



Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Ovid-Elsie Varsity Cross Country girls team won their 2nd straight MMAC league title. This back-to-back championship is the first in the schools history for the sport. Pictured here are: Front row: Alexis Spitzley, Clarissa Baese, Kaia Spiess & Piper White. Second row: Izzy Loynes, Maddie Thornton, Audrey Bensinger, Ella Powell, Alyse Ladiski & Hannah Koutz.

See story on page 9.

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, October 11, 2022. It was an evening of meeting changes, announcing the date for the dedication of Hero's Park and establishing Trick-or-Treating hours.

Candidates for the office of County Commissioner for District 1, Victor, Duplain, Ovid and part of Greenbush Townships; Val Vail-Shirey and Andrew Wiswasser were present to update officials on the status of their campaigns. It was their last visit before the general election Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Officials took formal action in preparation for the Halloween celebration, Trick-or-Treating hours will be held on October 31, 2022, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm followed by the annual community Halloween after-party at the Emergency Services Building, 140 W Maple Street.

Next, officials took action to change the regular November meeting location due to the November 8, 2022 general election. The meeting will be held in the Elsie Public Library, 145 W Main, 7 pm.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, informed officials that November 11, at 11 am has been scheduled as the dedication of Hero's Park and the raising of the flags for each of the branches of the US Military, fire fighters, emergency services and law enforcement. The committee is looking for a member representing all of the branches to raise the flags.

Police Chief Bryce presented the monthly police report. September was a busy month with EPD providing additional coverage, as the department expands there are very limited days without coverage. The department is working with the school in preparation for the annual Halloween parade which will be on site at Leonard Elementary School for safety reasons. New guns are being demoed to upgrade and update the department. Finally, additional applicants are being evaluated and interviewed for Elsie Police Department.

Shane Grinnell presented the manager's report. First, the code enforcement report, the trash can issue is being addressed. Stickers have been printed and utilized as reminders for those in violation and forgetting trash cans at the curb. There have also been complaints regarding parking on village streets now and during the winter months. This issue will be addressed. In addition, an animal rescue group is addressing the over population of felines in the village. The cats are being live trapped and then rehomed. Village residents and property owners have been very compliant about cleaning up areas of concern.

Department of Public Works, Christ Ormes is in Graying attending classes in preparation for the water certification exam. The goal is for Ormes to take the certification exam in November.

Discussion followed regarding using ARP funds. A number of options are being considered noting that approximately \$111,000 was received in ARP funds. Officials discussed water meter replacement costs from \$198,000 to \$115,000. No action taken. Well infrastructure upgrades for 1, 8, and 9 at a cost of \$15,000. Discussion followed. Again, ARP funds can be utilized for the upgrades, which were approved by officials.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting and the financial reports, noting that tax collection went very smoothly Next, action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$73,837.

Public comments included concern about the damage to the track that is located around the Elsie Village Park and the possibility of improving the basketball hoops located on the tennis courts. Also, loose dog issues. On a related issue officials are trying to focus on the services provided by the Village and green spaces. The Village of Elsie will be establishing a parks and recreation committee and will be seeking volunteers to participate in the committee. More information will be available in the near future.

Ovid City Council

by Deb Price

The Ovid City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 10th. The agenda, September minutes, treasurers/police and DPW reports were given and approved. Councilman, Kim Williams thanked Police Chief Lisa Rousseau for her excellent detailed report. Her report included: staff changes, her opinion on acceptable hours four part-time officers, made the council aware of the arrival of the new Chevy Tahoe police car and plans for staff training thru ALERT, a Federal Training Program. She also informed the council that a debriefing session was held the day after the Leonard Elementary incident. The session was held with individuals who responded from Clinton & Shiawassee County, Ovid Police and Leonard Principal. They discussed the incident, talked about what went right and what might be done to improve in the future. One thing that came out of that exchange was the deputizing of the Ovid Police Officers thru the Shiawassee County Department.

Val Vail-Shirey, candidate for County Commissioner, District 1, spoke during public comment. She looks to replace retiring Commissioner, Cam Washburn who is endorsing her. Under New Business, the council voted to deny payment on a performance bond. Doug Scott from Rowe Engineering was in attendance to speak on the intent to apply for a sewer grant. The council approved Mayor Lasher to sign documents for that grant intent. Lastly, the council approved the request for the re-scheduled car show from Carriage Days to take place on Sunday, October 16th along with the Meet & Greet of the Police Dept and Pumpkin Paining for kids to be held near the Ovid Public Library on Main Street from 11am-2pm.

Trick-Or-Treat hours will be from 5:30pm-7:00pm on Monday, October 31st with the Halloween Party immediately following at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall. This event is sponsored by the City of Ovid and Lions Club and hosted by the Police Department.

Under committee reports, it was reported that OMESA Treasurer, Greg Palen has resigned his position and that Nancy Hughson will replace him. The next meeting of the Ovid City Council will be held on Monday, November 14th at 7pm.

Carolyn Stevens Resigns as Middlebury Township Treasurer

At the October 11, 2022 Middlebury Township board meeting, Treasurer, Carolyn Stevens announced her resignation. Carolyn and her husband Mike Stevens have been long time Middlebury Township residents. Carolyn has been the township's treasurer for 20 years and her husband, Mike serving as Deputy Treasurer for a few of those years. They are now embarking on a new chapter in their lives. Carolyn will end her term as the board's treasurer on November 1, 2022.

The board has appointed Jill Ruess as the new Treasurer for Middlebury Township. Taxes can be continued to be paid by mail or in person at the township hall during office hours or placed in the township's drop box located at the hall.

The board wishes to thank Carolyn Stevens for all her work and contribution from the 20 years of service.



VICTORY: Laingsburg Wolfpack varsity football team earned a share of the CMAC conference championship on Friday, October 7th defeating Fowler on the road 27-14. See page 8 for story. Photo by Burg Sports

Social

Rummage Sale

The First United Methodist Church in Owosso is hosting a Rummage Sale on Thursday, October 20th from 9am-6pm and on Friday, October 21 from 9am-noon. General merchandise will be on sale by donation on those days. They also offer a Boutique Room where items are reasonably priced. The church is located at 1500 N. Water Street in Owosso. Methodist Muffin and Coffee will also be available for purchase.

