

CHAMPIONSHIPS ACCOMPLISHED!

Ovid-Elsie State Champion - Laingsburg District Championships



Laingsburg Baseball Team Includes: Asst Coach Michael Simon, Luke Snyder, Nicholas Regan, Ethan West, Head Coach Todd Randall, Emilio Garcia, Kyle Thelen, Thomas Gousetis, Dominic Garcia, Asst. coach Al Rodriguez, Asst. Coach Andrew Atkinson, Cooper Wilson, Ty Randall, Hayden Johnston, Jackson Audretsch, Austin Hart, Cameron Ballard, Jayse Grettenberger, Elliot Wilsey



Ovid-Elsie's Tryce Tokar
-- just a freshman -- bested the field by 3" to win the Division 3 MHSAA state pole vaulting championship June 4 at Kent City.



Laingsburg Softball Team Includes: Josie Keenen, Ashley Bila, Gabby Motz, Madison Wagner, Julia Starr, Willow Patterson, Ella Merrell, Haley Konieczny, Hailey Bila, Asst Coach Mike Cooper, Kailey Cataline, Ellie Baynes, Addyson Buchin, Asst Coach Kelsey Jones, Head Coach Jeff Cheadle



Ovid-Elsie stood tall with the Lady Marauders tennis appearance in the MHSAA State Finals at U of M in Ann Arbor. A proud community welcomed them home. The Team Includes: Tori Maynard, Brooklyn Belill, Abigail Hills, Beatrice Guerra, Rylee Lewis, Christina Radmecher-Vine, Jollee Swender, Claire Thornton, Hannah Moore, Assistant Coach Haley Johnson, Ava Anderson, Jenna Tomasek, Ellyanna Carman, Hailie McCreery and Head Coach Taylor Johnson.



Laingsburg Soccer Team Includes: Addison Rusz, Emily Gutzman, Desire Knoblauch, Callie Clark, Olivia Price, Ella Kay, Brooklynn Miller, Sydney Pohlod, Dakota Ballard, Brooke Putnam, Ivy Collier, Kaitlyn Kingsbury, Evelyn Logghe, Mariah McLean, Kylie Luna, Emilee Mertens, Dani Winans, Erin Pohlod, Addison Elkins, Coach Natalie Elkins, Asst. Coach Jeremie Wilson, Cadie Ellis, Joy Antcliff, Sophia Mikko, Lorna Strieff, Libby Zukatis, Lizzie VanElls, Grace Elfring, Emma Koenig, Asst. Coach and JV Head Coach Geoff Heyd

Complete sports stories on pages 8-9

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Emergency Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – An emergency meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Saturday, June 4, 2022 at noon. The location was the administration building located at 8989 Colony Rd. Upon opening officials took action immediately to retire in closed session for a personnel disciplinary hearing. Approximate time 12:05 pm.

Upon returning to open session, approximately 3:17 pm, OE Board members took the following action. With a unanimous roll call vote on two measures. First, that a third party review take place. The Second, that a third party be hired to review District past practices.

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The speaker each night is Pastor Jerry Drummond.

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Monday & Tuesday, June 20-21.....Pastor Doug Strait

Wednesday – Friday, June 22-24.....Pastor David Kimball

Saturday, June 25.....Kentucky Mountain Bible

College Singers

Sunday, June 26.....Aaron Shell and the Farwell

Kids Choir

For more information call Arlyne 989-224-2875 or Jerry 989-838-2654.



Fogartys Celebrating 25th Anniversary

Jerome and Nancy Fogarty of Elsie are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 14, 2022.

The couple are planning a cook-out with family.

OE Band Car Wash

submitted by Lisa Brown

The Ovid-Elsie Band is holding a car wash on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 3:00-6:00 pm at the Ovid Municipal Parking Lot, Village Hall, 114 Front St, Ovid.

As the 21-22 school year comes to a close, it is time to look to the future. We are raising money in preparation for next year's band experience. Car Wash is by donation and every little bit helps!

Come help support our band!

If it rains the event will be rescheduled.

Ovid Public Library

The Summer Reading Program is underway at the Ovid Public Library. If you haven't signed up yet, you are still able to do so. There's lots of fun things planned for the weeks ahead. Monday, June 13 will be our first story hour. This will begin at 10:30. There will be story hour every Monday except June 20 and July 18. On Wednesday June 15 will be our first craft/activity. This will also begin at 10:30. Science Alive will be here again this summer but you need to be signed up for the summer reading program to be able to participate.

On Monday, June 13 will also be our Adult Booktasting. This starts at 1:00. If you've read some good books that you would like to share with others or are looking for your next good read, come join us.

LIMITED TAX PLEDGE NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the Board of Education of Laingsburg Community Schools, Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan.

At said meeting, the Board of Education will consider for approval its proposed State Aid Note. The proposed State Aid Note (General Obligation - Limited Tax), if issued, will contain the limited tax full faith and credit pledge of Laingsburg Community Schools, Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan.

DATE OF MEETING: PLACE OF MEETING:
June 15, 2022

Laingsburg Middle School - 112 S High St Laingsburg, MI 48848

HOUR OF MEETING: 7 o'clock, p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: 517-651-2705

BOARD MINUTES ARE LOCATED AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: 205 S Woodhull Laingsburg, MI 48848

Mary Angst, Secretary, Board of Education

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Laingsburg School Board

submitted by Krissy Pratt

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The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: 2021-22 Budget Update, 2022-23 Budget Proposal, Legislative Update, District Staffing Update, 2022-23 Board of Education Calendar, 2022 Tax Levy L-4029 Resolution, MHSAA 2022-23 Membership Resolution, 2022-23 General Fund Operating Loan State Aid Note Resolution and any other business that may properly come before the board.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

"Without music, life would be a mistake."

