



## Ovid-Elsie FFA Brings Home 2 National FFA Awards for Michigan FFA Association

submitted by Tracey Hoffman

On October 25-29, 2022, 8 Ovid-Elsie FFA members participated in the 95th National FFA Convention and Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ovid-Elsie FFA's State winning teams in the contest area of Livestock Evaluation and Horse Evaluation represented the Michigan FFA Association in national competition.

During the Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE), students work within teams to rank breeding and market classes of beef, sheep/goats and swine and give oral reasons to back up their decisions. Students participating in this CDE make accurate and logical observations of livestock, decide on the desirable traits in marketing and breeding livestock, and select and market livestock that will satisfy consumer demands and provide increased economic returns to producers. Individually,



(l to r): Willow Evan, Cassidy Harris, Jordyn Chant, Harris Evans



(l to r): Samantha Snider, Clarisse Fitzpatrick, Olivia Phillips, Adele Jones

Students also give four sets of oral reasons with two sets coming from each evaluation class. Teams also work together to complete practical activities and a team presentation. The Horse Evaluation team was also awarded a Silver emblem. Individual recognition started off with Olivia Phillips receiving a Gold award. Clarisse Fitzpatrick, Adele Jones and Samantha Snider all received a Silver award. This team also brought home a Silver award from the National FFA Organization.

Additionally, Madeline Gavenda and Tristin Ziola received their American FFA Degree. This is the highest level of achievement in the FFA Organization and is only achieved by .5 of 1% of FFA members. Congratulations to Madeline and Tristin on a great accomplishment and thank you for all your involvement over the years in the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education. Today, there are 850,823 FFA members, aged 12-21, in 8,995 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



(l to r): Tristin Ziola and Madeline Gavenda

## Veterans Day Breakfast at Laingsburg Community Schools

Please join us for a Veterans Day breakfast sponsored by Laingsburg Community Schools as we celebrate you and your service to our country!

Friday, November 11th, Laingsburg High School, 8:00 am – 8:30 am

Optional tour of our new spaces lead by our NHS Students, 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast served by our Middle School Student Council.

Music provided by our High School Jazz Band from 9:00 am – 9:10 am; 5th Grade Choir Performance 9:10 am – 9:20 am; Guest Speaker 9:20 am – 9:30 am.

## Dr. Tess Clarkson, Ordained

by Karen Anderson, Local Correspondent

OVID - On Sunday, October 23, 2022, Dr. Tess Clarkson of Laingsburg was ordained at the Trinity Fellowship Church located at 120 S. Main Street, Ovid, MI. The honor was presented by Jack Clarkson, Pastor of Trinity and Norman Martin, church leader. Tess Clarkson has served the Mid-Michigan as a family physician and a talented musician for over 37 years. The ceremony took place with over 20 members as witnesses.

As a minister of God's word with many hours of preaching and teaching, she has been bestowed this honor for her decades of community service as a speaker and Music Director for 32 years at Ovid Trinity Church. She shares the honor with other joining Pastors: Norm Martin, Loren Bryant, Trina Rios, and Marcia Whittemore in this prestigious position.



Newly ordained Dr. Tess Clarkson at Trinity Fellowship Church in Ovid, Norm Martin and Pastor Jack Clarkson.

Clarkson stated, "It is all in God's timing and Master plan. I will continue to follow our church mission of serving others in the community by performing marriages and funerals, minister to the sick and counsel with those in need." Both, Pastor Jack Clarkson and his wife, Pastor Tess Clarkson will continue their six months ministry in Michigan and six months in Uvalde, Texas.

Clarkson's are both looking forward to the opportunity to serve in their winter hometown to help with continued healing of the community after the recent school shooting tragedy. They will then return in the Spring of 2023 to share their music, love and devotion to their mid-Michigan fans and church family.

Trinity Fellowship Church in downtown Ovid is open with non-judgmental arms to anyone seeking a place to worship or in need of spiritual guidance. The old-time musical program is performed with words from Bible scriptures and verses. It is a place of faith where prayers are answered, and fellowship is abundant. Services are held every Sunday from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Non-denominational Christian Church.



## Victory Song

The OE Marauders singing the school song to the crowd following their post season, road win at Almont on Friday October 28th. The Marauders will next compete in the District Final game at home against Lansing Catholic Central on Friday, November 4th. See pages 8-9-and 12 for sports coverage.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Tuesday, November 8th  
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# Social

## 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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## Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, 505 N. Main St., Morrice, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is David Anthony's: Anthony's Bee Farm. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, November 11, 2022.



## Laingsburg Area Food Bank to Hold Quilt Drawing

submitted by Ellen Link

The Laingsburg Area Food Bank would like to thank Holy Family - St. Isadore Quilters for the donation of three beautiful quilts, which will in turn be given to three lucky Food Bank clients. Entries for the quilt drawing will be limited to one per family and will be given out during regular food bank distribution times, Mondays 1-3 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm. The drawing will take place on Thursday, December 22 at 8 pm.



## 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.

## 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.

Concerts will take place on Dec. 3-4. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Hurst (517) 651-5937, or Jessica Adams at (517) 651-7573.

