



Pancake Breakfast July 30th in Downtown Laingsburg

The Laingsburg Business & Community Association along with Looking Glass Community Services is "Working Together" once again in hosting the 57th annual Pancake Breakfast and Classic Car Show in downtown Laingsburg on Saturday, July 30th. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and milk will be served beginning at 8am until 11am. 50/50 Raffle drawings will be held at 9, 10 and 11am. A Business Expo will also be part of the days activities, for more information call Greg Beavers at Pine Hills Golf Course, 517-651-9700.

The Looking Glass Community Outreach will again be hosting the 21st Classic Car Show. Registration will begin at 10am. A \$10 donation will be collected for each registered car which will go directly to the Looking Glass Emergency fund. Goodie bags which includes a dash plaque will be given to the first 75 cars registered. Trophies will be awarded at 1pm. For more information call Dave Drago at 517-651-6846.



The Czechoslovak Harvest Festival Ethnic food, music and dance will fill the day on Main Street in Bannister on Sunday, August 7th. The Czechoslovak Harvest Festival will begin with dinner from 11:30-2:00, a colorful music program will begin at 2:30 and dancing to Virgil Baker and Just 4 Fun Band with Frank Moravcik from Cleveland will begin at 4:00. There will be free drawings for children's, teen and adult prizes and games for the children.

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OE School Board Draws Crowd Again

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Numerous community residents were present to express their comments and concerns. As in the recent meetings public comment focused on the superintendent and gas usage in personal vehicles. Approximately seventy people were in attendance with approximately fifty percent showing support for Dr. Ryan Cunningham and his leadership and accomplishments in the district.

Mr. Eric Jones, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education president, informed community members that the microphone request is being addressed and will be in place by the August meeting.

Jones also explained the protocols for public comment and that each speaker could speak once with a three-minute time limit. He also noted that there were two letters printed and available one from Mrs. Julie Keck, recently retired Ovid-Elsie social studies teacher, expressing her concerns about Dr. Cunningham and the administration and a second from Stacie Rulison, former OE board president, expressing her support for the accomplishments facilitated by Dr. Cunningham.

Public comment opened with questions from Kelly Nethaway. She did thank Jones for addressing and updating the community on the microphone request. Nethaway requested an update on the turf installation and the budget for the project. She also expressed concern regarding the lack of transparency regarding the superintendent situation. She was informed that the project was two weeks ahead of schedule and was on budget. The other matter would be addressed later in the meeting.

The following comments addressed support for the superintendent and allegations of misconduct. Kevin Nash commented that the administrations use of creative and colorful vocabulary is both concerning and entertaining. He addressed the budget report that was presented at the June 2022 meeting. And requested an independent forensic independent audit which should be available to the public.

Steve Sopy, former OE board member agreed that Cunningham has done for good things for the district, however, regarding the gas issue there are strong concerns. The gas purchased by the district does receive state and federal subsidies and is not for personal use. As a former board member, who was on the board when the travel allowance was raised and should have been enough. He then asked if there are there gas records for the current and passed superintendent?

Bonnie Wood, district resident, also had a number of questions. First, did the school board approve the gas policy or was it someone else? She further, thanked Dr. Cunningham for the answers to the questions regarding the solar energy plan and she provided a white paper with the responses. Wood addressed the sex education curriculum commenting the educators should be teaching the true science regarding sexuality.

Erin Sweet, teacher at OE for twenty years. Dr. Cunningham is part of the reason she brings her children from DeWitt to attend at Ovid-Elsie. She respects him as an administrator and principal. He is very active with students and staff, his door is always open for staff and others. The district's focus should be on student needs and back to education.

Tim Swanson reminded the board members that they are the superintendent's boss and that they must address the district's integrity issues. "I vote for the board members to do the job I do not want to do and to do what is right." In addition, he commented that he has a fear that the community will vote no on future school district financial requests.

Logan Wright a recent graduated, thanked Dr. Cunningham for supporting him as a student. And also thanked the entire staff at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

Dr. Wayne Petroelji, former OE superintendent commented that he has worked in a number of school districts off different sizes and locations. In 1992 he was hired by Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. When his tenure started there was a zero fund balance, and is now in the top ten percent regarding the fund balance. With strong leadership the buildings and facilities have improved exponentially. The school board and the leadership work together to make a strong school district and that has and is reflected at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

Kevin VanAtta, life-long member of the community, shocked the crowd by starting his comments with a loud, "Go Marauders!" This is an awesome district. He further commented that we are all part of the team, we are all Marauders. We can tear things down or we can build them up, the is a turning point and a decision needs to be made.

Finally, Carla Perrin, a twenty-five-year staffer spoke on behalf of Dr. Cunningham. She also indicated that Dr. Cunningham has an open door policy and supports staff. Perrin further thanked him continuing to make the school district better. Thank-you for supporting the hiring of the school nurse, the behaviorists, thank you for everyone who works for the district.

A number of the district departments updated officials on the summer projects. Mr. Craig Coleman, Director of Operations, gave an update on the track and football field. Final grading on the track took place on Thursday, July 21, Friday, Saturday and Sunday the field will be installed. Then it will sit for 21 days. Everything is on schedule and the game against Durand has been scheduled which is the first home game of the 2022 season. Summer maintenance is in progress the elementary schools are done and the focus is on the middle school and high school. Building cleaning is almost complete

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Project Connect

submitted by Becky Zemla

The Shiawassee County Homeless Coalition is happy to announce Project Connect 2022 will take place on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1865 S. M-52 in Owosso, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. The event will take place in the parking area of the Church.

We are happy to announce, more than 30 organizations will be attending, with giveaways. Do you have school-age children? Backpacks for children will be available along with personal items, household supplies and food from the Greater Lansing Foodbank.

There will also be representatives from our local Veteran's Administration Office and the Saginaw VA.

This event is open to Veterans, low-income seniors, families and singles who live in Shiawassee County.

If you have any questions, please call: Capital Area Community Services Inc. at 989-723-3115.

Library News

Authors to Visit Ovid Public Library

You are invited to join us on Monday, August 1st at 1:00 p.m. Authors Pat Cummins and Elizabeth Rice will share their stories of early Irish Immigrants and/or their descendants in their book "Irish Immigrants in Michigan: A History in Stories".

To leave or stay was the question for the Irish in the nineteenth century. In Ireland, people suffered persecution, poverty and famine. America offered freedom and opportunity. For those who left and came to Michigan, the land's abundant natural resources encouraged them to become loggers, miners, fisherman, traders and farmers. Others became rail workers, merchants, lawyers, soldiers, doctors and teachers. One Irish immigrant who made his way to Clinton County became a newspaperman, starting a newspaper when that type of work was often a one man show. This man, John W. Fitzgerald, was the son of Michael Fitzgerald who had emigrated from Ireland. John W. Fitzgerald started the Ovid Register Union shortly after returning from serving with the Third Michigan Calvary Regiment during the U.S. Civil War. His words diligently pieced together letter by letter, brought local news and news of the wider world to the other settlers living in the county.

These two authors will share true stories of early Irish Immigrants and their descendants in their book. There have included one true story from each of Michigan's 83 counties. The public is invited to come listen to some of these stories and learn about some of the ordinary extraordinary people who helped to form Michigan's early statehood history.

Their book, "Irish Immigrants in Michigan: A History in Stories" will be available for purchase with the authors signature.



Pat Cummins and Elizabeth Rice



Victor Township Election Commission Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022

Public Meeting of Election Commission:

In attendance: Jim Conklin, Paula Willoughby & Amanda Conklin
Meeting called to order by Clerk Amanda Conklin at 5:30 pm.

Motion by J. Conklin to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-07-001 Authorizing Delegation of the Election Commission to the Township Clerk, was offered by Willoughby and supported by J. Conklin. Roll call vote. All in favor. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Willoughby to approve the August 2, 2022 Election Inspector list. Supported by J. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moved by Conklin to close the meeting, second by Willoughby. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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Ashley Country Christmas

submitted by Lynn Schulz

The Ashley Country Christmas is excited for the upcoming 2022 season, and for the partnership they are building with the Steam Railroading Institute (SRI). Soon the North Pole Express, pulled by the 1225 Pere Marquette steam engine, will arrive in Ashley full of kids and adults ready to whisper their wishes in Santa's ear, play games, shop, ride vintage carnival games, build a toy in Santa's work shop and eat goodies from various vendors.

