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Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Superintendent Search Stakeholder/Community Survey

The OE Area School District is seeking community input to be considered as they work through the superintendent search. If you are a member of the Ovid-Elsie community, we would appreciate your participation in this survey! Please visit:

https://www.ovidelsie.org/suptsurvey



Rep. BeGole welcomes exchange student for tour of state Capitol, House office



submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, and his legislative staff recently welcomed Levi Ruben and his sister Saskia-Sophie to Lansing for a tour of the state Capitol building. Levi is an exchange student from Switzerland and has been staying with family in the Ovid area. BeGole is in his first term in the Michigan House serving the 71st District.

We're Coming Back

submitted by Cindy Broome

The Holy Family Fish fry dinners are returning, starting on Friday, February 17th, the chefs will be preparing your favorite fish dinners.

Menu includes: Cod fish - fried & baked, cheesy potatoes, french fries, baked beans, tropical salad, cole slaw, green beans, corn, dinner roll, pickles, condiments and drink. And this year homemade desserts will be back too! So come join the line, we will be serving you to keep everyone



Dinners will be served on Feb. 17th, March 3rd, March 17th and March 31st, 4:30 til 7 pm. Dine in or order a take out meal.

With rising prices on everything, we have had to make a difficult decision to raise prices of the meal. Adult \$16, children 6 to 12 years old \$8, and kids under 5 eat for free.

Make your plans to join us.

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Laingsburg Library Laingsburg Library

submitted by Terry Fraidenburg

Laingsburg library is excited and thankful for the donation from the Laingsburg Lions club for our ebook program. The Lions club help us offer ebooks beyond the library's operating budget. The average daily check out is 20 ebooks daily. We are partnered with 16 libraries, we have a selection of over 54000 books to choose from. Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more from your local library for free!



Librarian Sandra and Lions Member Mike.



AS A TEAM, Laingsburg's wrestling Wolfpack earned 200+ positive pins in 2022-23. Thursday night, that talent was on display again as coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves captured a MHSAA Division 3 District championship by eliminating the Eaton Rapids — the Greyhounds traditionally known as a powerhouse program in Michigan. The Pack now advances on to face Williamston in the Team Regionals. For complete results, please see next week's Weekly.



See pages 7, 8, 9, 10 for all sports results and photos

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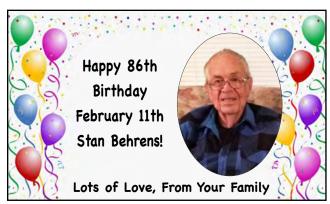
Mid-Winter Jamboree

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

The public is invited to the annual Mid-Winter Jamboree on Sunday, February 26th at the Bannister ZCBJ Hall.

Doors open at 11:30 am and a potluck dinner will begin at noon. Coffee and table service will be provided.

Many generous musicians will be sharing their talents for an afternoon of ethnic music and dancing from 1:00-5:00 pm. Admission is free.





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Library News

Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Looking for something new and different for Valentine's Day? How about going to an Ice Safari at the Potter Park Zoo. Our library has passes available at the front desk that can be checked out for a week. The pass gives you both free parking and free admission to the zoo. And for the following dates: Feb. 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m; the pass will be your free ticket to the winter ice safari. There will be a variety of animal ice carvings on display throughout the zoo during the ice safari event. Never visited the zoo in the winter? Many of the animals thrive in the cold and will be out and about for you to observe - bald eagles, otters, Arctic foxes, and the snow leopard to name a few.

Recently our library has been happy to serve our community in a new, unique way. You may have seen pictures on our Facebook page of tables filled with food. This food comes from the Elsie Area Food Pantry. It is offered for FREE on a first come, first served basis. Our goal for this service is to simply continue to serve our community. There are no specific days when you can assume there will be food offered. Please watch our Facebook page for food postings. We are faithful in posting pictures to keep you informed on these occasions.

Come see what is happening at 145 W. Main St. in Elsie. We would love to see you here.

Ovid Public Library

If you haven't been to the Ovid Public Library before or maybe its been awhile since you've visited us, come on in and check us out. We've got new books galore and more sale books than you could read in a lifetime. There's also lots of DVD's available for checkout. We have made a section just for Large Print books and we have a lighted page magnifier for checkout if you struggle with reading fine print.

There's always something fun going on here including our Adult Booktasting which will be on Monday, February 13 at 1:00. Here you can learn what other people are reading. Maybe you will find your next favorite book. Later this month we will be showing another classic movie on February 22 and we will be having another Children's Story Hour on Friday, February 24. There will also be another Craft day on Tuesday, February

The library hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10- $7{:}00~\text{pm},\,\text{Friday}\,\,10\text{-}5{:}00$ and Saturday 10-1.

Laingsburg Lions Free Spaghetti Dinner

spaghetti dinner by hosted Laingbsurg Lions Club in conjunction with the American Legion Post 248, will be held on Tuesday, February 21st from 5pm-7pm. This months free dinner will



include a special Valentine treat for everyone. Also included will be a free raffle ticket per person good towards the chance for door prizes which will be given away at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 that evening. The dinner will include Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Beverage and Dessert. Carry Outs will be available, sorry no deliveries. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy a good meal and some good ole fashioned conversation.

Queen of Hearts Raffle

submitted by Cindy

Suggate

The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 is running a Queen of Hearts Raffle for 52 weeks. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Tickets are sold weekly. Drawings are Tuesday night at 7:00 at the Post. The first drawing was 2/7. Once we draw, (only one ticket drawn) the tickets sold that week are thrown out and more tickets are



sold for the next weeks drawing. If the Queen of Hearts is not picked, there are other prizes for face cards, jokers, aces, etc. If the queen of hearts is picked the winner gets 60% of the pot. You can purchase tickets at the Post Tuesday thru Friday after 4pm, Saturday and Sunday after 12:00 pm and from any legion member that are selling tickets. So get those tickets for a chance to win.



