



Photo by Mary Perrien

Memorial Day 2021

The Elsie, Laingsburg and Ovid communities gathered for Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31, 2021. The services returned following the pandemic shutdown of 2020. Taking part in the ceremonies were Honor Guards of Legion Post 248 of Laingsburg, Legion Post 502 of Elsie and VFW Post 8964 of Ovid. Senator, Tom Barrett was the Key Note Speaker in Elsie, Mayor, Bill Lasher spoke at the Ovid ceremony and Post Commander, Alex Hagerty did the MC honors in Laingsburg. Pastors Audie Clairmont, Keith Whipple and Andy Goodrich offered the opening prayers and benedictions. The cemeteries were beautifully groomed, the flags were placed at Veteran's graves and the abundant flowers were visible throughout. All three communities look forward to the return of parades and Memorial Day luncheons in 2022.

See page 5 for more Memorial Day photos

Recycling is Back!

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://recyclelaingsburg.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 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!



The 2021 Sr. King and Queen, Tom and Shirley Mahoney at left are pictured here with Larry and Pam Wagner, the 2021 Parade Marshals.

Springtime Festival Bloomed Into Success

by Deb Price

The first area festival of the year following the pandemic shut down from 2020 was held in Laingsburg over Memorial Day weekend. People came out in droves to experience the event hosted by the Laingsburg Lions Club. The five day festival started out slow with cold and rainy weather on Thursday and Friday, but Saturday and Sunday shattered attendances from previous years and Monday, Memorial Day, a bonus day to the festival turned out great also.

"We exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000, not only did the locals attend the event, we saw people in town we have never seen before. You could tell that people were excited about getting back to a sense of normal, explained Ed Arthur, former Lions Club President. "We heard very few complaints, people were disappointed that there was no French fry wagon and many commented about the high school band not being in the parade, but other than that the weekend was awesome," he went on to say.

The raffle drawing was held on Sunday, May 30th. Many gathered at Leonard Hardware to see if they were winners. The grand prize, a Custom Golf Cart was won by Gail Geasler, Robbie Burl Jr, won the \$500 second place prize, 3rd place prize was a grill which Jennie Bowhil won, the 4th place meat bundle prize was won by Hillary Naren, the 5th and final prize was a mystery prize which was a wheelbarrow full of prizes donated by Heather Hart, Budweiser, Subway, Dairy Den, Ayven Grace, Bonnie Lucille Salon, Central Pharmacy, Leonard Hardware, Modern Woodmen, Angus Cattle Co. and Twilligers Tavern.

The Lions Club thanks all those who helped make the 2021 Springtime Festival such a success. Laingsburg is a really great place to live.

See page 8 for more Springtime Festival photos



Laingsburg resident, Gail Geasler, pictured here with her new Custom Golf Cart.

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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.



Turning 90

Elsie resident, Joanne Sturgis is turning 90 on June 14, 2021. Please join her sons, Douglas and Dennis, grandchildren and great grandchildren during an Open House in her honor on Saturday, June 12th from 2:30pm-5:00pm at 228 W. Oak Street, Elsie, weather permitting. If unable to attend, cards may be sent to: Joanne Sturgis, 228 W. Oak Street, Elsie, MI 48831.



Music Jamboree Returns

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

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.

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Science Alive is scheduled for July 16 and 19. We will be having outside story hours and activities as well as take and make crafts available each week.

This year's program will be slightly different than past years but we are excited to be able to offer the program again. We will explain all changes when you come in to sign up. Please call the library at 989-834-5800 with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ovid Public Library.

Leave a legacy of lower debt

Life insurance can help pay mortgage, bills

Jason's neighbor, a widow, sold her home six months after her husband died. The woman told Jason she was moving from the neighborhood because she couldn't afford the mortgage, credit cards and car loan without her husband. Jason was unsettled thinking debt could force his family into the same predicament.

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Obituaries

Charlotte V. Saxton

Charlotte V. Saxton, 95, of Phoenix, AZ, died Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at the Ronald Home. Charlotte was born in Lansing, MI on October 27, 1925, to Corwin Milligan and Nina Brockway. She was primarily raised by her foster/adopted mother, Mrs. Florence Phelps. She was a graduate of St. Johns High School. In 1946, she married Clifford Saxton, who passed in 2013.

