



Bruce & Jacqueline Cook Class of 2023 Scholarship Nominees

submitted by Yvette Collard

Forty-four of Shiawassee County region's most academically accomplished high school seniors have been nominated for scholarships to the University of Michigan by the Cook Family Foundation. One of these students will be selected to receive a four-year, full-tuition, scholarship from Bruce and Jacqueline Cook.

In order to assist them with their college selection, thirty-one of the nominees recently attended an overnight trip to the University of Michigan. There they had the opportunity to meet with admission officers, to take a tour of the campus and stadium, to hear a presentation from a professor, and to spend time with students from the Shiawassee County area presently enrolled at the University of Michigan.

"We want to make sure the leaders and the best among local high school students seriously consider the University of Michigan for the next level of education," said Foundation President Bruce Cook. "We are committed to the academic success of local students, and are committed to building partnerships with our public schools and our oldest public university."

Each of the nominees will receive at least a \$3,000 scholarship to the University of Michigan from the Cook Family Foundation. The Cook Family Foundation annually provides a scholarship (add full website for print version: <https://www.cookfamilyfoundation.org/scholarships/>) to any student from the greater Shiawassee region admitted to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

If they apply and are admitted to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the following students will be considered for the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook scholarship: from Byron: Olivia Chapman,

Julia Slackta, Kelsea Strzelecki-Davis; from Chesaning: Hannah Cooper, Dominick Hernandez, Breeanna Schlicker, Kathrine Shelton, Joshua Sicard, Emily Smith, and Eric Waswick; from Corunna: Haley Kennedy, Isaiah Shook, Kaylee Siddens, Peyton TerMeer; from Durand: Zachary David, Jillian Reddy, Hannah Sharkey, and Jaxon Smith; from Laingsburg: Kathryn Magyar, Sydney Morrill, Casmir Palazzolo, and Ian Smith; from Morrice: Payton Gutting, from New Lothrop: Hayden Andres and Tyler Kohlmann; from Ovid-Elsie: Brooklyn Belill, Austin Darling, Ryan Gavenda, Breckin Kirby, Ella Powell, Austin Smith, Alexis Spitzley, and Gabrielle Steele; from Owosso: Claire Agnew, Amanda Brainerd, Tanner Cummings, Abigail Dryer, Tyler Hufnagel, Liam McGraw, Marisa Rose, and John (Jay) Tuttle; and from Perry: Cassidy Flick, Jonah Smith, and David Zheng.

In addition to scholarships to help students attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Foundation recently announced The University of Michigan Shiawassee Advantage. Now any graduating senior with a GPA of 3.5 or higher from any of the ten high schools in the greater Shiawassee region will receive a \$3,000 Cook Family Foundation Scholarship if they enroll at any one of the three University of Michigan campuses (Ann Arbor, Dearborn or Flint). Additionally, these students will then become eligible for many of the substantial U of M merit-based scholarships, as well as the full-tuition Go Blue Guarantee if they have demonstrated financial need.

For assistance applying to UM, or for more information on scholarships, contact the Foundation or visit their website at: cookfamilyfoundation.org.



Carriage Days Raffle Winners:
Carriage Days Committee
Treasure, Holly Hubbard, pre-
senting 1st place raffle winner,
Scott Simpson, his check for
\$1,500. Rick Ramirez Jr., won
the \$750 second place prize and
Mike Price won the \$350 third
place prize. See page 6 for
Festival Pedal Pull winners,
more Carriage Days photos and
results will be published in the
September 25th paper.

Elsie Village Council

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Officials heard from Andrew Wiscasset, resident of Victor Township, running as an independent for the County Commissioner for District 1.

Chief Bryce reported that there are a lot of activities taking place in the department. The Elsie Police Department is working towards accreditation of the department which will codify consistent and concise policies and procedures. In addition, a new program has been implemented in collaboration with EE Knight Elementary School to register children's bikes in the Village, the students are truly "geeked" about the program. The department rescued a baby skunk that was and taken to a rescue for care. Police coverage has increased which is very exciting and the school zones are covered daily. Police Chief Bryce presented officials with a framed Elsie PD patch.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, reported that the audit will begin the week of September 19.

In addition, there have been numerous complaints about cats at the east end of town. It had been addressed and individuals had quit feeding them, now they are being fed daily. The problem will be addressed.

Grinnell wanted it noted that the Parks and Recreation committee will soon be established and we will be looking for residents and councilpersons to volunteer to be part of the committee. The Elsie Lions Club contributed funds toward a fence to be installed around Hero Park. Officials approved an expenditure of \$4,000 for the fence, committee contribution would be encouraged. Also, the Elsie Fire Association purchased a monument that has been placed in Hero Park. A dedication event will be scheduled in the near future and James Hyland was thanked for making this project a reality.

Bonnie Goupil, Elsie Fall Festival representative, updated officials on the October 1, 2022 festival. Officials were encouraged to participate in the competition on with their golf-carts. The theme is Halloween with a trunk-or-treat. The event is scheduled for October 1, 2022, 11 am-4pm on Main Street.

Officials discussed the use of the American Rescue Plan funds with water/sewer infrastructure being the focus. The village manager and department of public works were directed to put together a list of possibilities to be reviewed in the very near future.

