

Thank You...Thank You... On behalf of the Carriage Days Committee, I speak for us all in thanking all who volunteered their time helping us pull off another successful Carriage Days Festival. We truly appreciate your help, without it, the festival would not run as smoothly as it did.

Special thanks to the two individuals who brought 2 new events to the festival, Lloyd McMaster, the arm wrestling tournament and Zach Loyne's, the corn-hole tournament. Thank you Rich, Cody and Randy of the DPW for always taking care of what we need both before and during the festival.

To all who purchased raffle tickets and those who volunteered to sell them, we thank you. The rib and chili contests were again a popular event during the festival, thanks contestants for sharing your cooking talents, the ribs and chili was delicious.

Last, but not least, a great big thank you goes out to our two corporate sponsors, Tony Young from Young Owosso/St Johns and Ed Arthur from Modern Woodmen, as well as all those who made donations to make the free entertainment possible over the weekend.

The car show that was planned during the festival was cancelled due to the weather. It is going to be rescheduled for an upcoming Sunday in October to be held in downtown Ovid, watch the Weekly for details. Thanks to Nate Hofferbert and Vinnie Lello for sponsoring this event.

The committee will be holding a wrap-up meeting on Wednesday, September 28th at 6pm. We invite all interested persons to join us as we access this years festival and discuss what could be done better for next year. Come share your ideas with us.



A Few Pricey Words

by Deb Price

Elsie Fall Festival

The Annual Elsie Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1st in downtown Elsie.

There are many activities for all ages to enjoy this year.

East Main Street: Golf Cart Show from 10am-4pm, see the Halloween decorated golf carts. Prizes.

11am-1pm Golf Cart Truck and Treat.

Library: Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Face painting, Story Hour at 11am, noon, and 1pm. 10am-4pm Kids games in the streets.

West Main Street: 11am-3pm Kids pumpkin/gourd painting, 10am-3pm Silent Auction; 10am-4pm Photo booth by Selfie Sensation.

Masonic Building (old pharmacy): Cupcake decorating contest. Vote with pocket change by 2:30pm.

Outside Village Office: 10am-4pm Touch a Truck. Bring the kids to see the Village's Fire trucks.

11am. Jaws of Life Demonstration.

Main Stage: Live entertainment 10am-4pm. Ovid-Elsie High School Band and Choir; Jordan Babbitt; Jamison Livingston; Tony Morris; DJ James Chapko.

3pm Awards & Lions Raffle Winner Announced.

In front of the Elsie Methodist Church: 5-7pm The Clarksons Concert.

Shopping along Main St.

Food: Pancake Breakfast 9am-noon. Presented by Elsie masonic Lodge #238 at Masonic Building. Perx& Pastries 8am-Noon. Foo G's; The Topsy Cow. Elsie Lions Club Food Tent; Traveling Tacos & More 11am-1pm.

Please bring a bag of non-expired, non-perishable food to donate to the Elsie Area Food Pantry. There will be a trailer near the center of town where you may place your donations. Monetary donations are also welcomed and there will be someone on site to collect them.



The Ovid-Elsie High School Marching Band participated in the Ovid Carriage Days Parade on Saturday, September 10th. More photos of Carriage Days on page 16.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, September 19, 2022. Official once again addressed a large audience. The evening took a shift from adults airing their complaints to students expressing their opinions and concerns.

Prior to the meeting a special meeting was held at which time officials retired in closed session. Upon returning in open session the following action was taken. Officials amended the agenda to include a new business item involving action not to release the second Recon report. The vote was a 6-1 vote with the descending vote coming from Brook Wooley.

Officials received a recap of the district's buildings activities. Ms. Rachelle Parsons, Leonard Elementary principal and Mrs. Alicia Ormesbee, EE Knight principal both reported that the school year started out in a very positive way. The Leonard Elementary Schools theme this year is super heroes with students striving to make kindness their super power. At EE Knight the painted rock garden is expanding to include a contribution from all of the students. The schools are focusing on "kindness." Academics testing is underway and interventions are being established to ensure student success.

Mr. Brian Powell, principal, reported that O-E Middle School has completed the annual testing and will establish interventions for students. The middle school has also adopted a super hero theme for the 2022-2023 school year. The Ovid-Elsie Middle Student Council getting geared up for Homecoming 2022. And finally, the professional development will focus on the "why" for students.

Mr. Jason Tokar reported that O-E High School is preparing for Homecoming. The schedule for the next week is very rigorous with hall decorating September 21, the court will be announced Friday, September 23. The powder puff games are slated for Sunday, September 25, 5:30 junior varsity and 6:30 varsity. Homecoming will wrap-up with the parade, game and festivities on Friday, September 30, 2022.

Melissa Jones, O-E District nurse, reviewed the COVID plan with officials. The plan was developed in coordination with the Mid-Michigan Health Department. The focus is to keep students in school with face-to-face instruction. It was noted that there will be no contact tracing and students and staff are asked to stay home when they are sick.

Officials took action to amend the agenda by adding a statement from Recon Management Group LLC. Mr. Eric Jones, board president, stated, "As previously noted, the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education hired Recon Management Group, LLC ("Recon") to conduct a fact-finding investigation regarding the former superintendent's use of District owned fuel in his personal vehicle. The June 2022 Recon investigation concluded that the former superintendent followed a past practice, but no Board policies were violated. Dr. Cunningham took all appropriate steps to resolve matters arising out of the past practice with a state agency and the Board of Education took steps to cease the past practice. In addition, local law enforcement officials were contacted, but no action was taken at that time. In June of 2022, the Board released the Recon investigation report to the public in the spirit of transparency and contends that a thorough fact-finding investigation was completed by Recon. Following the conclusion of the initial Recon fact-finding investigation, another concern was brought to the attention of the Board of Education, and it was decided to have Recon review the concern and determine whether any other employee engaged in this past practice. After Recon conducted several interviews with other individuals, Recon concluded that, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, no other employee utilized District owned fuel for their personal use. While the Board of Education always seeks to be transparent with the school community, the Recon fact-finding investigation report is an investigator-client privileged document and can only be shared if the Board of Education agrees to release the report to the public. At this time, the Board has decided not to do so as there was no Board policy violation. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this public statement, please contact me directly and those concerns will be addressed at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Education.

The second report will not be released to the public due to client/attorney privilege.

Kiah Longoria, student and Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Basketball player addressed the Board of Education, "today I would like to talk to you about Dr. Ryan Cunningham, and his application for head coach for the Girls Varsity Basketball team. First, I'd like to point out that I am aware that members of this community, and potentially some of you that sit on the board, are against him retaining this position for matters that I feel have already been addressed. I ask that you open your minds and hearts and listen to what I have to say on behalf of myself and our team regardless of your stance on Dr. Ryan Cunningham. My sole intent today is to talk to all of you about Dr. Ryan Cunningham as a coach, and what a coach means to me and not argue about his past transgressions as I feel they are completely separate. To me, a coach is someone who is dedicated, hardworking, and loyal. A coach is someone who believes in your abilities even when you may not believe in yourself. Someone who is motivating, and positive. A coach is someone you can trust and believe in. That is who Cunningham is to us. He is someone we can talk to because he will listen. He is someone who can admit when he makes mistakes, and he takes responsibility for them. Cunningham is big hearted and caring. He was a father figure on the court, and when some

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Thank you St. Jude.

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Hazel Seelhoff is Turning 90!

Hazel Seelhoff will be celebrating her 90th birthday on October 13th.

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OE Class of 77' Class Reunion

submitted by Dawn Reha

It's been 45 years since we walked across the stage at Ovid-Elsie High School! Getting the Class of 1977 back together for its 45th reunion has been in the works for the past several months. We are excited to announce our reunion date of Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 7-Midnight at the Korner Pub in Owosso. There is no charge; each attendee will pay for own drinks and food. Plans are also in the works for a tailgate at the Friday October 21 Ovid-Elsie vs Corunna football game as well as an informal breakfast on Sunday October 23.

The committee has been working to contact everyone via the class Facebook page (Ovid-Elsie High School Class of 1977), but have found several of our classmates aren't connected. A postcard mailing will be sent to the classmates' address on record. If you are or know of an OE Class of 1977 classmate, please encourage them to connect via the Facebook page or send an email to OEClass77@gmail.com. All the details of the reunion will be on the Facebook page and on the postcard being mailed out on September 26. We need a RSVP by October 1st.

