

Laingsburg's Red Thunder Robotics Takes 2nd Place at Grand Rapids

submitted by Clint Hawks

Laingsburg – Red Thunder Robotics, combined with girls from Corunna's Fridgebot Robotics, finished in the second place alliance at the Grand Rapids Girls Robotics event at Wyoming High School. The Wolfpack's Jaylei Kramer was one of four \$750 scholarship winners.

"Our girls, along with a the Fridgebots, performed admirably, especially since they are so young," said Melissa Kramer, Co-head mentor for Red Thunder Robotics. "Having the Fridgebot girls was great, as we've partnered with them at last year's girls event in West Bloomfield."

This year, Red Thunder Robotics was paired up with teams 5176 from Marysville, 858 from Wyoming and 3875 from East Kentwood. They were seeded in the fourth alliance, but took down the top alliance, but eventually lost in the finals to the second alliance in a tiebreaker, by only two points.

The event featured a Women in STEM panel, which all the girls took part in. During the event, only the girls and female mentors could drive, operate, repair and even move the robot from the pits to the field.

"This was a great opportunity for the girls to get the full aspect of the competition, as only a few have been drivers and operators during our history – the guys tend to want to drive," added Paul Garrett, team founder and head mentor. "We brought two rookie teams of drivers and they knocked it out of the park. We're so proud of them."

The guys, who also attended, were tasked with team spirit, photography and video and scouting the other teams for final alliance selection.

"Bringing the opportunity of STEM to Laingsburg K-12 this year has been a huge boost for our program," added Garrett. "In the first year outside of a high school team, we've added 4 FIRST Lego League teams and one middle school team. The overall program is roughly 40% girls. At the high school level, 75% of our leadership team are women."

You can help support Red Thunder Robotics and Wolfpack robotics through sponsorships or donations at wolfpack-robotics.com or team7166.com.

Wolfpack's Jaylei Kramer received one of four \$750 scholarships.



Elsie - Trick-or-Treat hours will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31 2022. The EAFD will be holding the annual Halloween Party afterward at the Fire Station, 140 W. Maple St. Elsie. They will be providing hot dogs, cider, games and more.

Ovid - Monday, October 31, 2022, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Ovid Middlebury Fire Department - Trunk or Treat 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. October 29, 2022. 1045 Baese Ct., Ovid. Candy and hotdogs. Sponsored by 1800 BoardUp.

An Event So Good It's Scary - Monday, October 31, 2022, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Daytime trick or treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses with have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Monday, October 31, 2021. Trick or Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ashley - Monday, October 31, 2021 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Laingsburg - Monday, October 31, 2022. Trick or Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm.



No Appointment...No Problem

by Deb Price

Have you ever woke up and thought I could use a haircut today, or today would be a good day to get a perm or just maybe pamper yourself with a fun shampoo and set? Well in this busy, programmed appointment driven world we live in, there's a place in Laingsburg where you can simply "Walk In" and accomplish these services without an appointment.

Laingsburg resident, Dawn Giampa, owner/stylist, has opened DG Hair Design in downtown Laingsburg. She has 30 years of experience in the business including working as a Regional Director of 26 salons. Dawn established her business two years ago during the height of the pandemic. She provided a mobile salon experience for those who could not leave their homes or were shut-ins. Now she brings her talent to downtown Laingsburg while continuing her mobile service to her clients. The salon is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11am-6pm and on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. She sets aside Sundays for family time and serves her mobile clients on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"It was during my time as a Regional Director and working with many salon owners that I acquired my love of people and their hair. Seeing how people happy feel inside and out is my thing, my goal is to make sure my clients have a great experience and leave in a good mood feeling good about themselves," she explained.

Even tho you don't need an appointment at DG Hair Salon, Dawn will make arrangements for those on a strict schedule or unforeseen circumstance like a funeral or any other unplanned event.

"I absolutely will make adjustments to accommodate your needs." Dawn has former Laingsburg graduate, Shelby Darr, working as a color specialist. She specializes in hair color, formal up-do's for bridal groups, prom or homecoming. Appointments are needed with Shelby, her contact number is 517-858-9515. The salon also has homemade candles, homemade car fresheners and other seasonal items from Laingsburg's Crum Creek available for purchase as well as canvas pictures from Photo's by Jody.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12th from 10am-2pm, DG Hair Design will celebrate with a ribbon cutting and Grand Opening. In the mean time, if you need a haircut, would like a perm or just a little pampering, just "Walk-In". The salon is located at 119 E. Grand River in Laingsburg, phone 517-651-6565

Jo Hopkins popped in for a quick haircut at DG Hair Design. Dawn offers a look at the finished product.



Nov. 8

ELECTION

I VOTED!

See the Candidate profiles on pages 8-12.

**CITY OF OVID
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2022 General Election has been scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Administration office located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

*Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid*

OVID TOWNSHIP

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Social

Elsie Community Blood Drive

The United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main St., Elsie will be holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Elsie Lions Club.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code ElsieCommunity) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Phone Workshop For Diabetes

submitted by Christine Histed

Tri-County Office on Aging is offering a free 6-week phone workshop for individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes called Diabetes PATH. You will learn tools and techniques to better manage your condition, increase energy and improve quality of life. Topics include healthy eating, balancing blood sugar, preventing complications and more!

When: Tuesdays, November 22 – December 27, 2022, from 10:00 – 11:00 am via small group calls

Workshops are free of charge, but donations are accepted.

To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465. Register by Tuesday, November 8 to ensure materials are mailed to you on time.

Free Craft Classes at Middlebury Methodist Church

Middlebury Methodist Church is offering free craft classes. Saturday November 5 at 1:00 PM enjoy painting a picture. On Saturday November 19 at 1:00 PM make a Christmas craft.

Space is limited so to reserve a spot call

517-256-8347. The church is located at 8100 W Hibbard Road, Ovid. Nancy Watkins 989-834-2413

Ovid Boy Scout Troop 585/114 Real Michigan Pasty Sale

Pasties will be available for purchase Beef for \$6, Fruit for \$5, on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday, November 5th from 3pm - 5pm at the Lions Hall in Ovid, MI. Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.

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CSFP and TEFAP

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

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

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

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

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

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin November 1, 2022.

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

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

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



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Friends of the Laingsburg Public Library

submitted by Dean Veith

The friends of the Laingsburg Public Library will be holding their silent auction once again this year. We will be accepting donation items now until Winterfest. Bidding will begin November 1st. and end December 3rd. Our goal is to supply things for the library that is not in the regular budget. Thanks in advance.

Concealed Pistol Class

The Ashley Sportsman Club will be hosting a Concealed Pistol License Class on Saturday, November 5th from 8am-4:30pm at 8554 S. Mason Road in Bannister. Firearms and ammo will be available. If you bring your own handgun, bring 50 rounds of ammo. Classroom material is furnished and lunch will be available. The instructors are certified and the class fee is \$120. To pre-register call Norm Martin at 989-834-5628 or 989-277-1002.

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Recycling News for November

submitted by Ellen Link

The November hours for the Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center (7500 Woodbury Rd.) will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Nov. 1 and 15) from 4 to 6 pm and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Nov. 12 and 26) from 9 am to 1 pm. All recyclers are welcome, regardless of where they live. Our drive-thru facility, staffed and run completely by volunteers, makes recycling easy and is especially convenient for senior citizens and the physically challenged.

The inaugural year for the GLCRC has been a resounding success! Thus far we've diverted twice as much waste from the landfill as the same time of the previous year. While we hope this rate continues to grow, we also wish our facility weren't necessary. If you'd like to learn more about why recycling is so important as well as other aspects of living sustainably, we highly recommend a comprehensive teaching and learning tool created by college student Ava Brewer, *Why Recycle?* (<https://whyrecycleglr.wordpress.com/>) Designed to enhance recycling education and motivation, it's perfect for all ages and wonderfully informative.

Come help us celebrate on Halloween. Drive through our facility during Laingsburg Trick or Treating (Oct. 31, 6-8 pm) and get a 100 Grand candy bar! Did you know that more than 600 million pounds of candy are purchased each year for Halloween? This year don't trash those candy wrappers and doom them to an eternity in a landfill—or, even worse, in our oceans. Thanks to the Trick or Trash program, you can recycle your candy wrappers in designated Trick or Trash boxes Oct. 1-Nov. 26! You'll find designated candy wrapper recycling bins in five Laingsburg locations: The Dairy Den; the Elementary, Middle School and High School offices; and the Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center.

The GLR is always looking for new recycling possibilities. The newest is a trial run of recycling denim in partnership with NexTiles, a women/minority-owned firm in Detroit. We can accept clean denim—with NO MORE THAN 5% SPANDEX and zippers and any metal buttons removed. If you want easy, just cut off the pants' legs and recycle them. We will run this trial through the end of 2022 and then determine with NexTile if we can make it permanent.

As we all know, Reuse is even better than Recycle. So GLR member Dave Helvie built us a Little Library, which you'll find near the Woodbury Rd. entrance to our driveway. It's stocked with books that have been rescued from our recyclables and waiting for you to take one home—or perhaps to leave one for others. Enjoy!

Please make sure your recyclables are clean and separated: It's hard on staff to sort all the plastics, especially when other patrons are waiting to have their cars emptied. For a full list of what we do and do not take, visit our website—<https://recycle-laingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>—or Facebook page. A few reminders: No clamshells, corroded household batteries, plastic bags or polystyrene.

And don't forget to check out our "Re-use" section by the exit door with treasures someone else no longer wants. Questions? Contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437.



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Directions: South of M21 on Main St 2 blocks to sale.

The following items will be sold at public auction:

OLD THINGS & COLLECTIBLES: Ford 8N tractor, Walnut commode, Glass butter churn, Pie safe, Anchor Hocking glass whip cream mixer, Sad & flat irons, Child's sewing machine, Pine machinist chest, 14 Drawer wood parts cabinet w/marble top, Voightlander Vitessa 35mm cammer, Camel saddle, Several old toys, Michael Jackson Bad album, Forge pot & 2 tongs, Barn lumber & timbers, C.T. Hamm barn lantern, 2 Barn lanterns, Nicholson Dairy Waucedah, Mi pint milk bottle, Ray Wisner Dairy Ovid qt milk bottle, Washtubs & pails



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Laingsburg Participates in Rubicon Trick or Trash Candy Wrapper Recycling

submitted by Katie Brewer

Laingsburg, Mich. - The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers are partnering with Rubicon to offer candy wrapper recycling during October and November in the Laingsburg community. Look for Rubicon Trick or Trash boxes around the community to reduce Halloween waste.