Have you ever wanted to ride the North Pole Express? Would you like to claim a ride in the cab of the world famous 1225 steam locomotive. Travel round trip all the way from the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso to the Country Christmas, spend a couple of hours and then back again to Owosso. Or maybe you'd just prefer regular seats in one of the vintage train cars. The Steam Railroad Institute has generously donated North Pole Express tickets for the upcoming season. Now you have the opportunity to support Ashley Country Christmas and ride the train. Sponsor packages will be available on a first come, first served basis. For the best selection of seats act fast before tickets go on sale to the general public.

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Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Hosts a Shoe Sale Event

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — The Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary will be hosting a 2-Day Shoe Sale on Thursday, July 28 from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm and on Friday, July 29 from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium. Proceeds from this event will benefit future hospital projects.

The event features trendy, comfortable medical shoes, socks and accessories from Outside The Box Shoes. Choose from popular name brands such as Cherokee, Dansko, and KLOGS for comfort and style all day long. Cash, checks, credit/debit cards, and payroll deduction for qualified Memorial Healthcare employees will be accepted. Open to the public!

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Mr. Randy Barton, assistant superintendent, reported that federal and state grants are arriving and curriculum improvements are underway. The buildings are in the process of getting everything set and ready to start the 2022-23 school year.

Jason Tokar spoke in support of Ryan Cunningham, district superintendent, stressing the accomplishments he has made in the district and support he has given to students and staff. Under his supervision and leadership, he has expanded curriculum and saved tax dollars while expanding the opportunities for students with unwavering support.

Under new business officials took action to waive the client/attorney privilege regarding the investigation into the superintendent and gas usage policy. Due to this action officials did not retire in closed session. Mr. Eric Jones, board president read the following statement:

"In an effort to promote transparency, the Board has voted to waive the privilege attached to the Superintendent Vehicle/Gas usage Investigation report dated June 27, 2022 and allow the public access to that report upon request. As you will see if you review the report, the impartial third-party investigator found that no person in the District, including Dr. Cunningham, knowingly violated any law, or policy or intended to violate any law or policy. Now that the District has discovered that this longstanding practice is not permitted, Dr. Cunningham has worked with the State of Michigan's Treasury Department to pay all required fees, including monthly penalty and interest fees on taxes owed. The Board considers this matter resolved and looks forward to returning the focus to students."

The following individuals were interviewed during the course of the investigation: Dr. Wayne Petroelji, former superintendent; Craig Coleman, Director of Operations; Randy Barton, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Weiderer, Business manager; Dr. Ryan Cunningham, School Superintendent; Mike Schiffer, Board Vice President; Dr. David Huff, Board Trustee; and Eric Jones, Board President.

Report Summary:

"During the course of the investigation, there were no findings of violation of policy or laws regarding the use of a district vehicle or receiving an expense stipend for travel. Furthermore, although violation of tax laws may have occurred, there is no findings of anyone knowingly violating laws or policies, or doing so with the intent to violate laws.

Although Dr. Cunningham received stipends and fuel, due to the amount of the stipend received for use of his personal vehicle, compared to the average received, receiving both would still befall within the range of the average stipend for the last couple of years.

Do to lack of policy and documentation, no violations of board policies were found. This includes the lack of having a process in place or logging of fuel obtained from pumps. By having a log in place, this would not only create an impression of control and alerts to pos-

sible theft, but it may also prove a person's intentions based on whether they logged their activity or not.

We trust this information satisfies your need and expectations in this matter. Over the course of the last 29 years, Recon Management Group LLC has a proven record of providing high quality and accurate research and investigative work product to our corporate clients and legal community. We can provide national as well as global service to our clients in an expedient and discrete manner tailored to meet your specific needs. Please call us if you have any questions.

We will consider this matter closed unless we hear otherwise from your office. We appreciate your confidence in our firm, and look forward to working with you in the future.

End of report."

cc. Timothy T. Gardner, Attorney

Mr. Cory Gavenda, high school assistant principal, presented the Sex Ed Advisory Committee's proposed updates. He noted that two open hearings were held regarding the adjustments of the curriculum. Definitions were updated and clarified. The committee's biggest concern was to either implement an opt out or opt in policy for students. It was also suggested that a change be made for course notification of two-weeks prior or notification at the beginning of the school year. Officials were asked to approve the lessons as amended followed by opt-in or opt-out at a later date. Discussion followed. It was determined to postpone a decision until the August meeting, allowing officials time to review the options more in depth.

Finally, officials took action to offer employee contracts to Cierra House, 5th grade teacher EE Knight, and three paraprofessionals: Courtney Miller, Hannah Phillips, and Ashley Rundle.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda which included the following items. Approval of the meeting agenda, the minutes of the June 27, 2022 regular and the June 27 special Board of Education meetings, approval of the expenditures, monthly financial statements and the School Board qualification and loan program information.

The meeting ended with comments from Board members. Dr. David Huff and Mike Schiffer voiced support Dr. Cunningham, he has done a great job. The independent investigation report is available to the public verifying that there was no intent to violate the law or policy. Integrity runs both ways; social media has been unkind. It's time to give him a fair shake.

Mrs. Erin Bancroft further commented that there are checks and balances, a third party was hired independent of this board. She thanked Eric Jones for taking on this task and Ryan Cunningham for the work he has done to improve the district.

Finally, Brooke Wooley thanked Eric Jones for taking on the issue with transparency.

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Recycling in August

submitted by Ellen Link

If you're not one of the lucky folks taking an exciting summer vacation in August, you may want to note which dates the Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center (GLCRC) at 7500 Woodbury Rd will be open for business. Per our usual schedule, that will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (August 2 and 16) from 4 to 6 pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (August 13 and 27) from 9 am to 1 pm. All recyclers are welcome.

For details on what we do and do not accept, visit our Facebook page or website-- <https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>. And remember that materials must be clean (no cheesy pizza boxes) and preferably separated. We cannot accept clamshells (takeout, berries and salad containers) or corroded household batteries (please separate into regular, rechargeable, lithium and button), but are now accepting plant containers. We ask that patrons minimize their use of plastic bags to bring their recyclables or take them back when emptied.

Slowly but surely, we are working together toward a sustainable environment. Please choose reusable water bottles over bottled water whenever possible. The running total for materials recycled here thus far this year is 72,000 pounds! GLR's recycling drives are run completely by volunteers, so feel free to join us. If you have any questions, contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437.



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Health

Health Department's Beach Monitoring Program Underway

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The beaches being monitored in MMDHDs jurisdiction are Park Lake in Bath, Sleepy Hollow State Park in Lainsburg, Motz Park in St. Johns, Clinton Lakes in St. Johns, Paul Hubscher County Park in Sumner, Reed Park in North Star, and Crystal Lake in Crystal.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Environmental Health Sanitarians began water sampling in early June and will continue sampling until early September. Water samples are collected once a week with results posted on EGLEs Beach Guard website (egle.state.mi.us/beach/). On this website you can also see results for all beaches being monitored in the State of Michigan.

For more information on MMDHDs beach monitoring program, visit mmdhd.org/recreation-al-water/

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Did you know that massage can help relieve pain from moon cycles? That's correct! When a woman approaches that time of month the pain can become excruciating in their stomach and lower backs, sometimes even debilitating for them but massage techniques can alleviate her suffering.

Minstrel cycles come each month like clockwork. Some women are irregular but the arrival will still come each month, and they typically will correlate with the phases of our Grandmother Moon. Most females will also synchronize with each other when living together.

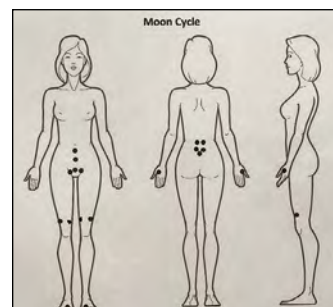
During the Moon cycle, the females' ovaries will create an egg for fertilization and the uterus walls will begin to thicken, but when pregnancy does not occur the shedding of those walls begins. The monthly buildup in the lining of the uterus (womb) is then discarded during the next three to seven days. This process cleans the female's system and keeps it healthy until the next month when the cycle begins all over again.

There are a few different stages that are gone through during the Moon Cycles process and can be looked up for more research for a better in-depth understanding but for now here are the symptoms that can occur for women. Keep in mind these can differ from one woman to another, but may include the following.

