



Pictured here, standing are Ashlands proud grand-parents, (l-r) George & Carol Bishop and Gerald & Nancy Particka. Seated (l-r) Step-dad and Mom, Matt and Lori Hitchens, Ashland and Dad, Jason Particka.

Ashland Particka Commits to Cleary University

On Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Ovid-Elsie Senior, Ashland Particka, signed her commitment to play softball for Cleary University in front of her family, coaches and friends. Cleary is located in Howell, Michigan and is a four-year university bestowing undergraduates and graduate degrees in a variety of business fields. Ashland, a four year catcher for the lady Marauders. She also plays on a traveling team with Owosso Fast Pitch softball. She looks to pursue a degree in Sports Management at Cleary. Her coach, Felica Gingrich praised her for being an all-around great athlete both on and off the field and wishes her continues success as she enters the next steps in her academic and athletic career. Ashland also considered Northwood but chose Cleary due to their family atmosphere and small school feel.



Ashland Particka signing with Cleary University



OVID: Suzanne and Chara, the Mother/Daughter team from Mary's Country Kitchen will be cooking up a Free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24th serving from 11am-1:30pm at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. The menu will consist of turkey and all that comes with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner will be dine in, shut-in deliveries will be available, if pre-ordered, by calling the restaurant at 989-834-9640. Donations will be accepted at the dinner on Thanksgiving Day with proceeds going to the Ovid Christmas Basket program.

"My daughter and I are excited about continuing the tradition that my Mom Mary started years ago. My staff and I will be doing the cooking but if anyone would like to make a dessert, that would be great," explained Suzanne. Dessert donations can be drop off at the hall on the morning of the 24th after 9am. All are welcome to bring the family and enjoy this holiday meal together.

LAINGSBURG: The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 along with the Laingsburg Lions Club will be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24th from 1pm-3pm at the Post home hall located at 1240 East Grand River in Laingsburg. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverage. **"Dine-In Only"**

New Owner Begins Massive Renovation



Destiney Biston, Jody Hoffman, Jeff Parish, Rex Wheeler, Dennis Wheeler
Photo by Deb Price

Rex and Sarah Wheeler of New Lothrop became the new owners of Owosso Speedway on September 30, 2022. At 8am that same day, heavy equipment was in the driveway ready to begin a massive 5 year renovation project starting with the tracks base and the repaving of the 3/8's mile oval.

The Wheeler's investment will put the track on solid ground for the future. Rex and his wife Sarah are past Owosso Speedway racers and are passionate about the sport of racing. Their plans for the future include a multi-million dollar project over the next five years. The



Community members came out to the media day to support Owosso Speedway and see the track improvement first hand.

The first step is redoing the tracks base and repaving. In upcoming years plans call for new state of the art grandstands with seats and cup holders, new lighting and sound system, a safer, barrier nascar level crash wall and new restrooms. These track improvements will propel the track from a local short track to a regional destination experience for fans and drivers. "We have purchased a part of history here and are investing the resources needed to make Owosso Speedway a Crown Jewel of short tracks. The speedway will have amenities that make it exceptionally fan friendly, built for comfort when viewing the phenomenal racing we plan to offer," said Wheeler.

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Historic Mid-Term Voter Turnout

The 2022 Mid-Term Elections saw historic voter turnout not only in the Meridian Weekly coverage area which includes portions of Clinton, Shiawassee and Gratiot Counties but nation wide as well.

Michigan's Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State all won re-election bids. Elissa Slotkin won re-election in the US House in Michigan's 7th District. Penelope Tsernoglou was the winner in the US House in the 75th District. Graham Filler won the US House seat in the 93rd District, Sam Singh won the Senate race in the 28th District and Brian BeGole won the House District 71st seat. Cindy Garber will retain her seat as Shiawassee County Commissioner in the 6th District. Val Vail-Shirley was elected Clinton County Commissioner in District 1. District 7 will be represented by Tom Emery. Commissioners Marlene Webster, Greg Brøderbund and Gary Holzhausen will represent Districts 1, 2 and 3.

Incumbent, Brooke Woolley and appointed board member, Mary Thompson along with newcomer, Kevin Nash were elected to the Ovid-Elsie School Board. Nash received 1,701 votes, Woolley, 1,367 for the 6 year term while Thompson won the remainder of a 4 year term with 1,909 votes over challenger Cory Witt with 1,297.

In Laingsburg, four newcomers were elected by voters, Jeff Geasler for Mayor and Rebekah Allen, Greg Beavers and Robert Miller were elected to the City Council. The voters also passed a proposal to limit the number of marijuana businesses in the city to one. Statewide Proposals 1, 2 and 3 all passed.

Social

Remembrance Tree Lighting

submitted by Corey Alexander

Sparrow Clinton Hospital will hold its annual Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony next Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m. The community is invited to come together for quiet time of reflection and remembrance honoring the memory of their loved ones who have passed away. Each light on the tree represents the life of someone who received compassionate care at Sparrow Clinton. The special tree lighting ceremony will be held in Sparrow Clinton's North parking lot (corner of Sturgis and Oakland streets).



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Laingsburg School Board Meeting

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. in the Middle School media center. Please visit our website at www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us for up to date meeting information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following:

2022-23 Budget Update, Legislative Update, Personnel, Building Updates and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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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).

Applications for Christmas Baskets

The applications for Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance will be available starting Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The applications will be available at the following locations:

Ovid – Leonard Elementary, Ovid City Hall and Ovid Public Library

Elsie – E.E. Knight Elementary and Elsie Village Hall

Families must live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and have not asked for assistance with any other agency. Applications MUST be turned in at one of the listed locations by Monday, December 5th.

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The Mom and Pop Turkey Drop! 100 Turkey Giveaway

submitted by Ronda Liskey

The Owners of Local Roots Cannabis, of Laingsburg, are announcing their first 100 Turkey Giveaway, taking place at their store at 120 West Grand River, Downtown Laingsburg! The frozen turkeys will be given away on November 19th, starting at 10am until 8pm while supplies last!

