

Comedy Night in Ovid

The Ovid Carriage Days Committee will be hosting a fund raising Comedy Night on Saturday, October 15th at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. Ovid-Elsie's own Nick Leydorf will be the featured comedian along with a couple of his friends.

Nick is a fun-loving, Michigan comedian with a quick wit. When he's not on stage, you can find Nick in his office being a lawyer, paying off his student debt. He's described as funny, adorable and non-threatening. He talks about his unrelatable profession in such a relatable way that audiences can't help but laugh. He's performed for audiences at various festivals and events including the Elsie Dairy Festival which he claims was because "White Snake" had to cancel...

Nick will be joined by two of his comedian friends on Saturday, October 15th. Doors open at 7:30 with the show to begin at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 per person for attendees 18 and older and are available online thru the ovidcarriagedays.com website, from committee members or at the Meridian Weekly. They will also be sold at the door. Attendees 21 and older are welcome to BYOB. 50/50 Raffle and concessions for purchase will be available. Make plans now to come support this fund raising event and take advantage of an opportunity to laugh and have some fun.



meet & greet

You are invited to stop in at Eatery 121 in downtown Ovid on Tuesday, October 11th from 9am-10am and enjoy a cup of coffee. A Meet & Greet will be held with the following candidates: Val Vail-Shirley, candidate for County Commissioner District 1, Chris Stewart, Candidate for State Representative District 75 and Daylen Howard, Candidate for State Senate District 28. For more information, call Tammy Tyler at 517-581-2335.

Fall Fun Family Day in Ovid

The City of Ovid will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Sunday, October 16th from 11am-2pm. The event will feature a Car Show (rescheduled from Carriage Days), a Meet & Greet of the Ovid Police Department and for the kids, Pumpkin Painting, Make Your Own Carmel Apples and a Mini Petting Zoo. The event will stage on Main Street in front of the Library. See page 8 for event details.



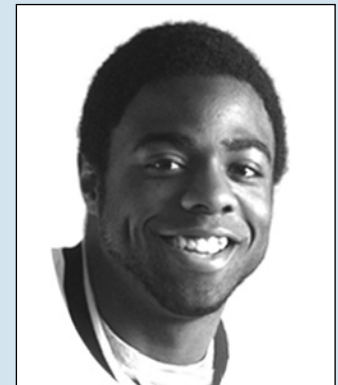
Colin Veith and Alexis Spitzley were crowned Homecoming king and queen during half time at the OE vs Chesaning. Ovid-Elsie came out on top with a 49-13 win over long time rivals Chesaning Indians.
Photo by Michelle Ladiski

2022 OE Hall of Fame Inductees

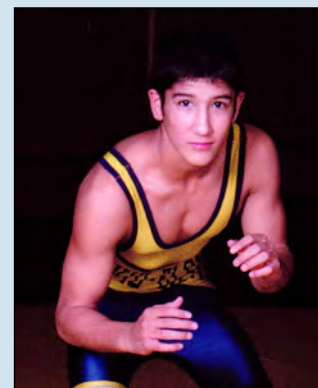
On Saturday, October 15th, the Ovid-Elsie Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at the high school. The following individuals and team will be inducted. Tickets will be available at the door that evening for \$10 (cash only), no advance tickets will be sold. Social hour and appetizers will be from 6pm-7pm with induction ceremony to follow. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Randy Barton.



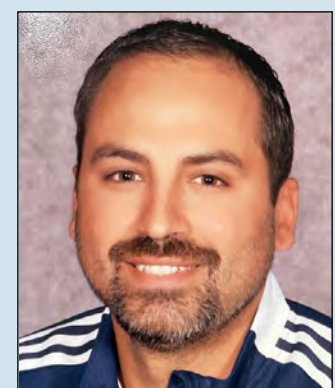
Mary Nutter



Chris Robinson



Tommy Zuniga



Joseph Latz



1991 Varsity Football Team

Players: Aaron Maike, Andy Tanner, Bobby Hernandez, Brad Harden, Brad Ignash, Brad Sutliff, Brandon Pattison, Bruce Hunt, Chris Darling, Chris Pohl, Craig Thornton, Derek Fatura, Dustin Everts, Eric Jones, Eric Plowman, Jerry Dowell, John Ornelas, Josh Palus, Ken Haley, Kyle Spiess, Lynn Behrens, Mike Evans, Mike Long, Mike Loynes, Mike Watson, Pat Baraton, Richard Simmons, Ryan Cooper, Scott Dennison, Scott O'Connell, Scott Porrell, Steve Baker, Thomas Bradley, Todd Chapko
Dennis Baraton - Head Coach Mike Cole - Asst. Coach Mark Burnash - Asst. Coach Manager: Kyle Thornton - Student Equipment Manager Harold Slowinski - Equipment Manager
Trainers: Heather Dennison - Student Trainer Tammy Broome - Student Trainer Dick Kora - Head Trainer

Tickets for the Induction Ceremony are available at the High School front office. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at the door. Watch for more information and Inductee Bio information in the coming weeks of the Meridian Weekly. For more information call the High School Office at 989-834-2271.

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ANNUAL FALL DINNER
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ZCBJ Hall
Bannister, MI

Dinner: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Adults: \$15 • Children (under 12): \$15
Preschool: Free

Menu Includes: Breaded Chicken, Ham, Squash,
Dumplings & Cabbage, Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing,
and Kolache

Youth activities

Free Youth Events

Modern Woodmen of America (Ed Arthur) and Holy Family church are sponsoring a few FREE youth events this year. Everyone is welcome, but please RSVP at least 3 days prior to the event. RSVP to Rachel at 517.256.8179 supplies are limited to RSVP's. All meetings are from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm food and drinks will be served at the meeting. A lot of the discussion is about doing good things for your community, giving back, and being proud of helping others.

October 15 - Meet at Holy Family in - Ovid
Join a Cooking Class - Take a dish home for your family
Can food donation welcome benefit Elsie Food panty
November 12 - Meeting at Holy Family - Ovid
Learn to build a birdhouse and take it home
Donations of Diapers welcome for the baby panty
December 10 - Vineyard Creative Arts Theatre - Ovid
Learn about community theater and Play laser tag!