- Cramps (stomach pain) · Lower back pain · Tender breasts · Bloating · Headaches · Trouble sleeping · Tiredness · Irritability · Mood swings · Weight gain · Food cravings · Change in sex drive

Unfortunately, many women endure a substantial amount of pain during this process and many people do not know that massage can help reduce the discomfort of many symptoms and provide relief for her in many ways.

Massages relaxes the body, changes endorphins, calms the mind, relieves pain and headaches, lowers stress levels, and changes moods, plus a lot more. This is why it's sad that so many people believe that massages are nothing more than a luxurious thing to do and a frivolous way to spend their money. Hopefully more people will learn the true health benefits of massage therapy and understand the many ways it helps.



Below are some of the massage points and techniques that may be helpful during a Moon Cycle and can be given by a spouse, significant other, or done by yourself.

These massage techniques are done with lightly circular motions while applying light static pressure to the massage points. The points are held for six seconds on, then two seconds off, for the duration of approximately one minute per point.

Here are the locations to massage and apply light static pressure with just your fingertips.

- Two fingers' widths below navel - use first three fingertips on the press point with middle finger supported from index and ring finger.
- Four fingers below navel - repeat above technique.
- Leg - four fingers above inner ankle bone. Follow line up finding a depression point and hold as described above. Repeat the other leg.
- Groin - crease of groin in center.
- Pubic - center of pubic bone.
- Hands - web of hand between thumb and index finger. Repeat on the other hand.



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- Foot - web of foot between big toe and second toe. Repeat on the other foot.

- Knee - one kneecap width above knee and over to both directions of inside and outside of knee, on the thigh. Repeat on the other knee.

- Sacrum - just above nodes on top of sacrum. Then on the inside of nodes on the sacrum.

- Blade - rub blade of sacrum bone.

- Static hold - polarity at sacrum and below belly button. One hand on each at the same time. Hold.

These simple holds and spots can release tension and pain caused from Moon Cycles and have been helping women for years. Of course, if any of them are uncomfortable, avoid the area. It is also recommended to seek the advice from your doctor or professional health care provider before beginning any regimen or routines as everyone has different health issues.



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Elsie High Class of '62' Celebrates 60th Class Reunion

submitted by Jeanne Butler & Joanne Ebert

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Second row (l-r): Joanne Micka Ebert, Barb Peltier Nash, Sheila Brown Morey, Joyce Bearup Kohagen, Lois Jones Boone, Lynn Schultz, Lillian Fatura Bigham, Renae Loznak Fatura, Cathy Carroll Webster, Jeanne Bakita Butler, Doug Conklin.

Third row (l-r): Janet Maynard Swanson, Jim Loynes, Leslie Loynes, Dorothy Frasier Saulnier, Bob Whitaker, Larry Peters, Tom Blunt, Ron Grubaugh.



Front row (l-r): Paulette (Hrncharik) Anderson, Anne Vlcek, Donnella Powelson, Sally (Miller) Long, Pam (Coon) King, Linda (Bancroft) Cook. Second row (l-r): John Anderson, Diana (Bancroft) Mella, Debbie (Watson) Heinze, Rosemary (Foerch) Baker, Monica (Gazda) Balderson, Tom McGraw, Vicki (Craig) Richards, Deb (Boose) Price. Third row (l-r): Greg Finch, Rozanna (Litomisky) Nalett, Jeff Lewis, Theresa (O'Donnell) Hicks, Tom Leodler, Ford Sinicropi, Dave Long. Back row (l-r): Hal Smith, Ted Schulz, Arlo Knutson

Ovid-Elsie Class of 1970 Celebrated During Dairy Festival: In 2020 the Class of 1970 was unable to celebrate their 50th Class Reunion due to COVID.

The reunion committee who always puts on a great reunion event, put their heads together and came up with the theme used to celebrate in 2022, "The Class of 1970 is Turning 70". They created a float for the parade which featured classmates decked out in tie-dye t-shirts, bell-bottom pants and flowers in their hair. Pictured here are the classmates who attended the evening event. They shared a great meal and enjoyed going back to their younger days in high school.

A special "Memory Board" was made for those classmates who have passed.

happy
memories

Superhero 5K September 17th

submitted by Kelly Schafer

The Voice for Clinton County's Children invites you to our 9th Annual Superhero 5K Run, Walk, or Fly! on September 17th! All proceeds support Clinton County children and youth who have experienced abuse at no cost to families. Registration is open and sponsorships are welcome; to ensure signage and t-shirts, commitments appreciated by midnight, September 5th (Labor Day). All information is available on our website VoiceForClintonCountyChildren.org. September 17th will your cape be ready?!





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Obituaries

Evangeline Ruth (Parks) Johnson

Evangeline Ruth (Parks) Johnson was born December 31, 1922 and passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2022 with family present. She grew up in rural Bannister the daughter of Floyd and Ruth (Shimmin) Parks, attended Ashley High School, graduating as valedictorian in 1940. She attended Lansing Business College, and worked at Michigan State College prior to marrying Charles Junior Johnson on February 6, 1943. From this union four children (Gayla, Coral, Alan, Nolan) were born. Evangeline received Bachelors and Masters degrees from Central Michigan University and taught in one-room rural schools (grades K-8) in Elsie and St Johns before completing her teaching career of over 25 years at Central School in St. Johns.

As a child she was an explorer, finding herself with her friend, Franci, taking long walks along the Maple River or train tracks (both of which were near her home). She enjoyed nature and all of God's creatures, especially deer (which were rarely seen when she was a child) and reading anything she could get her hands on. She was an avid reader, when a child, and encouraged her children and students to read and learn everything they could. While married to Charles, they managed the honeybee operation for Maynard and Ella Mae Beck; owned and operated the Hardware Store in Pompeii; and had a dairy and horse farm in rural St. Johns. During this time, Evangeline attended college and took correspondence courses to become a teacher. She also enjoyed travel in Mexico and Europe as well as many parts of the United States.

Evangeline was a 75-year member of Honor Rebekah Lodge #194 in Pompeii, Fred Hall Ladies Encampment Auxiliary (LEA) #53, and Clarebella (LEA) #54. Evangeline served in 1983-1984 as Grand Matriarch of the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary (GLEA) of Michigan. She was also a member of Order of the Easter Star (OES), Maple Rapids #76, Elsie #69 and Wacousta #133.

She was a lifetime member of the Michigan Education Association*R (MEA), National Education Association*R (NEA), Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP).

Evangeline was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings: infant sister Evelyn, brothers: Floyd, Charles, Glen, Alva, Henry and Frank; husband Charles, son Alan and son-in-law Dennis Phillips. She is survived by three children: Gayla Phillips, Coral Johnson, Nolan (Doreen) Johnson and daughter-in-law Linda Johnson. 10 grandchildren: Deborah (Jeffrey) Swears, Brian (Gregg Smyth) Phillips, Steven (Susan) Phillips, Rachel (Joshua) Brunkhorst, Gabriel (Erika) Johnson, Mitchell (Jennifer) Johnson, Jessica Krebs, Nola (Sherwood Allen) Brown, Daniel (Alisha) Johnson, and Wendy Johnson as well as 11 great-grandchildren, and 7 seven great-great grandchildren.

At Evangeline's request cremation has taken place. Private burial will be at a later date in Eureka Cemetery.

The family was served by McGeehan Funeral Home, St. Johns.



JoAnn Kathleen Fogarty

On July 14, 2022, JoAnn Kathleen Fogarty was reunited with her husband David in heaven. She was also joyfully welcomed by her parents and the Lord.

JoAnn was born in Owosso, Michigan in 1936 to Joe and Anna Bartek. She married David Fogarty in 1962. They enjoyed living in the great community of Ovid-Elsie for all their years.

JoAnn had a great love of baking and shared her talent with the entire community. Her pies and sprinkle cookies were in high demand from family and friends.

She loved adventure of any kind, including zip lining in the Dominican Republic at the age of 80 and walking the Mackinac Bridge at 85. Using a certain four-letter word in her presence guaranteed you a "matka tahat uchi" (mother pull your ear) which she dished out with great pleasure and a giggle.

She lived every day to the fullest. Her kindness and empathy were beyond measure.

She is survived by her children Angelo, Jerome (Nancy), Gloria (Jim), Marcia and Julie, along with her grandchildren Kristy, Stacey, Becky, Brandon, Mitchell, Nick, Kari, Jake, Cody, Cayden, Todd and Zack. She cherished nine great grandchildren and was excited to be adding two more. She is also survived by her cackling sisters, Betty, Marie, Emelie and Dorothy and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no funeral services. At her request, a grand celebration will be held on August 20, 2022 at 11:00am at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister.