Roy Liskey, Co-Owner of Local Roots, was inspired when he heard about this idea from Kyle Cohee, Owner of Light N Up Cannabis Co., of Flint. Roy said, "They gave away 1,000 Thanksgiving Turkeys there last year in the much larger city of Flint, where there is a huge need. We decided to try this, and 100 turkeys seemed like the right number in much smaller Laingsburg. Cohee helped us acquire our 100 turkeys, and many of our industry small vendors have come on as cosponsors of the program, making it possible!" Some of the 100 turkeys will go toward the Lions Club/American Legion Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner in Laingsburg, which makes sure that nobody has to go without a delicious Thanksgiving meal in that community!

These vendors, whose products are on the shelves at Local Roots, have generously donated to the Turkey Drop: Redemption, Real Leaf Solutions, Cheech's Stash, Shattered Thoughts, Superior, DNK, Green Harvest Farms.

Noted by Roy Liskey, "We decided to call this, the Mom and Pop Turkey Drop, to highlight the small businesses involved. The Michigan Cannabis Industry is dominated by multi-state operators, and large corporations; but it is the Mom and Pop growers, small businesses, and family owned operations, like our sponsors, and Local Roots, that consistently give back in our communities. There are four dispensaries in Mid-Michigan that are giving away turkeys. All are locally owned, independent shops, not chain stores. Pick up a turkey at Local Roots, Laingsburg, Light N Up, Flint, StoneDepot, Jackson, and Pharmhouse, Grand Rapids. "

Ovid Christmas Basket Donations

The month of November is here, and the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee is thankful for the amazing assistance we receive each year from the Ovid Community. We are again seeking support from our local businesses, organizations, churches, and any individual that would like to donate to help with our Christmas Basket assistance to make the holidays brighter.

Monetary funds can be left at the Ovid Service Agency or sent to the Ovid Lions Club, P.O. Box 493, Ovid MI 48866 (please indicate the donation is for Ovid Christmas).

If any individual, organization, or business would like to donate food, personal products, household goods or clothing we welcome the donations. In Ovid, supplies can be dropped off to the Ovid Meridian Weekly or Ovid Public Library. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, December 18th. Please call or text Holly Hibbard at 989-666-2215 or e-mail allsmileshkh@aol.com with any questions.

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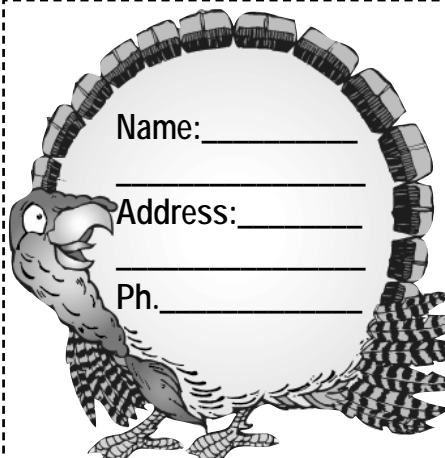
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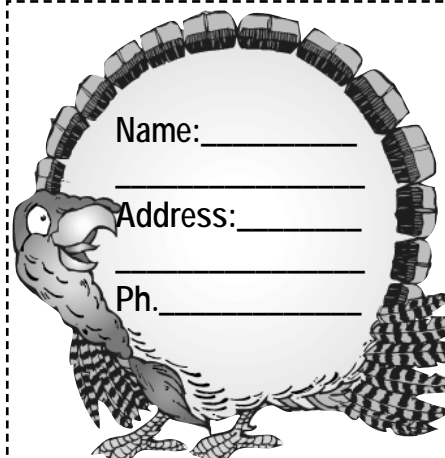
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- Sign up for the drawing at the store listed in the entry blanks throughout today's paper, for your chance at a 10-12 lb. Our Family Turkey.
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- Simply fill out and clip the entry form from the paper, and drop it in the entry box at the business listed in the entry form.
- One winner per store will be drawn, and will be notified on Monday, November 21 just in time for Thanksgiving!
- Winners will receive a certificate for a free 10-12 lb. Turkey redeemable at Village Food Pride in Ovid or Sage Market in Laingsburg
- Certificates may be redeemed through December 31, 2022.
- You must be 18 years or older to enter. One entry per person.
- Winning names will be published in the Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022 edition of *The Weekly*.
- As always, we remind you to please support the merchants who make the drawings possible.

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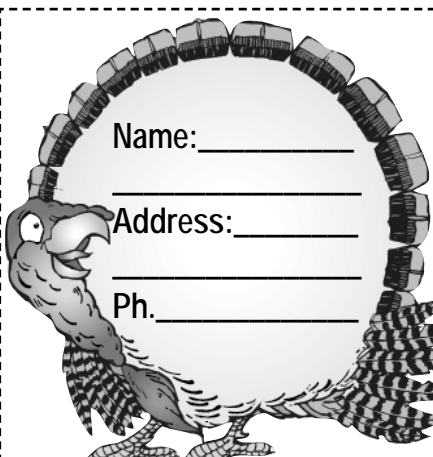


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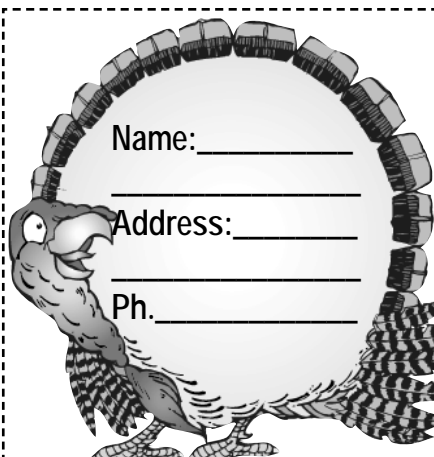


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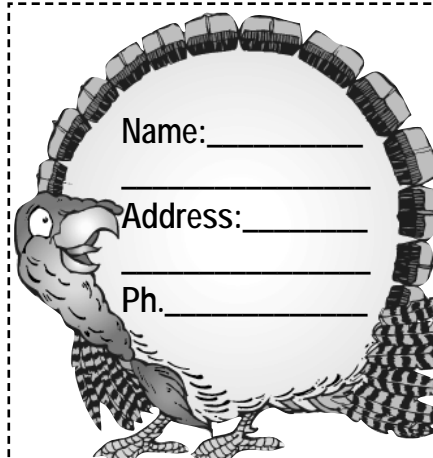


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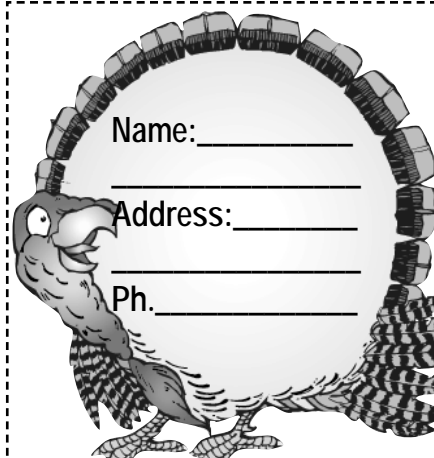


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Elsie Town Tub
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Obituaries

Eleanor "Ellie" Bowles

Eleanor "Ellie" Bowles, age 92, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, November 4, 2022, at Sparrow Clinton Hospital, St. Johns.

