



Rachel was joined on stage with her Dad, Ray, on guitar; Quan Vasquez, on accordion and Jack Clarkson, who played mandolin and fiddle during the concert. Photos by Deb Price

Playing for the Home Crowd

by Deb Price

On Friday, July 23rd, a large crowd enjoyed the performance of Rachel Rodriguez who graced the stage at the Amphitheater located at McClintock Park in Laingsburg as part of the Music in the Park Summer Series. The skies looked threatening that evening, a light shower fell, but with some back stage prayer, the clouds took a different direction, the sun came out and a beautiful rainbow formed as the performers took to the stage.

Rachel, a wife, mother, performer, song writer, teacher of Creative Movement & Music, volunteer at the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum and alumni member of the Women's Music Business Association has established herself in Nashville's Music City as an enchanting front woman, with her powerful vocals and versatile repertoire.

She grew up in Ovid, inspired by her dad, Ray, she has taken her musical roots and created a style of her own with her incredible voice and her instrument of choice, the Auto Harp.

Show Down will be at the Music in the Park Summer Series on August 6th.



Rachel and her good friend Jack Clarkson having fun on stage.



Delta Variant Identified in Shiawassee County

submitted by Grace Czubachowski

The Shiawassee County Health Department has been notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services of a Shiawassee County resident who has tested positive for the COVID-19 Delta (B.1.617.2) variant.

The Delta variant surfaced in December 2020 in India and has spread rapidly throughout the world. "Due to the Delta variant being more contagious, county residents should remain vigilant in practicing public health mitigation measures," states Health Officer, Larry Johnson. The Shiawassee County Health Department encourages residents that have not yet been vaccinated to do so.

Public health strategies to help slow the spread of COVID-19 include:

- Getting vaccinated
- Wearing a mask around others who have not yet been vaccinated, especially in crowded indoor and outdoor areas
- Maintaining 6 feet from others who are not vaccinated
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water
- Staying home when you feel ill, seek testing if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Ventilating indoor spaces

The Shiawassee County Health Department will be offering COVID-19 vaccination clinics every Tuesday in August from 1pm-4pm at the Shiawassee County Health Department. Residents can either schedule an appointment online at <http://health.shiawassee.net> under the Coronavirus Vaccination tab or walk-in between 1pm-4pm on Tuesday afternoons. Pfizer (12+), Moderna (18+), and J&J (18+) are available. The COVID-19 vaccine is available at no cost.

For more information about COVID-19, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Woodbury Rd. Construction Project Slated to Get Underway

LAINGSBURG -- The long-awaited Woodbury Rd. construction project is slated to begin.

With an official kickoff of July 26, construction crews will be milling and re-paving Woodbury Rd. from Grand River Rd. to Doyle Rd.

Woodbury Rd. will be open to traffic during construction; however, residents are asked to plan accordingly as they can expect delays and temporary detours. A little bit of extra travel time is advised.

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Social

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

The Ovid Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Mary Myers Museum.

Please plan to join us for an interesting evening, including refreshments.

The museum is located at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.



Beulah Land Quartet

The Beulah Land Quartet will be at the Henderson United Methodist Church, 302 E. Main Street, on Sunday, August 8 at 4pm.

The Quartet is from the Cadillac Area. Allen Dumond a member of the group grew up in Henderson.

All are welcome to the service. There will be fellowship and refreshments following the service. A love offering will be taken.

RBW-St. Johns High School Class of 1964

submitted by Jan Chick

RBW-St. Johns High School Class of 1964 "Annual Potluck Picnic" will be held on Sunday, August 29th, 2021 at the St. Johns City Park "Main Pavilion". Starts at 12-12:30 and eating at 1pm.

We welcome the Classes of 1965 & 1963 to join us.



Family Fun & Fellowship at Heartland Church

by Deb Price

Mark your calendars now for two family fun and fellowship events coming up at Heartland Church in Ovid. Heartland is a Spirit-filled, Christ-centered and Future-focused church community. "Our heart is to know God, tell his story and enjoy him forever. We want to reach out and become a blessing to the community," said Pastor, Ben McBride.