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## Five Generations on Both Sides of Family



Pictured (left to right) Grandmother, Terri Body, Great Grandmother, Teresa Miller, Great-Great Grandmother, Helen Malachowski holding great-great grandson, Cairo Kelley and Mother, Adrianna Medina.



Pictured (standing) Great Grandfather, Raymond Medina, Grandfather, Raymond Medina, Jr. Seated: Mother, Adrianna Medina, Great-Great Grandmother, Irene Medina holding great-great grandson, Cairo Kelley.

## Shiawassee County Agricultural Society Annual Dinner Meeting

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

The annual dinner meeting of the Shiawassee County Agricultural Society, the organization that owns and directs the operation of the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, is planned for Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Community members are invited to show their support for the Shiawassee County Fair, its Board of Directors and the youth of the county, by becoming a member of the Agricultural Society. Yearly dues are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 for a couple. Your membership must be paid into the fair office by November 2, 2022 to be eligible to vote. This year's annual meeting will be held at the VFW Durand, with the social hour beginning at 5 pm and dinner served at 6:00 pm. The business meeting and awards program will follow. Dinner reservations are \$20.00 per person and must be made no later than November 18.

We invite you to attend the meeting and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of delicious food and good company in support of the Shiawassee County Fair.

For more information or reservations, contact the Fair Office at 2900 E. Hibbard Road, Corunna, MI 48817 or 989-743-3611.

## 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).



The Singers on the Grand perform a 1970s music show at the Wilson Center Auditorium Nov. 12. Front row: Ellen Hoard, Charlie Martin, Kelly Bitz, Kelly Sandula-Gruner Second row: Katy Brandon McDonough, James Hall, Joy Behrends, Pete Murthum

Third row: Bill DeWitt, Dan Templin, Darryl Schmitz, Phil Barger Fourth row: Bill Holda, Dave Sincos, Rachel Paxton, Dave Gruner Fifth row: Jack Mumma, Dave Douches, Tyler Smith. Not in photo: Jim Kasprzak.

## Singers on the Grand Brings 1970s Music to St. Johns Nov. 12

submitted by James Hall

For nearly 25 years, the popular Singers on the Grand ensemble has been entertaining mid-Michigan audiences with its high-quality shows. This year will be no exception as the group presents "Tapestry: the 1970s revisited" at the Wilson Center Auditorium (101 W. Cass St., St. Johns) on Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. The twelve singers and eight band members will take you on a musical journey through your favorite songs of the decade.

The show includes iconic music from Carole King, Stevie Wonder, ABBA, Earth Wind & Fire, John Denver, Elton John, The Carpenters, Barry Manilow, and many other favorite performers.

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## Planning pays in retirement



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Michael doesn't see himself living on the beach when he retires, but he'd like to vacation there with his wife. He worries he isn't saving enough in the 401(k) account he has at work, but he isn't sure what more he can manage with two kids, a mortgage and credit cards.

Michael faces two dilemmas: Saving enough money for a comfortable retirement, and making those savings last his lifetime. Like most Americans, having money in retirement may depend on part-time jobs, personal savings and tax-advantaged retirement savings accounts.

A financial representative can help people like Michael understand their options, such as 401(k) and 403(b) plans, annuities, and individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

The key is to set goals and get started. The longer you wait to start saving, the more you will have to save to reach those goals.

Let's start the conversation.



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# Obituaries

## Aaron Lee Stenger

Aaron Lee Stenger, age 43, of Lake Odessa, formerly of Ovid, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Sparrow Hospital-Ionia, Michigan.

Aaron was born in Midland, Michigan on May 9, 1979, the son of Kenneth Lee and Betty Ann (Parish) Stenger. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1997. On April 1, 2019, he married Michele Curto in Las Vegas, NV, and she survives him. He owned and operated a small pole barn business. He enjoyed riding his side by side with friends and enjoyed stock car racing.

He is survived by his wife Michele Stenger of Lake Odessa, MI; two children: Braxton Stenger and Sophie Beagle; his parents, Kenneth and Betty Stenger; and his sister Lucia and Dana Leydens. He was predeceased by both sets of grandparents.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 7, 2022, with Mr. Everett Smith officiating. Burial will take place at Middlebury Township Cemetery, Middlebury Township, MI. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022, from 2-8 P.M. with the family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of Michele or to the educational fund for his children. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



## Anna Cherry

The world was robbed on Thursday, October 27, 2022, of a tough, talented, loving, lively, clever, creative, stubborn yet sweet soul ... as Anna Theresa Cherry of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Bannister, MI, just three weeks, shy of her 53rd birthday; made the reluctant but most certainly personal decision to allow herself to be freed of the pain, fear and degradation descended upon her physical body by a cruel disease. An evil illness that mistakenly thought it had the last word, quite prematurely claiming the upper hand with plans to conquer her months and months and months earlier. And it cannot be said Anna "lost" her fight with cancer. Nothing could be further from the truth. She just finally had had enough. She left this planet firmly on her terms. Exactly the way everyone who loved her knew it would play out.

Anna Cherry never let herself be bested. But not out of ego, never smacked of hubris. Refused to allow her dignity diminished even in the face of death. Her successes were products of proper poise peppered with a portion of perfection, pride and propriety.