Find a Trick or Trash box at the Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center during recycling drives, the Laingsburg Dairy Den, Laingsburg Elementary School, Laingsburg Middle School, and Laingsburg High School through Nov. 26.

Research shows that in the United States alone, more than 600 million pounds of candy are purchased each year for Halloween. The vast majority of candy wrappers end up in landfills due to an inability by most curbside recycling programs to recycle them. Participating in Trick or Trash keeps candy wrappers out of landfills.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.rubicon.com/trick-or-trash/>.

"GLR is excited to offer this special recycling drive in October and November for the first time! We can't typically recycle candy wrappers, so Trick or Trash is a great opportunity for Laingsburg and surrounding areas to reduce waste around Halloween. I hope this program diverts some candy wrappers from the landfill," says GLR volunteer Katie Brewer.

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers serve the greater Laingsburg area, including Clinton and Shiawassee counties. The new drive through and drop off Greater Laingsburg Community Recycling Center is open four times each month. The recycling center is a partnership between GLR, Laingsburg Community Schools, and the City of Laingsburg.

For more information visit <https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite> or email recycle-laingsburg@gmail.com.

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Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

The November meeting of the Ovid Historical Society will be on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum. We will discuss plans for the remainder of the year. Please feel welcome to join us for the meeting. The museum is at 131 East Williams St., Ovid.

We Need Your Help

submitted by Melissa Holmquist

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Pregnancy Resource Center in Owosso is expanding to become a medical facility complete with free ultrasounds! These exciting changes should be in place by spring of 2023. We need your help now to raise the additional funds needed to make these important changes.

Please join us for our Kickoff Fundraiser Dessert on Thursday, November 3rd, at Grove Bible Church (6990 E Price Rd, St Johns, near Sleepy Hollow State Park). Tickets are \$10.

Come enjoy a selection of desserts (there will be plenty of options for sugar free folks too!) and find out more details about these exciting changes! You will not want to miss this opportunity to give back to our community and assist in creating a safe place for women who are seeking support during major life changes.

Vet for Vets Raffle

By Deb Price

Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen Chapter 11096 has teamed up with Joshua Parish of VetLife to raise funds for veterans thru a raffle that will give away a 2023



Corvette Coupe. "The proceeds from this raffle will benefit local veterans. In speaking with Joshua, our chapter is excited in helping raise funds to help veterans live their best life after the military," explained Arthur.

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

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

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

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



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The Weekly Sportsman
by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Friends of Agriculture

The Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) is an organization founded over 100 years ago on the nearby campus of Michigan State University with the primary goal of promoting and representing the interests of its agricultural members within the state of Michigan. The AgriPac is Michigan Farm Bureau’s political action committee that evaluates candidates from a grassroots county level regardless of their political affiliation. JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY BE A FARMER OR IN AGRIBUSINESS DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN ENDORSEMENT. When a candidate is endorsed they become a Friend of Agriculture and often receive financial support and access to mailing lists. Many readers may not view those in agriculture as conservationists but their daily wise use of natural resources like the soil, water, and air to produce food and other products does make them daily practicing conservationists. As a matter of fact, the MFB policy book contains policy points in areas like forestry, maple sugar production, wildlife management, resource recovery, wetlands, watershed management, and the list goes on and on. Other points in addition to agriculture and conservation of natural resources include local government, law enforcement, and education reform. It would be pretty hard to find another organization that so clearly reflects the communities this newspaper serves.

As mentioned last week, when evaluating and selecting pro-conservation candidates to vote for it is important to look at several groups. Please note that some local legislative races have no endorsed candidates. Below are MFB’s local Friends of Agriculture:

Governor: Tudor Dixon-R; Attorney General: Matt DePerno-R; Secretary of State: Jocelyn Benson- D; 7th Congressional District- Tom Barrett-R; 71st State House- Brian BeGole-R; 93rd State House- Graham Filler -WS

Vote for Mark Zacharda

With the election getting close, I felt I needed to write a letter to express my support for Mark Zacharda for our new State Representative.

Mark knocked at my door a while back and we had a great conversation. First, I was impressed that he came to my door in the first place, I’ve never had a person come to personally ask me for my vote. Then, I like that Mark is a local farmer and a former teacher. He struck me as a really genuine person, and an honest person. He’s not one to blow smoke, and I think we need more politicians like that! I looked at his website and he has some clear plans on what he’d like to do for our district; work to help the economy by brining back manufacturing ad working for small businesses, making sure our schools have the funding they need so our students can thrive and working to heal the divides that are hurting our country so badly. I could tell that he’s a common sense kind of guy and he really will work for anyone in Lansing while keeping the people of his district in mind! He said “I will be a true civil servant” and that really stuck out to me.

I’m proud to vote for Mark Zacharda to be our next State Rep and I urge you to do the same on Nov. 8th!

Pat Skvarenina

Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Bannister ZCBB Lodge #225 will be collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots again this year. We want to assist families in the area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year, this organization made sure more than 900 local children could celebrate the holiday with a new present.

If anyone (members and non-members) would like to help with this project, toys or financial donations can be dropped off at the ZCBB Hall, 401 E. Main St., Bannister on Saturday, Nov. 5th or Nov. 12th from 7:30 am until 1 pm. or Sunday, Nov. 13th at 1:30 pm. Thank you for your help in putting a smile on a child’s face this Christmas season,

NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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| Bengal Twp Clerk Sharon Bassette, 989-640-4750 | Bengal Township Hall, 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns |
| Bingham Twp Clerk Amy Wirth, 989-403-8468 | Bingham Township Hall, 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns |
| Dallas Twp Clerk Therese Koenigsknecht, 989-593-2542 | Dallas Township Hall, 225 S. Main St., Fowler |
| DeWitt City Clerk Lisa Grysen, 517-669-2441 | Precinct 1 - DeWitt City Hall, Council Chambers, 414 E. Main St., DeWitt Precinct 2 - DeWitt City Hall, Community Room, 414 E. Main St., DeWitt |
| DeWitt Twp Clerk Adam Cramton, 517-668-0270 | Precinct 1 & 2 - Dewitt Middle School, 2957 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt (off of Panther Dr.) Precinct 3 & 4 - Herbison Road Fire Station, 1445 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt Precinct 5, 6 & 7 - DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Rd., Lansing |
| Duplain Twp Clerk Dawn Levey, 989-927-6258 | Elsie Public Library/Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main St., Elsie |
| Eagle Twp Clerk Starr Wirth, 517-526-0218 | Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle |
| East Lansing City Clerk Jennifer Shuster, 517-337-1731 | Precinct 17 - Shaarey Zedek Congregation, 1924 Coolidge Rd., East Lansing |
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| Greenbush Twp Clerk Ramona Smith, 989-224-3993 | Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns |
| Lebanon Twp Clerk Daniel Smith, 989-593-2193 | Lebanon Township Hall, 10990 W. Colony Rd., Fowler |
| Olive Twp Clerk Sandra June, 517-204-5620 | Olive Township Hall, 1400 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt |
| Ovid City Clerk Josefina Medina, 989-834-5550 | City of Ovid Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid |
| Ovid Twp Clerk Claudia Pluger, 989-834-2597 | Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid |
| Riley Twp Clerk Lisa Powell, 517-819-6132 | Riley Township Hall, 7110 W. Pratt, DeWitt, MI 48820 |
| St. Johns City Clerk Mindy Seavey, 989-224-8944 | Precinct 1 - First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27, St. Johns Precinct 2 - Nazarene Church, 515 N. Lansing St., St. Johns Precinct 3 - Wilson Center, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns |
| Victor Twp Clerk Amanda Conklin, 517-651-2094 | Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg |
| Watertown Twp Clerk Carolyn Brokob, 517-626-6593 | Precinct 1 & 2 - Wallace Watts Community Center/Gym 12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge |
| Westphalia Twp Clerk Heather Platte, 989-587-3411 | Westphalia Township Hall - 13950 Pratt Rd., Westphalia, MI 48894 |

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CITIES

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VILLAGE (where applicable)
LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Board of Trustees Member

- Lansing Community College
- Montcalm Community College

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Grand Ledge Area District

Also, to vote on the following proposals:

STATE:

- PROPOSAL 22-1 – Amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature
- PROPOSAL 22-2 – Amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections
- PROPOSAL 22-3 – Amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right

CITY:

- ST. JOHNS – Change “The City Commission” chapter of the Charter of the City of St. Johns would require the City Commission to meet only one time per month instead of two and change the time of the meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ST. JOHNS – A Millage levy annually of 3.0 mills of with 2.9150 mill is renewal of the previously authorized millage and 0.0850 mill is new additional millage for paving, reconstruction, and improving sidewalk, streets, curb and gutter, and proper drainage facilities
- EAST LANSING – Renewal of East Lansing Public Library Millage Question

VILLAGES:

- ELSIE – Increase of millage up to 3.0 mills for five (5) years, 2023 through 2028, to provide police protection

SCHOOLS:

- ST. JOHN’S PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Operating Millage Proposal exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law 18.1562 mills for 10 years and .5 mill for 10 years for Headlee restoration purposes

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained by contacting your township/city clerk or county clerk. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact their local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting your local clerk in advance of the election. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact their local clerk’s office.

This Notice is given by authority of the County Clerk of Clinton County, Michigan

Debra A. Sutherland, Clinton County Clerk/Election Coordinator (989) 224-5140

Obituaries

Virginia Ann "Ginny" Waters

Virginia Ann "Ginny" Waters, age 92, of Ovid, MI, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family Thursday, October 20, 2022, at We Care Assisted Living, Owosso.

Virginia was born in Flint, Michigan on May 8, 1930, the daughter of Charles Isaac and Thelma Irene (Evans) LaBeau. She graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1948.

On August 5, 1950, Virginia married Russell Edwin Waters in Angola, IN. They were blessed with 67 years of marriage prior to his passing on August 20, 2017.

Ginny was a 4-H leader for many years. Her artistic abilities were seen in her sewing, crocheting, painting, leather crafting, and cake decorating. She enjoyed collecting rocks and driftwood. She loved to bake for her family and others; her baked goods and wedding cakes were enjoyed by many. She and Russell enjoyed to go camping. They always had a huge vegetable and flower garden; canning and freezing was a family project. Most of all, Ginny loved her family. She cherished her time spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was life-long member of Shepardsville United Methodist Church and always willing to help where needed.

