

## Sheriff BeGole Announces State Representative Candidacy

*submitted by Dan McMaster*

(Morrice, MI)- Shiawassee County Sheriff Brian BeGole has filed paperwork today at Michigan's Secretary of State Bureau of Elections to officially become a Republican candidate for State Representative in the 71st State House District. Current State Representative Ben Frederick has served three two year terms and is now term limited.

"I have decided wholeheartedly to run because state and federal government administrations have become out of touch with communities like ours during COVID, social unrest across the country, and most recent past elections," commented Sheriff BeGole.

A simple campaign platform with a three pronged approach has been created consisting of economic recovery, criminal justice improvement, and the protection of constitutional rights and restoration of integrity in the electoral process.

"I hear everyday about families being concerned with issues like; rising gas prices, double digit inflation, labor shortages, and a serious disruption in the supply chain of food and other products. Parents want a return to normalcy and understand the necessity of their children back in school and being taught in person. Law enforcement professionals can always do better but defunding and tarnishing the image and reputation of officers is not the solution. Mandates and unnecessary regulations in recent times have ruined our economy and violated constitutional rights. On top of all of this, the public has lost faith and trust in our electoral process. While we can't change the outcome of previous elections, we can learn from the mistakes made and work hard to ensure fair and honest future elections," stated Sheriff BeGole.

Known for his ability to bring people together, always having an open door policy, and running a county department with a budget that continually does more with less he plans to put his knowledge, experience and record of leadership to work for our community in Lansing.

"My open door policy as sheriff will not change when serving as your next state representative in Lansing. I will continue to reach out to members of our community to listen to their thoughts and ideas regardless of political partisanship or beliefs," shared Sheriff BeGole.

Sheriff Brian BeGole has served in law enforcement for 32 years in Shiawassee County with the last 6 being Sheriff, as he was elected countywide in 2016 and 2020. Brian and his wife Tammy, have their roots in Shiawassee County, raising their children on BeGole family land in rural Antrim Township. He is a member of the Shiawassee Valley FOP Lodge #137 and also serves on the Michigan Sheriffs Association's Executive Board.

The newly drawn 71st State House district by the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission includes all of Shiawassee county (except for the City of Laingsburg, Sciota and Woodhull Townships), parts of Genesee County (Argentine and Gaines Townships along with portions of Mundy Township and Swartz Creek) and Saginaw County (Brady, Chesaning, and Maple Grove Townships, Village of Oakley and the City of Chesaning. The Republican Primary Election will be held on August 2nd and the General Election on November 8th.



## Laingsburg Schools Wall of Fame Inductees

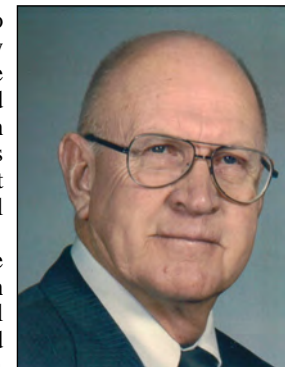
*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

The public is cordially invited to celebrate the Laingsburg Community Schools' two newest Wall of Fame inductees, Mr. Stanley Morrill, and Mr. Robert E. Titus, Sr. Both inductees are deceased. The families will be present to help the district put their names and pictures on the Wall of Fame.

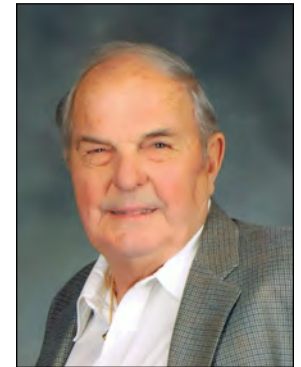
A short ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 1 pm in the Laingsburg High School Auditorium. Family members and guests are welcome to share stories of the accomplishments of these two fine additions to the Wall of Fame. Light refreshments will follow. Please join in celebrating Mr. Morrill's and Mr. Titus's contributions.

How are people selected for the Wall of Fame? Nominations for the Wall of Fame are reviewed by a community committee. The committee reviews a packet of information that includes letters of recommendation, news articles, awards, and other community involvement. Criteria include, but are not limited to:

•Integrity of Purpose •Length of Time •Courage in commitment •Innovation •Unselfishness of time or personal gain •Lasting influence on LCS, its students, and the community •Leadership



Stanley Morrill



Robert E. Titus, Sr.



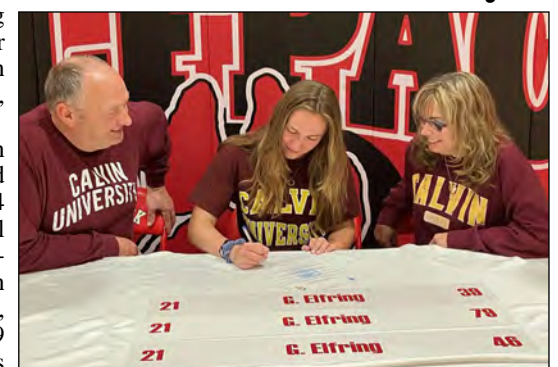
A Happy Day for the Elfring's. Dad, Rich, Grace and her Mom, Cheryl.

## Grace Elfring Signs with Calvin University

Laingsburg Senior, Grace Elfring signed her Letter of Intent to play golf for Calvin University, a Division 3 School in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Grace, who will join the Calvin Knights golf team this Fall was awarded an Academic Scholarship. She carries a 4 point grade point average to the next level and is looking to pursue a degree in Pre-Med. She broke three Wolfpack records in her three years on the varsity golf team, shooting a 46 for 9 holes at home and a 39 for 9 holes away and 79 for 18 holes away.

Grace is looking forward to continuing her education at the next level and is excited to also continue playing golf. "I love the atmosphere at Calvin and am happy to be able to join the golf team there," she said. Grace says her chipping is the most consistent part of her game and her favorite club is her 8 iron. She has an older sister, Clare and is the daughter of Rich & Cheryl Elfring of Laingsburg



Grace signs her Letter of Intent as her parents look on.  
Photos by Deb Price



OE center defender, Kendahl Smeltzer stops a defender during the shut-out game against Byron. See pages 12-13 and 16.  
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### OMESA MINUTES Draft Regular Meeting March 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order:

Vice-Chair West called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

#### Roll Call:

**Present:** Mary Perrien for William Lasher, Kim Williams, Michael Herendeen-arrived at 7:07 pm, Nancy Hughson, Jeff Swan, Jennings West.

**Others in Attendance:** There were four others in attendance: Susan Swan-recording secretary; Chief Jerry Stevens; Arlene Pesik and Claudia Pluger.

#### Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Hughson made a motion to approve agenda as presented. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Passed on voice vote

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Perrien moved to approve the February 22, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Trustee Swan seconded the motion.

Passed on voice vote

#### Financial Report / Payment of the Bills:

The board reviewed the written report from Treasurer Greg Palen (Mr. Palen was absent from the meeting).

Trustee Swan moved to approve payment of Checks #11676- 11709 and six additional checks( DayStarr Communication, AFLAC, Chrouch Communications, Ovid Firefighter's Associations, Kimberly's Creations, FD Hayes Electric Co.) in an amount of \$ 5,511.37 for payroll and \$5,904.76 for vendors for a total of \$ 11,416.13. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Swan, Perrien, West, Hughson, Williams, Herendeen  
Nays: None Carried

The board discussed the numbers that Greg Palen had given the municipalities for the appropriation invoice. There appears to be discrepancy with numbers given. The board discussed about paying the appropriations. Chair Herendeen stated he thought the numbers were calculated from one of the tax rate forms.

Trustee Hughson asked about the wording stated on the billing as it listed as a contribution. She doesn't view it as a contribution. Chair Herendeen clarified it as a "required contribution".

**Public Comment:** Opened 7:12 pm.; Closed 7:12 pm None

#### Fire Chief Report:

Chief Stevens reviewed the written report to the board.

Runs for the Month: (February 23- March 22) 27 runs (19EMS runs and 8 Fire runs)

**Runs for the Year 2022:** 53 runs (60 EMS runs and 23 Fire Runs)

Chief Stevens read off the concrete bids: Haymaker \$49,000.00; Thelen Concrete \$48,600.00; Triple Concrete \$47,000.00.

Radios are working great.

#### Communications:

None

#### General Business:

1. Equipment Status- No equipment needs or issues.

2. Other Pending Business- Trustee Swan updated the board on the computer for the OMESA. The board discussed BSA software. Trustee Perrien asked about the current program is being used and asked about having the right person to use the software. The board discussed the current treasurer. The board discussed the possibility of having another business handling the books. BSA software initial bid is \$14,000 to set it up the system. Jordon, OMESA auditor from Maner-Costerian, stated the accounting service could possibly do the accounting component. Perrien stated it would be a good idea to compare the two situations. Claudia Pluger stated that there will still need someone responsible for the treasury component. Trustee Hughson offered to get a quote from Maner-Costerian.

#### Final Comments:

The next OMESA meeting will be April, 26 2022 at 7 pm.

Adjournment- Trustee Perrien made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Passed on voice vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm

*Susan Tomasek Swan  
Recording Secretary*

## Social

## Library News

### Elsie Pubic Library Adventures

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

Mother's Day is coming up and kids are probably wondering what to get Mom or Nana. The Elsie Public Library is going to have a Storytime and a super-cute craft to make for them to give to their loved ones, on Saturday, May 7th, at 10:30 am. This project will take just a few minutes, and kids can give it their own personal touch with markers, stickers, or other embellishments. The kids can make one for their mom, grandma, or even Aunt!

The library is currently finalizing the details for the 2022 Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibility! The Reading Challenge begins on June 13th with virtual programs posting every Monday and Wednesday. There will be in-person programming beginning Wednesday, June 22, at 2:00 pm., with ongoing virtual programs and take home bags to go with each week's theme.

Elsie Public Library hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 11-7, and Saturday 10-2. Please call us at 989-862-4633 with any questions, and you can always check our Facebook page for any vital updates.

### Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library will be having their Classic Movie on Wednesday, May 4 at 1:00. This week we will be showing the new movie, *Cyrano*, starring Peter Dinklage, that is based on a classic story, *Cyrano de Bergerac*. We hope you can join us.

