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### Mike & Cindy Putnam Chosen as Laingsburg Springtime Festival Parade Marshals

by Deb Price

The 2023 Laingsburg Springtime Festival is set to take to the streets in downtown Laingsburg this weekend, Thursday, May 26th thru Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th. Lifelong resident, Mike Putnam and his wife Cindy will be featured in the parade on Saturday, May 27th at 11am.

Mike, a 1981 Laingsburg graduate and familiar face behind the bar at Twilliger's Tavern since 2005 was quite surprised when he was informed that he and his wife had been chosen for parade marshal. The first question he asked was Why? That answer was easy to answer as Twilliger's has been a dedicated supporter of Laingsburg for years and years. From school activities, sports teams and many other community events, Mike always says yes.



Mike & CIndy Putnam

He is a member of the Laingsburg Lions

Club and Sons of the American Legion. He and Cindy, who works for the 54B District Court in East Lansing as a court recorder, probation secretary and jury clerk share 11 daughters and 10 grandkids with 2 on the way. "We are truly honored to have been chosen as parade marshals and I am greatful for the help of the Lions Club members that help us out during the festival by grilling hamburgers out front of the bar. It really takes pressure off inside and together we are able to serve so many more customers," explained Mike. Stop into Twilliger's this coming weekend and congratulate them both.

See pages 3-5 for more Springtime Festival Information



City of Ovid: Monday, May 29th at noon in front of the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. Taking part in the ceremony will be MC, Mayor Bill Lasher, Honor Guards from Ovid VFW Post 8964, Elsie American Legion Post 502, Pastor Tim Dickenson, OE High School Band and Guest Speaker, Mr. Aaron McClung. A luncheon hosted by the Ovid Lions and Carriage Days Committee will be available after the ceremony inside the hall.

City Of Laingsburg: Monday, May 29th at 11:00 am at the cemetery Sgt of Arms Willie Levitski along with Post Honor Guard will conduct the service. Following the service the community is invited to the Post Home for a flag raising and refreshments including hot dogs, chips and soda

**Village of Elsie**: Monday, May 29th at 10 am at the Hero's Memorial. Taking part in the service will be Post 502 Commander, Gene Nethaway, Honor Guard members from American Legion Post 502 and VFW Post 8964. Also taking part will be the Ovid-Elsie High School Band and Students.

**The Eureka Cemetery Association** is having sevices on Monday May 29th 10 am Pastor Keith Whipple will be the speaker and colar guard will be present. For more info Ramona Smith 989-224-6197.

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### Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, May 15, 2023. The evening was highlighted by the resignation of superintendent Randy Barton and a letter of concern for Ovid-Elsie staff. It was an evening of unanimous votes.

The consent agenda was approved which included approval of minutes from the April 17, 2023 work session and the April 17, 2023 regular Board of Education meeting, approval of expenditures and the monthly financial statements.

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Additional action included in the consent agenda was approval to renew board policy 5113 to offer Schools of Choice at OEAS and the approval of teachers recommended for continued probationary status. The teachers: Kaitlyn Humphrey, Anna Hungerford, Heidi LaClair, Caron Meister and Linda Snelling.

The Clinton County RESA general fund budget presentation was presented to the board

The Clinton County RESA general fund budget presentation was presented to the board officials. The video outlined the general fund budget reflecting an 4% growth in taxable values, 5% increase from the state of Michigan, 3% increase in salaries and wages, and increases in health insurance. It was further noted, RESA will experience a reduction in COVID related funding. The fund balance will be reduced \$113,066, this loss was anticipated. Even with the fund balance reduction it remains healthy. The number employees is 186 and increase of 12 to reflect needs of the RESA.

Officials were updated on the happenings at the individual buildings. EE Knight, Mrs. Alicia Ormesbee, reported that the leadership team is looking at data to make plans for 2023-24 school year. In addition, the Elsie Masons will be presenting 13 bikes to acknowledge the March Reading Month top readers Friday, May 19. Students are excited about upcoming field trips and class picnics.

Leonard Elementary, Ms. Rachel Parsons, highlighted the school's kindness project. Sara Sturdivant and Ashlee Murray presented the project to the officials they were the facilitators of the project. The project promoted kindness in and around school, extending beyond the school walls. Planters were buildt, decorated and planted by the students k-2. "Be the change" campaign allowed students to collect funds to pay for the project, over \$500 was raised. When completed the planter boxes were put on display at the Blue Moon, Elsie Public Library, Ovid Public Library, Simpson's Greenhouse, Leonard Elementary. Kindergarten students planted the seeds with the assistance of Simpson's Greenhouse, 1st graders designed and painted the planter boxes, the 2nd grade designed and planted the seedlings.

Mr. Barton, administration, addressed the water concern on the athletic field. The issue was caused due to clogging of the drains, and the drainage ditch on Colony Road that has not been maintained. The Clinton County Road Commission and Drain Commission will be working with the school district to remedy the problem. Noting there will be some financial commitment. The amending of the athletic flow chart and athletics was addressed, some of the decisions are on the agenda, noting that the superintendent will be the one to evaluate administrative coaches and the athletic director.

Mr. Jason Tokar, Ovid-Elsie High School, reported that the senior tea was May 16, 2023 as was senior awards and decision day. Graduates will be walking the halls in all of the buildings and graduation is slated for Sunday 21, 2022 at two o'clock

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During communication from the public Ms. Sue Cadillac, voiced concern about the resignation of Randy Barton as the superintendent. She is concerned about the status of the school district including the budget and strategic plan. She further recommended that the board to lead with transparency and diplomacy.

Dan Davenport, Tech director, voiced a thank-you to Randy Barton for being part of the district for 21 years. He has been a pillar of excellence; he is leaving a positive and dedicated legacy.

Mandy Fruchey, staff member, offered the perspective of the Ovid-Elsie teachers. The statement read came from an unidentified teacher, a teacher who did not feel comfortable voicing an opinion. It has been a year of obstacles and challenges. Teachers are afraid to speak up because they will be the next target by a select group. She indicated that you maybe winning but the children have lost. The district is toxic, parent secret meetings are not productive. "We ended Teacher Appreciation Week with another loss, the resignation of Randy Barton." It is time for positive parents and community members to step up for "Students First."

Officials took action to appoint and approve the CCRESA Resolution of Board Representative at the June 5, 2023, 5 pm meeting. The representative will attend the meeting to vote for board positions. The appointed representative Dr. Brooke Wooley, and the alternate Ms. Mary Thompson. The Board supports Mark Palmer and Daye Keedawa.

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On a related topic officials took action to approve CCRESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2023-24 school year. Approved as presented.

Next, contracts were offered to the following employees: Dan Davenport, Technology Director and Information Center/HR liaison and will evaluate janitorial services, a 3-year contract; Karle Delo, Curriculum Instruction, Staff Professional Development, maintain official record of PD hours, a 3-year contract; and Crystal Loynes, administrative assistant, 3-year contract, current duties plus some human resource duties. All were approved unanimously.

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# Social

### **Elsie Dairy Festival** Committee Meeting

The Elsie Dairy Festival Committee will be meeting biweekly on Thursdays, next one is May 25th. 7pm at the Village

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## BIRTHDAY

### Wilma Stambersky May 28, 2023



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# **Library News**

### Elsie Public Librarv

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Hello Summer! Before you know it, the kids will be out of school. That means it is time for the Summer Reading Program at your favorite library. Mark the date: June 3, 2023 is the prekickoff event at 11AM in the library. We will have a story time and craft that will preview this year's theme - "All Together Now" and "Kindness". We are looking forward to seeing all of our young readers in the library. Remember to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge—WIN PRIZES!!

Please be aware that the library will be closing at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2023, due to some library maintenance. We will be closed from Friday until Tuesday for Memorial Day weekend. We will reopen for your reading pleasure at 11AM on May 31st. Have a memorable and safe holiday!!

### **Upcoming Events at the** Ovid Public Library

On Tuesday, May 23 the crafters will be at the library at 1:30. Come bring your craft project and spend the afternoon with other crafters.

Wednesday, May 24 will be our classic movie. This week we will be showing "Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont" starring Joan Plowright and Rupert Friend. Movie time is 1:00.

Memorial Day is right around the corner, We will be closed on Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 in observance of the holiday.