She is survived by her son Edwin (Michele) Waters of Bradenton, FL; daughter Diane (Charles) Coon of Atlanta, MI; six grandchildren: Melanie (Tim) Schemanski, Christopher (Heather) Waters, Becky (Sean) Johnson, Nathan (Katelynn) Coon, Zachary (Kara) Coon, Nicholas (Ann) Coon; sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild on the way and sister-in-law Nancy LaBeau. Ginny was preceded in death by her parents, husband Russell, and six siblings: Richard LaBeau, Jeanette (Floyd) Lyons, Doris (William) Owen, Charles (Jan) LaBeau, and Wayne (Marialice) LaBeau, and David LaBeau.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI on Thursday, October 27, 2022, with Pastor Judy Hazel officiating. Burial followed at Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shepardsville United Methodist Church or Alzheimer's

Association. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Scott Edward Sheedlo

Scott Edward Sheedlo, age 52, of Owosso passed away suddenly Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Scott was born December 8, 1969 in St. Joseph, Michigan, the son of Monte and Colleen Sheedlo.

The greatest joy of Scott's life was his wife and his family. He touched so many with his kindness and caring soul. He was a devoted husband, father, son and brother. He valued family and friendship above all else. He lived life to the fullest and was always ready to share kind, positive words.

He graduated from Owosso High School, class of 1988. He served as the president of the band. He then went on to graduate from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1992 and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction in 1999. He also played trombone in the Spartan Marching Band.

Scott was an adjunct professor at Baker College of Owosso. Prior, he taught for the Hale and Ovid-Elsie Public Schools. He also coached cross-country and track and field.

He was a member of the St. Paul Church of the Catholic Community of Owosso. He was very active in the St. Paul adult church choir. He was an avid runner and disc golfer. Music was a life-long source of joy in his life; he especially loved playing jazz on his trombone.

A special thank you to all of his dear friends and neighbors for their constant love and support throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Colleen Sheedlo. He is survived by his father, Monte Sheedlo; wife of 26 years, Elaine (Smith) Sheedlo; his children Clarice Sheedlo and Ella Sheedlo; and his sister Stephanie Sheedlo-Swinyer (Jeff Swinyer); his niece Madeline Swinyer and his nephew Parker Swinyer.

Memorial contributions are suggested for: NAMI Save The Music Foundation, The Lung Cancer Foundation of America, and St. Paul Church of the Catholic Community of Owosso.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Michael O'Brien officiating.

The family was served by the Nelson-House Funeral Home.



C. John Phelps

C. John Phelps, age 79, of Ovid, MI, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at Shiawassee County Medical Care Facility in Owosso, MI.

John was born in Ovid, Michigan on January 6, 1943 the son John C. and Edith W. (Robinson) Phelps. He was a graduate of Elsie High School with the Class of 1963. John loved fishing, was an avid Detroit Lions and Tiger fan, he also loved MSU Sports. He married Nina M. Walker on October 4, 1969 in Owosso, MI, and she survives him.

He is survived by his wife Nina Phelps, of Ovid, MI; daughter Tracie and Edward Stewart of Aubrey, TX; son Brad Phelps of Ovid, MI; son Ryan and Bridget Phelps of Frisco, TX; six grandchildren: Kaylee Phelps, Kendra and Justin Hayes, Austin Stewart, Khyra, Elysse and Avynn Phelps; two great-grandchildren: Beckett Phelps and Pepper Hayes; brother Arthur Phelps of Florida; sister Sandra Kimmel of Brant, MI; two sisters-in-law: Deena Knutson and Darlene Patten; brother-in-law Brett Walker. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws: Ray and Gerrie Walker and grandson Michael Stewart.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held at a later date.

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



Nila Corrine Fruchey

Nila Corrine Fruchey, a long time resident of Ovid, died on October 26, 2022 in the care of her family and Graven Haven Assisted Living in St. Johns. She was 98 years old.

Nila was raised by her adoptive parents Everett and Gladys Wolfe in Ovid where she was a 1942 graduate of Ovid High School. She served as a cook for many years in the cafeterias at Ovid-Elsie schools and later worked as a salesperson for Montgomery Wards Department Store. Nila volunteered with the Literacy Program in Owosso, volunteered at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, and did filing for Memorial Healthcare Hospice. She loved to travel, but most of all she loved her family and home in Ovid where she enjoyed gardening and hosting family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duane Wesley Fruchey, sons, Barrie Fruchey and Christopher Fruchey; grandson, Jacob Fruchey (Elizabeth), and brothers, Robert and Larry Wolfe.

She is survived by her daughter, Jill (Jim) Sloat; her son, Daniel (Dana) Fruchey; daughters-in-law, Barbara and Lynn Fruchey; grandchildren, Dee Ann (Colt) Jacobs, René (Mike) Jackson, Nikki (Andy) Hornbrook, Rebecca (Mark) Miller, Sandra (Thomas) Frink, Vicki (Jake) Woodbury, Jeff (Mandy) Fruchey, Benjamin (Carrie) Fruchey, Matthew J. Fruchey, Kathryn Fruchey (Michael Carrera), Matthew (Tracy) Trumble, Andraya (Andrew) Wells, and many great and great great grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Saturday, October 29 with Pastor Phillip Rogers officiating. Interment followed in Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged in her name to the Ovid Public Library.



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Obituaries

David R. White

David R White, age 83, of Laingsburg passed on October 24, 2022. Dave was born on April 16, 1939 in Owosso, Michigan, the oldest of four children of Claud and Gaile (Price) White. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Elaine (White) Smith, and survived by his brothers Edwin White and Neil White. His legacy includes his wife of 63 years, Patricia (Rice) White; his five children Dawn (Ken) Reha; Traci White; Gregg (Brigid) White; Eric (Victoria) White; Erin (Fred) Morrison. His nine grandchildren Taryn (Craig) Luft; Justin White; Morgan (Riley) Arnold; Courtney White; Jonathan White; David White; Ava Morrison; Stephanie (Matt) Fullerton; Mark Alore and five great grandchildren Peyton Luft, Easton Luft, Emiliana Arnold, Bri Fullerton and Marky Fullerton will all miss their grandpa. Dave stated "his greatest legacy is his family." Not to be forgotten, his amazing barn cat and friend, Sheba, will miss his Carhartt vest and daily scratches.

Dave grew up at the family farm on Hintz Road in Owosso. He graduated from Owosso High School in 1957 where he was a standout wrestler and football player. As an active FFA member, he served as sentinel of the Owosso FFA Chapter and received his FFA Gold Star Farmer in 1957. Dave attended Michigan State University of Agriculture and Applied Science (Michigan State University) and received his diploma at the age of 79. Dave started exhibiting 4-H at the Shiawassee County Fair in 1949 at the age of 10 with a vegetable exhibit and continued to exhibit through 2022, when he was honored as the oldest livestock exhibitor at the Fair. His passion for the Fair was apparent in everything Dave did. He once stated "I love to give back to the people what the Fair has given me; a chance to try new things and get involved." Dave was a 4-H leader starting in 1960. Dave was instrumental in the building of the Goat Barn at the Hibbard Road location, the addition to the barn as well as the purchase of all the goat pens. He served as Goat Superintendent at the Shiawassee County Fair for 36 years, just retiring in 2022. He also served as the Goat Superintendent at the Michigan State Fair for 20 years, retiring from that role when the Fair closed in 2009 at the 8 Mile and Woodward location. In 2002, Dave was inducted into the Michigan State University Extension Emerald 4-H Clover Society in recognition of his leadership in 4-H and youth development. At his induction he stated "My 4-H experience as an officer and a member of various clubs helped form my ability to supervise and interact with people over the years. The opportunity to compete and the desire to succeed in all I attempted has been one of the driving forces in my life. I have always strived to "make the best better."

He bought what became "Whispering Pines", the family farm, on Bennington Road in 1962. He raised Holstein and Brown Swiss cows, swine, sheep, beef cattle, goats, horses and chickens. The family showed cows and goats throughout the state, at national and international shows. During the 80's and 90's Dave was instrumental in shipping over 1,200 goats to Taiwan - a protein deprived country. From there, Dave also exported goats to Mexico and Canada. Dave also worked at many "side" jobs to make sure his family was taken care of. Toledo Commutator, Harris Milling, Clark Fire Extinguishers, 7-11, Telfer's Packing, Shiawassee County Drain Commission and Vaughn Seed Company (where he was the Rose Department Manager both at the Ovid, Michigan location and the Phoenix, Arizona location) all benefited from his knowledge and work ethic. Over the course of his life, Dave was proud to have held multiple commercial licenses: milk test, chemical spray, weighmaster, CDL, chauffeur, AI inseminator and bartending. In his "spare time", Dave was also Sciota Township Supervisor and Tax Assessor for many years.

Dave was best known as a goat judge. He was recognized as an icon in the goat industry. His passion for youth and the goat industry was always evident. He was proud to have judged 385 goat shows throughout the Midwest before retiring in 2019. He was always willing to share his knowledge and mentor the next generation of goat exhibitors and owners. Dave lived the 4-H motto: Make the Best Better.

As with everything in his life, Dave had a plan. He requested that a celebration of life be held at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds in the Spring ("after the buildings are empty") with Johnny V's BBQ, Alan Jackson music, much laughter and storytelling. He requested all memorials/donations go to the Shiawassee County Friends of the Fair, P.O. Box 993, Owosso, MI 48867, earmarked for "Goat Barn Concrete." Dave told his family that he goes with no regrets, a full life lived and "that he will be watching us."

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



Dirty Politics in Clinton County

Letter to the Editor:

The race between Andrew Wiswasser and Val Vail-Shirey for Clinton County Commissioner in District 1 is what I am talking about.

Val Vail-Shirey is property owner with her husband at 13577 Upton Road, Bath which is in Bath Charter Township. In order for her to run for the seat of Kam Washburn, Chairman of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, she has to be a resident of District 1 which is Victor, Ovid, Duplain and the north half of Greenbush townships (French Road is the dividing line).

She filed a change of address to 10505 North Upton Road which is her parents farm in Victor Township. She also registered to vote in Victor, however there is a second part to the residency requirement and that is - Michigan law requires that person to habitually sleep the majority of her time at the 10505 Upton Road address which is approximately 4 miles from the home she shares with her husband. This is the same tactic that Elissa Slotkin is doing to run in the 7th District for Congress.