Don't forget that our Adult Booktasting will be held on Monday, May 11 at 1:00 and the Children's Story Hour will be Friday, May 13 at 10:30.

### Welcome Mother's

The Fenmore Baptist Church is having a special service on Mother's Day, May 8th at 11 am, to recognize our Mothers. You are invited to come and feel the love of God from His word and the people at Fenmore Baptist Church. The church is located at 7888 N. Hollister Road in Elsie. All are welcome to join us as we honor our Mothers.

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### Happy 90th Willann Casler

Willann Casler will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on May 15th. Please help her celebrate by showering her with a card, kind words and memories. Send to: Willann Casler, 403 S. Main Street, Ovid, MI 48866. You are invited to also join us on Sunday, May 15th to share special fellowship time at the Ovid United Church following the 11 am Worship Service.



### Ashley School Flea Market, Craft and Greenhouse Event

*submitted by Deann Smith*

Our school is having an Indoor Flea Market, Craft & Greenhouse Sale on May 7th. 9-2, Greenhouse closes at 11 Public is welcome!

For more info: [dsmith@ashleyschools.net](mailto:dsmith@ashleyschools.net) or 989-847-4000 ext 1027.

### Calling All Detroit Tiger Baseball Fans

The Ovid Carriage Days Committee is hosting a Fundraising Bus Trip to watch the Detroit Tigers on Sunday, August 21, 2022. The Tigers will be playing the Angels. The bus will leave Ovid at 11:00 am from the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid for the 1:30 pm game. The cost is \$60 per person. To purchase your spot on the bus, you can sign up online at [www.ovidcarriagedays.com](http://www.ovidcarriagedays.com) or at the Meridian Weekly office by July 24th.

### Ovid Historical Society

Please join us on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for our May meeting. We will review events for this summer and enjoy some refreshments.

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## CREP Is Now Open for Enrollment

submitted by Donna Kanan

Landowners with cropland in the Lake Macatawa, Saginaw Bay, River Raisin, and the Western Lake Erie Basin can now enroll in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is part of the USDA CRP program, with additional financial incentives to establish practices that improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. Many Shiawassee County residents might remember CREP when it was first introduced in 2008. CREP was suspended six years ago when the allocated dollars for the program were spent, but a new signup was just announced on April 4, 2022.

The goals of the Michigan CREP are to significantly reduce sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen from entering rivers and streams and sequester carbon. This will be accomplished through conservation planning and implementing the following conservation practices: establishing permanent grasses and legumes, field windbreaks, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restorations, and sediment retention control structures.

"We have been looking forward to CREP enrollment opening," stated SCD Conservation Specialist Donna Kanan. "We have always offered free technical conservation planning assistance to Shiawassee County residents. The additional advantages that CREP offers is a huge opportunity for participants to put conservation on the land."

Landowners will work with the Conservation District office throughout the conservation planning process. Their conservation plan will include technical details needed to successfully establish conservation practices that will protect and improve our natural resources including water quality and wildlife habitat. They will work with the Farm Service Agency to manage their contract including their payments. Participants will receive a one-time signing incentive payment, a one-time practice incentive payment, an annual rental payment, and a cost-share payment of up to 50% of the cost to install the practice. In addition, the State of Michigan will provide an additional cost-share payment of up to 50% of the practice installation and offer payments for the enrollment and maintenance and management of land enrolled in the Michigan CREP.

To be eligible, land must be located within one of the identified eligible watersheds in Michigan. In Shiawassee County, those watersheds include the Shiawassee River and Flint River watersheds. The land must also be cropland or marginal pastureland and meet cropping history criteria.

Contact the Shiawassee Conservation District at (989) 723-8263 ext 3 or the Shiawassee County Farm Service Agency at (989) 723-8263 ext. 2 for more information.

## Vince Gill at Wharton Center

submitted by Bob Hoffman

EAST LANSING, MI

— Legendary country music artist Vince Gill, featuring vocalist Wendy Moten, will resume touring with a performance at Wharton Center Thursday, August 18, at 7:30PM. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 15, at 7:30PM through the official Wharton Center Ticket Office, online at wharton-center.com, or by calling 517.432.2000 or 1.800.WHARTON.

"When all touring stopped back in March of 2020, it was a good time for me to take a break from the road. Now, the Eagles are touring again, and that's a blast! But, I'm also eager to get back on the bus and visit some places and fans that I haven't seen for a while." —Vince Gill

Please visit the Wharton Center website at whartoncenter.com/covid-19 to review the most up-to-date information and requirements pertaining to COVID-19.



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- 6x12 wood storage shed
- Mature trees, nice landscaping

### PARCEL #3

- Parcels 1 & 2 sold together as 1 tract.
- Entire 80 acres w/ home/buildings sold together

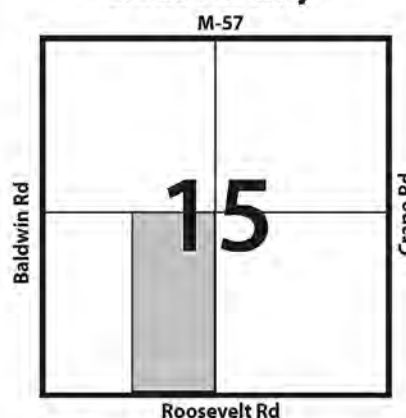
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## Free Community Pantry

submitted by Rachel Desantis

The Holy Family Youth Group has come together with the Knight of Columbus (Laingsburg) sponsorship to build and stock a free community pantry.

The food pantry is located on the west side of the Ovid Library near the sidewalk. It is open 24 hours a day and open to anyone in need. It is also open for donations of not expired non-perishable food items. The logic is to take what you need and leave what you can. The placement near the library is to help school-age kids that might not have access to meals during the summer months. Along with it being located in town, it is easily located for anyone in need.

Food donations can be left in the pantry, nothing is to be left on the ground or at the library. Extra food can be dropped off at Holy Family during church hours.

### OMESA MINUTES

Draft

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2022 7:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order:

Chair Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

#### Roll Call:

Present: Mary Perrien for William Lasher, Kim Williams, Michael Herendeen, Nancy Hughson, Jeff Swan, Jennings West.

Others in Attendance: There were eight others in attendance: Susan Swan recording secretary: Chief Jerry Stevens; Greg Palen-Treasurer-arrived at 7:30pm; Arlene Pesik, Ken Monks, Greg Atwood, Eric Brown, and Dan Lupu.

#### Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Williams made a motion to approve agenda as presented. Secretary West seconded the motion.

Passed on voice vote

#### Approval of Minutes

Trustee Williams moved to approve the January 25, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Secretary West seconded the motion.

Passed on voice vote

#### Financial Report / Payment of the Bills:

Greg Palen Treasurer, presented a written financial report and reviewed it with the board. He explained the error in payroll with the missed pay. He reviewed the budget and explained some corrections needed with the budget. Greg also explained about needing a line item for the St. Johns Business cost. Greg also updated the board on the current computer situation.

Trustee Williams supported the motion by Chair Herendeen to have Trustee Jeff Swan help Greg Palen find and purchase a computer for OMESA treasurer use.

Passed on Voice vote

Chair Herendeen moved to approve payment of Checks #11627- 11672 void on checks 11627-11642 and 11645 in an amount of up to \$6,000.00 for payroll and \$ 3,713.72 vendors for a total up of \$9,713.72 The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Swan, Perrien, West, Hughson, Williams, Herendeen  
Nays: None Carried

Public Comment: Opened 7:05 pm.; Closed 7:05pm None

#### Fire Chief Report:

Chief Stevens reviewed the written report to the board. The new radios have arrived.

Runs for the Month: (January 26- February 22) 29 runs (22 EMS runs and 7 Fire runs)

Runs for the Year 2022: 51 runs (38 EMS runs and 13 fire runs)

Communications:

None

#### General Business:

1. Equipment Status- No equipment needs or issues.

2. Other Pending Business-

Jeff Swan did a presentation from BSA to set up General Ledger, Payroll and Accounts payable. He presented a cloud-based program software and stand-alone software. He presented the numbers for both cases. BSA Software is used by many of the municipalities. Chief Stevens asked about the time involved in training of the use of BSA. Trustee Perrien asked what the present program is being used.

#### Final Comments:

The next OMESA meeting will be March 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment-Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm

Susan Tomasek Swan  
Recording Secretary







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## SAC is Celebrating 50th Anniversary

submitted by Piper Brewer

The Shiawassee Arts Center in Owosso kicked off four months of events and activities in celebration of its 50th anniversary with a dedication of a brick walkway on Sunday, April 24, at the Arts Center. SAC has many other exciting celebratory plans. Tickets are on sale for the opening reception of SAC's 14-week free exhibit, A Pictorial History of Owosso, Friday, May 6, 6-9pm. SAC supporter, David Hood will be hosting a live auction of sculpture, paintings, a Woodard table, an Ansel Adams photograph and a grandfather clock owned by the late George Huddy plus more. Guitarist Pat Carmody will open the event with his trademark acoustic sound and guests will then enjoy the music of crooner Ryan DeHues, songstress Marla Moore and their live band. Drinks and delicious appetizers from many Owosso restaurants and caterers will also be enjoyed. SAC Executive Director Piper Brewer shared, "This will be a fun, exciting and historical evening to remember!"

A Pop-Up Exhibit of artwork by SAC artists is planned for downtown Owosso in the historic Wesener Building at 104 North Washington Street. More than 60 mid-Michigan artists will display and sell their work. The exhibit opening, which is the same day as the Owosso Farmer Market, is Saturday, May 7, 10am-2pm. The Pop-Up will run through August 14, Tuesday-Friday, noon-4pm and Saturdays, 10am-2pm.

SAC will also host a series of historical talks and lunches - Food for Thought - and walking tours of Owosso's historic districts, both guided and self-directed. The much-anticipated "A Step Back in Time, Pictorial History of Owosso," book, which mirrors SAC's exhibit, will be available this summer.

Other events and activities include a Plein Aire event, an Antiques Roadshow-style event, and a bicycle scavenger hunt of historical sites. Look for more details at shiawasseearts.org or call 989.723.8354.