On June 5 we will begin sign-up for the summer reading program. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the summer, including Science Alive and we hope you sign up so that you can join us for the fun. You can call us at 989-834-5800 or stop in if you have any questions.

### **Tents-Tables-Chairs for Rent**

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NEOLA Policies, a number of the board policies were presented to officials for updates and to remain in compliance. The focus was by-laws and policies. The adjustments were outlined by Barton for officials. Officials approved the undates unanimously.

Once again officials were presented a number of resignations to be considered. First, Carrie St. Johns, ELA, Ovid-Elsie Alternative High, effective the end of the 2022-23 school year; Emily Mooris, kindergarten, effective at end of 2022-23 school year; and Randy Barton, superintendent, with a heavyheart, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. All were accepted with regrets.

### **NOTICE**

The Village of Ashley is calling for a public hearing on June 6, 2023 at  $6\mbox{:}00\mbox{p.m.}$  at the Ashley Community Center located at 110 N. Sterling St.

TO AMEND 1955 ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY. AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF TRADES AND INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS THE LOCATION OF STRUC-TURES DESIGNED FOR SPECIFIC USES. TO REGULATE AND LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND SIZE OF STRUCTURES HEREAFTER ERECTED OR ALTERED, TO REGULATE AND DTERMINE THE AREA OF YARDS, LAWNS, COURTS, AND OTHER OPEN SPACES SURROUNDING STRUC-TURES, TO REGULATE AND LIMIT POPULATION DENSITY, AND FOR SAID PURPOSES DIVIDE THE VILLAGE INTO ZONING DISTRICTS; AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS OF DECISIONS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE, IT'S JURISDICTIONS AND POWERS, AND TO PRE-SCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDIANCE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY, GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHI-GAN: AS AMENDED.

The proposed ordinance will be considered for adoption at the June 6, 2023 Public meeting. The ordinance is available to be viewed in its entirety at the Village Office.

Village Clerk

### City of Ovid COUNTY OF CLINTON STATE OF MICHIGAN A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) PLAN RESOLUTION # 2023-03

At a regular meeting of the City of Ovid's, City Council held on the 8th day of May 2023 in the council

Chamber room, located at 114 E. Front Street, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, and E. Starn ABSENT: None

A motion was made by E. Brown, supported by M. Perrien to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title VI non-discrimination laws in regard to providing appropriate access to services and activities provided by federal agencies and recipients of federal assistance, the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan was drafted to define how the City of Ovid will accommodate persons with Limited English Proficiency; and

WHEREAS, individuals who do not speak English well and who have limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English are entitled to language assistance under Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964 with respect to particular type of service, benefit, or encounter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ovid approves and adopts the Limited English Proficiency Plan for the City of Ovid.

Roll Call: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, and E. Starn Yeas: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, and E. Starn

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED: May 8, 2023

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 8, 2023

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk City of Ovid

# **Springtime Festival May 25-26-27-28-29, 2023**

### Laingsburg Lions Club Selling Raffle Tickets at Simpson Greenhouse May 21st

Members of the Laingbsurg Lions Club will be at Simpson Greenhouse in Ovid on Sundays May 21st from Noon-3pm. They will be selling raffle tickets and the 1st place prize golf cart will be on display. Stop by and pick up your ticket and check out all the great new things that



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# Laingsburg Lions SPRINGTIME

**Festival** 

Get your raffle tickets today from any Lions Club Member, Sage Market, Leonard Hardware, Twilligers or Meridian Weekly in Ovid!

# **Raffle Drawing**

Monday, May 29th - 3:00pm outside Leonard Hardware

1st Prize - \$5,000 Custom Golf Cart 2nd Prize - \$599 Grill 3rd Prize - \$500 Grill Meat Bundle 4th Prize - \$500 5th Prize - Mystery Prize 6th/7th/8th Prize - \$100

Donations: \$10.00 each ticket or 3 tickets for \$20.00



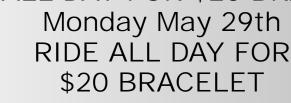


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### **40th Annual Laingsburg Lions Club Springtime Festival**

This years Lions Festival chairpersons are Mike Foster, Nick Holtman, Lori Leonard, and Ed Carpenter

The Laingsburg Lions Club will hold our Springtime Festival over Memorial Day weekend, May 25-29th, 2023 in downtown Laingsburg, Mi. Arnold Amusements will provide various rides along with your favorite food trailers such as Elephant Ears. Arnold Amusements plays an important role in our Annual Festival allowing the Lions club to raise money for various projects that benefit our town of Laingsburg.

In past years when the Festival was held early in the spring, typically over Mothers Day weekend, cold and rain always seemed to plague the carnival. With it now being held later in the Spring, weather is less likely to be detrimental to an extended weekend of fun and allow the Festival to be a even bigger hit! With the Chicken dinner behind us we can concentrate our efforts on other aspects of the carnival.

The official opening begins Thursday night at 5:00PM with games, carnival rides, and lots of great food! Bracelet rides are \$25 this year and entitle you to ride all day long. Conclusion of the festival is signified when the drawing is held Monday afternoon at 3:00pm.

Friday's Introduction of the King and Queen and Parade Marshall(s) will take place at 6:15pm.

The Arts and Craft show appears to be the largest ever with over 35 applications already received. Exhibit area is located in front of the Post Office and runs from Friday, 12:00noon thru Sunday - 6:00pm.

Ed Carpenter reports that Saturday's Parade participants will start lining up along Woodbury Rd at 10:00am with a parade starting time of 11:00am, rain or shine. Applications have already been sent out and are being received.

The Bicycle Contest will be held again this year with judging scheduled to begin at 10:15am-10:30am at the rear of the Baptist Church parking lot. There is no specific theme for this year's parade so decorate your bicycles as you see fit.

Laingsburg longtime residents Mike and Cindy Putmon

have been selected as Parade Marshalls this year. The Laingsburg Fire, Rescue, Ambulance vehicles will lead off the parade followed by the American Legion Honor Guard. If you didn't or were late in submitting your parade application, you can still participate, please see the parade headquarters table at the side entrance to the Baptist Church.

Springtime Festival occurs during Memorial Day weekend! Post 248 American Legion Memorial Service will be held at the cemetary 11:00am - 12:00 noon.

# **Springtime Festival May 25-26-27-28-29, 2023**



The Springtime Festival will feature more vendors this year. Over 30 vendors are signed up to be on display during the festival. Stop by and see what they have to offer.



Visit the many food vendors on the midway during the Springtime Festival. Lots of good food and treats.

Longtime Laingsburg Lion Larry Wagner takes drive thru orders during the club's annual Chicken Dinner on May 13.



There is still time to sign up for the parade! Contact Ed Carpenter at 517-204-5856 for an application!

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# **Springtime Festival May 25-26-27-28-29, 2023**



(L to R) Caleb Boettcher, Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award chairman Jim Dunn, and Chloe Stork are pictured following the first-ever presentation of the LALA scholarships Tuesday night, May 16 at Laingsburg High School.

# **Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award Presents First-Ever Scholarships**

submitted by Tom Turek

 $LAINGSB\dot{U}RG -- \ An \ historic \ night for firsts \ greeted \ the \ several \ in \ attendance \ for \ Honors \ Night, \ May \ 16, \ at \ the \ Laingsburg \ HS \ auditorium.$ 

The Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) committee presented its first-ever scholarships to a pair of Class of 2023 graduating seniors. Chloe Stork and Caleb Boettcher were the recipients of \$2.500 each, after providing a per-

Chloe Stork and Caleb Boettcher were the recipients of \$2,500 each, after providing a personal essay and shining through a face-to-face interview with LALA committee members.

Parents, family members, friends and faculty looked on as the awards were presented by LALA chairman Jim Dunn, a LHS Class of 1962 alumnus.

The Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award was originally started by a group of LHS graduates looking to make a significant dent in the cost of college expenses — to further post-secondary educations of fellow LHS graduates. They had a goal, when the mission started in 2019, of being able to grant financial scholarships by the 2032 school year. The fund was introduced to the community at the LHS All-School Reunion on August 21, 2021.

The committee beat its goal by nine years

Thanks to the generous support of corporate, organization and individual sponsors, a \$5,000 award was already available to Laingsburg High School seniors this school year.