Ellie was born in Michigan on August 6, 1930, the eleventh of the twelve children of Felix and Helen Katherine (Koscemka) Malachowski. She was born in Springport, grew up in Owosso and graduated from Owosso High School with the class of 1947. On October 6, 1951, Ellie married Carl Gaylord Bowles at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Owosso, Michigan. They were blessed with nearly 66 years of marriage prior to his death on October 2, 2017.

Ellie was well known and loved in the Ovid area. She spent many years as a DJ for WOES radio. She affectionately was called either "The Polka Granny" or "The Polka Gypsy Sweetheart". Her husband Carl and Ellie spent many years bowling and polka dancing. After their retirement from dairy farming, Ellie loved following Carl across the USA as he played senior softball. She was heavily involved in fundraising for the American Cancer Society for a number of years. She led the family with involvement in the Ovid Centennial in 1967 and the entire family dressed in 1860s garb remains a family favorite photo. She enjoyed traveling extensively and visited every continent except Antarctica. Ellie served on several county boards including Women's Auxiliary and hospice.

An amazing singing voice led to her involvement in the Sweet Adelines singing group, the "Mus I Cal" singing group and the Red Hats women's group. She served as Lector at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister and attended mass weekly till her death.

She is survived by four sons: Michael, Daniel, Randal, and Raymond Bowles; daughter Jayme (Kurt) Kristin; nine grandchildren, two great-granddaughters and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her father Felix Malachowski, Sr., mother Helen Malachowski, sisters: Pauline, Helen, Jenny, Mary; and brothers: Joe, John, Stanley, Frank, Felix, Zig.

Memorials may be made to the ZCBJ Lodge, Bannister. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Clay Ryan Wenzlick

Clay Ryan Wenzlick, age 19, of Elsie, MI, passed away on Friday, November 4, 2022, as a result of an automobile accident.

Clay was born on his great-grandpa Richard Wenzlick's birth date on August 13, 2003, creating their lifelong bond. He was born in Owosso, MI to Jason and Starann (Litomisky) Wenzlick.

Clay graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the class of 2022, where competed in track, football, bowling and FFA. His senior year he was First Team All Conference and Conference Champion in the long jump. Clay was active all four years in FFA and was a sophomore class representative. As a kid, he participated in Cub Scouts and 4-H raising animals.

He attended AIS during high school and completed the program in 2022 as well. He was employed as a heavy equipment mechanic with CL Excavating in Ionia. Clay was part owner of a snow removal and lawn care business with his dad and grandpa Jim to help fund his racing. Clay began his racing career at the age of six in go karts with his sister and began his dirt late model career at the age of thirteen. Racing was his life, "all forms of racing", his motto was "Dirt is my drug." Clay enjoyed fabricating in the garage and began welding around the age of nine. Clay loved being around the guys, but at the end of the day he was a 100% a momma's boy.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and had multiple Master Angler Award Catches, maple syruping and cross country bike riding throughout Michigan with the Epic Mountain Bike group.

He is survived by his parents Jason and Starann Wenzlick of Elsie, MI; sister Vidalia Wenzlick of Elsie, MI; grandparents: Jim and Marie Ade of Elsie, MI; Tim and Nita Wenzlick of Elsie, MI; Dan and Pam (Phend) Litomisky of Morris, MI; aunts and uncles: Karla and Mike McCurdy of Owosso, MI; Sandy Litomisky-Ade and Chris Kioski of Elsie, MI; Terri Legg of Belding, MI; Belinda Donnet of Ovid, MI; Eddie and Tiffany Litomisky of Ovid, MI; Christina Litomisky of Lansing, MI; and Brent Phend of Perry, MI. He is also survived by his three best friends: Benjamin Legg, Billy Harris, and Justin Prewitt; many cousins and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents: Alvera Ade, Richard and Stella Wenzlick, Stephanie Litomisky, and Lillian and Phillip Straub.

Funeral Services were held at Mid-Michigan Raceway Park (Palo), 7573 Hayes Road, Fenwick, MI 48834, on Thursday, November 10, 2022, with Mr. Mark Cowan officiating.

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



Rev. George William Brinley

Rev. George William Brinley, a resident of St. Johns, and former resident of Sterling Heights and Fremont, Michigan, was called home on November 8, 2022 at the age of 82.

Born in Detroit on September 15, 1940, the son of Porter and Helen (nee Steinmann) Brinley, George grew up in Wyandotte, was a graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School and served his country as an air fire technician in the U.S. Navy. He studied theology at Concordia Lutheran Seminary.

It was at a retreat camp that George met Rosemary Anna "Sue" Winkle. It was love at first sight, for George, and they wed on November 25, 1967 in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. They made their home in Amboy, Minnesota where George served his first parish. He later served as Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sterling Heights, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fremont, and lastly at St. John's Lutheran Church in St. Johns from 2001-2010. Pastor Brinley was a humble servant of the Lord and an abundantly caring, loving, and compassionate minister to his congregations and community. He loved to sing and served as drummer in his church band for contemporary services. He loved to draw, took interest in astronomy, loved airplanes, and opportunities to spend time with his grandkids. He loved to laugh and will always be remembered for his great sense of humor. He was a friend to many, especially to those in need, and he will be dearly missed by all.

