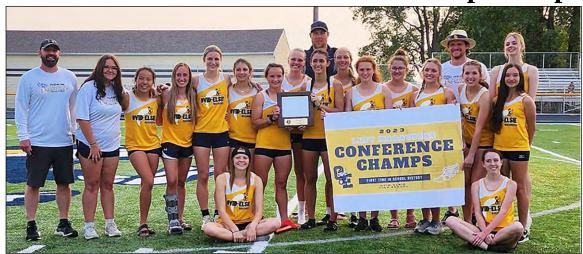
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1st Ever OE Track Conference Championship



Team Includes: Jessica Kozlowski, Piper White, Sam Snider, Clarissa Baese, Kaia Spiess, Alexis Spitzley, Sierra Rings, Chloe Preston, Audrey Bensinger, Audrey Kurka, Tava Kvalevog, Hannah Koutz, Jillian Williams, Audrey Johns, Braeden Tokar, Izzy Loynes, Lillian Bates, Haley Bashore Coaches: Nick Hufnagel, Zach Loynes and Brian Powell. See page? for complete story

OE Tennis Team Wins Regional Title



Ovid-Elsie Girls Tennis Team will compete at states on Friday, June 2, 2023. See complete story on page 8.

Team Includes: Rylee Lewis. Itziar Bustamante, Mikayla Bashore, Kaia Spiess, Willow Evans, Ava Anderson, Christine Rademacher-Vine, Ellyanna Carman, Jolene Hebeler, Claire Thornton, Jollee Swender, Jenna Tomasek, Hannah Moore, Hailie McCreery, Brooklyn Belill. Coaches Marie Spiess and

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Holds **Special Meeting**

by Dawn D. Levey
ELSIE – The Ovid-Elsie Area
Schools Board of Education held a special meeting Monday, May 22, 2023 for the purpose of interim superintendent discussion and the completion of the superintendent evaluation.

Eric Jones, board president, opened discussion with asking officials what they believe the process looks like. Jones noted that Dr. Wayne Petroelje, Clinton County RESA superintendent will be retiring from the RESA and is considering staying on as a consultant, however is open to other possibilities.



Dr. Wayne Petroelje

Jones also reported that he had researched the possibility of beginning the new superintendent search now. The problem with that strategy is that the best candidates may have already been hired or are in negotiations with other school districts. The optimal time would be late fall or early in January 2024 thus drawing out the best candidates for the position. In addition, many candidates may not consider the Ovid-Elsie District as the ideal site or district to work in.

Discussion followed. Another suggestion was to appoint Mr. Dan Davenport as the interim and then go from there. It was noted that with his current commitments that may not be a viable solution. Additional discussion followed.

Action was taken to amend the agenda to include the business item to enter into negotiations with Dr. Petroelje as the interim superintendent which was approved.

Next, it was moved to enter into negotiations with Dr. Petroelje. Officials turned to Mr. Randy Barton and asked his opinion. Barton stated, "Dr. Petroelje would be a safe choice."

Petroelje served as OE superintendent for 18 years, he knows many of the staff members, he is a budget focused administrator and he knows the process of searching for a superintendent. The motion was approved unanimously.

In addition, the action allows officials to develop a viable plan to search for a new superintendent that is not rushed and to consider whether to conduct the search on their own or to contract a service to complete the search.

Next, officials entered into closed session to evaluate the current superintendent, Randy Barton. In open session Mr. Barton was deemed effective.

Mr. Barton will be continuing his educational career at Mason Public Schools as assistant superintendent of academic services.

Six Laingsburg Students Sign Letters of Intent



Matthew Freels signed with Kalamazoo College to play football. He is the son of Don & Ann Freels



Sean Divine signed with Grand Valley to wrestle. He is the son of Marty Devine & Deb McKenzie.



Hayden Johnston signed with Kalamazoo College to play football. He is the son of Troy & Danielle



Aden Baynes signed with Olivet College to wrestle. He is the son of Shawn & Emily Baynes.



Ellie Baynes signed with Olivet College to play basketball. She is the daughter if Jeremiah & Lindy Baynes.



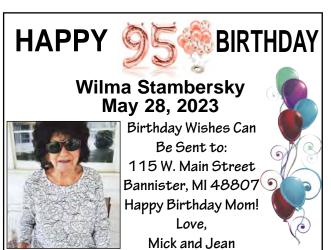
Eli Woodruff signed with Olivet College to play basketball. He is the son of Cov & Jenny Woodruff.

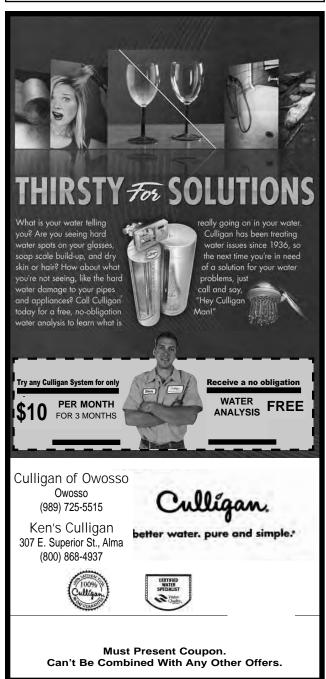
Social

Community Paint Party

The Elsie Masonic Lodge 238 and Arts Council of Greater Lansing will be hosing a Community Paint Party on Saturday, June 10th from 11am-3pm. All ages and abilities are welcome to help paint a community mural in downtown Elsie.







Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic Event to be Held in Elsie

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Sparrow and Dean Transportation are teaming up to bring healthcare to the Elsie area. Services provided include: health screenings, doctor visits, community resource connections and more. The mobile unit will be at the Elsie Food Pantry, 219 S. Ovid Str., Elsie on Tuesday, June 6, 8:00 am-10:30 am.

Health screenings include: behavioral health, blood pressure, body mass index, cholesterol, diabetes; and services – immunizations, flu shots, education, and referrals to cancer prevention screens and mammography. Also, physician referrals and wellness exams.

For more information visit Sparrow.org/MobileClinic or direct questions to the Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic team at SparrowMobileHealthClinic@Sparrow.org.

Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

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Every Sunday

8am-11am

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Calling all adults and teens. The Elsie Public Library will be holding a summer reading challenge starting Monday, June 5th. This challenge runs through Saturday, July 22nd. Come in and sign up any time. There are 3 drawings for this age group: They are on June 19th, July 10th and July 22nd. There will be three winners for each drawing. To qualify for the drawings, you need to check out one of our library books and read it. Simple, fun and you could be one of the lucky winners.

Please be aware there is a separate challenge, for the younger kids as well, with the prize drawing at the end of the challenge. Any questions, or more info needed, please check

out our web page at www.elsiepubliclibrary.org. Our library is also having a drawing to win an amusement ride bracelet for the Dairy Festival (2 bracelets being

ride bracelet for the Dairy Festival (2 bracelets being given away). To qualify for the drawing, just stop in to the library between June 1st and June 28th and put your name in the jar.

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City of Ovid Holds Special Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

OVID – The City of Ovid held a special meeting Monday, May 22 addressing two agenda items: notice of intent to issue revenue bonds and notice of right of referendum and a closed session to review attorney/client supplemental report.

To move forward with the water project action was taken to

To move forward with the water project action was taken to approve the notice of intent to issue revenue bonds and notice of right of referendum. The vote was unanimous.

The second agenda item, review of the supplemental attorney/client report officials voted to retire into closed session at approximately 7:15 pm, there was one no vote, Mary Perrien. Officials reconvened at 8:46 pm with no action taken.

CSFP and **TEFAP**

submitted by Rebecca Zemla

Applications for the USDA Commodity Food Programs through Capital Area Community Services, Inc. Distribution will begin on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 for both programs.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Seniors 60 years of age and up provides nutritious food on a monthly basis to low-income residents living in Shiawassee County, must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$18,954; family size 2 - \$25,636; family size 3 - \$32,318. For each additional family member add \$6,682.

USDA Temporary Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides nutritious food to low-income residents (singles and families) of Shiawassee County who meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Family size 1 - \$29,160; family size 2 - \$39,440; family size 3 - \$49,720. For each additional family member add \$10,280.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin Tuesday, June 6, 2023. June 6 will be drive thru only (First Day of Distribution).

If you do not already have someone designated to pick up your food, you may call the CACS office at 989-723-3115 and let us know who you are designating to pick it up. If you are not registered, please call CACS at 989-723-3115 to pre-register before June 6, 2023.

Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CITY OF OVID DRAFT SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 17, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Perrien opened the special meeting at 5pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, and E. Starn ABSENT: M. Olger and W. Lasher

A motion was made by E. Starn, supported by L. Perrien to hire Chad Juderjohn as the full-time DPW employee starting immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by E. Brown, supported by E. Starn to rescind the motion to accept the police car bid from Regular Council Meeting on May 8, 2023. The motion was stated as follows: "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

A motion was made by L. Perrien, supported by L. Ordiway to reject the remaining bids on the police car.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by E. Starn, supported by L. Ordiway to put the police car back up for bid. The bids must have clear language and precise amounts stated. Deadline for sealed bids will be Friday, June 9 by 4pm.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by L. Perrien, supported by L. Ordiway to authorize the DPW Supervisor to purchase vehicle up to \$78,000 and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by L. Ordiway, supported by E. Brown to adjourn the meeting at $5:37\ \text{pm}.$

MOTION CARRIED

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk City of Ovid



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.

Shiawassee Fair Grounds Camping CAMPING - Sites with electricity: \$225.00 30 amp, \$250 50 amp . Primitive Sites: \$150.00

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June 03 – Be there at 8:30 lottery starts at 9:00am sharp!

Youth livestock exhibitors (not Cloverbuds) and their parents/guardians must arrive before the drawing begins. Applications will not be available after the drawing starts. Each parent of a youth livestock exhibitor drawing for a site may hold one application only; no refunds if # is drawn. The Lottery will be held in the Exhibit Bldg.