Vacation Bible School will be held

Monday-Wednesday, August 16th-18th from 6pm-8pm each evening for Pre-K-5th grade (toddlers who are potty trained please). The theme will be "Dig Destination", an exciting archaeological adventure as they "dig" into God's word through fun activities, music, crafts and Free gifts too. You can pre-register your children by scanning this image.



On Friday, August 20th, Heartland will be hosting a Summer Fest on the church grounds. All are welcome to come and enjoy a night of family fun. Plans for the 4pm-8pm event will feature food trucks including Atomic Taco and Who Dose'n't Like Pizza food vendors, bounce houses, bubble soccer for kids and adults, face painting, live music and much more. Make plans now to join in on the fellowship. Watch the Weekly for more details in the coming weeks.

Heartland Church is located at 8440 M-21, Ovid. For more information call (989)787-2007.

Attention OE Class of 1970

The class of 1970 will hold a Picnic at the Elsie Park on Saturday, September 11th beginning at noon with a meal at 2 pm. Meat will be furnished and organizers are asking for those in attendance bring a passing dish, your own beverage, table service and table covering. Please RSVP to Debbie Heinz by August 27th, by email at debrasueheinz@gmail.com or text her at 989-723-7522.

Addresses are needed for the following classmates: Linda (Davis) Adams, March (Brigham) Brown, Bruce Dennis, Bonna (Beeman) Dudash, Edward Fortier, Jean Porubsky, Sherry Sadler and Wayne Snyder. Reply to Deb Heinz if you have contact information on any.

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Obituaries

Virginia Ray "Ginny" Caesar

Virginia Ray "Ginny" Caesar, age 72, of Ovid, MI, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Tyler Barlage officiating. Burial will take place at Fulton Center Cemetery, Perrinton, MI. Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the funeral home from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service.

Virginia was born in Plymouth, IN on February 11, 1949, the daughter of Edward and Ethel (Books) Kleitz. Virginia married the love of her life Gary Lynn "Jake" Caesar on February 17, 1969 in Valley Station, KY. They were blessed with 47 years of marriage prior to his passing on May 31, 2016.

Ginny's life revolved around her family and she loved spending time with them. She had a servant heart and was always willing to help someone in need. Ginny was a member of the Community Christian Church, St. Johns, MI for over 40 years. She was very involved with Sunday School and the youth.

She is survived by daughters: Jessica Caesar of Ovid, MI, Nicole and Anthony Herington of Lansing, MI, Dawn and Dennis Smith of Breckenridge, MI, son Eric Caesar of St. Johns, MI, grandchildren: AshTin, Mary, Blane, Mallory and great-grandchildren: Patrick, Sophie, and Eleanor. She is also survived by her siblings: Sandra Frost of California, Bonnie and Ken Daigle of Florida, Edward and Donna Kleitz of New York, Stephen and Pam Kleitz of Texas, Michael and Rebecca Kleitz of Kentucky, Deborah Heitkamper of Indiana,

Judith and Jerry Schultz of Alabama, Sharon and Dylan Garza of Texas, and several nieces and nephews who she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gary, daughter Rachel, grandson Dylan, siblings: Deloros (Phillip) Doty, Barbara (Frank) Evans, Gerald Kleitz, Robert Kleitz, Charles (Maria) Kleitz and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Community Christian Church, St. Johns, MI, Wounded Warrior Project or Give Kids the World.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, Wednesday, July 28, 2021, with Pastor Tyler Barlage officiating. Burial has taken place at Fulton Center Cemetery, Perrinton, MI.

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



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Editorial



A Few Pricey Words

by Deb Price

Attention Ovid Township Residents....You have an opportunity before you to serve your community. On July 8, 2021, during their regular monthly board meeting, the Township Board accepted the resignation of your Township Supervisor, Debbie Shaughnessy. They now have 45 days from that resignation to appoint a new Supervisor, that date is August 21, 2021.

If you are a resident of Ovid Township and have an interest in the Supervisor position, you have until August 9th to make that interest known. To be considered you must be a qualified elector of the township and registered to vote. You must also be 18 years of age, a U.S. Citizen and have lived in the township for at least 30 days. Interested persons are asked to submit a resume and references to Claudia Barrett Plugger, Ovid Township Clerk, PO Box 136, Ovid, MI 48866 by no later August 9th.