The goal is to raise enough money to fund annual scholarship gifts to motivated graduates. Universities, community colleges, trade schools or specialized courses are all options for the graduate to pursue his or her dreams. The criteria for the award is not based on grade point average, but rather drive, focus, empathy and a commitment to service.

LALA suggests that LHS alumni donate as little as \$50.00 per year for ten years for a total of \$500.00. Of course, any amount is welcome including one-time lump sum gifts and posthumous bequests. LALA is a 501 C 3 foundation, so all contributions are tax deductible.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, please contact Jim Dunn at 16677 Peacock Lane, Haslett, MI 48840 (jmwdunn@gmail.com) or Tom Turek at 6601 Woodbury Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848. (tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).

# **Growing Renewable Energy in the Greater Laingsburg Community**

submitted by Terry Link

Replacing fossil fuels with cleaner, renewable energy like solar needs to happen as soon as possible, so it's important that institutions like government (state and local), schools and churches join in the effort.

A forum on "Growing Solar in the Greater Laingsburg Community" will take place on Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 405 E. Grand River in Laingsburg. The forum will be hosted by Pastor Tiffany Newsom of the Laingsburg United Methodist Church and Dr. Tom Rundel of the Laingsburg First Congregational Church.

How can we move as a community towards a reliable renewable energy system? What are the options? How can we help our local anchor institutions produce the energy they use to keep our local government, schools, and churches energized while reducing their emissions of greenhouse gases?

This forum will discuss these issues and provide some possibilities for us to consider as households, institutions, and members of a community. Participating speakers will include John Sarver, board member of Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association; and David Arnosti, MSU professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and board member of both Michigan Interfaith Power and Light and Haslett Community Church joined by panelists who have implemented solar on their community buildings. All are welcome to attend and bring their questions and curiosity. For more information, contact Terry Link at the numbers above.

# 40th Annual Laingsburg SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL

May 25-26-27-28-29, 2023

# CARNIVAL & CRAFTS Rides by Arnold Amusements

### RAFFLE DRAWING

Get your raffle tickets today from any of the Lions Club members!

### Raffle Drawing

Monday, May 29th at 3:00 p.m. (Leonard Hardware)

1st Prize - \$5000 Custom Golf Cart 2nd Prize - \$599 Grill

3rd Prize - \$500 Grill Meat Bundle 4th Prize - \$500

5th Prize - Mystery Prize 6th Prize - \$100

> 7th Prize - \$100 8th Prize - \$100

Donations: \$10.00 each ticket or 3 Tickets for \$20.00 \*Need not be present to win\*

### THURSDAY, MAY 25th

**5-10 p.m. -** CARNIVAL OPENS \$25 Ride All Night

### FRIDAY, MAY 26th

**10 - 12Noon -** CRAFT SHOW SET UP (By Laingsburg Post Office)

12Noon-8 p.m. - ARTS/CRAFTS OPENS

**1-11 p.m. -** MIDWAY OPENS BRACELET RIDE pay \$25 Ride All Day

**6:15 p.m. -** INTRODUCTION OF PARADE MARSHALS (At the LIONS TENT on Midway by Crafters)

### SATURDAY, MAY 27th

**9 a.m. - 8 p.m. -** ARTS & CRAFTS OPEN (by Post Office)

**10:00 a.m.** - PARADE STARTS FORMING (Shiawassee St. at N. Woodbury Rd.)

11:00 a.m. - SUPER PARADE STARTS

(Parade ends at Grand River Ave and Woodhull St.)

**12 Noon - 11:00 p.m. -** BRACELET RIDE Pay \$25 and ride all rides during this time.



### SUNDAY, MAY 28th

**8-11:00 a.m. -** BREAKFAST AT AMERICAN LEGION

**1-10:00 p.m. -** BRACELET RIDES (Pay \$25 and ride all rides during this time)

**12Noon- 6 p.m. -** Arts & Crafts Open (by Post Office)



### MONDAY, MAY 29th

**11:00 a.m.-Noon -** Post 248 American Legion Memorial Service at Cemetery

**1-6:00 p.m. -** BRACELET RIDES (Pay \$20 and ride all rides during this time)

**3:00 p.m.** - GRAND PRIZE DRAWING (Leonard Hardware)



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# SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL FOUNDERS



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# Obituaries

### Frederick Raymond Schmitz, Sr.

Frederick Raymond Schmitz, Sr., age 72 of St. Johns, MI, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023, at his home.

Frederick was born in Lansing, Michigan on April 2, 1951, the son of Frederick A. and Rosie (Cook) Schmitz. He was a graduate of Pewamo Westphalia High School. He served in the U.S. Army. Frederick married Gale Ruthruff on June 5, 1982. Gale passed away on April 23, 2019.

Fred played in the Bluewater Band. He enjoyed many different hobbies including music, hunting, movies, martial arts, sunbathing, and fitness. Anything he did, he gave it his all. Fred served his country in the U.S. Army. He retired from General Motors. Fred's grandchildren brought great joy to his heart.

He is survived by his children: Theresa Schmitz, Frederick Schmitz Jr., and Amber Pearce; his grandchildren: Kyra, Sasha, Sierra, Zander, Kal-El, and Zeak; his greatgrandchildren: Renzo, Kynleigh and Kash; sisters: Rosemary Schmitz, Jackie Fall; brothers: Tom and

MaryKay Schmitz, Dan and Val Schmitz, John and Tina Schmitz, Luke and Lorraine Schmitz, and brother Bob and Patty Schmitz; sisters-in-law: Debbie Cornell and Dawn Ruthruff; brotherin-law Terry and Judy Ruthruff. Fred is also survived by many nieces, nephews and a very, very special nurse Pam Neumann who has been part of the Schmitz Family for many years and caregiver Jean Yordy. He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law Richard and Jean Ruthruff; wife; grandchild Payton Reese Axtell; also his brothers-in-law Rick Cornell and Robert Fall.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



### Connie J. Paksi

Connie J. Paksi, a resident of Owosso and long time resident of Ovid, died on May 18, 2023 at the age of 76.

Born on May 28, 1946 in Owosso, Michigan, the daughter of Wendell and Monta Jean (Coy) Fultz, Connie grew up in Byron where she was a graduate of Byron High School. On May 17, 1969 she married Ron Paksi in Byron and later made their home in Ovid where they were blessed with the birth of their son Mike. Connie was a devoted member of the United Church of Ovid and touched many people's lives through her philanthropy and work as a nurse. She was a most giving soul, and she will be dearly

She was preceded in death by Ron, her beloved husband of fifty years, in 2019. She is survived by her son Michael Paksi of Weston, Missouri; siblings, Monta Jean (Dan) Hayes and Jim (Kelly) Fultz; sisters-in-law, Judy (Dan) Cerveny, Jane (Terry) Cressman, Donna Paksi; special niece, Amanda and her daughters,

Abby and Kate Maurer, dear friends, Sandy and Dave Hodges, Terry Gulick, and numerous other nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.

Visitation will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Thursday, May 25, from 5-8PM. A Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, May 26, at 11AM with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid. Memorials may be made in her name to The United Church of Ovid.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.





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### **Victor Township** Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from May 9, 2023

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 pm and the pledge to the flag was given. Attendance: Present: Townsend, Willoughby, Prange, Conklin, Fickes. Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange to approve the May 9, 2023 agenda with the addition of Township and County meetings under New Business. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to the approve the April 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the May 9, 2023 Treasurer's report. Supported by Townsend. All in

favor. Motion carried. Approval of bills: Motion by Willoughby to pay the May 9, 2023 bills. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion

carried. Checks# 28785-28810 in the amount of \$21,898.08.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse May 9, 2023 payroll and related payroll expenses. Supported by Fickes. All in favor.

Motion carried. Checks# 12454-12463 in the amount of \$11,623.76.

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Vail-Shirey gave County updates:

• The Clinton County Planning Commission approved forming a 19-member advisory committee to meet throughout the summer to discuss updates to the wind/solar county ordinance (during the one-year moratorium) and report to the county PC in September. The county is taking letters of interest from residents for six members-at-large on this com-

• Clinton County is contracting with the Lansing Economy Area Partnership (LEAP) and has created an M-21 AgTech Corridor Steering Committee to discuss, assess, and identify Clinton County assets and real estate opportunities. They will be meeting quarterly.

