



Pancake Breakfast July 31st in Downtown Laingsburg

The Laingsburg Business & Community Association along with Looking Glass Community Services is "Working Together" once again after missing the event in 2020 due to the pandemic. The 56th annual Pancake Breakfast/Classic Car show will take to the streets in downtown Laingsburg on Saturday, July 31st. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and milk will be served from 8am-11am, 50/50 raffle drawings will be held at 9am, 10am and 11am. A business expo is also offered (call Greg Beavers at Pine Hills for details (517)651-9700).

The Looking Glass Community Outreach is hosting the 20th Classic Car Show. Registration begins at 8am, a \$10 donation will be collected for each registered car which will go directly to the Looking Glass Emergency fund. Goodie bags which includes a dash plaque, will be given to the first 75 cars entered. Trophies will be presented at 1pm next to the DJ stand located beside PDP's Pizza. For more information, call Dave Gragoo at (517)651-6846.

There will also be a live band, Whiskey Diski, performing at McClintock Park in the amphitheater from 10:30am-1:30pm as part of the days events. A Farmer's Market may also take place on Roosevelt Row.



Walk to End Hunger

submitted by Mary Bradley

The community is invited to show support for the Elsie Area Food Bank. The food bank and its volunteers work tirelessly to distribute much needed food for families across the greater community.

The ZCBJ Bannister Lodge, a BetterLife community, is hosting a Walk to End Hunger on Sunday, August 8th at 6:00 pm at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister. The walk is 100% volunteer-organized and all funds raised will be donated to the Elsie Area Food Bank. The Elsie Area Food Bank services families in the greater Elsie and Ovid communities.

Individuals, teams and community groups are invited to participate and show their support for the local food bank and the families in the community. Any amount of monetary donations and non-perishable food items are appreciated. Participants who raise or donate at least \$100 will receive an official Walk to End Hunger shirt and gift bag. The event will include raffles, live music, and games for both adults and kids.

Individual awards will be given to the person who raised the most funds and walked the most laps. Team prizes will be awarded to teams who raise the most funds, exhibit the most spirit, and to the largest team. School/youth awards will go to the team who raises the most funds and the team who shows the most school spirit.

The Walk for Hunger will take place outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, community members are invited to drop off donations and items at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister at 6:00 pm.

Community members or businesses that cannot attend and/or would like to make a donation can contact Diane Bradley at 989-862-5378 or Anmarie Bradley-Dodd at aeb Bradleydodd@yahoo.com. Local businesses are encouraged to make monetary or raffle donations and will be recognized in publications and invited to display a banner or sign at the walk site. All donations are tax deductible.

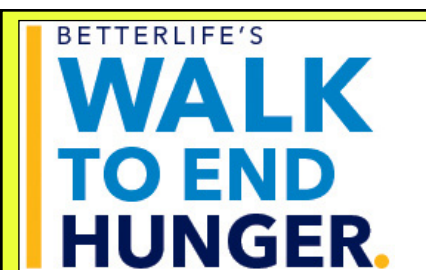
All members of the community are welcome for this fun and impactful event.



Knights of Columbus- Bannister Donation

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The Knights of Columbus-Bannister are supporters of our local children and their educational needs. Pictured is Knight Robert Wooley and E.E. Knight Elementary principal Alicia Ormsbee, receiving a donation check for \$410 to be used by OE educators for the special needs program.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th - ZCBJ HALL in BANNISTER
6pm - 8pm • Sponsored by ZCBJ Lodge, a Betterlife Community
100% OF ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT the ELSIE FOOD BANK
• Community Walk • Live Music • Raffle • Adult & Kids Games

Social

Clinton County
Historical Society

submitted by Judy Hubler
Clinton County Historical Society consists of the Museum and the Archives. The mission statement of the Clinton County Historical Museum is to maintain the complex related to and typical of the Clinton County history, to provide education, and encourage community involvement. Any skills and time you have that would fit the mission, i.e. computer skills, publicity, community awareness, document sorting and cataloging, textile preservation, displays, presentations, cleaning, maintenance (outside and inside), docent duty, etc., would be greatly appreciated. Please contact pgsmuseum@gmail.com or call 989-292-9096. We are located at 106 Maple in St. Johns and plan on reopening for the Mint Festival, August 14 and 15, 1pm-4pm, with the remaining year's schedule to be determined.

The Archives is the keeper of documents and photos that represent the history and residents of Clinton County. If you have free time and an interest in keeping history available and accessible, please contact Julie Peters at 989-501-0599 or petersj@msu.edu. There is always a need for computer skills (from home or at the Archives), filing, copying and research. You can check out our webpage at www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS to see the types of things we do.

To assist the mission, donations and membership are needed. Dues for the Museum are \$25.00 and the Archives \$20. Both can be mailed to PO Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879.

We are strictly a volunteer group, and the reward of knowing you are helping history stay alive is great! Thank you for your consideration and support.



Memorial Healthcare
Volunteer Retires After 50
Years of Service

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus
Owosso— Phyllis Haas, Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary volunteer will retire after 50 years of dedicated service. Phyllis will work her last shift at the Four Seasons Gift Shop on Monday, July 19 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Phyllis began her volunteer career in 1971 in the gift shop after her children grew up. “Florence Dignan, who was the manager of the gift shop at the time encouraged me to volunteer,” said Phyllis. “In the beginning the gift shop was in the main lobby when you walked in the door. It later moved to where the Public Safety office is now and then moved again to its current location.”