Charlotte's career spanned many years at Vaughn's Seed Company in Ovid and with the State of Michigan, from which she retired. She was a long-time member of the Ovid United Methodist Church before transferring to Duplain Church of Christ. Her passions were sewing, ceramics and music. She loved playing her piano and organ.

Charlotte lived in Ovid most of her life and moved to the Colony area in 1970.

Surviving Charlotte is her daughter, Cyndi Jorae of Phoenix, AZ, 3 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter Sylvia Franklin, son Philip Saxton and granddaughter Teresa Jefferson.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower, #1, Phoenix, AZ 85014. Graveside service will be at Mount Rest Cemetery in St. Johns, MI on June 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm. by Pastor Andy Croel.

Douglas L. Huyck

Douglas L. Huyck, 73, of Owosso, MI, passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Ovid Healthcare Center.

Doug was born in St. Johns, MI on April 27, 1948, the son of James and Lorraine (Motta) Huyck. He graduated from Ovid High School class of 1966. On August 16, 1975 he married Sharlyn Moore in Elsie, MI. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War during the years of 1966-1972. He was a member of the Ovid VFW Post #8964 and the Elsie American Legion Post #502.

He worked for Michigan Milk Producers in the warehouse for many years, then began running the butter churn and making the worlds best butter, until he retired in 2009. Ovid was the center of his world. He served the city through the Ovid Lions Club, Ovid Memorial VFW Post #8964, and relaxing with the Ovid golfers. The Big Falls Hunting Camp was dear to his heart. Doug was an avid hunter and enjoyed walleye fishing on the Tahquamenon River. He was a member of the Owosso Conservation Club.

He leaves behind his wife, Sharry, brother, Leonard and Linda of Ovid, brother Alan and Tammy Cohoon of Owosso, sisters-in-law, Jacquelyn Spillner and Laura Moore and two nieces, Renae Huyck and Tabitha, two nephews, Rhett Huyck and Jeff Spillner. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial visitation will be held at at Ovid VFW Post #8964, 218 South Main Street, Ovid, Michigan, 48866 Monday, June 14, 2021 from 4-8 P.M. Military Honors will be presented at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Ovid Memorial VFW Post 8964, C/O Leonard Huyck, 1106 North Shepardsville Road Ovid, MI 48866.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



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Elsie Dairy Festival

submitted by Carolyn Long

The Elsie Dairy Festival committee is full steam ahead with plans for this year's Festival. There will be a meeting Tuesday June 8th at the Elsie Methodist Church fellowship hall at 7:00 pm. The festival flyer will be finalized and off to print. Plans are underway for the talent show, arts and crafts, 3 on 3, corn hole, silent auction and parade. The new festival website will be up and running next week and the entry forms for these activities can be printed off it (elsiedairyfestival.com).

Anyone willing to Help in any way is welcome to attend. Any questions call Carolyn Long at 989-277-4826.



THANK YOU ALL

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Obituaries

Editorial

Gerald Wesley “Wes” Erickson

Gerald Wesley "Wes" Erickson, a resident of Elsie, died at home in the care of his family on June 1, 2021 at the age of 90.

Wesley was born on February 19, 1931 in Ashley, Michigan to Elwood and Corrine Erickson. He married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Lapham on July 12, 1952.

After serving as a member of the U.S. Army based in Kentucky, Wes and Pat returned to Michigan to set up their home in Elsie, Michigan. Wes spent most of his adult life as a farmer and enjoyed the quiet country life. Wesley and Patricia raised their five children on the farm and as retirement years approached, he transitioned to the life of a remodeling contractor.

Wes served on the boards of Grove Bible Church and Grove Christian School for many years. He will be remembered for his quiet, sound, and reassuring contributions to the life of these beloved ministries. He also took time to go on a building mission trip with New Tribes Mission to Papua New Guinea. Focusing on the work of God’s Kingdom wherever possible was a passion for him.

Wes was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Louise Riggle. He is survived by his wife of nearly sixty-nine years Patricia, his children: Allan Erickson, Catherine (Carl) Jones, Christine (Daniel) Boone, Brian (Annette) Erickson, Tricia (Eric) Key, grandchildren: David (Sheila), Nick (Christie), Jessica, Tyler (Julianna), Holly, Michael, Melanie (Andrew), Matthew, Jena (Chad), Cale (Marisol), Makaila, Alicia, and Marissa, and seventeen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Joanne Allen, sister-in-law, Dorothy Johnson, and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at Grove Bible Church, 6990 E. Price Road, St. Johns, on Friday, June 4. Burial and Military Honors followed at Duplain Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his name to Grove Bible Church.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, at 989-224-4422.