In addition to Sue, his beloved wife of over 55 years, he leaves his children, Matthew (Terri Findley) Brinley, Stephen Brinley, Nathan (Nicole) Brinley, and April (Andy) Keith; grandchildren, Katlyn Findley, Krysta Brinley, Nicholas Findley, Logan Brinley, Ethan Brinley, Tori Brinley, Nadelynn Brinley, Calyssa Brinley, Kenzie, Zane, and Lillie Keith; his heart children, Kent & In-ja Eshelman and their children, Glen & Jay, and many nieces, nephews and extended family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy Brinley; his parents; siblings, Harold, Lee, Elman, Ruth, Eula, and Kathryn; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph, Louise, Dean, John, Denis, and Patricia.

A Funeral Service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, on Saturday, November 12, at 11AM with The Reverends Jim Pearl and Paul M. Clark officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Memorial Garden on Monday, November 14, at 2PM.

Memorials may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel.



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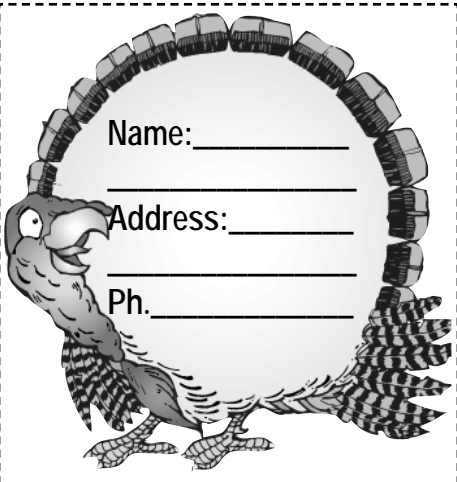
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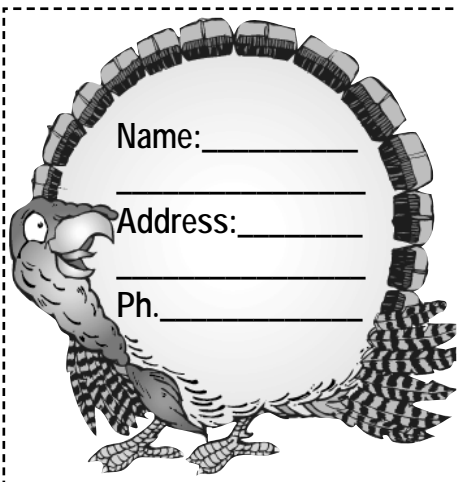


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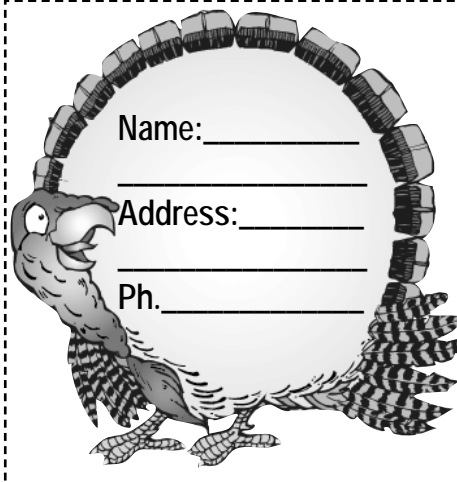
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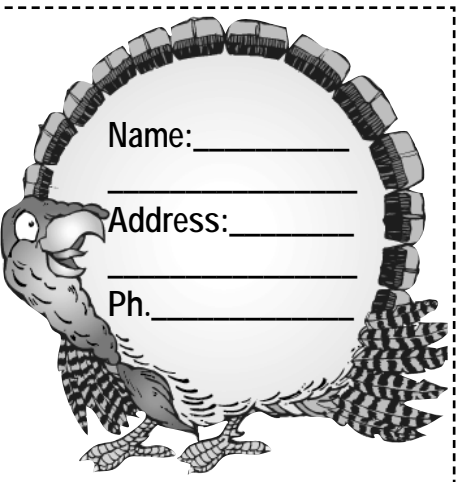
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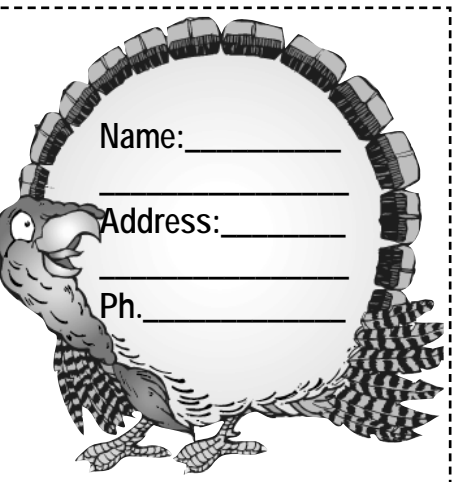
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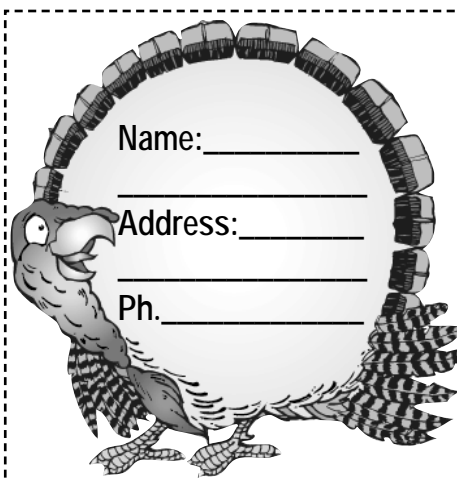
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Ovid Service Agency
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Ovid-Elsie Animal Clinic
3900 N. Hollister Rd., Ovid
(989) 834-5333



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Laingsburg Eye Care
252 E. Grand River
(517) 651-6608

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Thank You and Congratulations

Letter to the Editor:

Congratulation to all those that ran for Ovid-Elsie School Board I see us all as winners. I send out my congratulations to the winning candidates of Ovid-Elsie School Board, Kevin Nash, Mary Thompson and Brooke Wooley. Wishing all of you the best for wisdom, understanding and discernment for the upcoming challenges facing our school district/community.

I send out special thank you for those that stood with me during the campaign season allowing my signs to be in your yards for the long duration. Also all those allowing me to hear and listen to you and my concerns. You are truly a loving and caring community and I am grateful to be a part in the now and in the last 47 years. Let us not lose focus on what makes a Great community to work and live in. What is a great community? For me it is a caring, sharing, loving and transparency for a healthy/moral/just environment. There is a saying I remember growing up, "It takes a community to raise a healthy child." May we continue with that vision in our schools and community to do just that. Our children are our greatest procession and our future.