House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 are being discussed. These bills would give oversight of aggregate mining permitting to operate anywhere in a community (regardless of zoning) to the State of Michigan and usurp all local authority.
 Victor Township Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission will be June

6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848. The application for the Spark Grant is ongoing. There will be a work session on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., to compile information that will help us be ready to submit a competitive application by June 26, 2023. c2ae Professional Services representative will be attending the meeting. Members of the

Planning Commission and the public are encouraged to attend.

Victor Township resident, Maggie Sayles, was newly appointed to the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Board. Unfinished Business:

Broadband: Discussion on ongoing progress concerning Broadband in the County and Township.

Motion by Willoughby to withhold the hall security deposit for the April 22, 2023 rental per township rental agreement and policy. Supported by Fickes. 4 Ayes, 1 No. Motion carried.

Trustee Townsend requested a member of the Victor Township Board of Trustees attend County meetings where items involving Victor Township will be discussed.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange, Victor Township Clerk

### ditorial



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I am sorry that I didn't get the roaster story finished up last week. It was a rather hectic week and so is this one but I did promise Ellen that I would do so this week. As you remember the critter which I now think was probably a fox had brushed up hard against my leg and the three loaves of bread flew off the top of the roaster. I gathered up the other spilled items(remember the critter got the three loaves of bread) and walked around to the passenger side of my truck. Unlocked it and tried to place the roaster on the seat. Couldn't make the placement because I had too much junk on the seat, so I reached over to move the large garbage bag of empty egg cartons to the back seat that was a bit full. (Understatement) I pulled out the second garbage bag of egg cartons and set them on the roof, that's when the roaster slipped off the seat and banged me on my shins just below my knees and again just above my ankles. It is amazing how quickly that happened. It hurt. I yelled. I swept everything else off the seat and picked up the roaster again and put it on the seat. It stayed and I picked up the money bag, purse and phone and placed them back into the roaster. Shut the door, walked around to the drivers side, looked up and saw the bag of egg cartons. I continued my walk around the pick up one more time, grabbed the garbage bag and threw it into the back of the truck with the convection oven. I did manage to get to MG's Perx & Pastries on time and get the roaster into the shop. Ah ya, I had a series of bruises to remind myself not to be in such a hurry.

Speaking of the convection oven, it has finally made it into the shop. This blessing happened because Karen suggested that I call the kind folks over at the online auction which is located where the lumber company used to reside. The young couple at Advantage Auctions were very kind and helpful. They had a fork lift hookup and were available. He told me that he would be at MG's Perx & Pastries in about fifteen minutes with the fork lift. I was thrilled because I had been trying to get the convection oven unloaded for three weeks without any success. I darn near danced a jig 'cause I was so happy. Such a kind person, and also very efficient with the forklift. He eased the oven out and took it to our back door where he added his muscles to moving it from the lift and onto the dolly. He took the heavy end and Noah and I got the light end. It was not light... After moving the dolly into the shop, he and Noah picked it up off the dolly and placed it on the floor. Please go online and check out Advantage Auctions. I'm terrible at remembering names and am very sorry that I can't give you their names.

I mentioned that it was another hectic week and that would be an understatement. My son-in-law's mother (Janis) passed away on Wednesday morning after having been hospitalized for about two weeks. It was a good thing that her two youngest sons got to spend some time with their Mom and of course Brent was there almost constantly. I'm sure that Janis could feel being loved and cared for by her boys and her daughter-inlaws. Life is short, so please remember to spend time with the ones that you love. God bless you.

My willow tree has been trimmed and shaped after spewing large limbs onto the ground during one of the last big wind storms that we had. The trimmings were put through the chipper and the pile has grown. Now I can mow under the tree and get rid of that tall grass. Also my St Louis friends, Ted and Tammi came down on Monday and helped me out greatly. The tree that was in my old fashioned lilac bushes has been vanquished. Burdock has been dug up and the three tier shelving unit has been installed in my wash room. All I had to do was fix lunch, and they were satisfied with the potato salad, deviled eggs and sloppy joes and I enjoyed there wonderful company. Yup, I have been blessed again. I am thankful for my family and friends and the kind help from new acquaintances

Crystal Mitchell©2023



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### Can't sleep At Night...

Andv.

Ever since we changed our clocks to Spring ahead, I cannot sleep at night. I am getting out of bed at least 8 times a night. walk, make lists, clean, fold clothes and try drinking warm milk an sometimes a glass of wine or whiskey. I am at a loss counting sheep until 3:00am and then I get up at 7:00am to start my day. I am groggy until lunch time and often need a power nap require a lot of caffeine every morning. Any peaceful thoughts? Sleepless

Dear Sleepless,

I am so sorry you cannot sleep. A good night's sleep is imperative to a productive day and a healthy life style. According to Neuroscientist Tara Swart, MD, adults need to seven hours of deep sleep and children need ten - twelve hours every night on a schedule. Some of her suggestions include: No more power naps. No television, no night caps, no late night snacks and no binge watching Netflix's.

First of all drinking alcohol is a depressant. Drinks before bedtime impairs the quality of sleep necessary to function throughout the day. A glass of wine with or after dinner but no drinking after dinner or into the evening. Try a sound machine. It helpssettles the mind and block out the night sounds.

Also, many people think watching a movie or television is relaxing but after a long work day, or electronics, reading a book, on the computer, texting should stop an hour before bedtime. Reducing electronics will calm your mind to get into a comfortable state of mind so your brain can power down. No late-night snacks. Food stimulates brain activity. Stop eating at 6:00 pm to lose weight. Caffeine can be a significant stimulant that can last up to 16 hours for some people. You may need to drink more water and cut out the coffee and sugar sodas or diet drinks. Try replacing your drinks with a healthier option. This works for teens, too. Half the students in school are sleep-deprived and many fall soundly asleep. Missing out on their education.

Some great ideas to get some sleep without a prescription or expensive OTC supplement: Smell lavender before bedtime. I put some oil on my wrists so I can peacefully nod off quickly. Lavender oil and floral is a powerful neuromodulators. It relaxes you and lowers your blood pressure. If you are going to drink milk, drink milk with a pinch of nutmeg or turmeric which is full of magnesium that helps reduce your stress hormones and calms the nervous system.

A good night's sleep can regulate your circadian rhythms and contribute to a healthier immune system. Use honey to boost your immunity and sweeten your fruit and drinks. All good sleep needs to be in a quiet dark room without stimuli. Having a nightly routine including a hot bath an hour before bedtime can also contribute to a better night's sleep. Go to bed an hour earlier instead of later. If these suggestions do not work, see your family physician to determine if there is something more serious than over-activity or anxiety contributing to vour sleepless nights. Melatonin can cause serious vertigo in some people so make sure you use OTC items under your doctor's direction.

On my way to spray some lavender mist on my pillow. Good night and Sweet Dreams. Ask Andy Anything AAA ask\_andy@aol.com



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### Thank You

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### CITY OF OVID PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MAY 8, 2023

Mayor Lasher opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Perrien, Ms. Olger, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, and Mr. Starn

ABSENT: None

**EX OFFICIOS:** Rich Simpson-DPW Superintendent, Liza Kusnier-Treasurer, Lisa Rousseau-Police Chief, and Patti Kieffer-Deputy Clerk

VISITORS: Rob Harden, Logan Bearden, Dane Porter, Dale Greenhoe, Garv Bartow, Val Vail Shirey, and Mark Holley.

Mayor Lasher explained that this is a public hearing and an information meeting on the proposed project plan for the DWSRF project. Gary Bartow from Fleis & Vandenbrink was present to provide information on this project. Mr. Bartow passed out the DWSRF project milestone schedule and addressed the steps that have been done and the steps that need to be completed in

Mayor Lasher closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. and opened the regular

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to accept the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to accept the April 10 regular minutes and the April 27 special meeting minutes

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Ms. Olger to accept the check registry for the period of April 12, 2023 through May 9, 2023 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale Greenhoe states that Clinton County is requesting that he investigate possibly hooking in to the sewer main. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien that the city prefers that there be no private hookup to the force main from the high school.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Kusnier presented her report. POLICE REPORT: Chief Rousseau gave her report. Chief Rousseau requested for council to approve for her to buy a laptop, a docking station, two monitors, and the hard-line internet for security for the new police office. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Mr. Brown for the purchase of a laptop, docking station, two monitors, and the hard-line internet for the

### MOTION CARRIED

DPW REPORT: Mr. Simpson gave his report.
A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Mr. Ordiway to accept the Treasurer, Police, and DPW reports as presented

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to accept the 2022 audit from Dane Porter. MOTION CARRIED

2. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Brown to accept the quotes from Ferrell Tree Service. MOTION CARRIED A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Brown to extend the meeting by 45 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

3. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to adopt resolution 2023-03 for the (LEP) Limited English Proficiency Plan. Roll Call YEAS-Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Perrien, Ms. Olger, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Brown, Ms. NAYS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution will be published in its entirety in The Weekly.

4. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Starn to have the office open from 9am-Spm every day effectively immediately. Office staff is to take their two 15-minute breaks and turn them in to a 30 paid lunch, and all office staff is to work until 5pm. This will be an 8-hour day and a 40-hour work week. The clerk, who is absent, has the choice to continue working with the old schedule or work the new schedule

5. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Mr. Perrien to reinstate the Covid payment plan for 180 days effective immediately. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Ordiway to accept the bid for \$8201.00 from Jeffrey Baker for the 2014 police car.

MOTION CARRIED

2. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Olger to schedule the special meeting for May 22, 2023 at 7pm. MOTION CARRIED A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Starn to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Starn made a motion, supported by Ms. Perrien to accept the application for Danielle Collins for the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Starn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm, supported by MOTION CARRIED

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk City of Ovid

# class of 2023

# Honor Students



Alexis Spitzley, Valedictorian Parents:: Duane & Dana Spitzley Alexis plans to attend Madonna University to study Physical Education Teacher



Murphy Alexa, Salutatorian Parents: Janie Philipp and Marc Alexa Murphy plans to attend MSU to study Human Physiology/Pre-Med



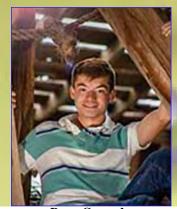
Ella Powell, Salutatiorian Parents: Brian & Rebecca Powell Ella plans to attend CMU to study Biology; Ecology, **Evolution and Conservation** 



Brooklyn Belill Parents: Zach & Talia Belill Brooklyn plans to attend CMU to study Mathematics



**Hadley Bukantis** Parents: Doug & Becky Bukantis Hadley plans to attend SVSU to study Political Science



Ryan Gavenda Parents: Cory & Jennifer Gavenda Ryan plans to attend UofM to study International Studies



Jayden Mulder Parents: Tom & Joelle Mulder Jayden plans to attend MSU to study Biomedical **Laboratory Sciences** 



Perrien Rasch Parents: Eric & Leah Rasch Perrien plans to attend MSU to study Animal Science



**Austin Smith** Parents: Christoph & Amber Waldburger Austin plans to attend MSU to study International Relations & Russian

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Gabrielle Steele Parents: Tabitha Rodriguez and Mark Wolfin Gabrielle plans to attend CMU to study English for Secondary Education

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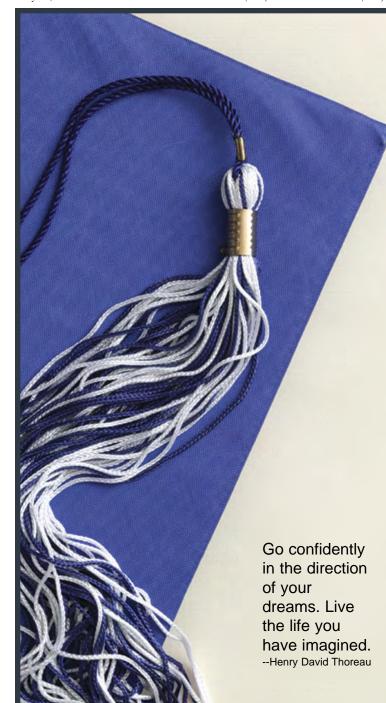
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### Bannister ZCBJ Lodge Mothers' and Fathers' Celebration

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

A very special dinner and program in celebration of Mothers' and Fathers' Day was held at the Bannister ZCBJ Lodge on Sunday, May 7th. More than 120 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner to honor Mothers and Fathers and to thank all who support the lodge throughout the year. Following dinner, the formal program began with a candle lighting ceremony recognizing all living and deceased Mothers and Fathers of Lodge#225. Candles were lit by Isaac Bradley, Matthew

Mitosinka, and Gracyn and Alexyss McAllister. Isaac and Matthew then read poems about how special Grandmothers and Fathers are.

The 2022 Mother and Father of the Year, Mary Cerny and Robert Ladiski were presented plaques, recognizing the honor



2023 Mother of the Year Diane Bradley and Father of the Year John Mitosinka

they received last year. Then the 2023 Mother and Father, Diane Bradley and John Mitosinka, were announced and presented flowers and crowns. Sarah Bradley read a short biography of her Mother and shared some of the many projects she is involved in. John's daughters, Amy and Teri taught us about their Dad and shared stories about his activities. Drawings were held for a large hanging basket and

large hanging basket and twenty cash prizes. All Mothers and Fathers present received a small potted plant.

Lodge #225 wishes everyone a Happy Mothers' and Fathers' Day and a safe, fun summer.

### Sparrow Clinton Hospital Surgical Department Caregiver Nurse of the Year

submitted by Corey Alexander

ST. JOHNS — Sparrow Clinton Hospital is celebrating its highly skilled surgical nurse Robert Beals, RN, for his selflessness and providing compassionate care to patients.

Beals has been on the Sparrow Clinton Surgical Services team since February 2020. He's considered by his peers as a leader who has taken on multiple



has taken on multiple tasks and responsibilities, and "is the guy" who knows where everything is in the department.

"Rob demonstrates professionalism, respect, teamwork, and compassion to his patients, their families, and his colleagues," says Sparrow Clinton Chief Nursing Officer Mariah Hesse, BSN, RN, CENP. "Rob has received many DAISY nominations for his nursing practice which demonstrates how he goes above and beyond for his patients. He brings a positive attitude and strong leadership skills to his department and to our hospital every day."

Beals takes pride in providing the best possible care to his patients, close to home.

"I enjoy making sure that our community has an exceptional place to have a lot of procedures done. There are a lot of people who can't or don't want to go to Lansing for their care."

Sparrow Clinton Hospital appreciates his willingness to help others and serve the community.

"If you took the time to look up specific qualities that every great nurse has, Rob exhibits each and every one of them," said Surgical Services manager Lea Curtiss, BSN, RN. "He is caring, communicates well, has empathy, is detail oriented, has excellent problem-solving skills, uses humor in his daily practice, is committed to every patient as well as his team, uses critical thinking in his daily practice, is compassionate, is dependable, and a leader in both word and deed. This honor is well deserved, and we are extremely grateful he is a part of our Surgical Services team."

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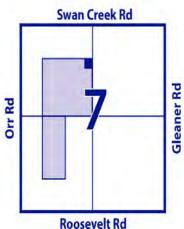
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### Baseball Wolfpack K eeps Heat in CMAC, Sweeps Dansville Aggies

LAINGSBURG -- Mo Garcia, Cam Ballard, Hayden Johnston, Dom Garcia, Jack Audretsch, Ty Randall, Elliott Wilsey and Nick Regan all hit safely in a 15-0 rout of Dansville here May 15 ...

That's right, folks. That's darn near the entire Wolfpack roster.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolves kept the heat on in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) race by sweeping the Aggies out of Laingsburg.

Ty Randall got the win in the 15-0 opening win, no-hitting the Aggies over three innings, striking out six and walking two. Wilsey drove in four runs, Regan and Audretsch three each, with Mo Garcia, Ballard, Johnston and Randall all adding RBI in the rout.

Laingsburg fired up the offense in the first inning of a 5-2 win to complete the sweep, when Ballard singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run.

Dom Garcia got the win for LHS, going five and a third innings, allowing six hits and two runs while striking out eight and walking zero. Randall threw one and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Wilsey, Dom Garcia, Mo Garcia, Ballard and Randall each managed one hit to lead the Wolfpack.

### Precursor to Classic invitation: Wolfpack humbles quality CHS team

LAINGSBURG -- This is the kind of win, over a quality team, that will get you invited to prestigious late-season baseball tournaments -- by invite, only.