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Nicholas Dunay Celebrates 80th Birthday

Nicholas Dunay of Ovid will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on October 21, 2022. His wife Lucinda along with daughters, Heather (James) and Jennie (Martin) and grandchildren would like you to join them in holding a card shower. Birthdays wishes can be sent to Nicholas at 1951 S. Meridian Road, Ovid, MI 48866



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Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library will be hosting their Adult Booktasting on Monday October 17 at 1:00. If you are interested in finding out what good books others are reading then this is the place for you. Be sure to join us and bring a friend.

On Wednesday, October 19 we will be having our Classic Movie. This month's movie will be Ragtime starring James Cagney and Elizabeth McGovern. Movie time will be 1:00.

On Thursday, October 20, we will be having a virtual meet the author event that is being hosted by the Friends of the Farmington Hills Library. Patrons are invited to come to the library to remotely watch Marie Benedict discuss her recent books, The Personal Librarian and Her Hidden Genius. This program will begin at 7:00 and should last about an hour and a half. Please call the library at 834-5800 to let us know if you would like to attend.

And lastly, we will be having our Children's Story Hour/Craft time on Friday, October 28 at 10:30. Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes.

Ovid-Middlebury Fire and Rescue Truck and Treat

The Ovid-Middlebury Fire and Rescue will be holding a Truck and Treat on Saturday, October 29th from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm. at Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department, 1050 Baese Ct., Ovid.

The public is invited. Candy and Hotdogs.
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Laingsburg Board of Education Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular board meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center, please see our website at www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us for up-to-date information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: Lewis & Knopf-District audit report presentation, Laingsburg Food Service presentation, pupil count day, 2022-23 budget update and amendment, legislative update, personnel, Superintendent evaluation, ECEC parking lot update, Operating Millage renewal discussion, school mental health and school safety funding opportunities, and any other business that may properly come before the board.

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

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Kam Washburn,
Chairman, Clinton County Board of Commissioners

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Obituaries

Ronald James "Ron" Wakefield

Ronald James "Ron" Wakefield, age 77, of Ovid, MI, passed away from an aggressive case of lung cancer on Friday, October 7, 2022, at Owosso Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, MI.

Ron was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 8, 1945, the son of DO and Georgia (Thompson) Wakefield. He had three sisters: Jeanette Gruesbeck, Donna Faye Allen, and Baby Connie. Ron lived his entire life in the Ovid area. He attended Ovid Schools, but soon decided school wasn't for him. He needed to be a free spirit. He soon went to work. He worked at all three Ovid gas stations in one week, finally ending up at Howard Applebees' Standard Station where he became manager. He continued working there for two years before going to Mitchell Bentley in the spring of 1963. During this time Ron met the love of his life, Suesanna Mabie, from St. Johns. From the day they began dating they were never apart from each other for almost fifty-nine years. Also during this time, Ron was hired at General Motors, Fisher Body division in Lansing.

After eight months together, Ron and Sue pledged their love for each other at their wedding. They were married on November 30, 1963 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, Michigan. They started their married life in Ovid, where the rented their first house for \$1.00 a day! After fifteen months, they purchased Ron's parents' house and continued to live there for nine years. During this time Ron and Sue happily welcomed into their lives three beautiful girls: Jill, Tammy, and Becky. With their growing family complete, they purchased their current home. They have lived there for forty-nine years and made many wonderful memories there together.

Ron retired from Fisher Body after thirty-four years. He and Sue have spent their last twenty-five years maintaining their home and yard. Ron was especially proud of his beautiful flowers and was always happy to share his knowledge of them with anyone. He gladly shared with his family and now he has three generations carrying on his love of all things green. He and Sue maintained their home, always "freshening" it up. They loved to go to antique shows and bought many old pieces and re-did many of them together, turning them into pretty "antiques".

Ron also raised and showed pigeons for over twenty years. If anyone in the area found a stray pigeon, Ron was the man they came to. He and Sue attended the National Pigeon Shows in Kentucky for many years. He was extremely proud that he won the national award for his "Helmet" pigeons in October 2000. He truly loved to see his birds "grow up". Ron was proud of all of his accomplishments. However, he had the most pride in raising his daughters. He taught them to drive, make correct change, and to become successful, independent women. Nothing was more important to him than that. He was very successful at that! His love for them and his seven beautiful grandchildren is unending. He also found room in his heart to welcome Sue's son, Terry, and his entire family. He finally got a son even if it took over fifty years!

Ron was preceded in death by his entire immediate family. He is survived by his loving wife Sue and his daughters: Jill (Dean) Gilbert, Tammy (Chris) Marshall, and Becky (Ed) Purvis; and stepson Terry (Shari) Ide. He also leaves seven grandchildren: Kaitlynn (Jintaro) Mikami, Kameron (Shianne) Gilbert, Michael (Whitney) Marshall, Matthew Marshall, Bree Purvis, Rex Purvis, and Brandon (Allyse) Ide; and his only great-granddaughter Cecelia "Cece" Ide. Ron will be missed by many friends, cousins, nieces and nephews, and his only living aunt, Hazel Seelhoff.

Ron was a very quiet man with a very dry sense of humor. Just when you thought he wasn't listening, he would come up with some "information" pertaining to that conversation. He could make you think twice about some things; just ask his "Coffee Buddies" at Mary's Country Kitchen! Ron was a man who loved Chevy's, genealogy, MSU sports, plaid shirts, a good olive burger, and ICE CREAM. He was loved by many especially Sue.

"HE WAS A GOOD MAN!!"

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Monday, October 10, 2022. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan

Douglas Lee "Doug" Angell

Douglas Lee "Doug" Angell, age 80, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid.

Douglas was born in Owosso, Michigan on December 1, 1941, the son of Malcolm Raymond and Rozelle Birdie (Buck) Angell. He graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1960. On March 2, 1962, he married Charlene Kay Carroll at the Ovid Baptist Church.