Monthly action was taken to approve the agenda as presented, approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 minutes, and the reports for the treasurer and the Elsie Police Department. In addition, officials approved expenditures totaling \$166,932.33, noting that a large portion of the expenditures being for road repairs.



Laingsburg's 2022 senior Homecoming Court includes (seated, l-r) Maddie Audretsch, daughter of Kristy Hagerty & Tim Audretsch and Reagan Gregg, daughter of Randy & Monica Gregg; (2nd row, L to R) Josephine Keenan, daughter of Josh & Nicole Keenan and Kathryn Magyar, daughter of Tim & Heidi Magyar. (back, l-r) Ethan Mohny, son of Derek & Casey Mohny, Sawyer Shastal, son of Matt & Lisa Shastal, Sean Divine, son of Marty & Deb Divine and Austin Hart, son of Michelle Shaw.

After voting by the student body this week, two of these seniors will take over the crowns of 2021 Queen Leilani Johnson and King Curtis Antcliff.

Charity Fundraiser

Journey Federal Credit Union will be hosting a Charity Fundraiser for the SafeCenter (Domestic and Sexual Violence Services) until September 30th at all three branches.

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Shiawassee County Fair Market Livestock Exhibitors

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

Auction Sale Checks may be picked up at the fair office from September 13, 2022 to September 23, 2022. Office hours are 9am - 5 pm Monday through Friday. On September 21, 2022 office hours will be extended until 7 pm to accommodate for a later pick up. The remaining checks will be mailed at 5 pm on September 23rd to those who have not picked up their checks.

Getting Every Bite Right

The Saint Johns Seventh Day Adventist Church will be holding "Getting Every Bite Right, Plant Based Cooking School at the School Meeting Hall, 1400 S. Oakland St., St. Johns.

The classes will be Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30p.m., Keystone Habits; Thursday, September 22 at 6:30p.m., Easy Canning and Preserving; Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m., Getting Every Bite Right; Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m., Mind Set Matters.

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Cake Walk Fun



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Thank you to all that participated in this year's Carriage Days Cake Walk, we had a wonderful turn-out. All kids and even some adults were able to win cakes, cupcakes and cookies. We would like to thank our volunteers Heather, Erica and Molly and those that donated or baked for the event, Heather and Kim Williams, Pat Hibbard, Phoenix Plumbing, BRATTS, Cupcakes and Kisses and B's Peace O'Cake. We hope to bring the event back again next year.

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First Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

submitted by Charles Owen

Laingsburg – The First Baptist Church of Laingsburg today announced the hiring of its new Senior Pastor, Brian Slack. Pastor Slack will be responsible for leading First Baptist Church in its mission to bring glory to God through edifying and encouraging by means of God's Word and to help the community to discover God in a personal way.



Pastor Slack comes to us from Pensacola, Florida where he is finishing his studies in Master of Divinity at Pensacola Theological Seminary. Prior to his enrollment at Pensacola Christian College, Pastor Slack received an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from West University at Parkersburg. Pastor Slack is originally a native of Elizabeth, West Virginia, and graduated from Wirt County High School in 2010. After graduation Pastor, Slack attended Glenville State College on a baseball scholarship where he eventually accepted the Gospel and shortly after surrendered to God's call in his life. While attending college and in between semesters he worked for Duffield Construction Co. for five years. Desiring to learn more about the Bible God led Pastor Slack to Pensacola Florida where he met his wife Kaylee at Pensacola Christian College, and they were married on June 7, 2020. Kaylee Slack grew up in Springfield, Tennessee, and graduated from South Haven Christian School in 2015. She attended Pensacola Christian College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Visual Arts in May 2020. Pastor Slack also has a passion for sports, and the outdoors, and is an avid fisherman and hunter.

"We are excited to welcome Brian and Kaylee to our community and Church," said Don Minton, Chairman of the First Baptist Deacon's Board. "The Deacons and Church members are looking forward to working with him to move our mission of serving God forward."

"Kaylee and I are humbled and eager to answer God's call to First Baptist Church of Laingsburg," said Pastor Slack. "We have met so many wonderful people in the Church and community as we were looking into this opportunity to pursue God's will. The truth will never change, but the way it is presented is different for each generation. Each generation faces unique challenges that God's Word has answers to. God's Word is true for all times, all peoples, and all places. My preaching style is conversational and if you are looking for a transparent pastor with a passion for God's Word then come and check us out. We are in a rebuilding transitional stage and are excited about the plans God has for us and the community."

The Church began the search for a new Senior Pastor with the retirement of Pastor Steve Brown who was Senior Pastor for almost thirty years. Pastor Brown will continue to serve the Church in an advisory capacity as needed and will also be active in assisting at the Church's school.

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Slotkin to Visit Laingsburg Church for Listening Session

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg – Laingsburg United Methodist Church is hosting U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08)) for a "Meet and Greet" listening session from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 27. The church is located at 210 Crum Street in Laingsburg. Parking is available on the street or in the back of the building. The public is welcome.

Slotkin received letters that members of LUMC's congregation signed and sent out to all of the candidates prior to the August primaries regarding social issues that were discussed by the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church at its annual meeting in June. She is eager to get to know members of LUMC, the local community and people from other area United Methodist churches, according to her response.