— Friedrich Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols*

CC Historical Museum

submitted by Jan Upton

The Clinton County Historical Museum is open for the season! This year's special exhibit is focusing on several Notable People with Clinton County Roots. You will be surprised about some very famous icons designed by locals and other historical items. The General Exhibit Room upstairs has been repurposed with displays regarding women's fashions through the ages and the Dr.'s Office has been revamped. Weather permitting the General Store and Carriage House are open as well.

The Museum is open Sundays from 1 to 4 and Wednesdays 2 to 6 through summer and autumn except for Holiday weekends. Check it out at 106 Maple, St. Johns, MI 48879 (West of the Courthouse Square) or pgsmuseum.com or email pgsmuseum@gmail.com with questions. You can also phone 989.224.2894 or 989.292.9096 with questions and/or donations with Clinton County provenance.

The Museum is run totally on volunteers and donations. You can help us out by signing up with Smile.Amazon.com.....register with "Clinton County Historical Society" and scroll down to the St. Johns, MI location. Also your Kroger Plus Shopper Card can be registered with KrogerCommunityRewards.com using Charity #DQ655. These are no cost to you and we get NO personal information...just a quarterly deposit. Thank you for participating!

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- Approx. 30 acres vacant land
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PARCEL #2

- Very nice, updated 3bd, 1 full bath ranch home
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- Nice oak kitchen cabinets w/ stove & 5x5 fridge
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- 3yr old steel roof. 5" well, 200 amp service
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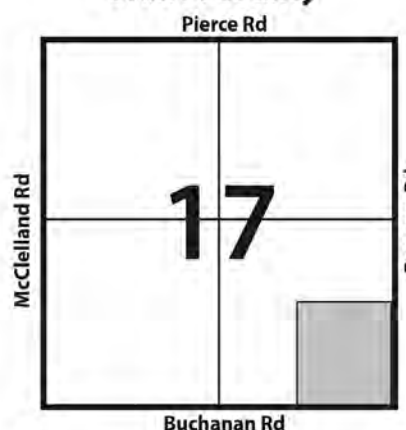
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*If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her that I love her and
miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.*

*Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.*
Author Kirsten, Preus

*We love and miss you Mom.
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loved one in
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Ronald Curtis Tomasek

Ronald Curtis Tomasek, age 68, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Monday, June 6, 2022, at his home.

Ron was born in Saint Johns, MI on June 4, 1954, the son Edward and Cleo Evonne (Hefty) Tomasek. He was active in the FFA and graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the class of 1972. His love of farm life started early, learning from his Dad, and working alongside his brothers on the family farm. Ron loved antique toy tractors and shopping antique sales with his Mom.

After farming for over a decade, Ron started R.C. Tomasek & Sons Construction, which built many houses and pole barns in and around the Ovid area. He was fond of sharing his knowledge and memories about life and was always interested in the lives of his family and friends. Ron was a giving person and eager to help others, even at a moment's notice. His passion was to help on projects, always sharing his good-humored spirit. Later in life, he enjoyed rides around the neighborhood, with his friend Jon.

Through his generosity of time and labor, Ron assisted in creating gardens and beehives- for the love of learning, doing, and staying active as he was able to. He read the paper to see his grandkids accomplishments and enjoyed watching the youngest explore outside. Family was an important part of his life, especially in his last few years.

He is survived by his mother Evonne Droste; his three children: Joshua (Kari) Tomasek, Robert Tomasek (Jessica Dennis), and Kristin Tomasek; three grandchildren: Jacob, Jenna, and Logan Tomasek; his siblings Paul (Jeannie) Tomasek, Lou Ann (Edward) Rudziensky, Brian (Terri) Tomasek, and Greg (Jamie) Tomasek. Many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, also survive him; with whom he enjoyed entertaining with his know how. He was preceded in death by his father and son-in-law Andrew Kleimeyer.

A Celebration of Life will be held at VFW Hall of Ovid from 5-7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Ron's family and friends will have an opportunity to share memories at 5:30 P.M. Food and drinks will be provided.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Gertrude Lorene "Gert" Dunham

Gertrude Lorene "Gert" Dunham, age 90, went to be with her Lord, on Wednesday, June 8th, 2022, at A Family Affair of Haslett, MI.

Gertrude was born in Rush Township, Michigan, on October 24, 1931, the daughter of John I. and Anna Viola (Deming) Triibfelner. She married Dean R. Dunham, on July 16, 1949, at Lake James in Angola, Indiana. They were blessed with 65 years of marriage, prior to his passing on March 17, 2015.

Gert received her degree in Theological Studies from Siena Heights University. She was a RCIA Director, Lector, in the Choir and belonged to the Altar Society. She was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Owosso, MI. She was also a member of the 3rd Order of the Franciscans. Gert was commissioned a Lay Ecclesial Minister in 1998 for Lansing Diocese. She taught catechism classes for years. She loved to listen to the polkas on WOES and be with her family.

She was active in 4H, where she was a leader of Beginning Drawing & Painting in the Clinton County Fair. She was an accomplished artist giving lessons to many local children and adults.