But there was so, so much more to Anna. Love of life; love of family; love of a radio career that spanned four decades, from her small-town radio program at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools where she first cracked open the microphone at age 13.

Anna grew up in Bannister, MI. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, with the class of 1987. Anna's career took her around the United States, beginning at age 13, where she established her humble beginnings at WOES Radio at Ovid-Elsie High School. From there she made a tremendous leap to a nearby medium market, to the most-listened to radio station in Lansing, WITL Radio. From there she moved around, as radio nomads tend to do. She worked as a lively helicopter traffic reporter in Chicago. Then took gigs in Columbus and Atlanta. She freelanced for a New York-based operation and also for CNN. She and her husband Steve established a company called Slip Cued, providing online radio/DJ services.

She is survived by her husband Steve of Columbus, Ohio; sons: Sky Bakita of Ashley, MI; and Alistair Cherry of Columbus, Ohio; two step-sons: Sean Cherry of Tuscan, AZ; and Bryan Cherry (Serena Weikart) and their children; son Augusten and daughter Vera Cherry of Marysville, Ohio. She is also survived by her mother, Karen Bakita of Bannister, MI; her siblings: William (Debra) Shinn of Clinton, MI; Thomas (Razlita) Bakita of Gilroy, CA; Kathryn (Daniel) Seip of DeWitt, MI; Rebecca Bakita (Marty Glynn) of West Palm Beach, FL. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father James Bakita and her in-laws Albert and Eunice Cherry.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Thursday, November 3, 2022, with Pastor Zella Daniel officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, MI.

Online condolences will be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## Robert Lee Taylor

A Memorial Service will be held for Robert Lee Taylor on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 1pm. The service will be held at the Ovid Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866.



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## Gilbert "Gib" Joseph Cross

Gilbert "Gib" Joseph Cross passed away on November 1, 2022 at his home in Ovid, surrounded by his family. He was 93 years old.

Gilbert was born on July 3, 1929 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Henry W. Cross and Sophia Evelyn Robertson Cross. Gilbert was the Flint Technical High School, Class of 1948 Salutatorian. On December 30, 1948, Gilbert married his sweetheart, Norma Jean Hoisington and they celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary last December. Gilbert retired from A.C. Spark Plug in 1985. He attended the skilled trades program at GMI and became a model maker, and later a supply purchaser.

Gilbert enjoyed many hobbies. He was an amateur radio operator for over sixty years (call letters K8EAG) and was active in American Radio Relay League (ARRL). He built and flew radio-controlled airplanes, miniature steam engines and black powder firearms. Gilbert enjoyed bowling and was an excellent golfer. He participated in the Bobby Crim Festival of Races for many years. He enjoyed bow and arrow deer hunting in the fall, wintering in Florida, traveling, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. He helped build several homes and was a talented woodworker. In later years, he enjoyed taking golf cart rides with Jean to look for deer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his twin sisters, Katherine Louise and Mary Joan Cross and his son, Gilbert "Bill" William Cross.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his daughter, Linda (Don) Fila of Ovid; daughter-in-law, Kristie Johnson Cross of Lake Elmo, MN; five grandchildren, Gilbert Tyler (Amy) Cross, Alison (Matt) Sturm, Amanda (Stephen) Fitze, Nicole (Ken) Yaklin and Adam (Megan) Fila; eleven great grandchildren, Aria, Kadence and Owen Sturm, William and Adeline Fitze, Caitlyn, Lillian and Samuel Kennedy, Michael Masters, Ari and Ira Fila; two sisters, B. Ann Downes of St. Johns and Judith (Lee) Geisenhaver of Monroe; many nieces and nephews, special HAM friends, Jan Jellena and Dick Witola.

Services were held privately.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to a charity of your choice.







## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Michigan League of Conservation Voters

This is the third installment prior to the 2022 General Elections looking at pro-conservation groups and their rankings or grades given to statewide and legislative candidates. The Weekly Sportsman has selected three well known and respected groups to provide a well rounded view for voters; National Rifle Association (NRA), Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), and Michigan League of Conservation Voters (MLCV).

The MLCV was formed over twenty years ago and uses education, advocacy, and political action to influence protection of Michigan's natural resources. The primary areas of focus include; clean air, good government, healthy great lakes, parks & public lands, and safe drinking water. While the NRA may be considered right of center, and MFB the center, it is very clear that MLCV is left of center. They claim to be non-partisan but the Weekly Sportsman only knows of one republican legislative candidate to ever receive an endorsement and that was for work done on local parks and trails while the candidate served as mayor. Currently all their endorsements for this election cycle statewide are from one party, unlike the other two organizations, but it is important to provide balance and options when considering the bigger picture when looking at conservation. Sometimes this group acts more like preservationists than conservationists but there is often a thin line between what natural and renewable resources should be used and to what extent. However, mining sand and harvesting timber off public land is pretty clear cut. No pun intended. The following candidates have been endorsed and just like the other groups some local legislative races have no endorsements.

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Gretchen Whitmer-D  
Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson-D  
Attorney General Dana Nessel-D  
U. S. Congressional 7th Elissa Slotkin-D  
State Senate 28th Sam Singh-D  
State House 75th Penelope Tsernoglou-D  
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### Thank You

*Letter to the Editor:*

Thank you to all those who participated in the Fall Fun event on October 16th in Ovid. It was a beautiful fall day and the turn out far exceeded our expectations, it was wonderful to see so many participants in the car show and the activities. We are excited to make this an annual event.