Take an interest in your local government, get involved and be informed. The next regular meeting of the Ovid Township Board is Thursday, August 12th at 7pm at the Township Hall.



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

Overwhelmed and Anxious

Dear Andy,

I am overwhelmed with my schedule. Everyday it seems like something is going on. Errands and appointments. Kids and shopping. Preparing meals and cleaning up. Going to work (part-time) and on the phone all the way home. Laundry and cleaning house. Visiting family, outings with friends, weekend activities - graduation open houses, weddings, baby showers, family and friend reunions. We have had company every weekend or are visiting someone the other weekends.

We are on the go all the time. My list could go on and on. My calendar looks like hen-scratch. I am making little mistakes and forgetting some things that I need or wanted to do. I have a limited budget so I like to involve my children in as much free activities as I can in the summer. I even forgot the free day at the zoo. My life is on a merry-go-round. We don't even have time to take a camping vacation this summer. Summer is nearly over, and it will be time to go back to school for the kids.

I am so stressed some nights I can hardly get to sleep, thinking of things. My emails have piled up. Most of them junk but I feel like I need to at least take a quick look. I have some dear friends whom I have not seen in months, and it is breaking my heart. What is happening to me?

Crazy Mom

Dear Crazy,

It is not just you; our lives have been in "fast mode" since people have gotten their COVID immunizations and travel restrictions have been lifted. More people are going to restaurants and attending everything they are invited to. I have heard many friends and received notes from people saying how they are in the same speed boat.

So much to do can cause anxiousness and worry. You need to get a good night's sleep so you can tackle life with happiness and enough energy to get through each day. You are only one person, and you can only do one thing at a time. Did you know you can delete all your emails at one time? When you see the same twenty pop-up over and over again...it is stressful. Make a choice to unsubscribe or change your email and only give it to people you want to have it. Email is a great advertising tool. You have too much on your plate to read thousands of emails. Just like answering you cell phone while driving, unless it is your children, and you can talk and drive. No texting and no dialing while driving.

As for your busy calendar. Yes, there is always something going on, but you do not need to do everything. Plan appointments on the same day when possible. As for all the social engagements and things you "want" or "need" to accomplish this summer, make a list. Review it and make checkmarks from one - four checks of importance. Sometimes it ok not to attend or engage in activities when you would rather stay home and push you kids in a swing or weed the flower garden. Plan to camp out in your own back yard. Have a bon fire and roasted marshmallows. Spray the lawn the day before for those pesky mosquitos will stay away.

It is important to enjoy life, but it is not necessary to run yourself ragged. Get a good night's sleep. Don't Worry. There is time to do what you can with your family. Prioritize, we cannot catch up from the time we missed while under quarantine. I feel like that is what people are trying to accomplish. Slow Down and smell the coffee or the fresh summer air.

Thanks for writing. I am going to take some of my own advice.

Ask_Andy@aol.com

CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING JULY 12, 2021

The Full set of the Minutes for the Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brown

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

VISITORS: None.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Williams to add item 3 to New Business to discuss the issue of intersection on Clinton & Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes of the public hearing & regular meeting held June 14th 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Miss. Hibbard, second by Ms. Perrien to approve the check registry for the period of June 16th, thru July 13, 2021 as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Starn to accept the Treasurer, Police and DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Williams to end the relationship with Clark, Schaefer & Hackett.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Williams to send out new RFPs for the 2021 thru 2023 audit as corrected on the current RFP for audit.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss Hibbard to authorize the mayor and his staff to apply for the American Rescue Plan "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund".

MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING COMMISSION: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Miss Hibbard to appoint Melissa Jones to the planning commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lasher Closed the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid



Sam and Carol (Muscott) Smith of Perrinton, MI are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

They were married on August 6, 1981 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

They have two daughters: Emily Smith and Hannah (Joshua) Schmidt all of Ithaca, MI; and three granddaughters: Marley, Harper, and Jemma Schmidt.

Their children want to honor them by having a card shower. Please, send them a greeting, with a story or two, of your favorite memories, or old photos of all of you! Or even a simple phone call will do!

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Interested individuals need to reply by August 9, 2021.