Pictured (l-r): Kim Raup, RN; Tom Kalina; Janee Sego, Manager, Hospice and Abbie Majzel, Vice President, Talent Management

## Tom Kalina Named Memorial Healthcare April EOM

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso, Michigan – I am pleased to announce Tom Kalina, LMSW, a Social Worker/Bereavement Coordinator in our Home Health/Hospice department, has been selected as our April Employee of the Month. Tom has been an employee of Memorial Healthcare since April 1992.

According to his winning nomination, "Tom is not only devoted to his patients but his work family as well. He mentors new staff members and spends so much time after hours setting up appointments and various resources for patients and/or their families. Tom goes the extra mile with everything he does and is fantastic at his job by being able to relate and really listen to patient's needs."

Tom lives in Owosso with his dog Hank. He enjoys working out at the Shiawassee YMCA, playing racquetball, and cooking for friends. An interesting fact about Tom is, he has a massive Peanuts (Snoopy, Charlie Brown) collection and he is a published author of a spiritual book of poems titled, "Seasons of the Soul." Special achievements include receiving Memorial Healthcare's 2010 President Award and the Joan Mack Award in 1998 and 2018. Tom's personal outlook is, "We should use our gifts and talents to help others and to keep shining."

Tom is quoted on being honored as Employee of the Month, "I've been proud to work for Memorial Healthcare for the past 30 years. Here's to the next 30 years!"

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submitted by Troy Napier

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## Bannister ZCBJ #225 Dinner

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

A special dinner and program were held at the Bannister ZCBJ #225 hall on Sunday, April 10th to honor those members who have achieved 50 and 75 years of membership in the association. Due to COVID restrictions, this celebration was not held in 2020 or 2021 so those members were also recognized along with the 2022 recipients.

Those present to receive their 75 year pin were Mary Ann Delaney, Sally Stoll, Robert Ladiski, Mary Cerny ( who also accepted for Barb Robertson), Martha Sutton, Diane Korienek, Joyce Houska accepted for William Houska, Martin Bernath, Ed Fornusek accepted for Carol Snyder, Rosaline Line, Rosemary DeSantis, Jane Kral accepted for Joan Schollon, Ebert accepted for Joanne Ebert and Gerry Winkler.

## The Original Owosso Farm Market Opening

submitted by Bob Callard

The Original Owosso Farm Market would like to inform our loyal customers and area residents that our Market will begin the new season Saturday, May 7th. The Market will be located at 1643 East M -21, between Owosso and Corunna, in the parking lot in front of Harbor Freight and the Dollar Tree, next to Walmart. Hours of operation are 9AM to 2 PM.

The Market is comprised of a core group of vendors that have been serving the local community for 35 to 40 years. It specializes in local, fresh produce, honey, maple syrup, fresh eggs, apples, fruits & berries, flowering trees & shrubs plus lots of perennial plants, herbs & spices, bedding plants, a large variety of unique wood crafts, home made sauces & cheeses, baked goods ( especially Kolaches), jams & jellies, decorative garden & lawn goods, embroidered towels, pillows & T shirts, sports collectibles, & much, much more.

Payment options include credit & debit cards, WIC & Senior Project Fresh Coupons, EBT cards ( SNAP tokens, ie; Doubleup Bucks), in addition to cash. Customers can follow our Facebook Page "Original Owosso Farm Market" for weekly updates of when seasonal produce such as strawberries, sweet corn, etc will be available plus announcements of activities, other products, plants, & crafts, expected, complete with lists and pictures. One expected activity is a Pet Adoption Day by the Shiawassee County Humane Society to be scheduled in June.

For detailed Market information contact Robert Callard at 517-256-6425 or email at [lookg@tds.net](mailto:lookg@tds.net).

We look forward to seeing old & new customers as the season begins!

## Union Home Cemetery Association Meeting

submitted by Gayla Phillips, Secretary

The Public is hereby notified of and invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Union Home Cemetery Association to be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Greenbush Township Hall located at 1883 East French Road, Saint Johns, MI 48879. The annual reports and election of officers for the Association will be held at this meeting in addition to any other business that may be required.



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# Obituaries

## Mark William Dennis

Mark William Dennis, age 55, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 20, 2022, after a short and courageous battle with cancer. He was born on September 29, 1966 in Lansing, MI.

He spent most of his early years in Ovid and graduated from Grove Christian School. Mark was known for his contagious smile and quick wit. He would bring joy and laughter to others just by being around him. His skills included house painting, body work, engine repair, welding, carpentry, and HVAC just to name a few. He was self-taught and shared this knowledge with others. It did not matter what the task was, he would take it on and complete it with ease. He loved to spend time outdoors with his friends snowmobiling, four wheeling (Ford Trucks!!) and trail riding. He especially loved the time he spent with his kids at sporting events, hunting and family activities. He was very proud of his children and their accomplishments. He treasured the time he had with his wife and best friend, going on multiple trips together. Mark was employed as a truck driver for McKearney Asphalt.

Mark is survived by his wife, Alaina; three children, Sydnee, Rylee, Ethyn; and stepson, Damian Lytle. Also surviving him are his stepdad and mother, Robert and Connie Albright of Lowell; his brothers, Craig (Sheila) and Chad (Lisa) both of DeWitt; as well as nieces, Sophie and Carly; and nephews, Meric and Trevor. He was preceded in death by his father, William Dennis. He will be missed by all, but his memories will last a lifetime.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday April 26, 2022 at Gorsline Runciman DeWitt Chapel, 205 E. Washington St..



## Barbara Jane (Curtis) Warren

Barbara Jane (Curtis) Warren, a former resident of Grand Ledge and native of Elsie, Michigan died on December 29, 2021 at the age of 68.

Barbara was born in Owosso, Michigan on June 23, 1953, the daughter of Lois M. (Pixley) Curtis and Arthur O. Curtis, Jr. She attended a one room schoolhouse until high school. Barb was very active in school activities before graduating from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1971.

On June 10, 1972 she married Michael Warren in Corunna, Michigan and they enjoyed forty-six years of marriage. When they were first married, they lived in Big Rapids where Mike was attending Ferris State College. Upon his graduation, they lived in several cities before settling in Grand Ledge in 1982, just in time for their daughter, Katie, to begin kindergarten.

Barb's positive attitude, zest for life, and desire to help others was exemplified in everything she did. For over 25 years, she worked for MATR (Michigan Assistive Technology Resource) / PIAM (Physically Impaired Association of Michigan) helping people with disabilities. During Katie's school career, Barb was a PTO President, a Pompon Booster President, a dance mom, a pom mom, and a "second mom" to many of Katie's friends. She was well-known for her witty cheers and her ability to make others laugh.

All of this led to an easy transition when her grandson, Drew, and granddaughter, Samantha, became active in the Grand Ledge community. She was a first-grade classroom helper and a baseball, football, basketball and dance Grandma. Drew and Samantha were the joys of her life and she loved watching them and cheering them on (as long as it wasn't too cold outside!).

She is survived by her daughter, Katie (Kyle) Gaffner of Grand Ledge, and grandchildren, Andrew and Samantha; her mother, Lois Curtis; sister, Rhonda Curtis; brothers and sisters-in-law, James L. Warren, Kathy (Larry) Gruesbeck, Susie (Dan) Lucas; special cousin, Pam Fowler, and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael, in 2018, her father, Arthur Curtis, and her father and mother-in-law, Loy and Mary Warren.

A Celebration of Barbara's life will be held at the United Church of Ovid, 131 W Front St, Ovid on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11 AM. A luncheon will follow at the church. The family will receive friends from 10 AM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the following organizations: Grand Ledge Bullpen Club (supporting Grand Ledge High School Baseball), Rising Star Studio of Dance Arts (where both Katie and Samantha attend dance classes) to support dancers experiencing financial difficulties, or the donor's choice.

The family was served by McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel.



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# Obituaries

## Victor M. Higgins

Victor M. Higgins passed away the morning of April 21, 2022 at the age of 79 after a courageous battle with Covid, Sepsis, Mrsa, and pseudomonas. He passed at Pray Family Care Home in Clio with his caregiver Teresa by his side.

Victor was born to Gladys (Hurrell) and Earl Higgins on October 31, 1942 in Shiawassee County. He had 14 brothers and sisters. He met and fell in love with Barbara Watson, and they were married on August 10, 1961. Vic joined the Marines when he was just 17 years old and served from 1961 to 1966. While he was stationed in Camp Pendleton, his first child Cynthia Higgins was born.

Vic took great pride in his family. He was an amazing patriarch and the glue that held his family together. The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to him. He was very involved in his community with Toys for Tots and church functions. He took great pride in his American Legion Post in Elise, and he enjoyed the monthly jamborees there. Vic always looked forward to providing Military Honors at the funerals of fellow servicemen; he was very proud of the time his group was invited to the Lansing Capitol.

Vic is survived by his wife, Barbara Higgins; daughter, Cindy Goodman (fiance Richard Ploeger); his grandchildren, Joshua Fuller and Jennifer Fuller; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Joshua, and Brantley Victor; as well as 12 of his siblings.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lori Higgins; brother, Roger Pouillon; and sister, Janet Held.

Victor's love of life didn't come to end with his death - his loved ones will continue to keep his memory alive and honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

A funeral service was held at 1:00pm on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel in Owosso.

Online condolences may be made at [www.McGeehanFH.com](http://www.McGeehanFH.com).

## SafeCenter Thanks Community for Successful Event and Awareness Month

Letter to the Editor:

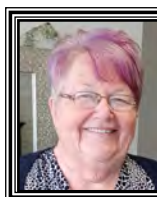
SafeCenter Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties would like to extend a "Thank You" to everyone who came out and supported the organization's first ever "Walk In Their Shoes" event on Saturday, April 23 at the River Walk Loop Trail in Downtown Owosso! The event was a success and brought in funds for the organization which will continue to provide essential services to victims/survivors in the coming year.

SafeCenter would also like to thank the event sponsors, including: Foster Coffee Company, Edwards Sign and Screen Printing, Inc, and Roma's Back Door Owosso.

SafeCenter would like to thank the Clinton and Shiawassee communities as a whole for their support of the organization and survivors over the entire month of April during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Without the support of individuals, families, businesses and organizations, SafeCenter would not be able to provide the plethora of services they do to the extent that they do on a 24/7/365 basis.

