

Fully Staffed Police Department

By Deb Price

The City of Ovid Police Department has a new chief, 2 full time and 3 part time officers in place. Lisa Rousseau joined the department in August and was named chief in September. She graduated from the Mid-Michigan College in 2007, she and her husband, Chad reside in St Johns. Lisa also teaches Criminal Justice to high school juniors and seniors at RESA thru Mid-Michigan College. "I, along with my staff have received a warm welcome from City of Ovid residents. The department has been running on a skeleton crew lately and officer Bobby Watson deserves a great big thank-you for going above and beyond in carrying the department thru the transition," explained Rousseau. Police coverage will be available daily before and after school, most evenings and weekends.

Full-time officers include, Andrew Mason, recent Ferris State graduate and Jaclyn Allen, a seasoned officer who came here from Meridian Township Department. Rounding out the department are part-time officers, Rick Hogle, a returning officer to the City and St Johns residents, Bobby Watson and Ben Helms.

On Sunday, October 16th from 11am-2pm, there will be a meet and greet with the department in downtown Ovid. The re-scheduled Ovid Carriage Days car show and a pumpkin decorating will also take place on that day. Registration for the car show will be at 10am, for more information, call Nate Hofferbert at 989-666-2667. See next weeks Meridian Weekly for more details.



Chief Lisa Rousseau



(L-R) Part-time officers, Rick Hogle, Bobby Watson, full-time officers, Jaclyn Allen and Andrew Mason and Chief, Lisa Rousseau. Missing from photo, part-time officer, Ben Helms.

Vet for Vets Raffle

By Deb Price

Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen Chapter 11096 has teamed up with Joshua Parish of VetLife to raise funds for veterans thru a raffle that will give away a 2023 Corvette Coupe. "The proceeds from this raffle will benefit local veterans. In speaking with Joshua, our chapter is excited in helping raise funds to help veterans live their best life after the military," explained Arthur.



VetLife is a non-profit organization formed in 2018 when founder Parish experienced his own struggles after leaving the military. "I became painfully aware of so many veterans who were facing the same struggles that I had experienced," said Parish. The organizations mission is to provide veterans with sustainable solutions while promoting a safer, healthier and prosperous civilian life. The organization offers a variety of resources, programs and events to veterans and their families, all at no cost.

Parish is an Iraq War Veteran who's greatest passion is helping veterans when they transition into civilian life and giving them the best opportunity to be successful. He has over 15 years experience working with local, state and federal government agencies creating programs that have developed sustainable solutions including: Veterans Treatment Court, Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans, Veterans Transportation Initiative, among others.

This fund raising event for veterans has the following sponsors on board: Shaheen Chevrolet, WILX, Town Square Media, Applebee Oil & Propane and Modern Woodmen Chapter 11096.

There are 1,250 tickets available for purchase at \$100 each with the 1st place prize being a 2023 Corvette Coupe. If less than 1,000 tickets are sold, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. To purchase a ticket, call Ed Arthur at 517-393-3800, they are also available at the Meridian Weekly office.



Moolenaar Accepting Applications

The Office of Congressman John Moolenaar is accepting applications from high school seniors for nominations to the U.S. military service academies. Students and parents who are interested about the application process can find more information online at moolenaar.house.gov.

Applications should be submitted to Congressman Moolenaar's office by U.S. mail:

Congressman John Moolenaar, 200 East Main Street, Suite 230, Midland, MI 48640

The deadline for applications is October 21, 2022. Additional questions regarding nominations can be directed to the office in Midland at 989-631-2552.



On Friday, September 23rd, during Homecoming half-time ceremonies, Laingsburg crowned Sean Divine, King and Kathryn Magyar, Queen. The Wolfpack held off Bath to win the game 33-20. See page 9 for game story. Photo by Tom Turek



OE running back, Perrien Rasch, rushed in for a two yard touchdown early in the opening quarter against the Thunderbirds of Edsel Ford. Punishing defense by the Marauders led them to a 29-0 victory. OE's record stands at 3-2 before taking on Chesaning for Homecoming on Friday, September 30th. See page 9 for story.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Social

Residents of the City of Ovid

One large bulk item collection will be picked up on the October 7, 2022 by Granger.

Anything with freon in it must be removed and labeled before pickup.

Contact the City Office with any questions at 989-834-5550 from Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm.

Ovid Historical Society

The Ovid Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.

We welcome all members and guests to join us for this meeting.

The museum is located at 131 E. Williams St., Ovid.

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Bannister ZCBI Fall Dinner and Bazaar

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

The Bannister ZCBI Lodge will be hosting two public events during the month of October. The annual Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16th from 11:30- 2:00 at 401 E. Main St., Bannister. The menu will include breaded chicken, ham, squash, dumplings and cabbage, potatoes and gravy, dressing, Czech bakery and more. Adult tickets are \$15, children under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The Holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, October 29th from 9 am until 3 pm. The lodge will be selling Czech bakery and yeast dumplings, 100th Anniversary cookbooks, Czech garnet jewelry, lodge history books, Czech culture items and baking sheets. Table renters will offer a wide variety of items including woodworking, needlework, beauty products, baked goods, jams, jellies and syrups, holiday decorations and much more.

A luncheon of homemade soups, sloppy joes, sandwiches and pies will also be available. Advance orders for Czech yeast dumplings can be made at 989-862-5591.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Chapter Meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022, 12:30 p.m. at St. Isidore Church, 310 N. Crum St., Laingsburg, Mi. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Jim Dell of Americorps. For reservations: email rzick5039@gmail.com or call 517-282-8350 and leave a message by October 7th.