We would like to thank Nate's Autobody for organizing the car show that was postponed from Carriage Days, Mya Helmer and Helmer's Hobby Farm for bringing the animals for us to enjoy, Larry and Mylinda Ordiway for the generous donation of the pumpkins and the City of Ovid for allowing the event to be held.

A HUGE thank you to the volunteers who made the event run smoothly Ovid Police Chief Lisa Rousseau and officers Jaclyn Allen and Andrew Mason and the RESA Criminal Justice class, Erica DePond, Deb Price, Mary Perrien, Mary Thompson, Jody Thornton, Lora McCreery and those that stepped in to help when we needed some extra hands.

Holly Hibbard

### DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP - CORRECTION

Please note that the telephone number published for the Duplain Township Clerk in the countywide November 8, 2022 election announcement was incorrect.

The number for the Duplain Township Clerk is 517-927-6258.

Dawn D Levey  
Duplain Township Clerk  
[duplaintwpclerk@gmail.com](mailto:duplaintwpclerk@gmail.com)

### Vote for Val Vail-Shirey

*Letter to the Editor:*

Foremost, I would look for a person who possesses determination, tenacity, and leadership. A person of integrity, for sure - to be certain that we all had equal chances to survive. Resourceful and diligent, an individual who would find a way! A hard worker, certainly, with enough strength, conviction, and courage to continuously guide toward the best possible course of survival. Someone intensely focused. Steadfast. And most of all, full of faith.

As co-workers in the early 1990's, in a Lansing law office, I had the opportunity to witness and experience Val's outstanding character qualities and life-long guiding principles. Now, decades later, Val has only grown stronger in character and principle.

Years ago, when I was asked the above lifeboat question, I immediately chose Val to be one of my lifeboat friends. Throughout the many years working together on various projects, I have never waived from that choice. Val is all of the above.

Our gal, Val is a true warrior with resolve and enough grit to never give up.

Val Vail-Shirey will serve you well as your county commissioner.

Linda Gaynier, Jackson, Michigan

### Support for Val Vail-Shirey

*Letter to the Editor:*

I would like to share my support for Val Vail-Shirey for Clinton County Commissioner.

In early conversations with Val, I shared my concerns of the dangerous intersection of M-21 and Hollister Roads. Val was attentive and sought out information on a recent study of the intersection and what steps were possible to reduce danger. We have recently heard that a flashing light will be installed at the intersection. This is an improvement that so many of us are happy to have.

I appreciate the team approach that I have watched Val exercise in her problem-solving techniques and information research. I believe this is a positive way to get things done.

I encourage you to join me in voting for Val and elect her as our next County Commissioner for District 1. Val has been an advocate for safety in the Ovid community at our M-21 Hwy and Hollister Rd. intersection and will be a great resource once elected.

Vote Vail-Shirey on November 8!  
Tammy Tyler, Ovid Resident

### Thanks for the Memories

With a career in the dental field beginning in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1975 with Dr. Duke Prothro until July 2022 with the retiring of Dr. John Schauer from the Laingsburg Dental Service, there are many friends, co-workers and patients to thank along the way. It has been an incredible life journey and for that I say "Thank You" many, many times over.

Patty Smith



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Notice is hereby given that Victor Township Election Commission will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the electronic voting system to be used in the November 08, 2022 Primary Election on November 06, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at 6843 E. Alward Road Laingsburg, MI 48848. This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

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

## Editorial Elections Matter

*Letter to the Editor:*

Elections matter. Specifically local elections. The candidates that live in our counties and our communities have the power to shape our futures and our lives for the better. No other candidate on the ballot this year has more knowledge on how to improve our community than Mark Zacharda, who is running for State Representative.

Mark is a Shiawassee County farmer and a former teacher. He knows exactly how much hard work it takes to live here and what issues that we all face. He knows how to get things done. He's been down and dirty on the farm. He's helped teach and raise our kids. One look at his website, and it is clear that his policies will greatly help our district by supporting labor, manufacturing, small business, and local schools. His policies are based on common sense.

Mark lives in the real world and will bring a common-sense approach to legislating in Lansing. He is realistic and knows that he has to work with anyone he can to pass legislation that will improve our district and state. Mark doesn't care what his political party wants him to do, he cares about doing what's best for our district. For too long, we've had representatives that don't know what it's like to work hard, to overcome obstacles, and to raise and care for others. That all changes on November 8th. A vote for Mark Zacharda is a vote for common sense, a vote for a better life, and most importantly, a vote for our district.

Eric Sabin  
Owosso

### Trust Mark Zacharda

*Letter to the Editor:*

I've voted Republican most of my life. I've always been someone who has gravitated towards the Republican ideals, but after the Supreme Court overturned Roe V. Wade that really made me stop and think. I have a young daughter at home and I started to think; what would happen if a predator attacked her and got her pregnant? Myself and my child wouldn't have the ability to make our own decision regarding her pregnancy? She would have to raise this baby? She's just starting out in this world. Looking at our current situation and the Republican candidates that we have, I cannot in good conscience vote for any of them.