Doug was a devoted MSU fan and a disc jockey. He loved watching movies and working in the yard.

He is survived by his wife Charlene, son Travis (Jenny), two granddaughters: Elizabeth Rose Angell & Maddie Angell; two brothers: William Angell, and Dennis (Julie) Angell; and many nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, son Kevin Angell, and one brother Raymond Angell.

A private Graveside Service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks officiating.

Memorials may be made to a humane society in honor of Doug's love of their kittens. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



John F. Stewart

John F. Stewart, age 33, of Ovid passed away on Thursday, September 29, 2022. He was born on February 11, 1989 to John and Terri (Moore) Stewart of Ovid.

John graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 2007. He attended Lake Superior State University and earned an Associate in Natural Resources Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation in the Spring of 2012.

John was employed at Michigan Milk Producers Association as a lab tech.

John was an exceptional dad who undertook an active role in the lives of Sawyer and Cora from the moment they were born.

John enjoyed outdoor sports and spending time at his family's cabin in the Upper Peninsula.

He is survived by his parents; brother, Nick; son, Sawyer; and daughter, Cora; nephew Matthew and niece Katelyn; as well as many aunts and uncles and cousins.

Cremation has already taken place and there will be a private family graveside service at a later date.



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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Roasted Soybeans

In response to last week's column about corn poaching several members of the readership have inquired about the practicality of soybean poaching and what could be the end product. The Weekly Sportsman was not really sure if these were serious inquiries or were just made in jest. Similar to corn, a lot of research has been done to find different uses for soybeans. Heck, even Henry Ford built a soybean plastic car prior to the outbreak of WWII. While there are many different types of soybeans that can be grown specifically for food like edamame, the common field soybean grown around here can also be consumed.

The Weekly Sportsman admits the practicality of poaching soybeans is somewhat limited due the time it would take to strip the stalks and husk the pods. Your time might be better spent looking for spilled soybeans alongside the road or in a field where the crop was transferred during harvest from combine to grain cart or to semi truck. A quick couple of scoops into a plastic ziploc baggie will give plenty for a batch of roasted soybeans. Soak one cup of soybeans in four cups of water for at least twelve hours making sure to add water during the process. Drain and rinse and mix in powdered spices like smoked paprika, garlic powder, chili powder, onion powder, salt, pepper, etc. Spread on a cooking tray with parchment paper and roast in an oven at 375 degrees for three twenty minute intervals making sure to stir between the intervals. Store in an airtight container for several weeks. Whether used as a salad topping or as a trail snack they offer a healthy alternative to processed snack foods. Hard to beat this high in protein, gluten-free, and low glycemic snack that can be poached or foraged locally right now and prepared with very little effort.

Similar to corn... please mind your manners and politely ask the farmer if you can have some of the spilled soybeans laying in the field.

-WS

Greenbush Township

A public accuracy test for the General Election to be held November 8, 2022 will be conducted on Wednesday, October 19th 1:30pm. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns MI. The public accuracy test is conducted to assure that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballots of the election are in conformance with the procedures prescribed by the law.

Any info needed contact Clerk Ramona Smith at 989-224-3993

Victor Township Election Commission Meeting Minutes October 10, 2022

Public Meeting of Election Commission:

In attendance: Jim Conklin, Paula Willoughby & Amanda Conklin
Meeting called to order by Clerk Amanda Conklin at 6:45 pm.
Motion by Willoughby to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by J. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.
Resolution 2022-07-001 Authorizing Delegation of the Election Commission to the Township Clerk, was offered by Willoughby and supported by J. Conklin. Roll call vote. All in favor. Resolution adopted.
Motion by Willoughby to approve the November 8, 2022 Election Inspector list. Supported by J. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.
Moved by A. Conklin to adjourn the meeting, second by Willoughby.
Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.
*Amanda L Conklin, Clerk
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Endorsing Val Vail-Shirey

We are endorsing Val Vail-Shirey for Clinton County Commissioner, District 1. Val is the only candidate who is fully qualified to hold this position. Val's character has been vindicated by the courts in Shiawassee County throwing out the case of township residency brought against her.

We have known Val for over 20 years and have observed her in positions of local government, State government, private business owner, and other positions she has held. Val has chosen to take the position of running on her own accomplishments and has proven to be an excellent and responsible leader in business, government, and in her private life.

Val has experience in working with non-profit professional associations, farmers, and businesses. Val has proven to be a good listener and has a talent to cut through red tape. We have experienced her being honest and responsible with business dealings. She will listen to the people of Clinton County and will make sure your voice is heard. Please vote for Val Vail-Shirey on Tuesday, November 8th!

Byron and Lianne Prange

Vote for Val Vail-Shirey

I want to begin by saying that after serving the people of our community for forty-three years as Duplain Township Supervisor and Clinton County Commissioner, I am retiring from civic life. A big heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported and allowed me to serve for these many years.

To replace me as Clinton County Commissioner, I am supporting and endorsing Val Vail-Shirey. I find Val to be honest, caring, and knowledgeable in county government matters. She is absolutely the most qualified candidate for the job. Please join me in voting for Val Vail-Shirey, District I, Clinton County Commissioner.

Thank you.

Kam Washburn, Chairman
Clinton County Board of Commissioners

Editorial



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DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

Duplain Township public testing of election equipment is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 10 am.

Location: 145 W Main Street, Elsie, MI.

In addition, pre-election office hours are scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022, 8 am - Noon and Sunday, November 6, 2022, Noon to 5 pm.

At the Duplain township Hall, 145 W Main, Elsie, MI.