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1958 Elsie High School Classmates attending in picture are: Row 1 (L-R) Marlene (Hubbard) Miller, Pat (Houska) Rieves, Sharon (Wiggins) Peck, Ruth (Maynard) George. Row 2 (L-R) Barbara (Peters) Stuckey, Carol (Mort) Hawes, Kathleen (Flanner) Hower, Frank Remenar, Judy (Moore) Betts, Carol (Wassa) Nixon, Sue (Ferris) Cerny. Row 3 (L-R) Dan Hinkley, Carl Galecka, Lee Cobb, Tony Fatura, Diane (Baese) Bates.

Elsie Class of 1958

submitted by Diane Bates

The Elsie High School class of 1958 met for their 64th class reunion at the Main Street Café in St. Johns on Sept. 1, 2022. Luncheon was served followed by visiting, reminiscing and photos. Everyone had very enjoyable afternoon.

The classmates and spouses plan on meeting next year at the same time.

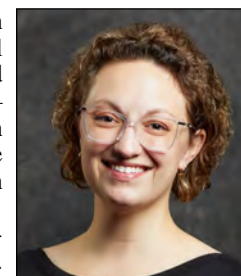
Memorial Welcomes New Pediatrician

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Allison Kidwell, DO, Pediatrician to our active medical staff. Dr. Kidwell will be joining Michael Kramer, DO, Julie Creighton Sovis, DO, and Bethany Pavon, CFNP, at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine – Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine (Mitchell Building 3rd. Floor) on Monday and Friday and Maria Budai, MD at Memorial Healthcare Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine (Mitchell Building – 2nd. Floor) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at our main campus.

Dr. Kidwell is a board-certified physician with a wide range of primary care services for infants, children and adolescents ages 0 – 17. She received her medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at Michigan State University/Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

For more information, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org



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SafeCenter 3rd Annual Telethon Event Scheduled for October 4, 5 and 6, 2022

submitted by Hannah Gottschalk

October 1st marks the start of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the United States. Usually, when we think of "domestic violence," we think of physical abuse. But domestic violence encompasses more than just physical abuse. Domestic violence includes any intentional act that seeks to exert power and control over another person, including but not limited to: emotional abuse, mental abuse, financial abuse, and sexual abuse.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), an average of 20 people per minute are victims of physical abuse by an intimate partner in the United States – more than 10 million women and men over the course of single year; 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 years and older in the US have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

This is why the need for SafeCenter Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties is so important in our local community! Over the past year (October 2021 – September 2022), SafeCenter providing a variety of essential services to over 350 adult and child survivors, including: crisis intervention in-person and via the hotline, emergency response to the hospital and police department, emergency shelter and off-site moteling when shelter has been at capacity, transitional supportive housing, basic needs (food, shelter, clothing, etc.), information and referrals, counseling, advocacy, supportive services, and much more.

To kick-off Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022 and raise support for SafeCenter, the organization is holding their Third Annual Telethon Event scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, Wednesday, October 5, and Thursday, October 6 from 8 am to 8 pm each day. Community members are encouraged to call in to the SafeCenter office at 989-723-9716 during this time and pledge support over the phone. Individuals can give over the phone, in-person at the office, or online at www.thesafecenter.org/donate.

By giving to SafeCenter, you partner in the mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate, and Prevent and provide direct, essential services to adults and children who are in dangerous and potentially lethal situations. We can't do this work alone. Take a stand against Domestic Violence this October, support SafeCenter, and help make our community a safer place to live, work, and play for all.

Color Tour Wagon Ride at DeVries October 15th

submitted by Torey Caviston

DeVries Nature Conservancy is now taking reservations for our Color Tour Wagon Ride on October 15th. Guests can reserve a private wagon ride around our grounds for \$125. Reservations include a 40 minute horse drawn wagon ride, donuts, and cider for up to 12 people. This event is perfect for those who would like to avoid the crowds of our Fall Festival (scheduled for October 22nd) and enjoy a more intimate experience with their friends, family, or coworkers.

Give us a call to see what times are still available, 989-723-3365. Payment is due at the time of reservation. DeVries is located 5 miles north of Owosso at 2635 N. M-52. Check out our website for more events and education programs, www.devriesnature.org.

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Clinton County Historical Museum

submitted by Judy Hubler

The Clinton County Historical Museum, Paine-Gillam-Scott House is pleased to announce an unveiling ceremony of "The Drummer", on the grounds of the museum located on the west side of the Courthouse Square in St Johns, MI.

Designed and created by well-known, local artist, Ivan Iler, "The Drummer" pays homage to the St Johns Bicycle Band(SJBB) that performed in parades and shows from 1886 to 1891. The thirteen young men all from St Johns and the surrounding area, played their band instruments while riding high wheeled bicycles. At the time, the band was thought to be the only one of its kind in the world.

Bill McCarthy, a long-time volunteer at the museum, had spent several years in pursuit of an authentic high wheel bicycle to display at the museum. but discovered that the bicycles are in high demand and difficult to find. After the death of his wife Rosemary in May 2021, Bill decided to utilize donations made to the museum in his wife's memory to create a reproduction of a high wheeled bike. He approached Iler to design and create the sculpture and as they say, "the rest is history". Iler was immediately intrigued about the project, "I had no idea that the SJ Bicycle Band even existed and was honored that Bill included me on this project. Its exciting to create art that represents history and I am so pleased I am able to be a part of this."

Although Bill passed away unexpectedly in June, his family and museum volunteers were determined to see the project through to completion. Local St Johns company, Smith Lawnscape is creating the concrete base as well as the landscaping around the sculpture to complete the project.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 1st at 11:00 AM on the grounds of the museum and some seating will be available. Refreshments will be available.