Wow, I am getting quite crabby today.....it has something to do with my ‘technophobia’ that is flaring up and in rare form. Yesterday while at the office I was finishing up the church bulletins for each of our charge churches, and had updated our ‘Prayers & Concerns’ list. I was ready to do a sample print to make sure everything was lined up correctly and that I hadn’t made a mistake while inputting the info. The laptop decided that it wasn’t up to printing anything, I took screen shots with my cell phone so that I could explain what was going wrong.

As in, the computer kept telling me that “Your computer ran into a problem and needs to restart. We’re just collecting some error info, then we’ll restart for you.” Is that not kind and helpful? Tried a hard boot, but that didn’t work.....this happened a mere twenty-two times. I even called Microsoft at their 800 number and followed their written directions. That didn’t work either.....their program kept telling me that there was no option six. So I did exactly what the recorded voice insisted that I do.....guess what.....given only option one or option two on their third question.....I used option two and according to the voice that was not an option. Of course it was per their recording. It was just charming, no human interaction at all and we all know that computers never error?!?!?!

Fortunately there are many good things going on in my life, I was doing a happy dance late last night because my zucchini and green beans had finally made a showing in the garden. Of course a crap load of weeds have also raised their ugly little heads. So I went to my tool shed and pulled out my rototiller. I figured that I could zip down through the rows while it was still light out and then do the fine hoeing on Thursday. It didn’t start and then it surprised me because I usually store it with some gas in the tank. So I put some more gas into the tank and pulled the rope to start it.....sounded as if it would turn over and then the rope pulled out and I noticed that the gas tank was leaking. Oh, happy days.....so I quick hoed around the zucchini and beans and called it good for the night.

I also had an opportunity to enjoy my family members, minus two on Tuesday afternoon for my daughter’s birthday. There was a great deal of laughter and we did miss Warren, Luke, and Katelyn who were in Texas but shared updates on them. Then there was the wild wagon rides that three generations encouraging each other. The food was fine and my yard was filled with much good cheer. Before leaving Dena and I dug up a few plants for her flower gardens and retaining wall. I still need to get a floribunda rose bush dug up for her and she was pleased with the variegated sedum that went into her buckets. I believe that Diane enjoyed herself as much as we all did. It was a good day. Miss Izzy is doing well with her right arm in a cast and is looking forward to playing in the lake while on vacation next week.....the cast is waterproof...just not sand proof. I’m sure that her experiences will be interesting. May your life be filled with interesting developments and may that include many blessings. Enjoy the little things. God bless.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

The City of Laingsburg Public Hearing

The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in person with an option for the public to attend remotely to review the following:

A petition for final site plan review has been submitted by DO BTS Laingsburg, LLC, c o Chris Wilson. to permit the establishment of a general retail store located at 7480 Woodbury Rd. The subject property known as 7480 Woodbury Rd. (Parcel Id. 022-60-087-003-00) is within the City of Laingsburg (“City”), and is legally described as the following:

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Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than 5pm on June 18,2021:

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Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of all who live in the Ovid area, I wish to thank the Ovid VFW Post, Boy Scouts, Middlebury Fire Department and sexton of the Ovid Cemetery, Jamie Perrien. The cemetery looked well cared for this year. The American and Firemen's flags were all in place and the lawn was trimmed and neat. Many people continue to place colorful flowers and wreaths near family grave sites. Our community continues to be a wonderful place to live.

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Senior Spotlight

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Mobility and comfort needs for seniors may differ those necessary to accommodate other guests. Meeting the needs of senior guests may involve any of the following.

- Make sure pathways leading to and from the home are level, cleared and easy to see.
- If possible, add a ramp over stairs that lead to the front door. Ensure handrails are sturdy.
- Remove clutter and excess furniture if a guest visiting will be using a walker or a manual/motorized wheelchair.
- Remove accent rugs from a home, and be sure that any mats are secured with nonslip material.
- Increase lighting in entryways, staircases and hallways, especially areas leading to kitchens or bathrooms.
- If guests will be staying overnight, arrange sleeping accommodations on the first floor and/or in a room closest to the bathroom.
- Well-placed grab bars in the bathroom can be an asset. See if you can borrow a portable shower seat to make bathing or showering easier for overnight senior guests.
- For long-term guests, consider replacing round doorknobs and other pulls with lever-action ones that are easy to grab.
- Concessions may need to be made concerning interior temperature, noise levels and television viewing.