Memorial Healthcare Host Free Lunch and Learn "Hiatal Hernias and Acid Reflux"

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Wednesday, October 26th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

The topic of this educational series is "Hiatal Hernias and Acid Reflux" and will be presented by Dr. Sasha Spenceley, General and Trauma Surgeon from Memorial Healthcare Surgical Associates.

This presentation will be held in the Educational Theater (please enter through the "Wellness Center" entrance) at the NOW Building, 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at rdahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Friday, October 21, 2022.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org

Retired School Personnel to Meet

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

ST. JUDE'S NOVENA

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus Pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day, by 8th day your prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you St. Jude.

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Conceal Carry Classes

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.



Elsie Masonic Lodge Commissions Artist

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 commissioned Tracey Davis, a St. John's artist, to design and paint a mural on the Elsie Masonic Lodge. The completed mural is located on North Ovid Street. The weather allowed for the two-week completion of the project. It should be noted that Tracey Davis has completed numerous murals in the City of St Johns.

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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman
by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Corn Poaching

Temperatures are slowly dropping, leaves are turning, fresh local cider is available, and soybeans are being harvested; all signs that Fall is here. Around this time field corn starts to dry down and ears go from sticking straight up to hanging downward. As the kernels start to become hard and their moisture content decreases, many rows next to the roadside start to lose yield. Farmers know that this loss can not be blamed solely on wildlife but also by two legged varmints commonly labeled as country poachers or urban foragers.

The Weekly Sportsman does not condone the poaching or foraging of field corn from local farmers. Even at the end of the day, when it is all said and done, with a few ears missing from here and there across a field, the loss probably pales in comparison to an extra few deer that make it through bow and gun seasons. But stealing is stealing. Sure there is probably some excitement for thrill seekers who sneak into a corn field during the dark of night with a feed bag and snatch a few full bags of ear corn. Maybe they are too cheap to buy shelled corn at the gas station for hunting or feeding squirrels and perhaps it's just an annual part of getting their pet horse, ducks,chickens, and goats through the winter.

The Weekly Sportsman does support asking a farmer if they could have or pay for some corn if they went and picked it. Maybe the farmer would appreciate the gesture of asking permission and the offer of compensation so much that he would say have at it and refuse payment. While corn poaching seems simple and as easy as navigating a corn maze that might not be the case for everyone. It wouldn't be a bad idea to practice corn poaching or foraging, with permission of course, to learn the skills so you can be prepared for a survival situation. You may quickly learn that you have corn allergies or how heavy corn can really be when it fills a few feed bags.

Practice doing it in the dark and try really hard to go undetected by passing cars. Don't just pick along the ditch, hop around so losses are less likely to be detected. More importantly, the final objective should be honing the survival skill of turning poached or foraged field corn into cornmeal for human consumption.

The most common corn you will probably find is field corn but don't neglect a dried down sweetcorn patch, popcorn, and even colored ornamental corn. Make sure the kernels are really dry and start removing them from the cob. Place in a little coffee grinder or food processor and turn the kernels into corn flour and then sift by running through a metal wire mesh strainer and tapping the side. If some chunky pieces are left in the strainer, throw the back in the grinder with some new kernels and repeat. A few ears should provide enough flour for a pan of corn muffins or corn bread.

Grease a 9 inch cake pan and combine 1 cup flour, 1 cup flour,⅔ cup sugar, 3 ½ teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup milk, ½ cup vegetable oil, 1 large egg. To increase sweetness and moisture add more sugar, eggs, and possibly sweet corn kernels. When ingredients are done being whisked, pour into a cake pan and bake for 25 minutes at 400 degrees. Use the toothpick method to check readiness.

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VICTOR TOWNSHIP Clinton County, Michigan

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Victor Township Election Commission will meet on October 10, 2022 at 6:45 pm. at the Victor Township Hall located at 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848.

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

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 IN CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Clinton County who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township or City Clerk; the office of the appropriate County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township or City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 24, 2022**. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following:

Bath Twp Clerk 14480 Webster Rd., P.O. Box 247, Bath, MI 48808 517-641-6728	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Bengal Twp Clerk 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI 48879 989-640-4750	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Bingham Twp Clerk 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns, MI 48879 989-403-8468	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Dallas Twp Clerk 380 N Elm St., Fowler, MI 48835 989-593-2542	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
DeWitt City Clerk 414 E. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-669-2441	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
DeWitt Twp Clerk 1401 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-668-0270	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Duplain Twp Clerk 145 W. Main St., Elsie, MI 48831 517-927-6258	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday, November 6 th 12:00 pm – 5:00pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Eagle Twp Clerk 10505 W. Howe Rd., Eagle, MI 48822 517-526-0218	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; Sunday, November 6 th 8:00 am – 12 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
East Lansing City Clerk – City Hall 410 Abbott Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823 517-337-1731 City Clerk Satellite Office, MSU – IM East 804 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48823 City Clerk Satellite Office, MSU – Brody Hall 241 W. Brody Hall, East Lansing, MI 48823	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, November 5 th and Sunday, November 6 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm October 26-28 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm October 31-November 6 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday, November 7 th from 11:00 am – 4:00pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Essex Twp Clerk 5111 Findlay Rd, St. Johns, MI 48879 989-307-0425	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Sunday, November 6 th 8:00 pm – 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Greenbush Twp Clerk 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879 989-224-3993	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Lebanon Twp Clerk 14234 W. Kinley Rd., Fowler, MI 48835 989-593-2193	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Olive Twp Clerk 1669 E. Alward Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-204-5620	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Ovid City Clerk 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI 48866 989-834-5550	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday, November 6 th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Ovid Twp Clerk 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI 48866 989-834-2597	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th and Sunday, November 6 th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Riley Twp Clerk 7110 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820 517-819-6132	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
St. Johns City Clerk 100 E. State St., Ste. 1100, P.O. Box 477, St. Johns, MI 48879 989-224-8944	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday, November 5 th 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Victor Twp Clerk 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848 517-651-2094	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 pm - 3:00 pm Sunday, November 6 th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Watertown Twp Clerk 12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 517-626-6593	Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, November 5 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Westphalia Twp Clerk 13950 Pratt Rd., PO Box 429, Westphalia, MI 48894 989-587-3411	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment Sunday, November 6 th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Election Day, Tuesday November 8 th from 7 am - 8 pm