For those interested in more information about the SJBB, the Museum will also be open to the public from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 1st.



The Family of Mary Galko would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our family and friends for all the love, support and kindness shown during the loss of our beloved Mom and Grandma.

A special thank-you to Dr. Huff, Dr. Larsen, the Palliative and Heart to Heart Hospice nurses and staff for such loving and compassionate care they showed to Mom and our family.

Also a special thank-you to Sam Smith and Hannah and his staff for the wonderful care and compassion. St. Cyrils Catholic Church, Father Kevin Maksym, Margaret Horak and Geri Winkler for their visits and prayers. We thank-you also for the wonderful luncheon from the Elsie Methodist Church.

We thank-you for all the food, flowers and love, support and prayers.

It will always be remembered

Love,

Lynn Fruchey

Jake & Vicki Woodbury & Family

Jeff & Mandy Fruchey & Family

Dave & Linda Galko

Ron Galko & Family



OMESA MINUTES

Draft Approved

Regular Meeting

August 23, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Chair Herendeen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call: Present: William Lasher, Kim Williams, Michael Herendeen, Nancy Hughson, Jeff Swan- Absent, and Jennings West (arrived at 7:20pm).

Others in Attendance: Susan Swan- recording secretary; Chief Jerry Stevens; Greg Palen-Treasurer, Arlene Pesik, Ken Monks and Greg Atwood.

Approval of Agenda: Without any objection from the board the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: Without any objection from the board the minutes were approved as presented.

Passed on voice vote Absent: Swan, West

Financial Report / Payment of the Bills:

Treasurer, Greg Palen reviewed the budget with the board and suggested line-item adjustments. He continued to review financial reports with the board.

Trustee Lasher made a motion to approve the budget adjustment 1. Move remainder \$3,000.00 from Parking lot to Continuing Education and Training; 2. Move \$8370.00 from "capital improvement" fund for the IRS penalty. Williams supported the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted Aye: Hughson, Herendeen, Williams, Lasher, West

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Nay: None Carried

Absent: Swan

Trustee William moved to approve payment of Checks # 11854-11889 in an amount of \$ 5,158.66 for payroll and \$ 26,880.51 for vendors for a total of \$32,039.17 and bank balances report from the treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lasher.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Aye: Hughson, West, Herendeen, Lasher, Williams

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted Nay: None Carried

Absent: Swan

Resolution 2022-01 Authorize On-Time Payment of Utility and Fuel Bills
Resolution 2022-01

AUTHORIZATION FOR ON-TIME REGULAR FUEL AND UTILITY PAYMENTS BETWEEN MEETINGS

WHEREAS the Ovid-Middlebury Emergency Services Authority (OMESA) currently issues payments of its debts, obligations, vendor invoices, and payroll charges following approval at a regular or special meeting of its Board (except as provided in Resolution 2020-01); and

WHEREAS the Authority desires to provide for the prompt on-time payment of its fuel and utility bills by their due dates in order to avoid late charges, disruptions in service, or a perception of unreliability regarding its debts and obligations; and

WHEREAS the receipt of invoices and their respective due dates for fuel and utility payments often occur prior to the Board meeting at which these regular and expected obligations are routinely approved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the OMESA Treasurer or other duly-designated officer is authorized to promptly remit payment for regular and expected fuel and utility bills by their respective due dates and report the same to the Board at its next regular meeting.

Resolution moved by: Lasher Seconded: Williams

Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Aye: Williams, Lasher, Hughson, West, Herendeen

Nay: None Carried

Absent: Swan

Public Comment: Opened 7:30 pm.; Closed 7:40 pm

Ken Monks asked about the payroll being tracked from the different line items. Treasurer Greg Palen is aware of the issue. There is concern regarding how quickly the fire line payroll budget line item is decreasing.

Recording Secretary Swan asked for clarification of the budget adjustment motion.

Chair Herendeen moved to revisit the budget adjustment motion and amend item 2 to move \$8,370.00 from capital improvements to miscellaneous line item for the IRS penalty. Trustee Williams second the motion. Upon roll call the following voted Aye: Williams, Lasher, Hughson, West, Herendeen

Upon roll call vote the following voted Nay: None Carried

Absent: Swan

Fire Chief Report:

Chief Pease reviewed the runs for the month. He continued with explaining the DNR grant for new lighter weight gear.

Runs for the Month: (July 27-August 23) 20 runs (15 EMS runs and 5 Fire runs)

Runs for the Year 2022: 242 runs (171 EMS runs and 71 Fire Runs).

Communications: None

General Business:

1. Equipment Status- None

2. Other Pending Business- None

Final Comments:

The next OMESA meeting will be September 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment- Trustee Lasher moved the adjourned the meeting. Trustee Williams second the motion.

Carried on voice vote. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm

Susan Tomasek Swan, Recording Secretary

Everett Howard Reneaud

Everett Howard Reneaud, age 78 of Elsie passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at Hospice House of Shiawassee County.

A memorial service will be held Saturday October 1st, at Nelson-House Funeral Home with Pastor Charlene Reha officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. The family will receive friends Saturday October 1st, 11am-1pm.

Everett was born May 18, 1944 in Ferndale, the son of Everett and Valora E. (Roberts) Reneaud.

He graduated from Clawson High School, class of 1962 and earned a bachelor of social science from Michigan State University in 1967. Everett was in the Army, where he proudly served his country in Vietnam.

