

## Ovid-Elsie Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

by Deb Price

On Tuesday, May 3, 2022, the first ever Ovid-Elsie Signing Day was held in the High School Auditorium. The event featured 6 Senior Athletes who will continue to play a sport at the college level. All six were offered an Academic Scholarship, in return each signed a Letter of Intent to advance their sport with the Division 3 schools.

After each athlete signed their Letters of Intent, OE Athletic Director and event organizer, Jesse Johnson asked each of the athletes a series of questions that gave everyone in the audience a chance to learn a little more about each of them.



Caitlyn Walter will play basketball for Mid-Michigan College in Mt Pleasant. She is the daughter of James & Kara Walter. She chose Mid-Michigan because the coaches there were so welcoming during her visits and she felt like they really wanted her there. She was introduced by O-E girls basketball Coach Cunningham. Mid-Michigan basketball assistant coach, Joe Purvis was also in attendance.



Alexis Hart-Butcher will be heading to Adrian College to wrestle. She is the daughter of Dennis Butcher and Jennifer Hart. She loved the close-knit campus feel and knows she's will be comfortable there. She will be pursuing a Business degree. She was introduced by her OE coach, Kyle Spiess and assistant coaches Frank Goodrich, Justin Potter and Kam Arnett.



Mary Draher will attend Alma College to play LaCrosse. She is the daughter of Jeff & Brenda Draher. She chose Alma College because she liked the feel of the campus and the fact that it's close to home. She plans to pursue an Early Education degree. She was introduced by her Dad/Coach to those in attendance at the signing.



Colin Fluharty will also attend Alma College where he will join the wrestling team. He is the son of Justin & Krystal Fluharty. He chose Alma stating he felt a family atmosphere there when he visited the campus. Colin will be seeking a nursing degree. He was introduced by O-E wrestling coach, Kyle Spiess who believes there are good things in store for Colin at the next level.



Alex Eichenberg will continue playing on the gridiron at Hope College. He is son of Eric & Lynn Eichenberg. He chose Hope College because it has a big school feel, is close to Lake Michigan and most importantly is the best school for his planned Major in Exercise Science. He was introduced by his football coach, Travis Long who wished Alex good luck at the next level.



Kalista Bancroft will attend Alma College to play volleyball. She is the daughter of Mike & Erin Bancroft. She too chose Alma College due to it being so close to home and that she was able to check off all her list of wants she was looking for in a school. She was introduced by former volleyball coach, Courtney Miller who enjoyed coaching Kalista and wished her well at the next level.



Sue Peterson accepts plaque dedicated to her mother, Leota Kadjas, for her many years of volunteering at Food Pantry.

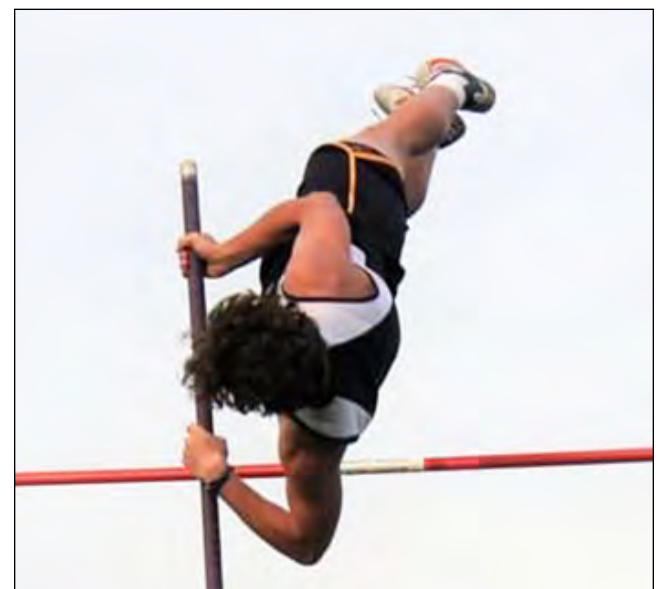
## Elsie Food Pantry Dedication was Heartwarming

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Area Food Pantry dedication ceremony was held Sunday, May 1, 2022, with approximately seventy-five volunteers, family members and friends were in attendance. The event was an opportunity to celebrate the commitment of Mrs. Leota Kadjas, Mrs. Verna Daley and Mr. Dennis Baese to the Elsie Area Food Pantry.

Mr. Tom Bradley, board member, opened the event with a moment of inspiration. Followed by an introduction and a welcome presented by Mrs. Vivian Durling, board president. Next, Mrs. Sue Peterson recapped the history of the Elsie Area Food Pantry and the role her mother Leota Kadjas and friend, Verna Daley played in its growth and expansion. A plaque was presented dedicating the main building to the two long-term volunteers.

The commitment of Dennis Baese to the Food Pantry was highlighted in the historical growth of the facility. Recently a distribution center was built to improve the efficiency of the Elsie Area Food Pantry and to honor Dennis's commitment the facility was dedicated in memory of him.



Tryce Tokar boasted Ovid-Elsie's best finish on the day, topping the pole vault event with 13'0" over a field of 20 athletes from around Michigan. Photo by Heidi Loynes  
Read more sports on pages 8-9-10



## Social

### Celebrating 93rd Birthday

Fran Nethaway of Elsie will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on May 11th by entertaining 9 ladies at a dinner in her home.

Greetings may be sent to 3585 N. Nethaway Rd., Elsie, MI 48831.



### Parkinson's Support Group

Owosso Parkinson's Support Group to meet on Wednesday May 11th at 5:00pm at Council on Aging of Owosso, 300N Washington St, Owosso, MI 48867. Phone: 989-723-8875.

Owosso Parkinson's Support group meets the second Wednesday of each month.

The speaker will be Penny Forbid from Outreach for Shiawassee County Wellness.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support. Please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator, for any questions about Owosso, Parkinson's disease support group. 989-723-6901.

### Put Recycling on Your Calendar For May

*submitted by Ellen Link*

On April 24 the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers finally got to celebrate the opening of their new recycling facility by showing all the guests the in's and out's of their new operations and sharing their hopes for the future. They were especially pleased to recognize the many donors, large and small, who helped turn this new page on recycling not just for Laingsburg but for the entire area.

One of the most important changes to operations has been the ability to offer recycling four times a month instead of once. This month the Community Recycling Center will be open Saturday, May 14; Tuesday, May 17 (it was also open on the 3rd); and Sat., May 28. Saturday hours are 9 am to 1 pm, Tuesday hours 4 pm to 6 pm. Business owners and institutions that want to save money on waste services and protect the environment can, for an annual \$150 fee, obtain 24/7 access to the facility once they've been shown the ropes.

On another front, co-chair Katie Brewer reached out to the Laingsburg schools and, with her husband Todd, ended up providing a fun orientation to recycling for the 6th and 8th graders and then for the Laingsburg Girl Scouts. The GLR would like to extend an invitation to all of the area's teachers who want their students to learn about recycling with us.