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Clinton County Selects Frontier as Partner in its **Public-Private Partnership**

submitted by Penny Goerge

St. Johns, Mich. The Clinton County Board Commissioners selected Frontier as the vendor for a public-private partnership in pursuit of Realizing Opportunities with Broadband



Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) grant funding. The County's Broadband Infrastructure Development Project will provide fiber-to-the-home broadband service to an estimated 4,300 households in unserved and underserved areas in Clinton County. This partnership leverages Frontier's plans to independently fund additional fiber expansion in the community.

Providing broadband access to residents of the County that have inadequate service, or no access to broadband service in the 21st century is an identified priority of the County to utilize the available federal American Rescue Plan funding," said Bob Showers, Chair of the Board of Commissioners. "The selection of Frontier as the County's partner for this exciting project brings the vision one step closer to reality," Showers said.

Based on the competitive proposal submitted by Frontier, broadband services would be expanded in three service areas; Central (including Riley and Olive Townships); East (including Ovid, Victor and portions of Bath Township) and West (including Lebanon, Essex, Greenbush, Duplain, Dallas, Bengal and portions of Westphalia and Eagle Townships).

"Frontier is committed to ensuring that more Clinton County residents have access to premier-level fiber internet services and is excited to partner with the County. We recently were the first provider in the nation to launch the availability of 5 Gbps symmetrical service, which we will make available in Clinton County. By leveraging on expansion plans and combining our private investment with County support, we are confident that our grant proposal will present a very competitive project, increasing our chances of securing funding for the community," said Allison Ellis, Senior Vice President Regulatory & Governmental Affairs. "We are proud to partner with Clinton County to enable community members to participate and thrive in a digital society.'

The State of Michigan announced the availability of ROBIN grant opportunities on January 13, 2023 to internet service providers and local units of government entering into public-private partnerships. Clinton County is now positioned to pursue a grant with its partner, Frontier.

The County's grant application is expected to include approximately \$2.5 million in County Rescue Plan funds and million in investment provided by Frontier, with the balance of the estimated \$25.2 million project cost being requested through the ROBIN program.



Shiawasee Arts Center **Painting Sessions**

submitted by Linda Ruehle

Painting Fundamentals, a six week series on Fridays, February 24 - April 7.

Explore basic painting principles and techniques, color theory, and general use of materials. Each week will cover new exercises regarding the genres of still life and landscape. Students may work in acrylics or oils. Supplies are not included. Call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for registration/cost or for questions on any classes. Pre-payment and registration is

Open Oil/Acrylic Painting, a six week session, is on Vednesdays, March 1 - April 5, from 1 pm – 4 pm.

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Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. Call The Arts Center at (989) 723-8354. The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. .

"When you give joy to

other people, you get

more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out." ~Eleanor Roosevelt





Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser at Laingsburg UMC February 21

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. - A pancake dinner fundraiser to celebrate Fat Tuesday is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. February 21 at Laingsburg United Methodist Church. All proceeds will benefit the Readers to Leaders program.

Fresh homemade pancakes, maple syrup, a variety of toppings and sausage will be served, as well as beverages. Donations will be accepted. Takeout available.

Readers to Leaders is an initiative to provide funds and reading curriculum to students in disadvantaged areas of Michigan and Liberia so that they have the skills to become more empowered leaders as they grow. Each United Methodist Church in the state is being asked to raise at least \$600.

The church is located at 210 Crum Street in Laingsburg. For more information, call the church office between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 517-651-5531, or email youthgroupthecore@gmail.com.



Obituaries

Lona "Sally" Gail Sweet

Mrs. Lona "Sally" Gail Sweet's beloved angels carried her home on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at the age of 88.

Sally was born June 13, 1934 in Clinton County, Michigan and was a daughter of the late Francis D. and Elsie (Cook) Saxton. On August 29, 1953 she married Ronald "Ronnie" Lee Sweet, and they enjoyed 29 years together. He preceded her in death in 1982. Sally was a homemaker and was the organist and assistant to her husband at the churches he pastored. She enjoyed gardening, canning, farming, singing, playing the organ, spending time with her grandchildren, and doing things for others.

She is survived by her children, Karla Reid (David) of Moore, SC, Alan Sweet (Jaque) of Greenville, SC, and Cheryl Bailey (Dennis) of Santa Rosa, California; her grandchildren, Sean Zwiernikowski, Michelle Carrera (Nixon), Jeremy Zwiernikoski (Crystal), Jaremy Sweet (Kimberly), Jenifer Patton (Adam), Justin

Sweet (Gretchen), Chris Arena, Danielle DeKerlegand (Eric); fifteen great-grandchildren; sister, Joyce Dush; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Caleb Zwiernikowski; brothers, Clifford Saxton, Ed Saxton, Don Saxton, Leo Saxton, and Mike

Saxton; and sisters, Pauline Nethaway, and Florence Bradley.
A Memorial Service was conducted Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 2:30 PM at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 309 Fernwood Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307, with Rev. Dr. Steve Wise officiating

The family would like to thank the Staff of NHC of Laurens for all the love and compassionate care given.



In lieu of flower memorials, memorials may be made to Miracle Hill Ministries, 490 S Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville SC 29609 or please take the time to do something for someone that makes them feel loved.

Gray Funeral Home of Laurens is assisting the Sweet family with arrangements.

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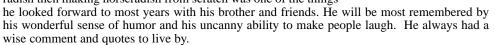
Rodger Leroy Kelley

Rodger Leroy Kelley, age 66 of Elsie, MI, passed away Friday,

February 3, 2023, at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI.

Rodger was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 23, 1956, the son of Donald and Dorothea (Hoshield) Kelley. He married Joy Ann "JD" Kelley on October 16, 1992, in Ithaca, Michigan. They were blessed with twenty-seven years of marriage, prior to her passing on November 8, 2019.

