



(l-r): Willow Evans, Jordyn Chant, Cassidy Harris

Ovid-Elsie FFA Wins State Livestock Judging Contest

submitted by Tracey Hoffman

Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter earned the title of State Champions in the Michigan FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) on June 13, 2022. The event was held on the campus of Michigan State University during the Michigan Livestock Expo. The team was awarded a Gold Award along with being named State Winner. Members also competed for individual awards with over 60 other participants. Team members were: Jordyn Chant, Willow Evans and Cassidy Harris. Cassidy Harris was the Top Individual for the entire state, Willow Evans was 2nd overall and Jordyn Chant ended the day with an 8th place finish.

The results of this event have earned Ovid-Elsie FFA the privilege of representing the Michigan FFA Association at the National FFA Livestock Evaluation event in Indianapolis, Indiana in October 2022.

Ovid-Elsie FFA Competes at 2022 Michigan Dairy Expo

submitted by Tracey Hoffman

On June 20th, 2022 members of the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter participated in the Michigan FFA Dairy Judging Career Development Event (CDE) and Dairy Handling Contest. These events were held during the Michigan Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Days. Congratulations to Jordyn Chant who earned a Gold Award and 2nd place in the Michigan FFA Dairy Handling Contest. Additional Ovid-Elsie FFA members Willow Evans and Cassidy Harris competed individually in the Michigan FFA Dairy Judging Contest. Willow Evans earned a Top 5 award and Cassidy Harris was 2nd overall for the Michigan FFA Dairy Judging Contest.



Ovid-Elsie FFA members Cassidy Harris, Jordyn Chant and Willow Evans compete in the Michigan FFA Dairy Judging and Handling Contests.



Jordyn Chant, State Alternate Winner in dairy handling is pictured with the Michigan FFA State Officers and other Top 3 state competitors.

The 85th Annual 4-H Fair and Youth Fair

This year the fair celebrates the 85th year of the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair! The motto of our fair is "Where Friends Meet and Memories Are Made".

The fair is July 30th - August 4th.

The fair board would like to welcome everyone back to the Clinton County 4-H Fairgrounds for all the fun activities that you have all come to know and to celebrate our fair's 85th year. We will feature back our Truck & Tractor Pull on Monday night. Tuesday's feature include an Antique Tractor Pull, and a Draft Horse Pull that evening. The still exhibits and animals will be on the grounds for display all week with the Livestock Sale on Wednesday evening and a still exhibit auction on Thursday.



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St. Johns Mint Festival

The St. Johns Mint Festival will be held Friday, August 12th - Sunday, August 14th in St. Johns City Park.

There will be many events over the 3 days of the festival including entertainment in the Performance Shell each day, the Grand Mint Parade on Saturday at 10am., 3 on 3 basketball, Bingo, the IPRA/Mid-States Rodeo, arts and crafts, the high school rodeo, and the famous Peppermint Patty Plop.

Learn more at MintFest.org

Shiawassee County Fair

The Shiawassee County Fair will be August 7-13 at the fair grounds, 2900 E. Hibbard Road.

There will be lots of entertainment including TNT Bump-N-Run, Amazing Race, Super Kicker Rodeo, Classic Draft Horse Obstacle Course, Custer's Cowboys Mounted Shooting Team, Mid-MI Horse Pullers and T.T.P.A. Modified Truck & Tractor Pull/Semi-Truck Pull, Truck Light Parade, Open Air Market, 4-H Exhibits.

As always the carnival will be open Monday-Saturday.



Retiree Workshop in Laingsburg

LAINGSBURG— Senior Care of Michigan is sponsoring a senior and retiree survival workshop.

This is a free educational workshop on Medicare and nursing homes. This event is open people 50 and older. The workshop will be offered in four towns over a two day period:

The Laingsburg workshop will be held at Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Road in Laingsburg, at 3 p.m. Aug. 3.

Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. To register, call toll free at 1-877-326-6722. For more information, visit seniorcareofmichigan.com.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

Social

Library News

Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

Monday August 1 Elizabeth Rice and Pat Commins will be here to discuss their book, Irish Immigrants in Michigan, The program will begin at 1:00 at the Ovid Public Library.

Wednesday August 3 will be our Classic Movie. This month's movie will be Fancy Pants starring Bob Hope and Lucille Ball. The movie will begin at 1:00.

Be sure to visit the library and check out some books and then return them in our brand new book drop which is in front of the library.



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Class of 1964 Annual Picnic

The Annual Potluck Class Picnic set for last Sunday of August on the 28th at the St. Johns City Park, Main Pavilion at 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Again this year we are inviting the Class of 1963 & 1965 to Join us.

Any Question's Please contact : Jan Ernst-Chick at 989-630-9021 or Rick Knight at 989-224-8944

CSFP and TEFAP

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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

Persons 60 years of age or older must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$17,667; family size 2 - \$23,803; family size 3 - \$29,939. For each additional family member add \$6,136. Distribution begins August 2, 2022.