We'd like to remind everyone that the market for recycled materials is constantly in flux, forcing us to change with it. So, for example, we regret to say that we can no longer accept TVs of any kind but will continue to take flat screen monitors for a \$5 fee. We were thrilled to be able to add #5 plastics to our collection but have found that there are always exceptions to the rule, so sometimes we must reject items that seem recyclable but aren't, like plastic flower pots. We gladly accept egg cartons (preferably the dozen size) and share them upon request—just ask. And remember that we accept most metal objects, from old chairs to filing cabinets.

You can visit our website-- <https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite> or Facebook page for more information—like how to sign up to volunteer for this worthy effort. GLR's recycling drives are run completely by volunteers—a great opportunity for Scouts, honor students, and others looking to do public service. You can also contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. Hope to see you soon!



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### Shriner Vadilia Onion Sale

It's time for the Shriner Vadilia Onion Sale. Clare Applebee will be selling the onions on Saturday, May 14th from noon-5pm while supply lasts at the Applebees Oil parking lot on West Front Street in Ovid. The cost for a 10 pound bag is \$11. Stop by early and see Clare and show your support for the Shriners by purchasing these popular sweet onions.



### Volunteers Invited to Bannister ZCJB Hall

*submitted by Joanne Fornusek*

Community volunteers are invited to gather at the Bannister ZCJB Hall on Saturday, May 14th to make needed items for hospice patients and nursing home residents. We will be sewing clothing protectors, catheter bag covers, neck and hand pillows, lap robes and more. If you don't sew we also need people who are willing to iron, stuff pillows and hand stitch. The hall will be open from 8am until 4 pm and helpers can come at any time. Bring your own sewing machine or use one of ours. Lunch will be served.

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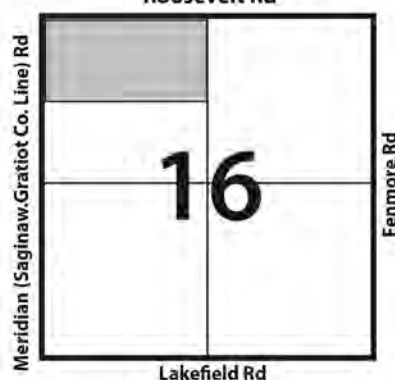
\*Feel free to walk and inspect the farm at your convenience.

#### \*DIRECTIONS TO THE FARM & AUCTION SITE:

Sale to be held at home at the farm (not included) at 4169 S. Meridian Rd., Merrill, Michigan. \*Just west of Merrill on M-46 to Meridian Rd (Gratiot/Saginaw Co. Line). Turn South 3 1/2 miles to farm and Auction Site, Saginaw Co.

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## MDARD Announces Public Input for 2023 Rural Development Fund Grants Guidelines

LANSING -Today, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) announced a public input opportunity for the Rural Development Fund Grants Program.

MDARD is asking for public input to ensure effective program priorities by emailing your comments to mda-grants@michigan.gov by June 3, 2022.

The grant funds, established by Public Act 411 of 2012, are aimed to promote the sustainability of land-based industries (food and agriculture; forestry; mining, oil and gas production; and tourism). Currently established priorities include infrastructure development, workforce training, business development, and rural capacity building that benefits rural communities.

Eligible counties include those with a population no greater than 70,000 residents or micropolitan statistical areas. Preference was given to projects in Marquette County.

All interested parties may visit [www.michigan.gov/mdard-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard-grants) for more information on Rural Development Fund grants and to review the 2022 guidelines. Please submit all public comments to mda-grants@michigan.gov until June 3, 2022, at 5 p.m. with the subject line of Rural Development Public Comment. The input received will be considered when developing final grant guidelines for 2023.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection - May 14th

*submitted by Grace Czubachowski*

The Shiawassee County Health Department is conducting a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Saturday, May 14, 2021, from 8 a.m. – Noon at the HHW at Perry City Hall, 203 W. Polly Street, Perry, MI 48872.

HHW program funding is provided by Shiawassee County Waste Management fund. The goal of the program is to keep HHW out of the county rivers, lakes, streams and ditches. The collection is FREE to all Shiawassee County Residents. Past collections have received 310,178 pounds of hazardous waste, which was safely disposed of or recycled. Most of these items would have ended up flushed down the sewer, into a septic system, buried at the local landfill or dumped in rivers and streams. Accepted materials include anything that is toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive. We do not accept latex paint. Latex paint can be dried out and safely disposed of with household trash.

No appointment is necessary for the collection; please bring any household hazardous waste materials you have starting at 8 a.m. The HHW collection is on a first come, first serve basis.

For information on all HHW materials please visit <http://www.shiawasseechd.net/Environmental-Health/Household-Hazardous-Waste.aspx>

For additional information contact the Shiawassee County Health Department at (989) 743-2392.

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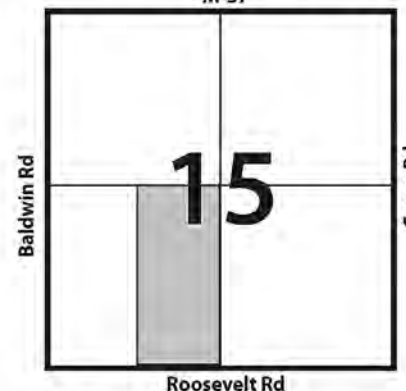
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**Larry Joseph Kvalevog**

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He was raised in Elsie and attended Ovid-Elsie Schools. He married Karen (Penny) Worden on October 8, 1980 and she survives him.

He was predeceased by his parents Henry and Mary Kvalevog, his sisters Christina, Tina and sisters-in-law Marlene and Debbie Kvalevog, brothers Bob, Wade and John.

He is survived by his wife and his siblings Tom, Lori, Meri, Joye, Steve, Kara, Doug and their families.

There are no services planned at this time.

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# Obituaries

**Howard F. Kremer**

Howard F Kremer, age 75, of Coleman, Michigan passed away unexpected on Friday, April 29, 2022, from natural causes.

Howard was born in St. Johns, Michigan, on January 15, 1947, the first son of Forest and Dorothy (Williams) Kremer. Growing up on a dairy farm had instilled his great work ethic and a growing curiosity regarding the sciences. He graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1965 with honors. Then he attended Ferris State College where he was a member of the Marching Band, a fraternity brother of Kappa PSI, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy.

On May 6, 1972, Howard married the love of his life, Linda Sue Herington of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They then settled close to both their families in St. Johns, Michigan. He was a pharmacist at Parr's Pharmacy until 1985. Making a move to live "Up North", he was then the Neighborhood Pharmacist for the rural communities of Hale and Au Gres while living in Lupton, Michigan. This allowed him to enjoy the great outdoors and his hobbies of fishing, hunting, and gardening to the fullest with his family. Howard also enjoyed woodworking, cooking, reading and music.

In 2006, they moved to Coleman where he enjoyed working as a relief pharmacist for several pharmacies in the Mid-Michigan cities of Mt. Pleasant, Auburn, Beaverton, Saginaw, and Bay City. He enjoyed retirement and still being able to work part-time to help customers. He recently was honored as a member of the Michigan Pharmacist Association for 50 years.