Rodger's favorite pastime was gardening. He spent all winter planning out his garden, all spring for the planting and all summer giving it all away. In his early years, he was a car enthusiast and rebuilt a Chevelle from the tires up. Rodger excelled as a shop supervisor due to his leadership skills, gift of reading blueprints and ability to work with numbers. He enjoyed his daily rides, where he was sure to stop in to visit his many friends and family after a visit to the Happy Hour. Rodger loved camping, fishing, and going up north which he and JD did often. Harvesting horseradish then making horseradish from scratch was one of the things



He is survived by his daughter Angela and Victor Ward of Elsie, MI; daughter Patti Dershem of St. Johns, MI; son Douglas "Buck" and Stacy Dershem of Ovid, MI; eleven grandchildren: Devon, Hunter, Logan, Hilary, Haley, MacKenzie, Skylar, John, Dale, Mellissa, and Wyatt; four great-grandchildren: Blakely, Cairro, Blake, and Brailen; brother Alan Kelley of Owosso, MI; brother Dale and Penny Kelley of Elsie, MI; sister Connie and Wayne Underhill of Ovid, MI; brother-in-law Jim and Kathleen Larsen of St. Johns, MI; brother-in-law Jack and Janine Larsen of St. Johns, MI; sister-in-law Janet Dershem of Ithaca, MI; sister-in-law Judy and Bob Moon of Ithaca, MI. Rodger is also survived by many nieces, nephews and countless friends. Rodger was preceded in death by his parents, his wife JD Kelley, mother-in-law Marietta Larsen, sister Cindy raig, sister-in-law Mary Kelley and nephew Tim Kelley.

Cremation has taken place per his wishes and no memorial service is planned at this time. If you ever had the privilege of listening to any of his life stories (no one could tell a story better an Rodger) you know he lived an adventurous life. So be sure to celebrate his life often.

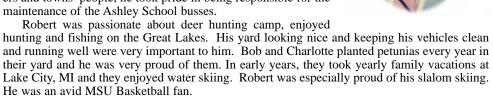
Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

Robert Paksi

Robert Paksi, age 87, of Ashley, MI, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, with Mr. Thomas J. Bradley officiating. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Elsie, MI. Visitation will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Robert was born in Michigan on June 3, 1935, the son Adam and Anna (Vanlick) Paksi. He was a graduate of Ashley High School with the class of 1953. On June 11, 1955, he married Charlotte E. St. John in Owosso, MI. He was employed by Kent Implement in his teenage years and many years later purchased the business from Max & Bob Kent and later renamed Paksi Tractor Repair. He especially enjoyed the visits from area farmers and towns' people; he took pride in being responsible for the



Robert served on the Gratiot Isabella Board of Education (RESD) in Ithaca for twenty-nine years, serving as president for many of those years. There is a conference room dedicated in his name at the RESD Office. He also served on the Ashley Board of Education for many years. Robert raised his own beef on their small farm at their home in Ashley which he was very proud of. Above everything, he loved spending time with his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Charlotte Paksi of Ashley, MI; daughter Lorraine and Otis Viles of Ashley, MI; son Robert Paksi Jr. of Elsie, MI; daughter Juliann and Lynn Garvie of Harrison, MI; daughter Dianne and Happy Meadows of Maysville, GA; grandchildren: Otis (Jane) Viles, Brandon Viles, and Austin Ireland; great-grandchildren: Olivia Viles and Gatlin Viles; sister-inlaw Mary Ann Paksi of Lansing, MI. Robert is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Terry Paksi, siblings: Steve (Julia) Paksi, Joe (Violet) Paksi, Tom (Mary) Paksi, John Paksi, Ann (Lon) Green, and Ed Paksi.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, with Mr. Thomas J. Bradley officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Ashley FFA. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan,





bituaries

Patrick L. Dolan

Patrick L. Dolan was born in 1945 to Bernard and Velma Dolan. Patrick's strength, honesty, and humor remained a constant to everyone until his peaceful passing on February 5, 2023. He lived his life with gusto which extended to those he loved, his passion for education and Corvettes, as well as his two careers, first as a Lieutenant in the Michigan State Police and later as a small business owner and jeweler. Most of all, his proudest accom-



plishment was his devotion to his role as a loving and proud

For 24 years Patrick was a dedicated Laingsburg School Board member—it was his vision that all Laingsburg students be provided with the opportunity to excel during their time within the school system and beyond. As an active member of the National Council of Corvettes, he held many offices from President to the position closest to his heart--Director of Charity. Under his leadership millions of dollars were donated to the Spina Bifida and National Kidney foundations. Patrick was also a driving force behind the creation of the National Corvette Museum – in 2012 he was inducted into the Museum's Hall of Fame.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. His presence will be felt forever in the legacy he leaves behind.

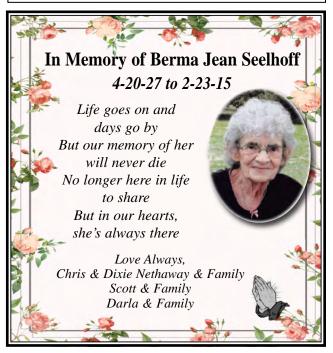
He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Cindy, and his beloved daughters, Jennifer and Sarah Dolan. He was deeply loved by in-laws Terri (Paul) Lentz, Karen Sharky, Marty (Anne) Killila, and Kay Dolan, and his cherished nieces and nephew, Heidi and Heather Lentz, Tim and Anna Sharky, Kathleen Stamatis, Molly Strong, and Betsy Speagle.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 549 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing, MI. Visitation was held on Friday at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel, 325 W. Washtenaw St.,

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF), 205 S. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Online condolences may be left for his family at www.EstesLeadley.com.