Phyllis has four grown children, two girls and two boys. Two of her children live close by. She is also the proud grandmother to seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Now that she's retiring, Phyllis is looking forward to spending more time with her family and enjoying her favorite hobbies which include reading and jigsaw puzzles.

“I have loved working at Memorial Healthcare and am going to miss talking with the many visitors that came into the gift shop and the other volunteers I worked with,” said Phyllis. “I highly encourage others who are retiring to consider volunteering at Memorial Healthcare.”

For more information on becoming a volunteer, please contact Lyn Freeman, Volunteer Coordinator at (989) 729-4818.



Ovid Public Library

Summer has finally arrived (along with the mosquitos) and the Ovid Public Library has been busy with its Summer Reading Program. We've had over 200 people sign up this year and so far 167 people have earned their certificates of completion along with their pizza and ice cream coupons. Children have been enjoying stories read to them by Ms. Skyler Spitzley and we've had some fun outdoor activities including bubbles, sidewalk chalk, parachute and bean bag toss games, and bingo. This week Science Alive exhibited exotic animals including: a chinchilla, a baby alligator, an armadillo, a sloth, and a snake. There are two weeks left of the Summer Reading Program and we still have some fun things planned. On Monday, July 26 at 10:30 the final story time will be held. Then, on Wednesday, July 28th at 10:30 the Ovid-Middlebury Firetruck will be at the library. Children should be dressed appropriately as they may be getting wet. After the fire truck fun, everyone will be getting a treat to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Please come celebrate!

We've recently gotten some new books delivered. If you're looking for something new to read here's a list of some of our new books:

Find You First by Linwood Barclay (Thriller)
Pack Up the Moon by Kristin Higgins (Adult Fiction)
Survive the Night by Riley Sager (Thriller)
Nine Lives by Danielle Steel (Adult Fiction)
Unfinished Business by J.A. Jance (Mystery)
The Final Twist by Jeffery Deaver (Thriller)
Remember by Lisa Genova (Non-fiction)
Golden Girl by Elin Hilderbrand (Adult Fiction)
Local Woman Missing by Mary Kubica (Thriller)
Hlidden by Fern Michaels (Adult Fiction)
21st Birthday by James Patterson (Thriller)
That Summer by Jennifer Weiner (Adult Fiction)
The Wicked Sister by Karen Dionne (Adult Fiction)
We are Inevitable by Gayle Forman (Young Adult)
Dead by Dawn by Paul Doiron (Mystery)
Time for School Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle (Early Fiction)

There's many more new books so come into the library to check one out.

Our new hours are: Monday 10-7; Tuesday 10-7; Wednesday 10-7; Thursday closed; Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-1

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Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Preparing for the 2021-22 School Year

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – At the regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education held Wednesday July 21 officials reviewed and approved the “Return to Learn” plan for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

All back to school open houses are slated for Monday, August 23, the individual buildings will post the times. Students will begin classes on Wednesday, August 25, and will be attending classes five days a week and the complete calendar is available at www.ovidelsie.org.

In addition, masks will be optional in the classroom and provided by parents. Note: as of today, masks are still required on public transportation including school buses. In addition, students will not be on cohorts and will be able to move around the building freely and multiple groups will gather on the playground.

Regarding testing, the athlete testing requirements was discontinued June 22, 2021. In addition, vaccinations are a personal choice.

To mitigate COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting school spaces will continue with deeper cleaning after hours, physical distancing will be encouraged and the District will continue with increased ventilation and regular filter replacement. Universal precautions such as hand washing and personal hygiene will be encouraged.

The offering of a virtual option is still being evaluated, and it appears that there is little interest. Parents who are interested should contact the individual building.

Officials took action to approve the Ovid-Elsie Education Association ratified contract. The three-year contract will run 2021-2024.

In other actions officials approved employee contracts for: Megan Bender, high school science; Emma Morris, kindergarten and para-professionals Kimberly Pontek and Danielle Cook.

Linette Dieck Memorial Healthcare July EOM

submitted by Melissa Neubhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce

Linette Dieck, Certified Medical Assistant at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, as our July Employee of the Month. Linette has been an employee at Memorial Healthcare since 2010.

According to her winning nomination, “Linette consistently steps in to help out other medical assistants or anyone in the office. She always demonstrates a patient and kind attitude with everyone she comes in contact with even when involved in high stress situations. Linette is beyond deserving of this recognition and we are glad she works in our department.”

Linette lives in Swartz Creek with her husband and fur babies. She attended Lansing Community College where she received her Associate degree as a Medical Assistant. Linette enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, working on cross stitch. “I am honored to receive this award from my peers,” said Linette.



VILLAGE OF ELSIE RESIDENTS: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Ordinance # 175

The Village of Elsie is holding Public Hearings on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:45pm** and **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:45pm**. The meetings are taking place at the Duplain Township Hall located at 145 W. Main St. The purpose is to discuss the adoption of the 2021 update for the Village Code Book of Ordinances for the Village of Elsie.