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

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

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin August 2, 2022.

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

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

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

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

On Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. the Ovid Historical Society will meet at the Mary Myers Museum.

We will discuss current projects and upcoming events. All members and friends are welcome.

The museum is located at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

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KofC Bannister Donation

submitted by Brooke Wooley

The Knights of Columbus Bannister were happy to make a donation toward the Ovid-Elsie special education program. Knight Robert Wooley presented E.E. Knight teacher Mrs. Hannah (Kolito) Ramirez for \$436 to use for the needs of the children in the classroom.

Youth Pedal Pull Winners

The popular Youth Pedal Pull event during the Elsie Dairy Festival was held on Friday, July 8th. There were 72 contestants, listed here are the winners:

Girls Age 3-4: 1st, Elizabeth Denovich, 2nd, Maddie Fabus and 3rd, Jupiter

Boys Age 3-4: 1st, Wyatt Reha, 2nd, Colton Jones, 3rd, Samuel Snyder, 4th, Miles McIntally

Girls Age 5-6: 1st, Addison Flansburg, 2nd, Tie, Samantha Strnad/Lucy Covert, 3rd, Melody McNally

Boys Age 5-6: 1st, Oliver Fedewa, 2nd, Elias Crofoot, 3rd, Karin Harnick

Girls Age 7-8: 1st, Ketlei Lorne's, 2nd, Maggie Morse, 3rd, Cora Denovich, 4th, Lucy Stewart

Boys Age 7-8: 1st, Owen Stewart, 2nd, Jack Covert, 3rd, Aiden Flansburg, 4th, Elijah Pontack

Girls Age 9-10: 1st, Macy Jones, 2nd, Haley Stewart, 3rd, Audrey Denovich

Boys Age 9-10: 1st, Landon Pontack, 2nd, Trenton Biola, 3rd, Maxwell Baese, 4th, Owen Lowe

Girls Age 11-12: 1st, Marie Brasseur, 2nd, Kortlynn Lorne's, 3rd, Shelby Vivek

Boys Age 11-12: 1st Payton Stewart, 2nd Levi Stewart, 3rd William Baese, 4th Bryce Lowel

Elba Township Gratiot Township

Will hold a special meeting at the township office at 109 W. Oak St., Ashley, MI 48806 on **August 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** to hear public comments of proposed Special District.

RESOLUTION REGARDING FILING OF ASSESSMENT ROLL AND SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING THERON THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHTENING WITH IN THE VILLAGE OF BANNISTER

The proposed assessment district, which district is hearby determined to include the entire boundaries of the unincorporated Village of Bannister, together with the following parcels situated in Sections 27 and 34 of Elba Township:

Parcels from Section 27:

29-03-027-006-00, 29-03-027-012-00, 29-03-027-017-00,
29-03-027-019-00, 29-03-027-020-00

Parcels from Section 34:

29-03-034-005-10, 29-03-034-007-00, 29-03-034-007-10, 29-03-034-017-00,
29-03-034-018-00, 29-03-034-019-00, 29-03-034-020-00, 29-03-034-021-00,
29-03-034-022-00, 29-03-034-023-00

Local Band Performs Good Old Country in St. Johns at Performance Shell on August 3

submitted by Bill Tennant

The Louie Longoria Band will have their guitars tuned and their voices ready for a full performance on Wednesday evening, August 3 starting at 7:00 in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

Formed in 1991, the band has been playing their enjoyable brand of country music at various casinos around the state for the past 5 years. "Louie's band has gained a lot of notoriety around the state in the past few years," said Bill Tennant, concert series coordinator. "They were recently informed that they will be inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame on August 20 in Charlotte – a real testament to the level of this outstanding group."

The band has opened up for many grand ole Opry stars and had a #1 hit on clear channel station over the internet with "I Walk the Line Revisited."

Band members include Louie Longoria lead vocals, acoustic guitar, Pat Keneally lead guitar, Dan Gokee lead vocals, bass guitar, Bobby Bryan on drums, and Barry Gokee lead vocals and steel guitar.

The concert is sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council 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. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Project Connect 2022 Offers Drive-thru and In-Person Options

submitted by Marie Batks

Back to school "Project Connect" will once again be serving families across Clinton County with three drive up events and one in-person event. Backpacks, school supplies, new socks and underwear, food, community resource information, and hygiene kits will be provided for school age children in need. Drive up events are scheduled for Bath on Tuesday, August 9th from 9 to 11AM at Bath Middle School parking lot, Ovid & Elsie on Thursday, August 11th from 9 to 11AM at the Ovid-Elsie High School parking lot, Maple Rapids on Tuesday, August 16 from 5 to 7PM at the Maple Rapids Community Ball Field, and the in-person event in St. Johns on Thursday, August 18 from 3 to 6PM at the Clinton County Fair Grounds. Families should choose the event that is most convenient for them and they MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME by July 31st to participate in the event in their area. Families can register on line at <https://forms.gle/YBV8XTdFzpvgnQp27> or call 989-224-1010.