Howard is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Linda Kremer; and their two adult children: Ted (Angie) Kremer of Pottersville, MI, Tammy (Stephane) Jousset of Indianapolis, IN, two grandchildren Joelle & Jonah Jousset; two sisters: Bonnie Crowson and Brenda (Gregg) Denton; one brother, Larry Kremer; brothers-in-law; Tom (Mary) Herington and Ed (Cheri) Herington, 3 nieces and 3 nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and brother-in-law, Dr. Walley Crowson.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, noon to 5pm at Schuler's Restaurant -Marshall, MI 49068.

Burial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th at the Riverside Cemetery in Elsie, MI. You may view Howard's obituary online and send a condolence to the family at [www.clarkfuneralchapel.com](http://www.clarkfuneralchapel.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan State Parks: Sleepy Hollow.



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The Laingsburg Lions are asking the community for some help. Which of these two wavy stick persons should be our 2022 Mascot? We will be taking a tally to see which one wins and also need the stick persons Name? Please call 517-525-4598 with your choice and stick person's name along with your Name and number. The Laingsburg Lions will be picking 1 winner and that adult or child will receive a 1 day wristband at no charge for any one day of the four days during the 2022 Springtime Festival. Please call in your suggestions by Tues 5/24/22 and Good Luck!!!

No purchase necessary.

Reminder that the Springtime Raffle tickets are still on sale. 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20.





# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is already Saturday and just pass noon and I'm wiped out. Bob and Chris came over this morning to move boxes and totes downstairs for me to sort. They also carried out some old mattresses and stuff for the burn pile. I was thrilled with their help and the fact that they are willing to come back again so that I may get the upstairs from being a storage area and back into bedrooms. How novel is that? Too bad that it is necessary, I have managed to barely miss being a hoarder and for that I'm thankful. Have you ever picked up things for you to do when you retire? I am retired but have not begun to move through all of my options. I already have folks who have paid ahead to make sure that I will teach them how to make pickles and relishes this summer. Makes me wonder what has happened to those painting classes that I wish to take.

My asparagus patch is all cleaned off and now I'm waiting for the first stalks to peek through. Linda and Karen both have asparagus that is up. Must be that I haven't spoken sweetly enough to mine to get it to pop up. My rhubarb is rising to the occasion and my garlic looks luscious. I even have mowed most of my yard. I still need to clean up under the willow and mow the middle of the drive. Also I'm getting excited just watching my lilacs filling up with blossoms. I hope that trimming it won't discourage the blooms too much this year. Oops, I have a white lilac that needs to be planted preferably today, I exchanged a snowball bush for it.

It is now Tuesday morning and I have a quadruple batch of banana nut bread in the oven. I had a few orders and it is also a way to thank neighbors and friends for their help. At eleven I pick up my sister and we will go to Hearthstone in Ithaca for lunch to celebrate her birthday. Then I will make some deliveries and put a few boxes for the Mill Street thrift store into the car. Yes, I will have a box with some freebies at the yard sale but since I didn't plan on putting clothes into this yard sale I will send them up to the thrift store. I have picked up a couple of rolls of quarters for change but like most I will check for silver before I put them into the cash box.

Yesterday I filled up both vehicles with gas because the prices are becoming unreachable. Can you believe it? Sad to say that paying \$3.98 per gallon is cheap, most places are at \$4.39 a gallon. I'm curious as to what our government officials have gained by shutting off our pipe lines. Just saying.

This downsizing is getting to be a pain. As a staging area my downstairs is very cluttered but I am making some headway. Last night I emptied two of the ten totes that are sitting on the dining room floor. Currently I have three good sized boxes for the thrift store and another seven ready to be priced and put out for the yard sale. I also have a couple more boxes filled with DVDs and season sets to put out to sell. I'm also downsizing my selection of baskets and books. If I'm not careful I will talk myself out of diminishing my crystal and pottery collections.

It is already Wednesday and I have been up to St Louis to see my chiropractor and stopped on the way to visit with Dorothy. I think that we had a wonderful visit and she was informative about the Sunshine Club meeting that is to be held tomorrow. I had misread my text and didn't realize that we were having a White Elephant sale tomorrow to raise funds for our Christmas family. It is good to be thinking ahead and focused. I now need to make something for the potluck. Maybe a pasta vegetable salad?

Looks like I need to go to the grocery store because I am low on fresh veggies. Or I could just make some dinner rolls, I believe that they would be well received... The sunshine this evening is glorious and the deck is actually cozy to sit on with my feet soaking up the heat. Time to get back into gear. May your days be filled with sunshine and God's blessings. Apply and enjoy your common sense. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

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

Dear Andy,

Why have all of the Box Elder Bugs suddenly invaded our home? They're in the windows and drapes, crawling in the carpet and all over the house. I asked my husband to cut down the Box Elder trees in our yard last summer. He did not. Hundreds of the bugs are driving me crazy. What can I do?

Invaded in my own home!

Dear Invaded,

You're not alone...there are billions of box elder bugs who spend the winters in the walls of our homes in nearly every state and country. They may be annoying little critters but a great source of food for birds. You can sweep them up with your vacuum without smell or guilt, as they are plentiful and will never be on the endangered list. If you cannot bear to be a part of their demise, collect them in a jar and scatter near your bird feeder. Box elders bugs do not bite or carry diseases. A fact to help you sleep better at night, they gather in large clumps primarily for reproduction and survival; there may be thousands more in your walls, especially on the sunny side of your house.

The Box Elder population gather in swarms in the late fall to find a safe place for winter hibernation within the warm walls of homes. When the weather warms up mid-winter, they are hoping springtime has arrived early, so they leave the warm slumber and end up in windows sun bathing. However, it can be labor intensive to rid them completely because our homes have gaps and cracks for the small bugs' easy access. An insecticide can be sprayed on the exterior areas of the house; usually sprayed in the early spring and again in the fall. Consult your local Hardware Store or pest Control Company for specific instructions and to select the appropriate pesticide for your area; never use a pesticide indoors. A more inexpensive method is ammonia. Warning: Do NOT use indoors. Only small amounts in an vented outside area along the edge of your foundation. Do not use around pets or children. Do not mix with any other chemicals.

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THE CITY OF LAINGSBURG ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The CITY OF LAINGSBURG, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the CITY OF LAINGSBURG, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' gas lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees, if necessary, in be conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the City free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the City on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the City and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its gas distributor system within said City and shall furnish gas service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide gas service to the inhabitants of the City at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved, by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to gas service in the City and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the City to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' gas franchise ordinance adopted by the City including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 2022, more than 10- days after publication in the local newspaper on May 8, 2022.