A special thank you to the following people: Chad Wood/Jason Wood helping with design of signs and fliers, etc., Jolene Swender helping put on all those stickers on posters fliers and cards, my wingman Byron and Lianne Prange, Kelly Howard/Dustin & Bobbi Howard, Tammy Howe, Tom/Sharon Tyler and Kathy/John Densmore and many others that helped put up signs, hand out fliers and etc. To Tammy Howe thank you for sponsoring coffee hour for candidates. To Erica Arnett owner of the Eatery 121 of Ovid, thank you for hosting 2 gatherings to meet candidates and school board candidates. Was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and to meet with others.

I would like to thank Debbie Price, Editor of the Meridian Weekly, for coverage of the candidates running for O-E school board. Debbie thank you and all your people that help to keep us informed. You are truly a big asset to the community. I am thankful to know you and call you a friend that seek the truth and stands as a true editor.

I thank you for those that voted for me and encouraged me throughout the campaign for Ovid-Elsie School Board. It was truly a honor.

May God's Blessings be upon this community.

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To All of the Ovid-Elsie Community

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank the community for their participation in the recent 2022 election process. I would also like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the many that have supported me. I do consider this a great privilege to represent you. As one we are nothing, as a group we are strong. GO MARAUDERS!!

Respectfully,
Kevin L Nash

Here we go again. Another week has flown by and I still have much to finish...maybe even start. Sunday was a beautiful day and I did get to church which delighted me greatly. Unfortunately I didn't get to stay through the sermon. I really enjoy Pastor Zella's sermons and was lucky enough to catch her at the end of the day and get caught up on Saints?. But I did leave church before she had started the sermon because I couldn't stay seated and looked like a hunchbacked old hag when I left. Pinched nerves really can slow down our motions and are more than a tad bit painful. Of course the physical therapy that is supposed to strengthen your muscles and get them stretched out doesn't work without first stressing your muscles. I believe that I have enough stress but what would I know?

Monday morning I headed over to Carson City to get my water therapy. I did not realize that I would have to do twenty squats. Lunges, try to kick my backside, use the water to work on resistance, and I think that there were also raising legs out straight from my body without bending. Each of these to be done twenty times, let me tell you I now know what muscles got stretched. On the way to PT I had someone pull out on M57 from a side road within two car lengths in front of me. I was traveling at the posted speed of 55 MPH, they started from a dead stop. I was beginning to worry if I could stop without hitting them. Not to worry they pulled right across in front of me and turned into the Dollar General. I almost had non matching paint upon my bumper, then someone else pulled across the road in front of me and another vehicle. We slammed on our brakes and they also pulled into the Dollar General. I thanked the good Lord that he had been watching out for us or for those foolish souls that needed to get to Dollar General. At any rate I did make it safely to PT.

After I finished there, I made a quick stop at my house to change and shower off the chlorine from the pool. Then I headed up to MG's to get some peanut clusters, pretzel rods and chocolate candy molded. Lucky for me Karen and Robin came down to help. We got a lot done and even have some of the things packaged. I still need to label the peanut clusters, price them and of course get them weighed. My sister brought over some beautiful quilted Christmas stockings, Robin is finishing up some table runners, and Tammy has been stiffening her colorful crocheted snowflakes. I still need to finish up a few ice candles and also need to get the fudge made. This will be done in my spare time.

I was surprised that I had so much energy left when I was done making candy. So I went home and did some laundry and caught up on the dishes. I think that I went to bed at ten and was up and active at four in the morning. My neighbor Karen and I did our civic duty and were numbers 110 and 111 at the polling palace. Where I also made arrangements to have straw delivered to my house and talked about the Ashley Country Christmas which starts on November 19th. From there we headed up to the Mission Road Store north of Mt Pleasant, picked up a few supplies then stopped at Gordon's and picked up a few more. Took a break and checked out the Salvation Army Thrift Store then finally headed home. Actually we stopped in Alma at Meijer to get milk and got some colored chocolate discs and bought donuts to have coffee with Ted and Tammy. Our coffee time was fun and Ted and Tammy sent along a chalkboard for the coffee shop.

As you can see, my life is busy but filled with interesting events? Today I was at the shop at 5AM and tried to get everything ready to rock before Diane got there. It was one of those not so good days as I made coffee in the new pot but it didn't work right and had grounds in the coffee. Thank goodness that I had left my coffee up there and we could keep coffee brewed fast enough to keep folks happy. The new coffee pot is being sent back to its origins and I expect my money back shortly. Today I found out that I erred in sending an email and had to try and straighten out things. I apologized and explained what had happened. So there is still hope. Then things got better quickly. We had six new first time customers and at least 80 per cent were pleased. The other 20 per cent was looking for an omelet with toast and the bread wasn't out of the oven yet so the gentleman settled for sausage and gravy. The bread is done, cooled and sliced so we will be ready in the morning. Also made two cherry pies and made arrangements for delivery on one. I will be up early tomorrow so that I can get the cinnamon roll dough made and I also need to get more pie dough into the fridge. Hopefully I can get at least one batch of fudge finished.

May your days be filled with interesting events and may you be saved from mishaps. Enjoy the beauty of both the sunrises and sunsets. Their colors have been glorious. Stay functional and be blessed. May
God bless you daily.
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Marauders' 7-game Win Streak, Season ends with Playoff Loss to LCC Cougars

OVID-ELSIE — The November 4 MHSAA District Final varsity football game at Mark O'Donnell Field was all about streaks.

Coach Travis Long's host Marauders — in their first home playoff game since 2008 — had won seven games in a row.

Their highly-regarded rival, Lansing Catholic Central and the defending Division 6 State Champion — started the 2022 season with a three-game losing streak.

But the Cougars were on a streak on their own.

Quieting the doubters that believed LCC shouldn't have been included in the post-season field after a 4-5 regular season, the Cougars won their second-straight playoff game with a convincing 20-0 victory over the Marauders on O-E's (new) home turf.

Lansing Catholic's dominant 'D', in a defensive slugfest, limited the Marauders to 86 yards total offense and moved on, District trophy in hand, to face the one-loss Grand Rapids West Catholic Falcons in the MHSAA Regional.

LCC opened the scoring midway through the first quarter on a 6-yard pass from Jack Jacobs to Ty Rakan. Braden Rabideau kicked the PAT for all the points the Cougars would need, 7-0.