SafeCenter's next event will be a Golf Outing scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Corunna Hills Golf Course. More details will be shared in the coming month. In the meantime, "like" and "follow" The SafeCenter on Facebook to stay updated on agency happenings and check out the website to learn more: [www.thesafecenter.org](http://www.thesafecenter.org).

Hannah Gottschalk



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Pru and I have had a busy weekend. Busy meaning that we have been addressing various issues in my yard and are making headway. On Saturday Joe and Ed brought over buckets of ashes to be spread on my garden and I sent home a few jars of pickles for them to try. They did try the garlic dills and I'm not sure if they made it home with them, young Joe really enjoyed them. I also took some over to Karen later in the afternoon and she gave them a high five. So I guess that would mean that they were tasty and preferred over the store bought variety. Karen even has a glass gallon jug for me to make some for her. I was beginning to feel as if this past year was going to be the last time that I made any of those solar dills, I was wrong. Chelsea and Ashley up in St Louis are trying out a variety of my pickles and relishes to see if those are the ones that they want to make. I got the message and they are.

Pru and I walked the yard and checked on the rhubarb, the garlic and checked on what remains to be the last of the lilacs that I planted along the road. The poor lilacs don't handle whatever spray has been used on that field south of me and I've quit struggling to save them. Win some and lose some. Thankfully I still have the old fashioned lilacs on the north side of the house and the French lilac on the west side that are still thriving. I did mow off my Yucca area but they should come back because they have managed to survive well with the grassy weeds that have invaded them. Speaking of grassy weeds, Linda showed me a new contraption that makes it easier to remove those bounders from our flowers and gardens. I know that it cost \$29.95 and if it works half as well as Linda described then I do need one. I will add it to my list of gardening supplies that I need and or want this year.

I also mowed off my asparagus patch. There still are branches to pick up and put into the burn pile plus some shingles that have blown off the shed. I hope to hear from Joe's brother shortly, because he does roofs and I know that the shed roof needs new decking also. There go my pennies saved in a big hurry but it will improve both the appearance and the value of my area. I also moved the two by fours that had been dropped on the east side of the shed. Most of them are fine but the bottom ones not so much. As soon as I get them cleaned up I will put them into the shed. I'm sure that I can find a good use for them.

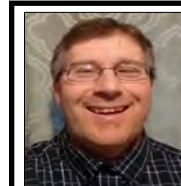
After church today I will be picking up my table, chairs, umbrella, and canopy that I have stored over at the homestead. That didn't happen, Diane and Brent brought them over while I was at church and put them on the deck for me. Daughters are wonderful and so is taking the time to visit with friends and neighbors. Friday I got to visit with Barb and Larry, Linda and Sally and her youngest son. Sally has invited me to play cards with them and I'm looking forward to learning how to play nineteen. Hopefully I will catch on quickly. This month has been zooming by and I still don't have the upstairs cleaned out and though I'm making progress I seem to be in saunter mode and probably should be working in 'get her done mode'. Bob has offered to bring his son over and to carry more boxes and stuff down stairs so that I can sort through them. I think that I may be taking him up on that offer. Life is good and people are kind to me.

Finally got my application for the Ashley Country Christmas out in this morning's mail and have texted pictures of my set up to Peggy. I have also made arrangements with Bob and on Saturday morning the excess storage upstairs will make the journey down to the living room. Today I'm making homemade bread and will deliver some to my friends and pick up a beautiful white lilac bush to bring home with me. Today or tomorrow I need to dig up some horseradish and get it prepped and into the refrigerator. All and all, I should be able to make some more headway in my downsizing. I also will be going to Grand Rapids to watch my Granddaughter Ryan receive her bachelor degree as a Registered Nurse.

May your lives be filled with wonderful occasions and God's blessings. Be blessed.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

# Editorial



## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
[www.letsmeetgod.com](http://www.letsmeetgod.com)

How important are qualities like integrity, honesty and a good character for someone? How about for someone who claims to be a Christian?

Does good character still matter today? Or have we become a results only society?

According to Inc., billionaire Warren Buffett called integrity the most important hiring trait you can have in an employee. Buffett said: "We look for three things when we hire people. We look for intelligence, we look for initiative or energy, and we look for integrity. And if they don't have the latter, the first two will kill you..."

Another billionaire, the late Jon Huntsman, Sr., who grew his chemical company from scratch to a \$12 billion enterprise, attributes integrity to his success. He wrote that the difference between the unsuccessful, the temporarily successful, and those who become and remain successful is character.

It is said that integrity and character are what a person is when no one is looking, or who someone is when no one will know what the person has done, whether good or bad.

To the Church in Corinth Paul writes, "*Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.*" - 2 Corinthians 1:12

Paul says that he has acted with the Corinthians with integrity and godly sincerity. This is a good reminder for us in how we act with others.

Integrity. Godliness. Sincerity. Where our word is our word. Paul told Timothy to, "*Watch your life and doctrine closely...*" - 1 Timothy 1:16

How we live makes a difference. We can be the reason that someone takes a step towards God or a step away from Him.

No one is perfect, but with God's help, we can act honestly with others even when it hurts. Even when it means saying sorry or asking for forgiveness. Keep in mind that while people will notice the bad things we do, but they also notice the good things as well. May the good things that we do point people to the Lord.

As Jesus says, "*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*"

- Matthew 5:14-16

## St. Johns Mint Festival Euchre Fundraiser

submitted by Mariah Leiby

The St. Johns Mint Festival is looking for players and sponsors for the 2022 Euchre Fundraiser. This is a team tournament bring a friend and join us for a night of fun or help by sponsoring a table!

Refreshments, cards, and friends.

May 20th 5:30pm.

Register at <https://stjohnsareachamber.wildapricot.org/event-4768341>

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# Senior Spotlight

## CSFP and TEFAP

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior CSFP) are currently begin taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly basis, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

Persons 60 years of age or older must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$17,667; family size 2 - \$23,803; family size 3 - \$29,939. For each additional family member add \$6,136.

Also: Applications for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County.

New Household Applicants must meet the 200% Poverty index. EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2022 NEW FINANCIAL GUIDELINES are: Family size 1 - \$27,180; family size 2 - \$36,620; family size 3 - \$46,060. For each additional family member add \$9,440.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin May 3, 2022.

The procedure will be drive through the first day only. No food will be placed on the front or back seats of the vehicle. "Trunks" should be open before driving up to receive the food.

If you do not already have someone designated to pick up your food, you may call the CACS office at 989-723-3115 and let us know who you are designating to pick it up. If you are not registered, please call the office at 989-723-3115 to pre-register.

Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Meals on Wheels is Seeking Volunteers

submitted by Tammy Lemmer

Lansing- The Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA) is looking for volunteers to be delivery drivers for the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. Volunteers deliver nutritious meals straight to the doors of participants during the lunch hour, improving access to food and providing a friendly check-in for vulnerable older adults and persons with disabilities. Volunteers have the opportunity to connect with their fellow community members on a schedule that works for them, with a commitment of as little as one hour per week to one per month.

Meals on Wheels is preparing to safely reopen many of the Monday-Friday routes that were converted to once-weekly routes during the pandemic. As more routes reopen, volunteer needs are increasing. MOW can use dozens of new volunteers.

More Information about Meals on Wheels Volunteer Role:

Volunteers pick up a box of food from a site near the beginning of their route and deliver to approximately 10-15 participants. Volunteers drive their own vehicles. Mileage reimbursement is available.

Routes take about one hour to complete. Meals may be picked up anytime between approximately 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

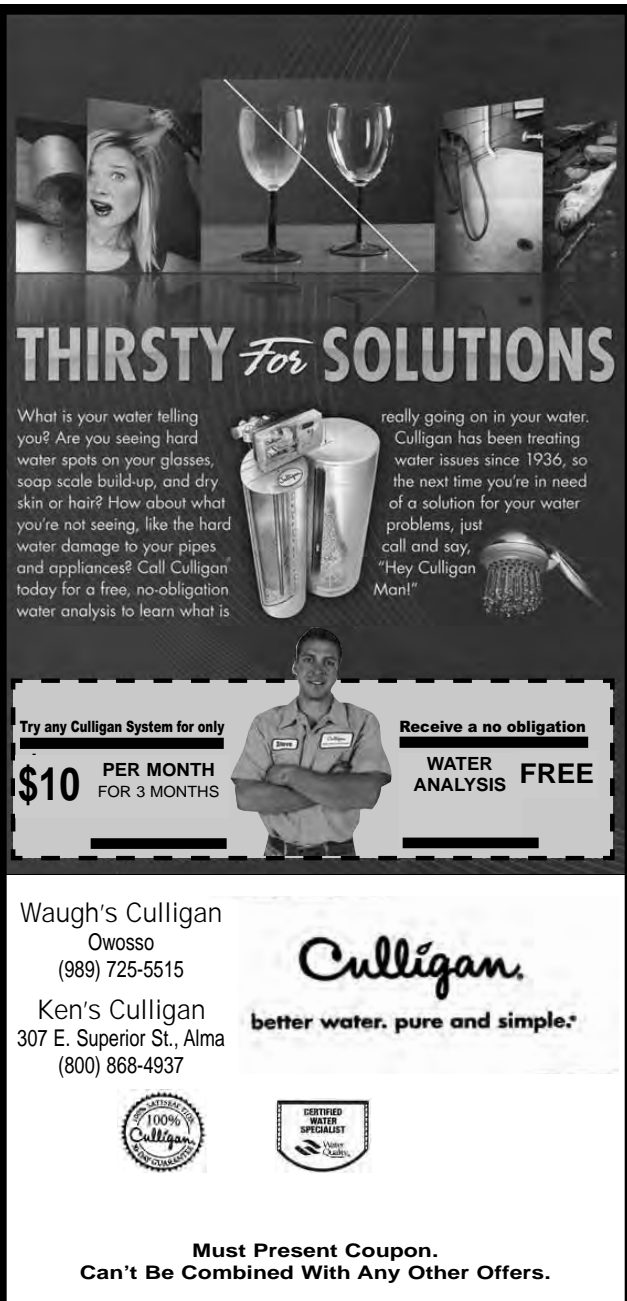
Some volunteers choose consistent days to deliver (i.e. every Tuesday or every other Wednesday) and others are flexible "on call" volunteers so that Meals on Wheels can contact them about their availability when other volunteers cannot make their shift.