Andrew Wiswasser actually is a Victor Township resident who lives on Alward Road with his family, is co-owner of Wiswasser Brother's Farms and has served on the Bath Township Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, and currently on the DeWitt Township Police Department. He does have a Facebook page and will answer any questions you have. You can trust he has your interests as a priority.

Being deceived by Val Vail-Shirey brings into question whether you can trust her and the ones supporting her. Her siblings signed affidavits stating that she does not live at 10505 Upton Road and are backing Andrew Wiswasser.

Jean Bradley
Greenbush Township Resident

Wow! Have you Ever Experienced Such Lies at the County Commissioner Election Level?

Letter to the Editor:

Andrew Wiswasser continues to accuse his opponent Val Vail-Shirey of not living in Clinton County District 1. His mailers have been nothing but misleading and deceitful. One of the pictures in his first mailer depicts a sign to elect Vail-Shirey that shows her address. The photo was taken from a Facebook post of 2020. 2020! A primary where Ms. Vail-Shirey lived at a previous address. She now resides at the original family farm, on Upton Road, in Victor Township, where her elderly parents also reside and she cares for them. Like many other Michigan residents, Val has more than one property, as does Mr. Wiswasser.

The mailer also mentions Val's brother testified under oath that she does not live there. As the frivolous suit that Mr. Wiswasser filed against Ms. Vail-Shirey was dismissed from the courts without a trial, how could a statement under oath have been taken?

The nice new County Building also appears to be a problem with Mr. Wiswasser. That nice new building is 22 years old and replaced a building that was over 100 years old. Clinton County was growing, and the building was no longer able to house the county offices. Read more on the County Courthouse. New Courthouse | Clinton County, MI (clinton-county.org) That nice new building houses the office that Andrew's wife works in.

Val is also accused of being part of the good old boy network - yet has not been elected in the county previously. She has worked for the state legislature for many years and can and will bring that knowledge to the commissioner position. And those good old boys have done OK by me.

I am unable to decipher what Mr. Wiswasser will do for the county. He has served as an officer in multiple areas over the past 15 years. Rather than highlight his service and let us know what his position is he speaks to the rising crime in the area. Please note below as documented at Clinton County, MI | Crime Statistics | Neighborhoods | Gangs (insideprison.com)

"Clinton County has an overall crime rate of 941 per 100,000 residents. This is one of the safest regions in the United States."

"The average overall crime rate for Clinton County for the previous 2 years was 1,050 per 100,000 residents. This means that the crime rate for Clinton County has been decreasing over time."

I will vote for the candidate who has endorsements from our local officials and the outgoing commissioner. I will vote for the candidate who was on the ballot from the beginning of the process and has experience to positively move Clinton County forward. I will vote for the candidate who will bring 30 years of experience working with the state legislature to Clinton County. I will vote for Val Vail-Shirey for Clinton County Commissioner. Please join me in doing the same!

Maggie Sayles
Victor Township resident.

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Candidates in our distribution area were sent a Candidate questioner in late September and a reminder email two weeks ago pertaining to our deadline for responses. The following candidates responded and their profiles are presented on the following pages.

Ducastel Seeks Return to Laingsburg City Council

Alan Ducastel, age 63, is seeking to return to the Laingsburg City Council.

Alan and his wife, Karen, have five grown children. He attended college at Michigan State University and Saginaw Valley State. Mr. Ducastel is a retired business owner.

The incumbent has served two terms on the City Council, as chairman of the DPW Committee, on the Parks & Recreation Committee and on the Planning and Finance Committees.

"The big issues facing Laingsburg voters right now are fiscal responsibility, maintaining essential city services, infrastructure improvements and providing exceptional recreational opportunities," he says.

Alan also lists those issues as his top priorities. "We need to implement a five-year recreation plan — developing access points to the Looking Glass River — and continue park improvements," he explains.

Ducastel lists his endorsements as Brian Begole, Shiawassee County Sheriff; Dan DeKorte, Laingsburg Police Chief; and Larry Sparkes, former mayor and current East Lansing Chief of Police.



Geasler One of Three Candidates for Laingsburg Mayor

Jeff Geasler, age 60, is one of three candidates running for the mayor post in the City of Laingsburg.

Jeff is married to wife Gail; they have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. He holds a bachelor degree in Business Management and is an IT Consultant.

Mr. Geasler was employed as a member of a management team of a local information technology company. He explains, "As part of that team we grew the company from approximately 60 employees to almost 400 and increased revenue by five times. One assignment I performed was assisting the City of Lansing with their IT planning. Doing this I worked with all departments (Mayor's office, police, fire, etc.) learning how they operate to help create a strategic plan that was presented to the Lansing City Council. Also, I have served as the Chairman of the Laingsburg Planning Committee for 2 years and was a member of the Board of Review for 2 years."

He continues, "The big issues for the Laingsburg community this election are: 1) LSW ambulance service - there is a proposal for increasing the mileage to be able to fund the ambulance service. Pay for the EMTs and paramedics needed to be increased and without the millage increase this will not be sustainable. The ambulance service is in jeopardy if this doesn't pass. 2) the number of marijuana dispensaries - there is a proposal on the ballot to limit the number of dispensaries in town to one. In a meeting last year there were arguments on each side of the question. A number of citizens were there representing both sides and there was a petition signed by 27 businesses against having more than one dispensary. This is an issue that is perfect to go to the voters to decide; and 3) are the voters ready for new ideas or do they want to stay the course?"

Geasler lists his top priorities: "First, I want to make the Mayor position more visible and approachable to all the fine folks of the Laingsburg community. This not only includes Laingsburg residents but also people from the surrounding areas like Scenic Lake, Lake Victoria, and Sciota, Woodhull and Victor Townships. While these people can't vote in Laingsburg they are an integral part of the community. Second, I believe my role as Mayor I can get organizations such as the schools, churches, clubs and the City to collaborate on projects and events in a more efficient and effective manner for the betterment of Laingsburg. Each of these entities have thoughts and visions for the future and when they act on their own instead of together we create needless redundancies and potential issues. Third, I plan on creating an atmosphere that would allow for input from citizens and provide a more business-like and common sense approach to making decisions. This will help improve our community.

"My role will be to provide leadership for the City so that projects that are in process are completed efficiently and on time. There should be a process where new projects are developed. There has been an initiative to make Laingsburg a 'walkable' city and I would like to accelerate that. I also want to create a business development committee that will have the responsibility of creating an environment where new businesses want to come to Laingsburg and flourish."

Geasler lists his endorsements as community leaders Jody Frank, Lori Leonard and Wendi Kribs.



Incumbent Culpepper One of Three Candidates for Laingsburg Mayor

Micheal Culpepper is the incumbent, and one of three candidates running for the mayor's office in the City of Laingsburg.

Mr. Culpepper has lived in Laingsburg for over 62 years. He is married to my wife, Linda, and they have two sons, Daniel and Kyle.

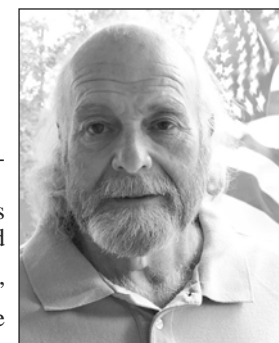
"I have been Laingsburg Mayor for 20 years in November," he says. "I want to thank all city residents who have supported me through the years. We, together, have made Laingsburg a very desirable city to live in. We are blessed to have so many community members who want to make Laingsburg the best."

When asked why he is seeking re-election, Culpepper says, "That is why I am running again. I have a vision for Laingsburg. I want to see it keep growing and see people in the community working together in shared interests. It can only help Laingsburg grow to become a more beautiful city."

"I am not alone in running this city. There are many people who make it happen. There are many who truly care about our city. I am thankful for the awesome staff we have. And the range of knowledge we have is second to none. Each employee is very dedicated to his / her position. That's what differentiates our employees. They give 150% of themselves."

"Our City Council is a 7-person group of great decision makers. Again, each is very dedicated to the city of Laingsburg. We are blessed. I feel very privileged to have worked with so many great people."

In closing, Culpepper says, "I ask for your vote so we can keep Laingsburg a great little city tucked out in the country."



Thompson Seeks Partial Term on Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

Mary Thompson, age 46, has announced her candidacy for a partial term on the O-E School Board.

Mary has been married for 20 years and enjoys her family. After high school graduation, she attended two years of collage.

"I was appointed to the board in June of 2022," she explains.

"I have also been a proud local business owner for over 10 years as well as work at my family's local business for over 20 years. I feel my business experience will help as I handle the bookkeeping, accounting and personnel. I have daily interaction with the members of community. One day I plan to retire from my family business and pass the torch on to the next generation."

The biggest issues facing O-E voters are ... "student success, fiscal responsibility, and transparency," she explains. "Without fiscal responsibility and transparency with the community we very easily could fall short with student success. I believe in giving every opportunity to each student in hopes of providing a successful educational experience."

"I do believe extra-curricular activities are important in a child's education and would like the district to have a good balance of what is offered. Board members need to build relationships with the community, while at the same time make informed decisions to help provide the greatest educational impact on all the district's students."

She lists her priorities as:

— Students, staff, and community! I want to make sure each student's educational needs are being met as well as helping them socially. Our buildings need to remain safe and secure so that fear does not have to interfere with learning.

— I will strive to make sure staff has the tools and resources needed to provide their students with every opportunity to succeed in their education journey within the Ovid-Elsie School District. — The board needs transparency with the community so they can be part of the district's educational success. I want them to see how their tax dollars are helping to provide students with a strong educational experience and have pride in that.

Thompson concludes, "I hope to bring a new perspective to the board, I am open with my opinions and will happily participate in thoughtful and honest discussions with everyone, fellow board members the community, staff, and students. We are stronger when work together."

"If I am elected to continue to be a member of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education, I would like to be appointed to the financial and sexual education committees. I would also like to continue my behind-the-scenes involvement in our communities many local projects. There are many things that lead to a student's success and having a strong, supportive community is very important."

"The only endorsement I want is from the community with their vote on November 8, 2022. I promise to work hard for all students, staff, and community."



Someone struggled for your right to vote. Go use it. —Susan B. Anthony



Witt Seeks Partial Term on Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

Kory Witt, age 39, is in the running for a partial term on the Ovid-Elsie Area School Board.

Kory is married and has three daughters and a son. He is a Medical First Responder, a firefighter and a factory worker.