An address for the following classmates is missing (please let them know we are looking for them):

Eric Anderson, Kathy Barrett, Mary Carr Smith, Kristeen Elliott, Brian Holt, Vickie Passmore Smith, Lori Smith, Brad Wisner and Rodney Ziegler.

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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.

Free Craft Class

submitted by Nancy Watkins

On Wednesday, September 28 there is a free craft class at Middlebury Methodist Church from 1:00 to 3 making a wreath for fall. There is limited space. To reserve your spot call 517-651-5198 or 517-256-8347.

Breakfast is Back

The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 Sunday Breakfast is back. Breakfast will be served to the public from 8am-11am every Sunday. The Legion is located at 1240 E. Grand River in Laingsburg. For more information call (517)651-6050. Bring the family for a delicious breakfast.

Pittsburg United Methodist Church

The Pittsburg United Methodist Church will be hosting a Butter Basted Chicken BBQ at the Bennington Township Hall on Sunday, October 2nd from noon-3pm as a curbside take-out only event. The menu will consist of a 1/2 chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, roll & butter and a cookie. The cost is by donation, with no change.

The Bennington Township Hall is located at 5849 S. M-52.

Elsie Fall Festival Seeking Golf Cart Participants

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Fall Festival slated for Saturday, October 1, is quickly approaching. The committee is promoting a golf cart competition, registration fees are \$5.00 early registration and \$10 for onsite registration. Participants are asked to decorate their golf cart in a Halloween theme and to bring candy for trunk or treat. The show will be from 11-1, with registration beginning at 9:30 on East Main Street. It should be noted registration fees will be donated to the Elsie Food Pantry.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry and include gift cards from Foo G's Pizza and Topsy Cow. Everyone will receive a gift for participating. Get creative and join in the community fun!

For more information contact Cassandra Jorae at 989-307-5883.

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parents couldn't attend our games. For me, it's Cunningham, or it's nobody. I have spent the last three years of my life playing basketball for him, and I don't plan on playing for anyone else. Cunningham led the 2021-2022 Girls Varsity Basketball team to not only a conference championship, but also a District Championship. Together we achieved something that hasn't been accomplished since 1984. Now you may say that it was the girls on the team that did that, but without Coach Cunningham, none of what we accomplished as a team would have been possible. Last week, the basketball team sat down with our new athletic director, Mr. Watson, to voice our concerns because we know this decision is supposed to, one hundred percent, lie with him, however all he had to say was that somebody has to lose. So now I ask you, the members of our board of education, and the community members that have joined us today, why does it have to be us? I want to ask you, how well you all really know Dr. Cunningham? Do you know who he is as a person? As a coach? Because we do. We are the ones who have spent countless hours with him. We are the ones who go to camps, and practices, and games. We know him. So, I ask you again, why does it have to be the girls, his players, that have to sacrifice the most, when we are the ones who know him best." It should be noted that the majority of the basketball team was present.

Parents and grandparents were present in support of Ryan Cunningham and will support the varsity girl's endeavor to retain coach Cunningham.

There were additional comments voiced at the meeting regarding the athletic code and the consequences for violating the code, it appears that there may be a double standard based on who the athlete is or changes are made but not amended in the student handbook so the consequences are unclear. Miranda Stoneman, Jeff Houska and Kelly Nethaway presented their concerns to the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education.

Randy Barton, interim superintendent, updated officials on the status of Sun Fund solar installation and the site at EE Knight Elementary School. He requested that officials rescind the original placement and table a decision until SunFund is present to outline the alternative panel placement. The issue was tabled until the October 17, meeting. Approved unanimously.

Officials took action to offer contracts to the following new staff members: Jerry Snyder middle school health/physical education; Kevin Steadman, counselor; and Lana Miller 6th grade science position and at Leonard Elementary Lisa Kirchner, special education educator. Officials also accepted with regrets the resignation of Monica Spicer, counselor.

At the end of the meeting Dr. Huff, board member, made the following comments. "It is really cool to see all the uses of the new football field, youth football, the band and other athletic teams. In addition, the basketball team was impressive, and asking us to put kids first."

Elsie Lions Club

On the evening of Monday September 12th the Elsie Lions Club held a joint meeting with Ovid Lions Club at Mary's Country Kitchen. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation of Awards to Carl and Becky Dehlke for years of Service, serving the Lions of Michigan All State Band, from 2015-2022.



Left to right are Lion Roger Weyersburg, Lion Tim MacNaughton Lions of Michigan All State Chairperson, Carl Dehlke (receiving awards), Deb Davis CEO of Lions of Michigan All State Band, Lions District Governor Tracie Tribble. (Missing from the picture is Becky Dehlke.) Congratulations to both Carl and Becky Dehlke on your years of service to the Lions of Michigan All State Band.

Walk to Defeat ALS

submitted by Allen Martin

Everyone is invited to come join the Martin family and friends – Team Larry – on Sunday, October 2, as part of the Michigan Chapter of the ALS Association's Walk to Defeat ALS. Walkers should meet in Ovid on the Fred Meijer CIS Trail (rail trail) near the water tower around 12:45 pm, with the walk starting at 1:00.

The course will be west along the trail to the Larry Martin bench near Hollister Road and back, a total of about one mile. The walk is a fundraising effort to assist those living with ALS, as well as help in the search for a cure to the disease.

Donations can be made online at: <http://web.alsa.org/goto/teamlarrymartin> or by mail to: Team Larry, P.O. Box 481, Ovid MI 48866, checks made out to ALS of Michigan.



Informational Meeting for Scotland, Ireland, Wales Trip Cancelled



submitted by Dana Blank

Community Members- **CANCELLED:** The meeting for the Ireland, Scotland, and Wales trip scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th, 6:30 pm, at United Church in Ovid is being cancelled and postponed.

There are several reasons we have decided to move the meeting to spring/summer. One of them is the unveiling of the Washington DC trip in 2024 for two grades of students and their parents at OEHS. We are considering a Summer 2025 trip and will have a meeting about two years out from that trip.

This postponement will allow people to start planning and saving to attend this wonderful experience.

We apologize ahead of time and continue to want to offer this opportunity to the Ovid & Elsie communities.

CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The draft minutes may be requested at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, or you may view them on the City's website at: www.ovid-mi.org.

Mayor Lasher opened the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Lasher asked the Clerk to take roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Starn, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Williams, Miss Hibbard, and Mr. Ordiway.

ABSENT: None

EXOFFIOS: Josy Medina-Clerk.

VISITORS: Richard L. Kirby, Chad Rousseau, Jaclyn Allen, Virgene Rector and Lisa Rousseau.

Mayor Lasher presented to the council the letter of resignation from Chief Ben Helms. Council accepted the resignation with regret and thanked Chief Helms for all he did in the short time he was employed with the city. Mayor Lasher then informed the council that an interview was held with Officer Lisa Rousseau for the position of Chief of Police. Officer Rousseau is currently a part-time officer for the City of Ovid. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Williams, second by Perrien to promote Officer Lisa Rousseau as our full-time Police Chief effective immediately with the pay benefits at the rate that is in the fourth paragraph from the top of the mayor's memo to the council dated September 16, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid



*"Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree."*

CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The draft minutes may be requested at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, or you may view them on the City's website at: www.ovidmi.org

Mayor Lasher opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Miss Hibbard, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. William, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Brown and Mr. Starn.

ABSENT: Ms. Perrien and Ben Helms – Chief of Police

EX OFFICIOS: Rich Simpson - DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier-Treasurer and Josefina Medina-Clerk.

VISITORS: None.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Brown, second by Ordiway to approve agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Brown, second by Williams to accept the minutes Regular meeting held on August 8, 2022 minutes as printed.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Brown second by Ordiway to accept the check register for the period of August 10th, thru September 9, 2022 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public comment can be viewed in its entirety in the full set of minutes.