The social issues of concern include gun violence, abortion, immigrant IDs, care for the poor and student loan debt. They were born out of the congregation's study of the UMC's Social Principles and in response to the work of the Michigan conference.

"The United Methodist Church has a long tradition of concern for social justice. Its members have often taken forthright positions on issues involving Christian principles," according to LUMC Pastor, Rev. Tiffany Newsom. "In keeping with this long tradition, spanning as far back as 1908, our congregation chose to put our faith in action by writing the letters. We are excited by Slotkin's eagerness to engage with us, learn about our concerns, and meet not just the members of our church, but others from the community who wish to attend."

Slotkin is running for re-election to the U.S. Congress representing Michigan's newly formed 7th U.S. Congressional District. State Senator Tom Barrett (R-Charlotte) has received an invitation to hold a similar event at LUMC as well. Barrett is also running for election to the U.S. Congress representing Michigan's newly formed 7th U.S. Congressional District. Church leadership is awaiting his response.

For more information, call the church office between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 517-651-5531, or email laingsburgumc@gmail.com.

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Obituaries

Amy Beth Larson

Amy Beth Larson, age 22, died Thursday April 13, 1995 in Mt. Pleasant. She was born on May 6, 1972 the daughter of Larry and Reta (Mohr) Larson. Her mother preceded her in death in 1982.

Amy was a graduate of Laingsburg High School; a senior at Central Michigan University, and was employed at McDonald's in Mt. Pleasant. She was active in cross-country and track, a member of the Quiz Bowl Team, an officer of the Young Republicans, and an avid camper. She loved reading and her passions were writing and artistry.

Surviving are father, Larry Larson of Laingsburg, adoptive mother, Victoria Larson of Lansing; brother Matthew James Larson; sister Jennifer Beth Larson; step-mother, Sandra Darnell Larson; step-brother Chad Darnell; step-sister Lisa Darnell; many grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private funeral services will be held with Rev. Morris Finch, Jr. officiating. Interment in Flint Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association or the Kidney Foundation.



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Matthew James Larson

Matthew James Larson, April 24, 1975-February 16, 2021

Matthew James Larson, age 45, was born in Seoul, Korea and named Yu Shin-il at birth. Matt was adopted at 10 months old by the Larson family.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Reta Larson, Larry Larson, and sister Amy Larson.

He is survived by adoptive mother, Victoria Chevoor (Jeffrey Holoweiko), sisters Jennifer Larson (Erica Hernandez), Lisa Darnell (David Podewell), Kathryn Chevoor, brothers Chad (Molly) Darnell, Alex Chevoor, step-mother Sandra Larson, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Matt graduated from Laingsburg High School in 1993 and entered the Army shortly thereafter. He graduated at the top of his class from Basic Training. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology from Lake Superior State University in 2011. He was a proud Army Veteran, loved Taekwondo, weight lifting, golfing, and hiking. He wrote poetry and enjoyed spending time with animals.

Matt was a loving son, brother, nephew, cousin, and friend who will be deeply missed.

Celebration of Life virtual service was held September 12th at 3pm. Donations may be given to your local homeless shelter.



Valorie Jean Miersma

Valorie Jean Miersma, age 69, of DeWitt, passed away Saturday, September 10, 2022, at The Willows of Okemos.

Valorie was born in Owosso, Michigan on February 14, 1953, the daughter of Kenneth Floyd and Letha June (Pardee) Sexton. She attended Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Valorie was a beautiful lady inside and out. Her kindness and compassion was the motivation for her life and touched all with whom she came in contact. She had a giving personality that blessed her family and friends. Her bright smile will be remembered by all.

Valorie's faith provided strength for all that life brought her way. She was a member of Mount Hope Church in Lansing for many years. She had a tremendous passion for music. She was a gifted musician and singer. Valorie loved to express herself through the songs that she wrote and the music she sang and played. Valorie dedicated herself to raising her children and really was a homebody at heart. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by two children: Kevin (Linda) Reha of Laingsburg, MI; and Amanda (Arthur) Villarreal of Zeeland, MI; and seven grandchildren; Tanner Reha, Taylor Reha, Mason Villarreal, Caden Villarreal, Scarlet Villarreal, Trenton Villarreal, and Arthur Villarreal, III. She is also survived by six sisters: Lorena (Dave) Isham, Judy George, Helen Huneycutt, Lisa Hudecek, Jenny (Kevin) Oldham, and Roselyn (Ed) Wreggelsworth; two brothers: Eric (Lisa) Sexton, and Ken (Diane) Sexton; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter Heather Reha, one sister Charlene Town, and one brother Daniel Sexton.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Friday, September 16, 2022, with Chaplain Brandon Hempel officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army or McLaren Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Well it is Labor Day weekend, so I suppose that it makes some sense that I'm working at removing the excess from my kitchen. So far I've lightened up a shelf and a cupboard withdrawing several pieces of casserole dishes that I seldom use. Nothing wrong with them, I just need more space. I really do hope that I can get my counter tops emptied. I also put some cake pans and bundt pans into the mix. Hopefully someone else will put them to good use. I'm eyeballing my many bread loaf pans and am also considering them in my downsizing exercise. Several came out of old bakeries and a few were originally my Mother's pans, I will keep those and have hopes that my daughter or granddaughters would like them. I believe that I'm finally done with making solar dill pickles for this season so it is time to concentrate on getting the tomato crop canned for this winter. The peaches are canned but I have enough left to do a couple batches of jam which usually is well received.