Deliveries occur throughout Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. Volunteer needs are widespread, but the area of greatest need is currently Lansing.

All volunteers must have a valid driver's license. A criminal background check is completed for each applicant. For more information or to volunteer, please apply at [www.tcoa.org/volunteer](http://www.tcoa.org/volunteer) or contact Casey Cooper at [CooperC@tcoa.org](mailto:CooperC@tcoa.org) or 517-887-1377.

About Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA)

The Tri-County Office on Aging has been the leader of assistance, advocacy, and planning for older adults and their families since 1974. Serving Michigan's Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties and the Cities of Lansing and East Lansing through programs like Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining sites; Project Choices; in-home services; Information and Assistance; caregiver supports; the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMA); Evidence-Based health and wellness classes; and more to help individuals live independently and remain safe, healthy and active in their homes and communities.



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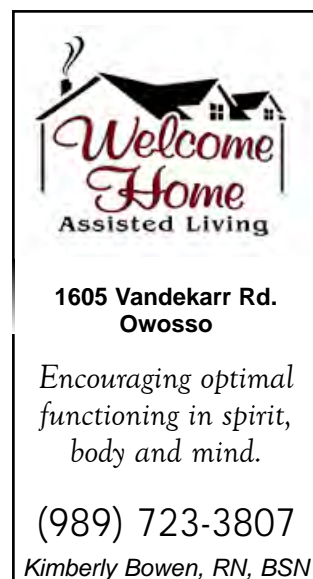
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# Meet the Teams



## Ovid-Elsie Varsity Baseball

Front row (l-r): Chase Kline, Landon Stoneman, Josh Everden, Dominic Wilkinson, Perrien Rasch, Matthew Whitaker, Dylan Coven, Justice Moore. Back row(l-r): Head Coach Luke Martin, Hayden Pontack, Breckin Kirby, Caven Brooks, Braxton Stenger, Corbyn Janes, Jake Bowen, Colin Vieth, Assistant Mike Loynes  
Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.

## Ovid-Elsie Varsity Baseball Team Heads into 2022 to Improve on Last Season's 5-26 Finish

OVID-ELSIE — Head coach Luke Martin and assistants Mike Loynes and Tyler Knickerbocker are itching to start the 2022 Marauder prep baseball season — and improve on last year's 5-26 overall, 4-10 league (MMAC) finish.

"We should have around 10 different pitchers see innings on the mound this year so our pitching depth is great," says coach Martin. "We should be strong in the field this year as well."

Senior pitcher / outfielder Josh Everden, junior CF P Braxton Stenger, junior OF Perrien Rasch, and senior P 2B P Dominic Wilkinson return to lead a lineup that includes junior 1B P Hayden Pontack, junior P IF C Colin Vieth, junior P IF OF C Landon Stoneman, junior 3B P Chase Kline, sophomore SS P C Caven Brooks, freshman C P Jake Bowen, freshman IF P Corbyn, junior OFs Breckin Kirby, Justice Moore and Dylan Coven, and junior 2B Matthew Whitaker.

"We will be very young this year, with only two seniors, so the lack of varsity experience may limit us early in the year," explains the coach, "But I expect this team to compete with any team by the end of the year."

New Lothrop and Chesaning are the two preseason favorites once again in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC). Coach Martin says, "I think we will surprise some people though, after a 7th place finish last year. I look forward to seeing this young team grow throughout the season. It is a very enjoyable group to be around everyday."



## Ovid-Elsie Varsity Softball

Front row (l-r): Ashland Particka, Kaitlyn Fry, Zoe Baiz, Gracie Schultz, Alexis Hart-Butcher, Olivia Burt, Jordyn Smith. Back row (l-r): Jason Bowen (Assistant Coach), Kaydence Bowen, Allyson Pokorny, Karigann Cuthbert, Skylar Bowen, Maddisyn Miller, Jolene Nash, Paula Olger, Caron White (Assistant Coach), Felicia Gingrich (Head Coach). Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.

## Senior-Laden Marauder Softball Team Can Contend for MMAC Title

OVID-ELSIE — Last year's record record of 9-5 in the MMAC, 23-17 overall — and a bevy of talented seniors returning — has the Lady Marauder softball team thinking "title" in spring, 2022.

Head coach Felicia Gingrich returns a strong roster studded with experienced players, notably seniors Skylar Bowen, Jolene Nash, Zoe Baiz, Allyson Pokorny, Alexis Hart-Butcher and Paula Olger; juniors Olivia Burt, Ashland Partick and Gracie Schultz; and super sophomores Maddisyn Miller, Kaitlyn Fry and Karigann Cuthbert. Newcomers to an optimistic O-E squad are Breanna Tompkins, Ellie Gerelt and Jordyn Smith.

Coach Gingrich will be assisted by Jason Bowen, Caron White and Chloe Taylor, while Sadie Casaday serves as the Jr. Varsity head coach.

"We've got lots of returnees, and solid communication is a tem strength," says coach Gingrich. "With a senior-heavy class and lots of talent, we're ready to get this season going."

Gingrich says her club needs to continue its hitting progress, and keep working on defensive strategies.

The challenge in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) will be getting past New Lothrop, which is coming off an undefeated MMAC campaign in 2021.

## Ovid-Elsie Boys Baseball

May 2: Otisville Lakeville	A	4:00pm
May 9: New Lothrop	H	4:00pm
May 11: Clio	A	4:00pm
May 16: Mt. Morris	A	4:00pm
May 23: Durand	H	4:00pm

## Ovid-Elsie Girls Softball

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# Meet the Teams



## Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Track Team

Front row (l-r): Nick Long, Eddy Evans, Jacob Schaub, Alex Eichenberg, Christian Schmidtfranz, Kaden West. Second row (l-r): Ben Wildes, Clay Wenzlick, Andrew Hall, Kevin Ley, Bryce Blaha, James Kelly, Ryder Ruilson. Third row (l-r): Sam Harden, Caleb Love, Colin Fluharty, Dylan Taylor, Austin Darling, Austin Smith, Ryan Gavenda, Clay Powell. Fourth row (l-r): Gunner McCreery, Axel Newell, Tryce Tokar, Mason Ritenburg, Jamison Custer, Bruce Thornton, Isaac Orta, Alex Lopez. Fifth row (l-r): Kaden Fry, Kevin Torrey, Karter Clark, Cole Workman, Carter Kelley, Joe Humrich. Coaches: Head Doug Long, Assistants Zach Loynes and Wes Diener. Missing: Dalton Love. Photo by Ortman Production Inc.



## Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Track Team

Front row (l-r): Aubrey Kurka, Natalie Stoneman, Klohe Bigelow, Piper White, Emily Mueller, Alayna Zemla, and Jessi Kozlowski. Second row (l-r): Audrey Johns, Mikayla Bashore, Tavares Kvalavog, Sam Grubaugh, Hannah Koutz, Alyse Ladiski, Sam Snider, Rachel Spitzley, and Jadyon Yonchewski. Third row (l-r): Kaia Spiess, Macey Bennett, Anna Kadlek, Kylie Davis, Izzy Loynes, Ella Powell, Lexi Terpenning, and Sonja Ramos. Fourth row (l-r): Alexis Spitzley, Natalie Leavitt, Braeden Tokar, and Haley Bashore. Back row (l-r): Distance Coach: Wes Diener, Throws Coach Zach Loynes, and Head Coach: Nick Hufnagel. Photo by Ortman Production Inc.

## Marauder Thinclads Boast Strong Individual Performers, Depth in Most Events

OVID-ELSIE — A veteran coaching staff knows talented individual talent — and team depth — when they see it.

The 2022 edition of the Marauder boys track team has displayed those attributes to head coach Doug Long, and assistants Zach Loynes and Wes Diener.

“We have at least one strong performer in each individual event and some good depth in most events,” says coach Long. “We also have a bigger number of athletes (38) out this year for track.”

Senior captains Alex Eichenberg (throws), Eddy Evans (sprints and pole vault), Christian Schmidtfranz (sprints) and Jacob Schaub (middle distance) lead the Marauders into the campaign, with lots of upper-class talent to build around. Seniors abound including Kaden West (sprints), Clay Wenzlick (high jump, long jump), Dylan Taylor (throws), Caleb Love, Ethan Klingler, Sam Harden (distance), Andrew Hall (pole vault), Kaden Fry, Colin Fluharty (sprints, hurdles) and Bryce Blaha.

The O-E junior class is represented by Kevin Torrey, Austin Smith, Ryder Ruilson, Nick Long (hurdles, long jump), Kevin Ley (throws), Ryan Gavenda (distance, high jump), Austin Darling (throws) and Karter Clark.

Jamison Custer (middle distance) joins Joe Hummich, Carter Kelley, Alex Lopez, Dalton Love, Gunner McCreery (hurdles, long jump), Isaac Orta (sprints), Mason Ritenburg, Bryce Thornton (sprints) and Cole Workman (distance) in the 2022 sophomore class.

Incoming freshmen are Ben Wildes, Bryce Tokar (sprints, pole vault), Clay Powell (distance) and James Kelly.

In all, it adds up to 13 returning lettermen as coach Long looks to a three-way race for the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) track title. “Generally New Lothrop and Chesaning are strong,” says the veteran mentor, “With Durand and Montrose improving. We hope to be right up there with the top two.”

The Marauders will be trying to improve on last season’s 3rd place MMAC showing.

## Lady Marauders Have Eyes on Top Finishers in MMAC Girls Track

OVID-ELSIE — The Lady Marauder track and field team boasts talent that reigns atop the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) in 2022.

Isabella Loynes reigned as the MMAC champion in the 400 dash a year ago and teamed up with Kaia Spiess, Rachel Spitzley and Alexis Spitzley to win the league crown in the 4x400 relay.

They’ll lead coach Nicholas Hufnagel’s Marauders into this spring campaigns, trying to one-better their runner-up finish in the MMAC from 2021. Hufnagel will be assisted by veteran coaches Doug Long, Wes Diener and Zach Loynes.