Gert is survived by her two daughters: Thelma (Basil) Janes of Henderson, MI; Mary (Steve) Weiderer of Owosso, MI; one grandson Scott Rubey and his fiancée Kathleen Thomlinson of Laingsburg, MI; two great-grandsons: Scott and Brittany (Micka) Rubey II of Owosso, MI; Hunter Rubey of Chesaning, MI; three great-great-grandchildren: Wren, Everly & Wilder Rubey, with one more on the way; step-grandchildren: Jacob, Jason, and Jessica Weiderer; one sister Barbara Napier of Corunna, MI; and sister-in-law Patsy Tribfelner. She is also survived by many other step-family members: Theresa (Frank) Thompson, Lisa (Charles) Whisman, Kelli Janes, Kathi (William) Wycoff, and Melvia (Frank) Quine; many great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dean, son Dean Dunham Jr., two brothers: John and Ivan, two sisters: Mildred and Helen, and one step-grandson Paul Janes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Owosso, MI, on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 11:00 A.M., with Rev. Fr. Michael O'Brien presiding. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, from 2-8 P.M. with the family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie Chapel. A Rosary will be prayed on Monday evening at 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to WOES, 8989 East Colony Road, Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is time to switch gears whenever multiple items seem to go badly. Saturday morning I was trying to finish planting my garden. Emphasis on trying... I gathered my buckets, Epsom salts, measuring spoon, and then had to play a tug of war with my gardening hose extension that had become entwined with a grapevine shot thru with morning glories. I eventually won the round but only because I was very persistent and was willing to unwind the hose. Next I went into my shed that has a glorious new roof to gather up my watering wand and to grab a hoe. The wand was not sitting on top of the freezer which was its appointed place. Nor was it in the other side of the shed or the old milk house, apparently it had taken a permanent powder. Nor were the hoes in their assigned places. I had already moved my garden plants out of their semi sheltered area near the deck and sincerely wished to place them in the garden. I believe that it took me another thirty minutes to find a hoe and only ten more to break the darn thing! So I did some more searching and found the one with the broken handle and had to get closer to the ground to use it. Of course my shoulders went into that achy breaky mode and my lower back reminded me that I could be facing a few days with knotted muscles if I kept at it. Not being fond of the knotted muscle thing I just planted a dozen of the plants. Called Karen and told her that I had to go up to the Amish Hardware east of Clare.

I put Pru into the house and told her that she couldn't come this time and headed over to get Karen after I cleaned up a bit. So we ladies talked all the way up to Clare and were pleased with the results of our shopping trip. Actually I was beyond delighted because I found two items that I needed and couldn't find around here. I bought two sets of sliding screens for my vertically challenged double hung windows. What really got me excited was finding an American made presharpener beet hoe. The sharpened blade was sealed for safe transport and didn't come off until I put it into use. I also picked up a couple of Christmas gifts as I searched the store. Next stop was the little bistro for lunch and to pick up supply of coffee. Our trip home was uneventful but enjoyable, good thing that I had filled up the gas tank before I left home. So life goes on.

Sunday I slept in but did manage to make it to church on time. Of course the service was good, Zella always delivers a good service. We then had a brunch and fellowship and exchanged information and driving directions. Yup, recipes also. I came home and vegetated. Of course it was time for me to focus on what I hoped to get done this coming week. Pru was scheduled for the groomer on Monday morning, after she was done I planned on making a stop to drop off a rhubarb crunch made with monk fruit for sweetening. I won't be doing that again, granulated monk fruit costs over eleven dollars a pound and there is only two cups to a pound. You are supposed to use it equally to the recipe's sugar use ... it didn't work that way or the rhubarb was extra tart. I left the sliding screens up with Ted, they only extended thirty-three inches and the windows are forty plus, he attached a pair of them in the center and then stained them, so I now will have the ventilation that I need. Especially while baking..

Sunday afternoon I turned my attention to the live trap that I had borrowed. I had baited it two days and the bait had disappeared but I hadn't caught the raccoon. I grabbed a pair of my needle nose pliers and adjusted the trigger and the door. I have now caught a couple of the vermin, I don't like them attacking the cats. I also tire of treating the wounds on the cats. So far the cats have managed to get away from the raccoon minus a bit of fur and a few added scratches, the cats have their rabies shots. I understand that there are a lot of very disreputable(sickly) looking raccoon in the area.

The St Louis Farmer's Market started last Thursday with hours from 2Pm until 6PM and the St John's Farmer's Market starts this Saturday 8AM until noon. I'm looking forward to seeing my old customers and now have a great deal more competition in St Louis this year. So I had better have my "A" game working well. I'm very excited because my kitchen drawers have been repaired and I now will be able to get my counters cleared for action. I've had three damaged drawers which were empty and useless. Tomorrow they will be back into their efficient slots. It is a good thing to be in our efficient slot and to apply our God given wisdom and common sense. May your days be filled with God's blessings.

Editorial



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions
off to: Meridian Weekly
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Summer Vacations = Family Memories

Dear Andy,

It's only the first of June and my kids are already acting bored, watching too much television and too much technology and spending too much time on their cell phones talking to friends. I work an early shift and get home about 3:30pm and nothing has been done. Recently one of my daughters slept until noon and hadn't eaten anything since I left for work at 6:45am

We have a vacation planned for the first full week of August, but I need some suggestions to get my 3 kids motivated to enjoy summer and get their chores done before I get home. Ages 11, 14 and 16. Mad Mom

P.S. I noticed I have not seen your column in the paper lately. I hope you are still answering our letters and questions.

Dear Mad Mom,

Don't be mad...anger and frustrations are contagious! Chose happiness and fun. You deserve to enjoy summer, too. You're lucky to be home so early from work so you can plan activities with them.

First of all, I would suggest that you have a family meeting and let them have some input. Have your list of chores and expectations in writing...such as showers, feeding pets, getting the mail, taking the trash out, unloading the dishwasher. Be specific ie time frame and quality.

Have your children share their needs and desires such as reading, talking on the phone, going for a nature walk or a bike ride or drawing. Remind them of activities they like to do and give them the boundaries to accomplish them.

One of the best mini weekend vacations is a staycation in the back yard. Set up the hammocks and a tent. Plan a bonfire. (You may need a permit # from your twp or city) Hiking on the trails in the woods near your home. Laying on a blanket looking at the stars at night or finding shapes in the clouds during the day. Include playing games with your children. Creating lasting memories no matter how lame.

Try this suggestion... No WIFI and no technology, no TV for 3-hour blocks... play games and fun activities like Bocci ball, corn hole and the golf ball throwing or giant dice, three-legged race. Just have lots of FUN and BE SAFE.

Invites some friends or close relatives. Have a potluck. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows. Great thing about being in the back yard, everything you need is only a few steps away. And, if the ground gets too hard, a comfortable bed is close by as well. Less people = more fun and "real" talk time. My advice, just enjoy our sunny dazes and appreciate life and make family a priority.