His political experience has been a trustee for the Village of Elsie for two years ... "which has taught me how to work as a team to keep a village moving forward," Witt says. "I am also a Lieutenant with the Elsie Area Fire Department, which has taught me leadership and vocal skills needed to accomplish specific goals.

"I believe one of the biggest issues is putting some fresh faces on the board. Some people that are involved in the com-



munity and people that have kids in the school system and are invested. Those are the people that are going to work the hardest to get things done."

Witt list his top priorities, if elected: "First I want to get back to focusing on the kids. I feel like they have been left behind because of all the politics in the last year. Second, I feel there needs to be more transparency. The people in the district need to know everything that is happening with the school. Thirdly, keep moving forward. Change is tough, but change is good. Just because 'that's the way we've always done it' doesn't mean that's the way it has to be. There are a lot of new and fresh ideas out there to improve our district and give our kids the best education they can get. And give them the tools they need to be successful in life."

Mr. Witt explains he has "a ton" of community support. "As an active member in our community I am open to helping with any projects that come along," he says.



Proposal

VILLAGE OF ELSIE PROPOSAL The Village of Elsie Police Protection Millage Shall The Village of Elsie impose an increase of up to 3.0 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, 2023 through 2028 inclusive, to provide police protection, which increase would raise taxes an estimated \$150.00 Per Household in 2023.

**VOTE TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8**



Bonnie Wood OE School Board Candidate

Bonnie Wood, age 75, is a newcomer seeking election to the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education.

The single mom is a parent to adult children.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in Education from CMU, and is a retired educator after 30 1/2 years. She taught Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Home & Family Living / Child Development, Home Economics and Jr. High Science.

Bonnie is also a former coach of basketball, softball, volleyball and tennis.

The biggest issues facing Ovid-Elsie voters, she explains, are "Transparency, Trust and Unity. "It's important to promote a solid healthy environment to help facilitate the gifting within students to be constructive in thought while fulfilling their destiny to be successful as they move toward adulthood. It is thru this process that students can then be honorable and productive members of a community.

"Curriculum concerns, financial issues and building maintainance," will be her focus, Wood explains. "My three priorities are merit based education, parent involvement, accountability and transparency to teachers / students and community."



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Community is important. As your next county commissioner, I will lead with a servant attitude and with the understanding that our unique and thriving communities is what makes Clinton County so wonderful. I will work hard to ensure Clinton County is safe, financially sound, and community oriented for all of us. - Val Vail-Shirey



► 30 years legislative experience with the Michigan Senate, Michigan House and Consulting business

- Ability and knowledge to bring your state and federal tax dollars back to Clinton County
- Knowledge on how to cut through government bureaucracy
- Service to constituents
- Served as Township trustee and supervisor

- Small business owner
- Farmer



"I endorse Val for Clinton County Commissioner, District 1.
Bruce DeLong, Clinton County Commissioner - District 3

"As I have gotten to know Val, I am impressed with her knowledge and ability to get things done. She has a vast understanding of how government works, who to go to and where to go - to make things happen. I endorse Val for County Commissioner - District 1."

Bob Showers, Clinton County Commissioner - District 5

"We need a no nonsense, experienced, professional that is committed to taking the time and energy to serve as county commissioner. Someone who is committed to serve the people of her district and Clinton County. Val Vail-Shirey is a person of high ethical standards, integrity, experience and a level of professionalism to move Clinton County forward. Val's ability and experience will be a positive addition to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners and I endorse her candidacy. I ask folks in District 1 to vote for Val."

Ken Mitchell, Clinton County Commissioner - District 4

"Val will be your best advocate to fight for you on the County Board of Commissioners."

Adam Stacey, Clinton County Commissioner - District 7

"In my experience Val has conducted herself with professionalism, respectful of other views and demonstrated a good understanding of public service. I endorse her to replace Kam Washburn as County Commissioner for District 1."

Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner - District 2

"Val Vail-Shirey will be a very good Clinton County Commissioner. With her many years of experience as a legislative director with the Michigan Senate and House, Val understands the challenges and knows how to get things done. Her understanding of County Government is outstanding and I am pleased to not only support, but completely endorse Val to replace me as our next County Commissioner."

Kam Washburn, Chairman, Clinton County Board of Commissioners



Williams Announces Candidacy for Ovid-Elsie Board of Ed

Becky (Taylor) Williams, age 45, has announced her candidacy for an Ovid-Elsie School Board seat.

Mrs. Williams and her husband, Brad, have three children, Jillian (9th grade), Carly (7th grade) and Josh (4th grade).

A graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, she earned an associate degree in applied science in nursing from Lansing Community college and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Ferris State University. Williams is employed as a registered Nurse at Sparrow Health System, Heart and Vascular Center, Lansing Campus.

"I am a life-long resident of Ovid-Elsie School District. I feel I have built many strong relationships within our community," she says. "I have experience working on different health-care committees due to my career. I believe I can objectively listen to others and do any research needed to form an educated decision. I have common sense and always try to use good judgement and integrity to help guide my decisions. I advocate daily for all patients based on their needs and encourage them to make informed decision after being given all the information, I will do the same if elected to the Ovid-Elsie School Board."

The biggest issues facing O-E voters, she says, are as follows, "I believe some of the big issues facing voters are what the candidates will do if elected; will the person do what is right when no one is looking, ask the hard questions, research information, be a voice for the kids, and not be afraid to have difficult conversations? I think voters are looking for the candidate that has the leadership skills to reconnect our community and get back to work for the children."

Williams lists her top priorities as:

1. Transparency – The community has the right to the information. Transparency holds people accountable.
2. Educational excellence – We need to be sure we are making up for the educational loss from COVID. I'm all in for kids!
3. Research based decisions – Decisions need to be based on factual, objectional information; feelings and friendships must be put aside when doing what is best for the kids and staff of the district.

"Being a part of the school board will be my community project. I will take workshops and courses to be sure I am well educated," she explains. "If elected, I will take my role seriously and do it to the best of my ability. I never go into anything I don't intend to put my whole heart into. I will make myself available at community events and upon request. I will welcome discussions good, and bad."

Brooke Wooley Seeks 6-Year Term on O-E Board of Ed

Brooke Wooley, age 40, is in the running for a 6-year term on the Ovid-Elsie School Board.

The incumbent board member is married to Eric Wooley and they have two children, Grant & Abe.

A graduate of Haslett High School with the Class of 2000, Brooke has a degree from Central Michigan University 2005 (BS in Education), Walden University 2009 (MS in Elementary Reading & Literacy) and Walden University 2013 (Ed.S in



Administrative Leadership)

She is a teacher and program director.

"I have served on the Ovid-Elsie School Board for the past 6 years in both the trustee and secretary roles," Mrs. Wooley explains. "I have attended conferences and completed many trainings through MASB to learn the complex responsibilities of a school board member. I serve as co-chair of the Elsie Community Christmas Program, as a member of and newly co-president of the Elsie Dairy Festival committee, and as a volunteer in our community. Character and experience matter."

What are the biggest issues facing voters in the Ovid-Elsie School District? She explains, "Voters are facing issues with student engagement and achievement, getting all students back on track after significant learning challenges during the pandemic. Voters are also struggling with feelings of trust and transparency, and want a change in how communication is handled. Development and change are a fluid process."

Mrs. Wooley lists her top three priorities as:

1- Accountability and financial responsibility- following the chain of command, getting proper approval, ensuring documentation, and consistent follow through. Knowing where money is going to and coming from and maintaining accurate reporting.

2- Community outreach with a goal to further engage families with district supports and celebrate student achievements. Consistently work to facilitate and maintain healthy relationships and communication between students, parents, staff, and community. Continuing to have an open mind and perspective to concerns, and building opportunities to open the lines and methods of communication.

3- Quality education for all students- knowing all our students matter, are valued, and they may learn in a safe, stable environment with sufficient mental health supports. Supporting implementation of curriculum and the expansion of diverse learning opportunities. Recognizing and being proactive towards staffing needs district wide in order to maintain consistent operations. The OE staff are the ambassadors of the learning and growing experience that our students receive on a day to day basis and we need to continue to show appreciation for their commitment and dedication to our children.

"After experiencing the role of school board member, you realize that the projects and ideas you come into office with as an individual no longer are the forefront of your attention," she explains. "The projects and the things that I will devote my energy to have always been and will continue to be in line with the needs of our staff, students, and the district goals. As a community volunteer, I will continue to assist in any way that I can."

Nash Seeks Election to Ovid-Elsie School Board

Kevin L. Nash is a candidate for the Ovid-Elsie Area School Board.

A graduate of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, Mr. Nash is a 1991 Graduate of the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology. He is a rural O-E resident and business owner (dairy farmer) since 1994.

He and his wife of 27 years, Pam, have four children who have also attended Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

Nash lists his reasons as running for the Board as:

- Ensuring integrity and transparency to both parents and the tax-paying public. "Over the last several months our community has faced several challenges and I would like to be a link between our residents and our school system," he explains. "I also strongly believe that live-streaming our meetings would help keep those that are unable to attend meetings more informed."

- Putting "Kids First" means ensuring the school system / teachers have the tools necessary; counselors, staff and equipment, so they are able to provide a quality education for all Ovid-Elsie students to prepare them for their future.

- Ensuring sound investment decisions pertaining to both facilities and educational instruction.

"I would also like to find new ways to reward our deserving teachers by allocating funds for this purpose," Nash says. "Without great teachers a quality education would not be possible."



Wiswasser is Candidate for District 1 Clinton Commissioner

Andrew Wiswasser, age 34, is in the running for the District #1 seat on the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wiswasser is married and has two children, enrolled in the Laingsburg Community Schools.

He holds an Associate Degree and is employed as a police sergeant and farmer. A 15-year law enforcement veteran, he is co-owner / operator of Wiswasser Farms. Wiswasser has served on the Clinton County Special Operations Team and as a police instructor in various subjects.

"I do not have a career in politics," he says. "The big issues facing Clinton County voters are public safety, the economy, inflation, and the rising violent crime in Lansing which is flowing over the border into Clinton County."

Wiswasser names his top priorities as increasing funding for public safety staffing, equipment and training; increasing funding for the county Prosecutor's Office to hold criminals accountable — there are not Assistant Prosecutors currently available to handle case loads; and employee retention county-wide. "We are losing too many good people from our county public safety departments," Wiswasser explains.

He continues, "We also need a continued effort to bring high-speed fiber optic broadband internet to Clinton County."