Last year Project Connect served 230 households with approximately 600 children. School age children received

backpacks with school supplies, new pairs of socks and new pairs of underwear and each family received a food box. Free haircuts will be offered at the St. Johns location only this year however, there will not be any used clothing available this year.

Project Connect is a service for Clinton County individuals and families with limited resources and is supported by many human services agencies, programs and businesses in Clinton County. To support Project Connect, the Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect is partnering again this year with Dean Transportation and Kroger's of St. Johns to do a "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies on Wednesday, August 3rd, in the Kroger Parking lot from 9AM to 3PM. Anyone wishing to donate but cannot participate in the Stuff the Bus event may drop off school supplies, new socks or new underwear at the Caring & Sharing Family Life Services and CAN Council office at 1000 E. Sturgis St., Suite 5, St. Johns, Monday thru Thursday 9AM to 4PM or call us for an appointment or pick-up. All donations from Stuff the Bus will be used for Project Connect.

Village of Ashley Blight Ordinance 2011-03 (as amended)

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT, REDUCE OR ELIMINATE BLIGHT, BLIGHTING FACTORS OR CAUSES OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF; PURSUANT TO THE ENABLING AUTHORITY THEREFORE PROVIDED BY ACTS 344 (MCL 125.71 ET SEQ.) AND 246 (MCL 41.181 ET SEQ.) OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1945 AS AMENDED.

THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY, GRATIOT COUNTY, ORDAINS:

Section 1. PURPOSE

Consistent with the letter and spirit of act No. 344 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight or potential blight in the Village of Ashley by the prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes of blight or blighting factors which exist or which may in the future exist in said township.

Section 2. CAUSES OF BLIGHT OR BLIGHTING FACTORS

It is hereby determined that the following uses, structures and activities are causes of blight or blighting factors which, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighted and undesirable neighborhoods. On and after the effective date of this Ordinance, no person, firm or corporation of any kind shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of these causes of blight or blighting factors upon any property in the Village of Ashley owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person, firm or corporation.

A. Motor Vehicles

1. Any parking, storage or accumulation of inoperable motor vehicles on any private property, unless that storage or accumulation is inside a completely enclosed building, or a fence made of such material as would hide said accumulation from view, or if such accumulation and/or storage is accomplished in such a manner as to conceal same from view from adjacent private or public property, including public or private roads.
2. No such storage or accumulation shall be permitted when such storage presents a hazard to public health or safety.
3. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the storage, out-of-doors, of motor vehicles commonly licensed for farm use, whether such license is currently in effect or not, or recreational motor vehicles and trailers, whether currently licensed or not.
4. For the purpose of this Ordinance, an inoperable motor vehicle is defined as a

motor vehicle not in operating condition and eligible for use in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Vehicle Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, an engine that runs, four wheels and four tires capable of holding air, current license plates, and a working battery.

B. Building Materials.

1. The outdoor storing of building materials is permitted at any retail or wholesale building supply establishment located in a commercial or industrial district. The outdoor storage of building materials is permitted in other zoning districts when stored for the purpose of construction for which construction, a valid building permit has been issued by the appropriate county or village building official and where said materials are intended for use in connection with such construction.
2. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "building materials" is defined to include lumber, bricks, concrete, cinder blocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, cement, nails, screws or any other materials used in constructing any structure.

C. In any area, the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind without a land-fill permit, except domestic refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not to exceed thirty days. The term

"junk" shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of woods, metal or any other material or other cast-off material of any kind whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.

D. In any area the existence of any structure or part of any structure, which, because of fire, wind or other natural disaster, or physical deterioration is no longer habitable, if a dwelling, nor useful or any other purpose of which it may have been intended.

E. In any area, the existence of any vacant dwelling, garage or other outbuilding unless such buildings are kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals, or other unauthorized persons.

F. In any area the existence of any partially completed structure unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid and subsisting building permit issued by the County or Village and unless such construction is completed within a reasonable time.

Section 3. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

A. This Ordinance shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the Ashley Village Council.

B. Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a nuisance per se. Violation of, or any failure to comply with, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment but not to exceed ninety (90) days or both. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance is continued or permitted to exist without compliance shall constitute a separate offense punishable upon conviction in the manner prescribed in the Section, provided no person shall be imprisoned for a period in excess of ninety (90) days.

C. In the event a Court Order is entered ordering the abatement of such nuisance, the designated enforcement officer may, if the Defendant fails to obey such Order, take such measures as necessary or as directed by the Village designee to abate such nuisance and the entire cost thereof including all costs and attorney fees shall, at the option of the Village designee, become a lien against the premises upon which the nuisance was located and shall be added to the tax rolls, or become a deficiency Judgment to be enforced by levy, execution, garnishment or otherwise.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of the within Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance which shall remain in full force an effect.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND ADOPTION

A. This ordinance shall become effective eight days after its publication as required by law. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

B. This Ordinance was adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Ashley, Gratiot County, Michigan at the Regular meeting thereof held on July 14, 2022.