In her honor, please pay it forward with an act of kindness or a donation to the Elsie Food Bank or the WOES Polka program.

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



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Editorial

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We may not go through all of the things that Paul went through in his life- being beaten, shipwrecked, put in prison. But nonetheless, we have our trials. We have our hardships.

Sometimes we feel hard pressed on every side. Sometimes we are perplexed. Other times in one way or another we are struck down. And we can add to the list.

Yet the same God that was there for Paul is here for us today. This is not some abstract history lesson or personal testimony that is only for Paul. Rather it is 100% valid for us today.

God is always with you. Even during gut-wrenching times, God is always with you.

God says, *"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* - Hebrews 13:5

What a wonderful promise from Scripture!

God will never leave you.

God will never forsake you.

No matter what you are going through. No matter how dark the night. No matter what mess you may have gotten yourself into. God will always. Always. Always be with you.

And how does the next verse in Hebrews read?

"So we say with confidence, *"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"*

The Lord will never leave you. The Lord is your helper. Therefore you will not be afraid.

Paul writes, *"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18



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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is already midweek and either I have not done anything unusual or interesting or I'm living a rather mundane life style. That's not quite true, Karen took me out to dinner Sunday after church and we had a great gab and shared good food. Seems like all I have done for the past week has been either talking to doctor's about 'old age' problems or spending time with a physical therapist. I'm tired of answering the question about how much pain I'm in, fortunately for me it is minimal. Partly because I a high pain threshold and then there is that part about me being an ornery old lady. At least I hope that I'm viewed as being one...old or otherwise. I've been known to become snarky at times and get irritated because everyone expects me to keep on trucking. There are times when I would welcome the help that is offered but then offers seldom pan out. And yet where there is life there is hope. Please don't get me wrong, I do intend to keep on trucking, that is what has kept me focused and moving. And moving is the key. I know that the therapy is working because I can get in and out of my little Ford Focus easier then I could when I bought it back in April. So I am making some positive headway.

I celebrated another birthday on Monday and it was fun. I got to spend some time with my daughter and youngest granddaughter, also my son-in-law and my friends Ted and Tammy. I just put-zed around most of the day and gradually had things put together before anyone arrived. T&T arrived at just the right time and brought me a darling bouquet of pink zinnias and a handful of helium balloons. We laughed and talked as we looked forward to the steaks that were on the grill. Diane and Noah arrived about the time the charcoal decided that it needed to be replenished. Lucky for me that Ted and Diane fussed over it and got us all back on the right track. Brent's brother from Texas had dropped in unexpectedly so Brent was late to eat with us, and it was a good thing that he likes a well done steak. I believe that we all enjoyed ourselves. Noah even complimented me on the up grades made in the bathroom.

I received several cards that encouraged friendship and longevity. I also was very glad that my auger style post hole digger proved useful. Diane and Brent have gifted me with a flagpole that has a solar light. So after we had eaten we all adjourned to the place chosen for it to be set. We all did our part to get the hole dug in this dry hard clay and Noah was the water carrier as the cement was being mixed and poured by Brent and Diane. I needed to get my level to check the accuracy levels, of course it was well done, they'd already had a practice session getting theirs up last July. Hopefully the cement is well set today and the pole will get into place. Finally we all grouped together under the willow tree as we relaxed and enjoyed the comfortable breeze that cooled us as we had time to do some chatting. It was a good day. I am blessed with caring family and friends.

I have a new cell phone and carrier...unfortunately I don't have everything set up. I still need to get the voice mail set up and I'm a technophobe. I am hoping that Friday morning I will be able to bug Brent into fixing that for me. I've pretty much decided that there will be no more cell phones after this one bites the dust. I hate the period where everything is changed and others expect you to know what to do when you get a new phone. I really do prefer my house phone for several different reasons. First I don't have to keep changing my phone and when I do need to do so it doesn't cost so darned much money. I can replace my house phone for under thirty dollars and it works for years and my monthly bill is about forty-six bucks including taxes and my line is run on fiber optics. My cell phone bill is seventy-four bucks a month for the next thirty-six months and the cellular company won't let me pay off the phone which would reduce the monthly bill. Oh well, such is life. It is getting to be time for me to enter the kitchen zone. I have zucchini to shred; breads to make, bake, package and tag. I will be taking Isabella to the St Louis Market with me tomorrow. She will get to help me set up the canopy, table, and chairs. It will be an interesting day. Looking at the world through her eyes is always both amazing and amusing. May God bless you with such laughter filled insight.

Crystal Mitchell©2022



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

"The Sick Sense"

"...but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18)."

I love surprise endings, like The Sixth Sense film — Dr Crowe tries to cure young Cole's neurosis (he sees the unseen world, ghosts), but the trick isn't revealed until the very end, when Crowe realizes his gunshot wound in the opening scene was fatal; that's why Cole, "I see dead people," can see him. Dr Crowe has been dead...the whole movie! Tricked!

Like Dr Crowe, we're unaware that we are dead too, spiritually speaking, and the unseen world is the actual reality. The Bible reveals the trick in Ephesians 2:1, "You were dead in your trespasses and sins." But the Sin-trick is still in play and Sin needs removal before our physical demise seals our fate (John 8:24). Like thick scales on the eyes of our heart, we've all been duped. "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick (Jeremiah 17:9)." We think this is really living, but actually we're dead.

Deceived means you don't know you're deluded. Even now you question this very point, that you're Sin-tricked; unconcerned, trusting in your five senses. I can prove it to you, but I can't convince you. Jesus said as much, "If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead (Luke 16:31)." If we won't bother to read God's remedy, then even a resurrection miracle can't shake us.

Oblivious, the proverbial frog in the pot of warming water, we're content to not consider His Word as our cure, comfortably numb as we slow-boil to death. I've reasoned with a cousin who is not a Christian for two years, answering his questions in great detail, but finally this week he told me he is not persuaded. Loved my answers, they all made perfect sense, and was impressed by my knowledge of the Scriptures, but he's decided to take his chances that this world is all there is. Proved, but not convinced.

Heartbreaking, but God loves us enough to let us choose — seek Him or ignore Him (Acts 17:30). He will not force a robotic love. We must want His gift of eternal life. My cousin has chosen to ignore the unseen world, and so now I ask you. Will you consider the real world or just sit in the boiling water, happy with what you can only see? In short, do you think Jesus lied to you? (He discusses Truth in the Gospel of John, chapter 8.)

I left my cousin with two questions: Is the Bible a supernatural revelation, and is Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem empty? Disprove those points and then "eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die." But if you seek Him out, He promises you'll meet Him (Jeremiah 29:12-13). Perhaps try reading the Book of Romans in a modern translation (NLT or NIV). The Apostle Paul lays out the Jesus cure very succinctly to the Roman believers.

Reading Romans will only take an hour. I bet it will surprise you, and hopefully change your ending. Remember, deceived means you don't know you're deluded. Surprise endings can be great fun, unless you're the one tricked...like Dr Crowe.

Thank You

On behalf of the Elsie Dairy Festival committee, we would like to think everyone who made the 2022 Elsie Dairy Festival a success! It was fantastic to see everyone come together and celebrate our "small town, big heart" community! We are appreciative of the assistance from the Village of Elsie, Elsie DPW, and Elsie Police Department- we could not do this without all of you!

Thank you to all of our new committee members, those who stepped up to chair an event, the vendors who brought their goodies to share, the volunteers who gave their time, brave individuals who showcased their talent, bands and groups who

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came to entertain, parade participants, and all who participated in the festival. Thank you to local businesses and community members for the use of their land, parking lots, and buildings and those who cleaned up the trash every night. Thank you to Clinton County Sheriff's Posse for the extra help, Clinton County Farm Bureau for a day of fun for our kids, Schwans for a fully stocked ice cream supply, Elsie Lions Club for a week-end of excellent food and Elsie American Legion for bingo excitement.

The Elsie Dairy Festival committee extends their appreciation to each and everyone that helped in anyway to make this an enjoyable event, including those we may have forgotten to mention by name. This family oriented festival is one the entire community can be proud of and we are happy to see families and classmates reunited and celebrating together.

We are looking forward to Elsie Dairy Festival 2023! If you are interested in joining the committee or volunteering, please reach out to Quinn Passmore at (989)388-7649 or Brooke Wooley at (517)819-8459.

