 13th (11).

Wolfpack senior Shaily Baynes won the pole vault by clearing 10 feet, 6 inches.

Emma Kribs of Laingsburg placed second in both the 100 dash (12.73) and 200 dash (27.79). Other runner-up finishers were Laingsburg's 400 relay team of Grace Borgman, Ashley Bila, Hailey Bila and Kribs (51.47) and the Wolfpack's 800 relay team of Borgman, Ashley Bila, Ellie Baynes and Bella Strieff (1:54.73).

In the boys team standings, Pewamo-Westphalia was first (126-1/3) while Laingsburg was second (84) and Leslie third (66). Perry placed fifth (52), Byron was eighth (34), Ovid-Elsie 11th (271/2) and Durand 14th (13).

Laingsburg's Zach Hawes won the 400 (51.69). Placing second were Jack Borgman of Laingsburg (pole vault, 13-0), Lucas Woodruff of Laingsburg (800 run, 1:59.08), Laingsburg's 400 relay team of Cam Salas, Hawes, Borgman and Woodruff (45.73) and Laingsburg's 1,600 relay team of Woodruff, Caleb Clark, Tyler Henne and Hawes (3:37.55).

Ovid-Elsie's top finishes came from Christian Schmidtfranz, 7th in the 200 M (25.23), Gavyn Leavitt 4th in the 400 M (53.01), Dillon Renfroe 9th in the 800 M (2:20.22), Luke Spitzley 15th in the 1600 M (5:42.77), Nick Long 12th in the 300 m hurdles (48.95), the 4 x 100 team of Eddy Evans, Isaac Orta, Bruce Thornton and Schmidtfranz, 12th (48.48), the 400 x 200 team (Evans, Jacob Schaub, Leavitt, Schmidtfranz) 3rd in 1:37.96, the 4 x 400 relay team (Schaub, Renfroe, Evans, Leavitt) 7th in 3:48.48, the 4 x 800 relay team (Schaub, Long, Renfroe, Leavitt) 3rd in 9:05.81; Austin Darling 14th in the sport put (33'8.5"); Corbin Kelley 6th in the discus (108'3"), Andrew Hall 8th in the pole vault (10'3") and Nick Long 20th in the long jump (16'5.75").

The Lady Marauders were led by Makenna Pierce 12th in the 100 M (14.52), Isabella Loynes 14th in the 200 M (31.22) and 400 m (1:07.66), Alexis Spitzley 4th in the 800 (2:42.50) and 5th in the 1600 M (5:58.74), Samantha Grubaugh 8th in the 3200 M (14:43.41), Audrey Johns 11th in the 100 M hurdles (22.37) and 300 M hurdles (1:00.20), Kaia Spiess and Rachel Spitzley tied for 9th in the pole vault (7'), Samantha Snider 14th in the long jump (12'4").

The Marauder girls relays teams performed well: the 4 x 400 team 5th in 4:35.75 (Loynes, Spiess, R Spitzley, A Spitzley), the 4 x 200 team 3rd in 1:58.95 (Pierce, Jadyn Yonehewski, R Spitzley, Loynes), and the 4 x 100 team 8th in 57.24 (Pierce, Macey Bennett, Haley Bashore, Yonehewski).

Cole Scores Five, O-E Soccer Girls Win 8-0

OVID-ELSIE — Evalyn Cole scored five goals and Ovid-Elsie defeated Perry 8-0 on May 24.

Hadley Bukantis, Madison Cunningham and Taylor Stinson also scored for the Marauders.

"I was really pleased with our offense tonight," Ovid-Elsie coach Craig Thelen said. "They kept the ball on the deck, completed numerous give and goes and kept shots on frame. Our midfield did a tremendous job of winning 50/50 balls as well as getting involved on offense and defense."

Ovid-Elsie was coming off a 3-0 loss to Eaton Rapids Friday, the Marauders' first of the season. Ava Bates made 16 saves in that game for Ovid-Elsie.

Laingsburg Boys Track team Takes Second in CMAC; Lady Wolfpack 3rd Behind Pewamo-Westphalia and Fowler

BATH — The Laingsburg boys track and field team finished second to Pewamo-Westphalia during the May 26 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) Championships.

P-W scored 145 points, while Laingsburg had 110. Saranac finished third (100 1/2) and Dansville was fourth (67).

Winning individual league titles for coach Brian Borgman's Wolves were Zach Hawes (400-meter dash, 51.56 seconds) and Lucas Woodruff (800 run, 2:04.94).

Laingsburg won three relays: the 400 in 46.23 seconds (Cam Salas, Hawes, Jack Borgman, Woodruff); the 800 in 1:36.38 (Salas, Alex Brown, Borgman, Woodruff); and the 1,600 in 3:36.80 (Woodruff, Caleb Clark, Hawes, Tyler Henne).

Borgman tied for second in the pole vault at 12 feet.