Laingsburg just sent their RSVP to the Lansing area's grandest prep baseball tournament of them all: the Diamond Classic.

Thanks, in part, to a big 8-4 victory over a very, very good Chesaning club.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolves won for the 22nd time in 26 outings here May 12, pulled away for good with five runs in the third inning. Ty Randall singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run; Hayden Johnston singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run; Cam Ballard's sac fly plated one run and Jack Audretsch singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

Nick Regan continued his hot streak on the mound, credited with the victory for Laingsburg. The righthander went four innings, allowing two runs on four hits, striking out five and walking one. Ballard threw three innings in relief.

The Wolfpack racked up ten hits. Dom Garcia and Johnston all collected multiple hits, Dom leading the way with three hits in three at bats.

LHS didn't commit a single error in support of Regan. Audretsch had the most chances in the field with ten.

### Wolfpack rounds out 10-team Diamond Classic field

LANSING — For the first time since 2008, Laingsburg has been invited to play in the mid-Michigan area's most prestigious prep baseball tournament.

The 10-team field for the 61st Dean Shippey Capital Diamond Classic was announced Tuesday and the 22-4 Wolfpack, which sits atop the Central Michigan Athletic Conference standings, was one of the teams selected to play.

DeWitt is the defending champion after winning the Classic last year with a 3-2 victory over St. Johns. It was the Panthers won third Classic championship. Grand Ledge holds the record for most Classic titles with 27.

The single-elimination tournament will take place at Kircher-Municipal Stadium in Lansing through the semifinal round with the championship game taking place at Michigan State's McLane Stadium on Monday, June 5.

There will two first-round games that will take place next Monday. DeWitt (8-9) will face Fowler (17-5) in the 5 p.m. opener while Williamston (16-9) and Portland (7-4) square off at 7 p.m.

The second-round match-ups Tuesday, May 23 include Olivet (23-3) vs Lansing Catholic (13-3) at 5 p.m. and Laingsburg vs. St. Johns (13-5) at 7 p.m.

Okemos (18-4-1) will take on the DeWitt-Fowler victor and Grand Ledge (13-8) will take on the Williamston-Portland winner May 25.

The semifinals are set for Wednesday, May 31 and the championship game is set for Monday, June 5.

# Sports

### Wolfpack Sackers Continue Romp Through CMAC; Sweep Potterville

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's varsity baseball continued its romp through the Central MIchigan Athletic Conference on Thursday afternoon, peppering Potterville by 19-2 and 15-0 counts

Todd Randall's Wolfpack remained the hottest team in the league, raising their mark to 24-4 overall.

Dom Garcia demonstrated a strong eye at the plate in the opener, walking three times while leading Laingsburg to a 19-2 victory. The Wolfpack got on the board in the first inning, when Mo Garcia grounded out, scoring one run.

LHS scored eight runs in the fifth inning, led by walks to Dom and Ty Randall, singles by Cam Ballard, Elliott Wilsey and Hayden Johnston, and a double by Jack Audretsch.

Ballard was the winning pitcher. The righthander surrendered two runs on two hits over five innings, striking out six.

The Pack racked up 16 hits in the game. Ballard went 3-for-4 at the plate and the Wolves stole eight bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Dom Garcia led the way with three swipes.

In the closing game, Nick Regan tossed a shutout and Ty Randall led the batting attack to victory by driving in four runs. Ty went 2-for-4 at the plate and accounted for runs on a double in the first, a triple in the second, and a stolen base in the third.

Laingsburg broke the game open with five runs in the second inning. Mo Garcia, Randall, Ballard, Audretsch and Wilsey powered the big inning with RBIs.

Regan was credited with the victory. The righty surrendered zero runs on three hits over four innings, striking out seven and walking zero.

Laingsburg totaled ten hits in the game, with Randall, Audretsch, and Mo Garcia each collecting multiple safeties.

### Marauders Continue Solid MMAC Baseball Season with Split at NL

NEW LOTHROP -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team stayed above .500 in MMAC baseball action here May 15, with split tonight vs. the host Hornets.

Ovid-Elsie won game one, 4-3. The Marauders were led on the mound by Corbyn Janes, who pitched a 7-inning complete game, allowing only 2 earned runs and striking out 2.

The Marauder bats were sparked by Jake Bown who had 2 hits, an RBI, and a run scored. Hayden Pontack had 2 hits, a run scored and a walk. O-E was able to pull off a squeeze play in the 5th that scored the two winning runs, the strategy executed perfectly by Gage Wikorowski.

Game two ended in a 9-2 loss for coach Brian Young's Marauders. Jake Bowen had a hit and a run scored. "This was a game where we simply could not get the bats going," said coach Young.

O-E has its last 3 doubleheaders at home, with Senior Night upcoming May 22.

### COACHES

remember to submit your results each week so the Meriidian Weekly can include them in our publication! We have been getting some great photos for some sports but no results submitted!!

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### **Golf Outing Fund Raiser**

The 12th Annual Ovid-Elsie Bowling Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 22nd at North Star Golf Course, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start.

The format is a four person scramble and is limited to the first 22 teams PAID teams. The cost is \$55 per person (\$220 per team) and includes 18 holes of gold with cart, hole prizes, 1 Mulligan per Golfer and dinner after golf.

For more information, want to sponsor a hole or to sign up call Coach Matt Fabus at 989-862-5746.

# Marauder Golfers Led by Wittenberg at Viking Invite

SWAN VALLEY — Josh Latz's Marauder varsity golf team finished sixth at the annual Saginaw Swan Valley Viking Invitational.

Ovid-Elsie totaled 364 team strokes. Alpena was first at 324 with Swan Valley second at 331 and Clarkston thrid at 334.

Clay Wittenberg was seventh individually for O-E with an 82. He was followed by teammates Dominic Kline (87), Michael Bancroft (96), Jayce Herblet (99) and Justin Cole (107).

### Marauder Golfers Pin 10-Stoke Victory on Hornets

ST. JOHNS — Ovid-Elsie secured a 10-stroke victory over New Lothrop during Wednesday's MMAC dual-meet test at The Emerald.

Junior Dominic Kline shot a medalist round of 44 for the Marauders with teammate Clay Wittenberg right behind at 46. Next came Grayson Orr of New Lothrop, carding a 50.

O-E's scoring was completed by Justin Cole (53) and Michael Bancroft (57) and Jayce Herblet (57).

### New Lothrop Keeps the Heat on in MMAC Softball race, Sweeping O-E

NEW LOTHROP — New Lothrop's varsity softball team kept the heat on the league leaders in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference, sweeping a doubleheader from Ovid-Elsie, 6-5 and 9-3 on May 15.

The twin wins gave the Hornets a boost to 20-8 overall and 8-4 in the MMAC. O-E had started the MMAC season with five wins in the first six league games, but fell back to the pack with the losses at NL.

In Game 1, the Hornets rallied from an early 4-1 deficit to beat the Marauders 6-5.

The Hornets trailed 5-4 entering the bottom of the seventh inning. Ovid-Elsie pitcher Olivia Burt hung tough, leaving New Lothrop down to its last out before relinquishing the lead.

Ovid-Elsie's early offense came in the top of the first. It started when Ashland Particka was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Olivia Burt's single. The Marauders pushed across three more runs in the second when Mercedes Grieder was safe on an error, Olivia Coon singled and Particka parked a two-run homer. O-E scored once more in the sixth thanks to a Hornet error.

New Lothrop scored once in the first, once in the fourth and twice in the sixth.

NL's Malory Heroux was the winning pitcher, going the distance. Burt pitched the entire way for the Marauders, coming up just one batter short of the win. She pitched 6 2/3 innings and gave up six runs on 10 hits. She struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Maddisyn Miller smacked three hits in four at-bats for the Marauders.

In Game 2, NL's Gross pitched the first six innings and did not permit a run until Miller clubbed a three-run homer for the Marauders in the sixth to bring O-E within 9-3.

Kaitlyn Fry took the loss for O-E. She gave up 11 hits and struck out two and walked two.

# Sports

### **Nugent Track Invitational** Sees Records Fall: O-E's **Spitzley Amazes**

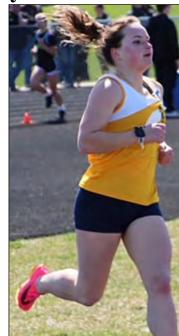
BATH -- Prep tracksters from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg were at their best here May 12, with Top Ten team finishes for both schools.