ROGER SMITH AUCTION Saturday, June 3rd at 10am

4817 E. Walker Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879

Directions: US127 to the St Johns exit #96 east on M21 to Watson Rd, North 1 mile to Walker Rd, 1/4 mile west. I will sell the following at public auction:

OLD THINGS & COLLECTIBLES: JD Ertle Model 520 cast aluminum pedal tractor & trailer , JD Mighty Trike & trailer, REO Type A gas engine **MOTORHOME:**

1994 Shasta 285 XS Ford F350 motorhome w/generator, 62k+- miles (good condition)

VINTAGE LAWN TRACTORS: KHD by White, Wheel Horse Rider 10 lawn tractor. 1968 JD 110 lawn tractor, JD 424 liquid cool lawn tractor, needs hood, 1968 Wheel Horse GT lawn tractor w/blade, Simplicity 728 Broadmoor riding tractor w/deck
POLEBARN: Delta 5.5hp power washer, 10'x20' Canopy, 12'x12' Canopy, Magliner 6x8 aluminum

POLEBARN: Delta 5.5hp power washer, 10'x20' Canopy, 12'x12' Canopy, Magliner 6x8 aluminum snowmobile trailer, Patio table, umbrella, 6 chairs, cushions, Pittsburgh High lift riding lawn mower, ATV jack (new in box), Toolboxes, Assorted hand tools, Duracraft bench drill press, JD MC519 lawn trailer, Lots of miscellaneous items, HD hitch receiver Many other items:

CONSIGNMENTS: Pyrex, Over 25 pc's vintage baking, mixing, and other items

TOOLBOXES: Kennedy Machinist toolchest, Kennedy Machinist toolchest, Kennedy Machinist toolchest, Large orange Guardian Power Machinist toolchest

Tippmann A-5 paintball gun with tank, hopper, mask and extra barrel, Scott Zoellick Pheasant print 1995 Miller Brewing Co, Philip Crowe Pheasant print "Magic Morning", Andrew Wyeth Household print "Wolf Rivers", Affinity Hit men's golf club set & cart, Ladies golf club set, Venta Air Washer, Ohaus gram scale, Agility 2 carpet cleaner, Shimano Model 2000FG spin cast reel (new in box), 4 Fishing rods

COLLECTIBLES: Boy Scout Scout 120 camera, A.C. Williams cast iron "Darkey Sharecropper" bank, Airplane tie pins, 1960 Bulova wrist watch, Antique garnet necklace & bracelet

GUNS: Purchase permits required. Kimber Model Pro Hunter 6.5cal Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation rifle, (new in box), Savage AXIS P 30-06 w/scope, (new in box), 4 Boxed 7mm Rem cartridges

TOOLS: Craftsman 12" miter saw, B&D hedge trimmer, Stihl 015l 15" chainsaw, Stihl BG55 leaf blower

Many more items too numerous to list

Terms: cash, check, credit cards. All items sold as is. The seller nor the auctioneer will be responsible for accidents day of sale or items after sold.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS AND NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

TO THE ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF OVID AND CUSTOMERS AND USERS OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

TAKE NOTICE THAT the City Council of the City of Ovid, County of Clinton, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to authorize the issuance of NOT TO EXCEED Four Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,950,000) City of Ovid water system improvement revenue bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of defraying a portion of the cost of certain improvements to the City's public water system, including, but not limited to: (A) the replacement of certain water mains; (B) the replacement of certain lead and non-lead service lines; (C) the replacement of water meters;

(D) the installation and construction of water main loops and related improvements and equipment;

(E) the replacement of filter media, and upgrades to valves, at the water treatment plant; (F) site improvements, including, but not limited to, pavement, sidewalk, and lawn/grass restoration; (G) acquiring necessary easements and rights in land; and (H) making other necessary and related system improvements and acquiring related equipment, as well as paying engineering and financing costs (the "Project"). The Bonds may be issued by the City in one or more series, the aggregate principal amount of which will not exceed \$4,950,000.

The Bonds will be payable primarily from revenues derived from rates and charges received from users and customers of the City's public water system, and will be payable in not more than forty (40) annual installments at a rate of interest to be determined upon sale of the Bonds not to exceed five percent (5.0%) per annum, payable on the unpaid principal balance from time to time remaining outstanding on the Bonds.

The total cost of the Project is estimated to be Nine Million Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$9,820,000), a portion of which cost is to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds.

SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING

The United States of America, through its Depailment of Agriculture, Rural Development, makes funds available for water system improvements at below-market interest rates. The City may seek to finance a portion of the Project cost through bonds issued through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development's loan program.

The State of Michigan, through its Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, makes funds available for municipal water system improvement projects at a below-market interest rate through a Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund program administered through the Michigan Finance Authority. The City may seek to finance all or a portion of the entire project cost through bonds issued through said Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund program.

The project is eligible for, and a portion of the Project cost is anticipated to be paid from, certain grant funds in an aggregate amount of up to \$6.454 million, or such lesser amount as required to pay the portion of the Project cost not financed through the issuance of the City's Bonds. Such grant funding is anticipated to be provided to the City pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Any portion of the Project cost not paid for with Bonds proceeds or grant funding would likely be paid for using the City's available funds on hand.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS shall be payable primarily from the net revenues derived from the operation of the City's public water system remaining after payment of operation and maintenance expenses. Said revenues consist of rates and charges for services, including connection fees, which rates and charges are required to be maintained and increased from time to time in order to provide sufficient revenues to meet expenses for operating and maintaining the water system, anticipated principal of and interest on bonds, and to provide reserves for payment thereof. A schedule of the rates and charges is on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Ovid, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866.