The Weekly **Sportsman**

by Dan McMaster theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Michigan Skywarn

The National Weather Service (NWS) is always looking for new volunteers to be weather spotters. This network of weather spotters is called SKYWARN and provides real time weather information that is often more accurate and precise than current technology can provide. While first responders are often trained as weather spotters because of their mobility and communication equipment, anyone can participate in the training and relay reports back to the NWS. If you have visions of being Bill Paxton and chasing after a twister to deploy a weather instrument you should probably look elsewhere for training.

Training is relatively simple and can be done online by taking two one hour classes or attending an in person class which lasts around 75 minutes. Most courses are offered in March and April and are held around the state and are free to attend. While a lot of focus is spent on severe weather like tornadoes and thunderstorms there is also training for observing other weather related hazards like flooding. For more information and to find upcoming classes offered in this area please visit miskywarn.org.



Religious **Thoughts**

by Chris Hearn www.letsmeetgod.com

What do we do when we have a problem? Where do we turn?

Hopefully as Christians when we have a problem or difficulty, we will turn to God in prayer and to His Word, the Bible and to fellow believers as well.

Oftentimes these things will lead us to solve our problem. The situation gets resolved. But what about the times when the situation doesn't get resolved? And it doesn't just go away?

We have a problem and we can't find a quick fix or easy solution. So we are then confronted by the problem. We may feel trapped. We think that there has to be a solution. Some way out. But there isn't. At least there doesn't seem to be one right now. And the problem isn't going away.

What to do?

We again turn to the Lord. We don't stop. When we are weak, when we don't have all of the answers, we are to turn to the Lord for strength. For help. For comfort. For encouragement. For answers. For as long as it takes.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9 God says to Paul [and to us today], "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

us to be humble. They help keep us from thinking that we are self-made or self-reliant.

Our weaknesses, our inability to solve all of our own problems, gives God an opportunity to work in our lives. When He does, He gets the glory and at times people come to faith in Him because of it.

We can witness to others. Even when there is seemingly no answer from the Lord, we can witness to others. We can say that yes, we are still believing and trusting in God. We still go to church, still read the Bible, still follow Him, even though we don't have all the answers or all of our problems fixed at a moment's notice.

Whenever we have a problem, God is also concerned with how we will approach it. Will we grow through it? Ideally we will end up being more godly, more mature Christians. Wiser. More patient. Having more faith in God and in His Word.

Trust God as you wait for the answer or resolution to your problem. God has not forgotten you.

Editorial

A Little **Common Sense**

by Crystal Mitchell

And the days grow longer and it begins to rain... I've had a few too many elongated days. Maybe that is only in the recent week. It seems as if I spend a great deal of time with my eyes wide open and yet fail to accomplish what I wish. Such as visit the herbalist on Mill Street in St Louis to get some dried

I had promised to make some dinner rolls that would be big enough to make into small ham sandwiches. I did get a couple of pan fulls and placed the first into the oven. I have used this oven for a couple of years and as a rule have not yet failed to use it correctly. However I did push the wrong button this time and hit the broil not the bake button. Out came the rolls that were charcoal on the top and perfect on the bottom. The cats and birds handled that failure as I reset the oven, cooled it and put then put the second pan in to bake. Of course I had to start over again to make the dough, form the rolls, and hopefully bake them correctly. Lucky for me, they did turn out well but I still didn't get to bed until after 11:30 that evening.

The following day I got to sleep in until almost 7AM... I worked on the puzzle and actually found another ten pieces that I could put in place and then it was time for me to put together some Valentine bags. I had a wonderful time filling them with peanut clusters, crispy peanut butter/chocolate bars, and home They turned out quite well and are also eye made fudge. appealing. Oh, you should see the heart shaped sugar cookies with royal icing, Diane has made them perfectly. A few are in our case at the shop and others have already been delivered. I've been doing a great deal of learning.. and I know that even if the technique is flawless it can be botched if there is no patience. I seem to lack the needed focus to accomplish using the royal frosting. Sure am glad that Diane does it well.

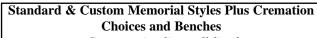
I headed out to the Bishop Airport to pick up Robin who was flying back from her three week vacation on the Florida beaches. I appreciated the fact that she brought back some sunshine with her. She is also well tanned. Staying at a condo on the coastline was an amazing experience. I believe that her Michigan winter battery was ebbing before the trip. Robin appears to be recharged and looking forward to the garden and yard work. After I picked her up we had to make it to Gordon's on Saginaw on the west side of Lansing. We picked up an order and the gentleman put it into the trunk for me so that 'my delicate self' didn't have to struggle with it. No, it is not unloaded yet. No worry, it will be done shortly.

After I took Robin home, I came straight home instead of taking the product order up to the shop. I was a bit wiped out and knew that I had another order of dinner rolls to get done. I didn't think that I would have them ready by 10AM if I didn't get them started by 6am. It was my time to make cinnamon rolls day and I did manage to get that done. Noah came in to help because Diane is on twelve hour shifts now. Our St Johns gals came in for coffee and donuts today and our regular guys came in per usual. I do believe that everyone had a good time, there was a great deal of laughter.

Miss Prudence has let me know that she did not appreciate my traveling without her blessings. I didn't get home last night We are to delight in our weaknesses not for the sake of having weaknesses, but because they drive us to Christ. They help in the recliner so that she could sit on my lap. I was zipping in and out of the kitchen. Granted I had to set the timer so that I would wake up to finish my tasks. Thirty minute increments are helpful, but I would not recommend them. I probably would have slept until this morning if I hadn't set the timer. I re was happy when I managed to get in bed at eleven.

May your days be filled with helpful sleep and interesting vents. May God's blessings follow you.