Send Resume with references to:

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Nashville Country/Pop/Rock Artist Performs at 'The Concert in the Park' Series

submitted by Bill Tennant

Kari Holmes, an exhilarating Michigan country/pop/rock singer, with ties to Nashville, will be featured on the Wednesday, August 4 'Concert in the Park' performance. This special concert will start at 7:00 p.m. in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

Holmes, who has signed a recording contract with Nashville America Records, continues to quickly gain steam in Nashville and around the United States. She continues to headline shows around the US and has opened for many prominent artists over her rising career.

"Kari has a fresh new sound, an incredible voice, who will take our audience on a great emotional ride," says Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. "She will hit the stage running with her infective vivacious personality. She pours her heart and soul into everything she does, staying true to her music of heartbreak and hope!"

Holmes is a talented singer/songwriter with over 100 songs to her credit expressing passionate lyrics along with a dynamic sound. Many of her original tracks will be highlighted on the concert. Holmes' recordings and radio play are making her a much sought-after artist.

The concert is sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. It is open to the public free of charge – donations are graciously accepted.

All concerts are presented rain or shine. The Lion's Club food trailer will be available this year – social distancing and safety precautions are strongly encouraged. The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Ovid Library Summer Reading Program

It's been an exciting year at the library. We've just finished up our Summer Reading Program and as a treat we were able to have our very own Board President/Fireman Eric Brown bring a firetruck to the library and show it to the kids. Chief Al Goodrich was also here to show off his police car. After the kids were done looking at the cars they were treated to a shower from the fire truck and then had ice cream donated from Blue Moon and some Little Debbie treats that were donated by the Little Debbie Supplier that happened to be driving by during our festivities.

We had over 220 people participate in our Summer Reading Program which was a nice improvement over last summer. We were happy to have kids and adults back in the library again.

This spring we had a new roof put on to the library. Just in time to have it hit by a hailstorm. Luckily we did not sustain much damage. We are back to more normal hours. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10-7, Friday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1. We are closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

We are happy to announce that this fall we will be starting back with our Children's Story Hour, Adult Booktasting and Classic Movie Time. Times and dates are still being discussed. We will let you know when we have more information on these programs.



Museum Grand Reopening

submitted by Judy Hubler

Clinton County Historical Museum staff and volunteers have been very busy making much needed repairs to the old Paine-Gillam-Scott House located on the west side of the courthouse in St. Johns. When pandemic restrictions were lifted somewhat it seemed like the perfect time to tackle this labor intensive project. After countless hours of hard work a new very impressive museum is unfolding before our eyes. Special thanks go to Bill Irrer for his quality work in many areas of the restoration and to Karen Kusenda for her professional guidance in helping us transform the museum into what should prove to be a very pleasing experience for visitors.

Our featured exhibit this year highlights Clinton County hospitals and medical professionals of years past. Bring your family/friends to our Grand Reopening, August 14th and 15th (MintFestival Weekend) from 1 to 4pm. Thereafter the museum will be open on Wednesdays 2 to 6 pm and Sundays 1 to 4 pm. Museum can be contacted by phone, 989 224 2894 or email, pgsmuseum@gmail.com

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Senior Spotlight

Senior Center Opening/Help Needed

submitted by Brenda Terpening
The Clinton County Senior Center is excited to announce that they will be opening for full services on Monday, August 23. Their hours will be 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. They will open on Wednesdays at a later date. The Senior Center is located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns.
Mondays they will have a Public Lunch from 11:30-12:30 pm. You do not need to be a senior citizen to attend. These meals will be cooked by community volunteers. After lunch there will be a Euchre Tournament from 1-3 pm. Lunch will be \$6 per person. The Euchre Tournament will be \$2 per person.



On Tuesdays and Fridays a meal (prepared by Tri County Office on Aging) will be served at Noon and Bingo will follow at 12:30 pm. The lunch will be \$3.50 per person and Bingo will be \$1.50.
Between 9-3 on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays individuals are welcome to come in and put together a puzzle, play board games or just socialize with others.

If you have any questions about the Senior Center you can call 989-224-4257. Until they are fully open it may take a couple of days to return your call.
To provide full services at the center a part time Kitchen/Building employee is needed. The hours of employment will be Monday, Tuesday & Friday between 10 am - 2 pm. Pay will be \$12 per hour. The individual will be serving meals, doing dishes, cleaning in the building and a variety of other tasks (such as helping to set up for events and upkeep of 2 small flower beds outside). The individual must be able to climb steps and lift 35-40 pounds. Those interested should send a resume / letter of interest to the Senior Center at PO Box 282, St. Johns 48879.