Thank You,
Susan Lightner
Village Clerk

Project Connect on the Road for 2021

submitted by Marie Barks

Back to school “Project Connect” will once again be serving families across Clinton County with four drive up events. Backpacks, school supplies, new socks and underwear, food, community resource information, and hygiene kits will be provided for school age children in need. Drive up events are scheduled for Bath on Tuesday, August 10 from 9 to 11AM at Bath Middle School parking lot, Ovid & Elsie on Thursday, August 12 from 9 to 11AM at the Ovid-Elsie High School parking lot, Maple Rapids on Tuesday, August 17 from 6 to 8PM at the Maple Rapids Community Ball Field, and in St. Johns on Thursday, August 19 from 4 to 7PM at the Beacon of Hope Family Care Center. Families should choose the event that is most convenient for them and they **MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME by July 31st to participate in the event in their area**. Families can register on line at <https://forms.gle/uEm5LrGnZAQyHMWD6> or call 989-224-1010.

Last year Project Connect served 243 households with 680 children. School age children received backpacks with school supplies, new pairs of socks and new pairs of underwear and each family received a food box. Although we could not provide free haircuts or gently used clothing last year, the number of families and children served last year nearly doubled.

Project Connect is a service for Clinton County individuals and families with limited resources and is supported by many human services agencies, programs and businesses in Clinton County. To support Project Connect, the Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect is partnering again this year with Dean Transportation and Kroger’s of St. Johns to do a “Stuff the Bus” with school supplies on Wednesday, July 28th in the Kroger Parking lot from 9AM to 3PM. Anyone wishing to donate but cannot participate in the Stuff the Bus event may drop off school supplies, new socks or new underwear at the Caring & Sharing Family Life Services and CAN Council office at 1000 E. Sturgis St., Suite 5, St. Johns, Monday thru Thursday 10AM to 2PM or call us for an appointment or pick-up. All donations from Stuff the Bus will be used for Project Connect.

Outdoor Pop Up Art Shop

Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center outdoor, Summer Pop Ups are back! We will be selling art, fine craft, and the work of Michigan makers outside, on the sidewalk in front of Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center at 119 N. Washington Sq. Lansing, MI 48933

Our team will be able to help you find the perfect work for your home or the gift you have been looking for. We will have cards, jewelry, pottery, wood products, hand-crafted soaps, and more. Get updates about the Pop Up Shop here.

NEW! We will be open to the public with additional shopping inside our retail gallery and a new exhibition to see by Lad Hanka, learn more here.

Additional Outdoor Pop Up Dates dates in Aug. and Sept!

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Victor Township Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from July 12, 2021 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Jim Conklin at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Present: Jim Conklin, Julie Townsend, Amanda Conklin, Paula Willoughby Absent, Nikki Fickes arrived at 7:03 pm.

Public Comment: Resident attended meeting to request to be added to next month’s agenda regarding marijuana.

Agenda: Motion by A. Conklin to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by A. Conklin to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Conklin to approve the June 14, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by A. Conklin to accept the treasurer’s report. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of bills: Motion by A. Conklin to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,101.61 using checks #28297-28314. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Townsend to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$7,643.98 using checks #12232-12245, EFT 147 and STUB5. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Victor Township Planning Commission: Motion by J. Conklin to move forward with the Broadband Infrastructure Program grant application and to assign up to \$7000 to hire a grant writing consultant. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by A. Conklin to select Stellar as our ISP for grant application. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by J. Conklin to schedule special meeting on July 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of discussing Infrastructure Grant Application progress and requirements. The Board will discuss further at the special meeting on July 27, 2021 and invites PC members to provide ideas on completing the Master Plan.

The next PC meeting will be held electronically and in person pending meeting restrictions, on August 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID 83394750325 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83394750325>

Maintenance & Facilities: Report placed on file.

Unfinished Business:

•Burnham and Flower – Clerk to begin search for other cyber insurance options.

New Business:

•ARPA – Motion by J. Conklin to assign ARPA application tasks to A. Conklin. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

•Application for Zoning Amendment – Information about the land and surrounding area provided by the assessor. Both PC and the Board request more time to review before these are approved by Clinton Co. Extended Public/Board Comment – Motion by A. Conklin to purchase and install outdoor router system. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fickes to update email service provider. Surge mail is no longer recommended by IT Right. Supported by A. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Supported by A. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk



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Contact Us

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Clinton County 4-H Fair

Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair 2021 Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 31st

10:00 am Dog Show
10:00 am Still Events

Sunday, August 1st

10:00 am Goat Show
1:00 pm Dairy Show

Monday, August 2nd

9:00 am Poultry Show
11:00 am Prospect Beef Show
6:00 pm Sheep Show

Tuesday, August 3rd

8:00 am Rabbit Show
11:00 am Swine Show
6:00 pm Beef Show

Wednesday, August 4th

4:00 pm Dog Agility Contest
(Off site location)
5:00 pm Livestock Sale

Thursday, August 5th

Livestock Sale Delivery

Friday, August 6th

9:00 am Equine Show

Saturday, August 7th

9:00 am Equine Show



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TUESDAY - Bingo, Livestock Judging
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Livestock Judging
THURSDAY - KIDS DAY
Livestock Judging
FRIDAY - LARGE ANIMAL
AUCTION DAY
SATURDAY - SMALL ANIMAL
AUCTION DAY

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 - 4PM
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MONDAY, AUGUST 9 - 6PM
T.T.P.A. Local Tractor & Pickup Pull

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 - 7PM
Shiawassee County Fair Amazing Race

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 - 6:30PM
Super Kicker Rodeo sponsored by The Bel Co.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 - 1PM
Gee Haw Teamster's Classic Draft Horse Obstacle Course
5pm Custer's Cowboys Mounted Shooting Team
7pm Michigan State Mini Horse Pull

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 - 7PM
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Sunday 3pm Communication Skills	Thursday 5pm Talent Show Finals	Saturday 7pm The Clarkson Band with special guest Kathy Ford
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Obituaries

Kathy Ackels

Kathy Ackels went to be with her loving animals and the Lord on Sunday July 11, 2021, at the age of 63.