Several easy modifications can be made to make senior guests feel comfortable when visiting others.

Did You Know?

Leisure activities may be widely viewed as fun ways to fill up free time, but the benefits of leisure activities extend beyond beating boredom. A 2011 analysis published in the journal BBA Molecular Basis of Disease found that leisure activities have a positive impact on cognitive function and dementia. The analysis, conducted by researchers with the Aging Research Center in Stockholm who examined various studies regarding the relationship between certain activities and cognitive function, defined leisure activity as the voluntary use of free time for activities outside the home. After retirement, leisure time constitutes a large part of many retirees' lives, and finding ways to fill that time is more beneficial than merely avoiding boredom. The researchers behind the study concluded that the existing research is insufficient to draw any firm conclusions regarding the effects of certain types of leisure activities on the risk for dementia and cognitive decline, though they did note that multi-domain cognitive training has the potential to improve cognitive function in healthy older adults and slow decline in affected individuals. A multi-domain approach to cognitive training involves memory, reasoning, problem-solving, and map reading, among other activities. Aging adults who embrace activities that require the use of such skills may find that they're not only finding stimulating ways to fill their free time, but increasing their chances of long-term cognitive health as well.

Signs and Symptoms of Dementia

Dementia is a global issue that affects people's daily lives in myriad ways. According to the World Health Organization, dementia is a syndrome marked by deterioration in memory, thinking and behavior. That deterioration affects dementia patients' ability to perform everyday activities, potentially robbing them of their independence.

The WHO reports that approximately 50 million people across the globe have dementia and there are nearly 10 million new cases diagnosed each year. Though the hallmarks of dementia, such as memory loss, might be the same, the WHO notes that dementia affects each person differently. That's due to certain factors, including a patient's personality prior to becoming ill. Though people will experience dementia differently, the signs and symptoms of the disease are typically categorized as being in one of three stages: early stage, middle stage and late stage.

Early stage

Signs and symptoms that mark the early stage of dementia are often chalked up as side effects of aging. But the WHO notes that dementia is not a normal part of aging, so its signs and symptoms, even if they are not yet severe or significant, should not be written off as a byproduct of growing old. Common symptoms in the early stage of dementia include forgetfulness, losing track of the time and becoming lost in familiar places.

Middle stage

Life becomes more difficult during the middle stage of dementia, when signs and symptoms become more apparent. The forgetfulness present in the early stage now becomes forgetfulness of recent events and people's names. People in the middle stage also may become lost in their own homes and experience a growing difficulty with communication. People in this stage may need help caring for themselves, and some experience behavioral changes such as wandering and repeated questioning.

Late stage

Memory disturbances are significant in the late stage of dementia, when people are almost entirely dependent on others. People in late stage dementia may have difficulty recognizing relatives and friends and be unaware of the time and place. Many people in



this stage need assistance with self-care and they may have difficulty walking. Behavioral changes may escalate, and some people in this stage become aggressive, even toward their loved ones.

Dementia affects tens of millions of people across the globe. Though there currently is no cure for dementia, the WHO emphasizes the importance of early diagnosis, which starts with learning the stages of dementia and the hallmarks of each stage.

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Senior Spotlight

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

OWOSSO – June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness month and Memorial Healthcare is showing their support and helping to raise awareness about this devastating disease.

There are 5.4 million people in the United States living with Alzheimer's disease and an estimated 200,000 are under 65. By 2050, an estimated 16 million people across the country will have the disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's is a progressive, fatal, devastating disease that kills tissue and nerve cells in the brain. It cannot be slowed, cured or prevented. Alzheimer's robs people of the ability to remember, communicate, think, recognize family or friends and care for themselves.

People with Alzheimer's will eventually become confused about time, place and events, and will experience more serious memory loss, including mood and behavior changes, disorientation, and difficulty swallowing, speaking and walking.

Alzheimer's is linked to aging, but it is not a normal part of aging. There is no cure for Alzheimer's, but there are treatments for symptoms, and research is ongoing. Alzheimer's treatments cannot stop the disease from progressing. The treatments, however, can temporarily slow dementia symptoms and help improve quality of life for people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

"The way we think about Alzheimer's disease is changing. As new diagnostic tests and treatments become available, a focus on getting an accurate diagnosis early in the course of the disease is important to improve care of our patients," said Dr. Cara Leahy, Neurologist and Director of the Cognitive Disorders Clinic at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience.