Hobbies for Seniors Residing in Assisted Living Communities

Assisted living facilities are a vital resource for aging individuals. Data from the American Health Care Association® and the National Center for Assisted Living® indicates that more than 811,000 people reside in assisted living facilities across the United States.

Assisted living facilities have changed dramatically over the years, making them ideal options for adults who may need varying degrees of help with daily activities. Such facilities can help with activities like bathing and preparing meals, but they also can help residents find and explore new or existing hobbies. As individuals adjust to life in assisted living facilities, finding new hobbies or rediscovering old passions can be a great way to connect with fellow residents.

- **Reading:** Reading is a rewarding activity that can greatly benefit seniors and provide an engaging pastime for those with limited mobility. Many assisted living facilities offer activities that are designed to foster communication between residents and a book club can do just that. What's more, reading every day may be especially valuable for people age 65 and older. A 2018 study published in the journal JAMA Psychiatry found that dementia risk was considerably lower among men and women 65 and older who participated in intellectual activities like reading than it was among seniors who did not engage in such pursuits.
 - **Gardening:** AARP notes that gardening provides a host of health benefits that go beyond ensuring fresh fruits and vegetables will be on the dinner table. For example, vitamin D is vital to bone health, which is important for aging men and women who are vulnerable to osteoporosis. A 2014 study from researchers in Italy found that exposure to sunlight can help older adults get adequate amounts of vitamin D. Signing up for a gardening club can be a great way for seniors to get some exercise, enjoy time outside the assisted living facility and promote strong bones.
 - **Art therapy:** According to the Chicago Methodist Senior Services, art therapy is a creative form of therapy designed to help older adults with memory loss or those experiencing mental or physical stress. The Harvard Medical School notes that recent research has indicated that engaging in creative activities may be more effective at delaying cognitive decline than merely appreciating creative works. A 2014 study from researchers in Germany found that retirees who painted and sculpted had greater improvements in spatial reasoning and emotional resilience than a similar group who attended art appreciation classes. Many assisted living facilities offer art therapy or similar programs to residents, and enrolling in such programs can promote social interaction and provide numerous benefits to men and women over 65.
- Assisted living facilities offer an array of programs designed to help residents develop rewarding hobbies that can benefit their long-term health.

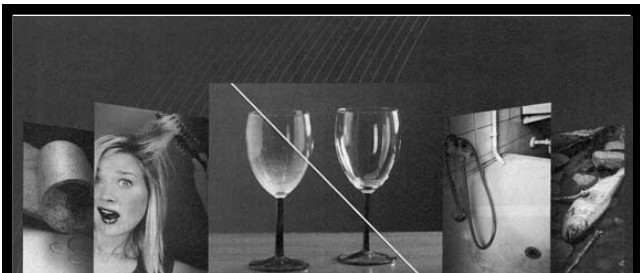




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Senior Spotlight

Enjoy Senior Discounts on Recreational Activities

Despite the efforts of Juan Ponce de Leon, there is no magical Fountain of Youth. Getting older is inevitable and it is important to see the silver lining of aging.



Among the various perks that come with age, including increased knowledge and experience, are a whole host of discounts for the aging population. Men and women who have reached a certain age are entitled to key discounts if they know where to look.

The ages at which discounts are available vary. Auto insurance companies may provide a senior discount to drivers who are over 50. Certain restaurants offer these discounts for those over the age of 55. Retailers may begin offering discounts to customers who are over the age of 60. Many discounts can be used for recreational activities.

- Dining out: Why pay full price for a meal if you don't have to? A meal out with friends and loved ones becomes a bit more affordable thanks to the senior discounts available through many different restaurants, whether it's chains or independently owned eateries.
- Hotels: Seniors booking their stays through select hotel chains may be eligible to reduce their costs by 10 percent or more. When making the reservation, check to see if you qualify for an age-related discount. Some may be affiliated with memberships in organizations like AARP.