The Elsie Dairy Festival Committee

Victor Township Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI

Proposed Board Minutes from July 11, 2022 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor J. Conklin at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Present: Fickes, Townsend, J. Conklin and A. Conklin Absent: Willoughby

Agenda: Motion by J. Conklin to add items #16 and #17 to the agenda and approve. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to approve the June 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of bills: Motion by Fickes to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$12,178.53 using checks #12346-12358 and EFT 161-163. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by A. Conklin to approve payroll check for deputy treasurer for underpaid June 2022 wages. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fickes to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,107.38 using checks #28538-28570 and voiding checks 28540-28556. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Surveys have been sent. Cemetery rehabilitation list provided to the board.

LSW: Raises for paramedics and EMT's was approved. Firefighter wages will likely be discussed in the near future.

Maintenance & Facilities: Maintenance position has been vacated. Motion by A. Conklin to increase the supervisor's emergency maintenance expenditures to \$5,000.00. Supported by Fickes. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Marihuana – Motion by A. Conklin to direct office administration to load paper survey results. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Broadband – 8 Clinton County townships have submitted letters of intent to use ARPA funds for broadband. 4 townships are undecided.

- Hazard Mitigation – Pending final plan.

- Picnic Table Assembly – Clerk Conklin plans to assemble tables on July 26, 2022 at 10:00 am.

New Business:

- Maintenance Position – Motion by J. Conklin to approve request for proposals for the maintenance position with a final submission date of August 15, 2022 at 12:00 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Dawn Archer – Motion by J. Conklin to approve no spray request for Dawn Archer and to approve surrounding resident requests as written request is received. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Cemetery Roads – Motion by Townsend to procure at least 3 bids for cemetery driveway projects. Supported by A. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried. Extended Comment - Motion by Fickes to approve up to \$3,000 for new parking lot basketball hoops. Supported by Townsend. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

A. Conklin reminded the board that all cemetery and maintenance requests must be made through the office administrator on paper forms.

Assessor Bolke provided notice to the board that Duane Ginther has officially resigned from Victor Board of Review and that alternate, Ben Potter, will take his place for the July 19th, 2022 meeting.

Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

Laingsburg Pancake Breakfast Saturday, July 30th



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Pancake Breakfast on Main Street

Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) is hosting its 57th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday July 27th from 8 am to 11 am in downtown Laingsburg. Cost is free but donations are greatly appreciated! We will have a wandering magician this year. So come check this out at the 4-Way Stop in downtown Laingsburg.

Schedule of planned events are as follows: Breakfast served from 8:00 – 11:00. Jeff the magician from 9-11.

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Schedule:

- Registration begins at 8:00 am (same as the Pancake Breakfast) ~ Trophies and plaque ceremony at 1:00 pm, next to DJ stand (beside PDPs Pizza at bottom of the hill)
- Goodie Bags will be given to the 1st 75 cars that register – Each bag will include a dash plaque and other goodies
- A donation of \$10 for each car entered will go to the Looking Glass Emergency Relief Fund
- Event T-shirts will be available for purchase
- There are many door prizes available this year for car show entrants. The Grand Prize is valued at \$475 and includes a hayride for up to 20 people at Peacock Road Farms.

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Laingsburg Pancake Breakfast Saturday, July 30th



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Hagg Announces Candidacy for 7th District, United States Congress

Jake Hagg has announced his candidacy for U.S. Congress from Michigan's 7th District. Mr. Hagg and his wife, Delphine, have a 2-year-old daughter, Elisha. He studied at the University of Michigan, majoring in International Business with a minor of Mandarin Chinese. He owns his own business at the Christian Insurance Group.

"I will use my same business knowledge that allowed me to build from a small insurance agency in Michigan, to over 1,000 contracted agents nationwide," Hagg says. "Biden's failed policies took America from being energy independent and \$1.89 gas to \$5 gas. Instead of exporting American oil we are now forced to import from places like Venezuela and the Middle East. Americans can't afford groceries and essential goods, yet Biden -- with the help of Democrats and Rino Republicans -- continue to send billions and billions of taxpayer dollars overseas. The voters of Michigan's 7th District want someone who will put America first."

The 30-year-old Hagg continues, "It's time we take care of our own people first. I'll fight to secure our southern border and stop the flow of Chinese-made fentanyl from entering our open border. I'll put a pause on accepting refugees until our own American people can afford gas and groceries, our infants have formula and our veterans are off the streets again."

Opponent Tom Barrett did not respond to Meridian Weekly's questionnaire.



Anderson Announces Her State Senate Candidacy for 28th District

Madhu Anderson has announced her candidacy for the Michigan State Senate from District 28.

Mrs. Anderson, 62, is married and the mother of three adult children. She earned a master's degree in public policy from the Ford School at the University of Michigan. She is currently employed in non-profit Government Relations.

In the past, Madhu has served in state government administration, including as Deputy State Treasurer, and been involved with legislative policy development, non-profit board leadership and policy advocacy.

"Voters are frustrated and angry, and concerned about the future direction of the state," she says. "The top issues for voters are pocketbook issues: inflation, gas prices and their tax burden. Parents want their children to learn the basics at school. Students should be proficient in reading, writing and math skills so they can get a job or continue in college after graduating."

Opponents Sam Singh and Dylon Howard did not respond to our questionnaire.



Tsernoglou Announces Candidacy for 75th District State Representative

Penelope Tsernoglou (D), 43, is a candidate for State Representative from the 75th District. This is an open seat to be filled by the voters of the 75th.

Penelope is married to Steve Ross and they have a daughter. Mrs. Tsernoglou earned her Juris Doctorate from the MSU College of Law and a BA degree from the University of Michigan. She is a graduate of Southfield High School.

Currently, Penelope is an attorney and a small business owner. The longtime Democratic Party activist is a former Ingham County Commissioner.

She explains, "We need common sense gun safety legislation, enshrining reproductive freedom in law, protecting voting rights, funding our public schools, expanding access to quality, affordable



health care and prescription drugs, and ensuring our children have clean water and air."

Opponents Ivan Diaz and Emily Stivers did not respond to our questionnaire.

**VOTE
AUG. 2**

Middlebury Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment For the August 2, 2022 Primary Election

To the qualified electors of the Middlebury Township, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election is scheduled for July 25 at 3:00 PM in the Middlebury Township Hall located at 7627 W M21. The Public accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk
Middlebury Township

Filler Seeks Election to New Michigan 93rd District

Graham Filler, 38, is in the running for State Representative, 93rd House District. He is the current incumbent from the 93rd, which has been re-districted by the State of Michigan.

The new 93rd House District is comprised of portions of Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia, Montcalm, and Saginaw counties

Mr. Filler has been married to Dr. Alicia Filler since 2015. They have two children: Claire (4) and Christian (2 months old).

He is a 2002 graduate of Ovid Elsie High School, 2002 graduate; a Miami (Ohio) University in 2006 graduate, and holds a bachelors degree in Philosophy. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2009. He has been a practicing attorney since 2011.

The former Assistant Attorney General (2011-2018) explains he has "... prosecuted bad-acting health professionals and protected the public health and safety, and worked on keeping energy rates fair at the Michigan Public Service Commission."

"As I knock on doors, as I meet with people in Mid-Michigan, I hear about unbelievably high gas prices, I hear about inflation that is making everything expensive, I hear about parents wanting to be involved in their kids' education, I hear from farmers who want to see investment in infrastructure so they can do their job and so their roads can handle tractor traffic," Filler says. "I can promise you that I work in a bi-partisan manner, I can promise you that I listen to the people I serve, I can promise you that I am a problem solver. I just had a bill signed by the Governor that's going to stop drug dealers from coming into Michigan."

"She's a Democrat, I'm a Republican, but I work to get things done."

Opponents Logan Byrne, Jeffrey Lockwood, and Alan Hoover did not respond to our questionnaire.



Rais is Candidate for Michigan State Senate, 28th District

Muhammad Salman Rais has announced his candidacy for State of Michigan Senate, District 28.

Mr. Rais, 46, is a physician in private practice, and is a volunteer for health a food programs. He holds degrees as a Doctor of Medicine, and in Master Health Administration.

"We need support for innovation, manufacturing and agriculture," he explains. "We need to keep graduates of Michigan colleges in Michigan. I will work to support education, teachers and small business, and help lead the economic recovery from the effects of Covid 19."