ADDITIONAL SECURITY FULL FAITH AND CREDIT PLEDGE AND STATE REVENUE SHARING

In the event that (1) all or a portion of the Bonds is sold to the Michigan Finance Authority,
(2) all or a portion of the Bonds is sold to the United States of America, through its Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and/or (3) certain state or federal financing is received for the project costs, the City would be authorized pursuant to the Revenue Bond Act to pledge, and may decide to pledge if necessary and/or advisable, its full faith and credit for the repayment of the Bonds. In this event, the City would be authorized within its constitutional, statutory, and charter tax rate limitations to levy such taxes or advance such funds from the general funds of the City as may be necessary to prevent or cure any default in the repayment of the Bonds resulting from an insufficiency of revenues derived from the operation of the City's public water system. Although it is not anticipated that the City will ever be required to advance funds, the City would, in the event of an advance, be entitled to be repaid from the next water system revenues available after correction of any deficiency or default.

In addition or in the alternative, the City may pledge as additional security, for any Bonds issued to the Michigan Finance Authority, a portion of the State Revenue Sharing payments the City periodically receives from the State of Michigan.

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of the Revenue Bond Act, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended. If within forty-five (45) days from the publication of this NOTICE OF INTENT to issue Bonds a PETITION signed by not less than TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS residing within the limits of the City of Ovid shall have been filed with the City Clerk requesting a REFERENDUM on the question of the

issuance of the Bonds, then the same shall not be issued until approved by the vote of the majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election. The current number of registered electors in the City is 1.074.

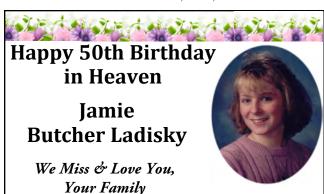
<u>Further information</u> regarding the Project and the Bonds described herein is available at the office of the Mayor of the City of Ovid, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866 (phone 989-834-5550).

Dated: May 22, 2023

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk, City of Ovid

Mega Sports Camp at Heartland Church

Heartland Church is sponsoring a 5-Day Mega Sports Camp VBS, June 5th-June 9th. There will be three sports categories, basketball, soccer and volleyball. This will be a full week of fun including sports, music, snacks, "huddle" time, giveaways and more. All are welcome. Pre-register your kids today https://heartlandovid.churchcenter.com/people/forms/533927, Heartland Church is located at 8440 W.-M21, Ovid, Mi 48866



Laingsburg Farmers Market

The Laingsburg Farmers Market is year round on Thursday 5-8pm at the First Congregational Church in Laingsburg. The Sunday Market is

The Sunday Market is June - October from 10am-2pm on Roosevelt Row.





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Rev. Joyce Wallace Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Duplain Church of Christ

5565 E. Colony Rd. (3 mi. W. of O-E H.S.) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00am

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group Senior Minister: Andrew Goodrich Associate Minister: Matthew Barnum Children's Minister: Jessica Prieto www.duplainchurch.org

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043 S. US-27, St. John

Southpoint Mall

Sundays - 11:00 a.m.

Pastors Ric & Renee Shaull MountHopeStJohns.com

Bannister United Methodist Church

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

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Corner of Price & Chandler, St. Johns Pastor: John Jakus Sunday School: 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am 517-651-6210

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: JD Paik

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Obituaries

Audrey Bancroft

Audrey Bancroft, longtime Ovid resident and business owner, Audrey Beth Bancroft, passed away on May 22, 2023, at The Laurels of Fulton. She was 99 years of age.

Audrey was born in Elsie, Michigan, on January 15, 1924, the daughter of Walter and Aleen (Updegraff) Clock. She spent most of her life in Elsie and Ovid, graduating from Ovid High School with the class of 1942.

Audrey worked at Jenks Drug Store's soda fountain all through high school. She was involved in high school activities; basketball, softball, band and cheerleading. After graduation Audrey worked in Walhalla for the summer, and later at Redmond's, in Owosso. She attended Lansing Business University (LBU). After completing her business education, she went to work, as a secretary, at Rotary Tool Company in Ovid.

On January 20, 1945, she married Dale M. Bancroft in New Brunswick, Georgia, as Dale was in the United States Navy during World War II. Three sons were born to them; Dennis Lee (stillborn), Gale Russell, and Gregory Lee.

Audrey was a member of The United Church of Ovid, and Women's Fellowship. She held office as Ovid Village Treasurer for 1 1/2 terms. She was treasurer for the Ovid Business Association and secretary for Maple Grove Cemetery for many years. Audrey was a mainstay on the Ovid High School alumni banquet planning committee, record keeping and helping out wherever she could.

In October, 1964, she and Dale purchased Clock's Clothing Store, in Ovid, from her father. They renamed it Bancroft's Clothing. She ran the store for twenty-three years. Dale passed away on May 20, 1978.