# 2022 Ovid-Elsie

# Honor Students



**Quin Bailie**  
GPA 4.17  
Mother: Julie Kora  
Quin plans to attend the University of Michigan



**Adam Barton**  
GPA 4.17  
Parents: Randy & Tracey Barton  
Adam plans to attend Michigan State University



**Audrey Bates, Co-Valedictorian**  
GPA 4.25  
Parents: Andy & Courtney Bates  
Audrey plans to attend Lansing Community College



**Dominic Wilkinson**  
Co-Valedictorian  
GPA 4.25  
Parents: Zac & April Steele  
Dominic plans to attend Michigan State University



**Lani Kahalehau**  
GPA 4.06  
Mother: Michelle Shilling  
Lani is undecided on plans after graduation



**Tori Maynard**  
GPA 4.07  
Parents: Rob & Sarah Maynard  
Tori plans to attend Lansing Community College or Delta College



**Dylan Carman**  
GPA 4.03  
Parents: Brad & Amy Long-Carmen  
Dylan plans to attend Michigan State University



**Kaylee Hall**  
GPA 4.07  
Parents: Craig & Christine Hall  
Kaylee is undecided on plans after graduation



**Abigail Hills, Salutatorian**  
GPA 4.20  
Parents: Jonathan & Jennifer Hills  
Abigail plans to attend Central Michigan University



**Maxwell Spiess**  
GPA 4.05  
Parents: Kyle & Marie Spiess  
Max plans to attend Central Michigan University



**Rudy Stammersky**  
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Parents: Teresa Mulder & Step-Father Jermie VanDeusen  
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# Sports

## O-E Golfers Off to Hot Start in MMAC by Winning Pre-Season Tournament

DURAND — Tyler Bancroft was the medalist with an 18-hole score of 80 and Ovid-Elsie won the initial tourney of 2022 -- the MMAC Preseason Tournament — with a 360 total at Dutch Hollow Golf Course.

Durand was second with 403. Next came Montrose (420), Chesaning (452), New Lothrop (454) and Mt. Morris (no official score).

Coach Josh Latz’s Ovid-Elsie contingent was led by Adam Barton, second overall with an 83. Durand’s Jacob Johnson finished third (88). Kyle Stroub of Durand and Clay Wittenberg of Ovid-Elsie each shot 95s to share fourth.

## Wolfpack Golf Team 4th at Most-Recent CMAC Jamboree, This Time at Dansville

DANSVILLE -- Oak Lane GC was the site as Bath continued its lead in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) golf race, with a two-stroke win over Pewamo-Westphalia.

Ethan Swenson continued his dominant season for the Bees, medalist with a 34, as Bath (162 team strokes) outdistanced P-W 164, Fowler 187, Laingsburg 190, Portland St. Pats 200 and Dansville 223.

Coach Greg Beavers’ Wolfpack was led bt Eli Woodruff with a 46.

**The remaining Ovid-Elsie Meet the Team Photos will be published as soon as the photos are available.**

## Tokar Claims 1st in Pole Vault

EDMORE — Track and field teams from Fowler High School dominated the boys’ field at the annual Central Montcalm Hornet Invitational.

Tryce Tokar boasted Ovid-Elsie’s best finish on the day, topping the pole vault event over a field of 20 athletes from around Michigan.

Boys team finishes were Fowler, Sparta 144, Central Montcalm 129, Lakewood 116, Morley-Stanwood 113, Evart 104, Coleman 103.5, Belding 97, Portland 84, Big Rapids 81.5, Ithaca 71.5, O-E 63 and Hesperia 8.

Male individual finishes for coach Doug Long’s Marauders went like this:

100 m dash: Bruce Thornton 12th :15.15; Jamison Custer 13th :12.16; Kaden West 20th :12.88. 200 m dash: Thornton 11th :25.07; Christian Schmidtfranz 12th :25.07; Isaac Orta 19th :27.35. 400 m run: Tryce Tokar 4th :55.55; Custer 6th :56.80; Sam Harden 15th 1:00.37. 800 m run: Clay Powell 8th 2:21.88; Harden 16th 2:37.47. 1600 m run: Powell 5th 5:13.02; James Kelly 18th 5:56.13. 3200 m run: Ryan Gavenda 6th 11:19.49. 110 m hurdles: Colin Fluharty 8th :19.81; Mason Ritenburg 12th :20.14; Joseph Humrich 14th :21.29. 300 m hurdles: Fluharty 8th :48.47; Nick Long 13th :50.40; Gunner McCreery 16th :51.70. 4 x 100 relay: (Schmidtfranz, Kaden West, Thornton, Eddy Evans) 5th, :46.64. 4 x 200 relay: (West, Custer, Evans, Schmidtfranz) 1:39.19. 4 x 400 relay: (Custer, Schmidtfranz, Evans, Tokar) 5th 3:49.45. 4 x 800 relay: (Jacob Schaub, Gavenda, McCreery, Tokar) 4th 9:13.94. Shot Put: Dylan Taylor 3rd 40’10.5”; Austin Darling 12th 35’7”; Kevin Ley 13th 35’5”. Discus: Alex Eichenberg 8th 102’8”; Darlling 11th 95’3.5”; West 20th 78’4.5”. High Jump: Gavenda 3rd 5’8”. Pole Vault: Tryce Tokar 1st 13’0”; Andrew Hall 3rd 10’6”. Long Jump: Long 10th 17’0”; McCreery 12th 16’8.25”; Orta 17th 15’7”.

## Ovid-Elsie Girls Run 10th

EDMORE — Track and field teams from Fowler High School dominated girls’ field at the annual Central Montcalm Hornet Invitational.

The Eagles topped the womens’ competition with 199.5 points. Ovid-Elsie was 10th on the female side with 68 points.

Girls team scores were Fowler, Ithaca 171.5, Central Montcalm 159, Morley-Stanwood 132, Portland 96.5, Belding 94, Coleman 89, Sparta 83, Big Rapids 70, O-E 68, Lakewood 66, Evart 20 and Hesperia 14.5.

Isabella Loynes (:13.88) and Macey Bennett (:15.20) ran 5th and 14th, respectively, for the Lady Marauders in the 100 m dash; then 4th (:29.82) and 12th (:32.91), respectively in the 200 m. Loynes topped the O-E girls in the 400 m (1:09.28) with 5th place, and Kaia Spiess ran 7th (1:13.78). Samantha Grubaugh (4th, 2:54.31) and Alyse Ladiski (3:04.70) were the top Lady Marauders in the 800 m. Emily Mueller (7th, 6:16.16) and Tava Kvalevog (14th, 6:56.10) were the O-E representatives in the 1600 m run. Piper White and Mueller ran 4th-5th, respectively, in the 3200 run, in 13:41.78 and 13:48.02. In the hurdle events, Jessica Kozlowski took 4th in the 100 m (:18.01) and Audrey Johns 10th (:20.65). Kozlowski followed that up with 7th (:58.25) in the 300 m hurdles, with Johns 10th (1:01.77). Here’s how O-E fared in the relay events: 4 x 100 (Samantha Snider, Bennett, Mikayla Bashore, Kozlowski) 6th, :58.84; 4 x 200 (Snider, Aubrey Kurka, Bennett, Jady Yonchewski) 5th, 2:05.42; 4 x 400 (SCR); 4 x 800 (Grubaugh, Kvalevog, Mueller, White) 3rd, 11:38.77. Completing the field events, Kurka was 7th in the shot put 25’2.25”; Snider 9th in the shot 24’01”; Anna Kadlek 17th in the shot 22’4.5” and 15th in the discus 60’2”; Johns 3rd in the high jump 4’4”; Spiess 8th in the pole vault 6’6”; Grubaugh 12th in the pole vault 6’0”; Snider 4th in the long jump 13’5”; Kozlowski 11th in the long jump 12’3”; and Khloe Bigelow 16th in the long jump 10’8”.