Friday my sister and I went up to the Amish Swap at Clare and walked all over the place. It wasn't too hot but it surely was very muggy. We started out with breakfast at Petticoat Junction in Alma and then meandered our way up to Clare. We laughed, we talked, and we bonded as sisters can do. She was my enabler and I spent more cash than I expected...but I also picked up several Christmas gifts along the way and found a few things that pleased me. I found some macrame plant hangers that came with their own pots and I picked up six succulents to plant in a turtle shaped planter that had belonged to my Grandmother LeClear. Now I need to find an old wooden ladder to hang over my dining room window and a couple of angled hangers to do the job. This will keep my plants safe from the invasion of the cats this winter when it is bitter outside. Did I mention that we also checked out many of the yard sales along the way which meant getting in and out of the passenger seat about an extra ten times, no wonder that I slept for fourteen hours Friday night?! Pretty pathetic, I missed the Farmer's Market...

You would think that I would have learned to pace myself and my actions. Apparently not, so now I need to get into high gear so that this does not happen again. I feel badly when I disappoint others. Sunday is supposed to be a day of rest, however my focus must be badly messed up because I didn't roll out until after eleven which means that I missed church services. I was putting together a care package when I got the call that the kids had a conflict with their plans and would be over in two hours to help me load furniture for the upholstery shop. I wasn't ready because our original plan was not to be implemented for another twenty-four hours. Such is life. That also explains why I have a few aching muscles this Labor Day morning. And in celebration of this day I will be canning stewed tomatoes with my daughter, for me it is a labor of love.

I decided to give you a one, two, three options on what happens on many of my days. For instance, this is what I managed to get done on Tuesday, the day after Labor Day. First I zipped up to Meijer in Alma at eight to do a return, then I had breakfast at Petticoat Junction with my friend Robin, and we had a gab fest that lasted ninety minutes. Then I went on over to St Louis where I dropped off a three box care package for a distressed couple. Spent a bit of time visiting with Tammi and Ted, had another cup of coffee with them. Ran to the bank in St Louis and then headed out to Laingsburg to pick up an order of healthy salves and lotions. Arrived at Cindy's in Laingsburg at 1:30 in the afternoon, Cindy was kind and sent a bag of tomatoes with me. Called Karen along the way and asked her if she could go to Breckenridge with me in about thirty minutes. I dropped my car off at the house, and then got Prudence and picked up Karen with my pickup full of furniture. We headed out to Schram's and dropped off the furniture, it will be ready in a few weeks. Finally headed homeward and took the time to have some ice tea and conversation with Karen. My phone rang as I was walking toward my house at five, Linda called and had a large paper grocery bag of fresh green beans for me. I went over to the Chapin area and picked them up, along with a couple of her oven goodies. I felt like a walking zombie when I got back home at six, I wasn't very functional until nine when I called it a day. No wonder I slept in until 8:53 Wednesday morning and was almost late for water aerobics.

And yes, this is a fairly normal day for me. I'm trying to slow down a bit and for some reason I'm not making much headway in that venue. Time to pick up my car in St Johns, may your days be fruitful and interesting. Stress is optional. I like that my days don't usually hinge on multiple tasks and are relatively stress free. May God bless you daily, enjoy your ventures.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

UP UP & AWAY

Dear Andy,

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Michigan Cougar Update

For decades (at least the last three) the Weekly Sportsman has closely followed all the drama in northern Michigan's Upper Peninsula about cougars. The only thing all interested parties can agree on is that the last legally hunted wild cougar was killed near Newberry in 1906. From there the disagreements begin as to whether they're wild cougars migrating eastward from the northern plains, pets that have escaped, and if it is even a breeding population.

For the longest time the Michigan DNR has been unwilling to admit that there were even wild cougars roaming northern Michigan. However, due to public pressure and technology it has been proven with road kills, DNA, and trail cams that this species does roam the Upper Peninsula. Despite their unwillingness to discuss and admit that there is a breeding population, statements are slowly evolving to at least acknowledge wild male cougars. In fact, the Michigan DNR joined a study to map pathways of eastward migrating cougars and worked with other wildlife agencies from Minnesota and Wisconsin along with the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

An article was just published in the journal "Biological Conservation" illustrating that the goal of the project was to develop a regional map that highlighted suitable habitat and connectivity, referring to a physical network of pathways lining locations where cougars may live. The study area was 44% forested and 37% agricultural land, with wetlands, shrublands and developed land accounting for the rest. The team mapped 362 linkages- pathways from a half-mile to 3.7 miles long-connecting 191 "core patches" of land, primarily in the northern part of the three states. About half the core patches are in legally protected areas, such as national forests, natural resource management areas, and state and local conservation areas.

While this is progress for the Michigan DNR they still claim there isn't a breeding population and a recent spokesperson even stated wild cougars aren't expected to harm or kill other wildlife species or farm animals which calls into question what cougars are eating. Independent cougar experts are somewhat dismissive of the study because cougars are very adaptable and can handle human pressure. Their concern is not really corridors, pathways, and core patches but the need to study genetic limitations which could greatly hinder their future survival.