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Memorial Healthcare Hosts Free Lunch and Learn "Healthy Eating for Your Heart"

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Wednesday, February 15th from



12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

The topic of this educational series is "Healthy Eating for Your Heart" and will be presented by Memorial Healthcare registered dietician, Lindsay Fortman, MS, RDN, CDCES.

This presentation will be held in the North Auditorium at Memorial Healthcare, 826 W. King Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at 729-4856 or by email rdahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Friday, February 10, 2023.

information visit, For more please www.MemorialHealthcare.org

Laingsburg School Board Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the middle school-media Please visit website our http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/ for up to date meeting infor-

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: Mid-Year Pupil Count, 2022/23 Budget Amendment, 2023/24 Budget Discussion, Legislative Update, Summer School, CMAC Update, Strategic Goal Planning Update, Building Reports, Personnel Issues, and any other business that may properly come before the board.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this

Elsie Historical Society Temporarily Closing

submitted by Nancy Conklin

Due to illness the Elsie Historical Society history room will be temporarily closed.

We will keep the community updated with any information about reopening in the future.





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Sports



O-E Varsity Cheer Girls 3rd, Middle Schoolers 1st at Annual MMAC Championships at CHS

CHESANING — The host Indians nosed out Ovid-Elsie by a mere 7 points, and Montrose ruled the day with 665.50 points at the annual MMAC Competitive Cheerleading Championships here February 2

Chesaning scored 634.56 points as the runner-up, the Marauders barely behind at 627.66. Cheerleading judging is based on things like the number of tricks or stunts performed; timing

and rhythm; originality; spirit; appearance and unity.

The O-E Jr. Varsity team captured 1st place team honors. Both Marauder varsity and JV teams competed at Montrose High School on February 11, preparing for the MHSAA Districts at Merrill on February 18.

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The OE Varsity teams went against Bendle for a non-conference match.

The girls came out on top 20-10. High games of Olivia Burt 155; Ashland Particka 134; Gracie Schultz 189, 150.

The boys were on the losing end with high games of Landyn Adkins 138; Tobin Clark 14,3 143; Hunter Maxa 132, 173; Devyn Pugsley 206, 215.

Gracie Schultz, Devyn Pugsley and Landyn Adkins bowling in the singles tournament in Grand Blanc.

Schultz was in a full field of 25 girls. In the 1st round format of 4 Petersons, take top 16.

Gracie made All Tournament Team finishing 6th out of top 7 girls. Scores of 211, 185, 168 and 148. Nex round 4 girls bowl one game and take top 2 scores. She bowled 187 to end up 3rd and was done for the day, but a very great day for her.

Pugsley scores were 132, 181, 189 and 193. Adkins scores were 96, 128, 133,135.

Next up will be Montrose at Pintown in Chesaning.

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Indian Swimmers Nip O-E by a Single Point

OVID-ELSIE — The host Marauders got "hat tricks" from Lindsey Washburn and Gage Kvalevog, but Chesaning edged out Ovid-Elsie by one point, 122-121, in O-E's next-to-last home swimming meet here February 2.

Chesaning evened its season record at 3-3 while the Marauder swimmers fell to 2-7.

Washburn and Kvalevog each had a hand in three first-place performances, including two solo triumphs. The Indians held a 6-5 advantage in first-place finishes and were able to win the final event of the night — the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Ovid-Elsie's Carter Hebeler finished second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:18.94. In the 100 butterfly, Audrey Bensinger was second in 1:24.77.

Ovid-Elsie was runner-up in the 200 free relay in 1:55.19.

Washburn, a junior, won the 200 individual medley in 2:47.26 — besting second place Arianna Barancik of Chesaning (2:53.84). Washburn also won the 100 backstroke in 1:15.02 with Chesaning's Chalco second in 1:29.01.

Kvalevog, a senior, won the 50 free in 24.55, edging Chesaning's Corbin Walker, second in 25.25.

Kvalevog was first in the 100 free in 54.57.

Coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders also won the 200 medley relay with Washburn, Carter Hebeler, Kvalevog and Jacob Kast clocking 2:06.84.





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Zander Woodruff scored 32 points in the match up with Fowler on February 3. Photo by Burg Sports

Wolfpack Staves Off Tough Fowler Challenge, 71-45

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's boys basketball Wolfpack stayed undefeated and kept a one-game lead over P-W in the CMAC with a 71-47 win over Fowler on February 3.

The final score is deceiving. The game was much closer than that midway through the third quarter when Dan Morrill's Wolfpack went on a run.

After a hard fought first half where LHS only led by 3 points, the Wolves were able to get loose a little in the 3rd and enter the final quarter up by 10.

The Wolfpack's Zander Woodruff led all scorers with 32 points. Ty Randall was big inside adding 12 and Luke Snyder chipped in 9.

For Fowler, Aaron Simon had 16.

The Wolfpack, ranked #2 in the state, moved to 14-0 on the season, 8-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). The visiting Eagles fell to 7-3 in the league, 9-5 over-

Wolfpack Boys Reach 15-0 With Lockdown **Defense vs. Portland**

LAINGSBURG — The chant starts up with the opponents' first possession of the basketball.

"Lock them down. Lock them down. Lock them down."

The rhythmic sound, starting from the the Wolfpack bench, resonates throughout the gymnasium. Coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves are primed for their specialty.

Lock down, team defense.

Showcasing that defense, Morrill's Wolfpack remained undefeated in a non-league battle against Portland on February 6, winning 55-31.

Moving to 15-0, it was a balanced attack for the Wolfpack. Jacob Essenberg and Zander Woodruff lea the way, each with 14 points; Ty Randall added 10 points.

Dominic Novara led the way for Portland (7-8 overall) with



(l-r): Karrar Wiggins, Madelyn Learman, Mikayla Kelley, Veda Hughes and Kaylie Campbell.

O-E Grad Kelley on Board; Spring Arbor Keglers Excel

SPRING ARBOR — Bowling teams from Spring Arbor University had the opportunity to compete in the final regular season tournament for the Crossroads League on February 5.