## Wolfpack Soccer Beat Leslie,

LAINGSBURG — Desire Knoblauch scored four goals and Lorna Strieff added two as Laingsburg edged Leslie, 6-5, here at the LHS Athletic Complex.

Adding assists for coach Natalie Elkins’ Wolfpack (5-4, 4-1 in the CMAC) were Addison Elkins, Callie Clark and Mariah McLean.

**Wolfpack soccer girls score 4th straight win,** LAINGSBURG — Netminder Joy Antcliff stopped five St. Johns’ shots -- one off a challenging penalty kick -- and coach Natalie Elkins’ Lady Wolfpack soccer team won its 4th-straight here May 2.The 1-0 victory lifted the host Wolfpack to 6-4 overall, while the Redwings fell to 2-4 with the non-league loss.The winning goal started off a give-and-go pass from Lorna Strieff to Dakota Ballard. Ballard fed the ball back to Strieff. Lorna attempted a pass to a missed header shot by Cadie Ellis -- but there was Desire Knoblauch to cash in with a low shot to the left corner.

## Marauder Tennis Girl Shutout Yellowjackets, 8-0, at Home

OID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie defeated Ithaca, 8-0, in non-league girls tennis action.

The Marauders swept the singles events, then received default wins in three of the doubles flights. Official results included:

Singles: No. 1 - Brooklyn Belill, O-E, def. Erica Johnson, 6-0 , 6-0. No. 2 - Rylee Lewis, O-E, def. Jasimine Williams, 6-0 , 6-0. No. 3 - Christina Rademacher-Vine, O-E, def. Rebecca Sunday, 6-0 , 6-1. No. 4 - Ava Anderson, O-E, def. Adrianna Rodriguez, 6-4 , 6-2.

Doubles: No. 1 - Claire Thornton and Jollee Swender, O-E def. Ellie Schall and Sara Barnhill, 6-0 , 6-0. No. 2 - Hannah Moore and Abigail Hills, O-E won by default 2-0 , 2-0. No. 3 - Tori Maynard and Ellyanna Carman, O-E won by default 2-0 , 2-0. No. 4 - Hailie McCreery and Jenna Tomasek, O-E won by default 2-0 , 2-0.

## Marauder tennis gals continue early-season roll, 5-3 over Durand

OID-ELSIE — Coach Taylor Johnson’s Marauders continued their hot early-season start, downing Durand in Mid-Michigan Activities Association (MMAC) girls tennis action.

Marauders split the singles events, then rolled through doubles play with a 3-1 record to stop the Lady Railroaders.

Official results included:

Singles: No. 1 - Emma Warren, Durand def. Brooklyn Belill, 5-7, 0-6. No. 2 - Rylee Lewis, O-E def. Mia Coleman, 6-1 , 6-2. No. 3 - Christina Rademacher-Vine, O-E def. Wynn Carpenter, 3-6 , 6-3 , 6-2. No. 4 - Julia Burk, Durand def. Beatrice Guerra, 2-6 , 0-6.

Doubles: No. 1 - Claire Thornton and Jollee Swender, O-E def. Jillian Reddy and Raegan Taylor, 7-5 , 6-2. No. 2 - Hannah Moore and Abigail Hills, O-E def. Chloe Whitney and Alyssa Fraley, 4-6 , 6-0 , 6-1. No. 3 - Tori Maynard and Ellyanna Carman, O-E def. Ashlynn Duffey and Deedee Lane, 6-4 , 6-1. No. 4 - Londyn Laviolette and Jaci Garske, Durand def. Hailie McCreery and Jenna Tomasek, 3-6, 3-6.

## Marauder Sackers Stood 4-6 After Doubleheader Sweep

OID-ELSIE— The visiting Alma Panthers swept past Ovid-Elsie, 9-0 and 11-2, snapping a four-game win streak for the Marauders.

Coach Luke Martin’s Marauders committed 17 errors in the twinbill.

Alma’s Dylan Thompson struck out 15 and walked one, tossing a two-hit shutout over six innings. Braxton Stenger and Jake Bowen managed singles for Ovid-Elsie, which had five errors in the game.

Chase Kline took the loss for O-E. He worked three innings and gave up five runs (three earned) on seven hits. He struck out three and did not permit a walk. Hayden Pontack worked two innings and gave up two runs on one hit.

ALMA 11, MARAUDERS 2: In Game 2, Ovid-Elsie’s Stenger had two hits, while Bowen and Corbin Janes each had one.

Bowen took the loss. He gave up six runs on eight hits with three strikeouts over three innings as O-E committed 12 more errors.

Jayden Warner was the winning pitcher. He gave up one run and two hits in three innings with six strikeouts and one walk.

## Marauder sackers travel to Otisville, sweep LakeVille

OTISVILLE — Ovid-Elsie’s varsity baseball team stayed on the prowl here May 2, moving to 4-2 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), 6-6 overall in league action.

Coach Luke Martin’s Marauders swept LakeVille, 7-1 and 12-2, with Corbyn Janes starring in the opener.

Janes struck out six and walked three, going the distance (7 innings); he also went 3-for-4 at the plate with a pair of RBIs. Caven Brooks, Jake Bowen and Hayden Pontack all had two hits.

In the nightcap, the Marauders won in three innings on the 10-run mercy rule. Bowen and Perrien Rasch each went 2-for-3. Rasch and Janes drove in two runs apiece.

Collin Veith pitched the first two innings for the Marauders. He gave up two runs on two hits. Dominic Wilkinson pitched the final inning, allowing no runs and no hits.



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# Sports

## Wolfpack Girls Grab 14th Team Spot at Annual Chesaning Track and Field Classic

CHESANING — The Shepherd Blue Jays ruled the girls competition at the prestigious Chesaning Track and Field Classic here April 29.

The Lady Jays finished first overall with 107 points with Saginaw Heritage second at 96. Sanford-Meridian followed up with 63.5, Frankenmuth 62.5, McBain 46, Corunna 46, Owosso 42.5, Swartz Creek 40.5, Valley Lutheran 37, Birch Run 37, Chesaning 27, Perry 26, Bullock Creek 16, Laingsburg 11 and Gaylord 5.