If readers of this column really want to dig deeper into this topic consider reading *Beast of Never, Cat of Good: The Search for the Eastern Puma* written by Bob Butz. The book covers a lot of research conducted by Dr. Patrick Ruzs and the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy located in Bath.

-WS

Fairfield Township Cemetery

Letter to the Editor:

Those that have loved ones at Fairfield Township Cemetery are asked to remove all artificial flowers, shepherd hooks, bushes, fences and small stones that are over 12 inches in front of the grave marker.. Absolutely nothing behind markers will be allowed now. The sexton needs to be able to mow with no interference. We don't want any stones flying from mower and hitting other cemetery markers. Due to our liability insurance in maintaining the cemetery we ask that you do this before October 1, 2022. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. After October 1, 2022 things remaining will be removed by the sexton and board. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the new cemetery ordinance can contact Carolyn Long to receive one at 989-277-4826.

Respectfully submitted by,
Carolyn Long, Clerk

Obituary

Richard David "Dick" Stutzman

Richard David "Dick" Stutzman, age 79, of Elsie, MI, passed away Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, Michigan.

Dick was born in Johnstown, PA on May 6, 1943, the son of Robert Stutzman and Ardene (Lynch) Graham. He married Gail Faye Stanley on September 29, 1962, in Tonawanda, New York. They were blessed with 59 years of marriage and she survives him. He worked for Johnson Controls in Owosso for 28 years. He enjoyed fishing, old cars, playing slot machines on his home computer. He also enjoyed watching old westerns.

He is survived by his wife Gail Stutzman, of Elsie, MI; three daughters: Terry Stutzman of Owosso, MI; Nora Loos of Owosso, MI; Debra and Ken Russell of Kinross, MI; one son, Richard and Karen Stutzman, Jr., of Elsie, MI; ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Michael Stutzman of PA. He was predeceased by his parents, one sister Mary, and four brothers: Robert, Eugene, Mark, and Alvin.

Funeral Services were at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie Chapel, on Monday, September 12, 2022, with Pastor Mona Kindel officiating. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie.

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



The Weekly Sportsman

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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Unveils New Turf, Durand Christens it with 28-22 Win

OVID-ELSIE — The O-E Schools unveiled all the glittering new improvements at Mark O'Donnell (New Turf) Field on Friday night, September 9.

Durand's smash-mouth, full house-T backfield played the role of the rude guest.

The Railroaders kept their perfect record intact at 3-0, 2-0 in the MMAC, with a 28-22 varsity football victory that featured a few new wrinkles. The Marauders, opening their home defense of their Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) title, dipped to 1-1 in the circuit, 1-2 overall.

O-E took the opening kickoff and moved smartly against a vulnerable Durand defense that had given up 31 points to Laingsburg and 52 to Montrose in the opening weeks of 2022. Logan Thompson and Jamison Custer were featured on the drive, but Ty Fielder's interception deep in Railroad territory ended the march.

One play later, with O-E stacked in against Durand's burly straight-T offense, RB Gabe Lynn broke down the middle of the field — wide open — and gathered in a 72-yard scoring toss from Austin Kelley. Alex Bruni ran in the two-pointer for an early 8-0 DHS lead.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders answered right back. Colin Veith found Braxton Stenger all alone on the home sideline and Stenger did the rest, sprinting 65 yards down the sideline to pay dirt. Veith found Clay Wittenberg with the 2-point pass and things were knotted at 8-8.

Still in the first quarter, the offensive fireworks continued as Bruni — on 4th and 2 — broke free from the clawing O-E defense on a 60-yard sprint. Kelley misfired on the two-point pass, however, and the Railroaders led 14-8.

O-E then grabbed its only lead of the evening. Veith completed a 14-yard, middle-screen pass-and-run to Thompson with 1:18 unplayed in the opening quarter, and when Julian Mortier kicked the PAT, the hosts were on top 15-14.



Running back, Logan Thompson gaining yards for the Marauders against Durand.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

After the electric offensive showings, the O-E defense seemed to force a turning point at 8:55 of the second quarter, ending a long Railroad drive with a fumble recovery at the Marauder 3-yard line. But a minute and a half later, the blue-and-gold coughed up their own bobble at their own 20.

The Durand offense pounced. :22 seconds later Kelley blasted in from two yards, Lynn bowled in for the two-point conversion, and the visitors led for good 22-15.

Defense took over in the second half. After a scoreless 3rd quarter, the Train Men added an insurance TD from Lynn from three yards out. Bruni's PAT kick was not good; still, Durand ruled the evening at 28-15.

Unable to generate much offense, the Marauders then shook things up, installing Custer at QB. He led a long

drive, utilizing his legs and his wideouts, and narrowed the gap to 28-21 on a one-yard blast with 1:08 remaining. Mortier was good on the PAT kick, Durand still leading 28-22.

The ensuing onside kick failed and the Railroaders escaped with a six-point win.

Veith finished 5-of-12 passing for 134 yards, two TDs and a pick. Perrien Rasch led the Marauder rushing attack with 10 carries for 44 yards. Custer rushed 7 times for 11 yards and a TD; Cohen Tyler and Landon Stoneman each added four yards on the ground.

O-E's offense really came on the strength of that first-half air attack. Wittenberg caught five passes for 117 yards; Beau Price one for 19; Custer one for 19; and Thompson one for 14.