Audrey loved to travel and vacationed in several states with family over the years. After retirement she wintered in Arcadia, Florida. She came back to Michigan, for good, in the late 90's. In her later years, Audrey worked at the Elsie Food Bank and the Elsie Historical Society as treasurer. She was secretary for the Ovid Historical Society. She enjoyed dancing, Big Band music, playing cards, casino trips and get-togethers with family and friends. She was deeply honored with the title Grand Marshal of the Ovid Carriage Days Festival Parade in 2004.

Surviving are her sons, Gale (Mary) Bancroft and Greg Bancroft. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Karen (Peter) Zedemont, Linda (Nick) Burleigh, Michael (Genevieve) Bancroft, and Stephanie Nethaway. She also leaves several great grandchildren, Rebecca Price, Alexander Enos, Jarred Highley, Taylor, Tara and Jacub Klockziem, Matthew (Paige) Zedemont, Steven Zedemont, Katelyn Nethaway, Evan Nethaway and Elliot Bancroft. There are also several great-great grandchildren, Keaton, Abel, Addison, Shaylynn and Arabella. Also surviving are her brother-in-law, Norman (Elaine) Bancroft, sisters-in-law, Gayla Clock, Joyce Swanson, Carol Baese, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by son, Dennis, husband, Dale, parents, Aleen and Walter Clock, mother and father-in-law, Iva and Walter Bancroft, brothers, Charles and James Clock, and sister, Helen Morrill, brothers-in-law, Doyle Bancroft, Lyle Plowman and Merle Baese, sisters-in-law, Hilda Bancroft, June Clock, as well as nephews, Christopher Bancroft and Danny Clock, and nieces, Linda Clock, Dena Morehouse, and Beverly Plowman.

A Funeral Service was held at the funeral home on Saturday, May 27, at 11AM. Burial followed in Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the United Church of Ovid, the Elsie or Ovid Historical Societies, or a memorial of the donor's choice in her name.

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

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 missed.

She was preceded in death by Ron, her beloved husband of fifty years, in 2019. She is survived by her son Michael (Christy) Paksi of Weston, Missouri; siblings, Monta Kay (Dan) Hayes and Jim (Kelly) Fultz; sisters-in-law, Judy (Dan) Cerveny, Jane (Terry) Cressman, Donna Paksi; special niece, Amanda (James) Maurer and their daughters, Abby and Kate, dear friends, Sandy and Dave Hedges, Terry Gulick, and numerous other nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.



A Funeral Service was held at the funeral home on Friday, May 26, 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 .

Obituaries

William Wayne "Bill" Bashore

William Wayne "Bill" Bashore, 82, of St. Johns passed away peacefully on May 20, 2023 at Hazel Findlay Country Manor and is now reunited with his beloved son, Scott.

Bill was born in St. Johns, Michigan on May 11, 1941 to Lorene (Whitaker) and Galen Bashore. He attended school in Ovid and Elsie, and at the age of seventeen he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served, earning his G.E.D. Upon leaving the Navy, he worked for Michigan Milk and independently drove milk trucks. He also worked for Federal-Mogul for thirty-six years as a

He married Barbara Hetrick on July 15, 1983 in Bannister, Michigan. Their combined family of five children accompanied Barb and Bill on their honeymoon to Houghton Lake.

Bill enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, watching wildlife and golfing. He was also a talented woodworker. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bill had a unique sense of humor and enjoyed people, friends and strangers alike. In later years he was happy sitting in the garage, feeding the birds and

squirrels, and visiting with neighbors and passersby. Bill and Barb enjoyed spending ten winters in Arizona, where they were able to enjoy dancing and attending concerts. He attended the St. Johns Lutheran Church.

In addition to his son, Scott, he was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Terry Bashore, sisters, Sandy Kelley and Bonnie Sperling and several brothers-in-law.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Barbara, daughter, Tammy (Brian) Forman, son, Todd (Michelle) Bashore, step-sons, Matthew (Rebekah) Hetrick and Sean (Denise) Hetrick, grandchildren, Brandon Forman, Haley and Mikayla Bashore, Gabe and Lexi Hetrick, Henry and Grace Hetrick. He is also survived by four sisters, Gayla Clock, Debbie Reed, Penny (Dale) Kelley and Pam (Robert) Davis, brothers and sisters-in-law, Marge (Bill) Eiseler, Arnold (Sharon) Thornton, Janet Taylor, Connie Bashore, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Tuesday, May 30, from 2-8PM. A Memorial Service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 31, at 11AM with Pastor Jim Pearl officiating. Interment of ashes and full military honors will follow at Duplain Cemetery, Colony Road, St. Johns. Following graveside services a luncheon will be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church.

The family would like to thank the staff at Hazel Findlay for their loving care to Bill during the past months, as well as the staff at Sparrow Clinton and Sparrow Main. Memorials may be made in Bill's name to the Alzheimer's Association, Hazel Findlay, or to St. Johns Lutheran Church.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.

William E. "Bill" Skriba

William E. "Bill" Skriba, age 85, of Ashley, MI, passed away Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital, Lansing, MI.