For the purpose of nominating the following:

STATE: Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General

CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator – 28th District or 34th District, Representative in Congress – 7th District

LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature – 75th District, 77th District or 93rd District

COUNTY: County Commissioner

TOWNSHIP: Partial Terms ending 11/20/2024

Bath Township - Clerk & Trustee

Bingham Township - Clerk

Duplain Township - Trustee

Ovid Township - Supervisor

Victor Township - Clerk

Watertown Township - Clerk

Westphalia Township - Supervisor

JUDICIAL

Justice of Supreme Court; Judges of Court of Appeals 4th District; Judge of Probate; Judge of 54B District Court/East Lansing, Pct. 17 only

CITIES

DeWitt City Mayor & Council Members; Ovid City Council Members; St. Johns City Commissioners

VILLAGE (where applicable)

President, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees and Library Board

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Board Members:

Bath Community Schools; Carson-City Crystal Area Schools; DeWitt Public Schools; East Lansing Public Schools; Fowler Public Schools; Fulton Schools; Grand Ledge Public Schools; Haslett Public Schools; Laingsburg Community Schools; Lansing Public Schools; Ovid-Elsie Area Schools; Pewamo-Westphalia Schools; Portland Public Schools; St. Johns Public Schools; Waverly Community Schools

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Board of Trustees Member

- Lansing Community College
- Montcalm Community College

LIBRARY

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

CITIES:

- 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 times per month 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 a 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

SCHOOLS:

- ST. JOHNS 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, if necessary

VILLAGES:

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

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained at the Clinton County Clerk’s Office, 100 E. State St., Ste. 2600, St. Johns. A sample ballot may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk’s office.

This notice is given as required by law (MCL 168.498(3))

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

Obituaries

Christine Ann Helms

Christine Ann Helms, age 51, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, September 30, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Christine was born in Owosso, Michigan on August 2, 1971, the daughter of Charles Alan and Maryann (Hildebrant) Wittenberg. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1989. Christine married William "Bill" Helms on December 10, 1994 in Lansing, MI.

Christine loved her family, spending time with her grandchildren: Hudson, Oakley and Gracy and her dogs: Lexi and Axle. She was very supportive of her children and nephews at their school sporting events. Christine loved shopping for herself and others, getting her nails done, and always documenting with a selfie. She enjoyed camping with family and friends at Sleepy Hollow State Park, spending time in Grand Marais and trips to Las Vegas. Christine was employed with the State of Michigan as a tax collector for the past five years.

She is survived by her husband Bill Helms of Ovid, MI; son Jake and Beth Helms of Grand Rapids, MI; daughter Kylie and Aaron Hatter of Lansing, MI; three grandchildren: Hudson, Oakley, and Gracy; brothers: Curtis and Kelly Wittenberg of Lake Linden, MI; Craig and Annie Wittenberg of Ovid, MI; mother-in-law Edie Helms of Holt, MI; brothers & sisters-in-law: Trisha and Jason Townsend of Holt, MI; Jim and Lisa Helms of Lansing, MI. She is also survived by nephews: Cole and Clay Wittenberg and Elijah Helms, many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, and brother-in-law Chad Helms.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX, 75380. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Daniel Albert Morgan

Daniel Albert Morgan, passed away at age 52 on Friday September 30th in his home surrounded by family and prayer. He was preceded in death by his parents Geraldine Ellen Hunter, Leonard Leroy Morgan, and his brother Michael Morgan in 1983.

He is survived by his wife Pamela Morgan, stepchildren Rodney Craig, Gabrielle (Corey) Malone, his brothers Leonard Morgan and Gary Morgan, and grandchildren Nathan and Vincent Malone.

Daniel was loved and respected by so many, and an accomplished man. He was well known to put all he had into whatever he did; therefore he always did it well. He had such a passion and love for the great State of Michigan, and his community, he became a Firefighter for Laingsburg in 1989 and was a Lieutenant at the time he retired from the Department. He started his career at the State of Michigan 25 years ago and excelled with his passion for occupational safety and health to bring many procedures and policies to fruition for the safety of the employee's of the state. His career ended at the State of MI as Assistant Department Administrator for DTMB.

Just a few of his biggest accomplishments are:

- Assistant Golf Coach for the Laingsburg High School Golf Team
- A Laingsburg Firefighter since 1989
- Fire/Crash/Rescue Crew Chief (HAZMAT CART) for Michigan International Speedway.
- All fire alarms in buildings of the State of Michigan will be sounded with his voice and directions.

•This year 2022 was recognized as Laingsburg's Hometown Hero by Modern Woodsman of America - #783

A funeral mass was celebrated on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the morning and Fr. Anthony Brooks to will officiate the burial for those who wish to attend at Mt. Olivet.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to fund the Coach Morgan Golf Foundation which is in the process of formation.



Wilbur "Bill" Morris Weston

Wilbur "Bill" Morris Weston, age 86, of Dewitt, Michigan passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

Bill was born February 18, 1936 in Ashley, Michigan to Fred and Esther Weston.

Bill attended Ashley Public Schools, graduating in 1954. He was employed by the State of Michigan for 26 years. Bill also served a combination of 43 years on the DeWitt School Board and Clinton County RESA Board. He belonged to the DeWitt Lion's Club, delivered food baskets for Community Christmas and enjoyed attending DeWitt sporting events. Bill was an avid snowmobiler taking many trips to the UP, West Yellowstone and riding the trails around Higgins Lake. He loved spending time at his cottage at Higgins Lake swimming, water skiing and taking his family out in the boat.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Arlene of 50 years; parents, Fred and Esther Weston; and 6 brothers and 2 sisters. He leaves behind daughter, Sue (Roy) Richardson of Oscoda; son, Doug (Donna) of Zelenople, PA; granddaughters, Ashley Hamelink, Danielle (Jesse) Paluzzi; grandson, Davis Weston; great grandsons, Jackson Adams and Myles Hamelink; sister-in-law, Audrey Fabus; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration Of Life will be held for Bill at a later date. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Michigan Humane Society in memory of Bill.