Wiswasser lists his endorsements as Clinton County Prosecutor Tony Spagnuolo; former Clinton County Undersheriff and Bath Two, Supervisor Jack Phillips; and Greenbush Twp. Trustee Kyle Graham.



Vail-Shirey Seeks Election to District 1 Clinton Co. Commissioner

Val Vail-Shirey, age 60, is seeking election to the District 1 seat on the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Vail-Shirey and her husband have four children and 12 grandchildren. She earned her BA degree from Spring Arbor University.

Val has been employed as a legislative director in the Michigan House of Representatives, as a small business owner and as a farmer. She has served her community as a township trustee, on various committees, on the County Library board and as a business owner.

"The biggest issues (facing District 1) are finding the facts and deciphering political rhetoric to know the reality," she says. "America's future is at stake."

Her top priorities will be to deliver great county services, increase job opportunities within the county, and maintain a budget "... without debt to future generations," she explains.

Locally, she says, "I would like to secure a traffic light at the intersection of M-21 and Hollister Rd. We also need economic development to create great jobs, a vibrant and safe community and increased funding for public services." Further, she explains, "We need additional county services while maintaining a balanced budget."

Vail-Shirey lists her endorsements as County Commissioner Kam Washburn, Republican officials including Sen. Tom Barrett, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and local residents Larry Kindle, Jennings West, Bill Lasher, Lianne Prange and Maggie Sayles.



Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting. — FDR



Sheriff Begole Seek Michigan House of Representatives District #71 Seat

Brian BeGole, age 52 and the current Shiawassee County Sheriff, is in the running for State Representative from House District #71.

Sheriff Begole and his wife, Tammy, have nine children. He attended Lansing Community College and Central Michigan University, and is a veteran Law Enforcement officer.

He has 32 years law enforcement and six years as sheriff, first elected in 2016 and re-elected in 2020.

"The biggest issues facing District 71 voters are economic improvement and inflation, grocery and supply shortages, labor shortages and education," he says.

"My top priorities will be economic recovery, law enforcement improvement, protection of constitutional rights and election integrity."

Locally, Begole says funding to repair roads and bridges on rural roads and re-establishment of short line rail lines to bring agricultural inputs to the district are of most importance.

He lists his top endorsements as the Michigan Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association and Michigan Right to Life.



Zacharda Seeking State House District 71 Seat

Mark Zacharda, age 42, is running for the 71st District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Mr. Zacharda and his wife are parents to two daughters. He explains, "My mother and father both live in Shiawassee County on our family farm. My younger brother also lives in the county with his wife and three boys. I have an amazing wife and two beautiful daughters that I'm blessed to have."

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from MSU in Agricultural Science in 2002. Zacharda has also attended Saginaw Valley State University, receiving a Secondary Education Teaching Certification.

He has been employed as a high school biology teacher for 4 years; in a John Deere dealership parts counter and service department for 3 years; and as a farmer for the past 15 years.

Zacharda has served on the Shiawassee County Farm Bureau Board of Directors; as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Shiawassee County Democratic Party; Member, Michigan Democratic Party, Shiawassee County Farm Bureau, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Corn Growers Association; with the Michigan Soybean Growers Association; and the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus.

The big issues facing District #71 voters are, he explains, "From what we have been hearing by knocking on doors throughout the district are the economy, education, and reproductive rights."

"My top three priorities in office are the issues that voters are facing everyday. For the economy, I want to fight inflation by lessening the tax burden that our senior citizens, middle class families, and small businesses have to face. As your state legislator I will eliminate the senior citizen retirement tax, give our middle class families the much needed tax break they deserve, and lower the tax burden that our small businesses



endure in order to foster local economic growth. My campaign's plan for education is funding our rural schools and promoting our Career and Technical Education programs for our children to find good paying jobs in our trade skills sector.

"I will protect our students, teachers, and parents. My campaign's plan for reproductive rights is simply to get politicians out of your healthcare decisions. Protect a woman's right to choose. To keep these decisions between yourself, your doctor, and your faith."

Locally, he says, "My first focus is supporting the local economy, one reason is that poverty is a real issue in this district affecting thousands. I would work to support the many local food banks, religious charities and organizations like the YMCA and Capital Area Community Services that provide food assistance that so many people rely on throughout the year."

Zacharda lists his endorsements as retired Sheriff George Braidwood; the Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee Buildings and Trades; and the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

Daylen Howard is Candidate for State Senate 28th District

Daylen Howard is running for the 28th District seat in the Michigan State Senate.

He is single. His parents Kristin and Ryan Drake, and siblings Ayden (age 10) and Ayla (9) are all local residents.

He attended Lansing Christian HS and holds a degree in retail management from American University. He also attended Hope College.

He explains, "I have worked in my retail management career since I was 19. I rose to be one of the youngest store managers, until Covid shutdowns cost me my job."

"My biggest priorities are rebuilding Michigan's economy, stopped the spread of violent and drug-related crime, and ensuring students get a quality education."

"We need to make Michigan a place where companies want to do business. We need to raise the standard of Michigan's K-12 schools. And we need to ensure violent criminals face justice and support our law enforcement personnel."

Locally, Howard says, "I'd like to work with our local School Boards to make sure each district receives what it needs from the state."

He lists his endorsements as the Michigan Retailers Association, the National Federation of Independent Business, and Clinton County Sheriff Sean Dush.

Shepard Seeks Michigan Senate District 28 Post

Matthew Shepard, age 54, is seeking election to the Michigan State Senate seat for District 28.

Mr. Shepard and his wife have two grown children. His education includes BS/BM UOP; AAS Alternative Energy Management and Aircraft Maintenance Technology at LCC. He is retired in Military-Helicopter Electronics, as a Crew Chief, in maintenance and in repair.

His political experience is with the TEA Party Shiawassee County 912 Commission; TEA Party Member/Chairman 2012-2015; US Taxpayer's Party of Michigan State Central Committee 2105-Present; and "... providing awareness of government corruption," Shepard explains.

"If something is not done to stop the adverse effects of the current administration, then we may end up in far worse condition than the Great Depression or quite possibly another Civil War, Shepard explains. "We need to demand that the dominion voting system be torn down, de-certify the stolen elections of not only 2020, but 2018, and make arrangements to have individuals arrested for treasonous activity. We the people need to restore our freedom and save America."

"(I urge voters to) vote no on all Proposals and tax hikes; unconstitutional proposals should not be implemented to



change an effective Constitution."

Shepard lists his top priorities as abolishing abortion "as it is murder," he says; reducing excessive taxation, as a financial burden upon the people; property taxes and Income taxes should be replaced by fair / flat taxes to affect everyone equally; limit government control of the people, as per the U.S. and Michigan Constitutions.

"We were granted the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by our creator; and government has no right to take away our Constitutional rights," he explains.

Local goals are refurbishment of the VA Service Center in Shiawassee County and other veterans resources, and ensuring residents are taken care of appropriately through taxpayer allocated funding.

Howard is in the Running for 5th District Commissioner's Seat in Shiawassee County

Brad Howard, age 34, is a Republican candidate running for Shiawassee County Commissioner for the 5th District.

Mr. Howard and his wife have four children, ages 8, 6, 4 and 2 years old. He attended Kettering University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineer.

Howard has served as a Township Supervisor, on the Planning Commission and on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"The biggest issue facing (5th District) voters is voting 'no' on all three proposals for (Michigan) constitutional amendments," he explains. "My top priorities are a balance, long-term budget; reducing or not increasing the tax burden; and maximizing services for citizens in the allotted budget."

Locally, he says he would prioritize restoring and preserving the 117-year-old Shiawassee County courthouse, and revitalizing county parks.

Howard is endorsed by Right To Life of Michigan.



Perry is Candidate for District 6 Shiawassee County Commissioner

Steven R. Perry, Jr., age 42, has announced his candidacy for the District 6 seat on the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Perry is married and has three children. The graduate of Corunna HS and Michigan State University is a 20-year employee of the Lansing Board of Water and Light.

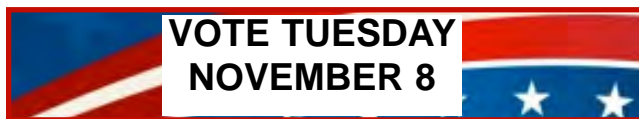
Perry is the chairman of the executive board of IBEW Local 352, overseeing the financial health of the local union. "I have also served on several contract negotiation committees primarily focused on health care, retirement and general work-related issues."

He explains the top priorities for him, if elected, are constituent services, professional oversight and managing the county budget. "I feel the main issue in the race for County Commissioner is transparency with information that leads to delegation of county tax dollars," Perry explains.

"One of my goals will be to develop a professional working relationship with county departments to ensure all needs are being met, while keeping my finger on the pulse of county operations."



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Filler Running as Incumbent for 93rd House District, State Rep

Graham Filler, age 39, is running for re-election to the Michigan State House of Representatives for the 93rd District.

Mr. Filler and his wife, Alicia, have two children, Claire (4) and Christian (four months). Graham is a 2002 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and a 2009 alumnus of Detroit Law School.

Currently working as an attorney, he served as a Michigan Assistant Attorney General from 2011-2018. "I worked on health care regulation cases and to protect the public health and safety," he says. "I have also served as a MSPC attorney, fighting to keep energy costs down. I have been a State Representative since 2019, supporting small businesses from government over-reach and fighting on behalf of the agriculture community."

Endorsed by the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan and the Police Officers Association of Michigan, Filler says, "Inflation and the cost of living is the number one issue in Michigan. Federal spending has caused gas and grocery prices to go through the roof, hurting every Michigander."

Filler lists his top priorities as lowering the cost of living, investing in common-sense solutions to roads and infrastructure, supporting agriculture in mid-Michigan, and making communities safer.

Among local projects, he says, "The St. Johns cheese plant needed some roadwork done and I worked diligently to include the road project in the State Budget. It was a great example of knowing my community and responding to a need with (needed) infrastructure support."

Lockwood Seeks Election to 93rd District State Rep

Jeffrey Lockwood, age 42, is seeking election as State Representative for the 93rd District.

Mr. Lockwood is married to his wife of 9 years and they have twin 7-year-old boys. A pipe-fitter, he holds an Associates Degree in construction supervision.