I will be voting for Pro-Women's rights candidates that we have on our ballot. I am still conservative, but I believe women deserve the freedom to choose what's right for themselves. I want to give my vote to the candidate that I have met the most, and I trust Mark Zacharda. He's a father of two young daughters and his passion to protect their rights is something that resonates with me. Please vote for Mark Zacharda November 8th!

RyAnne Hetfield  
Henderson

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All voters are hereby given notice that Fairfield Township will hold the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Fairfield Township Hall at the corner of Henderson and Vincent Roads. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



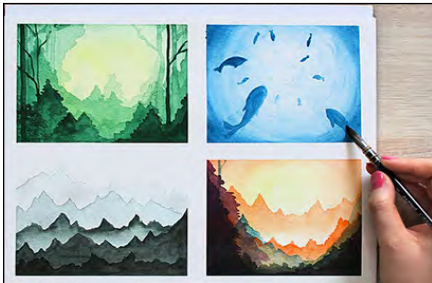
## November Happenings at the Ovid Public Library

Come join us at the Ovid Public Library during the month of November. We have a lot of fun things lined up and we hope you will join us! We will be having our Classic Movie on November 9 and November 30. Show time will be at 1:00. This month's movies will be One Special Night starring James Garner and Julie Andrews and Friendly Persuasion starring Gary Cooper and Dorothy Cooper.

On Monday, November 14 will be the Adult Booktasting. This begins at 1:00. If you are looking for some new book ideas, then this is the place to be.

We also have our crafting group meeting on Tuesdays at 1:30. This month they will be meeting on the 8th, 15th, and 29th.

And last but not least, our Preschool Story Hour will be on Friday, November 18 at 10:30. Come join us for some Thanksgiving stories and Thanksgiving craft.



## CCAC Watercolor Retreat

The Clinton County Arts Council will be holding a Watercolor Mini-Retreat "Autumn & Winter" on Thursday, November 10th from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

This class is at the Art & Soul Gallery, 215 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, is suitable for beginners of watercolor and anyone who wants to be guided through three fun, seasonal projects.

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## 34th Annual Holiday Along the River

submitted by Piper Brewer

The 34th annual SAC Holiday Along the River opens to the public Sunday, November 6 and runs through Sunday, December 31. Over 80 Michigan artists are displaying and selling their original artwork, unique gift items and holiday decorations. Shoppers are sure to find gifts at affordable prices for everyone on their gift lists.

Join us November 6, 1-3pm for refreshments, shopping and live music performed by Richard Lahmann. SAC members are invited to attend the member opening reception Saturday, November 5 from 6-8pm with food, drinks, live music by Pat Carmody and "A Step Back in Time" book signing by Piper Brewer. Members will receive 20% off on one Holiday Show purchase during the reception. The show is generously sponsored by Memorial Healthcare with outdoor decorating by Sunburst Gardens.



(l-r): Rich Tesner, Bonnie Brown, Jan Reiter,

Special events during the show include Jennifer Ross, Linda VanCise (with Jax), Sherry the popular Children's Day, Sunday, Nelsen

December 4 from 1-3pm with art activities, refreshments, live music, book signing, gingerbread house display and a visit by Santa.

SAC is offering three children's Gingerbread House classes beginning Thursday, December 1 from 4-5:30pm. The second date is Saturday, December 3 from 10-11:30am and also 11-12:30pm.

A special adult fused glass pendant class, Art That Sizzles takes place Wednesday, November 16, 6-7pm.

SAC gift cards make great gifts. The Arts Center is available for rent for special events, meetings and holiday parties.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso, is open Monday through Friday 10am-5pm and weekends 12-4pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, entertain and enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information call the Arts Center at 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

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## Memorial Healthcare Honors Registered Nurse with DAISY Award

*submitted by Dianna Vsetula*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is delighted to announce Sherry Jungerheld, Registered Nurse, in its Behavioral Health Unit as its very first recipient of the nationally recognized DAISY Award. Sherry was recognized with the DAISY Award for going above and beyond to deliver safe and compassionate care to a suicidal patient.

"The DAISY Award is one of the most prestigious awards a nurse can receive. It is an honor to present this award to Sherry; her nomination story was touching. I look forward to honoring many of the amazing nurses at Memorial Healthcare for years to come with the Daisy award," said Tyler Yaklin, MBA, BNS, RN, Chief Nursing Officer and Associate Vice President of Patient Care Services.

Sherry received this award based on the following nomination story, "First of all, I was feeling very suicidal, so I made a call to the stress unit and the nurse talked with me and convinced me to call an ambulance. She not only saved my life, but my stay consisted of being in the hospital for Easter Sunday. The nurse went out of her way to make sure every patient had a surprise to wake up to, an Easter basket full of candy! You could tell she put a lot of work into making sure everyone who had to be there had a good day. She deserves this and she is very special!"

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day. Nurses are nominated by their patients and patient's families. DAISY Award nominations are accepted all year long and can be made at [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org) or in person at the hospital's main campus.