-- Graham, Baynes run first for Lady Wolfpack: Grace Graham and Shaily Baynes of Laingsburg both captured individual Central Michigan Athletic Conference titles.

Graham won the high jump, clearing 4-11. Teammate Hailey Bila cleared the same height, but was second on the tiebreaker. Baynes won the pole vault at 10-6.

Laingsburg also won the 400 relay with Ashley Bila, Hailey Bila, Grace Borgman and Emma Kribs (52.16).

The Wolfpack placed third in the team standings with 96 points. Pewamo-Westphalia was first (177 1/2) and Fowler was second (120).

New Lothrop Rules MMAC; Leavitt, Loynes Lead Marauder Thinclads

CHESANING — The New Lothrop girls were expected to win the 2021 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference track and field title. They did May 28, comfortably placing first in the third and final league jamboree — just like they did in the first two. The real suspense came on the boys' side as both New Lothrop and Chesaning split the first two league jamborees.

The May 28 meet was winner-take-all, and the Hornets edged the Indians by just 3 1/2 points for the championship. New Lothrop scored 157 points to Chesaning's 153 1/2 points.

Byron (84 1/2), Ovid-Elsie (80), Montrose (61), Durand (58), Otisville Lakeville (32) and Mt. Morris (16) completed the boys field.

Ovid-Elsie's Gavyn Leavitt took second in the 400 dash (53.86). Jacob Schaub, Dillon Renfroe, Eddy Evans and Leavitt were second for the Marauders in the 1,600 relay (3:41.37). Schaub, Nick Long, Renfroe and Leavitt were second in the 3,200 relay (9:27.40).

For the Lady Marauders, Isabella Loynes won the 400 dash (1:05.94). Loynes also teamed with Kaia Spiess, Rachel Spitzley and Alexis Spitzley to win the 1,600 relay in 4:34.26.



Wolfpack Sackers Sweep to Non-League Win Over Pilgrims

LAINGSBURG -- Lansing Christian scored three runs in the second inning, but Laingsburg still managed to win big, 15-4 in a non-league doubleheader on May 25.

LHS secured the victory thanks to 11 runs in the first inning. Laingsburg's big bats were led by Ty Randall, Hayden Johnston, Nick Regan, Lucas Woodruff, Randall, and Nick Woodbury, all driving in runs in the inning.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack (9-18-1) got things started in the first inning when an error scored one run.

Randall was on the hill for Laingsburg, allowing four hits and three runs over four innings, striking out five.

Damesworth led things off on the mound for the Pilgrims (7-30-0), giving up one hit and six runs over one-third of an inning. Kipnas and Jones entered the game from the bullpen, throwing three innings and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

LHS collected ten hits. Johnston and Regan each had multiple hits for the Wolves.

-- WOLFPACK CLAIMS BLOWOUT WIN OVER LANSING CHRISTIAN, 11-1: The 'Pack defeated Lansing Christian 11-1 in the other game of the twinbill thanks to eight runs in the third inning. Laingsburg's offensive onslaught was led by Taylor Zdenahlik, Zach Hawes, Brody Rodriguez, and Nick Woodbury, all driving in runs in the frame.

In the first inning, LHS got its offense started. Josh Baker grounded out, scoring one run.

Woodbury got the win for the red-and-white. The righty went five innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out eight.

Jones took the loss for Lansing Christian, surrendering five runs on six hits over two innings, walking one. McHoeh started the game for the Pilgrims, lasting two innings, allowing six runs on four hits and striking out one.

The hosts scattered ten hits in the game. Woodbury, Ty Randall, and Rodriguez each collected multiple hits for Laingsburg. Rodriguez, Randall, and Woodbury each stroked two hits to lead the way.

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Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School Celebrates the Class of 2021

submitted by Dawn Levey

ELSIE - Thursday, May 27, marked the 400th graduate from the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School program. Twelve graduates met the requirements mandated by the Michigan Department of Education and the O-E Board of Education to earn a high school diploma. Family and friends celebrated with: Ozzy Hoffacker, Evelyn Jerome, Holly Jones, Caleb Larsen, Kyle Ley, Emily Lowell, Teal Serbus-Medley, Hunter Paksi, Seth Russell, Gabriel, Smeltzer, Aurelia Velasquez-Tomas, and Sierra Wilson.

The evening was highlighted by words of inspiration from fellow classmates. Aurelia Velasquez-Tomas stated, "Thirteen years, or 4,745 days in the amount of time spent attending school, or thinking about my education. But yet I can only seem to remember the pythagorean theorem, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. You see this equation symbolizes my life. A^2 symbolizes my beautiful family, awesome friends and wonderful teachers. A^2 gets added to b^2 which is the support from all my hard work, When you add it all together, you the outcome, we made it!"