Signed by Michelle Fitzpatrick
Ashley Village Clerk/Treasurer
Published July 31, 2022
Effective date August 8, 2022

Public Invited



Bannister (401 E. Main St.)

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Program 2:30pm

Dance 4:00pm

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Obituaries

Leonard Jay Putnam

Lenny passed away on July 23, 2022 leaving behind those who love him more than words can express.

He is survived by fiancé, Lola Clauncherty, parents Vikki and George Gavenda and Leonard Putnam. Beautiful granddaughter Jordynn. Special friends Karey Wyeth, Gabbi Jackson.

Lenn will be remembered for his enormous heart and loving personality.

A Celebration of Life luncheon will be held at Methodist Church, Laingsburg on August 6th at 1:00 p.m.

The family asks that any donations be made to Hospice House of Shiawassee County, Owosso.



From the Family of Richard "Dick" Miller

To our relatives, neighbors and friends. Thank you for standing beside our family in our lowest hours, for prayers, food, cards, phone calls and money. Most of all for your presence when we desperately needed you.

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Delbert Orlando Tobias

Delbert Orlando Tobias, age 85 died suddenly after a brief illness on Sunday July 17, 2022.

Delbert was born on March 20 1937 in Chesaning to Minnie and Howard Tobias.

Delbert worked for Federal Mogul of St. John's retiring in 1996. He married Joyce Shepherd on June 15 1957.

Delbert and Joyce loved to camp and fish with family and friends during the summer and visited Texas often during the winter months.

Those left to survive him are his daughter Angie (Russ) Patterson, and daughter in law Kris Tobias. 8 grandchildren Shasta, Dameon, and Shayne Patterson. Jessie Wolfe, Lyndi Lohse, and Gabby Senter, Cassie Ockert, and Corey Tobias. 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Joyce. 2 children his daughter Pam and son Rich, His parents and siblings.

Cremation has taken place per Delbert's wishes. Memorial contributions are asked to a charity of your choice.



Francis Ann "Fran" Nethaway

Frances Ann "Fran" Nethaway, age 93, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at her home.

Frances was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 11, 1929, the daughter of Benjamin Clifford and Lela (Priest) Romesburg. She graduated from Redford High School in Detroit with the class of 1947. Fran married Perry "Pat" E. Nethaway on June 5, 1948 in Burton, Michigan. Pat passed away on September 17, 2004.

Fran was a wonderful homemaker who was always cooking and baking. She was known for her homemade bread and cinnamon rolls, winning several awards at county fairs. Fran enjoyed flower arranging, gardening, line dancing and entertaining in her clown suit as "Chickie" for friends and family. She was a member of the Elsie Dairy Festival Planning Committee and she volunteered at the Ovid Healthcare Center for many years. She attended Carland Zion Brethren Church.

She is survived by her son Ronald Nethaway of Elsie, MI; son-in-law Ronald Koris of the East Coast; sister-in-law Kay Romesburg of Dunlap, TN; grandchildren: Sharada (James) Sullivan, R.J. (Kathy) Nethaway, Doug (Abby) Nethaway, Jerod Nethaway, Tyler (Natalie) Nethaway, Mike (Miranda) Nethaway and Katie (Mike) Fabus; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased in death by her parents, husband Pat in 2004, son Dennis in 1991, daughter Dr. Gwyn Koris in 2020, daughter-in-law Anna Shea-Nethaway in 2019, brothers: Rex Romesburg, Clifford Romesburg, Paul Romesburg, sisters: June (Bill) Hautamaki, Betty Lou (Dick) Saxton, and Iva (Ward) Holton.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie Chapel on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Dave Stanton and Pastor Bobbie Stanton officiating. Burial will take place at Fairfield Township Cemetery, Fairfield Twp, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Elsie First Responders and Fire Department Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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WIC Fruit and Vegetable Benefit Increase

submitted by Grace Czubachowski

The Shiawassee County Health Department Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Program is reminding pregnant women and mothers of children under the age of five that congress has increased the fruit and vegetable benefits through September 2022.

Families participating in the WIC Program can now receive:

- \$24/month for children
- \$43/month for pregnant and postpartum women
- \$47/month for breastfeeding women

The increase in benefits assists families in Shiawassee County build nutritious diets and get a healthy start. These benefits also promote a wider variety of fruits and vegetables as children are trying new foods and developing their taste preferences. Since the food and vegetable increase, more children are consuming healthier food providing positive nutrition education within our community.

The Shiawassee County Health Department WIC Program is accepting new families! Eligible participants include:

- Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have had a baby within one year
- Infants (birth to one year of age)
- Children from 1 year of age to their 5th birthday
- Single fathers, grandparents with guardianship, foster families, and others who meet the income guidelines

The WIC Program works to provide families with nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and shares referrals for healthcare, immunizations, and other eligible programming.