Individual finishes for coach Brian Borgman's Lady Wolfpack went like this:

100 m dash: Kyleigh Luna 8th, :14.00; Ashley Bila 9th, :14.01. 200 m dash: Brenna Highfield SCR. 400 m run: Lorna Strieff 8th, 1:06.27; Emily Rathke 18th, 1:12.11; Evelyn Logghe 19th, 1:13.08. 800 m run: Kaydence Ruhf 28th, 3:31.64; Annah Weathers 29th 3:36.34, 1600 m run: Alexa Weathers 23rd, 6:56.00. 3200 m run: Emily Rathke 11th, 13:47.37; Alexa Weathers SCR. 100 m hurdles: Kathryn Magyar 26th, :22.74. 300 m hurdles: Kathryn Magyar 22nd, 1:00.92. 4 x 100 relay: (Ashley Bila, Addison Elkins, Kyleigh Luna, Brenna Highfield) 6th, :54.84. 4 x 200 relay: (Luna, Highfield, Bella Strieff, Elkins) 7th, 1:58.89. 4 x 400 relay: (Callie Clark, Remi Fuller, An. Weathers, Magyar) 10th, 4:50.77. Shot Put: Bella Strieff 22nd, 22'3"; Avril Agudo 32nd, 20'1". Discus: Lorna Strieff 5th, 90'4"; Hailey Mahoney 37th, 49'5"; Brynn Wilson 39th, 48'8". High Jump: Remi Fuller 16th, 4'4"; Ashley Bila 18th, 4'2". Pole Vault: Callie Clark 9th, 6'6"; Evelyn Logghe 23rd, 6'0". Long Jump: Addison Elkins 12th, 14'1.75"; B. Strieff 25th, 12'8.5"; A. Agudo 36th, 10'4.75".

**Wolfpack girls go 1-1 in CMAC tri-meet vs. P-W and Fulton**

LAINGSBURG -- The Lady Wolfpack dominated the 100 m dash, the 400 m, the relay events and the high jump in a 1-1 showing vs. Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) competition here May 3.

The Wolves' best showing came in the 100 m where LHS took the top five places, 7 of the top 8, and 8 of the top ten. The red-and-white also dominated in the 400 m, grabbing the top three places.

Brian Borgman's Wolfpack dusted off Fulton 94-41, but fell to Pewamo-Westphalia 79-58. P-W claimed a 88-41 victory over their namesake Lady Pirates from Fulton.

**WOLFPACK GIRLS TOP FINISHES IN EACH EVENT**

100 m dash: Hailey Bila 1st :13.77; Ashley Bila 2nd :13.90; Kyleigh Luna 3rd :13.95; Bella Strieff 4th :14.63; Brenna Highfield 5th :14.92. 200 m dash: Kathryn Magyar 2nd :29.97; Brooklyn Miller 6th :32.52. 400 m run: Lorna Strieff 1st 1:08.56; Emily Rathka 2nd 1:10.44; Evelyn Logghe 3rd 1:16.7. 800 m run: Logghe 3rd, 2:55.69; Annah Weathers 4th 3:40.93; Katie Laing 5th 3:30.35; Kaydence Ruhf 6th 3:54.96. 1600 m run: Emily Rathke 4th 6:04.42; Alexa Weathers 6th 6:57.99. 3200 m run: Rathke 2nd 13:42.88; Al. Weathers 5th 15:41.97. 100 m hurdles: Libby Rucklos 4th :20.00; Olivia Rodriguez 5th :20.68. 300 m hurdles: Magyar 3rd 1:01.43; Rodriguez 4th 1:03.12. 4 x 100 relay: (A. Bila, H. Bila, Addison Elkins, Luna) 1st, :53.14. 4 x 200 relay: (Luna, B. Strieff, Highfield, Ellie Baynes) 1st, 1:58.53. 4 x 400 relay: (Magyar, Rathke, L. Strieff, Logghe) 1st, 5:17.51. 4 x 800 relay: (Elkins, An. Weathers, Ruhf, Al. Weathers) 2nd, 13:58.70. Shot Put: B. Strieff 8th 23'8.75"; Brooklyn Miller 9th 22'10.75". Discus: L. Strieff 7th 75'7"; Hailey Mahoney 10th 65'0.05". High Jump: Remi Fuller 1st, 4'6"; A. Bila 3rd 4'4"; H. Bila 3rd (tie) 4'4". Pole Vault: Callie Clark 5th 6'0". Long Jump: Elkins 2nd, 14'2.25"; Baynes 5th 12'10.25".

## Wolfpack Boys Shine in Field Events at Annual Chesaning Track and Field Classic

CHESANING — Caleb Clark, Alex Brown and Jack Borgman all turned in first place finishes in field events, helping Laingsburg's boys track team land a 7th place finish at the prestigious Chesaning Track and Field Classic on April 29.

Clark topped the high jump with a dominant 6'5" effort -- a full 7 inches better than his nearest competitor. Meanwhile, Brown and Borgman bested the pole vault competition, each with 13'6" vaults -- better than the rest of the field by a full 1'6".

Team finishes were Frankenmuth 142.5, Saginaw Heritage 118, Corunna 96, Chesaning 56, Swartz Creek 49, Bullock Creek 36.5, Laingsburg 31, Valley Lutheran 25, Sanford-Meridian 24, Owosso 19, Shepherd 17.5, Gaylord 15, Perry 10, Montrose 9, Birch Run 9 and McBain 5.5

Individual finishes for coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack went like this:

100 m dash: Jack Borgman 7th :11.80; Zach Grandy 28th :12.45; Mitchell Yates 35th :12.78. 200 m dash: Alex Brown 15th :24.54; Matthew Freels 36th :27.61. 400 m run: Caleb Clark 15th :55.95; Dano Winans 37th 1:01.58. 800 m run: Nolan Gregg 12th 2:13.15; Miguel Ramirez 19th 2:19.07; Andrew Park 37th 2:45.40. 1600 m run: Ramirez 24th 5:21.44; Aden Baynes 35th 5:49.32; Felix Ramirez 35th (tie) 5:49.32. 3200 m run: Gregg 14th 11:15.99. 110 m hurdles: Caleb Boettcher 20th :19.81. 300 m hurdles: Falk Schrödter 29th :51.48. 4 x 100 relay: (Brown, Grandy, Yates, Borgman) 9th, :46.98. 4 x 200 relay: (Brown, Yates, Kadin Beck-Kusnier, Borgman) 10th, 1:38.32. 4 x 400 relay: (Landon Tribe, Clark, Brad Dedie, Noah Hagerty) 11th, 3:59.09. 4 x 800 relay: (Troy Matthews, Winans, Park, Tribe) SCR. Shot Put: Mikey Brooks 26th 36'3"; Andrew Kingsbury 31st 34'2". Discus: Kingsbury 23rd 98'2"; Matthews 25th 96'7". High Jump: Clark 1st 6'5"; Dedie 12th 5'6"; Miguel Fajardo 30th 5'0". Pole Vault: Brown, Borgman 1st (tie) 13'6"; Boettcher 6th 10'6". Long Jump: Fajardo 13th 18'2.25"; Freels 23rd 17'1.5".

**Wolfpack boys host Pirate competition in CMAC tri-meet**

LAINGSBURG -- Jack Borgman, Caleb Clark, Nolan Gregg, and the 4 x 400 relay team (Landon Tribe, Noah Hagerty, Cameron Koonter, Caleb Clark) all turned in first place finishes as the host Wolfpack split a CMAC tri-meet vs. Pirate competition here May 4.