Andy at
ask_andy@aol.com or
askandyforadvice@gmail.com

P.S. I will be answering all the letters sent in the last month. Thank you for your concern about my absence. I must confess, I was on a 3-week vacation; I did not remember what day it was and missed the deadline. Send me your ideas and concerns. Keep your emails coming. I will answer all inquiries, and some will be seen in print soon. Andy

Obituary

Ruth Ann Steffen

Ruth Ann Steffen, age 72, of Brant, MI, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2022, at her home.

Ruth was born in St. Johns, Michigan on June 14, 1949, the daughter Charles Carl and Ruth Josephine (Holmes) Haruska. Ruth graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1967. Ruth married Richard Dewaine Steffen on July 1, 1967 at the Ashley Pilgrim Holiness Church. They enjoyed 54 years together. She was the love of his life.

She made sure that the house was always taken care of during their years together. Ruth loved her family very much. Ruth was the matriarch of the family. Many nieces and nephews looked up to her as a mother figure. They had a very special relationship. She loved to cook and everyone especially liked her potato soup and homemade dumplings. On the weekends with family, they had endless card games.

Ruth was the librarian for Ashley Public Schools/District Library for 37 years. She touched many lives during her years at the school. She loved to help the children out and had a great sense of humor and was always ready to not just help the kids, but she was someone they could talk to in confidence.

She is survived by her husband Richard; her children: Richard Charles "Ricky"(Trina) Steffen of Ashley, MI; Cindy Jean (Jeff) Kocur of Hemlock, MI; granddaughter Kali Ann Steffen; great-granddaughter Paislee; brother Walter Terry (Kathy) Haruska; sisters-in-law Barbara Haruska and Annette McNaalley. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her parents, five sisters: Virginia (Frank) Brzak, Eva Marie Haruska, Janet Kay Howes, Judith Elaine (Bill) Hesse, and Peggy Renee Haruska; and a brother John Haruska.

Memorials can be made to: Peter's Sunny Day Foundation 12741 Osprey's Way DeWitt, MI 48820. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR FOR ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ASHLEY, MICHIGAN.

DATE OF MEETING:	MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
PLACE OF MEETING:	ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MEDIA CENTER	104 N NEW ST
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HOUR OF MEETING:	6:30 P.M.
PHONE NUMBER:	989-847-4000

A COPY OF THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE AT 104 N. NEW STREET, ASHLEY, MI.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Lions Donation

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The Ovid Lions and Elsie Lions clubs donated \$642 to the TEAM Program at E.E. Knight Elementary. The TEAM program, led by Deputy Barber, is a school-based proactive effort to make schools and community safer.

OEAHS Students Visit the Ziibiwing Center

by Dawn D Levey

OVID – As part of their world geography studies the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School students recently visited the Ziibiwing Cultural Center in Mount Pleasant. The purpose was to experience a culture within a culture, a sovereign nation within our community.

The mission statement of the cultural center is: "The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant education experience. The promotes the society's belief that the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

The funding for the trip and others throughout the school year were provided by a grant from the Ovid-Elsie Community Foundation and donations from program supporters.



"The RFD Boys" Kick off 'Concert in the Park' Series on June 15

submitted by Bill Tennant

For the first time in 2 years, the St Johns "Concert in the Park" series will present a regular season of 12 concerts. The opening concert will take place on Wednesday evening, June 15 this year starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

"I've been looking for a great bluegrass band for a number of years for our concert series," states Bill Tennant, series coordinator. "The RFD Boys' are a true crowd pleaser – one of the best bluegrass groups in the state without question. It's a great group to bring to St. Johns to kick off our 2022 season!"

"The RFD Boys" formed in 1969 and, now, 53 years later, are still delivering the bluegrass music that made them an Ann Arbor institution. Since 1985, the Ark, Ann Arbor's premier small stage performance venue, has been their home. They have shared the stage with the legends of bluegrass from Bill Monroe to Allison Krauss, been on the cover of Bluegrass Unlimited, and traveled as far as Germany, Monaco, Malta, New Zealand, and Australia. During their 50th anniversary year, they were honored by the Detroit Music Awards and released their first studio album since 1976 entitled "RFD Boys at 50 – Still Delivering."

Members of the group include Dave Mosher on Fiddle/Mandolin, Dan Roehrig on Guitar, Will Spencer on Banjo, Charlie Roehrig on Guitar and Paul Shapio on Acoustic Bass. They all are singing members of the group.

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

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

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The Weekly Sportsman
by Dan McMaster
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Microgreens Revisited

Many readers may remember several articles during the Great Pandemic when the Weekly Sportsman authored numerous columns about growing microgreens for personal consumption. A lot was written about growing on different mediums and with different types of seeds. Since that time, the Weekly Sportsman has continued efforts to find better methods that increase yield along with being a little cleaner and quicker when grown inside. A lot has been learned about different grow lights and deep water hydroponics but such details may appear at a later date. This week's column will focus on a new grow medium along with some new varieties and cultivars to try.

In the past the Weekly Sportsman has preferred to work with grow mediums other than dirt because let's face it...dirt can be very messy indoors and harbor unwanted indoor pests like insects. Paper towel and grow mats made of substances like coconut coir, Biostrate, and burlap work well when small seeds are planted by sprinkling over the surface. For larger seeds like corn, beans, and peas; the Weekly Sportsman has discovered that using Rockwool 10x20 mats formed of 200 one inch cubes with a hole in each works the best. Designed to be broken apart and used for hydroponic seedlings, the entire mat works well when used as a very nice planting surface for large seeds. Rockwool, also known as stonewool, is a basalt rock melted at a very high temperature and spun into a string like substance similar in texture to cotton candy. The 10x20 mats work well because the size permits placement in standard bedding trays. The substance itself is incredible as a medium because it balances holding a lot of water and providing necessary aeration needed for growth. Reusable for at least 5-6 times, and sometimes even longer, replacement costs are greatly reduced and mats just require sanitation using hydrogen peroxide and crop rotation.