Catholic added a touchdown at 9:45 of the second quarter, Brandon Lewis getting loose for a 44-yard sprint. The two-point conversion try failed.

Jacobs completed the point tally on a 57-yard strike to Brandon Lewis to open the second half. Rabideau's kick made the final 20-0.

"Our defense played really well," said coach Long after his team finished an 8-3 campaign. "We fought and Lansing Catholic had a couple of big plays on us — a long touchdown run where we thought we had him wrapped up — but then broke it. It kind of took a little wind out of our sails.

"I'm proud of our boys."

The O-E defense put up a 'stop' sign in the red zone, halting the Cougars twice from scoring in-close. They also held Catholic to 4-of-15 on the third down conversions. Senior LB Landon Stoneman led the defense with 13 tackles, six for losses, and three sacks. Thirteen O-E defenders were in on tackles: Stoneman, Beau Price, Clay Wittenberg, Tryce Tokar, Jamison Custer, Kevin Ley, Justin Cole, Braxton Stenger, Perrien Rasch, Hayden Pontack, Gage Kvalevog, Cole Workman, Logan Thompson and Luke Follett.

Rasch picked off a Jacobs' aerial for Ovid-Elsie.

Jacobs completed 14-of-21 passes for 160 yards and the two TDs as the offensive highlight of the contest. O-E managed just 4-of-21 passing for 17 yards with one interception. Rasch led the Marauder ground game with 34 yards (11 carries) during some tough sledding. Tokar managed 13 yards on eight carries.

Wittenberg caught two passes, Custer and Stenger one each in the Marauder passing game.



Defensive standouts, Kevin Ley (#60) and Landon Stoneman (#44) stop this Lansing Catholic player in the Round 2 district game. Ley and Stoneman administered defense with a capital "D" all season for the Marauders.



Beau Price #15 for the Marauders stops this Lansing Catholic player. The season for OE ended in the round 2 district game against Lansing Catholic. The grit and passion from this team along with the direction from the coaches gave us all a lot to cheer about all season.

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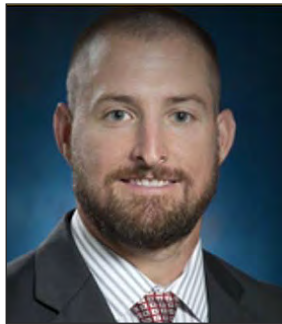
Mid-School Year, Ovid-Elsie Welcomes New AD in Chris Winter

OVID-ELSIE — On the eve of the winter sports season for 2022-23, the Ovid-Elsie Marauders are welcoming a new Athletic Director.

Chris Winter replaces Mike Watson, an Ovid-Elsie graduate who resigned after taking over from Jesse Johnson in August. Johnson replaced Joel Longstreth in July of 2020.

Winter hopes to bring some stability to the AD position. "My vision for Ovid-Elsie athletics is to provide a championship level experience for our students," he explains. "This encompasses everything from how we develop, how we teach, and how we treat our competition, coaches, and those who serve our program in every capacity. Our vision is to expand and bring pride / energy to our athletics brand within the community and region. We do that first by recognizing the daily actions and accomplishments of both our students and coaches in as many ways as possible."

Winter's previous work experience has been in the college sector, both NCAA Division I & Division II. He completed his graduate assistantship at Western Illinois University, and has served in coaching roles and departmental supervisory roles at North Dakota State University and Illinois State University. He next spent 6 1/2 years at Saginaw Valley State University overseeing the Strength and Conditioning Department and serving as an Assistant Athletic Director. Ovid-Elsie is his first transition to athletics administration for the Middle School / High School level.



Chris Winter

Winter graduated from East Peoria Community High School in East Peoria, Illinois. He also graduated from Bradley University, then attended Eureka College. He holds a bachelors degree in Political Science/ Administration of Criminal Justice, and graduated with a Masters in Exercise Physiology/ Science from Western Illinois University.

Chris has been married to wife, Rachel, for just over 10 years. They have a 9-year-old son who currently attends third grade at Freeland Elementary School in the Saginaw area.

At Ovid-Elsie, he says, "Immediate changes will be small to start. I believe we have great people here and my goal is to learn more about them as we formulate our future plans in both providing resources and making decisions about the direction of athletics. We are currently in the beginning stages of re-energizing our after school athletic performance program (M.A.T.) with the hopes of creating stronger, faster, more resilient future Marauders in competition."

Ovid-Elsie has a lot of strength in its programs, Winter says. "Our greatest strengths currently are the people within the building and in the community. My family and I were lucky enough to see the three final football games of the 2022 season. We were overwhelmed by the passion and energy of the community. We are highly supported by our present Interim Superintendent, Randy Barton and Principal, Jason Tokar. Jason's energy for athletics is contagious. Our athletics administrative assistant is a major asset to the department in all that she does to make things happen behind the scenes. We have great coaches that want to teach and coach at a high level. We have athletes that want to grow, learn, and develop. I have been absolutely amazed by the quality of the people here at OE. This is a recipe for success."

"Ovid-Elsie, Randy Barton, Jason Tokar, and members of the search committee provided me with an opportunity to grow as a younger administrator."

Winter says he always believed his role would be in middle school / high school administration: "This is the foundation for developing young people. Athletics is just the vehicle we use to positively impact and shape people's lives. My wife and I are naturally drawn to small communities. We love the relationships and closeness of the people, as well as the history and pride that come with it."

"This is a place in which I know I can do that and have an impact. My family and I are very thankful for that."

Lady Wolfpack Volleyball Season Ends in Distict Championship Match

STOCKBRIDGE — Dansville took on Laingsburg in the MHSAA District Volleyball Championship here November 3, winning in straight sets to end the Wolfpack's 2022 season.

To earn passage to the District Final, coach Kelsey Jones' Wolves beat Stockbridge — who defeated Dansville in the beginning of the regular season. Dansville (33-15-2) beat Laingsburg in Central Michigan Athletic Conference play, 3-1, but lost to them at the end of the season in the CMAC League Tournament, 25-17, 25-23. The Aggies finished 3rd in the CMAC, Laingsburg 2nd, and Pewamo-Westphalia 1st.