Locally, Ovid-Elsie alum Mikayla Kelley is a member of the women's team.

The Cougar girls team had an outstanding day on the lanes to help defend their conference title. With the win, the Lady Cougars are headed back to NAIA National Finals. The Spring Arbor Girls JV1 team, featuring Kelley, was able to bring home a Crossroads League win as wel.

The Cougars will be competing in the Crossroads League Championship on March 4 in Indianapolis. Teams in the Crossroads League include Indiana Wesleyan, Grace, Marian, Huntington, Taylor, Bethel, Goshen, Mt. Vernon Nazarene, Saint Francis and Spring Arbor.

Wolfpack Girls Drop 53-19 Nod at Fowler

FOWLER — The host Eagles rolled to a 16-0 lead to open the contest, lowering Laingsburg to 4-5 in the CMAC with a 53-19 girls basketball win here February 2.

"We literally couldn't get any of our shots in the game to go down, many of which were good shots, but couldn't get them to cause with 8 pts, 5 drop, and when you're playing a team as good as Fowler right now that doesn't bode well," said veteran Wolfpack coach Braxton S Doug Hurst.

Fowler led 33-3 at halftime, improving to 11-5 overall, 8-1 the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

For LHS, Ellie Baynes led the way with 12 pts, 9 rebs.; Ella Merrell 4 pts; and Callie Clark 3 points.

Laingsburg stood 8-7 overall after the loss.

Coaches remember to submit your results each week so the Meriidian Weekly can include them in our publication!

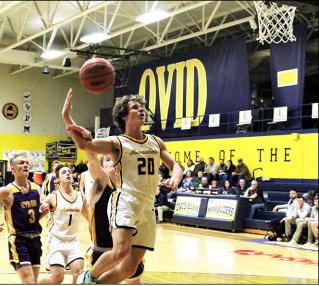


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Tryce Tokar going up for a lay up as the Byron defense puts Photo by Denise Burgess

Marauder Boys Romp to 76-45 Senior Night Win

OVID-ELSIE — Logan Thompson scored a career-high 30 points as the host Marauders celebrated 2022-23 Senior Night here February 3.

Coach Josh Latz's O-E cagers stayed atop the MMAC boys basketball race at 12-2, 8-1 in the conference, with a 76-45 rout of the Byron Eagles that featured a deep, balanced team game.

"It was nice to get 13 guys in the scoring column tonight, as well as a lot of minutes for all 14 guys. Logan Thompson was hot tonight, and our guys all did a tremendous job of playing unselfishly

and for the team.' said coach Latz. The Eagles fell

to 2-12 with the loss. Clay Wittenberg helped the Marauder assists; Braxton Stenger 8 pts, 5 assists, 3 steals; Tryce Tokar 5 pts, 3 steals; Beau Price 4 pts, 3 blocks, 4 rebs.; Justin Cole 4 pts, 3 rebs, 2 assists; and Tucker Loynes 4 points and rebounds.



Braxton Stenger scored 8 points against Byron.

Photo by Denise Burgess

13th victory in 15 tries for O-E boys; Linden falls 51-40

LINDEN — Clay Wittenberg led the way with 21 points, 9 rebounds and a pair of steals and Ovid-Elsie's boys basketball team was a 11 points better than the host Eagles here February

O-E's 51-40 non-league victory boosted the Marauders to 13-2 overall, while Linden dipped to 4-13.

"I was really proud of the way our guys stepped up and got after it tonight," said veteran Marauder coach Josh Latz. We're battling some key injuries and sickness in the starting lineup right now, so some guys roles are changing. They rose to that challenge against a big Linden team."

Logan Thompson contributed 13 points, 5 rebounds and three assists; Hunter Bates 9 points and 9 rebounds; Braxton Stenger 5 points, 6 rebounds, 6 steals and 5 assists; and Tryce Tokar 3 points, 7 rebounds and a trio of assists to the winning cause.

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Sports

Lady Marauders Wear Down Mackinaw City in Rare Saturday Matinee at Alma College

ALMA — Kiah Longoria nailed two free throws — the first one hit the back iron and bounced straight in the air before going through — with :06 seconds left as Ovid-Elsie's girls wore down a well-traveled Mackinaw City basketball team here February 4 in a rare Saturday matinee game.

O-E's 59-55 win at Alma College boosted Ryan Cunningham's Marauders to 15-2 with their 14th-straight victory. The loss was the first of the season for the Comets (ranked #4 in the state), after 14 victories.

The Comets made the long trip with five varsity players and some members of their JV team. "The Five" played most of the entire game. Yet the northern Michigan still found a way to rally.

In a game that saw only two lead changes, Ovid-Elsie would lead by as many as 17 points before the Comets came storming back to tighten things up. Great execution and clutch free throw shooting in the final minutes helped O-E fend off the furious comeback.

"We were down early but finally settled in and tied things up after the first quarter. From there, we put together two solid middle quarters, but Mackinaw City is really good and they clawed their way back into it," said Cunningham. "They might be a small school, but they have some exceptional talent and the game was everything we thought it would be.'

After a deadlocked first quarter (12-12) the Lady Marauders would take a four-point lead at halftime after an 11-7 second quarter. Both teams found their offensive rhythm in the third as O-E outscored Mackinaw 28-22 to push their lead to 51-41; but the Comets would tighten things up with a 14-8 fourth-quarter surge.

Leading by two points with under a minute to play, Ovid-Elsie employed a stall to try and burn up some of the clock and the Comets had fouls to give. Finally, with just six seconds left in the game, senior Kiah Longoria toed the free throw line and delivered two successful tries ending any hope of a Comet victory.

"The game was at Alma College and we are very appreciative of Alma hosting this game," said Mackinaw City coach Jake Huffman. "Ovid-Elsie has a very nice team that has only two losses, one of them by eight points to No. 2, Division 3-ranked Dansville.