Kathy was born January 2, 1958, the daughter of Jack and Patricia (Barnard) Burns. Kathy married Rick Ackels in August of 1984. Kathy and Rick shared many years of adventures including exploring the different states on a motorcycle as well as settling down in Edmore, MI on a farm of 80 acres. The farm was home to several different types of animals including horses, cows and chickens. Yet Kathy’s favorite animals were her sled dogs. She enjoyed working with them and developing new skills not only for herself but her dogs as well. Kathy was able to make it see the Iditarod dog sled in Alaska several times and was very elated at that experience.

She is survived by her loving husband Rick; step-children: Lisa (Paul) Phillips, Jeremy (Dawn) Ackels, Thomas (Allison) Ackels, and Stephanie (Dane) Long, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Patricia and her brother Doug Burns.

Cremation will take place and in lieu of service and flowers, donations may be made to the ASPCA of Michigan, 4955 West K1 Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is served by Smith Family Funeral Homes- Houghton Chapel, Ovid MI.



Daniel Thomas Latz

Daniel Thomas Latz, age 64, of Elsie, MI, passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer, on Monday, July 19, 2021, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Dan was born in Owosso, Michigan on June 28, 1957, the son of Thomas and Patricia (Vlcek) Latz. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1975. He earned an Associate Degree in Landscape and Nursery from MSU in 1977.

Dan met the love of his life, Kathy Behrens, in high school art class. They later became engaged and were married on June 25, 1977 at St Paul’s Catholic Church, Owosso. They recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

Dan worked all his life in the landscape and nursery field. He owned and operated Latz’s Outdoor Attic, nursery and landscape business, in Owosso. He was a grounds keeper for the William F. Mitchell Estate, Corunna and was employed at Kluck Nursery, Saginaw.

Dan loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter; fisherman, mushroom forager, and he loved gardening. He went by many names: Husband, Dad, Papa, Uncle Dan, Dantana, DDT, Dan the Man, his love of the outdoors was only exceeded by his love for his family. He was blessed with 4 grandchildren and nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them and being called PaPa. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Dan is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathy, mother, Pat (Leonard Mitchell) Latz, father Tom (Sharon) Latz, son Bryan (Elisha) Latz and their children: Henrik and Evelyn; son Eric (Teeya) Latz and their children: Eratria and Nikaia. He is also survived by his siblings: Steve (Sue) Latz, Mark (Soni) Latz, Robert (Rachel) Latz, Ken (Kurt) Latz, Beth (John) Reilly, Marigene (Doug) Betts, Callen Latz, and Kayla (Brett) Burns; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Dan was preceded in death by his grandparents and nephew, Jacob McIntyre.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Visitation will be held from 12:00 P.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, the service will be available via Facebook Live on the Smith Family Funeral Homes Facebook page.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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John Ivan “Big John” Loznak

John Ivan “Big John” Loznak, age 92, passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at his home.

John was born on August 26, 1928, the son of James and Marie (Knotek) Loznak. On February 10, 1951, he married Etta Jean Loynes in Chapin, Michigan. They were blessed with 60 years of marriage prior to her passing on October 8, 2010. Their many adventures took them around the world, built them a business, and most importantly gave them a loving family.

It wasn’t uncommon to walk into loud polka music echoing down the hallway, at Big John’s house. He loved a good family dinner and his pride and joy were his children and grandchildren. Whether it was taking them, fishing, feeding the ducks, enjoying spending time up north, or basking in joy of “embarrassing” them in public; with his larger than life personality! Time with Big John was always well spent. His wit, humor, and spirit of getting into the best kind of trouble, will live on in those who loved him most.

John is survived by his children: Daniel (Kathy) Loznak of Cheboygan, MI, and David Loznak of Owosso, MI, and daughter Patricia (Jim) Goessling of Scottsdale, AZ; 4 grandchildren: Selena, Nadine, Amanda, and Cory; and great-grandchildren: Samantha, Julia, Ava, Max, Ryan, and Logan and his brother, Edward and Doris Loznak. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Etta Jean, and his siblings: Stanley, Charles, Fritz, Mary, Mildred, Frances, and Dorothy.

Private Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie Chapel. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, Michigan.

The family would like to express tremendous gratitude to Cindy for her years of love and care.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul, 1009 South US-27, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

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Jeremy James Cartwright

On Monday July 19, 2021, Jeremy James Cartwright of Madison Heights, loving husband, son, brother and fur/feather daddy passed away at the age of 48.

Jeremy was born on November 18, 1972 in Carson City, MI to Leonard William "Bill" and Linda (Boeskool) Cartwright. He graduated from Ashley Community Schools in 1991. He received his Bachelor of Education degree from Ferris State University where he played Offensive Guard on the football team and his Master's in Administration degree from Saginaw Valley State University. He became an employee of Hamtramck Public School in the Fall of 1999 where he was a Science Teacher, Football Coach, Baseball Coach, Softball Coach, Class Sponsor and served several years as Assistant Principal. On October 27, 2001 he married Carolyn Claire (Conway) Cartwright. Throughout their years together the couple raised several dogs and birds.