TREASURER: A motion was made by Ordiway, second by Starn to purchase the program from Amalgam LLC in the amount of \$2,100 and to pay out of cemetery outside service exp. Line.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Brown, second by Williams to adopt the budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Williams, second by Ordiway to accept the Treasurer, Police & DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on the Senior Housing program.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Williams to send to Clinton County a letter in support of the Broadband initiative along the lines provided by Greenbush Township.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mayor Lasher updated council on the DWRP
4. Discussion was held on the invoice from Thornton & Sons.
5. A motion was made by Williams, second by Brown to approve the request from the owner at 217 N. West Street to get a relief on the sewer line of her bill to her average.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion was held on a request for medical leave by an employee.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Starn, second by Ordiway to accept the revised quote for the fence at the Little League Field.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

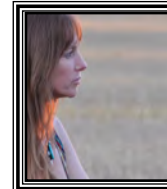
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Pent Up Emotions

by **LeeAnna Woods**
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Sure, something bothered you but it wasn't that bad, so you just forget about it, right? ... wrong! You only believed you forgot about it. Your subconscious, on the other hand, won't forget about it, and your body will store it for years to come. This cycle of forgetting it, brushing it off, or "sweeping it under the rug" instead of dealing with it, only causes term-oil later on in your life.

At first, these little things may seem like no big deal, but over time, they begin to grow into a huge pile of negativity. It then starts to fester and seep out into your life through your actions, reactions, relationships, work or jobs, and even slowly eats at your physical health, plus they can bring about so many other issues within your health too.

This process creates an imbalance in your body, causing blockages in its energy, making you become ungrounded and feel unsure, not right, or just off, and not yourself. Many people say they simply feel like something is wrong but they can't explain it, so they ignore how they are feeling.

When the energy of our body isn't flowing properly or becomes sluggish or even blocked, we can experience a lot of things. Depending on the area that is not functioning correctly, the experiences will differ, but overall, the unbalanced energy can take the form of many different problems or issues. Like anxiety, depression, physical pain, unhappiness, feeling lethargic, not caring, or overwhelmed, there's also things like jealousy, fearful of the unknown, loneliness, uncertainty, anger, insecurity, inability to forgive or have empathy, lacking of concentration, inability to make sound decisions, and so much more. That list doesn't even come close to naming everything, nor the physical things.

The range of issues are large in variety because each of the different locations affected by the lack of energy can each create their own havoc in each of the four states; emotional, mental, spiritual, or physical, leaving a multitude of variables and possibilities of symptoms for each individual.

Many things can start the drainage process of our energy like every day stress, an argument, negative situations, or other people's actions. That's why it's important to get out in nature as much as possible. Go for walks, be barefoot and feel Mother Earth beneath your feet, allow the sounds of the breeze to clear your mind and have the soil between your toes connect with Mother Earth to ground you again. This is known as grounding or earthing yourself and it really helps.

Meditation is another step forward in bringing calmness to oneself, as is yoga, qigong, and many other holistic healing methods.

Over the years, I have found that Reiki is one of the most important healing techniques to have done. This modality heals on all four levels (emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical), plus goes where it is needed the most during the session. Reiki is universal in its healing process, making it suitable for any religion, and is safe for everyone. Now, that doesn't mean everyone is open to it. Although, it has been found that those who are not open to it, also do not understand what Reiki is, they know nothing about it and are incorrect or misinformed about what Reiki is, which is truly unfortunate for them.

The benefits of receiving Reiki are amazingly helpful as it works on all the areas of the body's wellbeing. Providing a boost to the natural immune system through its deep state of relaxation, Reiki can give a jumpstart to the body's healing process quickly and the receiver is left in a state of pure peacefulness, feeling calm and relaxed, all while lowering the stress levels within the body.

In fact, Reiki is so helpful that they have used it to assist patient care at both of the renowned Cleveland and Mayo Clinic's. I have also heard doctors and specialists recommend Reiki to their patients as well.

Although Reiki should never be used as a replacement for any medical care, it can and is used as a complimentary boost for any medical care. Reiki works wonderfully with all forms of medical care and healing.

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Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Nurse Practitioner to Cancer Center

submitted by *Dianna Vsetula*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Markus Byron, FNP-BC, to our active medical staff. Markus will be joining our highly skilled and dedicated team of hematology/oncology specialists at the Memorial Healthcare Cancer Center.

Markus is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner with experience in assessing, diagnosing, and planning appropriate care plans. He received his Bachelor of Science in Movement Science from the University of Michigan, a Master of Nursing from Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in Ohio, and a second Master of Science degree in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner focus from Saginaw Valley State University.

For more information, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.

Health



Celebrating Dr. Michelle Becher's 1,500th robotic surgery are (front row, from left) Sparrow Carson Surgical Technician Emily Belyou; Dr. Becher (holding cake); and Marcy Dailey, RN; Back row: Jill Bartolo, RN; Surgical Services Manager, Cody Henderson; daVinci Clinical Sales Associate Nick Terry; and Surgical Technician, Traci Forist, RN.

Sparrow Carson Physician Performs, 1,500th Robotic Surgery

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY – Highly skilled Sparrow Carson Hospital physician Michelle Becher, D.O., recently achieved an extraordinary milestone: performing her 1,500th daVinci robotic surgery at Sparrow Carson.

Dr. Becher is one of a handful of surgeons in Michigan to reach the milestone and positively impact an astounding number of lives.

The daVinci Surgical System is state-of-the-art technology, often referred to as a robot, that allows surgeons to perform complex procedures through just a few tiny incisions. This minimally invasive technology allows patients significantly less pain, lower risk of infection, shorter hospital stays, less blood loss, minimal scarring, and quicker recovery time so they can return to normal activities sooner.

Dr. Becher works at the Sparrow Medical Group OB/GYN Carson City Clinic, caring for patients with endometriosis, heavy menstrual bleeding, vaginal prolapse, fibroids, ovarian cysts and other issues.

To learn more, visit Sparrow.org/SMGOB/GYNCarson.

Greater Lansing Food Bank Joins Feeding American's Hunger Action Month

submitted by Michael Steibel

LANSING, MI – Sept. 8 – For Hunger Action Month® this September, Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) will join Feeding America and other network member food banks to inspire people to join the fight to end hunger and raise awareness of people experiencing food insecurity across the United States. Food banks around the country are working to make a real and lasting impact on hunger in their communities, and they are asking for the public's support.

September marks the 15th year Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization with a nationwide network of 200 food banks, including Greater Lansing Food Bank, has organized the annual call to action. This year's campaign presents the impossible choices that millions of people in America are often forced to make between food and other basic needs.

"Many people may not give a daily meal much thought. For people facing hunger, a daily meal is not as simple," said Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America. "Instead, it becomes a different type of choice - an impossible decision between food or other crucial needs, such as electricity, childcare, or medicine. Nobody should be forced to make a choice to go hungry. With the public's support, we can come together to help increase food access for all people, so they no longer have to make such tough decisions."

Hunger Action Month is a time to mobilize to end hunger. You can choose to donate or advocate. You can choose to volunteer or raise awareness. You can choose to help end hunger. For more details visit: <https://bit.ly/3kLmtQG>

Memorial Healthcare Outpatient Pharmacy Relocates to Now Building

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare Outpatient Pharmacy has relocated to a new and improved location within the NOW Building.

Walk-in services at this new location are available. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7 am to 5 pm, closed daily from 12:30 pm to 1 pm. Patients can directly access the pharmacy through the "West Entrance" at the NOW Building located at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Suite 105 in Owosso. This location is considerably larger than the previous location inside the hospital, which allows for more efficient operations and accommodates higher prescription volumes.

Memorial Healthcare's pharmacy continues to provide services for all retail and specialty medication needs. Medication access coordinators are available to assist patients in securing insurance coverage and financial assistance support to make prescriptions affordable. Pharmacists support patients every step of the way from medication education to side effect management. With the 24/7 specialty pharmacy support line, specialty patients can reach a pharmacist for immediate clinical support over the phone whenever they need it.

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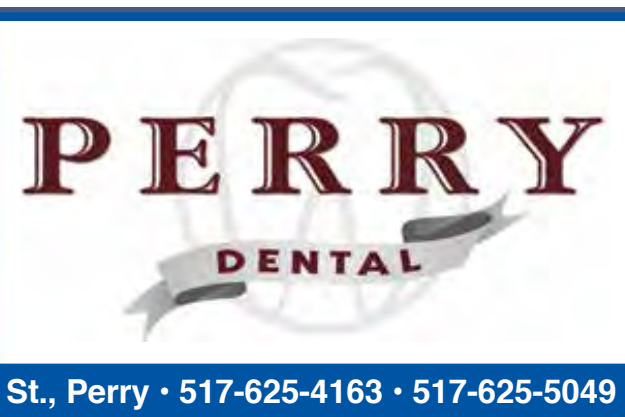
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Obituaries

Colleen Rae Gruesbeck

Colleen Rae Gruesbeck, age 87, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Monday, September 19, 2022, at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, Michigan.