Dawn D Levey
Duplain Twp. Clerk

VICTOR TOWNSHIP CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Victor Township Election Commission will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the electronic voting systems to be used in the November 08, 2022 Primary Election on October 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at 6843 E. Alward Road Laingsburg, MI 48848. This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094. Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I'm feeling wonderful this morning. Mr Davis had lost his pets while searching for good places to fish on the Maple River. Pixie is a service dog, and her best bud is Sparky. Both dogs were pleased to be reunited with their owner. It was a very touching scene and I'm glad that I was able to help. Karen calls me the 'dog whisperer' but I believe that Diane and Brent were the ones with magical insight that got the dogs to a safe haven. I am glad that I fulfilled my promise to Karen to look for dogs on Thursday morning. Per usual Karen exhibited her compassionate nature. I got a hoot out of watching the pooches, they reminded me of Laurel and Hardy. Pixie is a small thin tan and white terrier the size of a chihuahua and Sparky is a bulky, squat tan and white terrier whose built like a bulldog. What a pair!

Friday morning I finished up canning stewed tomatoes. Just a mere fourteen pints and three quarts plus the one cup that I had at lunch. As they were going through their hot bath I got ready to run some errands in Lansing. Fortunately for me, Karen came along to help me conquer the list of necessities for the coffee shop. First we stopped at Gordon's Foods to fill up the back of my car and then we made a find at Elliot's Food Equipment where they were kind to open the door that had been locked for us to enter. We explained what we were seeking and had a wonderful conversation with the crew who were delighted to hear that we made the old fashioned cake donuts at MG's Perx & Pastries. The gal there was disappointed that we weren't open before seven because she had to be to work at eight and would have to leave home at 5:30 AM to make it to and from Elsie and still be to work on time. So she expects to be at the shop next Saturday or Sunday morning. The thought of fresh sausage and biscuits followed by the donuts would be her downfall. Her words not mine.

On Saturday I went to my school class reunion. I learned that we have a FB page which is interesting and is updated continuously. What I enjoyed most was hooking up with a few friends that I had as neighbors while growing up and getting reacquainted with others. I always find people to be interesting and was very pleased to see how well some had grown up. What many had considered to be the class clown has become a very compassionate person. I was thrilled to see Bonnie, Rosemary, Carol, and Sharon. I am lucky and get to enjoy Carol's company frequently and we still laugh a great deal and finish each other's sentences. Bonnie is a very elegant and caring person and so is Rosemary. I have been blessed with good and interesting folks in my life. I sat at the table with Barry and his lovely wife who had just the night before broke her right arm from a fall. I'm terrible with names and forgot hers, but I relished talking to her. Barry told me to go pick the Concord grapes at his place in Bannister and promised me more berries this coming year. Very kind and generous indeed. Time changes perceptions and does help us gain insight, one of my class mates had told me that I had been mature when in high school so I saw things differently. Must be that I have an old soul.

I saw Jackie, and then remembered our Driver's Ed training. Jackie is Bonnie's cousin and was a townie. Bonnie and I were both the Farmer's daughter and country girls. So we had driven tractors and pickup trucks while in our tweens. Of course what we drove on the farm did not have automatic transmissions and power steering, so we had no problems with the driving part of training. Coach let us drive a couple of times and then told us to stay at home so that he could concentrate on Jackie. Maybe that is why I failed my first try at the driving part of getting my license because I was overly cautious. Passed the written part with flying colors. Thirty days later I got my license and almost flew through the course. My Mom used to swear that was why I garnered a few speeding tickets after graduation.

I'm thrilled that I got the garlic bed tilled and also got the compost worked into the soil. And yes, I also got the garlic planted both what I had and what Mrs Hucko had shared with me. Life is good. I even managed to mow the lawn but it still looks a bit tacky but uniform in length. Well onward and upwards, I have much to get done. There are only a few more Saturdays left in this month and I want to still be at the Farmer's Market through the end of the season. May your days be filled with unexpected surprises. God bless. Crystal Mitchell©2022

Home Improvement

Make a Dining Room More Elegant for Entertaining

The kitchen may be the heart of a home, but when it comes to entertaining, a dining room — if one is present in a house — tends to be the prime gathering spot for meals.

Dining rooms may not be top on the list of spaces to renovate, as they tend to be used infrequently. But a dining room makeover may still be a worthy endeavor. Here are some simple ways to make the dining room more elegant and functional.

- **Clear out the clutter.** The first step toward improving a dining room eating area is to remove any extraneous items from the space. If the dining room table is not used very often, it likely has become a catch-all for other items, such as bills, newspapers or kids' homework. Rather than using the dining space as a makeshift office or homework station, invest in a rolling cart to store those papers and other items. Simply roll it into a closet or another room when it's time to host a party.

- **Hang a statement light.** Few decorative items add as much drama and ambiance to a dining space as a new overhead light. People hear chandelier and think a bejeweled or crystal design. But various chandelier styles can fit the aesthetic of a home. The light will be a focal point and instantly make the dining area more elegant. Install the light on a dimmer to adjust the illumination as needed to set the mood.

- **Invest in new linens.** Purchase coordinating table linens that will be used for special occasions. A decorative table cloth or table runner coupled with cloth napkins and placemats helps to set the scene of the dinner party.

- **Add a piece of artwork.** Many modern homeowners have eschewed the China cabinet that once was standard in dining rooms. Rather than a bulky piece of furniture, a large piece of statement-making artwork or framed photos over a more minimalist buffet table or small service bar is preferable. Choose artwork that complements the colors in the space.

- **Include a centerpiece.** Centerpieces add sophistication to the table and tie into the event. Floral arrangements, a bowl or basket of fruit, pine cones or greens from outdoors, or collectibles like shells in a tall canister can serve as centerpieces.

There are many simple ways to dress up dining spaces and make them more elegant.



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Protect Landscapes from Wildlife and More Over the Winter

Landscapes are vulnerable to the elements during the cold weather months. Everything from de-icing products to hungry animals to the weight of snow can affect trees, shrubs and other plants.

Just because certain greenery will go dormant during the winter doesn't mean landscape maintenance ends when the mercury dips. Homeowners can take certain actions to winterproof their properties and safeguard landscapes so they recover more readily when spring arrives.

Utilize barriers and deterrents

When resources are scarce, animals will be on the hunt for anything that's edible, and that includes whatever greenery is growing on a landscape. Physical barriers in garden beds and around trees can help prevent damage caused by moles, voles and deer. Line the bottom and sides of garden beds with garden cloth to prevent ground-burrowing animals from getting in from beneath, suggests the gardening resource I Must Garden.