Everett married Lennis Lee Sloat at Carland United Methodist Church on June 16, 1968. Everett and Lennis raised their family in Carland on the family farm. Everett retired from Michigan State University after 36 years of service and was a Spartan for life.

Everett was a member of Carland United Methodist Church, VFW and Gideons. He spent many years working with youth as a Boy Scout Master, Explorer, Girl Scout and a 4-H leader. He enjoyed spending time outdoors camping, and traveling cross country with Lennis in their RV. Everett also enjoyed cooking, fishing, woodworking and above all spending time with his family and his dogs.

Everett is survived by his wife Lennis; children Everett A. (Julie) Reneaud of Freeland, Janae (Scott) Field of El Paso, TX Nicole (Torrin) Jones of San Diego, CA and Burke (Stephanie) Reneaud of Laingsburg; grandchildren Chase and Hannah Reneaud, Eli and Beckett Reneaud, Abigail Field, and Victoria Jones; brothers William Reneaud and Jack Reneaud; other loving family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and brothers George, Robert, and Richard and his special dog Mocha Jean.

A memorial service will be held Saturday October 1st, at 1:00 p.m. at Nelson-House Funeral Home with Pastor Charlene Reha officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. The family will receive friends Saturday October 1st, 11am-1pm.



Memorial contributions are suggested to Carland United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of Ovid, and Gideons.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at Nelson-House.com.



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Obituaries

Sharon F. Peck

Sharon F. Peck, age 82, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, Michigan.

Sharon was born in San Jose, California on July 6, 1940, the daughter of Wallace and Bessie (Jisa) Wiggins. She graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1958. On December 20, 1959 she married Dale Roy Peck, the love of her life, at Bannister United Methodist Church. They were blessed with 54 years of marriage, prior to his passing on February 4, 2014.

She worked for the United States Postal Service as a Postmaster Relief. Sharon enjoyed growing her flowers, camping, fishing, snowmobiling and traveling to the casinos. She attended the Bannister United Methodist Church.

She is survived by 2 daughters: Linda and Charles Steinert of Wheeler, Michigan; Lisa Peck, and Robert Henneman of Holt, Michigan; two grandchildren: Bryon and Amber Hinterman and Amanda Villanueva, and Jason Quider; five great-grandchildren: Logan, Olivia, Cali, Christopher, and Benjamin. She was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Dale.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



DeLoris Jean Harger

DeLoris Jean Harger, age 89, of St. Johns, Michigan passed away Monday, September 26, 2022, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, Michigan.

DeLoris was born in Vernon, Michigan on April 15, 1933, the daughter of Howard Lee William and Gladys Alberta (Crossett) Wilber. She graduated from Ovid High School class of 1951. On June 14, 1951 she married Roy Sylvester Harger in Ovid, Michigan. They were blessed with 69 years of marriage prior to his passing on August 27, 2020. DeLoris enjoyed playing bingo, playing cards, and going to the casino.

She is survived by her four children: Mona and Marlin Kindel of Maple Rapids, Michigan; David and Nancy Harger of Ithaca, Michigan; Keith Harger and Kathy Culpepper of St. Johns, Michigan; Trina and Richard Fitzsimmons of Ottawa, Canada. She is also survived by six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Jennielee Bowen of Kendallville, Indiana; and Mary Byrd of Webberville, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Roy Harger, grandson Chad Harger, brothers and sister-in-law: George and Donna Wilber and Robert & Dorothy Wilber, one sister Ruth Malato, brother-in-law John Whyte, two nephews: Bruce Bowen and Robert Wilber, and one niece Anna Shea-Nethaway.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Johns, Michigan on Friday, September 30, 2022, with Pastor Mona Kindel officiating. Burial has taken place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to Clinton County Sheriff Department, 1347 East Townsend Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Obituaries

Jerome Alphonse "Jerry" Schueller

Jerome Alphonse "Jerry" Schueller, age 87, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Jerome was born in Westphalia, Michigan on August 15, 1935, the son of Albert and Irene (Thelen) Schueller.

Jerry was a lifelong farmer working with Livingston Farms for 50 years, milking cows. He liked hunting with his sons in his younger years to provide for his family, he also enjoyed dancing and socializing. He took pride in maintaining and mowing his lawn. He enjoyed going to breakfast on Sunday mornings with his son Bob and other family members. Jerry loved watching wildlife and birds from his deck. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and having his children and grandchildren in and out of his home visiting. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns.

He is survived by his children: Joseph Schueller of Belding, MI; Robert and Tamara Schueller of Eureka, MI; Ronald and Alice Schueller of St. Johns, MI; Jeffery Schueller of Bradenton, FL; Treena and Kelly Ladisky of St. Johns, MI; eighteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren; sister Therese Fox of Ionia, MI; and brother Gary and Rose Schueller of Fowler, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother of his children Thelma (Haudenschild) Schueller, infant son David Schueller, son Jerome R. Schueller, granddaughter Jennifer Schueller, great-granddaughter Alexis Schueller, siblings: Marietta VanEtten, Geraldine Geller, Joe Schueller, Ambrose Schueller, Rita Skriba, Richard Schueller, Sr. Rosaline Schueller, infant sister Joretta, infant brother Ronald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI, at 11:00 A.M., on October 3, 2022, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks presiding. Burial will take place at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI. Visitation will be held on October 2, 2022, from 2-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes- Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI. A vigil and rosary will be prayed on Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Compassus Hospice, 801 S. Waverly Suite 200, Lansing, MI 48917. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Spirit Bear

A few weeks ago a very rare Spirit Bear in the Upper Peninsula visited a bait pile for four days and was caught on a trail cam by a bear hunting guide. This is the first documentation ever of a Spirit Bear roaming the wilds of Michigan and its existence may have been literally and figuratively very short lived. Recent reports indicate that the bear may have fallen victim to a pack of wolves.