Colleen was born on November 20, 1934, the daughter Henry Lee and Leona (Smith) Swender. She graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1953. She married Rolla L. Gruesbeck on June 28, 1953 in Ovid, Michigan. They were blessed with 66 years of marriage prior to his passing on April 4, 2019. She enjoyed baking cookies and gardening. Colleen had worked for Owosso Saving Bank and Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

She is survived by her children: Sue Plowman and Rick Troub; Chris and Randy Anderson; and Lynn and Lois Gruesbeck. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Eric (Mary) Plowman, Nicholas Plowman and Crystal Sidel, Adam (Alissa) Plowman, Jacob and Brianna Anderson, Scott Anderson, Lindsey (Kevin) Bell, and Katie (Joel) Roseberry; great-grandchildren: Molly, Olivia, Aubrey, Logan, Abby, and Alex. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Rolla and her brother, Norman Swender.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel , Ovid, MI, on Friday, September, 23, 2022, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel , Ovid, Michigan.



Ernestine Ruth "Ernie" Hatfield

Ernestine Ruth "Ernie" Hatfield, age 91, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, September 16, 2022, at her daughter's home.

Ernestine was born in Elsie, Michigan on January 2, 1931, the daughter of Eugene and Marguerite (Sexton) Moore. She enjoyed trips to the casino, camping up north and attending the Mackinaw Bridge Walk over Labor Day. Ernie was a member of the United Church of Ovid and the Eastern Stars.

She is survived by her sister Elizabeth "Annie" Mitchell of Ohio, son Ernest and Shannen Everts of Ovid, MI; daughters: Connie and Walter Sloan of Arizona; and Sally Wilson of Lansing, MI. She is also survived by twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren with two more on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Don Hatfield, and son David Everts.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

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

Robert "Bubba" Stanley Argersinger

Robert "Bubba" Stanley Argersinger age 75, of Laingsburg, MI passed away peacefully on 09/21/2022, after a long battle with cancer.

He was a 1965 graduate of Laingsburg High School.

Right out of high school he joined the Laingsburg Police Depart., then went on to work GM plant and Ionia Correction facility. Robert retired as a dedicated Police Officer. Afterward went to work driving semi for M & M Restaurant Supplies; then retired splitting his time between Michigan and Florida.

He then drove semi for Simons Brothers, when home in the summer from Florida. He was an extremely hard worker.

Robert's true passions in life along with family and friends were his love for playing cards, golfing and hunting.

Robert is survived by his wife Kay (Jakeway) Argersinger, son Damon, (3)sisters Brenda Chester, Linda Smith, Lisa Fiedler, brother Roger and many nephews and nieces.

Preceded in death his parents Stanley and Martha Argersinger, youngest son Chad and sister Sheila Doyle.

A celebration of life will be held October 8th, 2022 at the Laingsburg American Legion, at 2:00.

In lieu of flowers, consider donations to go to American Cancer.

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*Smith and his staff for their utmost care
and compassion.*

*The Maples Assisted Living, St. Cyril's
Catholic Church, Margaret Ann Horak,
Geri Winkler, and Elsie United Methodist
Church for the luncheon.*

*Also, thank you for the food, flowers,
memorials, love, support, and prayer shown.*

It will never be forgotten.

Love,

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Editorial



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

How do others perceive you? How do others perceive your church?

Certainly all of us try to put forth a positive image. We want to look good in the eyes of others. We know that a good impression works for us and conversely a bad impression works against us. Sometimes though, we can only do so much.

Whether we're talking about an individual or a group, a church or a company, if someone thinks that someone is a bad person, and that gets passed around enough, then irregardless of the facts, that person will be thought of as being bad.

How about you? Have you ever been accused of something when you knew that you were totally innocent? Or when someone misunderstood something that you said or did and told others about it?

At such times, it's good to know that you can fall back on a clear conscience and be at peace, knowing that God knows the real deal.

God will get us through any slander, libel, gossip, rumors, that may go around. He will get us through when we are innocent. Now, if we are guilty of what people are talking about, then that is a different matter. But God will defend His children who are innocent of any charges being held against them.

Ultimately there is only so much that we can do when people say false things against us. At those times, it is better to have a good character, that is, to know that you have done right, rather than to truly be in the wrong.

Also, take comfort that in such times you are in good company. Some called Paul out of his mind (2 Corinthians 5:13) and Jesus was called a glutton, drunkard and demon possessed. These things were said against the one who is fully human, fully God and lived a perfect life! If Jesus is going to get hit with such labels, how much more will Paul and we as well?

Notice that none of these charges against Paul and Jesus were true. This is something that's good for us to remember when we are called names, or worse, even though we've done nothing wrong.

Peter tells believers that we should be, "...keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 17 For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

- 1 Peter 3:16-18

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.

The following items needed are: Laundry baskets, paper towels, rubber gloves, bath towels, bathroom caddies, baby wipes, large trash bags, new mops, laundry soap, hand towels, Lysol supplies and dishwasher soap.

Please stop in at one of JFCU locations in Ovid, St. Johns or Fowler.

Getting Every Bite Right

The Saint Johns Seventh Day Adventis 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 Easy Canning and Preserving; Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m., Getter Every Bite Right; Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m., Mind Set Matters.

Free Admission, Free Health Materials, Free Giveaways, Free Food Tasting.

Optional registration (highly recommended): AttendSeminar.live/biterigh
Everyone is welcome!



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Time does march on, or maybe it just flies by as we are caught staring in awe at some occurrence or occasion. Interesting options seem to enter our realm on a daily basis or it just seems that way at times. Life is busy and we all have our expectations, great or otherwise. There are so many possibilities and many are very unpredictable and yet seem to follow an extraordinary chain of events. Last year Diane, Brent and I experienced a time filled with a food wagon. We got to know other food truck owners and expectations, Diane commented upon having a truck that one individual could operate by themselves. I found one that fit her expectations. It was not to be available until next spring, you would think that would be then end of the story. Heck no, out of the great beyond another opportunity that showed itself.

MG's Perx & Pastries has gradually come into being. Not quite ready to open yet, though we will be open on October 1st during Elsie's Fall Festival. Yes, we procured the shop from Bonnie. Of course we still need to pick up a few more items. It seems to take for ever to rearrange things to fit our expectations. Then there is the learning on how to make the flavored coffees and figuring out what teas should be on hand. The baking I comprehend, I have been tasked with getting the recipes typed and laminated so that we are all on the same page. After all technique changes the end product and we hope to offer the same product every time. This should get interesting, besides that I have not used a gas stove in over forty years. Fortunately Diane is good with any sort of cooking or baking paraphernalia, while in the Navy she attended the Culinary Institute in New York.

MG's Perx & Pastries will be open at 7:00 AM Wednesday through Sunday and closed on Monday and Tuesdays. Wednesdays and Thursdays we will close at noon and Friday thru Sunday we will close at 2:00 PM. The menu is similar to Bonnie's, the coffee is the same brand, and we will have yeast breads, quick breads, cakes, pies and cookies. Hopefully the smell of fresh baked goods will appeal to all. We will take orders for our baked goods and of course we will be closed on major holidays. In the future we hope to offer canning classes. Our page on Face Book will be up shortly, so please follow us.

This morning I'm having a rough time putting my thoughts down on paper, well actually putting them on the computer screen. Nothing seems to flow as well as I would like it to do. Besides doing the mundane errands yesterday like taking my pickup to have a tire fixed, I also got to have lunch with my sister and cousin Pam. Have you ever noticed that as we age we learn to appreciate each other more. I have been working on getting more involved with folks who have through the years always been kind and supportive. After a good chat with Pam, I met Diane, Brent, and Bonnie at the title company to finish some business and then had another meal out with my kids. Zipped to the banks and made it back to Elsie in time to get the water switched to MG's Perx & Pastries and now we need to get our post office box set up.