For more information about the WIC Program or to see if you qualify, call the WIC office at 989- 743-2383.

Editorial

I'm thinking that someone out there is giving me a few gentle tonks on my head of late. About ten days ago I was working out in the garden and decided that I could use a good cold drink, so I zipped across the yard to the house and was stung by a bumble bee on my left foot just below my big toe. It hurt like the dickens and I quickly put some sting no more on it when I entered my house. What surprised me was that the area stayed inflamed for several days so I did a couple of days with a hot Epsom salt soak. Problem solved. On Monday I managed to cut the bottom of my left foot while running around bare foot and so of course I soaked it and was happy. Getting my drift? Then yesterday morning as I packed the truck for the St Louis Farmer's Market, I was stung twice on my right foot, bottom of my index and middle toes. Do ya think that I should start shuffling my feet to scare away the bees, mow the lawn so that the clover can't blossom, or maybe wear shoes? What a horrifying thought not to feel the contours of Mother Earth as I putz around the yard and garden!?!

Wednesday night at about nine thirty, I tried to print my labels and my computer kept insisting that it was not connected to my printer. It was... and then the printer kept demanding a new ink cartridge. I called Wally world in St Johns to make sure that it had the needed print cartridges. So Miss Prudence and I headed over to pick up the necessary supplies. It took me twenty-five minutes to get there and then I waited for ten minutes at the counter to pickup the cartridges. Encouraged another shopper that her choice of printers should work out well for her (it was identical to mine, which as a rule I'm very happy with) and then twenty-five minutes to get home. Of course when I got back home I found the replacement cartridge that I was sure that I already had so now I have two on hand. I replaced the ink and neither my computer or printer would comply with my wishes. Fortunately for me, one of William's best friends had made my computer ready for remote access with my permission. So at ten thirty I gave him a call, Andrew was a sweetie and got everything to work within minutes. I got to talk to him and he told me about what was happening in his world. So a pain in my arse became the gem of my day. It was marvelous just catching up with Andrew, I know that William would have been pleased also.

Ya would believe that having physical therapy would be able to strengthen your muscles. It did not work on the ones I was using this morning. I had to shuffle four fifty pound bags of flour to get to the one that I needed to replenish my empty containers. The first two were fairly easy, just lower to the next shelf down, the third one wouldn't fit so I had set it on the floor. Then I maneuvered the Minnesota bread flour bag over to my empty containers, cut open the bag and then had a problem lifting the open bag up and over the mouth of a container. I was lucky and



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

managed to get ten pounds poured out before I again dropped the bag. Oh fartenheimer, I grabbed it again and managed to fill that flour tub. I hefted the bag a bit higher and poured the rest of the contents into the other empty tub. Then I picked up the fifty pound bag of Pillsbury flour off the flour and restored it to the top shelf. Finished stirring in and kneading the country bread. Walked over to the phone and called Linda to ask her to order me another bag of bread flour and another of my regular flour.

It's already Friday and I'm looking forward to Diane and Brent coming over to finish setting up the wonderful flag pole that they gifted me for my birthday. It didn't take very long once they came over. I watched them scurry around as I was baking my everything cookies. I'm thrilled because I can see the flag out of both my west and north facing windows as I spend time in the kitchen. There are solar lights and it just thrills me to sit on my deck in the evening to watch our flag move in the breezes. It is nice to just sit there and enjoy the sight. The cats seem to enjoy the time also because I make sure that each of them get some individual attention. They meow a lot and remind me of the clever card that Sally gave me. One of those button cards, when pushed a chorus of cats meow their way through the Happy Birthday song. The market folks are used to people bringing their dogs on leashes but weren't sure about what they were hearing. I believe that some of the dogs started searching for that illusive cat choir. May your days be filled with God's blessings, do take time to hear the choir even if they are just the birds in their morning splendor. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

Write In Dawn Warfle

I am endorsing Dawn Warfle as a Republican write-in Candidate for the office of Woodhull Township Treasurer. I am asking my Woodhull friends, family, and residents to vote for change on August 2, 2022.

Dawn brings excellent credentials to tho Position having been Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Supervisor, and Deputy Clerk. She is a Certified Bookkeeper with 20 years Accounting experience, has great work ethic and is the right person for the job. She genuinely cares about the township and is a lifelong resident.

I have been attending Woodhull Board Meetings regularly for the past six years. It is my strong opinion this board needs change now more than ever. Dawn Warfle would be committed to growing and improving township assets while striving to avoid asking the township taxpayers for extra money due to wasteful and inappropriate spending. She would bring a no-nonsense approach back to township spending decisions which this board has been lacking for several years.

Please consider writing in her name, Dawn Warfle, on the Republican side for Woodhull Treasurer, and filling in the circle.

Sincerely, Mark Turner, Perry, MI, Woodhull Township Resident and Business Owner

LAKE VICTORIA BRANCHES DRAIN NOTICE DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Clinton County Drain Commissioner's Office
100 E. State Street, Suite 2300
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
QUESTIONS: (989) 224-5160

The Clinton County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments on the above date, time and location.