Wrapping shrubs in burlap or covering them in temporary netting can deter deer, who will seek accessible food sources over the winter. Erect fencing around new trees to keep deer away from the bark and lower branches.

Make the yard less attractive to deer and burrowers by opting for fat-based suet cakes to feed birds rather than loose seeds and berries in feeders, which herbivores will enjoy. Also, don't overwater or mulch landscapes too early. The loose soil and warmth of the mulch may entice moles and voles and other rodents to stick around in those areas and feed on plants.

Use a safer melting product

Investigate options in snowmelt products, as traditional rock salt can injure buds and branches and kill lawns. In addition, avoid piling salted snow in one area of the landscape, as it will concentrate the salt in that spot. Spread out snow piles to help minimize the damage to delicate plants.

Secure saplings and juvenile plants

Harsh winds and battering snow can damage young plants. Use stakes and lattices to secure them so they'll be better able to withstand the weather, suggests Total Landscape Management, a commercial and residential landscaping company.

Promptly remove snow from branches to help trees and shrubs; otherwise, the weight of ice and snow can break off branches and cause irreparable damage.

Erect a snow barrier

Prior observation tends to educate homeowners about which areas of the landscape are most vulnerable to snow drifts and blustery winds. During the winter, winds often blow in from a northeasterly direction, but each homeowner can make his or her own assessment. Put up a tarp between two stakes to serve as a "snow fence" that protects vulnerable areas of the landscape from blowing snow.

Keep plants cozy

Wrap plants in burlap, garden blankets and plant domes to insulate them from cold weather and some animals. Move container plants into a garage or shielded area for the winter.

Winter can place landscapes in peril. A few strategies can provide protection.



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• Furniture gift card: There's a good chance new homeowners will need to furnish new rooms in a home, particularly if they're coming from an apartment or a smaller place. Many people also like to update furnishings when they move into new places. A gift card to a popular furniture store in the area will provide the head-start new homeowners need to secure sofas, dining sets, lamps, rugs, and more.

• Household tool kit: What better way to prepare new homeowners for the do-it-yourself projects and household repairs than with a tool kit? Home improvement retailers often package common tools needed in carrying cases or sets, but shoppers can grab separate items they think will be used and group them together into one gift. Pliers, screwdrivers, wrenches, a level, and measuring tape are good starter tools.

• Customized doormat: Give that new home additional curb appeal with a doormat customized with a special message or the new homeowners' names, such as Welcome to the Smith Home. Other customizable products include cutting boards and wall plaques.

• Programmable thermostat: A programmable or learning thermostat will help new homeowners save on their energy bills. Many thermostats now pair with smart home systems and phones and automatically adjust the temperature as needed to reduce energy consumption.

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Sports

Marauders Upset Hornets in New Lothrop; Inch Closer to Share of MMAC Football Leadership

NEW LOTHROP — Ovid-Elsie's bruising defense owned the red zone, and coach Travis Long's Marauders marched into Hornet land here October 7 shocking the perennial MMAC power, 14-13.

Showcasing a defense that's just gotten better and better as the weeks have advanced, O-E turned to offensive leader Tryce Tokar to deliver just enough points to jumble up the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) football race for 2022.

After recording their first-ever league win over New Lothrop, the Marauders immediately became firm followers of the Hornets, rooting for them to knock off unbeaten Durand (5-0, 7-0) on October 14. Defending tri-champion O-E stood 4-1 in the MMAC, 5-2 overall after the October 7 upset; NL suffered its first loss at 5-1, 6-1 overall.

"This was a statement victory," explained coach Long, praising his team's never-say-die attitude over a roller-coaster first seven weeks of the campaign. "We've got a tough group of kids right here who have battled through a lot of injuries."

The contest opened nothing like the defensive battle it turned out to be. The rivals scored three of the game's four touchdowns in the opening moments, the Hornets going up 7-0 on Nolan Mulcahy's 3-yard TD run following a blocked punt by the NL defense. Grayson Orr kicked the PAT for a quick 7-0 advantage.

The Ovid-Elsie offense came to life on an impressive drive over the next four minutes. Tokar split the middle of the field on a QB keeper, finding paydirt from 15 yards out; Julian Mortier tacked on the PAT boot and it was 7-7 with 3:21 left in the first quarter.

The hosts then embarked on a scoring drive of their own, Jack Kulhanek tossing four yards to Nick Barnette for the go-ahead score. However, a different NL kicker, Brady Gross, missed the PAT, New Lothrop's point tally done for the night, albeit with a 13-7 cushion.

That's how it remained at halftime.

The Marauders turned to their defense in the second half. Cohen Tyler picked off Kulhanek twice — including the game-



Ready to Pounce: Clay Whittenberg, #24 and Justin Cole, #80 along with the rest of the OE line was on target all night long, making play after play in the 14-13 victory against State Ranked opponent New Lothrop.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

clinch with :27 seconds left — and Perrien Rasch also boasted an interception. Except for the blocked punt, O-E didn't suffer any other miscues, winning the turnover battle 3-0.

That stingy defense set up the winning score with :38 seconds left in the third quarter. Clay Whittenberg high-pointed a pass from Tokar from 18 yards away, coming down with the winning catch. Mortier's PAT kick completing

the scoring at 14-13.

Whittenberg also sparked the Marauder defenders with 8 tackles, 6 of them solo efforts. Tyler, Landon Stoneman, Kevin Ley, Braxton Stenger, Jamison Custer, Rasch, Beau Price, Logan Thompson and Jake Bowen all added tackles to a dominating O-E defense.

New Lothrop held the advantage in total yards (328-226), rushing yardage and passing yardage — but coaches will tell you, the takeaways are a much more telling stat.

Thompson led the Marauder rushing attack with a 4.4 average on 11 carries; Tokar also added 48 yards on 13 touts. Tyler carried 5 times for 27 yards, Rasch 6 for 23 and Custer 4 for 15.

Whittenberg caught three passes for 45 yards and the one score; Stenger 1 for 11 yards and Custer 1 for 9.