When I finally got back home I was drained. Some of it comes from the easing of tight muscles in my neck and shoulders. I don't do well when my muscles stiffen up, I will probably be the worst patient if I ever end up in the hospital. No doubt I will be very crabby if not down right cantankerous! It was pointed out to me that maybe the stiff muscles and pain were a way of getting my attention. Could be that it was either a lesson in compassion or a tonk on the head to slow down. Who knows?

May your days be filled with interesting events and wonderful happenstance. May God bless you daily and help us all stay focused.

Crystal Mitchell©2022



Passion first, and everything else will fall into place.
—Holly Holm



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

"An Understandable Misunderstanding"

"God makes a home for the lonely; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, only the rebellious dwell in a parched land (Psalm 68:6)."

John Steinbeck, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his novel about a parched land (The Grapes of Wrath) said, "We are lonesome animals. We spend all of our life trying to be less lonesome."

Put another way, we fill up our Saturdays with some "thing" to not be so lonely. We may not admit it, but we all live for our particular thing...golf, college football, travel, a boat, or a person. And those 3,600 Saturdays all add up to one thing — one life spent, on self.

But the Apostle Paul said, "To live is Christ." His "thing" was others, to tell everyone that our death riddle was solved in the resurrected Jesus. "I do all things for the sake of the gospel." His life was spent sharing a message to end loneliness and free prisoners.

We think this life is all there is and so we invest in it to stave off our loneliness. Paul disagreed. The real life is yet to come, so death is actually a gain. His full quotation is, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." No one thinks death is a gain. When we offer our condolences we say, "I'm sorry for your loss." But Paul says just the opposite, and more!

"I prefer to be absent from the body and at home with the Lord." Death (absent from the body) is preferable when you realize that Jesus Christ is truly alive, and waits for you to come home to the real world (no loneliness), to real "prosperity" (death-row prisoners ransomed and adopted by a cosmic billionaire). If you let Him, He'll lead you home too.

We're lonely because we don't know our Creator, filling up Saturdays in our prison cell with our "thing." We misunderstand. This life is a "puff of smoke." The next eternal life, where the risen Jesus is, is the real deal. It's an "understandable misunderstanding" because sin has deadened us, made us spiritually unaware of His love, and condemned us.

This sin-coma imprisons us in its death sentence. "The wages of sin is death," both now, making us spiritually dead and separated from God; and also in our physical death, forever separated. But if we give up, ask Him to take away our sin-tattoo, and trust His cross-payment for our sin...then we're released from prison (John 5:24). It's simple faith...a complete, genuine surrender that says, "I was wrong, I'm sorry, take me back."

Sadly, Steinbeck rejected Jesus' offer. "I am not religious so I have no apprehension of the hereafter, either in hope of reward or a fear of punishment." In 1968, Steinbeck died in New York City, on the Friday before Christmas...hours before his very last Saturday.

Now you know the truth. There's no misunderstanding. You can end your aloneness, come home, and be freed from the sin prison of selfishness. Or stay a rebel like Steinbeck in a parched land, condemned in your cell, waiting for your last Saturday.

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2022 Ovid-Elsie Homecoming

Friday, October 30
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Ovid-Elsie Varsity Football: Team includes: Gage Kyalevog, Braxton Stenger, Caven Brooks, Perrien Rasch, Isaac Orta, Jamison Custer, Cavan Mortinsen, Cohen Brown, Cole Workman, Colin Veith, Cohen Tyler, Beau Price, Tryce Tokar, Carter Kelley, Clay Wittenberg, Logan Thompson, Danilo Klikovac, Julien Mortier, Luke Follett, Clayton Fruchey, Landon Stoneman, Kevin Ley, Brayden Leland, Kole Middleton, Jaksen Jones, Hayden Pontack, Dawson Taylor, Joe Bancroft, Drake Ritter, Jake Bowen, Kevin Torrey, Kamryn Middleton, Brady Risinger, Orion Thomlison, Tony Vanderlip, Austin Darling, Breckin Kirby, Hunter Bates, Justin Cole, Alex Lopez. Head Coach: Travis Long. Asst. Coach: Joel Longstreth, DJ Chapko, Damien Miller.
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Sunday, September 25th - Powderpuff Football Games \$5.00 per person
5:30 pm: JV (freshman vs sophomores)
7:00 pm: Varsity (juniors vs seniors)

Monday, September 26th - Spirit Day: "4th of July"
Tuesday, September 27th - Spirit Day: "St. Patrick's Day"
Wednesday, September 28th - Spirit Day: "Dress for your Holiday"
(students wear outfits that correspond with their class holiday)
Thursday, September 29th - Spirit Day: "Class Color Day"
Halftime practice for court and band members at 10:40 am
Assembly (students play games on football field, weather permitting)

Friday, September 30th - Spirt Day "Blue & Gold"
Drive Your Tractor to School Day
Parade will take place at the O-E High School at 4:45 pm
Hog Roast at 5:00 pm in the high school cafeteria (donations welcome)
Pre-game begins at 6:45 pm • Football game against Chesaning 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 1 - Homecoming Dance 7:30 -10:30 pm

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Sports

Cavs Cool Off Marauder Tennis Team in Hard-Fought 4-3 Victory

CORUNNA — Corunna edged Ovid-Elsie 4-3 in boys tennis action on September 21, dominating singles action.

The Cavaliers went 3-1 in singles play. Colby Ardelean prevailed at No. 1 singles, defeating the Marauders' Mason Ritenburg, 6-1, 6-0. Corunna's third singles player Braylon Davis topped Gavin Chadwick 6-1, 6-3. Joe Knieper, at fourth singles, downed Ovid-Elsie's Josh Brown, 6-1, 7-6 (3).

Corunna's No. 1 doubles squad of Dominic Vandusen and Cora Tuller defeated Dom Kline and Gage Wiktoroski, 6-2, 6-4.

O-E prevailed at No. 2 singles, with Bruce Thornton topping Blake Princinsky, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Coach Mike Ritenburg's Marauders also won at No. 2 doubles, with Justice Moore and Nico Del Campo defeating Braxton Galbavi and Logan Fox, 6-2, 7-5, and No. 3 doubles, with Jackson Custer and Tate Kline beating Joel DeLorge and Harrison Lindberg, 6-1, 6-1.

Wolfpack, Blackhawks in 1-1 Tie on Soccer Pitch

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg's Brayden Thomas knotted the score on a second-half shot from the right side and the Wolfpack battled the Leslie Blackhawks to a 1-1 tie here September 21.

"We should have done better — we were on our heels and had a slow start," Wolfpack coach Natalie Elkins said.

Laingsburg stood 6-2-3 overall after the non-league action.



We Got It Wrong!
 Joses Harrod was spelled wrong in the September 18, 2022 edition.

5 Year Old -
 1st- Joses Harrod
 2nd- Emerson Guy
 3rd- Conner Call

Vermillion Creek Colonial Gathering

submitted by Scott Mann

Please plan to visit us at Peacock Road Family Farm, 11854 Peacock Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848 for the fourth annual Vermillion Creek Colonial Gathering October 1st and 2nd. This is a Colonial Period (1750-1790) Living History Encampment that will include: historical demonstrations of period life skills, music, cooking, crafts, artillery and mock battle scenarios.

Fun and educational for the whole family while getting a glimpse of life at the time of our nation's founding as living historians portraying Native American, French, British and American soldiers and civilians of the colonial period go about the activities of daily living during the eighteenth century.

The event will take place from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturday and 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Sunday.

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What we shared will never die;
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Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part.

We love and miss you forever,
Paulette Somers
Susie Olds and family
Kathy and Greg Wirostek and family



2022 Ashley High School Homecoming
Saturday October 1st at
2:00pm vs Akron-Fairgrove



ASHLEY FOOTBALL: Front row (l-r) Trent Bylsma, Logan Drummond, William Long, David Johnson. Second row (l-r) Jon Snider, Aiden Denman, Andrew Passmore, Robert Kral, Bailey Long. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Jake Schmidt, Heath Powelson, Caden Passmore, Gavin Malek, Gibson Jason, Chase Kral, Head Coach Kevin Saylor.

The Homecoming Parade is scheduled for
Saturday, October 1 at 11:30am.
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**Victor Township
Clinton County, MI
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Proposed Board Minutes
from September 12, 2022 meeting**

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor J. Conklin at 7:02 pm.