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionment of benefit for each parcel and municipality within the Drainage District.

The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions to the apportionments where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drain will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the date of the day of review at 100 E. State Street, Suite 2300, St. Johns, MI 48879 or drain@clinton-county.org, or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the day of review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the day of review to ensure consideration.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Clinton County Probate Court within ten (10) days after the day of review.

The following is a list of any county, township, city, village to be assessed at large:

Clinton County
Victor Township

The following additional information can be found on the Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.clinton-county.org/250/Drain-Commissioners-Office>.

- A map of the lands constituting the drainage district.
- The Notice of Letting and Request for Proposals

Dated: July 28, 2022

Phil Hanses
Clinton County Drain Commissioner

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF AMBULANCE SPECIAL ASSESMENT HEARING TO REAFFIRM SPECIAL AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND TO INCREASE AMBULANCE SPECIAL ASSESMENT; AND TO CONSIDER OBJECTIONS TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPECIAL ASESSMENT LEVY AND CONFIRM THE ASESSMENT ROLL.

To: The Residents and Property Owners of the Township of Sciota, Shiawassee County, Michigan, and other interested persons:

The Township Board has estimated the cost and expenses for providing ambulance, motor vehicles, personnel, equipment, and housing, in order to provide ambulance protection and accordingly the day has been fixed for hearing on the cost estimates and on the question of reaffirming the Township-wide special assessment district, and to increase the special assessment per household to \$160 per year; and to distribute the Special Assessment Levy, so as to defray the expenses of providing such ambulance service, by special assessment on the property to be especially benefited.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Public Hearing, at the Sciota Township Hall, located at 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, Michigan, to consider reaffirming the ambulance special assessment district, which encompasses all of Sciota Township and to increase the ambulance Special Assessment for four years (starting in the fall of 2022), at \$160 each year, against each residential household within Sciota Township; and to consider objections to the distribution of the Special Assessment Levy.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be one additional hearing on September 12, 2022, (at Sciota Township Hall) and no other Public Hearing on this matter for four years.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required to appeal the amount of special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal, if an appeal shall be desired. A property owner or part in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her Appearance by letter, delivered to the Clerk, by mail or in person, by September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment, may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal, within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing. At said hearing the Sciota Township Board will consider any written objection to any of the foregoing matters, which might be filed with said board, at or prior to the time of said hearing, as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments and/or suggestions.

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that has been together a long time. They have created a great foundation for their development,” explains the coaching staff.

Harper Strouse, the team’s catcher, has several Laingsburg connections. She was named the national tournament’s Outstanding Defensive Player.

Puck’s roster includes Savanna Stirm, Alayana Merrell and Izabella Latuszek from Laingsburg, Rylee Miller (Sunfield), Ruby Puck (Lansing), Austin Arellano (Bath), Madilyn Haggan (Owosso), Abi Pratt (Charlotte) and Madaelen Putnam.

Other team accomplishments this season include being finalists at the 2022 TC Waves Northern Classic.

Sports

Wolfpack, Ovid-Elsie Players Dot All-Area Softball Team for 2022

LAINGSBURG — No fewer than 11 local softball standouts have been showcased on the 2022 All-Area honor team.

The annual all-star squad, as chosen by the Owosso Argus-Press, is dominated by Laingsburg on the 1st Team and Ovid-Elsie on the 2nd Team. In addition, two other Wolfpack players were named to the Honorable Mention contingent.

The 1st Team features Hailey Bila, a centerfielder for coach Jeff Cheadle’s Wolfpack. Bila, who is committed to play next season at Michigan State University, led the area in home runs with 14 and runs-batted-in with 72. She pulled the most astonishing feat of any area player this season, hitting two grand slams in one inning vs. Webberville on May 19. Overall Bila batted .534 with seven doubles and eight triples to go with her four-baggers. A sure-handed fielder, Bila was a first-team All-CMAC, All-Region and All-District player.

The All-Area pitching corps, after Player of the Year Macy Irelan from Owosso, featured both LHS hurlers on the 1st Team.

Addyson Buchin, a freshman righthander for the Wolfpack, compiled a 2.05 earned run average over 102 1/3 innings, striking out 136 and walking just 21. She gave up 30 earned runs and crafted a 13-6 won-loss record. Buchin was a second-teamer in the CMAC and also captured All-District and All-Region honors. In the box, Buchin batted .468 with 52 hits, 37 RBIs and 15 doubles, helping the Wolfpack reach the D3 regional finals.

She was joined on the 1st Team by Kailey Cataline. Forming a solid 1-2 punch with Buchin, Cataline posted a 13-1 record with a 3.26 earned run average. She struck out 64 and walked 27 in 77 1/3 innings, and gave up 36 earned runs. The Wolfpack captured CMAC honorable mention honors along with All-District distinction. The senior also played the third base position and batted .345 with 29 hits and 21 RBIs.