Sherry was presented with a certificate of recognition, a DAISY pin, and an incredible serpentine stone sculpture carved by the artists of the Shona Tribe located in Zimbabwe, Africa. This sculpture is known as the "Healer's Touch" and it portrays the embracing relationship nurses have with their patients.

"Be the nurse you want to be and the one you know the patients deserves," said Sherry. I try to live by this each and every day I'm on the unit. At times, I've felt my profession, as a psychiatric nurse, is often overlooked and undervalued. Receiving this award is validation that I am truly making a difference and I'm so thankful."

To learn more about the DAISY Award, please visit [MemorialHealthcare.org/Patient-Information](http://MemorialHealthcare.org/Patient-Information).



(Sherry Jungerheld, RN pictured with Tyler Yaklin, MBA, BSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer and Associate Vice President of Patient Care Services) of Memorial Healthcare Honoring RN with the DAISY Award.

## Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Neurologist

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Dr. Rosemarie Walch, Neurologist to our active medical staff at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience.

Dr. Walch earned her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After completing her neurology residency at Ascension Macomb Oakland as Chief Resident, she completed her fellowship training in Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroimmunology at the University of Cincinnati/UC Health at the prestigious Waddell Center for Multiple Sclerosis.

Dr. Walch is board-certified in neurology and is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Center, and the American Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis. Prior to joining Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, Dr. Walch worked at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders in Farmington Hills, MI. She served as an instructor for the William Beaumont School of Medicine/Oakland University and at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

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# Sports



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## Bears End the Season with a Loss

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Bear's season ended in a loss last Friday night. They faced a tough Mayville team, who came out fast and the Bears struggled to score. "It was a tough and disappointing way to end the season but we'll build on it for next year. Hopefully we get some off season work in, get bigger, faster and stronger. I am very proud of the 4 seniors that we'll be losing this year, they worked hard for their careers and should be proud of their accomplishments" expressed Coach Saylor.

On offense for Ashley Robert Kral threw for 97 yards, throwing for 1 touchdown. Logan Drummond also threw a 12-yard pass for a touchdown. Will Long carried the ball for 41 yard and Drummond had 28 yards on the ground. Drummond also scored one of the two touchdowns along with Gibby Jason who caught a 12-yard pass for a TD.

Drummond led the way on defense with 10 tackles, followed by Will Long with 9 and an interception. Gibby Jason had 4 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble, while Gavin Malek had 5 tackles.

## Gritty Marauders Get It Done in Opening Playoff Game at Almont, 21-14

ALMONT — Grit. True grit.

After numerous miscues, stops and starts, Ovid-Elsie's varsity football team found a way to get it done in the face of a formidable foe here October 28 in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders took over the second half, ending in a late-touchdown, 21-14 victory over the host Raiders.

The Almont Raiders, after all, were a Division 5 State Finalist as recently as 2019. In 2020, the Raiders knocked the Marauders out of the post-season, 28-0. The last time Ovid-Elsie won a playoff game was in 2009, 36-8 over Lake Fenton.

Even though O-E won 7 games during the 2022 regular season, the MHSAA playoff system saw 6-3 Almont as a more powerful team, granting them host status.

Though the Marauders stumbled at times, they shut the Raiders out in the second half, earning them a home game in the District Finals in Division 6. Long's Marauders upped their record to 8-2. Almont finished with four losses in ten games.

Grit? In the first half, O-E fumbled the ball away twice, once at the Raider four-yard-line, then again at the three. To open the second half, trailing 14-7, the Marauders bungled away the ball on a squib kick.

Two plays later, Beau Price pounced on a fumble deep on the O-E side of the field ... and the Marauder comeback was on its way.

To be sure, the Marauders didn't play their best game of the season. They fumbled the ball away twice at the goal line. Sophomore QB Tryce Tokar was putting his passes on the mark, but there were several dropped balls.

Instead, the visitors made critical plays when they had to. Down 7-0 in the first quarter, O-E converted on a 4th-and-one, then got the first down again on 3rd-and-ten with a completion to Jamison Custer. Finally, Tokar punched in the tying touchdown on a 9-yard scamper up the middle with 1:37 left before halftime. The drive was highlighted by Tokar's scramble for 20 yards on 4th-and-18. Julien Mortier booted the PAT to tie the score at 7-7.

Back came the Raiders. With :17 seconds left before intermission, Almont QB Trenton Kruse scrambled, finding pay dirt from a yard out. Sean O'Neil kicked the point-after giving the hosts a 14-7 halftime edge.

Still, the Marauders struggled, bumbling away their first possession of the second half. Price's defensive play seemed to turn the tide; in the second half, the stout O-E defense shut out AHS.

After neither of the combatants scored in the third quarter, the 4th stanza proved pivotal for Ovid-Elsie. Tokar found Clay Wittenberg with a 13-yard TD pass with 9:48 left to play. With just 1:50 remaining in regulation, Tokar busted into the end zone from one yard out. Mortier kicked both PATs securing the Marauders' first post-season win since '09.

Tokar ran for 103 yards and the two touchdowns, also completing 5 of 15 passes for 86 yards and a score.

Jameson Custer advances the ball for the Marauders.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Wittenberg finished with two completions for 38 yards. Braxton Stenger also had two grabs for 32 yards. Perrien Rasch added 57 yards on the ground.