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Pastor Eugene Blair

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Mass: Sun 10:30am,
Wed. 9:00am

Confession:
Sun 11:30am

We Welcome You to Come...

Middlebury United Methodist Church

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10:30 a.m.

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street
Pastor: Zella Daniel
Sunday Worship 11:15am

Duplain Church of Christ

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(3 mi. W. of O-E H.S.)
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00am

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Associate Minister: Matthew Barnum
Children's Minister: Jessica Prieto
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Pastor: John Jakus
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Worship Service 10:00am
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Bannister ZCBJ Fall Dinner and Bazaar

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

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

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

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



Editorial

Vote for Kory Witt

Letter to the Editor:

I recently heard on interview on WOES and the individual described a memory long forgotten. He described a photo of a row of combines preparing to harvest a neighbor's crops. The neighbor had recently lost her husband and the community stepped up to offer assistance and support. That is the Ovid-Elsie community that I have grown to cherish, it is who we were. Unfortunately, the last year has brought out the worst in us, we see members of the community turning on one another, the culture has changed. Ovid-Elsie Area Schools is the center of our community it is where we come together to support each other's children in sports, academics and the arts. As a thirty, plus year educator I have learned that children who bully others come from parents that model the same behavior, the lack of respect for one another is all too apparent.

That being said, as we prepare for the 2022 November election choices are going to have to be made for who serves on the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education. Do we, as a community, want members that are there for the students and staff or those who are just angry? Kory Witt is an excellent candidate he has already proven that he is a community minded person and has a commitment to make the community a better place. Kory is a Lt. on the Elsie Fire Department, a board member of Clinton Area Ambulance Service and a trustee on the Elsie Village Council. In addition, he has children who are attending Ovid-Elsie Area Schools and who are active in extra-curricular activities. Kory is not afraid to ask the tough questions and to fight for what will improve the community. Kory's flyers say it all, "Serve students who have been left behind due to politics, strengthen board and community communication. Be a voice for those who have been silenced." In addition, Kory will listen, way the facts and consequences, and then take action.

Dawn D Levey

Elsie resident, parent, and grandparent

Term Limits, Election Integrity & Abortion Abomination On the Ballot - November 8, 2022

Letter to the Editor:

November 8, 2022, is "Election Day" in Michigan. Your vote will have a HUGE IMPACT that will alter our future because you will be voting to change the Michigan Constitution. There are three ballot proposals you will be voting on. VOTE 'NO' ON ALL THREE !!

Proposal #1: Voters For Transparency and Term Limits. (What's the Real Legislative Intent?)

This proposed Constitutional Amendment is an initiated law passed in both chambers of the Michigan Legislature by a 2/3 majority. I find it very hard to believe that this was done with altruistic intent to make the process more transparent and have greater accountability. This is the fox guarding the hen house. This constitutional amendment would reduce the maximum length a lawmaker can serve from 14 years-to-12 years, but it would allow them to serve 12-years in a single chamber, essentially allowing them to serve longer terms than they normally could. Currently most term limited House members leave after 6-years and choose to not run for the Senate. Most Senate members leave after 8 years.

VOTE 'NO' ON PROPOSAL #1 !!

Proposal #2: Promote the Vote. (Legalize Election Fraud!)

This voter initiative petition would open a greater possibility for fraud than we currently experience. Permitting "Early in-person voting" nine days in advance of the traditional day would allow less oversight of the defined structured process allowing for a greater chance of fraud. It will allow for no reason absentee ballots, unsupervised ballot drop boxes, no state ID required to vote, it would allow for private groups and charities to fund elections (Zuckerbucks/Facebook!), it limits outside election audits of elections, and denies citizens access to election records.

VOTE 'NO' ON PROPOSAL #2 !!

Proposal #3: Reproductive Freedom For All. (Legalize Abortion up to BIRTH, SUSPEND PARENTAL RIGHTS!)

This proposal would make Michigan the most pro-abortion state in the country. It would allow for abortions up to the day of birth, partial-birth abortions, and termination of babies that survive abortions. It would allow minor children to obtain abortions, sterilization, puberty blockers, and sex change surgeries WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. It would eliminate screenings of women coerced into getting abortions, and remove health and safety requirements of abortion facilities. It would also allow anyone considered to be a "health care professional" to authorize the approval of an abortion for either mental or health reasons. The ballot proposal has no definition of the terms that are used in the proposal.

THIS BALLOT PROPOSAL MUST BE DEFEATED —

VOTE 'NO' ON PROPOSAL #3 !!

Gail Wadell

Elsie, MI

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

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

Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848

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

Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
(517) 651-5286

CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

An Election Commission Meeting for the GENERAL Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022, will be conducted on Wednesday October 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

Paula Willoughby
Laingsburg City Clerk

Our opening of MG's Perx & Pastries for the Elsie Fall Festival went well, we honestly had lines of folks waiting to place orders. The sausage and biscuits seemed to be well liked, as did the old fashioned cake donuts. I made five and a half batches of them and only four donuts were left when we closed at 2PM. I batter and Diane fries. There were a couple of apple pies left so one was sent over to the Bannister United Methodist Church along with a plate of baked and fried donuts. We received a thank you text from Linda acknowledging their delight from receiving the goodies.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself but was wiped out at the end of the day. I felt like I'd spent the day in a whirlwind. Fortunately for me, I spent a bit more time in the back and got to visit with a few friends who stopped by to encourage us. Ted and Tammi came down from St Louis and surprised me with some growing lights, a silver bell squash and some fresh pears. Sally brought fresh cut flowers and a card to encourage us, she also brought me a snugly black cape that Noah modeled for us. Margaret sent down some new blouses for me delivered by Ryan and Christian. I was a bit overwhelmed by the generosity of others. And yes, the day went well, we were very busy and are looking forward to serving folks of our locale.