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

Public Comment: Victor resident, Mark Burkhardt suggested the township consider a pickle ball court and asked the board to name the fire hall after Warren Malkin. Concerns over brush spray and road brine were presented by several residents. Andrew Wiswasser requested to be added to the agenda.

Agenda: Motion by J. Conklin to add Wiswasser, time/weather sensitive projects and Clerk transition to the agenda and approve. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to approve the August 08, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of bills: Motion by Townsend to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$10,828.53 using checks #12370-12378 and EFT 166-168 & stub 17. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Townsend to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,224.70 using checks #28598-28624. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Officials: County Commissioner Stacey reported on the broadband task force grant application progress. County commissioners are still developing plans for a new jail facility.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Dr. Chuck Nelson provided updates on survey results and conveyed concern over maintenance items. Planning Commission proposed minutes are being drafted by Julie Townsend for the August 29, 2022 meeting due to Secretary Dave Sell's absence.

LSW: Townsend attended meeting. LSW has 8 paramedic and 8 EMT's on staff as of August 17, 2022.

Maintenance & Facilities: Position is vacant. Light pole has been ordered. Delivery in 4-6 months. Another parking lot light pole was hit. J. Conklin suggested replacing light poles with a lower cost option than originally ordered. To be discussed further at September 27, 2022 special meeting.

Correspondence: 2022 Tax Levy and Lake Victoria Day of Review was provided to the Board.

Unfinished Business:

- **Marihuana** – 200 responses reviewed. Marihuana ordinance to remain.
- **Broadband** – Richard Lange reported updates and Stellar Broadbands plan to submit RFP to county.
- **Hazard Mitigation** – No updates.
- **Maintenance Position** – RFP has been posted on social media, newspaper and the website. One RFP was submitted. RFP reviewed. Motion by Fickes to accept proposal. Supported by Townsend. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Cemetery Roads** – A special meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Motion by Townsend to draft an RFP for road project. Supported by A. Conklin. Roll call vote. J Conklin opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Deputy Clerk Resignation:** Clerk Conklin appointed Lianne Prange as Deputy Clerk.
- **Tax Rate Request:** Motion by J. Conklin to approve L-4029. Supported by A. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Propane Tank Fence Proposals:** J. Conklin to obtain an additional quote.
- **Andrew Wiswasser:** Candidate for County Commissioner District 1. More information can be found at www.electandrewwiswasser.com
- **Time/Weather Sensitive Projects:** To be discussed at the September 27, 2022 special meeting.
- **Clerk Transition:** A. Conklin provided the board with her resignation letter. Resignation effective October 11, 2022 unless the position cannot be filled. A. Conklin plans to train the deputy clerk until October 11, 2022.

Extended Comment – Resident Tim Vail asked the Board how a non-resident is registered to vote in Victor Township and running for office. Clerk Conklin provided Mr. Vail with challenge reference. Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

Youth Hunt



Congratulations to our grandson, Dominic Scalzo, successful deer hunter during youth hunt, 8 pt buck taken near Elsie. Thanks, Richard Easlick

Pastor JD Paik Public Welcome

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Pastor JD Paik became part of the Elsie United Methodist family at the onset of the COVID pandemic and a formal introduction to the community was put on hold. Life is now getting back to normal, Pastor JD will be opening for the Clarksons at the gospel concert on the street slated for Saturday, October 1, 5-7 pm, located in front of the Elsie United Methodist Church, 160 W Main Street, Elsie. Everyone is invited to welcome Pastor Paik and to enjoy an evening of community and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.



Rep. Filler Votes on State Emergency Powers

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler and the Michigan House today approved a plan to make state government more accountable to Michigan citizens when emergency powers are exercised.

The comprehensive 30-bill package currently awaiting Senate approval improves upon existing state laws that provide the governor and state department heads increased authority during emergency situations. These emergency powers were used more broadly than ever before during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part of the plan ends the application of certain administrative authorities after 28 days, at which point the Michigan Legislature would decide whether circumstances warrant the extension of the emergency powers.

To ensure legislators are aware of the use of emergency authority, other bills would simply require the executive branch to notify the Legislature in a timely manner – typically 24 hours – after some powers are exercised.

Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame

The Committee of the Michigan State Polka Music Hall invites the public to attend the Induction of Kevin Somers of Elsie, David Slivinski of Cedar Springs, Sylvester Wienclaw of Wyandotte and David Wygocki of Davidson as they are Inducted into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame to be held on October 2, 2022 in Owosso, Michigan at the Z Hall, 775 Owosso Street, Owosso, MI.

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Presentation of Honors 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Doors open to Public at 5:00 p.m. for the Z Hall 'Oktoberfest'. Dinner and dancing 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Entertainment by various Michigan Polka Hall of Fame Musicians.

Admission: \$27.00 per person; Children 6-12: \$10.00. Advanced Dinner tickets only - Deadline is September 28, 2022. Cash bar.

For tickets call: 989-875-3378.

To dance is human, to polka is divine. — Unknown



Volunteers Needed for Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee

submitted by Helen Howard

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee is seeking persons to consider volunteering with the nonprofit, which serves Shiawassee County residents.

The program serves adults who have ongoing health and medical challenges, especially if their family caregivers need respite volunteer services. The volunteer service is based on availability of volunteers for each community.

The largest need for volunteers is to be matched with and serve adults with ongoing health needs, and their caregiving families, and especially persons who are frail, elderly, and living alone. Respite volunteers typically spend one to three hours a week of time with the person they are matched with in their own community, and help as needed depending on each person and family caregiving situation. The volunteers provide friendly visiting, play cards or board games, help the person with hobbies, and provide respite to the family caregivers. Volunteers willing to be matched with someone are needed throughout the county.

The next Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee Volunteer Training Workshop will be Tues. Oct. 25th from 10 am to 12 noon at the Parish Center, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 111 N. Howell St., the entrance is on the north, and near Brady St. The training is an opportunity to learn more about the program, and volunteer opportunities that are available. There are multiple volunteer opportunities; volunteering for a person with health/medical challenges in the volunteer's own community, providing respite for the family caregiver, helping at the office in Owosso, helping with events, helping with special projects.

If this day, time date, or location is not convenient for someone interested in participating, a mutually convenient time and location can be set up.

Persons who are interested in attending the workshop are asked to register in advance office@respitevolunteers.org or 989-725-1127, or stop by the office. Adults with health and medical challenges, and their family caregivers may also contact Respite Volunteers to request an evaluation to receive services. Area Employers wanting to provide information to their employees, who are also family caregivers may also call to schedule presentations, and meetings.

The office of Respite Volunteers is at 710 W. King St. Owosso, the historic brick home just east of Memorial Healthcare hospital, please use the main entrance, which is on the parking lot side (north side). Interested persons, can request to meet with the Respite Volunteer staff prior to the workshop. The office is usually open M-F 8 am -4 pm.

Clinton County Historical Museum

submitted by Judy Hubler



The Paine-Gillam-Scott House has gone through changes through the inside of the house. We opened this spring featuring new repairs and interior design changes. Now the museum is getting a facelift outside. The work will continue in a few areas but you are invited to visit and view the changes made to the inside and outside of the house. Thanks to Michigan Graphics for installing the pediments over the exterior windows.

Don't forget the Swegles General Store and the Carriage house. We continue to receive artifacts with local provenance for all buildings in the complex and there is always something new to see. Don't forget to view the 2022 display of the notable people born in Clinton County. You may be surprised what they accomplished in their lifetime.

The complex is open Wednesdays 2pm – 6pm, and Sundays 1pm – 4pm. Closed holiday weekends. Located at 106 Maple St., west of the Courthouse. Questions, contact us at 989-224-2894 or 989-292-9096. Email pgsmuseum@gmail.com, our website pgsmuseum.com and Facebook at Clinton County Historical Museum, Paine-Gillam-Scott House.

Elsie UMC to Hold Concert October 1

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie United Methodist Church and Shepardsville United Methodist Church are sponsoring a gospel concert featuring Jack and Tess Clarkson. The event is slated for Saturday, October 1, 5-7 pm, following the Elsie Fall Festival. The community is invited to attend, this is also an opportunity to meet Pastor JD Pak. The concert will take place in front of Elsie United Methodist Church on West Main Street.