"I believe in a simple, positive campaign. I will represent the people of my district the way they want to be represented, with a bi-partisan approach."

Opponents Sam Singh and Dylon Howard did not respond to our questionnaire.



Keskey Running for State Rep. 75th District

Don Keskey has announced his candidacy for State Representative from the 75th District. The 75th District includes parts of Clinton, Shiawassee and Ingham counties, including Ovid and Laingsburg.

Mr. Keskey has been an attorney for 48 years, 25 years as an Assistant Attorney General under Michigan Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, and in private law practice.

While serving in the AG's office, Don engaged in successful lawsuits against polluters of Michigan's ground waters and rivers, and represented Michigan in a PBB case resulting from the mixing of a retardant chemical in cattle feed distributed throughout Michigan.

Mr. Keskey also supervised numerous attorneys in regulating Michigan's electric and gas utilities, intrastate railroads, all highway motor carrier transportation, communications companies, passenger ferry boats, private water companies, and pipeline and oil/gas drilling facilities. He also represented Michigan and 30 other states in successfully challenging the federal government's failure to dispose of high level nuclear waste stored along the Great Lakes and in other states, and testified before Congress on this subject.

In private practice, he has represented nonprofit ratepayer groups in numerous cases to oppose utility rate increases, to support expansion of high-speed broadband internet service in rural areas and customer-owned and community solar projects, and in nuclear waste matters. He has litigated hundreds of cases before state and federal agencies including the Michigan Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state and federal Courts, including several cases before the Michigan Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Don Keskey is endorsed by the Michigan Farm Bureau. His website and email is donkeskey.com and donkeskey2022@gmail.com.

Opponents Ivan Diaz and Emily Stivers did not respond to our questionnaire.



Shia. Co. Candidates & Proposals

Thomas Emery, Candidate for District 7 Shia. Commissioner

Thomas J. Emery has announced his candidacy for District 7, Shiawassee County Commissioner.

Emery, 79, is a Perry Township attorney. He holds a Juris Doctor law degree and has served 25 years as a State of Michigan assistant Attorney General. He is also a Judge Advocate General (JAG) for the Michigan Army National Guard.



He is married to his wife, Beverly.

“I believe public office requires civic virtue ... meaning, you place constituents’ well-being above your own desire,” he explains.

Emery says he strives to ethically represent city, village and township interests; ensure transparency under the Open Meetings Act; and ensure county zoning follows township land use planning.

“We need to stop illegal ‘spot zoning,’ and monitor proper use of county funds to prevent further Covid fund abuse,” he says. “Previous commissioners misused Covid funds by voting themselves amounts of \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.”

Garber, Incumbent District 6 Shia. Commissioner

Cindy Garber, 55, is running as the incumbent for the District 6 seat on the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners.

Cindy has have sons and a daughter. She is self-employed and holds a BBA degree in accounting. She has spent the previous three-and-a-half years on the Board of Commissioners, after previously serving 10 years as the treasurer of Bennington Township.



“A big issue facing the county is recruiting and retaining law enforcement officers, correction officers and 9-1-1 dispatchers,” she explains. “The voters are also facing the increasing pressures of the liberal agenda, putting our freedoms at risk.

“I have worked hard to support law enforcement and our veterans’ services. I will continue to do my best, and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming primary election.”

Middlebury Township

MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Shall Middlebury Township continue to levy 2.25 mills (\$2.25 per \$1,000.00) on the taxable value of property located in the Township of Middlebury, Shiawassee County, Michigan, for four years beginning with the 2023 tax levy year and running through the 2026 tax levy year (inclusive), which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of \$108,055.16 to be to be used exclusively for all purposes authorized by law for emergency services including fire department, rescue, and ambulance services. This is a renewal ofa currently authorized millage.

Shiawassee RESD

EXHIBIT A, SHIAWASSEE REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Shall Shiawassee Regional Education Service District, Michigan, come under sections 681 to 690 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and establish an area career and technical education program, which is designed to encourage the operation of area career and technical education programs, if the annual property tax levied for this purpose is limited to 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of IO years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2022 is approximately \$2,280,671 from local property taxes authorized herein?

NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Bath Township Clerk Brenda Butler-Challender, 517-641-6728	Precinct 1 - Bath Township Hall, 14480 Webster Rd., Bath Precinct 2 - Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath Precinct 3 - Bath Middle School Auditorium, 13675 Webster Rd., Bath Precinct 4 - Spirit of Christ Church, 8170 Coleman Rd., Haslett Precinct 5 - Bath Fire Station, 5633 Drumheller Rd., Bath
Bengal Twp Clerk Sharon Bassette, 989-640-4750	Bengal Township Hall, 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns
Bingham Twp Clerk Amy Wirth, 989-403-8468	Bingham Township Hall, 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns
Dallas Twp Clerk Therese Koenigsknecht, 989-593-2542	Dallas Township Hall, 225 S. Main St., Fowler
DeWitt City Clerk Lisa Grysen, 517-669-2441	Precinct 1 - DeWitt City Hall, 414 E. Main St., DeWitt (Council Chambers) Precinct 2 - DeWitt City Hall, 414 E. Main St., DeWitt (Community Room)
DeWitt Twp Clerk Adam Cramton, 517-668-0270	Precinct 1 & 2 – DeWitt Middle School, 2957 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt Precinct 3 & 4 - Herbison Road Fire Station, 1445 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt Precinct 5, 6 & 7 - DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Rd., Lansing
Duplain Twp Clerk Sandra Frink, 517-712-6297	Elsie Public Library/Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main St., Elsie
Eagle Twp Clerk Starr Wirth, 517-526-0218	Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle
East Lansing City Clerk Jennifer Shuster, 517-337-1731	Precinct 17 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing
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Lebanon Twp Clerk Daniel Smith, 989-593-2193	Lebanon Township Hall, 10990 W. Colony Rd., Fowler
Olive Twp Clerk Sandra June, 517-204-5620	Olive Township Hall, 1400 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt
Ovid City Clerk Josefina Medina, 989-834-5550	City of Ovid Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid
Ovid Twp Clerk Claudia Pluger, 989-834-4830	Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid
Riley Twp Clerk Lisa Powell, 517-819-6132	Riley Township Hall, 7110 W. Pratt, DeWitt, MI 48820
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Victor Twp Clerk Amanda Conklin, 517-651-2094	Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg
Watertown Twp Clerk Carolyn Brokob, 517-626-6593	Precinct 1 & 2 - Wallace Watts Community Center/Gym 12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge
Westphalia Twp Clerk Heather Platte, 989-587-3411	Westphalia Township Hall - 13950 Pratt Rd., Westphalia, MI 48894

For the purpose of nominating the following:

- STATE: Governor**
CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator - 24th District, Representative in Congress – 4th District
LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature - 93rd District
COUNTY: County Commissioner
JUDICIAL: Judge of 29th Circuit Court
TOWNSHIP: Partial Terms ending 11/20/2024
- Bath Township Clerk & Trustee
 - Bingham Township – Clerk
 - Ovid Township – Supervisor
 - Victor Township - Clerk
 - Watertown Township – Clerk
 - Westphalia Township – Supervisor

And for the purpose of electing the following:

Delegates to the Republican and Democratic Conventions

Also, to vote on the following proposals:

- COUNTY:**
- **CLINTON COUTY:** Separate Tax Limitation Proposal not to exceed 7 mills
- TOWNSHIPS:**
- **BATH CHARTER TOWNSHI:** Police and Fire Protection Millage Renewal of 2.9748 mills be renewed and increased to 3.0 mills
 - **BENGAL TOWNSHIP:**
 1. Dust Control Millage renewal of 1.2381 mills for 4 years
 2. Maintenance & improvement of roads and construction of bridges millage renewal of 3.2191 mills for 4 years
 - **BINGHAM TOWNSHIP:** Fire and emergency service millage proposal not to exceed 1 mill for emergency service or fire service purposes
 - **DALLAS TOWNSHIP**
 1. Proposal to renew millage of .9836 mill (\$0.9836 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for eight (8) years, 2024 through 2031 inclusive, for Dallas Township Fire and Rescue Operating & Equipment, which will raise an estimated \$97,112.61 in 2024
 2. Proposal to renew millage of .2456 mill (\$0.2456 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for eight (8) years, 2024 through 2031 inclusive, to pay for the cost of Rescue runs within Dallas Township, which will raise an estimated \$24,248.53 in 2024
 - **ESSEX TOWNSHIP:** Road millage renewal proposal of .5 mills for 4 years
 - **LEBANON TOWNSHIP:** Road construction, maintenance and upkeep renewal proposal for 2 mills for 4 years
 - **VICTOR TOWNSHIP:** Equip, operate and maintain emergency services renewal proposal of 1.5 mills for 4 years
- CITIES:**
- **CITY OF OVID:** Emergency services millage proposal for up to 2.25 mills for 4 years
- SCHOOLS:**
- **BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:** Operating millage renewal proposal exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law; 19.5069 mills for 10 years
 - **HASLETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Sinking fund millage proposal, 1.2149 mills for 10 years
 - **WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:** Operating millage renewal and increase proposal, 18.4946 mills for 10 years, exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law and 9.3 mills fo r10 years on all principal residence and other property otherwise exempted by law
- RESA:**
- **SHIAWASSEE REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DIRRICT:** Area Career and Technical Education Proposal, 1 mill for 10 years
- LIBRARY DISTRICT:**
- **GRAND LEDGE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY:** Library operating renewal proposal for 1.2 mills for 10 years.