Durand garnered 363 total yards to 221 for Ovid-Elsie. Thompson led the Marauder defense with 8 tackles, a sack and a tackle for loss. Stoneman was in on 7 stops, Kevin Ley 7, Wittenberg 6, Stenger 4 and Tyler 4. Hayden Pontack and Justin Cole each had two tackles for O-E.

Stockbridge Soccer Team Whitewashed by Wolves, 8-0

LAINGSBURG — Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack boys soccer team improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Greater Lansing Activities Conference (GLAC) with a convincing 8-0 victory over Stockbridge here September 7.

Paul Pageot scored three times, and the contest was stopped by mercy rule two minutes into the second half Wednesday.

Jake Essenberg, Alex Myers, Dylan Hulliberger and Kaleb Salas all scored off assists from Laingsburg's Brayden Thomas. Adam Myers scored off an assist by Dano Winans for LHS.

Hulliberger Boots 12th Goal of Young Season; LHS Soccer Guys Humble Lions

MAPLE VALLEY — Dylan Hulliberger buried four goals — giving him an even dozen on the early season — and the Laingsburg varsity boys soccer team humbled Vermontville-Maple Valley here, 9-0.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack mercied the Lions by half-time, improving to 3-1 in GLAC action, 5-1-1 overall.

Hulliberger scored once on a penalty kick and his fourth goal, Laingsburg's last of the game, came unassisted.

Jake Essenberg scored twice for the Wolfpack, while Brayden Thomas, Noah Devereaux and Dano Winans all scored once. In goal, Luke Snyder picked up his fifth shutout of the season.

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Sports

Marauder Volleyball Girls Show Grit Facing Busy, Early 2022 Slate

OVID-ELSIE — Facing seven matches in just three days, O-E's varsity volleyball team, under the direction of coach Caron Meister, was up to the task.

At the annual Saranac Quad, the Marauders went 1-2 vs. Carson City-Crystal, winning 25-23 then falling 23-25 and 14-16 to the Eagles; 1-2 vs. Zion Christian, 20-25, 25-16 and 7-15; and 0-2 vs. host Saranac, 24-26, 21-25.

"We started the night strong, worked well together and capitalized on successes," said coach Meister. "As the night progressed, we started to drop in energy and confidence which led to a few tough losses. When we all worked hard and together we did really well, but we need to find a constant with our energy throughout matches."

Just two days later, at the Birch Run Invitational, the Lady Marauders took on Imlay City (score 10-25, 12-25), Saginaw Valley Lutheran (11-25, 9-25), Goodrich (13-25, 17-25) and St. Charles (14-25, 16-25).

Explained coach Meister, "We started the tournament a little rough. Around the end of pool play we had a couple players get injured and were not able to play the rest of the day. This took a toll on us mentally, physically, and emotionally and it was really hard to come out of it. We were out of our comfortable rotation and that made it difficult to come back from."

Following the busy slate of action, O-E stood 3-12 including tournament games, 1-4 in dual match play.



12 Hailee Campbell at the net,
#7 Ellyana Carman.

Photo by Denise Burgess

Ashley Cross Country

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Cross Country team ran on Saturday at the Central Montcalm Invitational. Sophia Wirt came in 56th in 42:44. For the middle school runners, Peyton Rohn finished 25th in 15:34.92



Sophie Wirt

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GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek

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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 3

George Gates ran the table on the last four NFL picks on the Guru's slate — games that the rest of the field found considerably tough — and emerged as the winner of our renewed Gridiron Gurus pick-em contest, Week One. Tom Doubrava (2nd place), Dustin Alcaraz and Mike Cole (tied for 3rd place). Doubrava narrowly beat out the other two prognosticators with his 53-point pick in the tie-breaker. The actual tie-break score was 52.

The Guru was pleased to see so many loving couples enter the fray as healthy competitors. A word to the wise: the Guru is a wonderful, wonderful Wiz that was ... but he does NOT do marriage counseling. Just sayin'.

A highlight of Week One was how many prognosticators came close on the tie-breaker score, Michigan State 52, Akron 0. No one hit perfectly, but they had a pretty good idea what kind of thrashing Sparty would put on the Zips. As in 52-Zip.

The gimme of Week One was Boise State beating New Mexico. You're welcome.

Our fearless crystal-ball gazers had the most trouble with South Bama beating CMU, Iowa State putting it on Iowa, Duke beating N'Western in the "Academic Bowl (sic)," the Vikings humbling of an ugly Packers performance, and the Broncos last-second loss at Seattle. Sorry. The Guru didn't think the slate was that tough.

Several pigskin-pickers let us know of an obvious misprint ... two of our former "experts" (yeah, right) no longer exist in the contest. They had no bearing on the outcome, so no biggie. But we appreciate the heads-up. Ooooooh ... the pitfalls of copy-and-paste in the modern computer world. Admit it. We've all been there. The Guru's top-notch staff has sharpened their proof-reading lead pencils.

As for 2022's staff gurus; well, "guru" is too strong a reference. They were merely mortal, the Wolfman at 5-7 and Duffy pulling in at a "glittering" 4-8. Ugh.

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 Powers Its Way to First Football Win of 2022, Crushing Vikings

LAINGSBURG — Ty Randall accounted for four touchdowns with his arm — and his legs — and Mikey Brooks added a pair of scoring runs as Laingsburg powered its way to its first CMAC football win of 2022.