What is a Spirit Bear and how rare are they? A Spirit Bear is an all white black bear that is neither an albino nor a piebald. Born to both parents carrying a recessive gene the chances of its mere existence are about one in a million. Their fur is white or creamy, sometimes even with cinnamon streaks, and they have dark noses and white claws. The appearance of cinnamon streaks is interesting because two harvested bears were documented with such cinnamon color by the DNR a few years ago close to where this Spirit Bear was caught on trail cam. Often found only on the Princess Royal and Gribbell islands along the Pacific coastline there are believed to be around only one hundred alive. The Michigan Spirit Bear is only the fifth to be found outside this region and the first in fifteen years.

Similar to a White Buffalo or Spirit Buffalo, which occur naturally in approximately one out of every ten million births, the Spirit Bear's arrival has great significance among Native Americans. Referred to as Kermode, its appearance is thought to be a representation of a new age of change being born for the Anishinaabe people- who are the indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes including; Odawa, Ojibwa, and Potawatomi. This new age of change causes healing by people embracing nature and realizing that medicines of all types are in great abundance on the landscape.

Latest reports indicate that the Spirit Bear has been killed by wolves but the DNR denies that wolves prey on wolves. However, Spirit Bears are white and stick out in the woods unlike when they are grabbing salmon out of the water and blending with Pacific clouds. Bear hunting guides in the western Upper Peninsula have recently reported that after a three hundred pound bear was shot, a pack of wolves started feeding on it a mere eighty yards from the hunter.

Interesting to note that this happened in the same area where the Spirit Bear was last seen. Only time will tell if this Spirit Bear still roams among the living.

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Duplain Twp Seeks Input

by Dawn D Levey

DUPLAIN – Duplain Township is updating their Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Township is asking park users of Fellowship Park in the Rochester Colony and Hope Green Memorial Park (the Elsie Dam); to share their opinion to help shape the future of parks and recreation in Duplain Township.

The survey located at, www.duplaintwpprecsurvey.com, should take no more than ten minutes to complete. Input would be greatly appreciated.

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF OPTICAL SCAN and AUTO-MARK VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting system and the Auto-Mark machine to be used in the August 2, 2022, Election on: Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:45 p.m. (directly after board meeting)

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This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I'm having another series of learning issues. I have explained for years how I make bread to other bakers and it was simple. They understood the idea of this much of a handful of that when it came to how much of an ingredient was needed. More than a pinch or greater than a smidgen is understandable. However all of this changes when you need to write down procedures and amounts for a novice baker. I spent quite a bit of time yesterday putting measurements into my recipes for others to use. Of course this meant that I had to measure with measuring cups and spoons as I made a batch of Country White Bread last night. My yeast breads have been a dab of this and just so much of that for the past forty years so making it simple for others to follow is different. Explaining the modifications to get different results was more interesting than I had anticipated. After I did that I had to key them into my computer, print them and finally laminate them. It took more time than I expected.

I have about forty-five minutes to get myself into high gear. I packaged the bread and Diane picked it up and is making the delivery. I made up new labels, measured out the Himalayan salt and baking soda into new containers for the new MG's Perx & Pastries. I'm getting excited about our being open on Saturday, October first to support the Fall Festival in Elsie. Unfortunately we will be closed until October 12th. Dang it I just remembered that I need to make a schedule to post on the front door, so I had better get it done now. This afternoon I will be shredding zucchini and peeling apples. Probably also get the pie dough made and into the fridge for Friday afternoon for the apple pies that will be made. I hope that they turn out well and please others. If all goes well, some pretzel rods will be inspired by the chocoholic's taste buds and some milk chocolate almond candies will be poured for the festival.

Last night I hustled out to the garden to pick tomatoes and green peppers. I was happy that I didn't have a hard frost last night but now it is one less thing to do. I also picked a couple of heads of cabbage and now need to get them into the fridge to make into cooked cabbage or pigs in a blanket. The peppers can be washed, diced and thrown into the freezer to use for soups later this month. I'm beginning to wonder if it is normal to set a timer to encourage ones self to meet obligations? It does seem to promote my wagon to stop dragging. Whatever works...

Have you ever put the cart before the horse? I know, that is an old idiom, and few of us have experienced the hitching of an equine to a cart or wagon but we probably understand the meaning. I was zipping around the house and was pleased that I could put the thermal laminator back in the closet. Of course I was jumping the gun... I still need to get the hours and schedule printed and ready to put on the front door of MG's Perx & Pastries. Fortunately I have learned how to correctly spell pastries today. I will take all the blessings that come my way.

Spent a couple of hours in the shop this morning, I'd like to say that I got a lot accomplished. I didn't but thankfully did make a bit of headway. I seem to be writing scads of notes to myself in case I forget to do something. Now if I will remember to read them. Yes, I have a simple life...it's just a bit busier than I expected at this stage of growth.

Old 'Arthur' has been flaring up lately and I don't like his approach to make me direly uncomfortable. I'm waiting on an appointment to see a neural surgeon sometime in the coming month. I hope that it does not mess up my projected schedule. On the fifth I've been invited to a "Hocus Pocus" night on the farm, and it should be good fun. Fortunately I have a wearable blanket to keep me warm, and it is time to put my sandals up and start wearing socks and shoes again. Tomorrow if the Good Lord is willing I will be making donuts and poured candy. It should keep me out of trouble for awhile.