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained by contacting your township/city clerk or county clerk. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact their local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting your local clerk in advance of the election. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact their local clerk's office.

This Notice is given by authority of the County Clerk of Clinton County, Michigan

Debra Sutherland, Clinton County Clerk
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Candidate Profiles • Primary Election 2022

Gratiot County Primary

Moolenaar Seeking Re-election to U.S. House of Representatives

John R. Moolenaar, 61, is the incumbent seeking to return to the U.S. House of Representatives. The 4th District seat is one he has held since 2015.

Mr. Moolenaar and his wife, Amy, have six adult children. He earned his bachelors degree from Hope College, and a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University. A former chemist, school administrator, business developer and state legislator, he has also served on the Midland City Council, Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan State Senate, and four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

He explains, "Americans know President Biden and the Democrats have put America on the wrong track: rising prices are hurting seniors and families, gas prices are too high, and Americans feel uneasy about the future. Beyond that, there is lawlessness on the southern border, rising crime across the country, and schools in disarray as students are left behind by leaders who kept the classrooms closed. Now more than ever, Americans need real leadership in Washington and they're not getting it from Democrats who do nothing as inflation soars to new records."

"I am running for reelection to continue fighting for conservative values including the right to life, the Second Amendment, election integrity, and keeping taxes low so Michigan families keep more of their own money. In Washington, D.C. I will defend our Constitution, protect the freedoms we enjoy, fight tax increases, and support our law enforcement."

Mr. Moolenaar continues, "I am deeply honored to serve the people of Michigan, and it is a privilege to meet so many hardworking men and women in our district. Everyday I meet with parents who want the best for their kids, small business owners who want to provide for their families, farmers who feed our communities, and veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country."



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Gratiot County Proposals

Gratiot County/Ashley Area Fire Authority

Ashley Area Fire Authority Fire Services Millage increase

Shall the Ashley Area Fire Authority impose an increase of up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) of the taxable value on all taxable property within the territorial limits of the Authority and levy it for four (4) years, 2022 through 2026 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipping, operating and maintaining fire services within the territorial limits of the Authority which will raise an estimated \$182,766.53 in 2022?

Gratiot County/Gratiot EMS Authority

Gratiot Emergency Services Authority Fire Protection and EMS Millage Increase Proposal

Shall the Gratiot Emergency Services Authority impose an increase of up to 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of the taxable value on all taxable property within the territorial limits of the Authority's incorporating municipalities and levy it for four (4) years, 2022 through 2025 inclusive, for the purposes of providing, equipping, operating, and maintaining fire protection and emergency medical services within the territorial limits of the Authority's service area which will raise an estimated \$913,829.00 in 2022.

Library Millage Renewal Proposal

For the purpose of providing funds for countywide library purposes, including for the following public libraries located in Gratiot County, any combination thereof, or any successors whereof: Alma Public Library, Ashley District Library, Howe Memorial Library, Seville Township Public Library, Theodore Austin Cutler Memorial Library, and Thompson Home Public Library, shall the Constitutional limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, be renewed, and shall the County be authorized to levy, 0.4994 mill (\$0.4994 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of eight (8) years, 2022 through 2029 inclusive; unless the county library board recommends a lesser assessment due to material changes in library service requirements?

If approved and levied in full, this renewal millage will raise an estimated \$839,815 in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. Funds will be distributed among the libraries pursuant to contract. As required by State law, a portion of the millage may be captured by an authorized Downtown Development Authority and a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority within Gratiot County.

Senior Citizens Service Renewal Millage Proposal

For the sole purpose of continuing funding necessary to maintain and expand services for senior citizens in Gratiot County, shall the previously voted increase on the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, be continued and renewed at up to 0.6492 mill (\$0.6492 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2022 through 2025, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,091,726 for providing funds to maintain and expand services for senior citizens in Gratiot County in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Alma and St. Louis; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of Gratiot County, the Cities of Alma and St. Louis, the Village of Ashley, and the Township of Elba.

Gratiot County Agricultural and Economic Development, Millage Renewal Proposal

For the purpose of providing funds to promote agriculture, industry, trade, and tourism interests, and industry, commerce or agriculture economic activities in Gratiot County, including the MSU Extension Services and its 4-H Programs, and the Economic Development Corporation for Gratiot County; shall the Constitutional limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, be renewed, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 0.5000 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years, 2022 through 2025, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$831,807.12 for agricultural and economic development purposes in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. Funds may be distributed to the MSU Extension Services and its 4-H programs, and the Economic Development Corporation for Gratiot County pursuant to contract. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage, a portion of which millage, as required by State law, may be captured by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of St. Louis, the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Alma, and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of the County of Gratiot.

Candidate Profiles • Primary Election 2022

Shiawassee County Primary

Rathbun Seeks Election to State Representative, District 71

Kevin Rathbun, 43, is running for election for State Representative, 71st District.

Kevin and his wife, Ashley, have four children, Cooper, Griffin, Hudson and Paisley). Mr. Rathbun is a Corunna High School graduate and is currently employed as a Corunna schools groundskeeper, and a small business owner. He is a 20-year U.S. Army combat veteran.

"The voters of the 71st district are concerned about several things, all caused by our ineffective government," says Kevin. "Inflation is a massive problem affecting all Americans, but is really killing our wonderful farmers here in Shiawassee County. As your state representative, I will never raise your taxes and will actively fight to lower our ridiculous state budget of over \$70 billion.

"Voter fraud is also a major concern, with no audit being performed by the legislature, we cannot be sure that there was no fraudulent activity in the 2020 elections. I have been endorsed by President Donald J. Trump, Michigan Trump Republicans and Patriot Approved because I am the only candidate running who will fight for an audit of 2020 and will actively fight against measures to steal our elections."

Kevin lists his endorsements as former President Donald J. Trump, Right to Life, Michigan Conservative Coalition, Michigan Trump Republicans, Michigan Vaccine Choice and Patriot Approved.



Begole Announces Candidacy for Michigan 71st House Seat

Brian BeGole, 52, has announced his candidacy for Michigan's 71st State Representative seat. Michigan's 71st District includes parts of Saginaw, Shiawassee and Genesee counties, including Owosso, Corunna and an eastern sliver of Ovid.

Mr. Begole and wife Tammy are parents to nine children. He has attended Lansing Community College and Central Michigan University.

With 32 years in law enforcement experience, he has served the last six with the last six serving as Shiawassee County Sheriff.

"I have been serving Shiawassee County for nearly 32 years, continuing a family tradition of public service and trust," he says. "My years in the community as a Road Patrol Sergeant and nearly 6 years as your elected Sheriff have strengthened my ability to see how public safety services are best utilized.

"Now, I want to take my experience, knowledge and record of leadership to Lansing where I can work on economic recovery, criminal justice improvement, restoring election integrity and protecting your constitutional rights."

Opponents Bob Carlin and Ali Williston did not respond to Meridian Weekly's questionnaire.



Singer Will Run for District 1 Shia. County Commissioner

Brent Singer, 47, is seeking reelection for Shiawassee County Commissioner. He is the incumbent from District 1. The district encompasses all of Owosso, Fairfield, Rush and Middlebury Townships.