As for new cultivars the Weekly Sportsman has been working with Adzuki and Mung beans along with buckwheat. The Adzuki bean does not require a blackout period for germination and shoot growth and is ready for harvest in about 14-21 days. Highest in protein this bean tastes like a very sweet green bean and is valued for its leaves to replace lettuce and helps fight diabetes by maintaining normal blood sugar. Mung beans and buckwheat require a few days of blackout and can be harvested in two weeks. Expect a buttery bean flavor and a tangy citrus flavor respectively.

In addition, new varieties have been discovered such as Parsley Pea along with a beet that only produces leaves named Fresh Start. The Parsley Pea is ready in about two weeks and does not get leggy or stringy in height like other varieties of peas and tends to bush out with tendrils growth. Perfect for salads! Fresh Start is a beet that can be grown for succulent leaves without wasting energy going to a round bulb shaped root as the plants will only have top growth. Expect a sweet and earthy taste but be prepared as some palates will still make it taste like dirt. If two seeds are placed in each hole then Parsley Pea will run about thirty-five cents a flat in seed costs and Fresh Start will be under twenty cents a flat.

Even readers with two black thumbs can grow fresh and healthy microgreens for salads and garnishing entrees. Feel free to use different seeds when experimenting with microgreens but always stay away from tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, and okra as their leaves are toxic.

-WS



Elsie Lion Dr Robert Peterson presenting Elsie Lion Merle Baese his 45 year Lions Chevron Award, for his years of service!

2022 Shiawassee County Fair Queen

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

Applications for Miss Shiawassee County Fair Queen are now available at the Fair Office, Mon - Fri 9a - 5 p at 2900 Hibbard Road or available online at www.ShiawasseeFair.com/fair-queen. The deadline for the Queen Applications is Friday July 1, 2022 @ 5 pm.

Fair Queen Applicants should be between the ages of 17 - 22 yrs (as of January 1, 2022) and a past exhibitor at the fair. Complete pageant rules are included with the application.

The Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant will be held Saturday, August 6, 2022 in the Free Show Tent at 5:30pm. The public is invited to attend. Miss Shiawassee County Fair and her attendant will participate in events and parades throughout the area to represent the fair.

If you have questions, please contact the Fair Office at 989-743-3611 or email ShiaCoFair@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar now for the 2022 Fair August 7-13.



Brothers Alex (left) and Jackson Barth (right) were successful turkey hunters. Alex bagged his on May 15th while hunting with his grandpa, Norm Martin on the family farm in Ovid. The turkey weighed 26 pounds with a 10 inch beard. Jackson got his on opening day while hunting with his uncle, Carl Martin on the family farm in Alma. His turkey weighed 25 pounds with a 10 inch beard.

Food Truck at the Ball Park

submitted by John Chrenka

On Wednesday, June 15, the Ovid-Elsie area 14U Big Reds Baseball team will be playing a double-header against Grand Ledge starting at 6:00 PM. To make the event more festive, Union Station Smokehouse will have their food truck on-site at the Ovid Pony Baseball field. We want to invite the entire community out to support the kids, watch some great baseball, and enjoy delicious food provided by our friends at Union Station Smokehouse. For more information please contact us at info@bigredsbaseball.org.

Menu includes: Wings, Pork Sandwich w/ Fries, Smoked Chicken Sandwich w/ Fries, Mac n Cheese Dinner w/ Pork and a bun. Drinks include: Soda, Gatorade, Water.

Volunteers Needed

submitted by Dawn Parker

We are in dire need of volunteers at the Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity ReStore, especially on Thursdays. Is there anyone out there who can help us between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays? Even an hour would help! Please come by 2352 N US 27, Saint Johns or call 989-227-1771, ext. 4. Helping a good cause is a good feeling.



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Sports

Marauder Girls Play Tough at MHSAA State Tennis Finals

ANN ARBOR -- The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division IV Girls Tennis State Finals took place at the University of Michigan Varsity Tennis Center.

Coach Mary Bradley's Ovid-Elsie team was honored to represent the O-E community with their State Finals appearance.

"The team played really tough matches against the best players in the state," said coach Bradley, after the Marauders scored four team points to tie with Frankenmuth. "Many of the scores don't reflect the battle they put up each game. The girls tennis team not only represented the Ovid-Elsie community with strong tennis, but as classy student-athletes."

Ann Arbor Greenhills won the state crown with 35 points, followed Bloomfield Sacred Heart with 26 team tallies in the 26-squad field.

Ovid-Elsie's Christina Rademacher-Vine (#3 singles) wrapped up a phenomenal 17-1 regular season, winning her second round match on Friday before falling to one of the top seeded players.

At #1 doubles, Claire Thornton and Jollee Swender won their first match, as well as at #4 doubles where Jenna Tomasek and Hailie McCreery won their initial match, before both O-E entries fell to top seeded teams.

"Overall, the girls played tough against powerhouse tennis teams and proudly represented the Ovid-Elsie community," explained coach Bradley.

Complete Marauder results included:

1st Singles - Brooklyn Belill, lost 1st match 1-6, 0-6.

2nd Singles - Rylee Lewis, lost 1st match 3-6, 4-6.

3rd Singles - Christina Rademacher-Vine, bye, won 2nd match 6-2, 6-1; lost 3rd match 1-6, 1-6.

4th Singles - Ava Anderson, lost 1st match 2-6, 0-6.

1st Doubles - Claire Thornton/Jollee Swender won 1st match, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; lost 2nd match 1-6, 0-6.

2nd Doubles - Hannah Moore/Abigail Hills, lost 1st match 4-6, 6-2, 3-6.

3rd Doubles - Ellyanna Carman/Tori Maynard, lost 1st match 2-6, 3-6.

4th Doubles - Jenna Tomasek/Hailie McCreery won 1st match 6-4, 7-5; lost 2nd match 2-6, 1-6.

"The future looks bright," coach Bradley explained. "Our team is young with two seniors, five juniors, one sophomore, and four freshmen."