Jeremy had a passion for all things outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and golfer. He also loved his Sunday bowling league, but most of all, Jeremy loved people. His passion for people is seen through the love he had for his family, his colleagues and friends and the thousands of students he coached, taught and mentored throughout the years as well as his involvement within the community and his community service as an Honorary Member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post #6 in Hamtramck.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his Grandparents, Francis and Gladys Cartwright and Kenneth Boeskool. Jeremy is survived by his wife Carolyn, his current pooches Tutti-Frutti and Gunter, his 3 parakeets Spring, Summer, and Fall, his father Leonard, his mother Linda, his brother Marty, his grandmother Matilda Boeskool, his aunts and uncles: Mary (Dave) Redman, Perrinton; Margaret Wise, Perrinton; Dean Ball, Portland; Connie Cartwright, Ashley; Marcia (Melvin) Zimmerman, Lake City, Dave (Ann) Boeskool, Shelby Township and several cousins.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 from 2-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 11 a.m. with visitation prior to the service starting at 9 a.m. Both visitation and funeral service will be held at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Maple Rapids Methodist Church, in Maple Rapids, MI. The family will be receiving guests at 1 p.m. with services at 2 p.m. Luncheon following the Celebration of Life Ceremony at the Community Center in Maple Rapids, MI.



And two steps back....I'm having a rough time getting into gear this morning. I thought that I had everything lined up well so work would flow this morning. Surge would be more like it. One of the cats did the forbidden and knocked off a glass of water breaking the glass and making a nasty mess on the dining room floor. Fortunately for me, when in my morning fog brain, I stepped into the water but did miss the broken glass. Missing the broken glass was a blessing. I cleaned up the mess and headed into the kitchen where I popped a piece of toasted walnut into my mouth and that caused a great coughing spell, who'd have thought that a small piece of walnut could cause such an upset with my breathing? For a while my throat was very dissatisfied. But like everything else this too passed. Now I'm waiting for my Bunn to finish up so that I may have a cup of coffee or two. I think that someone may be trying to tell me to slow down just a bit....

The Remus Tractor and Truck Pulls were loud and interesting and working the food trailer up there was fun but exhausting. There were a great deal of very nice folks; they are a very considerate group of people. A couple of folks went out of their way to make us a shallow set of steps that fit in under the high one that goes into the trailer. So much for my gluteus getting a good workout now but the steps ease the stress of Diane worrying over me getting in and out of the trailer. Sometimes your kids have more worries than you do. While in Remus I learned a little bit about how tractor pulls work though I probably forgot more than I remembered about the rules and speed and such....

Prudence was very happy to see me when I got home a bit after ten Saturday night. That little twelve pound dog managed to jump straight up into my arms when I walked into the front door. I'm glad that I had called ahead to remind William not to lock the front door. I had the small set of truck keys and would not have been able to get into the front door. I was delighted to see my little mutt but apparently not as much as she was to see me. Imagine your pet's version of 'happy dance', and then multiply it several times. Prudence just danced around me for a while and then spent the next hour double checking my existence. She was very generous with her affections and showed concern when I woke up in the middle of night with a bout Charlie horses. I got back to bed by three and slept through until 11:30 Sunday morning. Yup, I missed going to church. My grandson, Marcellus invited me over for a birthday dinner at 5PM and he fixed me a pork fillet crusted with numerous herbs served with roasted carrots and a bed of seasoned jasmine rice. He did a very nice job and we all enjoyed the meal.

Monday morning I had to take Prudence up to have her bimonthly doggie spa. Per usual she came out looking spectacular. Maybe I should try giving myself a spa day occasionally. I then had an appointment with my ophthalmologist, three years in the making. My eyes are healthy and I have a new pair of specs coming in the next ten or so days. Monday evening my children and son-in-law got together and took me to "Mitchell's Fish Market" for my birthday dinner. It was very pleasant and we had a wonderful server who was good at joking with us (as well as serving). The Alaskan king crab was delicious but I wished that I had ordered the New York Strip that William ate. It looked sumptuous! We had a good time and were home by nine.

I'm sure that I accomplished something on Tuesday but for the life of me.....I don't know what it was. I had planned on getting up to the office but failed. Wednesday morning I had an appointment with my doctor to try and figure out why I am so exhausted, I believe that it is my thyroid being troublesome again. Oh well, the blood tests should be able to give us an idea as to what isn't working well. I'm just getting tired of napping throughout the day, it isn't very productive. No wonder my house is lamentable and the yard needs mowing. Maybe tomorrow?

I just got a call from my doctor's office and I now know what the problem is.....too many carbs, which means no more French fries and too much sugar....no more Cokes. It is a simple fix and I will go back to bun less burgers and hot dogs. I will be happy to get my energy level back to normal. I just may be able to get all of my catch-up work done and stay ahead of it. Awesome!!!

May your days be filled with revelations and may you be able to meet these challenges. God bless you daily. Have a great week!!!

Crystal Mitchell©2021



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Editorial



Elsie Lions Say Thanks

We wish to thank all of you who supported our food tent during the Elsie Dairy Festival. It was nice to see community members as well as those who come home for the festival. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Get your tickets for the Elsie Lions Club Raffle. The drawing will be held on October 2nd. First Prize is a 1/2 of beef, 2nd and 3rd, 1/4 beef and 4th is a \$100 gift card. Processing will be done by Bellinger Packing. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from any Lions Club member or at the Meridian Weekly office in Ovid.