The Pirates? Those would be teams from Fulton-Middleton and Pewamo-Westphalia -- longtime rivals of coach Brian Borgman's Wolves. This time out, P-W got the best of LHS 92-45 and Fulton 126-10, while Laingsburg topped Fulton 111-25 in the boys competition.

**WOLFPACK BOYS TOP FINISHES IN EACH EVENT**

100 m dash: Jack Borgman 1st, :11.38. 200 m dash: Alex Brown 2nd, :24.27; Caleb Clark 4th :24.86. 400 m run: Miguel Ramirez 4th, :59.08; Brad Dedie 5th, :59.49. 800 m run: Nolan Gregg 3rd, 2:18.30; Lucas Shastal 6th, 2:33.55. 1600 m run: M. Ramirez 4th, 5:19.89; Felix Ramirez 7th, 5:33.96; Aden Baynes 8th, 5:40.12. 3200 m run: Gregg 1st, 11:12.56.66; F. Ramirez 3rd, 11:58.86. 110 m hurdles: Falk Schrödter 5th :19.51; Caleb Boettcher 6th, :19.60. 300 m hurdles: Marty Myers 4th, :48.34; Dano Winans 6th :49.08. 4 x 100 relay: (Mikey Brooks, Sean Divine, Watt Stanfield, Andrew Kingsbury) 4th, :53.89. 4 x 200 relay: (Kadin Beck-Kusnier, Vance Klont, Cameron Koonter, Matthew Freels) 2nd, 1:45.45. 4 x 400 relay: (Landon Tribe, Noah Hagerty, Cameron Koonter, Caleb Clark) 1st, 3:56.16. 4 x 800 relay: (Aden Baynes, F. Ramirez, S. Shastal, L. Shastal) 2nd, 10:19.48. Shot Put: Brooks 7th, 36'5"; Kingsbury 8th, 35'7". Discus: Kingsbury 6th, 103'6"; Zach Grandy 7th, 102'9"; Troy Matthews 8th, 99'5". High Jump: C. Clark 1st, 6'0"; Dedie 3rd, 5'6; Fajardo 4th, 5'6". Pole Vault: Borgman 1st, 13'0"; Alex Brown 2nd, 13'0"; K. Boettcher 3rd, 11'0". Long Jump: Clark 1st, 19'1.25"; Koonter 2nd 17'9.25"; Fajardo 3rd 17'3.5".

## Flushing Gets the Upperhand on Ovid-Elsie

OVID-ELSIE -- Kalista Bancroft scored, assisted by Evelyn Cole, to give the host Marauders an early 1-0 lead, but a powerhouse Flushing team rallied to score a 3-1 non-conference, girls soccer victory here.

The Raiders grabbed a 2-1 lead in the first half of play on a penalty kick and an unassisted score.

They wrapped up the two-goal victory with a score at the 16th minute in half #2. For the game, the Marauders had just four shots on goal.

"Flushing is an extremely high quality team that plays right on the edge," said O-E coach Craig Thelen. "They were able to frustrate us at times tonight. However, I think that we hung right with them and I believe our players learned something about themselves tonight; I think they are starting to see how good they can be and that they can hang with anybody when they play together."

"We came out strong and did a great job of possessing the ball in the midfield, leading to a breakaway for Bancroft who showed great determination, and skill to put us up early. Our defense did a wonderful job of slowing down one of the best attackers we've seen in a very long time. Eventually, foul trouble hurt us tonight, but I am really excited to see these girls play so well and so hard. I believe that we are continuing to improve and these types of games will only make us stronger."

In goal, Ava Bates came up with 9 saves on 12 shots. It was just the second loss of the campaign for the Lady Marauders.

**Greyhounds forge 2-2 tie with O-E soccer girls**

OVID-ELSIE -- Evalyn Cole scored twice, assisted once by Caitlyn Walter, but Eaton Rapids bounced back with two goals of their own in a 2-2 girls soccer tie here.

The non-league action left coach Craig Thelen's O-E girls with w 7-2-1 overall mark.

"I wish we would have been able to get the win, but I am pleased with a draw," Thelen said. "Our ladies played hard tonight and easily could have let it slip away. However, our depleted squad found enough energy and courage to hold off a hard push from Eaton Rapids. Then they very nearly won the game at the end several times over."

"Our defense played well tonight while having to deal with constant overlapping runs from the (Greyhounds) offense. Kiah Longoriah and Evelyn Cole did a great job of controlling the middle for us tonight while Hailee Campbell helped generate numerous dangerous situations for us. Ava Bates had a ton of outright saves for us tonight and led our team in intercepts as well, we would have been in a lot of trouble tonight without her in net."

Bates made 10 saves on 12 shots, while the Greyhound minder found 8 saves on 10 shots.

Through 10 contests, the Marauder stat leaders were goals: Evalyn Cole17, Kiah Longorah 9, Hailee Campbell 7. Assists: Hailee Campbell 9, Evalyn Cole 9, Caitlyn Walter 8. Shut Outs: Ava Bates 5.

## Wolves First Losses of Season to P-W

LAINGSBURG -- Portland St. Patrick and Laingsburg -- the CMAC's two premier softball powers -- squared off for the first of 2022 here April 29.

The Shamrocks prevailed in the highly-billed doubleheader, 9-7 and 12-4, as the host Wolves were guilty of several uncharacteristic gaffes.

LHS booted the ball six times in the opener and four more in the nightcap, saddled with their first two losses after a 4-0 start to the campaign. In the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) race, St. Pats took the upper hand at 2-0 while Jeff Cheadle's Wolves stumbled to 2-2.

"They outplayed us," Cheadle said, while acknowledging there's still plenty more softball to be played. "They aren't ranked No. 7 for nothing. We hit alright. Their pitchers did a pretty good job. We didn't put a lot of our hits together. We hit well enough that we probably could have won, but we gave up just too many unearned runs."

Laingsburg grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first game, then bounced back for a 4-3 advantage in the 3rd after St. Pats plated three runs in the top of the frame. The Shams then tallied runs in three straight innings to take a commanding 9-4 lead before LHS scored three times in the bottom of the 7th. The Bila sisters led the way for the Wolfpack -- Ashley 3-for-4 with 3 runs scored and two doubles, Hailey 2-for-4 with 2 runs scored, a triple and a RBI -- while Addyson Buchin was 3-for-3 and Madison Wagner 1-for-4 with a homer and two RBI.

St. Pats ace Rylee Scheurer got the win, walking none while striking out a dozen in a 9-hitter. Buchin took the loss for the red-and-white, walking one and fanning 7 while allowing 13 hits.

-- ST. PATS 12, WOLFPACK 4: The Wolves again took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Hailey Bila lined a one-out double and Wagner drilled a run-scoring single. The Rocks, however, scored seven times in the bottom of the first with five hits and two Laingsburg errors. The Lady Shamrocks tacked on four more runs in the bottom of the fifth and one in the sixth.