William was born in Sickles, MI on April 8, 1938, the son of Rudolph and Ruby (Morse) Skriba. He graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1957. William married Rita Mary Schueller on September 9, 1961 at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI. They were blessed with forty-three years of marriage; prior to her passing on August

Bill retired from General Motors after 30 years of service. He was also a farmer & beekeeper. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, and feeding fish at his pond, playing cards and woodworking. He loved doting and picking on his grandchildren and great grandchildren and feeding his grand dogs toast. He proudly served his country in the United States Army for two years. He was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister, Ashley Lion's Club, and the Ashley Sportsman's



He is survived by his daughter Cindy Custer and Steve Stauffer, son William J. and Belinda Skriba, granddaughter Danielle and Michael Engelhardt and their children: Hailey and Emma, granddaughter Heather and Nick Cochran and their children: Tinsley, Kilynn, and Baylen, grandson Eric and Amanda Skriba and their children: Olivia and Noah, granddaughter Kelsey and OJ Tomasek and their children: Owen and Sophia, grandson Dylan and Em Custer and their son Gordie, grandson Jeremy and Cassidy Skriba and their children: Stetson and Jameson and grandson Christopher Stauffer. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Virginia Skriba and brother-in-law Douglas Foote. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Rita, siblings: Michael Skriba, James Skriba, and Janet Foote.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, with Rev. Fr. Raj Bandaru presiding. Burial will take place at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, from 6-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ashley Lions Club, 301 North Sterling Street Ashley, MI 48806, Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

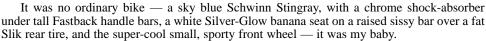
Editorial

"Schwinner and Losers'

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his soul (Mark 8:36)?"

It was 1970-something. When I stepped out of the Ben Franklin Variety Store, my bike

was gone! Where I had parked it was now a gaping, empty nothing. My Detroit school bus could have fit sideways in my mouth at that moment. My treasure had vanished!



This was my rude awakening to the world of thieves that I lived in. Bad people existed in the shadows that meant me harm. I was sick at heart. I had been violated. I stood there staring at nothing for a long time. It was a turning point for me, and a very long, sad walk home. My prized possession was gone forever, along with my kid-dom innocence.

My own kids joke now that eventually any conversation with me will end up mentioning my adult treasures—the Civil War or Bob Dylan. I happily confess it's true. I love them, but my first love takes precedence, Jesus. Dwight Moody sums all of this up in two lines:

"It does not take long to tell where a man's treasure is. In fifteen minutes' conversation with most men, you can tell whether their treasures are on earth or in Heaven."

People freely talk about their loves, what they treasure, and it's almost immediate. In minutes, we all divulge what's in our heart, but my point concerns protecting that treasure because sooner or later, someone will take it away from you...riches, possessions, family, even your life. The secret to keeping your treasure safe requires valuing the right things.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

Don't be shortsighted and think that this earth is heart-worthy. It's not. Security here is a fallacy. This can all be taken away. Only eternal things are worth your heart's tug. Which begs the question...what then is eternal treasure? I'm no theologian, but God's Word claims to be eternal (Isaiah 40:8) and it says a soul is forever too (Matthew 25:48).

But we have a problem — our hearts are sick (Jeremiah 17:9), infected with a fatal cancer (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1), and only a perfect blood "transfusion" is the antidote (Hebrews 10:14). We think doing good things negates our failures, but it doesn't (Titus 3:5). Only Jesus can regenerate dead heart tissue (Ephesians 1:13-14). You may not love Bob Dylan or the Civil War, but without Jesus (inside your body) whatever you love goes away in the end and leaves a gaping, empty nothing... just like my Schwinn Stingray.

Thank You Volunteers

The Fairfield Township Board would like to thank all who participated/volunteered the Annual Roadside Cleanup. Each of the last 6 years volunteers have been able to fill a dumpster with trash retrieved from the ditches within the township. We would also like to thank the Shiawassee County Road Commission for vests, Elsie Fire and Rescue for volunteering each year, Township officials for donat-



dumpster each year.



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Deadline is Friday, June 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

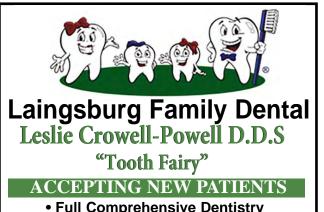


Faith Focus

by Phil Hopersberger Graham Community Church



The Laingsburg Springtime Festival continues thru Monday, May 29th. Arnold Amusement will offer a \$20 bracelet ride special from 1pm-6pm. The raffle drawing will be held at 3pm outside Leonard Hardware. Stop by the mid-way for your favorite fair food.



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Elsie Masonic Lodge to Celebrate 150 Years of Masonry

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Masonic Lodge will celebrate 150 years with a rededication slated for Saturday, June 3, 2 pm luncheon followed by a 3:30 pm program. The Elsie Masonic Lodge is located at 101 ½ W. Main Street, Elsie. The community is encouraged to attend the event, reservations are requested: elsielodge238@yahoo.com.