O-E's Tokar Holds Off Laingsburg's Borgman, Brown for Division 3 Pole Vaulting Championship

KENT CITY — A trio of local prep pole vaulters challenged Michigan's best at the MHSAA Division 3 Track and Field Championships -- and came out on top.

Ovid-Elsie freshman Tryce Tokar captured the boys' Division 3 state pole vault title by vaulting 14'3" at the State Championship meet here June 4.

Tokar nipped Laingsburg's Jack Borgman (14'0") and the Wolfpack's Alex Brown (13'3") for the prestigious crown. Kyle Boettcher of Laingsburg also gave it a strong try at 11'9."

Ovid-Elsie placed 21st (10 points) in the team standings, while Laingsburg was 26th (9 team points).

In the girls events, Laingsburg's 4x100 meter relay quartet (Ashley Bila, Hailey Bila, Kyleigh Luna, Addison Elkins) placed ninth in 52.19. Hailey Bila placed 12th in the high jump for LHS at 4'9." Chesaning's Makayla Reiber and Laingsburg's Remi Fuller each tied for 16th by clearing the same height of 4'9."

The Wolfpack's 4x200 relay team of Luna, Ellie Baynes, Kathryn Magyar and Bella Strieff finished 19th in 1:54.24.

Lansing Catholic Uses Speed, Defense to Hold Off Wolfpack in Regional Victory

LANSING -- Lansing Catholic ended Laingsburg's baseball season -- and logged the 1,000th win in a storied program history -- with a 9-6 MHSAA Regional victory here June 9.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack fell behind early and couldn't come back, ending a 17-14 campaign. Along the way, the Wolves won their third District crown in four seasons under Randall.

The host Cougars advanced to the June 11 Super Regional at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, taking on Montague.

Despite the loss, Laingsburg matched the Cougars with five hits in the high-scoring affair.

Lansing Catholic got on the board in the second inning and never trailed.

Down 4-0 in the 4th, the Wolfpack got back in the contest when Mo Garcia and Ethan West drew walks, then came around to score after a walk to Hayden Johnston and a single by Nick Regan. A 8-4-1 double play ended the rally for Laingsburg, now trailing 4-2. The Cougars wrapped up the win with three runs in the fifth and one more in the sixth frame. The hosts held off LHS despite runs by Dom Garcia, Mo Garcia and Randall in the fifth, and the final tally in the top of the seventh, when Randall scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Johnston.

Shipman got the start for Lansing Catholic (22-11), and starred both on the mound and with the bat. He fired four and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and five runs while striking out five, and drove in Catholic's second run with a single in the second inning.

Ty Randall led things off on the bump for LHS. The sophomore allowed three hits and eight runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out eight. Regan threw two and a third stanzas out of the bullpen.

West, Randall, Dom Garcia, Regan and Kyle Thelen each collected one hit to lead the red-and-white offense.

Jake Sudol went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Lansing Catholic in hits. Troy Rakan led Catholic with four stolen bases, as the Cougars ran wild on the base paths with ten swipes.



Dom Garcia connects on a pitch for LHS. Garcia, Ethan West, Ty Randall, Nick Regan and Kyle Thelen all hit safely for the Wolfpack, but they ended their season with a 9-6 Regional loss at Lansing Catholic.

Wolfpack Girls Soccer Team Shuts Out Bath Bees for District 4 Championship

LAINGSBURG — The host Wolfpack sprinted to a 3-0 lead in the first 15 minutes and kept the heat on the rest of the way in a 6-0 whitewashing of Bath here June 3, in a MHSAA girls District Soccer Final.

Lorna Strieff tallied three goals and Desire Knoblauch scored twice to lead coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack, which also got a goal from Emily Gutzman, into Regional play. Laingsburg advanced to 4 p.m. action on June 7 opposite top-ranked Saginaw Valley Lutheran (17-0-2) at Montrose High School.

It was Laingsburg's third District championship of the weekend -- the baseball and softball teams were also victorious -- as the Lady Wolfpack upped its record to 15-5 overall.

Just a few days earlier, LHS had downed Bath in CMAC action, 3-2. The Wolves knew they had to make adjustments, which they did, said coach Elkins, particularly eliminating defensive voids.

The Fighting Bees, which advanced to the district finals by defeating Byron, 4-2 in overtime, ended its season at 9-4-1.

Strieff scored Laingsburg's first goal with 33:50 left in the first half. It was assisted by Gutzman. LHS made it 2-0 ten minutes into the contest as Knoblauch scored off a Brooke Putnam cross.

Knoblauch again found the net just a few minutes later with Grace Elfring getting the assist.



Joy Antcliff was stellar in goal -- supported by a smothering defense -- in Laingsburg's 2-0 Regional Final upset of undefeated Valley Lutheran.

Wolfpack Soccer Girls Stun No. 1 Rated Valley Lutheran; Earn Another Regional Shot at Bad Axe

MONTROSE -- With perhaps the biggest win in program history, Laingsburg's varsity girls soccer team earned a berth in the MHSAA Division 4 Regional Finals.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Lady Wolfpack stunned previously Saginaw Valley Lutheran, 2-0, in the semifinals, moving to 16-5 overall and earning a revenge chance at Bad Axe. The Hatchets ended Laingsburg's 2021 season in the Regional Final with a 2-1 victory.

LHS senior Lorna Strieff has been a scoring machine in the post-season, and she did it again with an unassisted goal barely :23 seconds into the semifinal contest. The sudden, stunning goal bolstered the Wolfpack defense, which played with confidence in front of sophomore goaltender Joy Antcliff.

Antcliff pitched the shutout, ending the Chargers' campaign at 17-1-2.

Stymied by a stifling LHS defense, Valley Lutheran only possessed the ball for about 30 percent of the game, said coach Elkins. Brooke Putnam put the finishing touches on the win, assisted by Dani Winans, scoring a goal with 8:47 remaining in the contest.