The clutch Marauder defense was led by Wittenberg with 10 tackles, four of them solo. Braxton Stenger, Landon Stoneman, Tokar, Kevin Ley, Custer, Price, Rasch, Justin Cole, Hayden Pontack and Jacob Bowen all registered stops for the Marauder 'D'.

The victory secured Long's charges a home playoff game, this time opposite Lansing Catholic Central (5-5) for the MHSAA District title.



Trace Tokar ran for 103 yards and passed for 86 yards against Almont.

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# Wolfpack Girls 4th, Boys 6th at MHSAA Regional Cross-Country

DeWITT — Laingsburg competed in the MHSAA Cross-Country Regionals on October 29.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Lady Wolfpack finished in 4th place, while the boys were 6th.

The Ithaca boys ran first (38) while Pewamo-Westphalia was second (59) and Bath placed third (102).Laingsburg ran sixth (151) while Chesaning was seventh (188), Ovid-Elsie ran eighth (207), Perry 11th (334) and Byron 12th (351).

LHS had three individual runners qualify for the State Finals on November 5 at Michigan International Speedway: Noah Devereaux with the time of 17:27, Emily Rathka in 21:00 and Evelyn Logghe in 21:40.

For the girls team scores, Laingsburg's girls scored 107 points. The Wolfpack finished one spot away from qualifying for the state finals as a complete team. Pewamo-Westphalia ran first (34), Lansing Catholic ran second (42) and Ithaca finished third (97). Ovid-Elsie finished fifth (113), New Lothrop placed seventh (182), Byron ran ninth (267) and Chesaning placed 10th (275).



## GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek  
sports@meridianweekly.com

**1st place Lena Skaryd 9-3, 2nd place Brandon Grieder 9-3, 3rd place Leanne Arnst 9-3 (all places determined by tie-breaker).**

As we turn our attention to the home stretch of our 2022 Guru competition, some of our Hometown Heroes still aren't getting it.

In fantasy sports, the mantra is ALWAYS PLAY YOUR STUDS. Don't get cute looking at the matchups, trying to out-smart yourself.

Yet, what is the problem with our pickers? They didn't know the K-State Wildcats were far superior to the OK State Cowboys? They didn't see Louisville putting it on the national-ranked Demon Deacons from Wake? That Louisville is STUDLY?

Apparently not, as those collegiate contests turned out to be the major stumbling block the weekend of October 29-30-31.

Yes. That weekend. All Hallow's Eve. When spooky stuff starts happening. "Wake" seems to be the definitive word as many of our fearless forecasters are burying themselves.

Quick question: can The Wolfman win the Guru Giveaway? Quick answer: Nope. Our staffer is not eligible. Even though Wolfie topped the field in the last weekend in October at 10-2.

Wolfie cries. He loves him some Ovid "Main Street Special." If you hear some strange beast howling at midnight, that's Wolfie ... in mourning. He still celebrates his .677 too .593 season-long lead over Doofy Duffy.

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

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# Marauder Volleyball Season Ends in MHSAA District Play in Stockbridge

STOCKBRIDGE — Telexia Terpening delivered six kill shots in Ovid-Elsie's season-ending volleyball loss in the MHSAA District tournament here.

Coach Caron Meister's Marauders wrapped up the 2022 campaign at 2-16-1 (1-6 in conference play). "My girls came here to play," said coach Meister. "They were ready to play, they fought til the end and they never gave up in the two sets that were super close. And I'm super proud of how they came out tonight."

O-E also got three kills apiece from Ellyanna Carman, Izzy Loynes and Maddie Miller. Hailee Campbell added a key block that put the Marauders up 14-8 in the third set. O-E stayed close throughout the match, including a 24-24 thriller in the first set, but eventually fell 25-27, 12-25 and 24-26.

Stockbridge improved to 14-18-7 and advanced to the District Semifinal opposite Laingsburg.

# Wolfpack Spikers Advance to MHSAA District Final

STOCKBRIDGE — First-year coach Kelsey Jones' Laingsburg volleyball girls squared off in MHSAA District Final action vs. Dansville on Friday night, November 4 (see complete game scores in next week's Weekly).

The Wolfpack swept past the host Panthers in semifinal action, 25-21, 25-14 and 25-13.

In Tuesday night opening action, Stockbridge advanced with a three-set victory over Ovid-Elsie. Also in the opening round, Byron swept past Perry 25-10, 25-10, 25-19, to advance against Dansville. The Aggies (30-16-0) then eliminated Byron, 25-21, 25-20 and 25-21 on Thursday evening.

The Wolfpack (6-6-0, 3-5 in conference play) were looking to avenge a 25-16, 22-25, 24-26, 20-25 loss to the Aggies from October 4.