He explains his reasons for running for the seat: "I have had to miss work because I did not have childcare, I have had to scramble to find childcare for my son who has emotional control issues because his school's summer care program was not equipped to be able to handle students like him. Me and my wife struggle every month paying for bills, food, groceries, and childcare, working over 40 hours a week. I am not sure what experience is necessary to be a representative, but I do know what experience is needed to be a voice for the hard-working people of this state, who are facing the same struggles from bad policies that me and countless others are facing, and I guarantee you I have plenty of that experience."

When asked the biggest issues facing 93rd District voters, Lockwood explains, "The obvious answer would be inflation, which at the state level there is little control over it. However, (we can control) things like good paying union jobs and tax relief for the people who have been carrying the brunt to the load for too long."

"The next big issue is education. Education is something that we need to invest in and make sure it is a top priority in every budget. Our public schools need to be properly funded so that no matter where they live our students will have the resources available to them to receive a quality education. We also need to introduce our students to the skilled trades with shop classes and trade schools, so they are prepared to fill the need for these high paying jobs."

Lockwood lists his top three priorities:

1. Making our public schools a priority in the budget as



well as expanding shop classes and career-based learning.

2. Repealing "right to work" as well as the pension tax. I would also work towards establishing a minimum corporate tax.

3. Finally giving the working class a voice of their own in Lansing.

Lockwood has endorsements from the Michigan Pipe Trades Association, the Tri-County Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Michigan AFL-CIO.

Tsernoglou Sets Sights on 75th District State Rep. Seat

Penelope Tsernoglou is seeking election to the State of Michigan House of Representatives for the 75th District.

Age 43, she is married and mom to a 6-year-old daughter. Penelope holds degrees from the University of Michigan, the MSU College of Law (Juris Doctorate) and is a small business owner.

"As a mom, attorney, small business owner, longtime community activist, and former Ingham County Commissioner, I believe the big issues facing voters are healthcare, including reproductive rights, gun violence, education, voting rights, and environmental protection," she says.

Her top priorities are gun safety, healthcare and education.

Locally, she says, "I would like to assist with the rehabilitation of the Lake Lansing Dam. In addition, I would like to continue my work with trails and parks throughout our communities."

Tsernoglou has endorsements from the Michigan Education Association, the Sierra Club of Michigan and Planned Parenthood.



Stewart Seeks Election for Michigan House of Rep. 75th Seat

Chris Stewart, age 43, has announced his candidacy for the 75th district seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Stewart is single and is employed in Community Outreach. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Adrian College and a M.S. from Michigan State University.

He has taught leadership classes for the NCAA, is a teacher and coach, and a lifelong conservation and natural resources advocate. "We need to build projects to bring people together," he says.

He explains he is committed to growing Michigan's economy and agricultural base using Innovation with tradition through conservation, community and education.

The biggest issues facing 75th District voters are the issues presented by Proposal 3, the economy, education and water / natural resources.

"My top three priorities are the economy, infrastructure — especially internet for more people at affordable and accessible prices — education, and natural resources," he explains. "We need to ensure everyone has access to the internet, and we need to protect our water resources."

Mr. Stewart's endorsements include local support from the community, Senate candidate Tom Barrett and Ingham County commissioner Randy Schaffer.

He invites voters to visit his website at focs75.com.

Singh Seeks Seat for 28th District, Michigan State Senate

Sam Singh, age 51, is a candidate for the Michigan State Senate, 28th District.

Mr. Singh and his wife, Kerry, have a son, Remy, 5 years old. Singh earned his BA degree in history from MSU and is employed as a small business executive.

A former State Representative from 2013-18, he has also served as the former Mayor of East Lansing (2005-07) and on the Lansing City Council (1995-2005).

The biggest issues facing 28th District voters are myriad, Singh explains. "Businesses, farmers, schools and families are dealing with changes brought on by the pandemic and econom-

ic uncertainty. I would prioritize economic development, workforce training and investing in education," he says.

Singh expands on his top three priorities:

1. Economic Development- I believe that the state should work in partnership with local communities to help sustain and strengthen existing businesses and attract new business. In addition, the state needs to invest in talent and workforce initiatives that help residents grow their skills so they can have access to well-paying jobs.

2. We need to support and invest in our education system at all levels from early childhood to K-12 to post-secondary. Our pre-K and K-12 systems are suffering from worker shortages and post-secondary credentials are becoming more expensive than the average student can afford. Targeted investments and instituting best practices from across the country need to be implemented in short order to help avert the crisis facing the education community.

3. Michigan is blessed with great natural resources from our Great Lakes to state and local parks. These resources are major factors that support our tourism industry. We need to make sure that we are addressing issues like PFAS and lead in our water. We need to invest in updating our state parks and support local efforts to expand community parks and trails.

"Locally, I would like to work with the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership and local communities to ensure they're getting their fair share of resources to grow good-paying jobs in the county."

Mr. Singh lists his endorsements as the Police Officers Association of Michigan, the Small Business Association of Michigan and the Michigan Corn Growers Association.

Slotkin Seeks Return to Michigan US Rep. Seat

Elissa Slotkin, age 46, is the incumbent running for U.S. Representative for Michigan's 7th Congressional District.

Slotkin is married to husband, Dave Moore.

"I grew up in Michigan and graduated from Cornell with a BA and from Columbia University with a Master's in International Affairs," she says. "I'm not a politician by trade; I was in New York City during the terrorist attacks of September 11th, and by the time the dust cleared, I knew I wanted to protect our country. I joined up with the CIA and served three tours as an intelligence analyst in Iraq alongside our military. I've also served presidents of both parties in the White House and held senior positions at the Pentagon."

When asked about the important issues facing the voters this election, Slotkin explains, "One of the top issues facing Michiganders this election is whether we want to live under the standard established in Roe v. Wade or the 1931 abortion ban. I support the Roe standard, just like most Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. Michigan has a 1931 ban on the books that would criminalize abortion, including in cases of violent rape and incest—but this fall, voters will have the chance to overrule it by voting for Proposition."

As for her top priorities in office, she explains, "My priorities right now are the issues I've heard the most about over my four years in Congress: bringing down the cost of healthcare, stopping inflation, and keeping manufacturing in America. These are the problems that Michiganders are talking about at their kitchen tables, the things affecting their pocketbooks and their kids. I'll work with anyone — Democrat or Republican, left or right — to get stuff done."

As for her local influence, Slotkin explains, "In Congress, I'm fighting to direct federal funds to important local projects. Just this year, I secured \$1.3 million for the Lansing Police Department, \$3.5 million for a water treatment plant in Fowlerville, and \$3.5 million to improve another wastewater treatment plant in Mason."

Her endorsements include the Michigan Association of Police Organizations; Detroit and Lansing Chambers of Commerce; and the Michigan AFL-CIO.



Sports

Rams, Snap Wolfpack's Six-Game Win Streak, 17-7, Ending Wolves' 2022 Football Season

LAINGSBURG — Quirky.

That's the one word you can come up with when trying to explain the host Wolfpack's 17-7 loss to the Montrose Rams on the final Friday night of the 2022 varsity football season.

Coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack took the opening kickoff and sliced through the Ram defense on their opening drive for a 7-0 lead. After that, the Wolves barely threatened the endzone.

The visitor sideline was quirky: rowdy and raucous. Montrose coach Dennis Reinhart screamed at his team throughout, either praising them for a good play, hollering about a poor play, or merely asking questions of his assistants.

There were quirky penalties. LHS was whistled multiple times for an ineligible receiver down the field — a rare call from the start of their 2022 campaign. A Montrose player was called for "targeting" -- after a five-minute referees' meeting -- but allowed to stay in the game.

Quirky. How is it that Laingsburg's conference champion, with six-straight wins and a 6-2 record, was fighting for its post-season life on the final night of the regular season? How is it that Lansing Catholic and Ida vaulted over LHS despite 4-5 final records? Or Clawson at 5-4?

Chalk it up to quirks in the schedule. Chalk it up to the quirky MHSAA playoff format. Such quirks almost force a team like Laingsburg to look at leaving its MHSAA Division 6-7-8 league, a conference it has called home since 1966.

In other words, LHS didn't do itself any favors with its 27-14 league-clinching win at small-school Fowler — despite the Wolves claiming their first CMAC championship in history. Beating state-ranked Fowler on the Eagles' home field isn't a big enough "prize." Two years ago, six wins would have guaranteed a team a spot in the post-season. But not anymore; the MHSAA changed the rules (quirky?) in 2021.

So there's the choice: new-generation prep politics, or tradition. Laingsburg and Montrose chose the traditional route on October 21 at LHS.

The Rams quickly figured out the Wolfpack's game plan, minimizing the Wolves' speed and athleticism. Then, both teams backed up that traditional approach with bone-crunching blocking and tackling. The second half, particularly, turned into a slugfest between two prize-fighters.

The Wolfpack fired the first salvo, scoring on Ty Randall's two-yard scamper to the end zone, and Jack Audretsch's PAT boot for a 7-0 lead.

Thereafter, LHS struggled to gain footing on the Montrose half of the field — despite holding a 30:00 to 18:00 advantage in time of possession. The Ram defense bowed its neck, limiting the Wolves to just 40 yards rushing on 24 carries.

Montrose followed the lead of QB Zack O'Neal for the remainder of the contest. O'Neal found Mike Stevenson from 19 yards out with just :38 seconds left before halftime, and Jaxson Perrin's PAT kick tied the ledger at 7-7.

Stevenson put the Rams up for good in the third quarter, taking it in on a 12-yard rush at the 11:44 mark. Perrin's kick was good for a 14-7 lead.

With the Wolves frantically trying to get a tying TD, Perrin put things away for good with a 33-yard kick that split the uprights with 7:13 left in the contest.

Of Laingsburg's 199 total yards, 159 came through the air, Randall clicking on 14-of-22 passes. He was intercepted once. Connor Hulliberger led the receiving corps with 6 for 81 yards; Jack Borgman 6 for 60; Mikey Brooks one for 16 and Hayden Johnston one for 2 yards. Borgman also led the rushing attack with 37 yards on 8 carries.

Seth Sivak again led the LHS defense with 12 tackles, six solos. Borgman and Elliot Wilsey had tackles for loss. Brooks, Randall, Tommy Gousetis, Mitchell Yates, Camren Curtis-Hart, Alex Forcier, Brock Johnston, James Nixon, Audretsch, Hayden Johnston and Sean Divine were all in on tackles for the Wolfpack in its final appearance of 2022.