Explained coach Elkins, "We have 15 or 16 players who play together as a team. We don't have one player that every ball goes through. You can't mark us out. We all work together. People get tired. We have other people we can put in that doesn't kill a spot on the field."

Congratulations to all the athletes on a great season and Good Luck to those that are still striving for that WIN!



Sports

Randall Stars with Bat, Arm in Wolfpack Baseball Sweep of Vikes

LAINGSBURG -- Five hits from Ty Randall paved the way to victory for the host Wolfpack over Pottersville, 17-3, in CMAC baseball play.

Randall singled in the first, singled in the second, singled in the fifth, singled in the seventh and added a final one-bagger in the seventh inning.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack got on the board in the first inning when Mo Garcia doubled on a 3-1 count, scoring one run; LHS then put up six runs in the seventh inning. Cam Ballard, Tommy Gousetis, Luke Snyder, Jayce Grettenberger, and Ty Randall all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

Nick Regan led things off on the mound for LHS. The pitcher lasted six and two-thirds innings, allowing four hits and three runs while striking out six. Laingsburg scattered 14 hits in the game in support of Regan. Randall and Dom Garcia each racked up multiple hits for the hosts.

With Ty on the bump in the nightcap, LHS whitewashed Pottersville 8-0. The Wolves got all the scoring they needed in the first inning when Randall tripled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run.

Laingsburg tallied four runs in the fifth inning, thanks to singles by Cooper Wilson and Mo Garcia, and a double by Ballard.

Randall, a righty, went the distance, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out 12.

Braden was on the pitcher's mound for Pottersville. The pitcher went five innings, allowing eight runs on ten hits and striking out three.

Laingsburg (14-11 overall) totaled 11 hits. Randall, Ballard and Ethan West each collected multiple safeties; Ty went 3-for-4 at the plate to again lead the red-and-white.

Wolfpack Sackers Score at Will to Clinch 2nd-Straight District Crown

PERRY -- Two pitchers worked in harmony together as Laingsburg shutout Durand, 11-0, to win its second-straight MHSAA Baseball District crown here June 4.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack (16-13 overall) advanced to play Regional play against Lansing Catholic Central, on the Cougars' home field, June 8.

Ty Randall and Dom Garcia combined to whitewash the Railroaders. Ty got the start for Laingsburg, firing four innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out ten. Garcia induced a groundout to finish off the game in relief of Randall.

Laingsburg scored at will, with Garcia going 4-for-4 at the plate; he singled in the first, doubled in the second, tripled in the fourth, and singled in the sixth. The Wolves got on the board in the first inning when Randall singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

LHS scored four runs in the second inning. The offensive onslaught was led by Cooper Wilson, Dom Garcia and Mo Garcia, all knocking in runs in the frame. The red-and-white tallied 11 hits, with Dom and Hayden Johnston all managing multiple safeties.

Joslin started the game for Durand, going two innings, allowing six runs on four hits, striking out one and walking zero. A. Kelley and Hager entered the game as relief, throwing three and two-thirds innings and one-third of an inning, respectively.

Coach Randall's charges advanced to the title game with an 18-12 slugfest win over Byron in the District semifinal. Despite allowing seven runs in the fourth inning, Laingsburg was able to prevail.

Bats blistered as LHS collected 15 hits and Byron tallied seven in the high-scoring affair.

Ty Randall led things off on the pitcher's mound for Laingsburg, allowing one hit and one run over three innings, striking out five and walking one.

Lesperance was on the hill for the Eagles and took the loss. He went two and two-thirds



Dominic Garcia relief pitcher during the 11-0 shutout of Durand on June 4th to clinch 2nd straight district crown.



An unidentified Laingsburg player kicking up some dust during the play off game against Durand

innings, allowing ten runs on six hits and striking out one. Bedell, Hermann, and Bailey each contributed in relief for Byron, but could not hold off the Wolfpack onslaught.

The Wolfpack totaled 15 hits. Wilson, Kyle Thelen, Mo Garcia, Dom Garcia, Ty Randall and Ethan West all managed multiple knocks. Thelen swiped two stolen bases, as the Wolves ran wild on the base paths with eight steals.

Host Wolfpack Mercies Ovid-Elsie Enroute to Second-Straight MHSAA District Softball Title

LAINGSBURG -- On a warm, breezy Friday afternoon, Laingsburg's 17-0 District championship win over Ovid-Elsie wasn't quite the breeze the final score indicates.

The Marauders came up millimeters short of numerous outstanding defensive plays in the opening innings. The biggest break, perhaps, going against O-E was Zoey Baez's sprinting-sprawling centerfield dive in the second inning, that would have resulted in a spectacular catch.

Instead, the ball snow-coned out of her glove when she hit the ground and Laingsburg capitalized.

In a big way.

Braced with momentum, coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack opened up a 10-0 lead in the third inning and romped to their 15th-straight win, victorious for the 25th time in 31 games. The issue was settled after just four innings.

Felicia Gingrich's Marauders, winners over Byron in the District semifinal, closed the 2022 season at 19-13.

Laingsburg, with its second-straight MHSAA District trophy in hand, advanced to play Otisville-Lakeville in Regional action at Mt. Morris HS on June 11. "We're playing pretty well right now," said Laingsburg coach Jeff Cheadle.

Ashley Bila went 3-for-3 with two triples and four RBIs and her sister Hailey mirrored her, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs of her own to lead the Laingsburg offense. Both of Ashley's three-baggers came in the third inning, both booming shots over the outfielder's head that bounced off the fence. Laingsburg plated eight runs in the frame to bust the game wide open.

Addyson Buchin was the winning pitcher for the hosts, yielding just four hits while striking out six.

Maddisyn Miller, Ashland Particka, Gracie Schultz and Karigann Cuthbert all hit safely for Ovid-Elsie.

Ovid-Elsie saw its season come to an end in what could be seen as demoralizing fashion, the Marauders' bench was inclined to look on the bright side.