- Theme parks: Before buying entry tickets or season passes, check with the membership office regarding senior discounts. Certain items also may be discounted throughout the parks.

- Movies: Movie theaters may offer special viewing days or times that are discounted.

- Flights/cruises: Discounted senior fares are available on select flights for Delta Airlines and American Airlines. British Airways offers up to \$200 off flights and packages when booked online through British Airways' AARP page. Seniors can enjoy discounts on select cruises through Carnival. Rental car companies also offer discounts for senior customers.

- Clothing: Looking your best for a night out may mean shopping for new clothing. Kohl's offers a 15 percent discount for customers ages 55 and over every Wednesday and Ross offers 10 percent off on Tuesdays when signing up for the Every Tuesday Club.

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Wolfpack's Kataline, Bilas, Langdon; Ovid-Elsie's Burt, Miller Lead Local Contingent on All-Shiawassee Area Softball team

OWOSSO — A quartet of Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg softball players helped lead the 2021 edition of the All-Shiawassee Area Softball Team, as announced by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Macy Irelan, a junior right-hander who pitched every inning but one for the Division II state champion Owosso Trojans, was honored as the all-area Player of the Year. Irelan went 37-3 in the circle with 487 strikeouts, 42 walks and an earned run average of 0.78. In 249 innings pitched, she gave up only 28 earned runs. The junior also led Owosso in hitting with a .515 batting average.

For Laingsburg, Kailey Cataline compiled a 31-4 record and pitched 2011/3 innings. The junior right-hander struck out 139 and with an ERA of 3.69. Cataline also batted .384 with 11 doubles, four triples, two homers and 50 RBIs as a First Team All-Area honoree.

Hailey Bila was also a First Team selection for coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack. The junior, who is verbally committed to play softball at Michigan State University, set a school record with 70 RBIs and a state record with 20 triples. The center fielder, named Division 3 All-State honorable mention, batted .504 with 60 hits. She scored 77 runs and was walked 35 times, including 10 intentional passes.

Her sister, Ashley Bila, was feted as an All-Area First Team shortstop. The freshman leadoff hitter set a state record by scoring 93 runs. She batted .620 with 85 hits in 137 at-bats. The first team All-CMAC, all-district and all-region player added 16 doubles, seven triples and one homer while stealing 36 bases. Jordan Langdon was honored as a First Team catcher. Langdon, a first-team All-CMAC, all-district and all-region player, batted .460 with 57 hits including 11 doubles, four triples and four home runs. The senior drove in 68 runs. Her fielding percentage was .975 and threw out five runners trying to steal second base and had three other pickoff throws.

Rounding out the Second Team, Ovid-Elsie's Olivia Burt, a sophomore, crafted a 12-6 record and pitched 1091/3 innings during the regular season with a 5.4 ERA. She struck out 83 batters. Burt also batted .475 with 55 RBIs and seven homers.

The Marauders' Madisyn Miller, a freshman catcher/third baseman batted .492 with 59 hits and 49 RBIs. She jolted three homers, two triples and 14 doubles as an All-Area Second Teamer.

Laingsburg's Haley Konieczny batted .432 with eight doubles, five triples and four home runs for the Wolfpack. She drove in 43 runs and was named to the All-Area and All-CMAC second teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Macy Irelan, Owosso, P

FIRST TEAM: Jersey Hemgesberg, P, New Lothrop; Kailey Cataline, P, Laingsburg; Hailey Bila, Laingsburg, CF; Ashley Bila, Laingsburg, SS; Makayla Lienau, New Lothrop, 3B; Hailey Rolfe, Chesaning, OF; Brynne Birchmeier, New Lothrop, 2B; Kira Patrick, Corunna, OF; Abi Beem, Morrice, INF; Jamie Maier, Owosso, SS; Jordan Langdon Laingsburg, C; Madyson Rainey, Owosso, DP

SECOND TEAM: Zora Brewer, P, Morrice; Olivia Burt, P, Ovid-Elsie; Maddisyn Miller, Ovid-Elsie, C/3B; Marissa Rombach, New Lothrop, SS; Isabel Henige, New Lothrop, C; Reyn Tuttle, Owosso, 1B; Haley Konieczny, Laingsburg, LF; Riley Viele, Byron, SS; Jaden Zakoor, Byron, INF; Avery Gilson, Durand, SS; Danica Lienemann, Durand, C; Bridget Ryon, Corunna, OF; Ava Devereaux, Chesaning, SS