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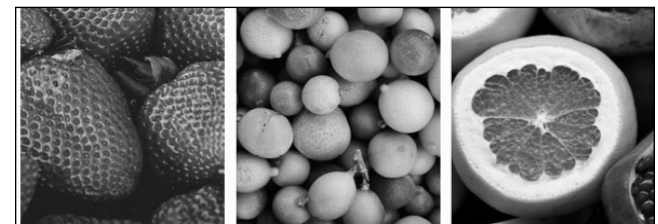
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Editorial

He Is No Gentleman

Dear Andy,

My mother has been a full-time cashier for over 22 years at our local grocery store. I was in her line behind a “gentleman” who was unbelievably rude. My mom has complained of this customer for years. He calls her “lazy” and says things like how she is “ugly” and how it’s nice to she her off her “lazy butt.” Mom has been upset so many times over the years by this same customer who goes out of his way to get into her line. She says she does not even know his name and has no past with him but for the last few years as a customer.

His remarks made me incredibly angry, and I told him that my mother is not lazy, she has worked her “butt” off to support our family for years and is one of the hardest workers I have ever known. She never sits down and is always doing something for our family, the store, at church and for others. Was I out of line? Why would anyone be like that?

Angry Daughter

Dear Angry Daughter,

You are a “peach” and a good for standing up for your mother. That customer is no gentleman; he is bully. You did the right thing. Your mother does not have to take it. When this customer starts in on your mom, the supervisor needs to step in and tell him that his remarks are unwanted and unacceptable. Your mom does not need to be subjected to the harassment. She must call her supervisor as soon as she sees him in her grocery line.

Some people think they are being funny when they say negative remarks to people. Often, they know that it is obviously not true about that person but could be a defense mechanism of self-reflection. He may feel lazy compared to her and using the word ugly is just not right. Sadly, I might suggest he has a crush on her and does not know how to express himself. Many individuals like to make other look bad or feel bad to make themselves look good. It is an unacceptable means of communication attempting to build their own self-esteem.

What the rude “gentleman” must understand is that words are immensely powerful. We all have our own self esteem we need to build. No one else has the right to knock you down or be rude. I am proud of you for saying something.

My hope for you and your mother is to always be kind. Kindness is contagious and so is laughter. If someone has a sour face and looks grumpy, start giggling to yourself with small moments of laughter and watch a frown turn upside down in less than a minute.

Thank you for writing to ask_andy@aol.com.



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“But I Think”

“I the Lord do not change...(Malachi 3:6).”

The mirror tells me I have changed; sometimes it shouts. Time affects everything, except God. We call this attribute Immutability, and it’s linked to His revealing Himself to us in a stunning Creation (Romans 1:20), His Word (Matthew 5:18), and the Incarnation—when our Creator became flesh and blood as Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:1-4; Hebrews 13:8).

The weight of our differences from Him is not only that we change, but our opinions that are based on capricious authorities and influences fluctuate too, which affects how we see God’s truth, or even care to. When discussing spiritual things, most folks have lots of opinions, so I like to ask, “What do you base that on?” Invariably it’s, “But I think....”

We, the fallible, become the authority, but can you trust yourself? Truth varies with cultures. Ancient Rome and Greece allowed sex with children and goats, Aztecs ate their heartless human sacrifices, Canaanites burnt babies, and scientists err (Copernicus critics, bleeding as a cure, Lister and sterile surgeries, Darwin’s theory as fact, or Pluto as our ninth planet). Truth and authority are in flux because we are always changing.

So what you base your opinion on, especially in spiritual matters, matters a great deal. God (Jesus) should not be based on opinion. So God gave us an absolute true north; an immutable authority that confirms what is objective, unchanging Truth, the Bible.

John’s Gospel, chapters 18-19, discusses this truth and authority. Pontius Pilate, Rome’s authority in Jerusalem, asked Jesus, “What is truth?” Later, Jesus told Pilate, “You would have no authority over Me unless it had been given to you from above.” These were critical moments that revealed God’s absolute Truth, and the Authority behind it.

Your eternal destiny should not dangle on the thread of an opinion, but you can be sure, and have “true north” on this journey and not get lost, forever (1 John 5:13). Is the Bible supernatural, God-inspired words to know Him? Was Jesus God? Did He rise from the dead to prove these claims? Why won’t being good make you righteous (just knowing, without repentance, is not a saving faith, James 2:19)? The Bible explains all of this.

A friend told me, “My philosophy is to do good to people.” I replied, “That’s great, but what about your sins?” The Bible says that goodness won’t save you (James 2:10). For God to be unchanging, He cannot ignore sin and must stay righteous in His immutability (or He’d be like a bribed judge). So, He provided Himself, became sin to save us, and took the judgment we deserved. Love and Justice met at the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Truth came into History and conquered Death as proof of His absolute Authority. Jesus ended “but I think” opinions when He said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father, but through Me (John 14:6).” Or maybe Jesus lied, but I’m human, been wrong before, so I’ll take His Immutability over what I think, every time.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

Paul writes that, “No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.”

1 Corinthians 10:24, 31-33

Today social media is one of the main ways of communicating, if not the main way. As Christians, are we glorifying God in all that we post, write, video and text?

What do we post online? What do we post on our Facebook pages or in a comment to a news article? What are the favorite books, movies, tv shows that we put on our bio pages? What do they say about us?

Remember that these get seen by believers and nonbelievers alike. This isn’t about legalism, it is about thinking about what kind of witness we are making to the world around us.