"We had a great season this year with lots of improvement," Ovid-Elsie coach Felicia Gingrich said.

Laingsburg, Ovid-Elsie advance to District Softball Finals with big wins

LAINGSBURG -- Neighboring rivals squared off in the MHSAA District softball finals here June 4, showcasing the best of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) vs. the finest the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) had to offer.

CMAC top-gun Laingsburg opened the District semifinal round with a 7-1 victory over MMAC entry Durand. The Wolfpack's win -- their 14th-straight -- featured the mastery of winning pitcher of Kailey Cataline, who gave up three hits with five strikeouts.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack stroked 11 hits, with Ashley Bila, Madison Wagner, Cataline, Addysin Buchin and Julia Starr all banging two hits apiece.

Jade Garske had one hit and drove in a run for the Railroaders. Sydney Spaulding and Emery Robinson also hit safely.

The second semifinal of the day featured familiar MMAC foes Ovid-Elsie, with an entertaining 17-13 win over Byron. The contest featured several lead changes as coach Felicia Gingrich's Marauders ran their record to 19-12. Karigann Cuthbert had three hits and two RBIs for O-E, while Ashland Particka and Olivia Burt had two hits and two RBIs apiece.

Burt was the winning pitcher in relief. She pitched the final 5 2/3 innings and gave up eight runs. Camryn Hamilton took the loss for the Eagles, who finished the season at 11-16.

Byron was led by Jaden Zakoor, who had three hits, including a triple, and drove in three runs. Jana L'Esperance, Brooklyn Zakoor, Kelsea Strzelecki and Quinn DiGiorgio all had two hits.



O-E catcher Madisyn Miller forces out Wolfpack pinch-runner Josie Keenan at the plate on a bang-bang play during the June 3 District Final at LHS. Laingsburg's Ashley Bila followed the out with a triple to stake the Wolfpack to a 9-0 lead in a District-championship victory.

Golf Outing Fund Raiser

The 11th Annual Ovid-Elsie Bowling Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd at North Star Golf Course. The format is a four person scramble and is limited to the first 22 teams PAID teams. The cost is \$50 per person (\$200 per team) and includes 18 holes of gold with cart, hole prizes and dinner after golf. For more information or to sign up call Coach Matt Fabus at 989-862-5746.

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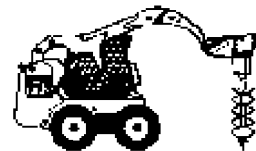
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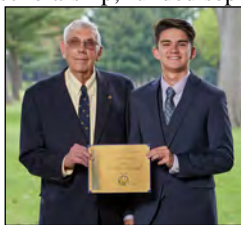
Cook Family Foundation UM Scholarship

submitted by Yvette Collard

The Cook Family Foundation continues to support the best and brightest students to attend the University of Michigan. From eight high schools in the greater Shiawassee area, 22 students have been awarded scholarships to the University of Michigan. This year, the scholarships awarded by the Foundation, the University of Michigan, and others totaled \$898,000.

Dillan Morell of New Lothrop was awarded the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship, one of the highest accolades in the greater Shiawassee County region. This scholarship, funded separately by Bruce and Jacqueline Cook, provides four years of tuition to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, with a value in excess of \$50,000. An additional 20 students have received scholarships from the Cook Family Foundation, ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Dillan is the son of Jay and Imogene Morell. Dillan is the co-valedictorian of his class at New Lothrop High School. He is a Shiawassee Scholar and the recipient of a Regents Merit Scholarship from the University of Michigan. Last year he earned the Eagle Scout Award. Dillan is enrolled in the college of Literature, Science and the Arts (LS&A) with plans to major in computer science, looking toward a career in software development or artificial intelligence.



In recognition of the Foundation's benefactor, the Donald Cook Scholarship was awarded to Ella Coulter of Byron. The Donald Cook Scholarship, endowed by the Cook Family Foundation, is awarded by the University of Michigan to a student attending the College of LS&A and is worth \$40,000. Donald Cook was a 1924 graduate of the University of Michigan who established the Foundation with his wife Florence-etta in 1978.

Ella Coulter is the daughter of Christopher Coulter and Julie Cattane-Travis. Ella is a Shiawassee Scholar and is the Salutatorian of her class. She is the vice-president of the Student Council and the National Honor Society treasurer. She has participated in both volleyball and softball. Ella is enrolled in the college of LSA with plans to get a Bachelors, Masters and PhD degree in behavioral science.

A special event was the awarding of the newly announced \$20,000 Kuhlman Family Scholarship, funded by UM alumni, Dr. Paul and Kit Kuhlman. The first recipient is Anya Wasilenski, the daughter of Keith and Tarah Wasilenski. She is the valedictorian of the Byron Area High School high school class and a Shiawassee Scholar.



Anya, enrolled in the College of Engineering, is the National Honor Society president, Student Body president, Marching Band drum major and active in robotics.

The Kuhlman Scholarship is administered by the Cook Family Foundation, but funded by the Kuhlman Family. The benefactors are University of Michigan graduates, as are their children, Matt and Kimberly.

Of the 22 scholarship recipients from the eight area high schools honored, four are valedictorians of their class and twelve of them are Shiawassee Scholars. Scholarship winners include, from Byron Area High School: Ella Coulter, Caleb Joslin, and Anya Wasilenski; from Chesaning Union High School, Hayden Williams; from Corunna High School: Claire Buckley, Noah Dutcher, Colin Lavery, and Ashlee Napier; from Durand Area High School, Danica Lienemann; from Morrice High School, Adrianna Monear; from New Lothrop High School: Hannah Beaucamp,

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With these awards, the Foundation has now helped more than 850 students attend the University of Michigan. Recently, the Foundation has expanded its scholarship support to Shiawassee area students attending the University of Michigan campuses in Flint and Dearborn. These scholarship recipients will be announced and honored later this summer. You can learn more at: <https://www.cookfamilyfoundation.org/scholarships/>

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