Hailey’s sister, Ashley Bila, a sophomore, captured first-team all-CMAC, all-district and all-region recognition. She ranked third in the area in batting average at .623 and was third in hits with 66. Bila had 24 stolen bases and 30 RBIs as the All-Area 1st Team shortstop.

Ovid-Elsie’s Maddisyn Miller was named the 1st Team catcher. She batted .495 on the season which ranked 10th best in the area. She slugged 52 hits and drove in 51 runs, which was good for fourth in the area. Her on-base percentage was .569 and her fielding percentage was .950.

The Marauders’ Olivia Burt was honored as the 2nd Team shortstop. Burt produced a batting average of .471 with 40 hits and 32 RBIs. She had two home runs for coach Felicia Gingrich’s Ovid-Elsie club.

O-E’s Alexis Hart-Butcher was featured as a utility player on the 2nd Team. Hart-Butcher batted .457 with 32 hits and 22 RBIs.

Ashland Particka was fourth O-E standout named to the All-Area squad. A 2nd Team outfielder, Particka lined 43 hits and maintained a .448 batting average for the Marauders. She drove in 37 runs and had 28 stolen bases.

Ovid-Elsie wasn’t done there. Jolene Nash was selected as the 2nd Team 1st baseman. Nash delivered a .425 batting average for the Marauders. She lined 34 hits and drove in 29 runs for Ovid-Elsie, which finished a solid 19-13 on the season.

Laingsburg added two more players as Honorable Mention picks: Madison Wagner received post-season honors as HM CMAC and All District, in addition to the All-Area award. Gabby Motz, also a state-ranked wrestler for the Wolfpack, completed the local honorees as All-Area.

Ellie Baynes was an Honorable Mention All-Central Michigan Athletic Conference pick for Cheadle’s Wolfpack, which closed the season at 26-6 overall.

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Sports

Marauders' Bowen, Janes and Wolfpack's Randall Lead Locals on All-Area Baseball Team

OVID-ELSIE — Jake Bowen and Corbyn Janes represented Ovid-Elsie, and Laingsburg's honoree was Ty Randall as the Owosso Argus-Press announced the All-Area boys baseball team for 2022.

Both Randall (shortstop/pitcher) and Bowen catcher/1st base) were feted on the 1st Team. Janes was selected as a 2nd Team pitcher. In addition, the Wolfpack's Ethan West and Nick Regan were Honorable Mention picks.

Bowen, only a freshman, Bowen burst onto the scene to tie the Ovid-Elsie single-season batting average record with a .506 mark. He posted an on-base percentage of .581, tagging 10 doubles, one triple and driving in 31 runs. He was a first-team All-MMAC, all-district and all-region selection for coach Luke Martin's Marauders.

Randall, a sophomore, captured second team all-state honors as an infielder in Division 3. Also a first-team all-CMAC player, Randall batted .432 with an on-base percentage of .514. He lined 41 hits with seven doubles, two triples and 24 RBI. Like New Lothrop's Cromwell, he could have made this team in two places. He was the ace for coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack, going 7-3 with a 0.73 ERA, striking out 97 and walking 25 in 57.2 innings.

O-E's Janes posted a 5-3 won-loss record with one save. In 47 innings, he struck out 50 and walked 20 with an ERA of 2.23. Janes doubled as a third baseman and batted .315 with an on-base percentage of .414.

Moolenaar Office Accepting Fall Internship Applications

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More information can be found at moolenaar.house.gov/internships.

Marauders Dominate Selections on 2022 All-Area Boys Golf Team; Wolfpack Also Honored on Golf Links

OVID-ELSIE— The Marauders outstanding boys varsity golf team dominated the voting for this season's All-Area Golf Team.

The honor contingent is announced annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Corunna's Nick Crowe was honored as the All-Area Golfer of the Year. But coach Josh Latz's Marauders graced the group with no less than five players -- two on the 1st Team, two on the 2nd, and one honorable mention pick.

In addition, Laingsburg's Eli Woodruff was selected to the 1st Team.

All-Area 1st teamer Tyler Bancroft, a Marauder senior, reigned as the Mid-Michigan Athletic Conference individual champion and he helped lead the Marauders to a conference team title. Bancroft won the MMAC Preseason Tournament with an 80 at Dutch Hollow in Durand. He also won the MMAC Postseason Tournament with an 82 at Briar Ridge in Montrose. Bancroft posted a nine-hole average of 41.0 and tied for 21st at the Division 3 regionals at Bath, carding an 88.

1st teamer Adam Barton, another O-E senior, captured first-team All-MMAC honors and shot 42.0 per nine holes. Barton was ranked second individually in the MMAC behind only Bancroft. Barton carded an 83 to place second at the MMAC Preseason Tournament and later was runner-up at the MMAC Postseason Tournament, shooting 88. The Marauder placed 23rd at the Division 3 regionals with an 89.