The exact causes of Alzheimer's disease aren't fully understood, but scientists believe that for most people it is caused by a combination of genetic, lifestyle and environmental factors that affect the brain over time. Problems with brain proteins disrupt the work of brain cells (neurons). Neurons, when damaged lose connections to each other and eventually die. The damage most often starts in the region of the brain that controls memory and this process begins years before the first symptoms. The loss of neurons spreads in a somewhat predictable pattern to other regions of the brains and towards the late stage of the disease, the brain has shrunk significantly.

Help turn the world purple in June by raising awareness and showing support for those facing this disease. To learn more about Dr. Leahy and the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, please visit <https://www.memorialhealthcare.org/service/neurology/>.

MEMORY DISORDERS CLINIC

With the help of the Alzheimer's Association, the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience operates a multidisciplinary memory disorders clinic to help support patients and their families in our community. This clinic is designed to offer the latest in information, treatments and supports for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Dr. Leahy is a leader in developing this multidisciplinary approach for Alzheimer's disease. She, along with her team of clinical pharmacists, nurses and home health professionals, meet with each patient and their families during this memory clinic appointment. The goal is to provide care and treatment that extends beyond the medicines and to improve the quality of life for people with Alzheimer's disease and their families. If you know of someone who might benefit from this caring, passionate and dedicated approach to patient care, please have them contact their primary care physician to learn if they might qualify for this unique clinic at (989) 723-1390.



Senior Center Holds Garage/Craft Show

submitted by Brenda Terpening

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Clinton County Senior Center Opens for Weekly Euchre

submitted by Brenda Terpening

Starting immediately the Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns will be open on Monday's between 1-3 pm for weekly Euchre Tournaments. The cost to play is \$2 per person. If you are not fully vaccinated you will be asked to wear a face mask while in the building.



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Sports

Hart's Walk-Off Provides Perfect Ending as Marauder Softball '9' Sweep Aggies

DANSVILLE -- A walk-off double led the softball Marauders past Dansville, 11-10, on June 2. The game was tied at ten with Ovid-Elsie batting in the bottom of the seventh when Alexis Hart doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Olivia Burt led O-E (22-16-0) to victory by driving in four runs. Burt went 2-for-3 at the plate. Burt drove in runs on a home run in the third and a double in the sixth. Coach Felicia Gingrich's Marauders tallied four runs in the sixth, led by Ashland Particka, Burt, and Maddisyn Miller, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Kaitlyn Fry was the winning pitcher for the blue-and-gold. Fry allowed 15 hits and ten runs over seven innings, striking out three. St. John took the loss for Dansville. The hurler went six and two-thirds innings, allowing 11 runs on 16 hits and striking out one.

The Marauders hit one home run on the day, with Burt's dinger in the third inning, and racked up 16 hits. Hart, Gracie Schultz, Jolene Nash, Burt, and Zoe Baiz all managed multiple hits. Hart led the Marauders with four hits in five at bats.

The host Aggies totaled 15 hits in the game.

-- MARAUDERS COMPLETE SWEEP WITH 9-2 WIN AT DANSVILLE: Ovid-Elsie defeated Dansville 9-2 thanks to a strong start.

O-E scored on a single by Ashland Particka in the first inning, a single by Jolene Nash in the second inning, and a single by Particka in the second inning, then took the lead for good with three runs in the second inning, when Nash singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run and Particka singled on a 0-2 count, scoring two runs.

Olivia Burt was the winning pitcher for Ovid-Elsie. The righthander allowed six hits and two runs over seven innings, striking out 12 and walking zero. St. John again took the loss for Dansville, going seven innings, allowing nine runs on 13 hits and striking out three.

The Marauders racked up 13 hits on the day. Particka, Allyson Pokorny, Gracie Schultz, and Nash each managed multiple hits; Particka went 3-for-5 at the plate to lead the way.

The Aggies scattered six hits in the game.

Wolfpack's Kribs, Baynes, First at Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet

LANSING — Laingsburg's Emma Kribs and Shaily Baynes placed first at Tuesday's Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet at Lansing Waverly High School.

Kribs won the 100-meter dash in 12.71 seconds. Baynes won the pole vault at 11-0.