Key returnees include Loynes (Jr., sprints, middle distance, relays), Alexis Spitzley (Jr., distance, relays), Audrey Johns (So., hurdles, high jump), Spiess (So., relays, pole vault), Rachel Spitzley (So., relays, pole vault), Ella Powell (Jr., high jump), Sam Snider, Macey Bennett, Klohe Bigelow, Haley Bashore, Jadyon Yonchewski, Sam Grubaugh, Braeden Tokar, Alyse Ladiski and Kyle Davis.

Incoming Marauders are Telexia Terpening, Hannah Koutz, Jessie Kozlowski, Anna Kadlek, Tava Kvalevov, Mikayla Bashore, Emily Mueller, Piper White, Aubrey Kurka, Alayna Zemla, Natalie Leavitt, Sonja Ramos and Natalie Stoneman.

“Our mid- and long-distance teams have the most returning point scorers from last year,” says coach Hufnagel in discussing his team’s strengths. “We have struggled to score in the throws and field events the last few years, but we are hoping that some new additions will help us round out.”

Hufnagel continues, “We fully intend to compete with the best teams in the MMAC, just as we did last season. Hopefully this year with hard work, we can come out on top.”

As a team, the Lady Marauders finished fourth in the MMAC in 2021.

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# Meet the Teams



## Ovid-Elsie Varsity Soccer

Front row (l-r): Caitlyn Walter, Genevieve Hills, Kendahl Smeltzer, Rian Kirby, Sophia Sweet, Madison Thornton, Kiah Longoriah, Averie Knickerbocker, Captain Evelyn Cole  
Back row (l-r): Head Coach Craig Thelen, Ast. Coach Chris Parker, Manager Lillian Bates, Aubrey Arnett, Katie Lorio, Captain Audrey Bates, Kalista Bancroft, Ava Bates, Hailee Campbell, Murphy Alexa, Hadley Bukantis, Emma Del Bosque, Manager Dannika Campbell, Ast. Coach Justin Fluharty. Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.

## Marauder Girls Soccer Team Returns Loaded Lineup in 2022

OVID-ELSIE -- Can the soccer Marauders repeat for a 4th straight season atop the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC)?

Odds are, the answer is a resounding "yes."

The 14-year veteran mentor will be seeking his 172nd win when the Marauders open the 2022 slate. He will be assisted by Vivian Cole, Justin Fluharty and Chris Parker; along with managers Genevieve Hills, Lillian Bates and Dannika Campbell.

There are several reasons the Marauders are so optimistic again this season:

Aubrey Arnett is a senior centerback. Kalista Bancroft is a senior forward. Audrey Bates returns as a defensive midfielder. Ava Bates is the Marauder sophomore goalkeeper. Hadley Bukantis is a junior center mid. Hailee Campbell is a returning as a sophomore forward.

Sophomore center mid Evelyn Cole. Emma Del Bosque, a senior outside back.

Kiah Longoriah is a junior forward.

Kendahl Smeltzer is a returning centerback.

Caitlyn Walter is a senior midfielder.

Freshmen Madison Thornton and Sophia Sweet join the varsity and set up as dependable reserves for coach Thelen's club, adding to bench strength in junior Rian Kirby, senior Kalista Bancroft, junior Murphy Alexa, senior Mya Nethaway, freshman Averie Knickerbocker, Katie Lorio and Hailey Good.

"I expect us to finish in first place again (the Marauders have been champs every year since joining the MMAC in 2018-2019), but Montrose always plays us tough and is well coached," explains coach Thelen. "Although we only gave up one goal in league play last year there will be players and teams that will still pose a threat for us. We lack experience on the back end, but we have solid players all over the pitch.

"Although we have one of the most difficult districts in the state, I believe we will be a tough out come playoff time. We have loaded our schedule with high caliber teams which will prove difficult throughout the season, but I believe we will be better for it in the end."

Thelen rates the order of league finish as Ovid-Elsie, followed by Montrose, Byron, Durand, Otisville-Lakeville and Chesaning.



## Ovid-Elsie JV Baseball

Team includes: Talan Parsons, Cavan Mortinson, Gage Wiktorowski, Jayce Herblet, Javen Belill, Clayton Fruchey, Tucker Loynes, Hunter Bates, Cale Jones, Matthew Whitaker, Trace Taylor, Joey Bancroft, Jaxon Ladiski, Preston Young, Brayden Leland, Dawson Taylor. Head Coach: Jeff Wiktorowski. Assist. Coach Marc Johnson.

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## Ovid-Elsie JV Softball

Team includes: Jamie Houska, Grace Remenar, Kathryn Thornton, Alexah Heckman, Mattison Hendley, Julia Rademacher, Cheyenne Kline, Samantha Helms, Norah Wilcox, Olyvia Coon, Kyra Pupava, Kaydence Bowen, Savanna Snider, Alexa Straub.

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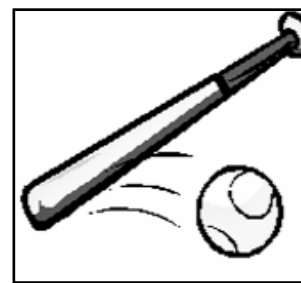


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# Sports

## Wolfpack Thinclads Post 1-1 Record at Saranac Track and Field Tri-Meet

SARANAC -- Laingsburg, Dansville and Saranac squared off in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) tri-meet here April 20, with both the Wolfpack boys and girls teams bringing home a 1-1 record.

The Saranac boys bested Laingsburg 81-56 and Dansville 98-37, while LHS scored a 98-37 triumph over Dansville. In the girls meet, Saranac triumphed over the Lady Wolves 75-62 and Dansville 119-0, while the Wolfpack also were handed a shutout win over DHS, 117-0.

Sprinters Jack Borgman (:11.73) and Emma Kribs (:13.51) kicked off the first place finishes for Laingsburg, in the boys and girls 100 m dashes, respectively. Complete meet results included local finishers:

### BOYS EVENTS

100 m dash: 1. Borgman 11.73, Laingsburg; 4. Mitchell Yates 12.46; 5. Kadin Beck-Kusnier 12.56; 8. Marty Meyers 12.89; 12. Landon Tribe 13.22; 14. Dylan Witgen 13.46; 15. Ethan Mohney 13.54; 16. Vance Klont 13.60; 18. Wyatt Wagner 14.21; 20. Ashton Jones 14.78.

200 m dash: 3. Alex Brown 24.13; 5. Kadin Beck-Kusnier 25.53; 6. Cameron Koonter 26.36; 7. Matthew Freels 26.97; 8. Vance Klont 27.93; 9. Dylan Witgen 28.03; 12. Ashton Jones 29.67; 13. Ryan Rivet 30.17; 16. Wyatt Wagner 31.80.

400 m run: 2. Caleb Clark 56.00; 4. Miguel Ramirez 59.78; 5. Brad Dedie 1:01.47; 8. Jacob Cromley 1:01.86; 9. Gabriel Medina 1:02.78; 11. Cade Fuller 1:09.02; 12. Wyatt Stanfield 1:09.97; 15. Andrew Park 1:21.61; 16. Ashton Jones 1:13.35; 17. Ryan Rivet 1:13.40; 18. Tanner Scanlan 1:13.78; Sawyer Shastal NT Laingsburg.

800 m run: 2. Nolan Gregg 2:17.17; 5. Garrett Matthews 2:46.06; 8. Andrew Park 2:50.15; 10. Tanner Scanlan 3:11.15; 11. Ian Smith 3:34.07; Jacob Cromley NT Laingsburg.

1600 m run: 5. Miguel Ramirez 5:19.38; 6. Felix Ramirez 5:46.47; 7. Sawyer Shastal 6:06.70; 9. James Pratt 6:08.15; 11. Ian Smith 7:46.20.

3200 m run: 3. Nolan Gregg 11:28.03; 4. Felix Ramirez 12:32.82.

100 m Hurdles: 3. Caleb Boettcher 20.90; 4. Falk Schrödter 22.25.

300 m Hurdles: 3. Caleb Boettcher 51.35; 5. Troy Matthews 52.21; 8. Gabriel Medina 54.34; Miguel Fajardo DQ and Falk Schrödter NT, Laingsburg.

4 x 100 relay: 1. Laingsburg (Alex Brown, Yates, Zach Grandy, Borgman) 47.42; 4. Laingsburg (Fajardo, Andrew Kingsbury, Jack Byrnes, Noah Hagerty) 50.48.

4 x 200 relay: 2. Laingsburg (Rivet, Mohney, Cade Fuller, Boettcher) 1:51.40. Laingsburg (Brown, Beck-Kusnier, Grandy, Borgman) DQ.

4 x 400 relay: 2. Laingsburg (Tribe, Clark, Hagerty, M. Ramirez) 3:59.80; 4. Laingsburg (Garrett Matthews, Gregg, F. Ramirez, Dano Winans) 4:35.67.

4 x 800 relay: 3. Laingsburg (Shastal, F. Ramirez, Winans, Gregg) 9:56.44.

Shot put: 3. Mikey Brooks 34'5; 4. Andrew Kingsbury 34'3.5; 6. Wyatt Stanfield 33'1; 7. Sean Divine 32'2; 8. Troy Matthews 30'7; 9. Noah Hagerty 29'7; 10. Marty Meyers 28'9; 11. Harvey Montgomery 26'7; 15. Garrett Matthews 22'5.

Discus: 2. Andrew Kingsbury 113'5; 4. Sean Divine 103'4; 5. Troy Matthews 99'5; 6. Wyatt Stanfield 98'4; 7. Zach Grandy 94'3; 9. Mikey Brooks 87'3; 10. Garrett Matthews 86'9; 11. Matthew Freels 86'8; 13. Mitchell Yates 79'1; 17. Harvey Montgomery 60'3; 18. Andrew Park 55'9.

High Jump: 1. Caleb Clark 6'3; 2. Brad Dedie 5'8; Miguel Fajardo NH Laingsburg.

Pole Vault: 1. Alex Brown 13'0; 2. Jack Borgman 12'6; 4. Caleb Boettcher 9'6; 7. Dylan Witgen 8'6; Dano Winans, Ethan Mohney, Ryan Rivet NH, Laingsburg.