(L to R) Jack Borgman, Mikey Brooks and Sean Divine team up to corral Montrose RD Mike Stevenson during non-league action October 21 at LHS. (Photo by Burg Sports)

Lansing Christian Erupts in 6-1 Soccer Victory, Ending LHS Season

LAINGSBURG — Heavily-favored Lansing Christian scratched out a 1-0 halftime lead, Laingsburg holding its own against the 21-2 soccer Pilgrims in the MHSAA District Finals here October 22. At that point, the Wolves held a 3-2 advantage in shots on goal.

Then the Pilgrims made the Wolfpack go away.

LC erupted with five goals after intermission en route to a 6-1 victory, moving on in Division 4 on the State Boys Soccer Tournament, District title in hand.

"We had them locked down in the first half," said Wolfpack coach Natalie Elkins. "We did exactly what we wanted to do — we possessed more and we passed well. We made some silly errors that got us scored on. Then it got in our heads and we couldn't play our level of soccer any more."

LHS, ending its fine season at 10-4-4, got on the board when Brayden Thomas scored the lone goal for the Wolfpack, with 9:54 left in the game on a penalty kick.

Despite the loss, Elkins said, "The 2022 campaign was still one to remember."



Brayden Thomas scored the lone goal for the Wolfpack against Lansing Christian.

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Wolfpack Grad Wilsey Finding Success with Grizzlies Soccer

PONTIAC -- Laingsburg alum Sophie Wilsey has been instrumental as the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies moved to 5-2-7 in NCAA women's soccer play.

The Grizzlies tied Youngstown State 1-1 and Green Bay 0-0 recently. Wilsey was in the thick of things on defense, playing the full 90 minutes in both contests.

Always a stalwart defender, Wilsey found the net in two of Oakland's wins on the season. Her second-half strike was the only goal in Oakland's 1-0 victory over Cleveland State. Against Robert Morris, she was the last of three Grizzlies to score.



OE Alum Nash Helps Spark Northwood to 6-1-3 Mark

MIDLAND — With Ovid-Elsie alum Josie Nash contributing, the Northwood University Timberwolves went 1-1 to start the month of October, picking up a 2-0 win against Walsh University, but falling 4-1 to Ferris State.

Nash played a combined 62 minutes across the two games — 37 vs. Walsh and 25 vs. the Bulldogs.

Northwood's loss to Ferris State was just its second of the year. The Timberwolves are 6-1-3.



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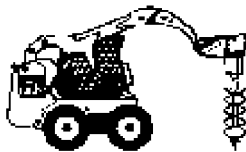
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When I chose to play the game "Aggravation" I truly enjoy myself. On the other hand when electronic gadgets play their version of the game it ticks me off. My son left me with an Alexa, I think that is how you spell it. I have to tell



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

her what I wish to hear and she plays it for about an hour and shuts off because according to her logic no one was interacting with it. So I have tried interacting and having her skip songs that irritate me or are not of the genre that I requested. That doesn't seem to work out well either. She quits due to lack of interaction. Alexa also turns on by herself and makes comments that are senseless. She may quip that she doesn't understand the question...there were no questions and the house had been silent. Of course my computer and smart phone are very good at aggravating me also, currently I typed in aggravating and the computer changed it to aggravation. Good thing that I can still read, though I do admit to missing corrections at times.

Do you ever get tired of battling uphill? Or maybe it just seems to be an uphill battle. This past week was extra hard on Diane because I wasn't there to help her at the coffee shop. She already works third shift, full time in a high stress situation. It didn't help that I came down with respiratory problems and couldn't function. So she did the work by herself and was running on the exhausted side of life. That being said she still managed to create a new fresh apple donut stick that is pretty tasty pastry. Thank goodness I'm back in the saddle again and hopefully she will get some rest now. She is already looking at the necessities created by her flock and herd and figuring out how to keep everything updated. I'm impressed with her determination and compassion. She's a good daughter and a major blessing.

I've been a bit self serving this week. I have been spending money on myself and it is rather interesting to do so. I was up at Corbin's in St Louis and purchased a large Lazy boy recliner for my living room. Not for my living room but to be placed there for me to become my reading chair. I considered having it delivered but it would have cost me \$4 a mile which would have come in at about \$120 for the trip. Karen and I will take my pickup and get it, they will load it and we will unload it. Then we gals will be going out for supper. May your days be filled with blessings and interesting folks to chat up. God bless you daily. Crystal Mitchell©2022

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he says, "We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. 12 We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. 13 As a fair exchange- I speak as to my children- open wide your hearts also...2 Make room for us in your hearts... I



Religious Thoughts

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have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you. 4 I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds."- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, 7:2-4

We all know that our relationships with others are important. When our relationships with others are good, everyone wins. Life is all about relationships.

True, Christian, relationships are at their best when, as possible, we open our hearts to one another. When we are living for each other before ourselves. Always remembering "...that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it."

- 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Not that we bear our soul to everyone in the church, but that we keep things as open and real and honest as possible with each other.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes about how Titus went to see the Church in Corinth. Their concern for Paul and desire to do right refreshed Titus's spirit and made him happy. Titus goes to see Paul and tells him these things, which gave comfort to Paul and caused his joy to be greater than ever. The Corinthian Church was obedient to Paul, which was a good and godly thing to be and this obedience made Paul glad. Everyone wins.

God used Titus to make a big difference in the lives of the Corinthian believers and Paul. What a wonderful picture this is of Christians acting out God's love to each other. When this happens, everyone wins and God is glorified. This means that God can use you and wants to use you to bless others.

How can we be a source of comfort to someone today? How can we encourage someone today? To make someone glad and full of joy?

Can you visit someone? Make a call? Write an email or letter? Ask how someone is doing? Pray for someone either in person or on the phone? Ask the Lord what you can do and I'm confident He will tell you.

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Ooooooh ... so close! Daniel Culpepper blazed through the October 22 weekend of the Guru to nearly taste perfection. The only stumble for the 'Pepper was Rutgers beating Indiana. But don't feel too bad, Danno. Most of our fearless forecasters didn't get that one either. To go a sterling 6-0 on the NFL picks is certainly noteworthy, as Daniel managed to do.

Weekly wonder Leanne Arnst missed the first two picks (Virginia vs. Ga. Tech and Troy vs. South Alabama) then came roaring back with 10-straight perfectos to finish 10-2 during our weekly pigskin partee'. She finished a close 3rd to Gary Hrncharik of Ovid, who stumbled only on Rutgers and the mighty Troy Trojans (who, by the way, are also located in south Alabama. Go figure).

The college games proved to be most contentious again, especially the Virginia Cavs beating the Ramblin' Wreck, and Troy getting past South 'Bama. Another toughie, in the NFL, proved to be the Jets dominating the Broncos in Denver. You gotta believe in Gang Green.

J - E - T - S -- Jets, Jets, Jets!

The Guru has some windex available for those fair readers wishing to polish up their crystal ball.

Amongst our "esteemed" staff race, The Wolfman continued his big season over Duffy, picking up another game to stand .654% vs. .583% for the season.



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**Marauders Keep Slugging,
Finally Get Past Corunna in Overtime, 21-20**

OVID-ELSIE — Rarely, if ever, does a Corunna football team sporting a 7-1 record and eyeing the post-season lose a non-conference game.

Yet that's exactly what happened October 21 at Mark O'Donnell Field, when the host Marauders pinned their ears back, eeking out a 21-20 prep football win over their longtime Shiawassee County rivals.

Both teams stood 7-2 overall entering the MHSAA playoffs ... after this slugfest. Ovid-Elsie drew Almont, Corunna drew Williamston on the opening night of the post-season, October 28.

Historically, the Cavaliers are the 100th (out of 488) best-winning team in Michigan, with a 393-265 record since 1950 (.596). The Cavs were gunning to inch closer to the prestigious 400 Club, seemingly on their way when Wyatt Bower hit Jaden Edington with a 54-yard TD pass to open the scoring at 8:46 of the first quarter. Payton Brown kicked the PAT for a 7-0 Cavalier lead.



Perrien Rasch running to paydirt from 6 yards out during OT against Corunna. Photos by Michelle Ladiski

The Marauders got within a point at 10:22 of the second frame. Tryce Tokar fired a 5-yard strike to Clay Wittenberg. The two-point conversion pass failed, however, Corunna maintaining the lead at 7-6.

Edington went to work again in the third quarter. He barreled in from six yards out, Brown tacked on the PAT kick, giving the Cavaliers a 14-6 advantage.

That proved to be the last time CHS would score. That's also when the Ovid-Elsie Thrill Show (just in time for Halloween) began.

O-E capped a clutch, 85-yard drive that started with just 3:13 left in the contest, Tokar hitting Braxton Stenger on a 7-yard completion with :15 seconds left to play. The pair teamed up again on the two-point conversion, knotting the score at 14-14 and forcing overtime.

O-E struck first in OT, Perrien Rasch running to paydirt from 6 yards out. The eventual winning points came on Julien Mortier's PAT boot; O-E now leading, 21-14.

No win over Corunna is easy. The Cavs mauled their way to the one-yard line, where Edington scored again on a short blast. The Cavs next lined up for the two-point try to win it — the "swinging gate" they call it, with the center eligible on the end of the line after teammates shift, all to one side. But Bower's pass got tipped, Tokar came down with the interception, setting off pandemonium for the Marauders and their frenzied sideline.

"We were gritty — we just keep fighting man, this team in resilient," said coach Travis Long after the game. "We've got some warriors and I'm so proud of them."

Ovid-Elsie out-gained the visitors, 305-249, with Tokar completing 9-of-20 passes for 104 yards, two TDs and an interception. Bower was 6-of-9 for 96 yards, a TD and the one crucial pick. Wittenberg caught 5 Tokar aerals for 62 yards, Stenger 3 for 31 and Logan Thompson one for 11.

The Marauders rolled to 201 yard on the ground, Tokar leading the way with 14 carries for 79 yards. Carter Kelley rushed 10 times for 44, Rasch 8 for 37, Thompson 9 for 27 and Jamison Custer 6 for 14.

The Marauder defense, as it has been the last several weeks, was a main storyline of the game. They forced five turnovers, turning the tide of the outcome. Kevin Ley was O-E's top tackler with 8, four of them solo; Wittenberg, Beau Price, Rasch, Tokar, Cole Workman, Justin Cole, Kelley, Landon Stoneman, Joe Bancroft, Dawson Taylor and Custer were all credited with stops for the victors.



OE player #1 Gage Kvalevog celebrating the win with teammates against Corunna on Oct. 22.



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