HONORABLE MENTION: Madison Wagner, Laingsburg; Karley Kincaid, Owosso; Amya Brown, New Lothrop; Ashland Particka, Ovid-Elsie; Jade Garske, Durand; Sam Birchmeier, New Lothrop; Kylie Florian, Chesaning; Gracie Schultz, Ovid-Elsie; Nevaeh Ginger, Owosso; Karl DeFrenn, Durand; Reese Forgie, Byron; Jana L'Esperance, Byron; Rachel Franks, Byron; Sara Dammann, New Lothrop; Allison Buck, Morrice; Sydney Wolff, Morrice

Sports

Wolfpack Athletes Dot All-Shiawassee Area Girls Track and Field Team

OWOSSO — Five of the top all-around athletes in the area -- from Laingsburg High School -- have been named to the 2021 All-Shiawassee Area Girls Track Team.

The team is named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Emma Kribs, a junior, finished fourth at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 finals in the 100-meter dash in personal-best time of 12.53 seconds. Kribs was first in the 100 at the Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet of Champions (12.71) and also placed seventh in the 200 dash (27.01). She was third in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference Championships in both events. Kribs' best time in the 200 was 26.88 seconds. Kribs was also the All-Area first team sprinter as a freshman in 2019.

Ashley Bila, a freshman, clocked a season-best time of 13.25, placing fourth at the CMAC Championships in the 100-meter dash. She was third at the Jon Nugent Invitational at Bath in the same event. Bila was fifth in the 100 at regionals in 13.49.

Shaily Baynes, the LHS school record-holder, cleared 11 feet in the pole vault to place second in the state in Division 3. She was first in the pole vault at the Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet of Champions at 11-0. She also finished first in the pole vault at the CMAC Championships and regionals, both at 10-6.

Laingsburg's 400 relay team of Emma Kribs, Grace Borgman, Ashley Bila and Hailey Bila finished second at the Lansing Honor Roll Meet of Champions in a season-best time of 51.22 seconds.

Girls Track and Field All-Area Team

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR: Sarah Marvin, Byron

Marvin repeated as the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 state champion in both the shot put and discus. The senior set a new state meet record for all classes by winning the shot put with a throw of 50 feet, 9 1/2-inches. It was the first time a female had ever thrown further than 50 feet at the state meet. She won the discus with a Division 3 state meet record throw of 160-0.

FIRST TEAM: Distance Runners: Lilly Evans, Corunna; Evie Wright, Corunna

Sprinter: Emma Kribs, Laingsburg

Hurdles: Jenna Belmas, Byron

Field Events: Emma Valentine, Morrice; Becky Marvin, Byron

Sprint Relay: Perry's 400-meter relay team of Kallei Brown, Jadyn Johnson, Anna Nixon and Hailey Lewis.

Distance Relay: Corunna's 3,200 relay team of Iley Doyle, Tatum Galbavi, Evie Wright and Lilly Evans.

SECOND TEAM: Distance Runners: Clara Krupp, New Lothrop; Emma Cochrane, Perry

Sprinter: Ashley Bila, Laingsburg

Hurdles: Jade Evans, Corunna

Field Events: Shaily Baynes, Laingsburg; Hailey Lewis, Perry

Sprint Relay: Laingsburg's 400 relay team of Emma Kribs, Grace Borgman, Ashley Bila and Hailey Bila.

Distance Relay: Perry's 1,600 relay team of Kallei Brown, Emma Cochrane, Jadyn Johnson and Hailey Lewis.

Honorable Mention: Ellie Toney, Corunna; Neele'ge' Sims, Corunna; Ashlee Napier, Corunna; Allison Glass, Byron; Anna Nixon, Perry; Libby Summerland, Owosso; Claire Agnew, Owosso; Jaidyn Sadler, Perry; Macy BeGole, Morrice; Elizabeth Heslip, New Lothrop; Hailey Lewis, Perry

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OID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie will welcome back its 1970 and 1971 Mid-Michigan B Conference championship football players, coaches, cheerleaders and managers Aug. 26 for a 50th reunion.

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