Sunday started out with me making a run up to the shop because I had left my purse there. Fortunately I found where I had put it and I was so relieved that I failed to see the new table and chairs in the back room. Sometimes I can be overly focused and fail to see the forest because I'm sitting under a tree. The rest of the day was a day of sad and expensive events. I kept hearing one of the cats meowing and I thought that it was the Tiny Terror, it wasn't her. It was little Lightening who was just turning a year old. He had been a favorite of William's and it hurt to see him in pain. Someone had hit him and kept going. He pulled himself off the edge of the road and tried to get under the deck where he had always been safe. There are no emergency veterinarians in the area, I had to take him to Williamston and ended bringing him home to be buried after having him euthanized. His spinal column had been severed and he had to feeling below it. The x-rays and euthanizing demolished five hundred dollars.

Monday was a good day. Actually it was better than good. Miss Vanessa Rose made her debut at 2:02 PM, she weighed in at seven pounds fourteen ounces and measured twenty inches long. She is a dark haired beauty with blue eyes and she also is sharing her birthday with her Daddy who got to deliver her with the encouragement and instructions from the attending physician. Isabella is thrilled with this addition to her family, she has a little sister to spoil. By Tuesday Isabella was already reading books to Vanessa and sings to her whenever she can. Special blessings.

On Wednesday I got to spend an hour holding Vanessa as I visited with her Mom, my grand daughter. I was later getting there than expected. I had an 11:00 AM appointment with a neurosurgeon, Dr. Wild in Lansing. I was there the prescribed fifteen minutes early and finally got to see Dr Wild close to 12:30 PM. I had to have a few more spinal x-rays and they were viewed. Good news being that I won't need my vertebra fused for probably another twenty years. And the good doctor understands my adamant refusal of cortisone shots. Things I'm not supposed to do is not bending at the waist, gardening is okay if I'm willing to crawl down the rows while pulling weeds. I can adapt to that, picking the vegetables will be more of a challenge.

After my visit with Vanessa and Ryan, I had to go to Carson City to the physical therapy to make my appointments, for four to six weeks, two to three times a week. I ran a few more quick errands and headed home to make popcorn drizzled with chocolate for our Hocus Pocus night. The outside screen was big enough for all of us to view. We sat around in our lawn chairs cocooned in warm blankets or covered in capes. Of course we had been given sloppy joes and chili to warm us up, followed by sweets. Finally the popcorn was distributed when it was dark enough for the movie to show on the screen.

On the way home someone dumped off two small dogs on Taft Road between Mason and Woodbridge roads. Karen tried to pick them up but they were very wary and wouldn't let her near them. I went over this morning and had no luck at first. I then zipped down the road to Diane and Brent's home and they grabbed a carrier and some dog food to entice the little critters. Yes, we did catch them after they seemed to understand that we would do no harm. The male was a chunky fellow and the female a tiny little thing the size of a chihuahua. Both had collars. It is sad that we seem to live in a throwaway world. May your days be full of interesting events and much kindness. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

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

A public accuracy test for the General Election to be held November 8, 2022 will be conducted on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to assure that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballots of the election are in conformance with the procedures prescribed by the law.

Paula Willoughby
Laingsburg City Clerk

Rep. Filler Bolsters Efforts to Attract, Keep Manufacturing Jobs in Michigan

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler and the Michigan House today approved a budget supplemental that will help Michigan communities remain competitive in the modern economy and bring new jobs to the state.

In addition to funding critical state projects and services, the plan approved today will bolster the state's Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve (SOAR) fund. The Legislature utilizes the SOAR fund to create incentives that help Michigan communities remain competitive in the modern economy and bring new jobs to the state. Today's supplemental funding plan deposits \$846 million into the reserve. Filler said it's crucial to deposit more funds to build on the success the reserve has had thus far.

The funds will allow the state to invest in upgrades and expansions to manufacturing facilities throughout Michigan. Hemlock Semiconductor Operations in Saginaw County, the country's largest producer of semiconductor-grade polysilicon, is just one of the job providers that will receive a state investment. The state's investment will attract more business to the facility and create 170 Michigan jobs.

The plan, Senate Bills 842 and 844, now advances to the governor for her expected signature.



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Week 3 Kindness certificate winners

Kindness is Our Super Power

submitted by Marcy Westenberg

Leonard Elementary, in Ovid, kicked off the school year with their annual PBIS Kindness Initiative. This year we are working on:

- Being Respectful
- Being Responsible
- Being our Best!

This year's theme at Leonard is Kindness is Our Super Power. Students were encouraged to complete Kindness Challenges throughout the month as well as practice taught expectations at school.

For September, students were encouraged to:

- Read a book about kindness
- Call a grandparent or special friend to say "Hi!"
- Hold the door open for someone
- Set the table for dinner
- Invite someone new to play with you

Students who completed these challenges outside of school hours were encouraged to snap a picture and send a photo to our #leochooseskind or via QR Code. Students who are "caught being kind" during school hours have the opportunity to receive Superhero Tickets or a Kindness Superhero Certificate. Certificate winners are announced every Friday and students are photographed and their pictures go on our Kindness Wall of Fame. Superhero tickets are redeemed at our PAW Store for prizes or privileges like wear a hat day, extra recess, etc.

Last Friday, we had our first school-wide PBIS Kindness Monthly Assembly. All students gathered together to celebrate with Leo the Lion and Mrs. Parsons, our school principal, all the kind things students have done throughout the



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Leo with T-shirt winners

month. Mrs. Parsons encouraged students to keep up the good work and keep working on earning Superhero Tickets and certificates for being kind. Our regular Kindness Superhero Certificate winners were announced in front of the whole school and three students also received free Leo's Pride T-shirts at the assembly.



Elsie Fall Festival Support Elsie Food Pantry

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – October 1, 2022 was a beautiful day for the Elsie annual Fall Festival. Participants had an opportunity to listen to music, enjoy a pancake breakfast provided by Elsie Masonic Lodge #238, the Elsie Lions Club had food available. There were 50 plus vendors, pumpkin painting, and children's games. In addition, cupcake decorating competition, golf cart decorating, and pumpkin decorating. Music was available during the day and overseen by James Chapko and the Ovid-Elsie Band performed a number of selections. Numerous volunteers made the festival a reality.