The Wolfpack's 49-0 shutout of Potterville came thanks to a monstrous first half, which led to a running clock in the second half. LHS lead 42-0 at halftime, climbing to 1-2 overall, 1-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). After a pair of close losses to open the season opposite East Jackson and Bath, respectively, Potterville slumped to 0-3, 0-2 in the CMAC.

The Vikings, with only six seniors and one junior on the roster — the rest were freshmen and sophomores — couldn't find an answer for Laingsburg's 396 yards of balanced offense. The Wolves averaged 14.1 yards per pass play, 8.5 on the ground.

The Vikes were limited to just 25 yards total offense facing a rugged Wolf defense led by leading tacklers Troy Matthews, Brock Johnston, Jack Audretsch, Mitchell Yates and Hayden Johnston. The red-and-white also picked off three of QB Braden Miresles' passes. Miresles managed must 4-of-20 aerials for 36 yards.

Brooks led the Pack ground game with 8 carries for 108 yards and twin TDs from two yards out — all in the first half. Lucas Matthews ran 5 times for 31 yards, and Audretsch twice for 24 yards including 21 yard sprint down the visitors' sideline for the game's final TD. Vance Klont added a nifty 21-yard punt return that he nearly broke for a touchdown.

Borgman, out of the backfield, was the Wolves' leading receiver with 6 grabs for 100 yards and opened the scoring with a 45-yard toss from Randall at 11:27 at the first quarter. LHS never looked back.

Later, Randall completed a 27 yard scoring strike to Eli Woodruff and a 5-yard TD toss to Borgman, all still in the first quarter. Randall made it 42-0 at the intermission on a one-yard blast at the 7:24 mark of the second stanza.

Woodruff ended the first half with 5 catches for 68 yards, Connor Hulliberger two grads for 34 yards, and Hayden Johnston one for 24 yards as Randall completed 15-of-21 passes for 231.

Audretsch was true on all 7 of his PAT picks for coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack, on Military Appreciation Night at the Laingsburg Athletic Complex.



#12 Ty Randall accounted for four touchdowns with his arm — and his legs. Photo by Burg Sports & More

Powell, Spitzley Lead Local Harriers at Annual Ovid-Elsie Invitational

OVID-ELSIE — The Marauder boys cross country team competed at their home Ovid-Elsie Invitational in the large school division here September 7, taking 9th in the 13 school field.

The annual meet was run in bright sunshines on the grounds of Uncle John's Cider Mill near St. Johns.

On the girls' side, Ovid-Elsie placed fifth among large schools with 147 points, led by Alexis Spitzley's 11th-place finish (22:16.99). Following Spitzley for the Marauders were Clarissa Baese (28th, 23:38.42), Kaia Spiess (30th, 23:45.83), Madison Thornton (31st, 24:03.63), Alyse Ladiski (54th, 26:33.82) and Isabella Loynes (55th, 26:34.43).

They Marauder boys were lead by Clay Powell who took 19th and made the podium. He was followed by James Kelly (40th), Ryan Gavenda (45th), JD Miller (46th), and Austin Smith (60th).

Powell's 19th-place individual finish was clocked in 18:39.46. Kelly ran in 20:19.28, Gavenda 20:4.48, Miller 20:34.77, Smith 21:26.72). Also for O-E, Gunner McCreery was 52nd (21:51.44) and Levi Ruben 83rd (23:04.49).

Frankenmuth dominated both the men's and women's large-school bracket, winning both races with 69 and 25 points, respectively.

Marauder Girls Capture First of Three MMAC

X-Country Jamborees

BYRON — Ovid-Elsie head coach Wesley Diener said it was a team effort that gave the Marauder girls a victory at the first of three MMAC jamborees this season.

The Marauder girls varsity cross-country team won the first conference meet of the season with a team score 24 points. Ovid-Elsie dominated the girls race at Byron High School, filling three of the top four positions and finishing with 24 team points. New Lothrop scored 51, Lakeville finished third in the team standings with 72, Montrose was fourth (111), Chesaning fifth (117) and Byron sixth with 145 points.

Piper White, a sophomore, ran first in a season-best 21 minutes, 37 seconds. Marauder senior Alexis Spitzley placed third

in 21:48, and O-E freshman Clarissa Baese took fourth in 22:28. Madison Thornton took 7th and Kaia Spiess rounded out the Marauder top 5 by taking 11th.

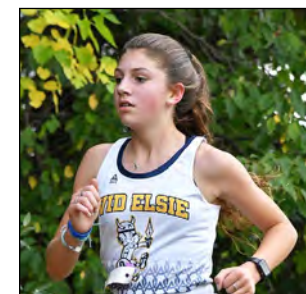
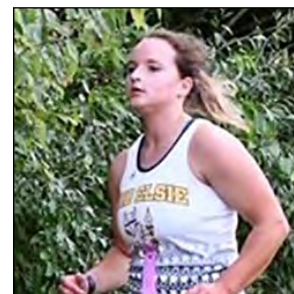
In the male competition, New Lothrop boys placed first in the team standings with 30 points. Chesaning was next with 55. Ovid-Elsie (70), Lakeville (79), Montrose (114) and Byron (167) completed the team standings.