Kulhanek was NL's offensive leader with 14 completions on 28 tries for 150 yards, and 82 yards rushing on 15 attempts. Yet, the three interceptions proved to be the Hornets' downfall.

Long's charges faced one more MMAC challenge on October 14 opposite Mt. Morris, then close out the season October 21 vs. non-league Corunna.

Bears Lose by a Score

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley started out the game going down two scores and fought their way back to within a score, but couldn't get over the hump against Bay City All Saints, losing 28-22. "We fell a bit short on Friday night. Bay City did a great job of possessing the ball and keeping our offense off the field. We had a costly fumble early that allowed them to go up two scores. We also missed some wide-open passes that we have to get cleaned up. We played hard as always and I'm still proud of their effort, but we need to continue to work on mistake free football" said Coach Saylor.

On offense quarterback Robert Kral went 6 for 16 for 110 yards, 2 touchdowns and an interception. Logan Drummond rushed for 77 yards on 8 carries scoring a touchdown and two two-point conversions. Bailey Long added 52 yards on 11 carries. Drummond also scored on the receiving end with 2 catches for 30 yards and a touchdown and Will Long also had 4 catches for 80 yards and scored a touchdown.

Defensively Bailey Long led the Bears with 17 tackles and a forced fumble. Drummond had 16 tackles, Heath Powelson had 12 tackles and Gavin Malek added 8 tackles.

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Sports

New Lothrop Sweeps O-E Volleyballers in MMAC Play

NEW LOTHROP — The host Lady Hornets cruised to a 25-21, 25-13, 25-8 sweep in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) varsity volleyball action October 11.

The win lifted New Lothrop to 4-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference and 17-7 overall; coach Caron Meister's Lady Marauders fell to 0-4 in the conference.

Coach Meister said her team started out strong, matching the Hornets point-for-point in the first set. But some passing and communication problems held the Marauders back in the second and third sets. "We started off very well and we competed very well in the first set," Meister said. "In the second set we kind of got down on ourselves. They kind of got on a little rally. And in the last set we almost gave up ... passing and communication. Communication was our biggest issue tonight. When we talked, we did very well and when we didn't talk, the ball hit the floor a lot."

Hailee Campbell led the Marauders with five kills while Ellyana Carman and Maddie Miller were right behind for kills.



6 Emma Newman making a backwards hit over the net with teammates #11 Anna Kadlek, #2 Telexia Terpening, #9 Olivia Burt. Photo by Denise Burgess

CMAC Champions! Gritty Wolfack Effort Gets It Done at Fowler 27-14

FOWLER — Jack Borgman, Ty Randall and the Wolfpack defense took over the second half of the game, Laingsburg scoring the final 20 points to win a share of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) football championship here October 7.

The Wolves' stunning 27-14 victory exorcised demons from past seasons, giving coach Brian Borgman's red-hot charges their 5th-straight win. The Wolfpack climbed to 5-1 in the CMAC, 5-2 overall, handing the Eagles (4-1, 6-1) their first loss. Pewamo-Westphalia (4-1, 4-3) was a 35-0 winner at Saranac and also stayed in the running for a CMAC title share; Fowler and P-W both had one league game left to play, while LHS closes out the season with dates vs. non-league Perry and Montrose.

After grabbing an early 6-0 lead on an Eli Woodruff touchdown catch from Randall, Dylan Hulliberger's line-drive PAT kick hit the left upright and bounced through. At 7-0, the visiting side was feeling all good things.

Veteran Wolfpack followers will tell you, however, things are never easy at Fowler. Buoyed by a big discrepancy in penalty calls, the Eagles took advantage of flags on third-down tries that lead to first downs on both their scoring drives.

Things were getting particularly chippy in the third quarter when the veteran LHS head coach quieted his team and implored them to "just play football." Calmed and confident, the Wolfpack dominated the action going forward.

The LHS offense looked sharp from the opening possession. They broke for the first score of the contest just :48 seconds into the second quarter on Woodruff's aforementioned touchdown.

The hosts, celebrating their Homecoming, marched right back on two long drives. The Eagles tied things at 7-7 on QB Jacob Halfmann's one yard sneak at the 6:57 mark, and Halfmann's 7-yard toss to Tristan Smith with 1:06 remaining before halftime. Carter Lance was perfect on both PAT kicks for a 14-7 advantage, Fowler.

The Eagles appeared to keep the momentum in third quarter, aided by a pair of Laingsburg personal foul calls on the same drive, followed by a ferocious hit on Randall in front of the Eagle bench. The Fowler pass rush was constantly harassing the Wolfpack QB before coach Borgman righted the ship. The results were dramatic. The Wolves tied things up at the 1:56 mark for the third quarter's lone score, another TD pass (this time from 11 yards) from Randall to Woodruff. Hulliberger again booted the PAT through, knotting the ledger at 14-14.

Laingsburg then took over ownership of Spicer Field in the final quarter. Aided by several big hits and key drive-stopping plays by the LHS defense — spearheaded by junior LB Seth Sivak — the red-and-white scored twice over the game's final nine minutes to wrap up their CMAC championship. Jack Borgman sprinted down the Wolfpack sideline and Randall hit him perfectly with a 58-yard bomb, and after Hulliberger was true on the PAT kick, the Pack had the lead for good, 21-14.

With the defense consistently showing its mettle, Randall intercepted a Halfmann pass near midfield with 6:12 left to play. A stranglehold, five-minute drive ensued, junior RB Borgman continuing to gash the Eagle defense, this time on a 8-yard scamper, closing the scoring at 27-14 with just 1:18 left to play.

Both teams were buoyed by crunching tackles, especially in the second half, worthy of championship play. Sivak was a standout, delivering 12 tackles, one loss loss, nine of them solo stops. Hayden Johnston, Mitchell Yates, James Nixon, Elliot Wilsey, Kyle Thelen, Woodruff, Brock Johnston, Mikey Brooks, Jack Borgman, Sean Divine, Wyatt Stanfield, Kyle Boettcher, Tommy Gousetis and Randall all chalked up tackles for the title-winning 'D'. Randall picked off two of Halfmann's passes, Woodruff one as Laingsburg won the battle of turnovers. Laingsburg's defensive backfield did an impressive job of reigning in Eagle speedsters Carter Lance and Ben Kohagen, noticeably on several deep throws by Halfmann.