Christina Williams, Anna McDaniel, Kourtney Mack and Reeghan Griffith led Dansville at the serve stripe. Defensively, Gracie Taylor led DHS in digs, while Kourtney Mack and Claudia Thayer sparked the attack game at the net.

The Aggies were able to shut down the LHS attack game with several key blocks. Laingsburg finished the campaign at 6-10-1, 3-5 in CMAC regular season action.

In the Regional semifinal at Springport on November 8, Dansville lost in the rematch to P-W, ranked 4th in Division 3 in the state.

Celebrate America Recycles Day!

This Tuesday, Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day, initiated in September 1997 by the National Recycling Coalition to celebrate this critical effort to preserve our environment. If you haven't jumped on the recycling bandwagon yet, you may be interested to know that a 2016 study by the EPA (<https://www.epa.gov/recyclingstrategy/america-recycles-day>) found that recycling and reuse activities in a single year in the United States accounted for 681,000 jobs and \$37.8 billion in wages. Just imagine the benefits to the economy if everyone—including businesses and institutions—recycled!

Recycling is beneficial in so many ways. It conserves energy and natural resources, reduces the billions of tons of waste sent to landfills and incinerators, prevents pollution, supports American manufacturing, creates jobs and more. For a wide-ranging overview of the subject, visit the website created by Laingsburg alumnus and now CMU student Ava Brewer, Why Recycle? (<https://whyrecyclegr.wordpress.com/>).

The recycling rate in the U.S. has increased from less than 7% in 1960 to the current rate of 32% (EPA); Germany has the highest at 66%. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy estimates our state has reached a 19.3% recycling rate. This may not sound like much but, given that Michigan historically had the lowest recycling rate in the Great Lakes region, it amounts to an increase of 35.4% over rates prior to 2019!

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**GRIDIRON
GURUS**
by Tom Turek
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1st place Russ Ginther 8-4, 2nd place Cathy Coe (tiebreaker), 3rd place Dan Culpepper

Yikes! The Guru presented an exceptionally difficult slate the weekend of November 6 — but don't blame Gurufic.

Blame the NFL if you have to blame anybody ... oh, the humanity! The upsets came fast and furious on Sunday. Several of our (usually) on-the-money Top Dogs fumbled, bumbled and stumbled with losing records for the week.

There were some college toughies too. Not many gave Michigan State a shot to win at Illinois; LSU nipped 'Bama by a single point; and the Columbia vs. Harvard game in the Ivy League tripped up most everyone.

Not many followers of Ivy League football here, huh?

Russ Ginther outlasted a rather lackluster field, delivering a "stellar" mark of 8-4 sparked by his prognostication of MSU's road upset of the Illini, Columbia's victory over the Harvard Crimson and the Seahawks' win at Arizona.

Our "expert" (yeah, we use the term loosely) picks saw Duffy lose another 10 percentage points off his season total. Both staff stiff's went 6-6 on the week, with Wolfie holding on to a .657 to .583 lead.

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" (sports@meridianweekly.com) or via USPS delivery.

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Marauders Crack Lansing-Area Football Top Ten in Season-ending Poll

LANSING -- Congratulations to the Ovid-Elsie Marauders, who again cracked the Top Ten for Lansing-area varsity football teams.

The selections are made in voting by Lansing-area media. Coach Travis Long's Marauders joined the likes of Grand Ledge, East Lansing, DeWitt, Mason, Portland, Lansing Catholic, Ithaca, and Fowler, who all won district titles the weekend of November 6.

This, despite the fact the Marauders lost to Lansing Catholic Central to end their 2022 season. With their late season run, Lansing Catholic makes their way into the top 10 for the first time this season. The Cougars remain the hottest team in the area, with wins over (previously unbeaten) Durand and O-E to start the post-season.

MID-MICHIGAN H.S. FOOTBALL TOP 10 (AFTER WEEK 11)

10. Ovid-Elsie (8-3): The District Final loss to Lansing Catholic marred an excellent season for head coach Travis Long and their squad. The road win at New Lothrop was probably their best of the season.

9. Lansing Catholic (6-5)
8. Holt (7-4)
7. DeWitt (8-3)
6. East Lansing (8-3)
5. Fowler (10-1)
4. Charlotte (9-2)
3. Grand Ledge (9-2)
2. Portland (10-1)
1. Mason (11-0)



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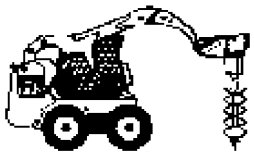
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Mandatory Deer Harvest Reporting

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The DNR claims that hunter survey participation is down from 70% to 30% over the last twenty years and thus it is necessary to find a more accurate method to estimate the harvest. But this new process seems to be a little more than estimating. All hunters are required to use an app or go online to report their harvest that should take three to five minutes. No matter if you are taking your deer to a processor or cutting it up at home you will be required to have a confirmation number. Failure to do so could mean a ticket although the DNR calais this year will focus more on education than prosecution.

Unfortunately the Michigan Legislature has failed to act quickly enough to reel in the DNR and make sure Michigan's army of hunters don't accidentally become criminals. Until this happens play it safe this year and report your deer. For more information please visit: www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/hunting/deer/harvest-reporting

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What if God offered salvation to all people, but did so without any advertisement? For example if there was no Bible?

What if God offered salvation to all people, but made us work for it? To make as a condition for salvation us doing a certain number of good works or type of good works to bring us to Heaven when we die?

What if God offered salvation to all people, but made us feel bad about repenting and coming to know Him? What if when we read the Gospels, we see people coming to faith in Christ, but not before Jesus gives them a hard time for being such awful sinners? That He really lays into them for daring to come into His holy presence, being the wretched sinners that they are?

None of these are very pleasant thoughts, are they? Praise God that He is not like any of this.

Paul writes in Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people."

Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve. He does this because He loves us. The Bible says that God is love. Love is many things, and one of these things is action.

John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

Here we see that because God loved the world, He acted. God didn't sit back and say, "Oh, how I love the world. It is nice to love the world. I'll just sit here and love the world." No. Because God loved the world, His love compelled Him to action. Because God loved the world, He wanted to help people get out of their sinful states and into a personal relationship with Him.