May your days be filled with pleasant surprises and your homes with love. God bless.

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Men and women may have more free time after 50 than they had in previous decades. As children grow more independent and even leave the house, parents look to various activities, including travel, to fill their free time. Travel is often seen as a luxury, but heading off for parts unknown can produce some serious health benefits. A joint study from the Global Coalition on Aging and the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies found that women who vacation at least twice a year have a lower risk for heart attack than those who travel once every six years. The study also found that men who do not take annual vacations are at a significantly higher risk of death (20 percent) and heart disease (30 percent) than those who make who take time to get away each year. Vacations don't even need to be long to produce significant, positive results. A 2018 study published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health found that a four-day long weekend vacation positively affected well-being, recovery, strain, and perceived stress for as long as 45 days.



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Senior Spotlight

Explore Resources for Caregivers

Caregivers are called on to step in for any number of reasons. Some serve as companions to the elderly, while others assist those with debilitating diseases like cancer. While many caregivers are professionals hired for their services, a good number of caregivers are informal — meaning they are family members or friends assisting loved ones.

Even though they are trying to help others, caregivers often must confront a form of stress known as caregiver burnout. The Cleveland Clinic states this stress is marked physical, emotional and mental exhaustion that occurs in caregivers. This burnout may lead to fatigue, anxiety and depression.

While there may not be a way to completely eliminate all caregiving stress, there are some ways to prevent burnout. Utilizing various resources can be a start. Here's a look at some available caregiver resources.

• **Trusted friend:** Find someone you trust with whom you can discuss your feelings, including any frustration you may feel. This can be a neighbor or a coworker with whom you feel comfortable sharing personal details.

• **Support groups:** Support groups can provide safe spaces to vent with others who are in the same boat. Houses of worship may host support groups, or you can find out about meetings through hospitals or from personal doctors. The National Family Caregiver Support Program was established in 2000 and provides grants to states and territories to fund a range of support that assists family and informal caregivers to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible. Other groups include Caregiver Action Network and Family Caregiver Alliance.

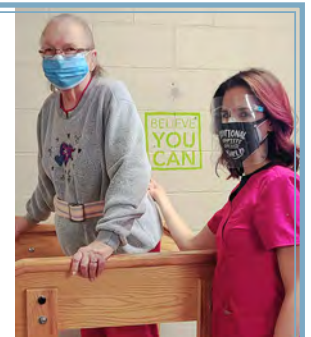
• **Respite care services:** Respite care services provide temporary breaks for caregivers by enabling the sick, elderly or injured to stay in care facilities for anywhere from a couple of hours to a few days. Some respite care services will provide short-term, in-home care as well.

• **Professional therapist:** Many therapists are trained to counsel individuals who have particular issues. Some may specialize in grief or even caregiver needs. Utilize their services if speaking with a confidante is not enough.

Caregivers often put the needs of others before their own. But they may need a little help along the way, which is where caregiver resources can come into play.



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Marauder Girls First, Boys Runner-up at MMAC Jamboree at Showboat Park

CHESANING

The Ovid-Elsie boys varsity cross country team competed at Showboat Park here September 27, in the 2nd MMAC league meet of the season.

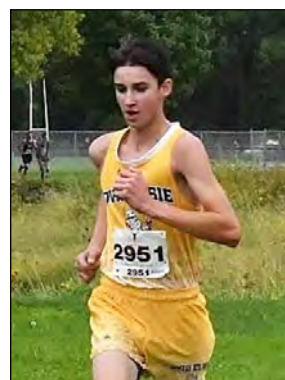
The Marauders took 2nd in the meet behind New Lothrop. O-E was led by Clay Powell, who had a :20 second personal best to take 4th place.

He was followed by freshman Josh Miller, 10th with a massive personal best. The top 5 was rounded out by Ryan Gavanda 15th, James Kelly 17th and Austin Smith in 19th.

The Ovid-Elsie girls varsity won the meet to put them in a dominant MMAC position going into the third league meet. The Marauders were led by Alexis Spitzley, who finished in



first place in a season's best of 21:09. She was followed by Piper White in 2nd place. Clarrisa Baese rounded out the top 3 in third place. The rest of the Marauder effort was rounded out by Kaia Spiess, 8th and Madison Thornton, 11th.



Above Alexis Spitzley 1st place finish followed by Piper White and Clarrisa Baese.

Left Clay Powell finished 4th.
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Sports

Senior Night Shutout for Wolfpack Soccer Guys, 6-0

LAINGSBURG — Senior Brayden Thomas scored a hat trick and Laingsburg captured a 6-0 Senior Night boys soccer victory over Bath on September 26 at the Wolfpack Athletic Complex.

Haydon Collier, Dano Winans and Dylan Hulliberger also scored for coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack (7-2-3).

Laingsburg scored four times in the first half under the lights. Collier scored the first goal off an assist by Hulliberger, then Thomas made it 2-0 with an assist from Hulliberger. Thomas added two more goals unassisted.

Winans converted a pass from Aaron Willoughby and Hulliberger closed the scoring unassisted.

Hulliberger Scores 18th Goal, Wolfpack Soccer Guys Humble Perry Ramblers, 7-2

PERRY — Dylan Hulliberger booted in his 17th and 18th goals of the season, helping hoist the Laingsburg boys varsity soccer team to a 7-2 GLAC triumph here September 28.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack scored four goals in a 13 minute-span as seniors Brayden Thomas and Hulliberger each scored twice to lead the way for the Wolfpack (8-2-3, 4-1 Greater Lansing Activities Conference).