Clay Powell of Ovid-Elsie ran fourth (18:24), while Corbin Walker of Chesaning was fifth (18:44).

Durand's best runner was Dane Songer, eighth in 19:14. Caleb Walker of Chesaning was ninth (19:22) and James Kelly of Ovid-Elsie was 10th (19:45). They were followed by Joshua Miller who took 18th, Gunner McCreery in 22nd and Ryan Gavenda in 23rd.



OE's Piper White finished first at the MMAC Jamboree. Photo by Michelle Ladiski



(Left) Alexis Spitzley placed third and (Right) Clarissa Baese placed fourth for OE. Photos by Michelle Ladiski

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SPORTS

Ashley Football Lets One Slip Away

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears took on Carsonville Port Sanilac last week and unfortunately didn't come out with the win, having turned the ball over too many times, the score was 32-22. "We had trouble with penalties, and turnovers and we were down three touchdowns before we could run three offensive plays. We spotted them 18 points before we could even get going on offense" exclaimed Coach Saylor. Ashley fought hard and made it close again and even had a chance to score with 2 minutes left to go and a timeout left, but once again fumbled the ball.

Offensively for the Bears Robert Kral went 10/21 for 129 yards from the quarterback position. Logan Drummond rushed for 151 yards and had 3 touchdowns, Bailey Long rushed for 34 yards, and Kral Rushed for 22 yards. Drummond also caught 3 passes for 26 yards, Will Long had 2 catches for 41 yards and Caden Passmore had 2 catches for 28 yards.

Defense was once again led by Drummond with 17 tackles, next came B.Long with 10 tackles, a sack, and recovered a fumble. Heath Powelson had 10 tackles, Gavin Malek had 5 tackles and Gibby Jason had 4 tackles and a sack.

Oilers Net Past Ovid-Elsie Tennis Boys, 7-1

MOUNT PLEASANT -- Ovid-Elsie's boys tennis team took on the Mt. Pleasant Oilers here September 1 and game home with a 7-1 loss.

"We played a match that was much closer than the final outcome, losing three matches in either 3 sets or tie breaks," said coach Mike Ritenburg. "We are still gaining experience for a young team without much of that."

Match-by-match results included:

Singles:

No. 1 - Jackson Veilleux def. Mason Ritenburg, OE, 6-1, 6-3.

No. 2 - Brady Funnell def. Bruce Thornton, OE, 6-3, 4-6, 10-6.

No. 3 - Lincoln Connors def. Gavin Chadwick, OE, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

No. 4 - Braden Lewis MP won by forfeit.

Doubles:

No. 1 - Xander Bardell and Tate Wager def. Justice Moore and Talan Parsons, OE, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

No. 2 - Piper St.Onge and Brendan Houser def. Nico Del Campo and Dom Kline, OE, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 10-6.

No. 3 - Alex Noreiga and Hayden Hamlin def. Jackson Custer and Tate Kline, OE, 0-6, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4 - Josh Brown and Chaycen Thornton, OE def. Luke Douglas and Caleb Burger, 6-0, 6-0.

Ovid-Elsie tennis boys earn first victory, 3-1 over Durand

Only singles matches were competed as Ovid-Elsie scored a 3-1 victory over Durand in boys tennis action on September 7.

Jacob Nebo broke through for the Railroaders at #1 singles with a 6-3, 6-3 nipping of O-E's Mason Ritenburg, and the Marauders owned the next three matches:

— No. 2 singles: Bruce Thornton def. Tim Halleaux, 6-0, 6-0.

— No. 3 singles: Gavin Chadwick def. Camden Shelly, 6-2, 6-2.

— No. 4 singles: Justice Moore def. Cameron Carsten, 6-3, 6-0.

Marauder Tennis Team Returns With 5-3 Record to Start 2022

OVID-ELSIE — After a two-year hiatus away from action, coach Mike Ritenburg's Marauder tennis boys are off to a solid start in 2022.

Behind key players: Mason Ritenburg, Jr., No. 1 singles; Gavin Chadwick, No. 2 singles; Bruce Thornton, No. 3 singles; Justice Moore, Talan Parsons, Gage Wiktoroski, Dom Kline, Josh Brown and Jackson Custer, the Marauders opened the season with a 5-3 record.

Those wins including victories over Eaton Rapids (5-2), Durand (7-1 and 3-1), Lake Fenton (7-1) and Lansing Christian (5-3).

Wolfpack Volleyballers Drop 3-1 CMAC Nod at Saranac

SARANAC — Ashley Bila led the defense with 26 digs, and Bella Strieff rained 12 kills for the Laingsburg varsity volleyball team, but the Lady Wolfpack fell to 1-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) with a 3-1 setback here September 7.

Coach Kelsey Jones' Wolves dropped to 5-7-3 overall, 1-2 in the CMAC with the loss.

LHS took the first game, 25-22, then dropped consecutive nods to Saranac, 21-25, 19-25 and 17-25.

Koerner Leads Ferris State Golf Team

BIG RAPIDS — Laingsburg alum Zach Koerner was the top-performing Ferris State Bulldog at the Arendsen Invitational held in Allendale Sept. 4-5, carding 220 over 54 holes (7-over par for the event), good for 10th-place individually.

As a team, Ferris State finished fifth.



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