Laingsburg's 400 relay team of Kribs, Grace Borgman, Ashley Bila and Hailey Bila were second (51.22 seconds).

In the boys' competition, Lucas Woodruff of Laingsburg placed second at the Honor Roll Meet.

Woodruff ran second in the 800-meter run (1:59.25). Finishing third was Zach Hawes of Laingsburg (400 dash, 51.75). The Wolfpack's Caleb Clark tied for fifth in the high jump (5-9).

10th Annual Golf Outing

The Ovid-Elsie Golf fund raising golf outing will hold its 10th annual event on Sunday, July 18th. At the Emerald Gold Course in St Johns. The format will be a 18 hole, 4 person scramble. The cost per person is \$50 (\$200 per team) and includes the cart, range balls, hole prizes, 1 mulligan per golfer and dinner after golf. The event will shotgun at 10am. Proceeds from this fund raiser will benefit the O-E bowling teams. To sign up, contact Coach Matt Fabus at (989)862-5746.

Wolves Whitewash Bath 10-0

BATH -- Nick Woodbury threw a gem on Tuesday for Laingsburg, allowing zero runs and besting Bath by a score of 10-0 on June 1.

Taylor Zdenahlik led coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack (10-18-1) to victory by driving in four runs, going 2-for-3 at the plate. Zdenahlik drove in runs on a single in the fourth, a double in the sixth, and a in the seventh.

LHS put up five runs in the seventh inning. The big bats were led by Ty Randall, Zdenahlik, and Justin Grandy, all driving in runs in the inning.

Woodbury got the win for Laingsburg, allowing four hits and zero runs over seven innings, striking out 14 and walking one. Payton took the loss for the Bees, surrendering eight hits and seven runs over six and a third innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Laingsburg collected nine hits. Josh Baker, Ethan West, and Zdenahlik all managed multiple safeties. Zdenahlik, West, and Baker all had two hits to lead the red-and-white. The 'Pack stole eight bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Randall led the way with two.

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

Ovid-Elsie's Bancroft Finishes 30th; Marauder Team 11th at MHSAA Golf Regionals

ST. LOUIS — Corunna junior Nick Crowe came up two strokes short of qualifying for the state finals.

Crowe shot 84, placing seventh individually at Wednesday's Division 3 regionals at Hidden Oaks Golf Course. Corunna was 10th as a team. Blake Rowe was 28th with a 99.

Coach Josh Latz's Ovid-Elsie contingent finished 11th at 426. Tyler Bancroft finished 30th with a 101.

Chesaning placed 13th at 468. Jaden James finished 35th with a 103.

Ashley Baseball Loses to MPSH Irish

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Baseball team took on Sacred Heart in the final league matchup of the season. In the first game of the double header the Bears lost 13-3, with Carson Litwiller taking the loss. Litwiller pitched three innings giving up 3 hits, walking 3 and striking out 3. Offensively the Bears only managed two hits, Evan Litwiller had a single and Jimmy Fabus had a double.

MPSH took game two as well 8-7. Evan Litwiller took the loss in this game, pitching six innings, giving up 5 earned runs, 7 hits, 5 walks and 5 strikeouts. The Bears had 7 hits, C. Litwiller, Grant Malek, Aaron Drummond, Clayton Juhas, Jimmy Fabus and Logan Drummond all had singles, while L. Drummond also had a double.

Brilliant Goaltending as O-E Girls Shutout Bullock Creek, 1-0

FREELAND -- Premium goaltending rule the day as the Ovid-Elsie girls soccer team continued an outstanding season with a 1-0 shutout of Bullock Creek on June 2.

Ava Bates was the winning goalie for O-E, and the Lancers stopped 8 shots on 9 attempts. Hadley Bukantis drilled O-E's lone score of the day on an assist from Hailee Campbell in the first game of the MHSAA District Tournament.

"Ava did a great job of coming off of her line getting to balls before they needed to be saves," said Marauder coach Craig Thelen. "I was extremely happy with our entire team tonight. Our defense played superb and really backed each other up well. They did a nice job of passing the ball around and distributing it. Our midfield did a great job of possessing and attacking."

"And although we only put one in the back of the net we were in possession for much of the game. I was proud of all of our girls tonight, I love how they stood up for one another and stayed strong all game long."

The Marauders moved to 10-1 on the season with the clutch victory.