Monies made by fees and donations were given to the Elsie Food Pantry, which was the focus of the annual event.



Winners of Events at Elsie Fall Festival

submitted by Bonnie Goupil

Golf Cart Show: 1st place - Andrew Wiswasser; 2nd place - Ray Cross

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Age 5-11: 1st place - Emma Heuer; 2nd place - Lizzy Reeves; 3rd place - Jade Heuer

Age 12-17: 1st place - Logan Brunworth; 2nd place - Jayden Mulder; 3rd place - Malena Diaz

Adults: 1st place - Sue Peterson; 2nd place - Dawn Levey

Cupcake Decorating Contest:
Age 17 and under: 1st place - Brie Fry; 2nd place - Sierra Snider; 3rd place - Tirzah Heuer

Adults: 1st place - Megan Montes; 2nd place - Betsy Baumgras; 3rd place - Jen Heuer



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Sports

Lady Wolfpack Noses Out Bryon at Girls Golf Regional; Lumen Christi is Champ

LAINGSBURG — Pine Hills Golf Course was the setting on a gorgeous early autumn day, as Laingsburg hosted the prestigious MHSAA Division 4 Regionals for girls golf teams from around the Lansing area here October 4.

Coach Greg Beavers' Wolfpack nosed out Byron 544-545 in team scoring; the Wolves' nearest CMAC competitor was Pewamo-Westphalia with 514 team strokes.

LHS was led by senior Olivia Rodriguez with 118 strokes over the 18-hole layout. Sophomore Erin Pohlod score 132, soph Katie Laing 144, freshman Lillian Platte 150 and senior Emilia Laing 165 for LHS.

Jackson Lumen Christi dominated the field with 361 strokes, led by runner-up Ashley Hilderley with a solid score of 80. Michaela Hauer tied for third for Christi at 90. Bath's Anna

Schaibly — no stranger to Pine Hills — also carded a strong 90 score.

Sophie Hauser of Lansing Catholic was the pre-tournament favorite, and showed everyone why, the 11th grader with a strong medalist score of 83. The Cougars finished 2nd as a team with 374 strokes.

Lumen Christi, Lansing Catholic and Bath all advanced to the Team Finals with their solid play.

One golfer of local interest was Savannah MacGuinness of East Jackson, the sophomore finishing with an 18-hole score of 117 for the 2022 Cascades Conference champions. Savannah's grandfather is Mike MacGuinness, grandson of course founder Ed Beavers.



Olivia Rodriguez



Sophie Hauser



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GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek
sports@meridianweekly.com

1st Place George Gates 10-2; 2nd Place (tie-breaker) Kevin Madsen 8-4; 3rd Place (tie) Edith Lagunas and Daniel Culpepper

The Guru sends his regrets for the Georgia Tech vs. Pitt game ... but really thought y'all would know the Ramblin' Wreck would emerge victorious. After all, Kenny Pickett the former Panther QB now looks to be starter for the NFL's Steelers? Pick(ett) that one, my prognosticating 'podnas.'

The Week 4 slate seemed to be particularly tough for most of my muchachos. Guru-rific was particularly impressed with the faithful allegiance, however misguided it was, for your home state Lions. The Motor City Kitties may be improved on offense ... but that defense couldn't stop a leaky faucet. And the Seattle Seahawks ran a torrent of point-scorers at that inept defense.

Our staff crystal-gazers stayed neck-and-neck, with Wolfie maintaining a tight three-game lead over Duffy, 30-18 to 27-21.

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

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We always thank our gracious sponsors, Foo-G's Pizza in Elsie, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg. All winners can pick-up their coupons at The Weekly.



Sports

Ovid-Elsie Revels in Big Homecoming Win, 49-13 Over Longtime Rival Tribe

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie and Chesaning have been playing Homecoming games back-and-forth for decades now.

September 30 at O-E, coach Travis Long's Marauders ruled the 2022 version of The Big Game with a few new wrinkles — including a new Homecoming parade route.

The most impressive parade though, perhaps, was to the Indians' end zone, with the hosts romping to a 49-13 victory. The win advanced Long's grinders to 4-2 overall, 3-1 in the MMAC. Chesaning fell to 3-3 for all games, 1-3 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC). The victory set up a key MMAC matchup for O-E at league powerhouse New Lothrop on October 7.

The Marauders scored all the points they would need in the first quarter. Logan Thompson blasted in from one yard out at the 7:41 mark, and Tryce Tokar completed a 79-yard scoring strike to Thompson just 2:30 later. Julien Mortier booted both PATS for a 14-0 advantage to O-E.

Ovid-Elsie found the end zone twice more in the second stanza. Tokar ran it in from 16 yards out at the 9:39 mark, and Cohen Tyler punched in a TD from three yards out at 3:12. Mortier kicked the PAT after the Tokar touchdown; Tokar was stopped short on a two-point conversion try, but the Marauders were in command 27-0 at halftime.

The Indians got on the board quickly to start the second half, Lucas Powell returning the opening kick for 73 yards. Brayden Florian kicked the PAT and it was 27-7 favor the hosts.

Tokar tossed his second TD pass of the night with 6:12 unplayed in the third, a 23-yard hookup with Clay Wittenberg. Mortier was again true on the PAT kick, 34-7 Ovid-Elsie.

Still in the third quarter, Thompson earned a TD hat trick with a 5-yard run to the promised land. Tokar completed the two-point conversion pass to Braxton Stenger for a 42-7 cushion.

The Tribe scored its final touchdown to open the final quarter, Max Volk tossing 15 yards to Mason Struck. The two-point conversion try by Volk was stopped short by a bullish Marauder defense.

O-E completed the scoring with 8:11 left to play, when Carter Kelley scooted in from 6 yards away. Mortier booted another PAT for a 49-13 final score, keeping the Marauders' post-season hopes well on track.

The story of the contest was in the numbers: the Tribesmen managed just 93 yards total offense, while the Marauders rolled up 395 yards. Tokar completed 5-of-11 passes for 198 yards and two scores, with Thompson (112 yards), Jamison Custer (63) and Wittenberg (23) on the receiving end.