"Today's game was a great district prep game for our team," Huffman said. "I am very proud of the grit and toughness showed throughout this game, especially when we got down 16 and clawed our way back to give ourselves a chance to win in the final minute. Ovid-Elsie has a strong team with a lot of length, and I was very pleased with how we controlled the boards and outrebounded them.

Evalyn Cole led the Lady Marauders with 19 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals while Ava Bates dropped in 17 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots, and Braeden Tokar added 11 points and 3 assists. Kiah Longoria finished with 6 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals, Ellyanna Carman added 4 points, 2 assists, and 3 steals, and Hailee Campbell had 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 3 steals.

The Lady Marauders collected 14 steals on 20 Mackinaw City turnovers and handed out 17 assists on 21 made baskets. Ovid-Elsie shot at a 38% clip from the field (44% behind the arc) while connecting on 9 of 11 free throws. The Comets held a 30-22 rebound advantage

Defensive Battle Turns Against Lady Marauders in 35-32 Loss

LINDEN — A 14-12 early lead was marred by a 5-1 scoring deficit in the third quarter, as Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team lost just the third time here February 8.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders traveled to the Eagles gymnasium, Linden (12-6 overall) coming away with a 35-32 non-league victory.

Ovid-Elsie (15-3) led 14-12 after the first quarter but the game was tied 22-22 at halftime. Trailing 27-23 after the third quarter, O-E won the final stanza, 9-8, but it was too little, too late.

We had a lot of uncharacteristic turnovers tonight," said coach Cunningham. "Linden plays with a lot of speed and aggressiveness and they were the more physical teak. They kept off us balance offensively, but I am proud of our defensive effort and the fact that we didn't quit. We had two good looks to tie it at the end but they didn't fall — our kids played right down to the final buzzer.'

Ava Bates paced the Marauders with 10 points to go along with 3 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists. Evalyn Cole notched 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals. Hailee Campbell added 6 points and 10 rebounds, while Kiah Longoria (5 rebounds, 2 steals), Ellyanna Carman and Braeden Tokar (6 rebounds) each chipped in with 3 points.

Ovid-Elsie held a slight rebounding advantage (30-29) and collected 9 steals off 17 Eagle



#3 Izzy Loynes putting defensive pressure on the Comets during a match up on Feb. 4th Photo by Denise Burgess



#14 Evalyn Cole adding some of her points to the board at Linden on Feb.8th Photo by Denise Burgess

Marauder Wrestling Girls, Boys Earn **Individual Plaudits**

MIDLAND — The Ovid-Elsie girls grappling team competed in its final regular season tournament in Midland, at the Chemics Girls Wrestling Invitational on February

"There were big brackets and ranked opponents everywhere and our girls performed at their best of the season so far. It's a great time to be peaking," said Marauder coach Kyle Spiess.

Katelyn Wright at 100 lbs. was Ava Juhas went 3-3 during the Chemic Girls Invite in aggressive and had her opponents Midland on Feb. 4. in danger numerous times. "We've

seen so much improvement in her offensive wrestling," said Spiess.

Ava Juhas, wrestling in the 105 lb. weight class, went 3-3 on the day and improved on her 2nd meeting with the same ranked wrestler this season. She dropped a close decision 1-5. Ava ended her day in 6th place.

Kaia Spiess at 110 finished 4-2 with a 5th place finish. Kaia defeated a state-ranked wrestler to get her into the medal round.

Haley McClung, 140 lbs., found her groove and finished 1-2. Haley demonstrated confidence on her feet getting several takedowns.

Maddisyn Miller at 190 was challenged with a bracket full of ranked opponents. Finishing 2-1 on the day, she defeated one ranked opponent to get into the finals, only to fall 1-5 to the #2 ranked girl in the state. Maddisyn earned 2nd place on the day.

"It is so much fun to watch these girls improve every week. Now that regular season is over, our next competition is girls regionals on February 19," explained coach Spiess.

MARAUDER BÖYS AT ANNUAL MMAC TOURNAMENT: Talan Parsons finished 1st at 113 lbs.; Cole Workman 1st at 138; Luke Follet 3rd at 190; and Trey Milner 4th at heavyweight as the Marauder boys competed in the MMAC League Meet on February 3 at Otisville-

'Congratulations to all for some outstanding wrestling," said coach Spiess.

Marauder matmen turn the tables on Chesaning at MHSAA

CHESANING — Talan Parsons, Cole Workman and Trey Milner all went unbeaten, and Ovid-Elsie's varsity wrestling team earned some revenge vs. the host Indians at the annual

> The tournament kicks off the MHSAA's post-season grappling each

Photo by Marie Spiess

Our first dual was a rematch from last Wednesday with Chesaning," said coach Kyle Spiess. "The week before we lost 46-36. So we were hungry and it showed. We were down 39-36 with one match to go and Dawson Taylor (at 215 lbs.) won by decision to tie the meet 39-39. We won by the 4th criteria; we had

The second dual of the evening was

through the meet, we were tied 18-18. Unfortunately, we did not score any more team points until a void win at heavyweight." O-E fell to Alma 24-54 to close out their team season.

"I have never witnessed this team stick together and support each other like they did, explained Spiess. "It was great to see them cheering each other on, win or lose.'

Chesaning on Feb. 8th.

Parsons, Workman and Milner each went 2-0 on the

The Marauders now enter individual MHSAA tournament action, after finishing 1-6 in the MMAC conference, 7-10 in duals overall as a team.





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Wolfpack Grapplers Finish 2nd in CMAC / **GLAC Finals**

PERRY — Ethan Schneeberger at 106 lbs., Marlon Graham at 126, Aden Baynes at 138, Kyle Boettcher at 150, Seth Sivak at 165 and Mikey Brooks at 190 all went undefeated to win their weight classes, spearheading Laingsburg's varsity wrestling team at the Wolfpack's annual Conference Finals here February 4.