"Our years as high school students have not always been easy. WE had many struggles along the way including COVID switching us back and forth from in person school to online. But I realize that is one of the many things that has helped us prepare for the future. Things are not always going to go the way we want them to. Life is going to send many curve balls our way whether we like it or not. But now we know how to adapt and overcome certain situations." Commented Sierra Wilson.

In addition, students heard reflections and an address from Dr. Ryan Cunningham, superintendent and Mr. Randy Barton, assistant superintendent. The staff of OEHS Dawn D. Levey, Shannon Chapko and Mary McKern also celebrated with the Class of 2021.

"Eat Your ART Out" Celebration June 5th

submitted by Janell Kebler

The Clinton County Arts Council will be engaging our Clinton County community in their first major event of the year. The first annual "Eat Your ART Out!" festival will take place on Saturday, June 5, 2021 in downtown St. Johns from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This new event will include booths being set up on Clinton Ave featuring artists and crafters from around mid-Michigan. Food trucks and vendors will allow people to grab some delicious items while they wander through the downtown area.

"This is a great opportunity to get outside and see what people have been doing while cooped up and social distancing," says Jamie Madar, event coordinator. "Some have been crafting, some trying out new recipes, and some creating masterpieces that will fit a vision in your living space. It will all be available at this year's event."

There will be an edible art contest that will take place - also a coloring contest for the youth, along with a best booth contest. Local businesses have been asked to extend their hours to allow the community to check out new places that have opened in the last year along with viewing new items in businesses that have lined the streets for years.

"We're hoping that people come out and support our newest event," explains Janell Kebler, CCAC Activities/Events Chairperson. "It will be fun to finally get outside, walk around, viewing the creative efforts of our area artists. I can't think of a better way to kick off the start to our summer."

For more information, please visit the CCAC website at: www.clintoncountyarts.org or call 989-224-2429.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program

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 - \$16,744; family size 2 - \$22,646; family size 3 - \$28,548. For each additional family member add - \$5,902.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin June 2, 2021. The Procedure will be DRIVE THRU ONLY on June 2, 2021 (First Disprubition Day). No food will be placed on the front or back seats of the vehicle. "TRUNKS" should be open before driving up to receive the food. After June 2, 2021 you will need to load your own food into the vehicle.

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If you are not registered, please call CACS to pre-register before June 2, 2021 at 989-723-3115. Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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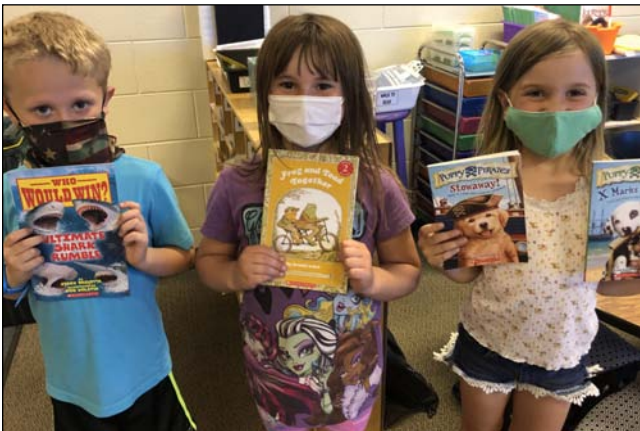
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Scholastic Book Fundraiser a Success

submitted by Gayla Ehlert
In an effort to put a book in every child’s hands, elementary teachers from Leonard and EE Knight along with the libraries in Elsie and Ovid held a fund raiser in celebration of the 100th Birthday of Scholastic Books during the month of March. Collection Canisters were placed at various locations in both towns netting a total of \$900 from the public. Local businesses also contributed pushing the total raised to \$3,339. With the money raised, every child at Leonard and EE Knight were able to pick out a book to keep. The librarian at EE Knight and Leonard, Miss Gavenda was very helpful in making this fund raising event successful.



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City of Ovid: Monday, May 31, 2021: Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid at 11am. The public is invited to join in the Memorial Day Service. Honor Guards from Ovid VFW Post 8964 and Elsie American Legion post 502, Pastor Audie Clairmont of the Church of the Living Word and City of Ovid Mayor, Bill Lasher, will take part in the service.

City Of Laingsburg: Monday, May 31, 2021: Laingsburg Cemetery at 10am. American Legion Post 248 Commander, Alex Hagerty and Post Honor Guard will perform the service. Afterwards the public is invited to the Post Home for a Flag Raising Service and refreshments of Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda.

Village of Elsie: Monday, May 31, 2021: Downtown Elsie, on the former bank lawn at 9:30am. Those taking part in the service include: Elsie American Legion Post 502 Commander, Gene Nethaway, Honor Guard Members from Post 502 in Elsie and VFW Post 8964 in Ovid, Pastor, Andy Goodrich from Duplain Church of Christ, Veteran Speaker, Richard Black, First Vice Commander, Post 502 and Key Note Speaker, State Senator, Tom Barrett.

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