The Elsie Masons have been an active organization in the community for over 150 years maintaining buildings in the downtown area, awarding scholarships for post-secondary education, supporting local nonprofits like the Elsie Baby Pantry and Food Pantry and striving to be stellar role models in the

Additional upcoming events include the monthly free pancake breakfast held the last Saturday of each month at the Masonic Community Center, all donations are given to the Elsie Baby Pantry. The next breakfast is slated for Saturday, May 27, 9 am to noon. Breakfasts are also scheduled for June 24, July 29, and August 26, 2023.

The Elsie Masonic Lodge in collaboration with the Art Council of Greater Lansing will hold a community painting opportunity Saturday, June 10, 11 am-3 pm. A mural will be painted on the west side of the Masonic Community Center and the community is asked to be part of the project by painting parts of the mural.



Reflection -

by LeeAnna Woods Licensed Therapist, Reiki Master and Owner of Healing Feather Wellness www.HealibgFeatherWellness.com (810) 339-0260

Reflection is something we should all do often, both the positive and negative things and not only on the holidays.

Life is a journey of learning, through trial and error. Each of our paths are unique in design, as each of us are different individuals. Life paths are bumpy and full of curves with obstacles for a reason

They teach us to live in the moment of now, while moving forward in our life towards the future. We're supposed to continue going onward and growing to our fullest potential.

Reflections may have darkened spots, but the light always comes to brighten the path.

Building up negativity from the past only leads to poor decisions that can create issues with your mental, emotional, and physical health. These issues will eventually seep out into your life causing problems within relationships, work and daily life. Taking the time for reflection helps to release these negative things that hinder your health.

Simply set aside time to sit and reflect on the decisions, choices, and feelings which led to actions that may not have been intended or desired. Reflect on the regrets, mistakes and things wished that were done. By taking the time to think about all of those things and perhaps even writing some down, can help the person to learn from all of it and even learn about themselves too.

Reflection is definitely a great tool to help self-awareness and understanding, along with helping to keep stress away, and improve health in different ways.

Without reflection, there'd be no learning experience on lowering tension or stress in the body which can cause anxiety or depression along with other health issues for the person.

Take the time you deserve to reflect on the things in your life and may each day bring a joyful reflection of where you were and how far you've come.

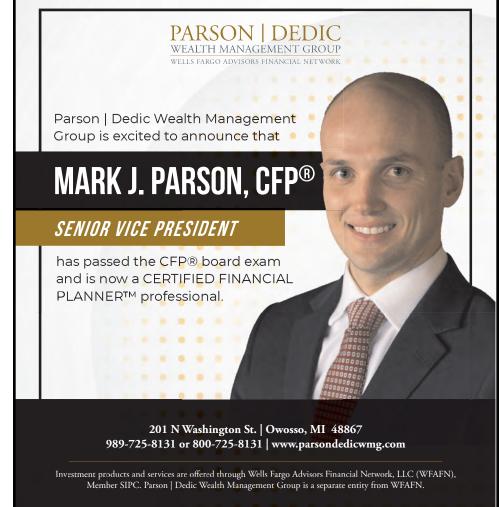
Continue to live by the grandfather's teachings for a healthy and good life.

Stay humble so ego cannot hold you down. Understand that truth will never push you backwards. Show your courage by making positive choices, and be thankful for what Mother Earth provides for you.

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Sports

(l-r): Clay Wittenberg, Tryce Tokar, Beau Price and Alexis Spitzley. Photo by Heidi Loynes

New Marauder Record for Tokar, 6 Others Headed to States

CHESANING -- Track and field athletes from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg turned in top efforts of the year while qualifying for the Division 3 MHSAA State Finals here May 20.

The first two finishers in each event automatically earned berths to the upcoming state finals while athletes who equaled or bettered state qualifying standards, regardless of place, also qualified for the state finals.

In the girls competition, Olivet was the team champion with 149 points. Chesaning was tied for seventh with 33 points while Perry was ninth (25), Ovid-Elsie 11th (20.5) and Laingsburg 13th (12.5).

Alexis Spitzley of Ovid-Elsie was a state qualifier in the 800 run by placing fourth in 2:22.63.

Madison Phillips of Laingsburg delivered a statequalifying height of 8-9 in the pole vault while placing fifth. The big news for Ovid-Elsie, for the second straight week, was delivered in a new school record. Spitzley broke the girls 800 m a week previ-

But this time it was pole vault champion Tryce Tokar, who won with a Marauder record leap of 14 feet, 8.25 inches.

Tokar eclipsed the Ovid-Elsie record of 14'6" held by Joey Latz, and battled Laingsburg standout Jack Borgman all day for top pole vault honors. Tokar, the defending state champion in the event, had

Tryce Tokar broke the OE School record with a 14' 8.25" pole vault.

to get past the second-place challenge of Borgman, also one of the best pole vaulters in the state. Borgman also qualified for states with a second-place regional finish of 14'0.' Kyle Boetcher of Laingsburg also qualified for the state meet by clearing 12 feet even and

placing third.

Beau Price of Ovid-Elsie (52.29, fifth) qualified for the states in the 400 dash. Clay Wittenberg of Ovid-Elsie (6 1/2, third) qualified for states in the high jump.