Thomas broke a scoreless tie with a left-footed goal in the middle of the field as three Perry defenders closed in with 19:26 left in the first half. Thomas found the right corner of the net. Thomas scored again three minutes later — this time with an upper-shelf goal to the left corner and it was 2-0. The Wolves quickly made it 4-0 with an own goal and a score from Hulliberger, with Thomas getting the assist. LHS scored three more goals in the second half, including a penalty kick from Hulliberger and a header from Paul Pageot that closed the scoring with 7:24 left. The assist was from Kaleb Salas.

Nolan Krupp scored both goals for the Ramblers. Noah Boske-Smitherman of Perry made 11 saves. Wolfpack goalkeeper Luke Snyder made three saves and teammate Jake Rivet made one save.

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Sports

Lady Marauders Show Their Mettle, Fight Back from Injuries to Down Rams

After some rough outings and a series of injuries, coach Caron Meister's Marauder volleyball team came out swinging.

O-E chalked up a 3-1 win over Montrose on September 27, after dropping the first set 25-17. The Marauders then reeled off three-straight set wins, 25-10, 27-25 and 25-17.

"We had a really eventful night with lots of injured players out from the weekend," said coach Meister. "We ran a new rotation and the girls really stepped up and played the best that they could in the positions that they were in. Once the energy and enthusiasm showed up from the girls, the night was able to end on a good note."

The MMAC victory came on the heels of a 0-3 loss to the Ionia Bulldogs, 11-25, 11-25 and 19-25. Coach Meister said about the September 22 non-league loss, "This was another rough night for the OE squad. We were just not able to put all of the good things together at once."



#11 Anna Kadlek setting the ball for #12 Hailee Campbell, #9 Olivia Burt, #10 Autumn Parker ready to hit.

Photo by Denise Burgess

Ashley Bears Fall to North Huron

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears traveled to North Huron last week in a Friday night lights match-up. Unfortunately, the Bears fell behind early once again and struggled to come back losing 38-22. "It was a tough first half for us. We had a tough time moving the ball, with a couple dropped walk in touchdown passes and some timely miscues. We have to learn to start playing when we exit the bus and stop waiting until halftime to play football" stated Coach Saylor.

Senior Logan Drummond led the team offensively running for 165 yards, scoring two touchdowns and also throwing for 14 yards including a touchdown pass. Bailey Long carried the ball for 40 yards and Caden Passmore had 2 catches for 13 yards and a touchdown.

Drummond led Ashley on the defensive side of the ball with 14 tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. B. Long had 12 tackles, Gavin Malek had 8 tackles and a forced fumble, W. Long had 8 tackles and a forced fumble.



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**GRIDIRON
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by Tom Turek
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Week #3 Winners: 1st place Edith Lagunas 11-1 (50 points on tie-break); 2nd place Roger Skaryd 11-1 (52 points on tie-break); Kevin Madsen 3rd place 10-2.

Whoa Nelly! (with a nod to the Denver Broncos). Week #3 was quite the upheaval as many pigskin pickers — without much horse sense — fell by the wayside in our weekly Gridiron Gurus contest.

The Guru apologizes for throwing in the 49ers at Broncos game. We thought the 49ers would win 7-5, unless the baseball Broncos hit a walk-off double in the bottom of the 9th. Ooops. Wrong sport. As a NFL game, this was BRUTAL. The Broncs ended up victorious, 11-10. BRUTAL!

Every week is different and this time around, Week 3 featured a logjam between 11-1 and 10-2 swamis.

"Hey Guru, it was tough picking this week. Things could go really well or go south really fast," explained one of the Guru's very best friends. The Great Guru helped everyone out, however, serving up the BYU vs. Wyoming game. That was a gimme, as y'all proved out.

The Guru got a request to post the Top Three season-long leaders. Hmmmmm ... OK. We'll do that in a couple of weeks, by comparing them to our "crack" staff picks week by week. A word of warning: the thought there is that our staff-picker minds are CRACKED. The Wolfman extended his lead over Duffy with a pretty-good 10-2 week, and leads the overall season race .667% to .583% ... but not at all close to our season-long leaders.

In Week 3, Bryan Reed was closest on the tie-breaker — nearly nailing it at 42 points with MSU's putrid 34-7 loss to Minnesota — yet his 9-3 overall record took him out of the running.

Make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 5 pm. Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:sports@meridianweekly.com"](mailto:sports@meridianweekly.com) (sports@meridianweekly.com) or via USPS delivery.

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Sports

Wolfpack Holds Off Determined Bath Gridders in 33-20 Homecoming Win

LAINGSBURG — If anyone in Wolfpack Nation thought they were in for an easy game on Homecoming Night 2022, they had a rude awakening.

Bath's Fighting Bees — long considered an arch-rival of the home Wolfpack — came to play, and play they did, until LHS rallied in the second half for a 33-20 CMAC football victory.

Mikey Brooks and Ty Randall ran for touchdown scores and Randall threw for three TDs as coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack won for the third-straight week, raising their record to 3-2 overall, 2-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). Bath fell to 3-2, 1-2 in the CMAC with a hard-fought loss.

The Homecoming hosts opened the scored at 7:51 of the first quarter when Randall found Jack Audretsch for an 18-yard touchdown pass. Audretsch tacked on the PAT kick and LHS was on its way, 7-0.

Except the Bees were having none of it, relishing the spoiler role. Junior power back Bradlee Uhlmann scored the next two touchdowns — on runs of 4 and 10 yards — and when Colin Hagerman got in the on a two-point conversion, the Bees were up 14-7 with 5:40 left before half-time. Brooks bulled in his one-yard TD with just :06 left before the intermission, getting Laingsburg within 14-13. The PAT kick was no good.