# GRIDIRON GURUS

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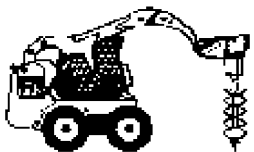
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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Monday was a fun filled and interesting day. Yup, it was a busy Halloween that we participated in, right down to the costumes. Brent, Diane, and I were dressed as Renaissance characters and I even wore a white wig with a golden coronet. I was delighted that no one laughed at me in that costume ... more than I did. Diane and Brent had gone up to MG's Perx & Pastries in the afternoon to add a bit of spook to the atmosphere. Starting at the pastry counter there was a large cobweb that stretched over to the north wall above the oven and across the top of the cabinet. Setting on the cabinet was a glass ball that reflected orange and black designs against the ceiling. The cob web was filled with little black pumpkins and roses and the spider had been busy killing the plastic cockroaches. On a stool between the oven and the cabinet sat the clear skull bowl full of treats for the kids, by the end of the evening the kids were enjoying donuts as their folks walked out with a fresh cup of coffee.

Trying to run a business can be very trying at times. There is no doubt in my mind that a trio of first time customers were unhappy when they left today. Since it is our goal to have happy customers, we felt badly because we weren't told what was wrong. Our cook was having a drowsy day and was horrified when I brought back the plates from that table. We figured out what was wrong with the cappuccino and realized that the wrong grind of coffee had been used in the regular coffee. We would have fixed it...if we knew that something is wrong. We plan on being here for a long time hopefully. So, please let us know if we have erred. We want to please.

Prudence has been an absolute doll of late. I finally figured out that she was most displeased because I had sent the furniture in to be re-upholstered. The furniture has not made its way home yet, but the new recliner is here and Pru can sit in it with me. It is much more comfortable than the wrought iron chair which did not have any arms to lay upon. So she is back into her well behaved mode and was thrilled when Dorothy sent socks home to her last night. Pru is waiting for me to tie knots into them so that they might become a challenge.

This coming week, we will be offering some omelets for breakfast. Which reminds me to make sure that the toaster oven is in place also. I seem to have a daily list, as does Diane for things that we need to use temporarily at the shop. Tomorrow morning I need to bring in my eight quart pan, another dough cutter, my set of Pilgrims if I can locate them. I also need to key in another good recipe and get it laminated. Make a flyer for our November 12th Deer Widow's Day event. We will be open from 7AM until 3PM, but the event doesn't start until 9AM when our vendors will be in place. Of course we will still be offering our breakfast and lunch specials and fresh baked goods. There is also a gift drawing.

Ah, yes our vendors are offering some very beautiful floral arrangements as well as T-Shirts, freeze dried candies and fruits. The list goes on to include candles, soaps, body scrubs, raw honey, and the most beautiful hand turned wooden bowls. There will also be hand crocheted snowflakes, chocolate and peanut butter fudges and poured chocolate candies. I believe that if I can get into gear there will also be a few ice candles. And what are ice candles? Guess that you will have to come to see them.

Would you believe that I have run out of things to tell you? Or possibly I have been running on empty for too long and need to recharge my battery as in take a nap? Unfortunately Diane works all night and then comes in to work until we are finished for the day. I remember doing things like that when I was her age...and I remember it to be very exhausting. At least back then I had at least six hours of sleep at a time. May your lives be filled with laughter and interesting opportunities filled with blessings. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2022

## Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center to Host Fall Open House

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – The Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center invites you to attend a free Fall Open House on Wednesday, November 16 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the NOW Building on our main campus at 819 N. Shiawassee Street (M-52), Owosso. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Wellness Center, take a tour, and receive 50 percent off your Wellness Center enrollment fee.

This event will feature free health screenings including blood pressures, blood sugar testing, and InBody Biometric scans. Additional activities include smoothie samples from The Big Salad and raffle entries for items such as a personal training session, a three-month membership to the Wellness Center, a 45-minute relaxation massage, and more!

The event will also include over 30 vendors including many Memorial Healthcare departments such as Center for Orthopedics, Gastroenterology, Institute for Neuroscience, outpatient rehabilitation services, stroke awareness, talent management, trauma and more. Outside vendors include Arbonne, GNC of Flint, MSU Extension, Safe Center, Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA), Sobaks of Owosso/Durand, The Big Salad, and more!

For more information on this event, please visit the Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center Facebook page or our website at [www.MemorialHealthcare.org/wellness-center/](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org/wellness-center/).



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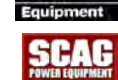
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Alexis Spitzley, Clarissa Baese, Piper White and Clay Powell.  
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## Ovid-Elsie Qualifies Quartet at MHSAA Regional Cross-Country

DeWITT — Coach Wes Diener's Ovid-Elsie cross-country teams will be sending a quartet of harriers to the MHSAA State Meet.

Marauder Clay Powell qualified for the state finals by running 16th in 18:03.2. The Ithaca boys ran first (38) while Pewamo-Westphalia was second (59) and Bath placed third (102). Laingsburg ran sixth (151) while Chesaning was seventh (188), Ovid-Elsie ran eighth (207), Perry 11th (334) and Byron 12th (351).

Three Lady Marauder runners — Alexis Spitzley (12th, 21:03.3), Clarissa Baese (13th, 21:13.9) and Piper White (14th, 21:17.2) also qualified for the state meet, November 5 at Michigan International Speedway.

For the girls team scores, Pewamo-Westphalia ran first (34), Lansing Catholic ran second (42), Ithaca finished third (97) and Laingsburg fourth (107). Ovid-Elsie finished fifth (113), New Lothrop placed seventh (182), Byron ran ninth (267) and Chesaning placed 10th (275).

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