Participants are encouraged to support the Elsie Lions Club by picking up dinner and then joining the festivities in front of the Elsie United Methodist Church on West Main Street. There will be bleachers provided, but lawn chairs are welcome. Also, during the intermission refreshments will be served.

Growing Coalition Urges Michigan Legislators to Stand Up For Michigan Businesses, pass 'Buy Michigan' Plan

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler (R-Clinton County) and Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint), with support from Michigan business owners and representatives from the Michigan Chamber, Small Business Association of Michigan and the Southwest Michigan Chamber of Commerce, today called upon state legislators to support House Bill 4902 and Senate Bill 117, also known as the Buy Michigan plan.

The bipartisan and bicameral legislation, introduced in February 2021, is intended to help more Michigan headquartered businesses successfully procure contracts with the State of Michigan.

Sen. Ananich and Rep. Filler are urging their colleagues to give "Buy Michigan" a chance.

"Creating good paying jobs right here in Michigan has always been one of my top priorities," Ananich said. "To do that, we must support Michigan's businesses and help them grow. That's what Buy Michigan is all about, giving Michigan businesses a fair shot that will benefit all of us."

"I've spent my time in Lansing fighting to create opportunities for Michigan's small businesses," Filler said. "This legislation is yet another tool that will allow us to help our businesses bounce back and put our tax dollars to good use by keeping more of it right here in Michigan."

Buy Michigan will require the State of Michigan to give Michigan companies a seven-day window to resubmit their original bid at a lower price if their bid is undercut by an out of state company. More than \$16 billion is dedicated to procurement of goods and services through the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) every year. This legislation creates a tremendous opportunity to ensure more of Michigan's tax dollars support local businesses and invigorate Michigan's economy.

While the legislation gives local job-creators a competitive edge, it does not undercut the free market by requiring the contract go to a Michigan headquartered bidder. It maintains the requirement that DTMB award every taxpayer funded contract to the "responsive and responsible best value bidder."

Businesses, labor unions and affiliated organizations from across the State of Michigan including, AFSCME, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Association of Michigan, and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce and elected officials from Macomb County, Wayne County, Oakland County and the City of Detroit are joining companies like Detroit Salt by urging lawmakers to pass this important legislation.

Southwest Michigan Chamber of Commerce President Arthur Havlicek called Buy Michigan "a commonsense way to support Michigan businesses."

"Michigan is poised to receive billions in funding for a wide range of goods and services," Havlicek said. "Businesses all over Michigan were hit hard by Covid-19 and high inflation rates. We need out-of-the-box solutions to help us move forward. That is why I support Buy Michigan."

Rep. Filler Shoots Down Deer Hunting Harvest Reporting Requirements

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler this week voted to eliminate a requirement recently put in place by the unelected Natural Resources Commission (NRC) that, if allowed to stand, could result in criminal penalties for deer hunters who fail to comply.

The NRC mandate taking effect this year requires all hunters to report detailed information to the Department of Natural Resources within 72 hours of harvesting a deer in Michigan. Anyone who does not complete the online report can be charged with a misdemeanor. House Bill 6354, approved by the House on Wednesday, would prohibit the NRC from requiring hunters to report harvested deer.

"No one should face the possibility of jail time because they don't have internet access at deer camp and can't comply with the new requirements made up by overreaching unelected bureaucrats," said Filler, of Clinton County. "I'd like to put a stop to this before hunting season begins."

House Bill 6354 now advances to the Michigan Senate for further consideration.



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Ovid-Elsie Gets Back on Track in MMAC Football, 16-6 over Montrose

MONTROSE — Clay Wittenberg delivered 12 tackles and Kevin Ley had a pair of sacks as the Marauder defense dominated the host Rams in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) varsity football action here September 16.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders shut out a potent Rams offense for three quarters in a tough-as-nails 16-6 victory, moving O-E to 2-2 overall, 1-1 in MMAC action. Montrose, which had recently amassed a ton of offense in a remarkable 56-52 MMAC loss to Durand, slumped to 0-2 in the conference, 2-2 overall.

"We pulled out a good Marauder win," explained coach Long. "We'd been battling some illnesses lately."

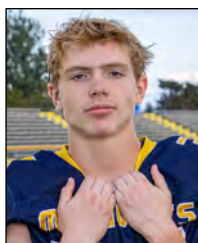
Montrose didn't break the ice until there were just :43 seconds left to play, on a Zack O'Neal 11-yard run. The two-point conversion pass from O'Neal was no good.

But by that time, the late TD was academic. The Marauders had iced the game on Jamison Custer's 6-yard run in the second quarter, a 27-yard field goal from Julien Mortier in the third stanza, and Logan Thompson's 30-yard scamper to open the fourth period.

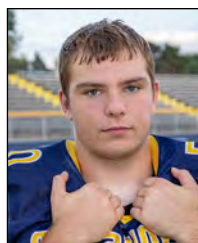
The Rams were limited to 231 yards total offense — 113 through the air — as Wittenberg racked up three tackles for loss and Logan Thompson picked off an O-Neal pass. Perrien Rasch contributed 7 tackles, Beau Price 6, Cohen Brown 5 and Justin Cole 4 to help anchor the O-E defense.

Offensively, Custer and Thompson each rushed for 74 yards, with Custer averaging 6.7 yards per carry. Cohen Tyler picked up 43 yards and Rasch 28 on the ground, respectively.

Wittenberg also led O-E in receiving with a pair of grabs for 20 yards. Marauder QB Colin Veith was true on 4-of-10 aerials for 49 yards.



Clay Wittenberg



Kevin Ley



Jamison Custer



Logan Thompson

Bears Lose to Peck at Home

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley football team hosted Peck for a Friday night matchup last week. Peck came out strong and Ashley trailed and fought hard to keep the game close but fell short. "We fought hard tonight but just came up a little short. Peck is a good squad and we knew that we'd have to have our best game. We have some things to work on and get ready to play North Huron next week" said Coach Saylor.

Logan Drummond led his team on both sides of the ball. Defensively he had 15 tackles, he rushed for 24 yards and had two kickoff returns for 75 yards. Heath Powelson had 5 tackles, Gavin Malek had 6 tackles and Gibby Jason had 4 tackles. From the quarterback position Robert Kral went 10/21 for 144 yards and a touchdown. Jon Snider also added 7 carries for 18 yards and from the receiving end Will Long had 5 catches for 81 yards and a touchdown and Gibby Jason had one catch for 33 yards.



GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek
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Nutter, Lagunas, Alcaraz rule the Guru in forecast Week#2

This week our Gurus are all about your first time.

Remember your first car? Remember your first kiss? Remember when you first fell in love?

Well then. Rodney Weisenberger just developed (at least) a major crush, running through the Guru field in his first go-round with this crazy contest. Big Rod went 11-1 and finished in a tie with several other Fearless Forecasters for the football funds.

Actually, they're not funds. It's more like some great pizza. Yet, we digress ... Rodney actually lost in the tie-breaker pool. But we're still impressed.

Jack Nutter of Elsie was the Week 2 winner at 11-1, with a tremendous tie-breaker pick that was just one point off the actual (67). Edith Lagunas finished second in the tie-breaker, and Dustin Alcaraz took third place after the tie-breaker.

Most prognosticators picked way too low ... the combined MSU loss at Washington point total was 67 tallies on the Huskie stadium scoreboard.

You can thank the Guru right now for serving up such a fluffy schedule in Week 2. Who knew? The calculator went haywire when the Guru tried to decipher the winning % over all those who entered the Week 2 contest. Simply put: all did very, very well.

The Guru will try to make things much tougher in weeks to come.

The biggest stumbling block for our Fearless Field of Forecasters was the Steelers loss to the Patriots. Oh, how far Coach Belichick has fallen out of favor ... at least in our mind's eye?

As for our "staff" picks ... this is more like a staph infection. The Wolfman holds a one game lead over Duffy's Ghost, 14-10 to 13-11 overall. Both went 9-3 in Week 2.

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



Dylan Hulliberger had his second hat trick of the season against Chesaning. Photo by Burg Sports

LHS Boys Rally Past Indians, Run Soccer Record to 6-2-2

LAINGSBURG — Dylan Hulliberger recorded his second hat trick of the season and Nate Ferry opened the scoring at the LHS Athletic Complex, in a 5-1 non-league soccer victory over Chesaning.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack (6-2-2) added a goal when sophomore Marlon Graham scored to put the Wolves in complete control by the halftime break.