That wasn't the top story of the day, however.

That story belonged to Marauder standout Alexis Spitzley, who broke the O-E record in the 800 m run. How significant was that?

The old Marauder standard had stood since 1977. Spitzley eclipsed Jodi Hehrer's O-E school record of 2:23.4.

Spitlzey was clocked in 2:23.11 in the 800 at the annual Jonathan Nugent Invitational at Bath, and also grabbed a pair of third-place finishes: in the 3200 run (13:05.61), and in the 4x800 relay (10:40.09) with Piper White, Tava Kvalevog and Kaia Spiess.



Alexis Spitzley breaks OE record in 800m run.

Photo by Heidi Loynes

Laingsburg's girls placed sixth at the 14-school event with 54 points, while the Lady Marauders were seventh (44).

Freshman Madison Phillips of Laingsburg won the pole vault with a personal-best height of 9 feet, 7 inches.

The Wolfpack's Emily Rathka was third in the 1600-meter run (5:43.95) and third in the 800 run (2:33.84).

In the boys competition, Laingsburg finished eighth with 46 points and Ovid-Elsie was ninth with 35 points.

Ovid-Elsie's Tryce Tokar won the pole vault competition by clearing 14 feet even. Laingsburg's Jack Borgman was second at 13-6 while the Wolfpack's Kyle Boettcher was third at a per-

The Marauders' Clay Wittenberg was second in the high jump with a personal-best height of 6-4.

O-E finished third in the 4x800 relay with Clay Powell, Nick Long, Jamison Custer and Tokar (8:39.63).

Laingsburg's Noah Devereaux was third in the 3200 run (10:35.93).



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### Laingsburg's Knoblauch **Leads Wolves to 10-3-2 Soccer Record**

LAINGS BURG Coach Elkins Natalie girls soccer Wolfpack improved to 10-3-2 overall and 6-1-1 in the Greater Lansing Athletic Conference (GLAC), D e s i r e Knoblauch scored a hat trick here May 12.

Knoblauch ran her season scoring total to 31 as Laingsburg blanked visiting Olivet, 3-0, at the Athletic



Desire Knoblauch scored at hat trick on May 12 against Olivet. Photo by Burg Sports

Knoblauch scored her first goal 15 minutes in off a rebound, then scored twice in the second half. Just 25 seconds into the second half, she beat two defenders while dribbling in fromt he right with a left foot shot to the lower right corner.

Knoblauch's final goal was scored with eight minutes remaining.

### Lady Wolfpack runs to 9-0 soccer win over Lions

VERMONTVILLE — Laingsburg's girls soccer team ran to a 9-0 pasting of the Lady Lions here May 17, upping the Wolves' record 11-3-2 overall and 7-1-1 in conference play.

Desire Knoblauch scored five goals for the Wolfpack. Callie Clark added two scores while Ivy Collier and Emilee Mertens each scored once.

Erin Pohlod was the winning goalkeeper.

### Youth soccer players spur Lady Wolves to 3-0 win on LHS Senior Night

LAINGSBURG -- At home and under the lights on May 17, the Laingsburg boys soccer u-12 team, coached by Allison Adams, came out to serve as ball boys for the Lady Wolfpack varsity soccer squad.

It was a good omen for coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves, facing the Olivet Eagles.

More youth CASL teams came to form a gauntlet along the half line for both team's during introductions. All of this in honor of LHS Senior Night, celebrating graduating players Kadince Seuren, Libby Zukatis and Olivia Price.

The hosts won 3-0. Desire Knoblauch scored goal from a rebound in the first half, 15 minutes in.

The second half featured two more by Knoblauch: the first at 25 seconds in, beating a pair of defenders while dribbling from the right to a left foot shot to the lower right corner.

Her last goal came with just over 8:00 left. Knoblauch dribbled through and scored on a defensive deflection.

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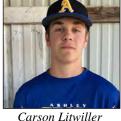
### **Ashley Bears Baseball**

by Ashleigh Shaw

In a conference matchup with the Huskies of Breckenridge Carson Litwiller was on the mound for game one of the doubleheader. Litwiller pitched 4.33 innings, striking out 10, giving up 7 hits and walking one, in the loss, where the Huskies won 9-2. Clayton Juhas had two singles and Chase Kral had the lone RBI. Breckenridge also took game two winning 14-4. Robert Kral took the loss giving up 12 hits and striking out 2. Logan Dummond had two hits, Juhas had a single.

Ashley took on Coleman winning game 1 by a score of 8-7. Litwiller was once again on the mound for the Bears, going 6 innings striking out 8, walking 4 and giving up 7 hits. Litwiller also came through on the offensive side with 2 hits. Michael Kiefer also had two hits. Ashley took game two winning 24-9 in game two. Robert Kral pitched 4 innings waling 5, striking out 3 and giving up 3 hits. Carson Litwiller had a big game with 3 hits and 2 RBI, Juhas, Drummond and Gibby Jason each had 2 hits, with Drummond having 3 RBI and Jason 4 RBI. Gavin Malek and Kiefer each had a single, Malek had and RBI and Kiefer had 2 RBI.

Unfortunately, the Bears also had two more losses to Merrill. Game one was pitched by Logan Drummond who struggled, walking 10, giving up hits and striking out 3. Juhas, Drummond, Jason and had singles and Robert Kral had a double. Game two ended in similar fashion with a loss for Ashley. Gavin Malek took the





Gibby Jason



Logan Drummond



Robert Kral

mound striking out 4, and giving up 6 hits and 6 walks. Litwiller had a single along with Robert Kral.

### Maple River Logjam Removal a Success

The Friends of the Maple River logjam removal project took place on May 6th with a group of 7 hardworking volunteers cutting a path through logiams and downed trees from Watson Road bridge to St Clair Road bridge in DuPlain Twsp. The work crew labored from 9am-2pm, using chainsaws an other log removing equipment to open the river for those who travel by canoe and kayak. The volunteers include Joe Pontek, Ken Hehrer, Rex Ruehle, Chuck Harden, Travis Smith, Duane Platner and Jack Nutter.

Approximately 15 small jams were opened by the crew, one was too large to be opened in the allotted time for the project. The Friends of the Maple River appreciated the hard work and dedication of this group of conservationists. The club would also like to thank Rex and Gayla Ruehle for the cookout following the project.

It is a major objective of the FOMR to open the river so that paddlers can travel the river without getting in and out of their watercraft. Only about 5 foot of logjams are cleared, leaving logs, brush and other natural materials in the river makes excellent habitat for wildlife and fish and provides a challenge for the paddler.

If you would like to help volunteer to help keep a section between bridges of the river open during the paddling season between April-October on your own, please contact Jack Nutter at 989-862-5541. The FOMR website, www.friends of the maple river.org, or find them on facebook. For more information or to become a member, donor or supporter of the FOMR contact them by email at info@friendsof the maple river.org.

# Sports

# Lady Wolfpack Sweeps Dansville Keeps Stranglehold on CMAC Softball

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack sprinted out to a 10-0 lead in the first two innings, then followed that up with a 17-2 shellacking of Dansville in the nightcap to keep a strangle-hold on the CMAC softball race.

The 11-0 and 17-2 mercy wins kept Jeff Cheadle's Wolves unbeaten in the circuit -- and moved to 22-1 overall as the veteran LHS coach inches closer to the career 900-win plateau.

Laingsburg mauled Aggie pitching for 12 hits in the opener, with Harper Strouse, Ellie Baynes, Haley Konieczny, Addyson Buchin and Savvy Stirm all delivering two hits each. Ashley Bila and Bella Latuszek also added hits to the attack in support of Buchin, who struck out 7 in a sterling 2-hitter in the pitching circle.

It was more of the same in game two, the Wolfpack snapping a 2-2 tie with 10 runs in the second inning ... and five more in the third to end the contest. Buchin again got the win, this time allowing 5 hits to the Aggies, but striking out six. Baynes was a perfect 3-for-3 at the dish and drove in 5 RBI. Bila, Latuszek, Buchin, Stirm, Konieczny and Ella Merrell all hit safely for the red-and-white.