Tyler led O-E with 57 yards on 7 carries; Tokar 47 on 11; Thompson 35 on 7; Perrien Rasch 29 on 6; Kelley 24 on 4; and Custer 5 yards on 5 touts.

Volk put up 20 passes in the face of the stifling Marauder defense, completing 10 for 82 yards, a score and two interceptions. Jordan Nixon was the only Chesaning ballcarrier with positive yardage (4 carries, 46 yards).

The two Ovid-Elsie picks came from Landon Stoneman and Stenger. Stoneman led the 'D' with 10 tackles, with Thompson, Wittenberg, Tyler, Beau Price, Stenger, Custer, Kevin Ley, Justin Cole, Cole Workman, Kelley, Hayden Pontack, Jake Bowen, Rasch and Cohen Brown all in on tackles for the Homecoming victors.

Wolfpack Girls Run Third at DeWitt Cross-Country Invite

DEWITT — Laingsburg finished third in the Division 3-4 girls race at the DeWitt Cross-Country Invitational here October 1.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Lady Wolfpack scored 102 points and trailed Pewamo-Westphalia (26) and Jackson Lumen Christi (30).

Emily Rathka of Laingsburg ran 17th (21:57.7) while teammate Madison Phillips was 18th (22:10.3). Laingsburg's Evelyn Logghe was 20th (22:34.5). The 'Pack scoring was completed by Hazel Burley (23rd, 22:57.0) and Addison Rusz (24th, 23:00.4).



Logan Thompson earned a TD hat trick during the OE Homecoming victory against Chesaning 49-13.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Randall Earns LSJ Athlete of Week, Wolfpack Gridders Bury Aggies, 49-0

DANSVILLE — The Lansing State Journal's newly-minted Athlete of the Week — Ty Randall — threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more as Laingsburg dominated the host Aggies in CMAC football action here September 30.

The Wolfpack's 49-0 victory raised their mark to 4-2 overall, 4-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) heading into a October 6 showdown at league-leading Fowler. Dansville dipped to 2-4, 1-4 in the CMAC with its fourth-straight loss.

Conversely, LHS won its fourth-straight, with Randall getting the offense clicking on all cylinders. The Wolves can run AND pass effectively, as evidenced by their 271 yards on the ground and 395 yards of total offense; Randall 8-of-11 aerials for a 15.5 yard average.

The Wolf offense struck midway through the first quarter, Randall getting loose on a 50-yard scamper to the end zone. Still in the first period, Jack Borgman pushed it in from one yard out, staking the red-and-white to a 14-0 lead.

In the second stanza, Randall found Eli Woodruff with a 34-yard TD strike, and still before halftime, Randall punched it in from a yard away, then hit Connor Hulliberger with a 5-yard TD pass; intermission lead, LHS 35-zip.

The Pack upped the lead to 42-0 in the third quarter, Randall firing another TD strike to Woodruff, this time from 8 yards. Lucas Matthews completed the touchdown explosion with a 20-yard run to paydirt with 2:37 left to play.

Jack Audretsch was perfect on all 7 of his PAT kicks, making the final 49-0.

Randall rushed 10 times for 127 yards, Borgman 11 for 96, Matthews 6 for 37, and Noah Gentner, Seth Sivak and Mikey Brooks also got carries in a dominant LHS ground game.

Cody Ream was for the Aggies with 91 yards on 11 rushes, and QB Trent Anderson hit 5-of-9 passes for 33 yards for the hosts. Other than that, the bruising Wolfpack defense allowed just 123 yards total offense. Audretsch led the 'D' with 5 tackles, and Sivak, Borgman, Elliot Wilsey, Brooks, Woodruff, Mitchell Yates, Kyle Thelen, Sean Divine, James Nixon, Rocco Keilen, Garrett Matthews, Gentler, Carmen Curtis-Hart and Marty Meyers, Brad Dedic, Wyatt Stanfield and Carter Schlaack all made stops in a great team effort.

Randall completed passes to four different teammates: Woodruff 2 for 42 and two TDs, Hulliberger 3 for 42 and a score, Audretsch 2 for 24, Hayden Johnston 1 for 16 yards.

Fowler proved a menacing opponent entering the October 6 contest at 6-0 overall, 5-0 in the CMAC — including a last-second 20-16 victory over perennial league powerhouse Pewamo-Westphalia-Westphalia on September 23.

Wolfpack Boys Soccer Team Runs Record to 8-2-4 With Tie vs Aggies

LAINGSBURG — Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack boys soccer team ran its record to 8-2-4, as Laingsburg and Dansville battled to a 1-1 tie here October 3.

Haydon Collier scored for the Wolfpack, off an assist from Jacob Essenberg. Luke Snyder was in goal as the LHS defense battled hard the entire contest.

The visiting Aggies moved to 9-7-1 with the tie.

Pilgrims Gets the Best of Wolfpack Varsity Boys, 2-1, in Prep Soccer Play

LANSING — Lansing Christian edged Laingsburg, 2-1, in high school varsity boys soccer action on October 3.

Paul Pageot scored the lone goal for the Wolfpack off a through ball from Dylan Hulliberger. "We were down 0-2 at half, and settled in and played the second half with momentum," said Wolfpack coach Natalie Elkins. "But only one shot went in."

Laingsburg fell to 8-3-4 overall with the loss.

Aggie Girls Hand Lady Wolves 3-1 Volleyball Loss

DANSVILLE — The host Aggies dealt Laingsburg a 25-16, 25-22, 24-26, 20-25 setback in CMAC varsity volleyball action here October 4.

Coach Kelsey Jones' Lady Wolves were paced by defenders Ashley Bila with 17 digs and Bella Strieff with 18. Block leaders were Sophie Freeman 3 and Ellie Baynes a pair.

On offense, Strieff struck 12 kills and Sophie Freeman 10. Brynn Wilson totaled 32 assists and four aces for LHS.



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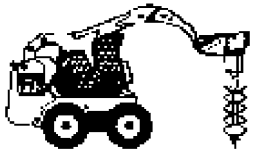
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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Volleyball Team Falls to Lakeville in Three Sets

OTISVILLE — Coach Caron Meister's Ovid-Elsie varsity volleyball team lost to Otisville-Lakeville 0-3 on October 4.