Long Jump: 2. Caleb Clark 19'075. 3. Matthew Freels 17'10.25; 5. Miguel Fajardo 17'4; 6. Zach Grandy 17'3.5; 7. Cameron Koonter 17'0.5; 9. Landon Tribe 16'7.75; 10. Mitchell Yates

16'6.6; 11. Dano Winans 15'4.5; 14. Wyatt Wagner 13'10.25; 15. Ashton Jones 13'8.75; 16. Cade Fuller 13'3.75; 17. Gabriel Medina 13'0.

### GIRLS EVENTS

100 m dash: 1. Emma Kribs 13.51; 2. Hailey Bila 13.81; 3. Ashley Bila 13.88; 4. Kyleigh Luna 13.93; 5. Brenna Highfield 13.94; 8. Bella Strieff 14.70; 10. Brooklyn Miller 15.58; 11. Hailey Mahoney 16.40; 12. Camino Marino 16.53; 13. Maria Moya 16.78; 17. Mirabella Carolan 17.86; Avril Agudo and Sofia Archer NT Laingsburg.

200 m dash: 1. Emma Kribs 28.62; 4. Ellie Baynes 30.61; 6. Brooklyn Miller 32.24; 8. Sophia Mikko 37.53; Maria Moya, Sofia Archer and Olivia Rodriguez NT Laingsburg.

400 m run: 2. Emily Rathke 1:11.60; 4. Evelyn Logghe 1:13.58.

800 m run: 5. Kaydence Ruhf 4:17.42; Kezzie Dietz NT Laingsburg.

1600 m run: 2. Emily Rathke 6:40.48; 4. Alexa Weathers 6:57.44; 5. Kaydence Ruhf 9:50.88.

3200 m run: 2. Emily Rathke 14:22.80; 3. Alexa Weathers 16:33.69.

100 m Hurdles: 3. Olivia Rodriguez 21.83; 4. Libby Rucklos 22;04.

300 m Hurdles: 3. Olivia Rodriguez 1:06.34.

4 x 100 relay: 1. Laingsburg (Luna, Addison Elkins, A. Bila, H. Bila) 54.28.

4 x 200 relay: 2. Laingsburg (Strieff, Baynes, A. Bila, H. Bila) 54.28; 3. Laingsburg (Callie Clark, Logghe, Elkins, Luna) 2:03.72.

4 x 800 relay: 2. Laingsburg (Dietz, Alexa Weathers, Ruhf, Annah Weathers) 14:32.66.

Shot put: 2. Emma Kribs 22'10; 3. Brooklyn Miller 21'6.5; 4. Bella Strieff 21'5.5; 6. Avril Agudo 20'9.5; 7. Sophia Mikko 20'5.5; 9. Camino Moreno 19'0; 10. Hailey Mahoney 18'6; 13. Mirabella Carolan 14'4.

Discus: 1. Brynn Wilson 61'5; Emma Kribs 58'11; 6. Camino Moreno 49'0; 7. Alexa Weathers 47'11; 10. Mirabella Carolan 34'0.

High Jump: 1. Hailey Bila 4'10; Remi Fuller 4'6; Ashley Bila 4'4; Avril Agudo 4'2; Libby Rucklos 4'2; Allyson Hill, Brenna Highfield and Callie Clark NH Laingsburg.

Pole Vault: 3. Callie Clark 6'6; Evelyn Logghe NH Laingsburg.

Long Jump: 2. Addison Elkins 14'6.25; 3. Ellie Baynes 14'3; 5. Avril Agudo 12'10; 6. Bella Strieff 11'4.5; 7. Allyson Hill 10'2.5.

## Wolfpack teams perfect 2-0 hosting CMAC track and field tri-meet vs. Vikings, Shamrocks

LAINGSBURG — Track and field teams from Potterville and Portland St. Patrick converged on the Wolfpack Athletic Complex here April 27 for a CMAC tri-meet in cold, overcast, blustery weather.

Coach Brian Borgman's Wolves proved victorious over both foes. The boys final team scores were Laingsburg 129 St. Pats 6, Laingsburg 103 Potterville 32, and Potterville 92 St. Patrick 4.

In the girls events, Laingsburg went 2-0, with the following team scores: Wolfpack 99 St. Patrick 29, Wolfpack 99 Potterville 24, and St. Pats 39 Potterville 33.

### WOLFPACK BOYS TOP THREE IN EACH EVENT

100 m dash: Jack Borgman 1st, :11.49; Zach Grandy 2nd, :12.31; Mitchell Yates 3rd, :12.34.

200 m dash: Alex Brown 1st, :24.04; Borgman 2nd, :24.32; Yates 3rd, :24.93.

400 m run: Caleb Clark 1st, :57.30; Miguel Ramirez 3rd, 1:01.60; Brad Dedie 5th, 1:03.80.

800 m run: Nolan Gregg 2nd, 2:16.97; Lucas Shastal 5th, 2:44.73; Andrew Park 6th, 2:57.51.

1600 m run: M. Ramirez 3rd, 5:28.0; Felix Ramirez 5th, 5:38.0; Aden Baynes 6th, 5:41.0.

3200 m run: Gregg 1st, 12:51.95; F. Ramirez 2nd, 12:52.34; Sawyer Shastal SCR Laingsburg.

110 m hurdles: Boettcher 1st, :20.34; Falk Schrödter 2nd, :20.51.

300 m hurdles: Boettcher 1st, :51.61; Schrödter 2nd, :51.18; Troy Matthews 3rd, :51.70.

4 x 100 relay: (Alex Brown, Grandy, Yates, Borgman) 1st, :46.07; (Baynes, Kyle Boettcher, Dedie, Caleb Boettcher) 3rd, :50.95; (Jack Byrnes, Noah Hagerty, Andrew Kingsbury, Miguel Fajardo) 4th, :51.08.

4 x 200 relay: (Brown, Cameron Koonter, Kadin Beck-Kusnier, Matthew Freels) 2nd, 1:41.88; (Hagerty, Schrödter, Garrett Matthews, Byrnes) 3rd, 1:53.77.

4 x 400 relay: (Ramirez, Hagerty, Landon Tribe, Clark) 2nd, 4:03.94.

4 x 800 relay: (S. Shastal, F. Ramirez, G. Matthews, Hagerty) 2nd, 10:44.0.

Shot Put: Kingsbury 1st, 37'9"; Wyatt Stanfield 2nd, 34'11"; Mike Brooks 3rd, 34'2."

Discus: Troy Matthews 1st, 97'7"; Grandy 2nd, 96'2"; Stanfield 3rd, 89'4".

High Jump: C. Clark 1st, 6'3"; Dedie 2nd, 5'8"; Fajardo 3rd, 5'6".

Pole Vault: A. Brown 1st, 13'0"; Borgman 2nd, 12'0"; C. Boettcher 3rd, 10'6".

Long Jump: Yates 1st, 19'9"; C. Clark 2nd, 18'11.5"; Koonter 3rd, 17'1.5".

### WOLFPACK GIRLS TOP THREE IN EACH EVENT

100 m dash: Emma Kribs 2nd, :13.22; Kyleigh Luna 2nd, :13.70; Ashley Bila 4th, :13.71.

200 m dash: Kribs 2nd, :28.40; Luna 3rd, :29.99; Ellie Baynes 5th, 30:54.

400 m run: Lorna Strieff 2nd, 1:08.07; Emily Rathke 3rd, 1:10.04; Evelyn Logghe 5th, 1:12.93.

800 m run: Logghe 3rd, 3:03.00; Kezzie Dietz 5th, 3:33.00; Annah Weathers 7th, 3:53.00.

1600 m run: Rathke 2nd, 6:22.00; Alexa Weathers 2nd, 7:01.00.

3200 m run: Rathke 2nd, 14:09.00; Alexa Weathers 2nd, 17:01.00.

100 m hurdles: Libby Rucklos 2nd, :21.50.

300 m hurdles: Kathryn Magyar, 1st, :58.55.

4 x 100 relay: (A. Bila, Luna, Addison Elkins, Kribs) 1st, :55.25; (Hailey Mahoney, Remi Fuller, Brynn Wilson, Avril Agudo) 3rd, 1:01.18.

4 x 200 relay: (Baynes, A. Bila, Bella Strieff, Luna) 2nd, 1:58.90; (Magyar, Brenna Highfield, Callie Clark, L. Strieff) 3rd, 1:59.75.

4 x 400 relay: (Kribs, Logghe, Magyar, L. Strieff) 2nd, 5:23.58.

4 x 800 relay: (Dietz, An. Weathers, Al. Weathers, Elkins) 1st, 15:37.00.

Shot Put: Brooklyn Miller 1st, 23'6.25"; B. Strieff 2nd 22'0"; Wilson 3rd, 20'7.5".

Discus: L. Strieff 1st, 83'7"; Wilson 2nd, 55'5"; Mahoney 3rd, 53'11".

High Jump: Fuller 1st, 488"; C. Clark 2nd (tie), 4'2"; A. Bila 2nd (tie), 4'2"; Rucklos 4th, 4'0".

Pole Vault: Clark 1st, 6'6"; Logghe NH Laingsburg.

Long Jump: Elkins 2nd, 12'10"; Baynes 3rd, 12'9"; Agudo 5th 11'4.5."

## Wolfpack Girls Sweep Fulton Softballers, 15-5 and 16-1


LAINGSBURG — The Wolfpack varsity softball team remained undefeated, opening its Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) title defense with a twin bill sweep of Fulton-Middleton.

Jeff Cheadle's Wolves rapped 13 hits in a 15-5 offensive onslaught in the opening game, in support of winning pitcher Kailey Cataline. The LHS hurler struck out 5 and walked 3 in a 5-inning mercy win. Andrews took the loss for the Lady Pirates, allowing big games by Wolf hitters Hailey Bila 3-4 (3 runs, 2B, 3B, HR, 4 RBI), Addyson Buchin 2-2 (3 runs, 1 RBI), Gabby Motz 2-3 (2 runs, 2B), Haley Konieczny 1-3 (3B, 2 RBI) and Ellie Baynes 1-3 (3B, 1 RBI).

Buchin pitched the red-and-white to an even bigger margin of victory in game two, the Wolves clubbing 10 hits and using a 10-run explosion in the 4th inning to again mercy the Pirates. Buchin struck out eight and didn't walk a batter. Ashley Bila 3-4 (3 runs, 2B, 2 RBI) Hailey Bila 2-3 (2 runs, HR, 4 RBI) Kailey Cataline 2-2 (2 runs, 2 RBI), Haley Konieczny 1-2 (2 runs, 2B, RBI) and Ellie Baynes 1-2 (2 runs, 2 RBI) were the big hitters for Laingsburg.