Wolfpack's Koerner Qualifies for MHSAA State Golf Finals

EAST LANSING — Laingsburg's Zach Koerner finished second overall with a 73 to qualify for the state finals at Tuesday's Division 3 regional at Timber Ridge.

Coach Greg Beavers' Wolfpack took 10th place as a team with a 390 total. Durand was 12th at 391. Perry finished 14th, led by Jack Lamb, who shot 97. Hanover-Horton (330), Leslie (340) and Portland (352) advanced to the state finals as teams.

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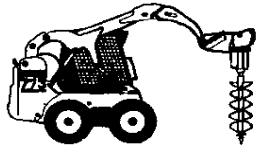
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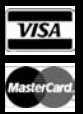
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Sports

Runs at a Premium as Ovid-Elsie Sackers Split Twinbill with Ionia

OVID-ELSIE -- Both teams were strong on the mound June 1, but Ovid-Elsie was just a little bit better, downing Ionia, 3-2, in non-league baseball action.

The Marauders' Brandon Zruna allowed just three hits to the Bulldogs, giving up two runs over seven innings, striking out six and walking zero.

McCoy took the loss for Ionia, surrendering three runs on four hits over three and a third innings, striking out two and walking one.

Ian Hehrer, Kayden Leslie, Braxton Stenger, Carson Gregory, and Colin Vieth each managed one hit to lead coach Luke Martin's Marauders (5-26-0).

Ionia was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error.

-- MARAUDERS STYMIED BY IONIA, 10-0: It was a tough day for the Ovid-Elsie offense, with Ionia rolling to a 10-0 victory to complete the twinbill.

A single by Jacob Tomasek in the second inning was a positive for O-E.

Yalacki was credited with the victory for Ionia. The pitcher went three innings, allowing zero runs on three hits, striking out four and walking one. Bowen threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Ian Hehrer took the loss for Ovid-Elsie. The righthander lasted four innings, allowing seven hits and six runs while striking out four.

Tomasek, Dylan Carman, Hehrer, and Braxton Stenger all had one hit to lead the Marauder bats.

Ionia racked up nine hits on the day. Palmer and Hillabrandt each collected multiple hits for Ionia.

Unbeaten CMAC Champ Laingsburg Sweeps Past Corunna Cavaliers 12-11 and 16-6

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg, which finished 16-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference this season under head coach Jeff Cheadle, continued its winning ways on May 27.

The Wolfpack defeated Corunna twice, 12-11 and 16-6.

In Game 1, Laingsburg was led by Ashley Bila, who doubled and had three hits. Hailey Bila tripled and singled and had two RBIs. Madison Wagner added an inside-the-park homer.

Kailey Cataline was the winning pitcher, striking out five and walking three.

JaiLia Campos batted 4-for-5 for Corunna in Game 1. Campos doubled and drove in two runs. Bridget Ryon batted 3-for-5 and drove in a run.

Ryon took the loss, going four innings with six strikeouts and four walks.

In Game 2, Wagner and Cataline each batted 4-for-4 with a double and three RBIs for Laingsburg. Cataline pitched five innings, striking out one and walking two.

Corunna got two hits apiece from Ryon and Kira Patrick. Addy Henry pitched all five innings, striking out four and walking none.

Rivalry Win Against Bath

For the third time this season, the Lady Wolfpack defeated the Bath Bees on Tuesday, June 1st, in a pre-district game, 13-6 to extend their winning streak to 14 straight games. Kailey Catalina went all seven innings on the mound, striking out five and only giving up one walk.

The bees scored one run in the first, Laingsburg answered with four runs. They increased the lead to 12-4 in the bottom of the fifth. Bath got a two run homer from Ally Estrada in the seventh but Catalina shut them down by striking out the last batter in the seventh.

Leading the offense for the Wolfpack with two hits each was Jordan Langdon, Kailey Catalina, Ellie Baynes and Ella Merrill. Junior, Hailey Bila, who transferred from Bath to Laingsburg, drove in three runs with her double and single. She has already committed to continue playing softball after high school at MSU. Hailey's sister, Ashley, a freshman on the team for Laingsburg went 3-4 at the plate.

"It's always great to win a rivalry game with Bath. They hit the ball really well and they never give up. I'm very happy with the win, we will now prepare for Byron said coach Jeff Cheadle. The lady Wolfpack head into District play undefeated in Conference play 16-0. They will play Byron on Saturday, June 5th at 10am in a District Semi-Final at Bath.

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submitted by Persis Sopariwala

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