Mr. Singer is married to wife, Kimberly, has a stepdaughter, Brooke Sabaj, and a granddaughter, Sophia Sabaj. He holds an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Davenport College and is a licensed insurance agent. His employment includes General Motors / Maurer Heating and Cooling, as well as being a small business owner.

As a community leader, he has served as a past-president and secretary in Kiwanis, and with security at New Creation Church. He is also a graduate of SMTI (Supernatural Ministries Training Institute) in Midland.

"What is happening with our children, our state and country -- at the state and county levels -- are the biggest issues facing local voters in the upcoming election," he says. "There is no transparency, accountability and honesty with personal beliefs.

"It seems being selfish is the norm anymore. Helping others and supporting the needs of our country and state is failing. We need people to stand together and be strong through this hate and greed people share."

Opponent Marlene Webster did not respond to our questionnaire.



White Seeks District 6 Shia. County Commissioner

Michael White, 53, is seeking election to the District 6 seat on the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. White and his wife, Rachel, have two children, Gentry and Peyton. After graduating from Owosso HS in 1987, he has been owner of Mid-Michigan Monument since 2001.

He has served on the Corunna City Council (2016-21), and is currently on the Corunna DDA, the Corunna Parks & Recreation Dept., the Caledonia Twp. Fire Board, and the James S. Miner River Trail Committee.

"Being financially responsible is the most important role of the County Commission," he explains. "Also, ensuring that everyone is fairly represented is a key factor in bringing balance to any office. County residents should be top priority in all commission decisions. The happens when all commissioners work together, through clear and direct communication, remembering to always be receptive to the insight from the public, and using some good old-fashioned common sense to work together and make the best of every meeting.

"I don't believe in playing favorites, or simply keeping up appearances. I appreciate a fair approach that is open to all points of view, especially when being fiscally responsible. Making a balanced budget is vital when serving on the commission because it is for everyone in the entire county. Wasting other people's money is not an option."

Mr. White also says, "I love this community. I believe my experience and common-sense approach would be beneficial assets to county operations. I'd like to see some positive changes begin to take effect."



Plowman Incumbant, County Commissioner, District 7

John Plowman, age 73, is the Incumbent running for Shiawassee County Commissioner in District 7. He and his wife, Mary reside in Perry, have been married 48 years, have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He earned his Bachelors in Advanced Accounting from Alma College.

He is semi-retired and involved in his community as a 9 term County Commissioner, Chairman of Finance & Public Administration Committee, Member of Shia. Co. Parks & Recreation Board, Member of I-96 Economic Corridor Group, Trustee Perry UM Church and a Perry Businessman for over 50 years.

He believes the big issues facing county government in 2023 is the economy and inflation. Will a slow-down in economic cause a dip in tax revenues, and is the county prepared, financially to handle a loss in revenue? Are we positioned, financially to handle the impact of inflation?

The answer to both questions above; is yes. Over the last three years, the board of commissioners and county government has brought in balanced budgets, surplus fund balances, reduced healthcare costs, restructured retirement and given raises, all without raising taxes.

During the last couple years; the COVID Pandemic caused severe disruption to our public and private lives. Your county government never lost its ability to provide services: the Sheriff Dept. remained on duty, the Health Dept. worked every day to keep services flowing, county offices (with limited hours) remained open.

"The fund surplus balances should position Shiawassee County to withstand the current recession and pressures of inflation. None of this could have happened without the cooperation of all of county government. We are positioned for the future thanks to the experienced board of commissioners, county coordinator & staff, elected officials and county employees," explained Plowman.



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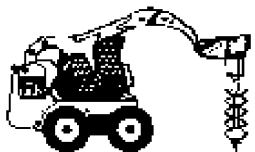
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Editorial

Tying the Knot

Dear Andy,

My fiancé and I are getting married in October 2022. We have been planning for over two years. We have been collecting our decorations and dishes for the wedding and making several to-do lists. We have been living together for a year to save money and previously had our own apartments, dating for 2 years. Our plans include a honeymoon and eventually buying a house so we can start a family.

We both have just out-of-college jobs that have potential for promotions and increased pay. We do not need anything that would be put on a gift registry. At this point, I think we have double of everything. We are expecting 250 guests.

It is getting time to order invitations and we do not want any gifts. Just guests. Money would be much appreciated, but I do not know how to let people know without sounding rude. Also, now that the time is getting closer, I am getting nervous that everything on my to-do list is actually everything. Any guidance you can give us will be well utilized. Bride-to-Be

Dear Bride-to-Be and your groom, too

Congratulations! I have noticed at weddings and showers that people are bringing just cards. I would conclude there is money in them. Gift tables are now having a picture of their grandparents with tributes to them if they have passed. A decorated secure box or birdhouse for cards have been popular, as well.

Many people do not know that it can easily cost up to \$200 - \$300 per guest by the time you rent a hall, hire a caterer, a DJ, a bar tender, a cake, buy or rent clothing and flowers...just to name a few of the expenses. When I see envelopes, I always hope there is a \$100 dollar bill in all of them. However, some guests may not be able afford to give cash or expensive gifts. So, treasure the afghan Aunt Milly crocheted or the thoughtful gifts from the discount store with a "Just Married" etched in the silver-plated frame. Of course, the entire point of a wedding and receptions is to share with loved ones, family and friends who want to bless your marriage to each other.

There is an outstanding website: theknot.com that helps with the to-do list. The site offers the options to load pictures of your life, how you met, your courtship, memories, and the site includes a registry to donate towards your honeymoon or future plans. On a recent invitation I received, the following poem was included: "We have our dishes and towels for two, Pots and pans and a toaster too. Knives and forks and spoons galore, There isn't much room for anything more! So, if for the (insert: shower or wedding) you would like to bring a gift, a check or cash would give us a lift. Perhaps you could help towards our honeymoon spends, Or where our home is in need of a fix or mends. Please don't be offended at this type of request, As our day will be complete with you as our guest."

I was NOT offended by this request. In fact, I am relieved. No shopping and a polite request My \$100 bill is already in the card. We did not have guest registry in my day...It was a lot of work to return 5 crockpots. Turn your nervous into excitement and enjoy the getting ready part and your life ahead. My last note of advice: Choose happiness and joy. Andy.
Ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com

Saller, Jr. Foursome Teams up to Win Inaugural Wolfpack Legacy Golf Outing

LAINGSBURG

Gloomy skies turned to a perfect summer day as golfers teed off July 16, in the inaugural Wolfpack Legacy Golf Outing at Pine Hills Golf Course.

The event, a fundraiser for the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award scholarship fund, opened with a moment of silence for the late Diane (Ginther) Nowlin, a Class of 1975 classmate who passed away suddenly on July 5. Event

sponsors the Wolfpack Sports Boosters, Ginny and Lynn Cortright, Frank and Sharon Mallon, and the Meridian Weekly were thanked for their generous support. Alumni director Frank Mallon, LHS Class of 1961, then presented his remarks on the purpose of the fundraiser.

An alumni committee of Laingsburg High School grads have created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund to help LHS graduates attend schools of higher learning. Alumni are being asked to help support a future LHS graduate attend his or her choice of schools to advance their knowledge and carry the Laingsburg Legacy to new heights. Fundraising efforts have already topped the \$25,000 mark.

In the 1st-ever outing, a tie was forged atop the leader board. The winning foursome of John Saller, Jr., Matt Farr, Heath Muzzall and Randy Gregg finished at 12-under for the 18-hole scramble, and took home 1st place honors after a handicap tie-breaker. Second place team honors, also at 12-under, went to John Saller, Sr., Skip Turek, Jeremy Merrell and Andy Hamilton. Third place team honors, at 9-under, went to R.J. Miller, Chad Louth, Randy LaFontsee and Tom Turek. The winning 50-50 raffle ticket went to the team of Noel Webster.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, can contact Jim Dunn, Class of 1962, at 16677 Peacock Lane, Haslett, MI 48840.

The next Wolfpack Legacy outing is being planned for Saturday, May 22, 2023. Persons interested in signing up for the outing should contact Tom Turek at tomturek20032003@yahoo.com or 6601 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848.



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
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You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly
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Winning foursome (L to R) Randy Gregg, Heath Muzzall, John Saller, Jr. and Matt Carr.

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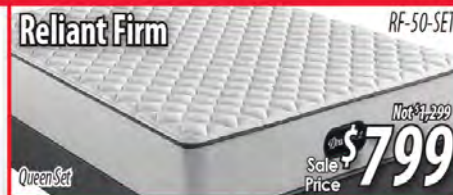
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