While I haven’t seen it lately, in the past I’ve seen profanity posted from either professing Christians or those at least claiming to believe in God over atheism. And it’s sad to read some of the posts—using either profanity or very insulting language and name-calling.

This isn’t just my take on things either. Maybe you have read some things that shouldn’t be typed by a follower of Christ. Also, things became so bad a while back that in 2014, the Editor of Christianity Today decided to block off their online news and feature coverage to posted comments.

We need to ask ourselves, “If I do this (eat, drink, watch, read, type), will it help my fellow believer with their relationships with God? Or will what I do hurt their relationships with the Lord? Will it help the non-christian come to know God or will it push him or her away?”



Religious Thoughts

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Ovid-Elsie 12U Mason League End Season

submitted by Tricia Barnhill

The Ovid Elsie 12U Mason League girls traveled to Eaton Rapids on Sat July 10th to compete in the end of yr tournament. First game was against Haslett and the girls pulled out the 9-3 win. Next up was Dewitt and this game was a close battle but OE took the 4-3 win.. After 2 games back to back the girls had a 10 minute rest and would be facing the 15-0 Williamston girls. It was a spectacular game and the best of each one of those 11 girls was on display. They handed Williamston their first season loss and clinched the championship 18-10

Wolfpack’s Hawes, Ovid-Elsie’s Thornton on 2021 All-Area Basketball Team

OWOSSO -- A pair of top-rated local seniors help head up the All-Shiawassee Area Boys Basketball Team.

As named by the Owosso Argus-Press, Laingsburg's Zach Hawes and Ovid-Elsie's Jackson Thornton were recognized as two of the top cage talents in the area. Corunna senior point guard Cole Mieske, who led the Cavaliers to an area-best 14-5 record and its first boys district title in nine years, was named The Argus-Press All-Area Boys Basketball Player of the Year for 2020-21.



Zach Hawes
Laingsburg
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Jackson Thornton
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2nd Team



Dylan Carman
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The 5-foot-10 Mieske is the first Corunna player to win Player of the Year since Josiah Ehrbright in 2003. He’s the first Cavalier to win it outright since Kris Krzyminski in 2001 — Ehrbright shared his honor with New Lothrop’s Dwight Brace; Corunna’s James Kurrle was also a co-Player of the Year in 2002 with Laingsburg’s Joe Schramm.

Mieske led Corunna in scoring at 16.8 points per game and set a single-season school record with 80 (4.3 per game) despite playing in a shorter season. He also averaged 4.8 assists.

A four-year varsity player and three-year starter, the cat-quick Mieske shot more than 50 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free-throw line. Mieske holds the Corunna school record for steals in a career (214) and scored 924 career points. He was named an Associated Press Division 2 All-State honorable mention pick.

Hawes, a 6-foot-3 senior strong forward for coach Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack, led the area in scoring average at 18.7 points per game while being named to the All-Area 1st Team. He added 5.3 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.8 steals per contest. He also blocked 1.7 shots per game and drained 21 3-pointers. Hawes was a second-team pick last season.

Ovid-Elsie's Thornton, a 6-foot-5 senior center, was named to the MMAC first team and was solid inside the paint both in scoring and in rebounding. Thornton averaged 8.3 points, 7.8 rebounds and 0.8 blocks per game for coach Josh Latz's Marauders.

2020-21 ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM: Player of the Year, Cole Mieske, Corunna

FIRST TEAM: Carson Socia, Corunna, Gabe Lynn, Durand, Zach Hawes, Laingsburg, Reese Greenfelder, Chesaning, Owen Doerner, Morrice. SECOND TEAM: Jackson Thornton, Ovid-Elsie, Jack Lamb, Perry, Peyton Fields, Owosso. Matt Kieffer, New Lothrop, Austin Kelley, Durand. HONORABLE MENTION: Peyton Smith, Morrice, Caleb Stahr, Corunna, Gage Foster, Perry, Jaden Curry, New Lothrop, James Miller, Byron, Lucas Powell, Chesaning, Dylan Carman, Ovid-Elsie, Dylan McDonald, Durand, Ben Nebo, Durand, Justin Frye, Byron, Wyatt Bower, Corunna, Logan Thompson, Ovid-Elsie, Eli Woodruff, Laingsburg, Colton Sanderson, Perry, Aaron Davis, Morrice.

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Sports

Wolfpack, Marauders Baseball Teams Place Six Players on All-Shiawassee Area Squad

OWOSSO -- When Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg battled each other in the opening game of the Division 3, District 76 MHSAA baseball tournament near the end of May, no one knew for certain just how much local talent was on the field.

They know now.

Six local players taking the diamond that day -- a narrow 5-4 Wolfpack victory -- have gone on to earn All-Shiawassee Area honors, as named by the Owosso Argus-Press last week.

LHS freshman Ty Randall led the local contingent. The Wolfpack star batted .353 and captured second-team all-Central Michigan Athletic Conference recognition. He also was a pitcher for the Wolfpack, helping them advance as District champions before a season-ending loss to Hemlock in the Regional opening contest.

In addition, Honorable Mention selections to the team were Braxton Stenger, Kayden Leslie and Jacob Tomasek from O-E, joining Josh Baker and Nick Woodbury from Laingsburg to complete the annual honor squad.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Brady Birchmeier, New Lothrop. The New Lothrop junior led the area in four categories -- batting average (.595), home runs (15), RBIs (76), and pitching strikeouts (80). He went 11-0 on the mound with an ERA of 1.04. The junior right-hander was primarily a shortstop when not pitching. Birchmeier is verbally committed to play baseball at Bowling Green State University.