Lakewood barely nosed out coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves for the combined CMAC / GLAC wrestling team title for 2022-23.

Schneeberger improved to 30-10 overall, Marlon Graham 30-9, Baynes 37-1, Boettcher 24-12, Seth Sivak 34-5 and Brooks 31-1 as the red-and-white prepared for the MHSAA Team and Individual District tournaments

Other point scorers for LHS were Sebastian Ruff (15-12 overall) 4th at 113 lbs., Dustin Winans (27-13) 3rd at 120, Bryce Smith (28-13) 4th at 144, Jack Borgman (29-11) 3rd at 157, Caleb Boettcher (31-12) 3rd at 175 and Carter Schlaack (27-10) 2nd at 285 lbs.

The Wolves — crucially — filled all weight classes with Dano Winans (16-9) wrestling at 132 lbs. and Sean Divine (26-9) at 215; Divine won by a 13-1 fall in his first match before suffering an injury that forced him to default his final two matches.

Ashley Bears Take Loss from Vestaburg

submitted by Ashleigh Shaw

Vestaburg traveled to Ashley for a league matchup last week to take on the Bears. Ashley got off to a slow start scoring wise, going down after the first quart 24-7 and again giving up too many points in the third quarter, losing the game 59-35.

Logan Drummond scored 15 points and had 6 steals in the loss, while Carson Litwiller scored 12 points and had 6 rebounds.

Bears Lose to Neighboring Breckenridge



The Ashley Boys Basketball team took on the Huskies from Breckenridge this week unfortunately coming up with the loss. Ashley struggle to score and keep the Huskies from scoring. Logan Drummond scored 10 points on the night and had 6



Logan Drummond

rebounds, Carson Litwiller also scored 10 grabbing 3 rebounds and nabbing 4 steals. Robert Kral also chipped in 8 points.

Carson Litwiller

Ashley Lady Bears Lose Close Game to Wolverines

submitted by Ashleigh Shaw

The Lady Bears hosted the lady Wolverines in a conference match-up where Ashley got off to a slow start but battled all night keeping the game close, but just unable to take the lead. "We battled the whole night tonight and did a good job overcoming a slow start in the first quarter to stay in the game. We had a lot of missed opportunities close to the basket and at the free throw line that prevented us from being able to get the win" exclaimed Coach Shaw. Ashley lost 4-32.

Ellie Drummond lead the way for the Bears with a double double scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds while adding 3 steals. Karissa Brady scored 7 points with 8 rebounds and 6

Mustangs Beat the Bears

The Ashley Girls basketball team also took on the Mustangs from Montabella. The Bears once again struggle to score missing some easy shots which put them behind after the second quarter, after playing a good first quarter where the Bears lead. "We got off to a good start tonight leading after the first quarter, we struggled to make baskets after that though, missing a lot of quality opportunities at the rim" stated Coach Shaw. Montabella took the game 65-28.

Ellie Drummond lead Ashley again with 11 points and 5 rebounds while Karissa Brady scored 9 points and had 4 rebounds and Marissa Brady had 4 points and 3 steals.

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Michael will be joining our highly skilled and dedicated team at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience. Michael is a board-certified Physician Assistant with experience in assessing, diagnosing, and managing a wide variety of acute and chronic illnesses.

He received both his Bachelor of Science and his Masters' degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska, Omaha. Michael has several years of medical experience working in the military. He retired as an active-duty officer in the Michigan Army National

Guard (MIARNG) in December 2022 with 33 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Michael has a special interest in working with patients with chronic migraine headaches.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org



Left to Right: Junior Sophia Wirt, Freshman Gibson Jason, and Senior Logan Drummond.

Ashley FFA

On February 2nd Ashley FFA Members traveled to Chesaning for the Region 3 District Leadership Contest. The following were rankings students received: Ranking Silver in Prepared Public Speaking - Sophia Wirt, Gold and Alternate for Regionals - Gibson Jason, Gold and headed to Regionals - Logan Drummond.



(l-r): Abbie Majzel, Vice President, Talent Management; Matt Jones, Director, Diagnostic Imaging; Corinna Spezia; Kayann Fritz, Supervisor; Wayne Bowen, Supervisor

Corinna Spezia Named Memorial Healthcare February EOM

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce

Corinna Spezia, a Receptionist at the NOW Building in the Diagnostic Imaging department for being selected as our February Employee of the Month. Corinna has been employed at Memorial Healthcare since August 2020.

According to her nomination, "Corinna goes out of her way to help co-workers ANYTIME it is needed, Corinna is always just a text away! She does not carry a "that's not my job" attitude; she is a team player and always willing to help no matter what. Corinna continues to provide outstanding customer service and serves as a role model for all employees at Memorial Healthcare."

Corinna's hobbies include being active. She enjoys running, kayaking, reading, and spending time with family. An interesting fact about Corinna is she has a 4-year-old potbelly pig named Blackjack. Corinna's personal outlook is, "I believe if you do good for others, the good will come back to you." She dreams of someday having a family and raising her children in agriculture and the outdoors. Corinna would like to be remembered as kind-hearted and respectful. On being honored as Memorial Healthcare's Employee of the Month, Corinna is quoted as saying, "I truly enjoy what I do and who I work with. It is a great honor to be selected as Employee of the Month."

Soup & Sandwich Supper at Bannister UMC

Please join us for Soup & Sandwich Supper at Bannister United Methodist Church, 103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI on the following dates: Tuesday February 14th & 28th; & March 14th & 28th. Join us for food, fun, & fellowship from 5PM-6:30PM on these dates. Three types of homemade soups, sandwich of the night, & yes-DESSERTS!

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