1st teamer Eli Woodruff, a junior for coach Greg Beavers' Laingsburg squad, averaged a 43.0 over nine holes and his 18-hole average was 87. Woodruff tied for fifth at the CMAC Championships with an 88. He finished 17th at the Division 3 regionals with an 86 for the Wolfpack.

Named to the 2nd Team were O-E's Clay Wittenberg and Dylan Carman.

Another Marauder first-teamer in the MMAC, Wittenberg posted a nine-hole average of 44.0. The junior delivered an 88 at the Division 3 regionals. Wittenberg tied for fourth place at the MMAC Preseason with a 95. He placed 10th at the MMAC Postseason with a 103. He ranked fifth in the MMAC individually.

Carman, a MMAC first-teamer averaged a 45.0 per nine holes. The senior Marauder tied for fourth at the MMAC Postseason Tournament at 95. He was 10th at the MMAC Preseason Tournament (102). Carman was ranked sixth in the conference. Dylan finished 44th at the Division 3 regionals with a 101.

A Message from County Commissioner Cindy Garber

As your district 6 County Commissioner I am hands on, boots on the ground. I work closely with department heads, fellow elected officials, and employees to understand the processes, procedures and challenges in each area of County government.

Over the past few years I worked hard with our board to bring our finances back:

- » Pension reform and health care restructuring have saved taxpayers millions of dollars.
- » We have pulled Shiawassee County out of a deep financial hole with budget reforms and timely audits.
- » I made restoring the Sheriff's night patrol a priority, and we were able to do it. We also added a K-9 dog team.

It's taken team work and while these accomplishments don't make headlines it's the most important work we do as commissioners and we are doing it very well.

If re-elected I will continue to support our Shiawassee County Sheriff's office. This includes our deputies, detectives, administrative staff, corrections officers, dispatchers and court security. I will also remain dedicated to improving services to our Veterans.

I am very proud of the new Veteran's Center we will be able to build because we put our finances in order.

We are faced with a recession, difficulties in finding and keeping employees and fake news everywhere that makes it hard to know what to believe.

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Cindy Garber

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submitted by Ellen Link

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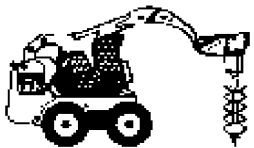
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Here We Go Around the Mulberry Bush

Andy,

Today, when I got home from work, my kids were purple ...lots of purple fingers, lips, hair streaks and clothes. They found our Mulberry trees in the back woods. They picked and nearly filled several 3 gallon tubs and probably ate just much. Couple of questions: Is it ok to eat wild berries? Is it a bush or a tree? Can I make jam out of the berries? And, if so, how do I get the tiny green stems off the berry? Purple Kids Mom

Dear PK Mom,

Your email made me laugh, out loud. It reminded me of some childhood memories when I visited cousins on the farm. I am glad the berries they found were for human consumption. Summer time is a great time to teach your children about which berries are just for birds and which are safe berries for eating. So glad they didn't get into the poison ivy, this time of year it's everywhere along with ticks. We use Googlepictures.com and print off pictures to educate our family and kids that visit. Yes, it is ok to eat berries from the wild but not if the bush or tree or plants are near heavy traffic roads...too much carbon from the exhaust. Be Cautious.

The answer to your other interesting question... It's both, a bush and a tree. The one in my yard is a tree with both high and low branches. I know it is at least 40 years old. We try to pick every year, before the birds spread the word around about the location of the yummy purple sweet fruit, which dries up fast in the July heat wave. I often see Mulberry bushes at trail heads or growing over an arch in older farm yards. I remember singing the song "Here We Go Around the Mulberry Bush" and dancing and singing underneath the branches that hung to the ground. If you don't remember the song...it is found in most beginning piano books and it is still sung at pre-school. Or ask your grandma.

Next question...yes it makes delicious jam. I use the recipe off the Sugarless Sur Jel® using the same amounts: 1 box, 5 Cups of berries and 1 Cup of white grape juice. (The berry is sweet but so is the 7 Cups of Sugar the other recipe, which is needed to set up the jam) Before you lightly mash the berries, the stems must come off...I use my Great Ol' Aunt Hilda's method...I bite the stem off of each berry. It is tedious but worth it. After about a dozen berries I spit out the stems into the trash. Yup, now I have done it and gave my secret method away...but tweezers will also work. Be sure to wash off the berries and sterilize the jars.

My grandchildren and friends pick berries when they go kayaking this time of year and before they have the kayaks cleaned and hung up, I have Wild Mulberry cobbler in the oven. Crumble 1 stick of soft butter, 1 C. oatmeal, 1/2 Cup of Sugar pour over the "Bush" Mulberries (no stems) and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve with a scoop of ice cream.

Today, I found an "I love you grandma" note on my table. You guessed it... written by my 12 year old granddaughter with Mulberry juice from the berries. It's a keepsake. Tomorrow we make jam.

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