FIRST TEAM: P Tyler Sager, Chesaning, P Julius Garza, New Lothrop, 1B Cam Orr, New Lothrop, OF Jordan Belmar, New Lothrop, OF Ty Kohlmann, New Lothrop, OF Ben Nebo, Durand, 3B Avery Morse, New Lothrop, SS Cannan Cromwell, New Lothrop, 2B Caleb Stahr, Corunna, C Gavin Darling, Corunna, INF Logan Fulk, Chesaning, INF Jay Tuttle, Owosso

SECOND TEAM: P Jylon Peek, Perry, P Collin Thompson, Corunna, OF Cole Mieske, Corunna, 2B Matt Kieffer, New Lothrop, INF Weston Powell, Chesaning, OF Porter Zeeman, Corunna, Utl Billy Bailey, Byron, C Jay Harris, Byron, INF Peyton Fields, Owosso, Utl Ty Randall, Laingsburg, OF/C Jack Lamb, Perry, OF/C Scout Jones, Corunna.

HONORABLE MENTION: Trenton Boisclair, Durand, Austin Kelley, Durand, Trevor Eustace, New Lothrop, Braxton Stenger, Ovid-Elsie, Bryce Krupp, Perry, Blake Lantis, Perry, Wyatt Leland, Owosso, Teddy Worthington, Owosso, Carson Socia, Corunna, Hunter McCorkle, Corunna, Josh Baker, Laingsburg, Nick Woodbury, Laingsburg, Kayden Leslie, Ovid-Elsie, Jacob Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie, Lucas Powell, Chesaning, Nick Hormann, Byron, Tyler Herman, Byron.



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Top Ovid-Elsie, Laingsburg Athletes Dot All-Shiawassee Area Boys Track Team

OWOSSO — Six of the top all-around athletes in the area -- from both Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg High Schools -- have been named to the 2021 All-Shiawassee Area Boys Track Team. The team is named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Distance runner Lucas Woodruff from LHS, Wolfpack sprinter Zach Hawes, LHS pole vaulter Jack Borgman, and the Wolves' 400 M relay team of Hawes, Woodruff, Caleb Clark and Tyler Henne were all honored on the Second Team.

In addition, Ovid-Elsie's Gavyn Leavitt was an Honorable Mention selection.

Woodruff placed sixth in the 800-meter run (2:00.01) at the Division 3 state finals. The senior clocked a personal-best 1:59.08 in the 800 at regionals. He finished second in the 800 run (1:59.25) at the Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet.

Hawes finished 12th (52.20) in the 400-meter dash at the Division 3 state finals. The senior broke Laingsburg's school record in the 100 dash in 11.50 seconds.

Borgman, a freshman, placed fifth in the pole vault (12-9) at the Division 4 state finals.

Laingsburg's 400-meter relay team of Lucas Woodruff, Caleb Clark, Tyler Henne and Zach Hawes ran 3:33.38 to claim seventh at the Division 3 state finals.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Jacob Orweller, Perry

Orweller finished second in the 300-meter hurdles (41.34) and third in the 110 hurdles (15.65) during the Division 3 state finals. Orweller also placed second in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.57) at the Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet. He was sixth in the pole vault (12-6) and sixth in the 300 hurdles (42.16).

FIRST TEAM: Distance Runners: Mason Warner, Corunna, Carson Hersch, New Lothrop. Sprinter: Jaden James, Chesaning, Hurdles: Isaac Zamora, Chesaning. Field Events: Todd Nanasy, Morrice, Brenden Quackenbush, Chesaning. Sprint Relay: Chesaning's 400-meter relay team of Isaac Zamora, Grant Sampson, Henry Hill and Matt Warby. Distance Relay: Chesaning's 1,600-meter relay team of Jaden James, Henry Hill, Corbin Walker and Levi Maier.

SECOND TEAM: Distance Runners: Lucas Woodruff, Laingsburg, Logan Roka, Corunna. Sprinter: Zach Hawes, Laingsburg. Hurdles: Jaden Herrick, Corunna. Field Events: Brett McGowan, Morrice, Jack Borgman, Laingsburg. Sprint Relay: Corunna's 400-meter relay team of D'Angelo Campos, Colin Lavery, Tarick Bower and Joaquin Campos. Distance Relay: Laingsburg's 400-meter relay team of Lucas Woodruff, Caleb Clark, Tyler Henne and Zach Hawes.

Honorable Mention: Michael Castillo, New Lothrop, Will Muron, New Lothrop, Rease Teel, Perry, Gavyn Leavitt, Ovid-Elsie, Levi Maier, Chesaning, Reese Greenfelder, Chesaning, Dante Dunkin, Corunna, Evan Samson, Durand, Hawkins Whitehead, Byron, Jack Smith, Owosso.

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Registration forms are available at the Laingsburg Post Office or by contacting one of the staff members listed below. Deadline to register is August 9th -- so SOCK HOP TO IT.

The 'Welcome Home' contacts include: Tom Turek (810) 241-1007, tomturek@20032003@yahoo.com; Ken Walters (517) 402-7146, kgwalters45@gmail.com; or Frank Mallon (248) 348-5189, foxtrot@mi.rr.com.

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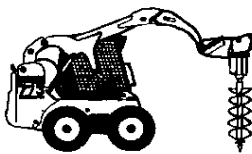
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