LHS stood 2-0 league-wise, 4-0 overall following the sweep.

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# Sports

## Wolfpack Linksters Grab 3rd at Initial CMAC Jamboree

LAINGSBURG— The Wolfpack's 194 team score was good for 3rd place at the initial Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) boys golf jamboree of 2022.

Bath scored a narrow 170-174 victory over Pewamo-Westphalia for team honors, followed by LHS, Fowler 198, Portland St. Patrick 233 and Danville 250.

Tyler Flynn-Lace led coach Greg Beavers' Wolves with a round of 43, good for 6th place. Eli Woodruff fired a 9th-place 45 for the red-and-white.

— PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA CAPTURES JAMBOREE AT HUCKLEBERRY CREEK: P-W turned the tables on Bath at the CMAC Jamboree at Huckleberry Creek GC. Bath's Ethan Swenson was again the individual medalist — time time firing a 37 — but the Pirates prevailed by three strokes over the Bees 170-173. Laingsburg followed at 189, Fowler 194, St. Pats 236 and Dansville 242.

Woodruff led LHS with a 41. James Nixon fired a 45 for the Wolfpack.

### Laingsburg, Marauder Golfers Impress at Wolfpack Scramble

LAINGSBURG — No. The Wolfpack Scramble is not a breakfast dish at one of Laingsburg's popular downtown eateries.

"We play a 2-actual score, 2-person best ball team and a 2-person scramble team," explains Wolfpack golf coach Greg Beavers. "The top three schools (team scores are the focus) of the event."

Williamston dominated the field at Pine Hills Golf Course, combining for a 298 team score. The Hornets were followed by Romeo at 319, and Livonia Franklin close behind at 322.

Ovid-Elsie's Tyler Bancroft was one of the event's Top Five scorers with an 18-hole total of 82. Fellow Marauder Clay Wittenberg finished in the Top 15 with a 96 card.

The Wolfpack effort was led by Eli Woodruff with a 91; Tyler Flynn-Lacey 98; Sean Divine with 110; and Trevor Barrett 111.

## Wolfpack Soccer Girls Up Overall Record to 4 and 4

LAINGSBURG — The host Wolfpack didn't allow a shot on goal from Lansing Eastern and shellacked the Lady Quakers, 8-0, at the Wolfpack Athletic Complex.

Lorna Strieff booted in four goals — two in each half — and coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves upped their non-league record to 4-4 overall. Conference-wise (GLAC, Greater Lansing Activities Conference), the Wolfpack stood a solid 3-1, coming off last year's 17-3-2 campaign.

Libby Zukatis, Desire Knoblauch, Grace Elfring and Dakota Ballard all added scores for the dominant home team. Strieff had scored 8 goals in the team's first 8 games of 2022.

Lansing Eastern fell to 0-6. The Quakers had yet to score a goal this season.

## Wolves Open CMAC Baseball Campaign Unbeaten After Sweep of Fulton Pirates

LAINGSBURG — Game-clinching frames in the 5th inning of each contest here April 25 resulted in a CMAC baseball sweep of visiting Fulton-Middleton.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack opened the league season at 2-0 with 11-4 and 5-3 victories over the Pirates. Overall the Wolves moved to 2-4 in a spring schedule obliterated by weather, thus far.

In the opener, LHS nabbed the lead late in the game. The contest was tied at three with the Wolfpack batting in the top of the fifth when the hosts broke things wide open off the Pirate bullpen. Ethan West and Ty Randall each collected three hits to lead Laingsburg, while Dom Garcia swiped three bases. Mo Garcia got the win on the bump, the southpaw surrendering one run on two hits over three innings, striking out seven and walking zero. As a team, LHS racked up 12 hits.

Again, the Wolves rallied in the 5th inning of the nightcap, stealing the lead late in the game in a 5-3 victory. The game was tied at three in the bottom of the fifth when Mo Garcia singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run. The red-and-white got things started in the first inning, scoring one run when West singled. Ty Randall picked up the win, yielding one hit and one run over three innings, striking out five. Nick Regan threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen, recording the last nine outs to earn the save.

Rick Ramsey took the loss for Fulton. The hurler surrendered five runs on six hits over five innings, striking out three. Laingsburg had six hits in the game, with Hayden Johnston and West all managing multiple hits.

### Laingsburg runs away with early lead in CMAC victory; sweeps Portland St. Pats

PORTLAND -- Portland St. Patrick watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 2-0 loss to Laingsburg on Thursday, in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader Laingsburg scored on a single by Ballard in the first inning..

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack went on to sweep the Shamrocks, maintaining their CMAC lead at 4-0, 4-4 overall. St. Pats fell to 5-3 with the dual setbacks.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Laingsburg pitchers struck out eight, while St. Pats sat down four.

Laingsburg fired up the offense in the first inning.

Nick Regan led the Wolves to victory on the pitcher's mound. The victor lasted four innings, allowing three hits and zero runs while striking out six and walking zero. Dom Garcia threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Lucas Simon took the loss for St. Patrick. The righty surrendered two runs on two hits over one inning, walking one.

Laingsburg fired up the offense in the first inning. Ethan West's sac fly scored the ice-breaker for LHS. Ty Randall, Dom Garcia, Hayden Johnston and Regan each managed one hit to lead Laingsburg.

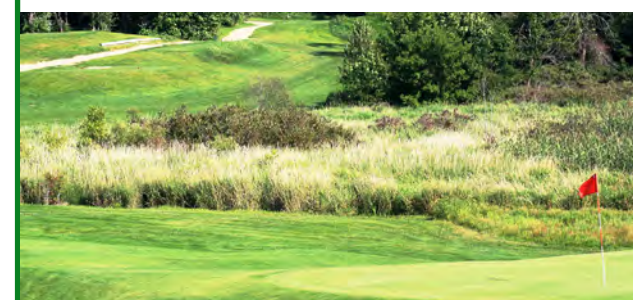
-- LAINGSBURG 1, ST. PATS 0: In the second game, the pitching was again strong on both sides. Randall struck out 12 for LHS, while Bryce Simon sat down ten for the Shamrocks. Randall surrendered zero runs on four hits over eight innings, striking out 12.

Dom Garcia and Regan each collected one hit to lead Laingsburg in the nightcap.

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## Ovid-Elsie Girls Continue to Lead MMAC Soccer Race after 8-0 Blanking of Lakeville

OVID-ELSIE — The Marauder girls varsity soccer team continued to lead the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) — in undefeated fashion — after a 8-0 blanking of Ottisville-Lakeville.

O-E got the scoring going in the first half on goals from Kiah Longoriah (assisted by Kalista Bancroft); Hailee Campbell (assisted by Emma Del Bosque) and Hadley Bukantis (assisted by Kalista Bancroft).

Then, Craig Thelen's Marauders poured in on in the second half, with scores from Del Bosque (assisted by Caitlyn Walter); Longoriah (assisted by Caitlyn Walter); Emma Del Bosque (assisted by Walter); Campbell assisted by Bancroft; and Longoriah (assisted by Del Bosque).

Netminder Ava Bates came up with 2 saves on 2 shots

"We definitely came out of the gates slow, but as disappointed as I was with our lackluster start, I couldn't be more impressed with how we came out in the second half," said coach Thelen, whose team unloaded 21 shots on net. "Kiah Longoriah led the second half charge with her energy and willingness to get back on defense, while still netting a hat trick. The stat book won't show her with an assist, but she had several wonderful hockey assists (2nd assist) tonight that set up goals. Emma Del Bosque, up from her normal defensive position had a great night with two goals and two assists. Finally, two of our most willing passers, Kalista Bancroft and Caitlyn Walter, each tallied hat tricks in the assist column tonight. I really appreciate it when teammates are willing to make that extra pass to set up their teammates."

### Ovid-Elsie soccer program honors seniors, then shuts out Byron 7-0

OVID-ELSIE — The Marauder soccer program honored its 2021-22 seniors during a MMAC home date opposite Byron.

"I want to give a special thanks to our seniors and their parents," said coach Craig Thelen. "Congratulations on a wonderful career and a spectacular season thus far. I hope and expect to see the wins and laughs continue." Seniors graduating after this season are Aubrey Arnett (center defense), Kalista Bancroft (forward), Audrey Bates (midfield), Emma Del Bosque (defense/wing), Kendahl Smeltzer (center defense) and Caitlyn Walter (midfield).

The Marauders then dispensed of the Eagles, 7-0, getting four goals from Evelyn Cole and one each from Kalista Bancroft, Caitlyn Walter and Hadley Bukantis. Hailee Campbell (2), Bukantis, Cole and Audrey Bates all racked up assists for O-E.

In goal, Ava Bates came up with 1 save on 1 shot, while the Marauder offense blasted away 22 shots on the Byron net.

"I was very happy with how well we possessed the ball. We still have a bit of an issue with always wanting to go forward, but I am highly encouraged with our passing. It gives me great joy to see players spreading the ball around and showing trust in their teammates. Our midfield did a great job of getting back to support our defense tonight. The team did well tonight in the second half working through a few tweaks in the formation," said coach Thelen.

## Marauder Sackers Get First Baseball Win of 2022 Campaign

CARSON CITY -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team chalked its first win of the season here April 20, in a 12-0 whitewashing of the host Eagles.

It was the opening contest of a non-league twinbill for coach Luke Martin's O-E sackers. Carson City-Crystal bounced back to win the nightcap, 4-0.

Corbyn James captured the win in Game 1. He struck out eight and walked three while spinning a one-hitter.

Jake Bowen batted 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Braxton Stenger was 1-for-1 with two walks and three runs scored. Chase Kline went 1-for-2.

The twilight game #2 was called after 4 1/3 innings due to darkness. Colin Vietch took the loss. He worked four innings and gave up five hits and two earned runs. He struck out five and also batted 2-for-4.



Kiah Longoriah scored a hat trick in 8-0 victory against Lakeville. Photo by Denise Burgess

**The remaining Ovid-Elsie Meet the Team Photos will be published in the May 8th edition.**