Brayden Thomas made it 4-1, Laingsburg, before Hulliberger scored his third and final goal. He now has 15 scores on the 2022 season.

Adding one assist apiece for the Wolfpack were Adam Myers, Hulliberger and Thomas. Luke Snyder, in goal, stopped 11 Indian shots.

FLINT POWERS 3, WOLFPACK 0: The Wolves dropped a 3-0 nod to Flint Powers for their second loss of the campaign. "This was one of several games I scheduled to challenge our team," said coach Elkins. "Powers is a several time state runner up."

WOLFPACK 2, PORTAND 2: Laingsburg settled for a 2-2 tie vs. the Raiders at Portland in a very physical game. Both goals were scored by Brayden Thomas — in the first half with an assist from Adam Myers and a 2nd half goal unassisted after a throw in. Thomas threaded through four defenders and rocketed a shot into the right corner with 5 minutes left.

Bath Continues to Rule GLAC Girl's Golf Action

East Lansing — The Bath Lady Bees continued to rule Great Lakes Activities Conference (GLAC) play recently, with big wins at Timber Ridge and at The Medalist GC.

The Bees limited their game to 209 strokes on September 13 at Timber Ridge, with three players scoring in the Top Five: Anna Schaibly 40, Aubrie Schaibly 50 and Kaitlyn Dickey 58. Team scores were Bath 209, Lakewood 231, Olivet 240, Perry 248 and Laingsburg 310.

At The Medalist, coach Greg Beavers' Lady Wolfpack scored 301 strokes, trailing Bath 200, Lakewood 216, Olivet 223 and Perry 241.

Anna Schaibly took top honors with 43, and Lakewood's Makenzie Vasquez was runner-up with 47.



Bella Strieff attacks the net with 12 kills for Laingsburg against Swartz Creek. Photo by Burg Sports

Wolfgals Win in Four Volleyball Sets Over Swartz Creek Dragons

LAINGSBURG — Ellie Baynes and Bella Strieff attacked the net, each with a dozen kills, and the Wolfpack varsity volleyball team subdued Swartz Creek here in four sets, in non-league play.

Coach Kelsey Jones' Lady Wolves climbed to 7-9-3 overall with a 26-24, 25-12, 20-25 and 25-19 nod over the Dragons.

Brynn Wilson and Callie Clark powered the LHS defense, each with 14 digs. Wilson added 28 assists to set up the attack game for the Wolfpack, which won big in the middle of Homecoming Week 2022.

Ashley Cross Country

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Cross Country team had two meets this past week. The first was hosted by Chesaning and took place at Showboat Park. Sophia Wirt finished in 41:51.49. For the middle school race, Peyton Rohn finished 8th in 15:02.32, Trevor Dolloff finished 8th as well with a time of 13:31.74. On Wednesday they traveled to Merrill and ran at Lake of Dreams. Dolloff improved his time to 13:20.63 finishing 4th, Rohn finished 25th in 15:31.73.



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Marauder Volleyball Girls Fall to 0-2 in MMAC With Tribe Loss

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team played well — but faltered late — in a MMAC loss to Chesaning here September 20.

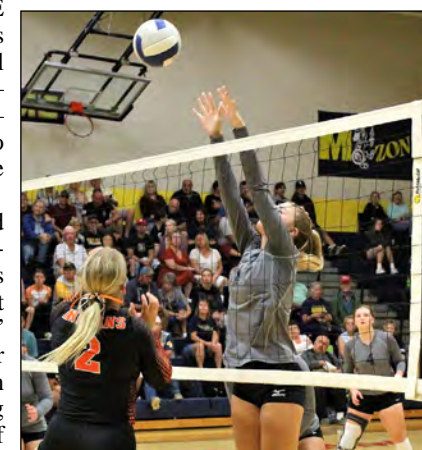
"We had moments of greatness and moments of getting caught watching the game," said Marauder coach Caron Meister. "Chesaning was on the balls of their feet the entire night and we were on the balls of ours about 75% of the time."

O-E kept it close, but lost two sets to three: 21-25, 25-20, 25-23, 14-25 and 8-15.

"We just need to continue to push towards having consistency all throughout the sets and not just in the first three," said coach Meister.

MOUNT MORRIS HANDS MARAUDERS FIRST CONFERENCE LOSS: The Mt. Morris Panthers dominated the MMAC volleyball opener for both teams, 25-9, 25-5 and 25-9 over the Lady Marauders.

Said coach Meister, "We had a rough night playing a different rotation due to several injuries. The night started with us coming out very strong and then Mt. Morris earned some really good kills."



Ellyanna Carman had a block for Ovid-Elsie against Chesaning on Sept. 20. Photo by Denise Burgess

Wolfpack 'D' Comes Up Big at Saranac in 27-0 CMAC Win

SARANAC — The Laingsburg defense pitched its second-straight shutout, and the Wolfpack evened its varsity football record at 2-2 with a 27-0 thrashing of Saranac here September 16.

Junior QB Ty Randall completed 9-of-16 passes for 101 yards and a touchdown as coach Brian Borgman's Wolves moved to 2-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). The decisive win also served as a good tuneup entering the Pack's Homecoming showdown with arch-rival Bath.

Jack Borgman ran for 107 yards and the Wolfpack outgunned the Red Hawks in total yardage. Eli Woodruff and Borgman each had catches totaling 31 yards. Randall found five different receivers with completions, including Kyle Thelen, Connor Hulliberger and Seth Sivak.

Thelen caught a 19-yard scoring strike from Randall. Mikey Brooks opened the scoring on a 4-yard blast at 10:13 of the second quarter. Randall rushed for 67 yards and one TD on the ground. Jack Audretsch was good on three of his PAT boots.

The third Wolfpack score came when Audretsch jumped in front of QB Cody Whipple's pass and returned it to pay dirt in the fourth quarter — the defensive highlight of several for LHS on the evening.

Laingsburg rolled to 309 yards total offense, 208 on the ground. Through four games, LHS scored 128 points to 78 points against, an average game score of 32-19.

But the bone-crushing defense earned the spotlight in this matchup. Seth Sivak led LHS with 8 tackles, Mitchell Yates delivered 5 solo tackles. Eighteen different Wolves were in on tackles in an impressive performance. The Wolves also forced a missed field goal attempt by Red Hawks' PK Sam Sterzick.

Limited to 160 yards total offense, Saranac drooped to 0-2 in the CMAC, 1-3 overall. The Hawks were coming off a 32-14 victory over Perry.



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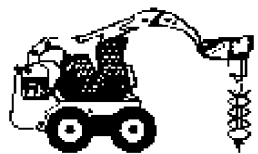
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Editorial

Vegan Bacon...Pass

Due to ideal growing conditions the Weekly Sportsman and his father seem to have a surplus of eggplant this year. Most years it is a fight with flea beetles, Colorado Potato beetles, lack of moisture, lack of heat, etc. This growing season everything seems to have gone well and waist high plants keep pumping out enough eggplant to feed any Little Italy.

What do you do with too many eggplants? Well, the Google machine offers many recipes for preservation in the dehydrator. Some methods claim to be on par with bacon or jerky. What? Vegan bacon or jerky? Worth giving it a try if the Weekly Sportsman can fill ziploc bags full of it for free winter trail food. The easiest recipe found was a dry rub consisting of six parts smoked paprika to one part onion powder and one part garlic powder mixed together. Easy enough to lightly coat both sides of 1/4 inch sliced eggplant and dehydrate for about six hours. Don't worry about what kind of eggplant to use and what color it is. Yes, white is the least bitter and dark purple the most bitter but you won't be able to taste any bitterness. Expect a crisp crunch like well cooked bacon and a smoky taste at first. Then prepare for the onion/garlic afterburn taste that can be offensive if a beverage is not close by.

The Weekly Sportsman is not a vegan, and most certainly not a freegan vegan, but like all food is willing to try anything at least once. There is still a five gallon pail of eggplant sitting by the side door that probably won't find its way to the dehydrator. It was fun to experiment but the Weekly Sportsman does not recommend this unless there is a massive apocalyptic-like food shortage and eggplant is the only vegetable plant thriving.

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