Set scores were 19-25, 11-25 and 15-25. "My girls did a lot of really good things throughout the night but we just couldn't put all of the good things together," said coach Meister. "We are going to continue to work hard and try to make all of the good things happen at once."

Individual leaders for the Marauders were:

KILLS: Emma Newman with 3; Haley Bashore, Maddisyn Miller, and Telexia Terpening with 2 each.

ASSISTS: Anna Kadlek with 5; Maddisyn Miller and Olivia Burt with 2 each.

DIGS: Anna Kadlek with 9; Rylee Lewis and Maddisyn Miller with 7 each.

ACES: Emma Newman with 4; Anna Kadlek with 2.



#2 Telexia Terpening fresh off the injury bench pushing for a point #6 Emma Newman #13 Haley Bashore.
Photo by Denise Burgess

Ashley Bears Win Homecoming in Overtime

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley got down 36-24 at halftime but fought back to take a 52-46 lead in overtime. On their first play of their overtime possession, Will Long made a great play an undercut their top receiver for a pick and to seal the win for the Bears. Then Logan Drummond scored on the Bear's first play of overtime to score for the Bears and give them the win.

"This was quite possibly the best game I've been a part of. Getting down and fighting back and not giving up" exclaimed Coach Saylor.

Logan Drummond had a huge game totally 355 all purpose yards with four touch downs and give two-point conversions. On defense he had 9 tackles and 2 interceptions. Bailey Long also helped Ashley with 108 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Jon Snider had 32 yards and a touchdown, and W. Long had 79 receiving yards. B.Long had 6 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries on defense, Heath Powelson had 5 tackles, a forced fumble and a sack, Gibby Jason had 7 tackles and 2 pass breakups.

Editorial

Dear Andy,

Our family has enjoyed reading your advice column in The Meridian Weekly over the past few months. It is entertaining and informative. We miss it when it is not in the paper. We were wondering what kind of questions your readers can send in for advice? Also were wondering about your experience or qualifications for giving advice?

Just Wondering

Dear JW,

Thank you for reading the Ask Andy advice column. Good questions. In answer to the first question, one of the objectives is to offer a public venue to address some local concerns or daily challenges from readers in our small towns and rural communities. So anything goes. If a request for advice is too personal for printing, I will privately respond via an email. If an email is inappropriate, I will block it. Otherwise, I look forward to any questions sent.

The written word has intrigued me since I first learn to read in my primary school days. I was the kid in school who loved to diagram sentences. However, for this type of column it can be difficult to figure out exactly what the person is actually asking. Without gestures or facial expressions, tone of voice it is challenging to understand what a person is trying to convey. As for me, it is also a welcome challenge to express humor, sarcasm, or sincerity when responding with advice or an appropriate reaction. Word choice is imperative to complex interpretations in text or writing. So if anyone requires or needs clarification on a response, I will respond to that as well. I might not always be right and I appreciate learning from my readers.

As for qualifications, I am a certified mediation specialist and for many years earned a living as a negotiator. My cousins call me a "know-it-all" from way back; however if a topic is out of my area of expertise or appears to be of a critical nature, I will refer the reader to one of our outstanding tri-county community professional services or resources to help with their concerns or issues.

Also, a note to our readers that my views may not always reflect the views of the editor or staff of paper, so don't go blaming them for anything I might say.

Thank you for asking Andy instead of Google. Ask_Andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com



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Deadline for Submission: Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The bids will be reviewed at the October 13th Board Meeting.

Bids can be dropped off at the Township Offices at:

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Thank you.

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Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Hosting “Baskets for Cancer” Silent Auction

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — The Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary is hosting a “Baskets for Cancer” silent auction event on Friday, October 14 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and on Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium on its main campus at 826 W. King Street, Owosso.

The Auxiliary will auction over 100 unique themed gift baskets. Baskets auctioned include: Michigan made products, Foster’s Coffee, laundry items, candy, MSU, U of M, tropical and much more. All proceeds from this event will support the Memorial Healthcare Cancer Center.

Those interested in participating must bid in person by signing their name, phone number and bid amount on a clip board during the two-day event. Cash, check, credit/debit card, and payroll deduction will be available for Memorial Healthcare employees who qualify. Winners will be notified on Sunday, October 16 with basket pick up on Thursday, October 20 at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event is open to the public.

For more information, please call Brigitte Gurden, Memorial Healthcare Foundation Executive Director at (989) 729-4580.

Vocalist from Bath will Perform in Laingsburg Sunday, October 16th

submitted by Ronda Liskey

In a special free concert, in McClintock Park, (255 McClintock) in Laingsburg, Mi., Sadie Bass, current contestant on NBC's The Voice, will entertain friends and family, and the community, with her original songs, and soulful voice, that got her noticed recently in The Voice Blind Auditions. Sadie will take the stage Sunday, October 16th from 2-4pm, with an acoustic set, along with her Lansing guitarist, and friend, Zach Hayes. The show goes on rain or shine! If the weather is uncooperative, the show will be moved indoors to The American Legion Hall, just ½ mile down the road, 1240 W Grand River Rd, Laingsburg. The event is being Produced and Sponsored by Local Roots of Laingsburg, and The Liskey family.

Country music singer/songwriter Sadie Bass grew up in the small town of Bath, Michigan. A couple of years ago she left her hometown and moved to Nashville to pursue a serious career in country music. A statement from her website says, “Sadie has never been motivated by the potential of fame or fortune. Her real passion is connecting with people through her music.” “Whenever I am playing a show and see someone in the crowd singing along to one of my originals, or when someone messages me saying they related to my lyrics during a tough time, it’s the best feeling in the world,” Sadie commented in a 2021 interview. It is that feeling that ultimately pushed her to make the move to Nashville in early 2020.

Sadie has now opened for dozens of national acts, released four studio singles, and is a contestant on this 2022 season of ‘The Voice’. She aspires to pave the way for other bad-ass female artists in country music, and hopes this is only the beginning for her successful career.



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Elsie Lions Club Thank You

submitted by Richard Easlick

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