Veteran observers would have had trouble recognizing the style of play; much different from past Laingsburg vs. Fowler, grind-it-out affairs. Between them, the combatants tossed up 54 passes; Halfmann completed 15-of-24 for 157 yards, Randall 17-of-30 for 188 yards and the trio of TDs.

Jack Borgman averaged 11.6 yards per tout on 10 carries, and caught 3 passes for 71 yards to lead LHS. Randall rushed 15 times for 38 yards. Woodruff hauled in 6 passes for 48 yards and his two scores; Connor Hulliberger 3 for 36; and Hayden Johnston 5 for 33 yards.



Ty Randall intercepted the ball midfield with 6:12 left to play in the game against Fowler. on Oct. 7th. Photo by Burg Sports

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Sports

Lady Marauder Harriers Go Back-to-Back with MMAC X-Country Title

ST. JOHNS — Ovid-Elsie finished with 31 points, well ahead of second-place New Lothrop's 63, and the Marauder girls cross-country team won its second Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) championship in two years.

Otisville LakeVille took third with 64 points, followed by Montrose (94), Chesaning (142), Byron (155) and Durand (155).

Coach Wes Diener's Marauders were led by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing of freshman Clarissa Baese, senior Alexis Spitzley and sophomore Piper White, running on the familiar trek at Uncle John's Cider Mill near St. Johns. Baese's was in 21 minutes, 4.4 seconds. "(Clarissa) has been consistent, and she is doing everything right," coach Diener said.

Spitzley (21:19.41) and White (21:46.9) both placed in the top three in all three MMAC meets.

Ovid-Elsie also got top-20 finishes from junior Kaia Spiess (eighth, 23:22.16) and freshman Audrey Bensinger (18th, 24:39.53) to round out its total. Also supporting the team's victory were sophomore Madison Thornton (19th, 24:47.34) and seniors Ella Powell (23rd, 25:48.96), Isabella Loynes (27th, 26:34.80) and Alyse Ladiski (36th, 28:13.22).

The big win helped prepare O-E for the MHSAA Regional meet Oct. 29 at DeWitt High School. A top-three finish at the regional meet would send the team to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn for the state finals Nov. 5.

— Ovid-Elsie boys 4th at MMAC Meet: New Lothrop won the boys title with 41 points at

the St. Johns course, followed by the Chesaning Indians, second with 63 points. Otisville LakeVille also tallied 63 points. Following were Ovid-Elsie (66 points), Montrose (117 points) and Byron (172 points). Sophomore Clay Powell (fourth, 18:10.49) led the Marauders.

Lady Marauder Harriers Dominate Small School Division at Flint Meet


MT. MORRIS — Ovid-Elsie was 12th overall with 316 points — but dominated the Small School division — at the Greater Flint Championship cross-country meet.

Corunna ran 14th (397), followed by New Lothrop in 17th (475) and Durand in 22nd (640). Mary Richmond of Frankenmuth was the first girl to finish in 18:13.50.

Clarissa Baese of Ovid-Elsie finished 34th overall in 20:38.0, leading the Marauders to the Small School Division championship. She took 2nd in the division but her time also made her the 10th fastest runner in Ovid-Elsie girls cross-country history. Baese was followed by fellow 1st team All-Area harrier Piper White, who took 3rd in the division. Alexis Spitzley (who ran the whole race with only one shoe) took 5th in the division and also made first team All-Area. The Marauder top 5 was rounded out by Kaia Spiess (10th), and Audrey Bensinger 13th). They both were named 2nd team All-Area.

— Birch Run action: The O-E girls cross-country team finished the invitational portion of their 2022 season at Taymouth Park outside of Birch Run.

They finished by taking home some hardware, securing a 4th place finish in the 22-team field. The Marauders were again led by Baese with massive personal best, taking 9th in the field. She was closely followed by Spitzley in 10th. The other O-E medalists were White in 40th and Spiess in 44th. Bensinger closed out the Ovid-Elsie top 5 in 55th place.



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The Guru was most impressed last week, not with all the picks, but with the amazing accuracy our contestants had on the tie-breaker, THE Ohio State University (yawn) at Spartan Stadium. Most of us know this isn't Sparty's year ... but to guess the total points in the contest (62) proved to be the stat of the year, thus far, for our poised pigskin prognosticators. Several dialed up a tough number; all were at least in the area code.

The Spartans were heroically in the contest for a time, until losing yet another defender to injury in the first half. Ugh ...

Guru-Man is also impressed with the loyalty for our lowly Lions. Keep quenching with the Coach Campbell Kool-Aid. Though they were a favorite with many of our future-seers, the Motor City Kitties got bounced 29-0 in New England. Double ugh ...

After five weeks, we have some clarity on who y'all are chasing. Our holy grail sister, Edith, leads the season race at 78.3% (47-13). Running in a strong second place is Kevin Madsen at 45-15, two games back at 75%.

Our "crack" staff race saw The Wolfman open up a five-game lead over Duffy, 40 wins to 35. Are we about ready to call this off? Hmmmmm ... the Guru guesses not.

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Sports

Wolfpack Advances to Tuesday District Semifinal on Home Soccer Field

LAINGSBURG — Dylan Hulliberger scored four times and coach Natalie Elkins' host Wolfpack opened the Division 4 district tournament with a 5-0 victory over the Perry Ramblers.

Elkins' charges (9-3-4) advanced to play Dansville (13-7-1) at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the district semifinals at LHS. Dansville defeated Vermontville-Maple Valley 9-1, on the opposite side of the bracket.

Hulliberger, now with 23 goals this season, gave the Wolfpack a 1-0 lead in the first half. He took a pass from Brayden Thomas and went to his left foot to find the right lower corner of the net with 23:32 left in the half. Hulliberger, who also placekicks for the Wolfpack football team, added three more scores in the second half.