After the neighboring rivals traded possessions to open the second half, LHS finally asserted some control. Randall completed an impressive drive with a 10-yard touchdown toss to Hayden Johnston. The try for two on a pass for Connor Hulliberger didn't work, but the hosts had a lead they wouldn't relinquish at 19-14.

Randall found Jack Borgman out of the backfield for a 23-yard TD aerial to open the fourth quarter, and after Audretsch's kick made it 26-14, the red-and-white seemed in complete control. Yet, the Bees had some sting left. Uhlmann broke free for a 60-yard scamper at 11:30 of the final stanza, and though the 2-point run by QB Cole Chamberlain failed, the Bees were in striking distance at 26-20.

Randall then completed the scoring on a one-yard dive with 2:18 unplayed. Audretsch boot the PAT for a 33-20 final.

The Wolfpack outgained Bath 369-269 in total yards, as Randall clicked on 21-of-31 passes for 251 yards and three TDs. Randall and Borgman led the Wolves on the ground, each with 44 yards, and Brooks broke through for 30 on 6 attempts.

Uhlmann led all rushers with 118 yards on just 13 tries, and scored the three TDs that kept Bath hanging around.

Johnston caught 6 passes for 80 yards, Hulliberger 4 for 69, Borgman 6 for 48 and Audretsch 3 for 32 in a Wolfpack passing attack that is gaining notice around the CMAC.

Elliot Wilsey and Brooks led the Wolfpack defense with 5 tackles (4 solo) each. Seth Sivak was in on 4 stops and Kyle Thelen 3. Chamberlain was intercepted once by the LHS defenders.

Next up for Borgman's charges was a trip to Dansville, followed by another road game at state-ranked Fowler, a 20-16 upset victor over Pewamo-Westphalia-Westphalia on September 23.



The Wolfpack varsity football team busts through a spirit banner and takes the field to some great Homecoming revelry before beating back Bath, 33-20. Photo from Burg Sports

Marauder Gridders Run Rampant Over Detroit Edsel Ford, 29-Zip

OVID-ELSIE — Edsel Ford visited Ovid-Elsie on Friday night, September 23 ... and got punched right in the mouth.

A stout Marauder defense held its opponent to 79 yards total offense and coach Travis Long's O-E grinders rushed for four touchdowns and 217 yards, in a 29-0 shellacking of their non-league Dearborn foes. The Thunderbirds fell to 0-5 on the 2022 season, while Ovid-Elsie boosted its record to 3-2 overall with its 2nd-straight victory. Perhaps more importantly were the post-season points Ovid-Elsie amassed by beating the Division 1 T-Birds; the Marauders play in Division 6 in the MHSAA scheme of things.

Edsel Ford had problems with ball security all night, and the Marauders took full advantage. Early in the first quarter, O-E defender Beau Price sacked the T-Bird punter at his own five yard line. Perrien Rasch then opened the scoring with a 2-yard TD run at 9:58 of the opening period. Julien Mortier's PAT kick was good for a 7-0 Ovid-Elsie lead.

Those were all the points Long's charges would need.

Landon Stoneman pounced on a Thunderbird fumble midway through the second stanza, before Logan Thompson said "thank you" a few plays later with a one-yard TD blast. Mortier again booted the PAT and it was 14-0 at halftime.

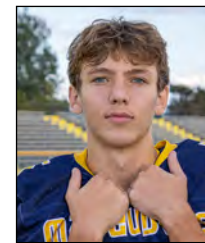
The blue-and-gold hosts poured it on in the third quarter. Receiving the second-half kick, the Marauders moved smartly down the field in five plays, Jamison Custer culminating the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run. Tryce Tokar tossed to Justin Cole for the 2-point conversion, staking O-E to a dominating 22-0 lead.

Thompson then scored his second TD of the contest with :21 seconds left in the third frame on a 3-yard run to paydirt. Mortier was again perfect with the PAT boot; 29-0 final score.

Ovid-Elsie is starting to open eyebrows with its punishing defense over the past few weeks. The T-Birds managed just 75 yards all night, and had their one big scoring chance taken away on a fumbled snap recovery by O-E at the one yard line to close the first half. Stoneman totaled two solo tackles, six assists and two tackles for loss to spark the Marauder 'D.' Clay Wittenberg was in a five stops, Kevin Ley four, Rasch three and Price three; Price led in tackles for loss with a trio. Braxton Stenger, Cohen Brown, Cole Workman, Cohen Tyler, Gage Kvalevog, Custer, Carter Kelley, Thompson, Hayden Pontack, Cole, Isaac Orta, Luke Follett and Dawson Taylor all recorded tackles in a big, big shutout for the hosts.

Tyler led the Marauder rushing game with 63 yards on 6 carries. Rasch picked up 48 yards on the ground, Custer 42, Kelley 30, Thompson 30 and Orta 15. Tokar tossed O-E's lone pass completion on the night, six yards to Price.

The game was oddly scheduled in the middle of July after Otisville Lakeville left the MMAC football race; a strange hole in the middle-of-the-season lineup. The non-league contest served as a good tune-up for O-E's annual Homecoming Game opposite Chesaning.



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Mirroring SAC's recent 14-week History of Owosso exhibit, the limited-edition book contains stories and photos of the city from 1836 to 1966, showcasing what made Owosso so unique among other Michigan cities over the course of 130 years. The 192-page, hard-cover, coffee-table keepsake is available to SAC members at \$50 and non-members at \$60. The book would make a wonderful holiday gift. Shipping is available.

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