Ashley Bila had two hits for Laingsburg, including a triple and one RBI. Hailey Bila, Wagner, Buchin and Ella Merrell also hit safely for the Wolfpack. Buchin again took the loss for the Wolfpack. She pitched two innings and surrendered eight runs on seven hits. She struck out two and walked one. Hailey Bila pitched four innings of relief and gave up four runs on three hits. She struck out three and walked three.

Carly Scheurer pitched all seven innings for Portland St. Patrick. She gave up four runs on six hits with nine strikeouts and one walk.



*OE goalie Ava Bates had 9 saves during the match against Flushing.*

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# SPORTS

## Wolfpack Baseballers Win 6th Straight, Stay Atop CMAC With Twinbill Sweep at Bath

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's varsity baseball team continued its hot early-season rebound, winning for the 6th straight time with 12-2 and 17-2 CMAC victories over Bath on April 30.

After an 0-4 start to the season, coach Todd Randall's Wolves stayed atop the Central Michigan Athletic Conference at 4-0, 6-4 overall.

In the opener, Laingsburg got things started in the very first inning, then tallied four runs in the third inning. Dom Garcia, Mo Garcia and Ty Randall each had RBIs in the big frame.

Mo led things off on the pitcher's mound for LHS, allowing two hits and two runs over three innings, striking out two and walking one.

Jay toed the rubber for Bath, yielding two hits and three runs over one inning, striking out one. Nolan and Caden entered the game in relief. Laingsburg tallied seven hits, with Randall, Mo Garcia and Ethan West all managing multiple hits. LHS stole nine bases during the game as three players stole more than one. Cam Ballard led the way with two swipes.

LAINGSBURG 17, BATH 2: Ballard was clutch at the plate with ducks on the pond in game two, driving in four on two hits to lead Laingsburg past Bath 17-2. Ballard drove in runs on a single in the third, a single in the third, and a walk in the fourth.

In the first inning, LHS got their offense started when Randall doubled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

The red-and-white then scored eight runs in the third inning. Contributors to the big inning included Ballard, Kyle Thelen, Cooper Wilson, Mo Garcia and Randall, all knocking in runs.

Dom Garcia led things off on the bump, hurling two innings, allowing zero runs on two hits, striking out three and walking one. Carter took the loss for Bath, firing three and two-thirds innings, allowing eight hits and 17 runs while striking out five.

### Dansville takes CMAC lead after battle of league leaders vs. Wolfpack

LAINGSBURG -- The first showdown doubleheader of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) baseball season ended with Dansville maintaining its unbeaten record.

The Aggies handed Laingsburg its first two defeats of the CMAC campaign -- but they didn't come easy. Dansville scratched out tough scores in both games and swept coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack, 2-1 and 3-0.

LHS stood 6-6 overall, 4-2 in league play, while the Aggies moved to 7-0-1, 5-0 atop the conference.

The opening game was a heartbreaker for Laingsburg, losing the lead late when a wild pitch allowed one run to score for Dansville. The pitching was strong on both sides. Dansville pitchers struck out seven, while the Wolves, behind starter Nick Regan and reliever Ty Randall sat down six.

Trevor Dase started on the hill for Dansville, going four innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out one and walking zero. Regan allowed two hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out two and walking one. Dom Garcia and Randall entered the game in relief, throwing two and two-thirds innings and one-third of an inning, respectively.

Regan went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Laingsburg in hits. Cody Ream led Dansville with two hits in three at bats. Dansville was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error.

DANSVILLE 3, WOLFPACK 0: The red-and-white fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 3-0 loss in the nightcap. Dansville scored on a groundout by Zach Sykes and a double by Wyatt Mosley in the first inning and never looked back.

The pitching was again strong on both sides. Dansville pitchers struck out 18, while Laingsburg fanned down nine.

A single by Regan in the second inning got things cooking for LHS, but the Wolves couldn't push across a run.

Mosley earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Dansville. The fireballer allowed one hit and zero runs over six innings, striking out 16 and walking one. Calvin Tkaczyk threw one inning in relief for the save.

Randall took the loss for LHS. The righthander lasted three and two-thirds innings, allowing two hits and three runs while striking out nine. Regan went 1-for-2 at the plate.

### Bats blistered As 'Pack baseballers paste Montrose in 1-1 twinbill split

LAINGSBURG -- Bats were blistered as Laingsburg clobbered Montrose, 17-7, in the second game of a non-league twinbill May 5.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack secured the victory thanks to nine runs in the third inning. Cooper Wilson, Dom Garcia, Ethan West, Nick Regan, Hayden Johnston, and Cam Ballard each drove in runs during the big frame.

Ballard led LHS to victory on the hill, going two innings, allowing seven hits and five runs while striking out two and walking zero. Mo Garcia threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Valdivia took the loss for Hill-McCloy. The hurler allowed seven hits and 12 runs over two and a third innings, striking out two.

Kyle Thelen and West each collected multiple hits for Laingsburg.

MONTROSE 5, WOLFPACK 3: Laingsburg fell 5-3 to Montrose in the opener, despite out-hitting them seven to five. The Wolves opened up scoring in the first inning, when an error scored one run.

The Rams pulled away for good with four runs in the third inning. Grass toed the rubber for MHS. The ace allowed seven hits and three runs over five innings, striking out five.

Dom Garcia was on the bump for Laingsburg. The righty went two innings, allowing four runs on four hits and striking out five. Regan threw five innings in relief.

The Wolfpack, now 7-7 overall, scattered seven hits in the game. Regan and Ty Randall all had multiple hits. LHS also tore up the base paths, Randall leading the way with three steals.

Montrose stood 2-7 overall after the split.



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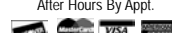
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## OE Football Program Pitches In

*submitted by Allen Martin*

The Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail would like to thank the members from the Ovid-Elsie football program who helped with trail cleanup in Ovid on Saturday, April 30. The players, led by Coach Long and Coach Hufnagel, removed over thirty bags of trash, eight tires, and several other large items. The trail is looking great! Thanks also to Ovid DPW, Applebee Oil and Ovid Iron and Metal for providing proper disposal of the items collected.



## Area Agencies on Aging Association Sponsors Senior Action Week

*submitted by Tammer Lemmer*

May is Older Americans Month, and May 9-13, 2022, has been identified as Senior Action Week in Michigan. Older adults play vital, positive roles in our communities – as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce, and more. Sponsored by the Area Agencies on Aging Association and Michigan's sixteen Area Agencies on Aging, Senior Action Week and Older Michiganians Day on May 11 are designed to focus attention on public policy issues of importance to older adults, their families, and caregivers, including more than 1,300 service providers that directly deliver an array of supports and services to more than 250,000 seniors and persons with disabilities annually.

Individuals interested in participating in advocacy efforts, including social media messaging, a letter writing campaign, and a rally and livestreamed event at the Capitol on Wednesday May 11 should contact their local Area Agency on Aging. Locally that includes the Tri-County Office on Aging (Clinton, Eaton, Genesee Valley Area Agency on Aging (Shiawassee, Genesee, and Lapeer.) A directory of agencies can be found at [www.4ami.org](http://www.4ami.org).

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