Aaron Willoughby scored unassisted for Laingsburg's other goal. The Wolfpack enjoyed an 8-2 advantage in shots on goal over the Ramblers. Thomas had a pair of assists and now has a team-high 12 on the season.

— Wolfpack secures 9th regular-season win over Clio Mustangs: Laingsburg topped Clio, 2-1, on October 11 in its boys varsity soccer regular-season finale.

The Wolfpack (9-3-4) grabbed the lead in the first half on Hulliberger's crossing pass to Adam Myers. In the second half, Hulliberger scored on a header off a corner kick by Brayden Thomas.

Clio stood 9-5-2 following the non-league action.

Ovid-Elsie Boys 3rd at Greater Flint X-Country Meet

MT. MORRIS — The Ovid-Elsie boys varsity cross-country team began their championship season at the Genesee fairgrounds, running in the Greater Flint Championships.

The Marauder boys took 3rd out of 9 teams in the Small School division. They were lead by Clay Powell who was 4th (first team All-Area) in the division. He was followed by three other All-Area athletes — Gunner McCreery (10th), Joshua Miller (11th), and JD Miller (12th).

The Corunna boys finished eighth out of 23 teams, scoring 197 points. Flushing was first (135) and was trailed by Linden (146), Davison (147), Clio (148), Powers Catholic (159), Hartland (172) and Frankenmuth (178). New Lothrop ran 15th (377), with Owosso 16th (444).

Baese Sparks Marauder Harriers at Birch Run Fall Invitational Meet

BIRCH RUN — Clarissa Baese of Ovid-Elsie finished ninth in 21:13.19, while teammate Alexis Spitzley ran 10th in 21:16.20 as the Lady Marauders placed fourth at the Birch Run Fall Invitational here October 4.

The Ovid-Elsie girls scored 152 points with New Lothrop placing ninth (243) and Chesaning running 15th (366).

O-E's Piper White finished 40th (23:18.01) and Kaia Spiess ran 44th (23:32.97).

In the boys race, Clio was first in the team standings with 44 points. New Lothrop was fifth (167), Ovid-Elsie seventh (223) and Chesaning ninth (251).

Clay Powell ran 17th (18:00.56) to pace the Marauder boys.

Laingsburg Messy Church Offers Fun Family

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. — Laingsburg United Methodist Church is getting a little messy these days.

Messy Church will take place at LUMC this Thursday, Oct. 20 at the church, located at 210 Crum Street in Laingsburg. It will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Open to families and individuals from all walks of life, Messy Church will happen the third Thursday of every month. Dinner is provided. Everything is free of charge.

Activities might include arts and crafts oriented to the season, such as leaf prints and leaf luminaries, special music, games and opportunities to get to know others in the community. Messy Church is a way for all ages to join in experiencing fun and faith-forming activities. It is based on the values of celebration, creativity, hospitality and centering in Christ, according to LUMC Pastor Tiffany Newsom.

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.

Middlebury Township

Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment For the November 8, 2022 General Election

To the qualified electors of the Middlebury Township, Shiawasee County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the November 8, 2022 General Election is scheduled for October 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Middlebury Township Hall located at 7627 W M21. The Public accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan election law.

Middlebury Township Notice of Special Meeting

To the residents of Middlebury Township: Notice is hereby given of a Special Meeting to be held on October 20, at 5:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to set the 2023 Calendar of meetings for Middlebury Township.

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On Tuesday, October 11th, Tammy Tyler hosted a Meet & Greet at Eatery 21 Cafe in downtown Ovid. Republican candidates and an Ovid-Elsie School Board Candidate were in attendance to introduce themselves to the public and tell a little bit about themselves and the position they are running for. Pictured here (l-r): Daylen Howard, Candidate for State Senate, District 28, Bonnie Wood, OE School Board Candidate, Tom Barrett, Candidate for Congress, District 7, Chris Stewart, Candidate for State Representative, District 75 and Val Vail-Shirey, Candidate for County Commissioner, District 1.

Elsie Lions Club Donation

On Monday October 10th Elsie Lions Club Meeting, Lion President Rick Jones presented Toni and Terry Ornelas, head of the Elsie Food Pantry, a donation of \$618 was from the Elsie Lions Clubs food trailer at the Elsie Fall Festival.



OE Class of '72

The Ovid-Elsie Class of 1972 celebrated their 50th reunion on September 17th at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall. Fifty-five classmates were in attendance along with spouses/guests and teachers. The following classmates are pictured here (in no particular order) Marcie (Moore) Applebee, Ron Applebee, Terry Aymor, Luann Babcock, Margaret (Shipley) Becton, Larry Bernard, Gail (Woolworth) Brooks, Larry Bush, Larry Byrnes, Randy Byrnes, Chris (Boose) Campbell, Larry Csapos, Garry Csapos, Frank Delaney, Deb Dennis, Sue (Cook) Doten, Joanne (Slamka) Evans, Bill Foran, Kim Fruchey, Pete Garcia, Roxie (Pearce) Greenman, Gloria (Swanson) Hackett, Cathy (Ensign) Hampton, Gerry Hittle, Nancy (Lemke) Hughson, Tom Hughson, Dennis Hunt, Mike Hymecski, Tamela (Schroeder) Katy, Jackie Kirby, Deb (Young) Kingman, Cinch (Welch) Lazaroff, Carolyn (Woodard) Long, Jill Loynes, Rod Loynes, Art McCann, Ron Mead, Linda (Gutski) Miles, Linda (Sheldon) Miller, Ardith (Gruesbeck) Mulder, Patty (Sperl) Mulder, John Richard Patrick, Frank Quine, Roger Roof, Neil Schultz, Bub Sinicropi, Cindy (Kennedy) Sloat, Darrell Smith, Norman H. Smith, Paula (Nethaway) Strachota, Deb (Sutliff) Thompson, Phyllis Whitmyer, Brenda (Smalec) Wieber, MaryBeth Williams, Dave Wyrick and Jim Ziola. Teachers in attendance: Lois Boone, Bob Foreback, Jack Nutter and Mary Beth Porubsky.

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