# safely for the red-and-white. LHS softball girls wrap up CMAC title with 42-run drubbing of Vikes

LAINGSBURG -- With just a league doubleheader remaining against Portland St. Patrick, your CMAC softball champions have been crowned at LHS.

The Wolfpack laid a 42-run drubbing on Potterville over two games here Thursday, running their record 24-2. Jeff Cheadle's Wolves have a three game lead on the rest of the league with just two games remaining before post-season action looms.

In a 25-1 win over Potterville, Wolfpack pitchers Addysin Buchin and Willow Patterson were the recipients of an 18-run first inning and a 7-run second frame. The Vikings scratched out two hits and a single run in the top of the third before the mercy rule was invoked.

PHS hurlers plunked 9 different hitters with errant pitches Ashley Bila drove in four RBI -- her one hit a home run -- and scored 3 runs at the top of the LHS order. Ella Merrell, Buchin, Makenna Johnston and Haley Konieczny each drove home three runs; Johnston, Merrell and Konieczny each delivered a pair of hits. Bella Latuszek, Savvy Stirm, Ellie Baynes and Alaina Asher all hit safely in the rout, and Hayley Cronk drove in a run and scored three times.

Buchin struck out five of the six batters she faced, before giving way to Patterson in relief.

In a 17-0 victory, the Wolves pounced on Potterville with 13 runs in the opening inning. It ended again in the third inning by mercy, with Buchin and Harper Strouse sharing the pitching duties. Buchin struck out six and Strouse three in a total eclipse of the Viking bats.

Latuszek, Buchin, Konieczny, Baynes, Strouse, Merrell, Patterson and Asher all hit safely, Baynes and Merrell leading the cause with three RBI apiece. Wolfpack softball girls go 1-1

### Wolfpack softball girls go 1-1at Swan Valley Invitational

SWAN VALLEY -- Laingsburg's varsity girls softball team suffered a rare loss in a 1-1 showing at the Saginaw Swan Valley Invitational here May 13.

Lake Orion hung an 11-1 loss on the Wolves, featuring a 13-hit attack, while Dragon ace Rachel Limberger shut down

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the Wolves with a 3-hit, 9-strikeout performance. Addysin Buchin, Haley Konieczny and Ellie Baynes managed the only LHS hits. Baynes drove in the Wolves' lone run in a 1-for-2 plate showing. Buchin surrendered 11 runs -- 7 of them earned -- while striking out 3.

It was just the second loss in 24 games this season for Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack.

The red-and-white earned their 1-1 split with a 6-5 squeaker over Swan Valley. Laingsburg scored 4 runs in the top of the 5th, then held off a Viking rally in the bottom of the 5th to make a winner out of Buchin, who struck out 9 in a solid 5-hitter

Ahsley Bila and Bella Latuszek each drove in two runs, with Buchin picking up the other Laingsburg RBI. Harper Strouse added the other hit to the 4-hit attack. Ella Merrell walked twice and Alaina Asher also picked up a free pass for LHS.

The Wolves overcame four errors in the razor-thin win.



Evalyn Cole scored two goals for OE against Byron Photo by Jody Thornton

### Cole, Campbell, Keck Lead O-E Soccer Girls Over Byron in MMAC

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie topped Byron 6-1 in MMAC soccer play Wednesday in a tough battle. The Marauders clinched the win, overcoming a slow start in the first half with a solid comeback performance in the second.

Evalyn Cole proved to be the woman of the match, scoring two crucial goals, and providing two assists. Hailee Campbell and McKenzie Keck also stepped up in a big way, each contributing two goals while delivering strong overall performances.

Zadie Schmidt scored the Eagles lone goal in the first half. It was unassisted. Haylee Schott made 18 saves for Byron.

The Marauders now stands 11-1-3 for the season, 7-0 in league play. Next up was a trip to Clinton to compete with a very good squad in non-league action.

# Marauder Tennis Girls Down Ionia, Also Suffer 1st Loss

ST. JOHNS -- The Ovid-Elsie girls tennis team traveled to St. Johns on May 15 and came away with a win over Ionia -- while suffering their first loss of the season to St. Johns.

1st singles Rylee Lewis topped her Ionia opponent 6-2, 6-3 while falling to St. Johns Isabel Thelen 2-6, 1-6. At 2nd singles Brooklyn Belill defeated Ionia 6-0, 6-1 but suffered her first loss of the season to Jenna Heyer 3-6, 2-6. Christian Rademacher-Vine remains undefeated at 3rd singles picking up a 6-2, 6-1 win over Ionia and then a 6-4, 6-4 win over St. Johns Jordan Hicks. Itziar Bustamante took down Ionia 6-4, 6-3 at 4th singles and then suffered a 0-6, 1-6 loss to a strong Lily Howell of St. Johns.

In doubles action, the Lady Marauders first doubles team of Claire Thornton and Jollee Swender cruised to a 6-3, 6-2 win over Ionia and lost against the St. Johns team of Kaylee Woodbury and Kennedy Sturgis 0-6, 1-6. Hannah Moore and Ellyanna Carman beat Ionia at 2nd doubles 6-1, 6-3 then were handed a 3-6, 1-6 loss from the St. Johns team of Paityn Chant and Brenda McCann. At 3rd doubles, Ovid-Elsie lost to Ionia 1-6, 1-6 and the St. Johns team of Ellie Vance and Olivia Peterson 1-6, 2-6. The Lady Marauders 4th doubles team of Ava Anderson and Willow Evans looked strong in their 6-2, 6-2 win over Ionia as well as in their 4-6, 1-6 loss to St Johns.

The Marauder netters were in MHSAA Regional action Saturday in Grand Blanc, putting their outstanding 15-1 season on the line.



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1499238 (05-21)(06-11)

### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bid-der for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on June 7, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Darin

Dismuke and Constance Dismuke, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Cenlar

Date of Mortgage: May 29, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: June

17, 2015 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$378,370.61 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 87, Creeping Brook Estates No. 6, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 83, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 11281 Wilson St, Dewitt, MI 48820-

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Decedent's Living Trust Estate of Virginia L. Jones TO ALL CREDITORS: \*NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Virginia L. Jones Living Trust Date of Execution: Virginia L. Jones Living Trust dated October 11, 1991 and Amended October 15, 1997, June 7, 2006 and August 16, 2012. The decentent, Virginia L. Jones, who lived at 1550 W. French Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879 Died: December 7, 2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Stead

> the date of publication of this notice. 05/21/2023 Eugene F. Jones Personal Representative 1434 W. French Rd. St. Johns, MI 48879 517-282-1656 Wieber Green, PC John E. Weber 201 E. State St St. Johns, MI 48879 (989) 224-9449

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The Elsie Lions Club is proud to support the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools WOES Radio Summer Program. Pictured here is Lion Robin Wooley presenting a \$100 check to WOES Director Kevin Somers.



State Rep. Graham Filler (R-Clinton County) toured the DTE Energy Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant in Monroe with Rep. Jamie Thompson (R-Brownstown). Fermi 2 is one of the most important energy-generating plants in Michigan, providing clean energy for over one million homes and businesses. "Michigan is a Top 10 state for nuclear energy generation," Filler said. "If we want to keep lights on and energy prices affordable, investing in nuclear energy is the smart move for Michigan."

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Obtain an electrical lineworker apprenticeship



Salutatorian
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business



Saige Slowiniski
Paul and Sandy
Slowinski
Attending Davenport
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Roger and Sarina
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Attending Douglas J.
Aveda Institute



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Ben Crocker and
Cassie Crocker
Obtain a CDL and deliver
Coca-Cola Products



Leslie Bockheim
Mark Bockheim and
Stacy Bockheim
Attending Naturopathic
Institute of Massage
Therapy



Savannah Beebe Scott Beebe and Heather Rhodes To Become a Photographer



Vada Kirkey
Eric Kirkey and
Victoria Turner
Attending SVSU for a
degree in Elementary
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# Ashley Class of 2023

Jozlynn Angell Savannah Beebe Leslie Bockheim Justin Carman Bailey Crocker Makiah Dennis Logan Drummond Allyson Emmendorfer Devin Felton Hailey Good Passion Gotham Claudia Hanley Vada Kirkey Keegan Larsen Bailey Long Alexyss McAllister John Nieman Caden Passmore

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# Graduation

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