God's call of salvation goes out to all people. You are not too far gone. You are not out of reach of God's forgiveness and love. Salvation is available for those who do not yet know God personally, through repenting of one's sin, asking God for forgiveness, and then walking anew in the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

There's nothing to fear in coming to the Lord. No chastisement. No name calling. No public shaming. When Jesus did use a harsh tone, it was for the religious people who felt that they were doing just fine and rejected Jesus as the Messiah.

But for the other folks Jesus came with forgiveness and open arms. He is willing and waiting to receive you.

God's grace makes salvation possible.

God's graciousness makes God approachable, from Whom we receive salvation.



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Laingsburg Community Singers Host Annual Holiday Concerts December 3-4

LAINGSBURG — The Laingsburg Community Singers are in rehearsal for their upcoming Holiday Concerts.

The group is a community choir (not church) and performs a variety of music. Rehearsals for the group's Christmas concerts under the direction of Steven Easterling run from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Laingsburg United Methodist Church, 210 N. Crum St. in Laingsburg. New members are welcomed.

The driveway to the parking lot is on the south side of the church. Please park in back and enter through the back door.

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New Owner cont’ from front...

Various racing tours have committed to the 2023 race season schedule. In the last few decades, Owosso Speedway has been the host of National drivers going head to head against drivers from Michigan. The legendary race surface that allows 2 and 3 wide racing has made it an icon destination in the industry. “This venture for us is made possible because of the hard work of my 300 employees at Wheeler Trucking. We are in a position to reinvest in our community and preserve the uniqueness of Owosso Speedway that it’s famous for. The track is my hobby and my passion. It’s my dream that’s coming to life,” explained Rex Wheeler.

Jeff Parish, a past promoter over a decade ago, will return to the track as General Manager/Promoter. “This is a dream for me to have the tools available to bring the improvements to the facility and the experiences for drivers and fans. The track, by driver popularity and suggestion has already landed the most prestigious open wheel modified event in the nation, “The Hot Shoe 100” in 2023,” explained Parish. And that’s just a glimpse of what’s in store for the future. There are 4 planned \$10,000 to win Outlaw Super Races, the Nations top Sprint Car tours and the Professional CRA series all planned for the 2023 schedule. “We are going to do amazing things. We have the tools, staff and resources to make it happen. With a \$14 adult admission we will be leading the nation in affordable ticket pricing, explained Parish. But that’s not all, Wheeler also has announced that in an effort to grow the sport of racing, those 20 and under will get in FREE in 2023. The staff at Owosso Speedway will also include co-promoter, Jody Hoffman and Business Development Manager, Destiney Biston. The racing season for 2023 will begin at the end of April.



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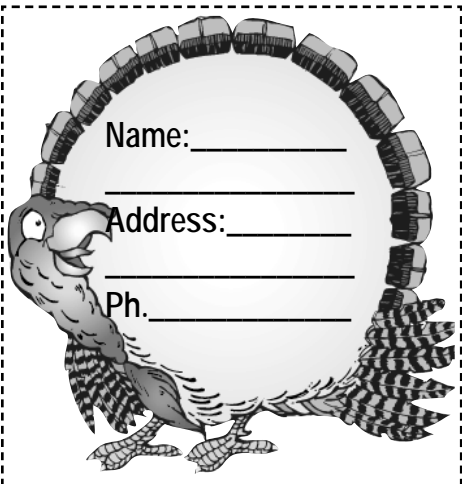

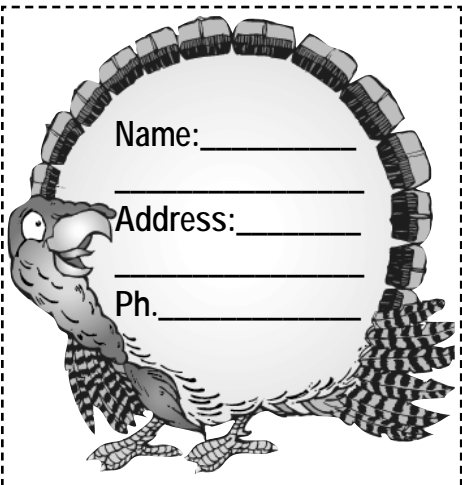
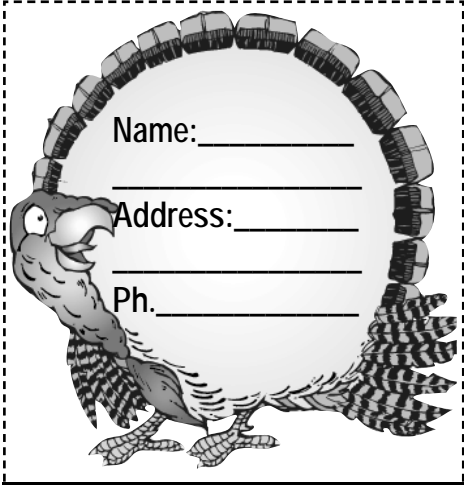
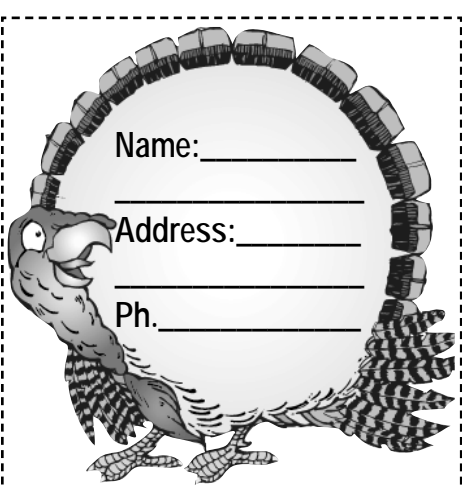
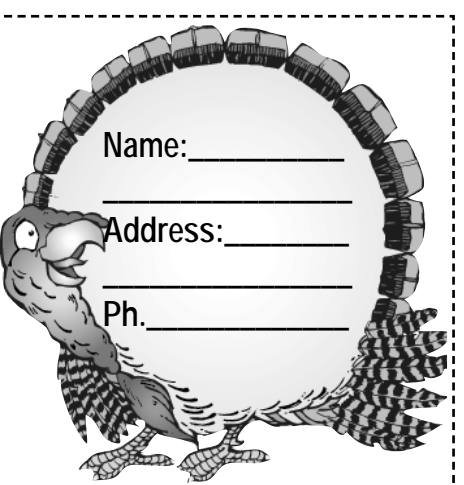
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