In the boys' team scoring, Regional champion Pewamo-Westphalia tallied 124.5. Ovid-Elsie finished sixth in the team standings with 42 points. Laingsburg was ninth (25.5), and Perry placed 12th (15) in the 15-school field.

Other medal winners for the Marauder boys were:

SP - Kevin Ley 4th 45'5.5"; HJ - Ryan Gavenda 5th 5'8"; LJ - Price 5th 19'9"; 4 x 800 Relay - Clay Powell/Nick Long/Jamison Custer/Tokar 6th 8:46.01; 4 x 200 Relay - Tokar/Bruce Thornton/Jamisin Custer/Price 5th 1:35.51; 4 x 400 Relay - Tokar/Nick Long/Jamison Custer/Price 7th 3:41.67



Photo by Deb Price

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Laingsburg Makes Short Work of Rudyard

LAINGSBURG -- The well-traveled Rudyard softball team -- yes, that Rudyard from Michigan's Upper Peninsula -- made a non-league stop in Laingsburg on May 20.

The Bulldogs scored 2 runs.

The host Wolfpack ran their record to 25-2 with a 12-2 romp over the Dogs. Jeff Cheadle's Wolves plated 9 runs in the opening frame to take control quickly. The contest was over after five innings.

In a tuneup for the Wolfpack's Greater Lansing Hall of Fame Classic game on May 22, Elllie Baynes, Ashley Bila and Bella Latuszek each laced triples in support of winning pitcher Addysin Buchin. Bila went 3-for-4 with three RBI; Savvy Stirm, Haley Konieczny, and Harper Strouse all added Laingsburg hits and big RBI for the victors.

Buchin fired a one-hitter at the Bulldogs, striking out 7 and walking two.

Wolfpack Busts Open Tight Game in Hall of Fame Softball Classic;

LANSING -- Laingsburg's varsity softball busted open a tight 0-0 contest in the third inning enroute to a 15-0 waxing of the Fowlerville Gladiators at

Ranney Park. In the opening game of the by-invitation-only Softball Classic, the Wolfpack kept the pressure until the Glads finally snapped. Bella Latuszek slashed a two-RBI double in the

third inning to open the scoring, and the running Wolves forced the Glads into several errors in a third inning that ended with a 6-0 lead.

Laingsburg (26-1) then added 9 runs in the next frame to mercy the Gladiators.

Every LHS starter had a hit: Ashley Bila (2 hits, 3 runs scored, one RBI), Latuszak (2 hits, 2 RBI), Addy Buchin (2 hits, 4 RBI), Savvy Stirm (2 hits, 2 runs scored), Haley Konieczny (one hit, one RBI), Ellie Baynes (one hit, 2 RBI, 2 runs), Harper Strouse (one hit, 2 RBI, run scored), Alaina Asher (2 hits, one run) and Ella Merrell (a long double, one run scored). Hayley Cronk came on to add the 15th Wolfpack hit by going 1-for-1.

Buchin fired a two-hitter with 5 Ks. She didn't allow a walk to the Glads, the champions of the Capital Area Red Conference, who fell to 14-9 with the loss.

CMAC Season With Split at St. Pats

PORTLAND — Laingsburg put the finishing touches on its 2023 CMAC softball title with a split at Portland St. Patrick, in a tuneup for MHSAA District play.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack (29-3) won the first game, 14-3, while the Shamrocks won the nightcap, 10-7 -- handing the Wolves their first league loss of the season.

Laingsburg outhit St. Patrick 18-7 in the first game and the Shamrocks were guilty of six

Haley Konieczny of Laingsburg laced four hits in the first game with a double and three RBI. Ashley Bila and Savanna Stirm each lined three hits and drove in two runs. Addyson Buchin homered and drove in three runs while joining Bella Latuszek and Makenna Johnston with two

Harper Strouse pitched four innings for the win. She gave up three runs and six hits with

two strikeouts and three walks. Buchin pitched two innings and allowed no runs and one hit. She struck out one.

St. Pats outhit Laingsburg 10-9 in the nightcap.

Latuszek and Konieczny each rapped two hits with Latuszek driving in two runs.

Latuszek pitched 5 2/3 innings and was charged with 11 runs and 10 hits. She struck out two. Willow Patterson pitched 1 1/3 innings and struck out one.



Ella Merrell (3) scored

Laingsburg's first run and Ashley

Bila scores the second as the

Lady Wolfpack erupted for six

tallies in the third inning of the

May 22 Hall of Fame Softball

Classic. Photo by Burg Sports





Sports |

First Time Since 1999: Ovid-Elsie Girls Bring Home Regional Tennis Title

GRAND BLANC -- For the first time since 1999 the Ovid-Elsie tennis girls are MHSAA Regional champions.

The Lady Marauders scored 22 points and edged out Lansing Catholic by one point on Saturday, May 20 here. Durand finished third with 18 points followed by Lake Odessa Lakewood (14), Corunna (6), Ithaca (4), Chesaning (1) and Lansing Christian, Flint Hamady and Mt Morris (0).

Coach Marie Spiess said, "We knew we had enough points to qualify for the state meet early in the day, but placing 1st at regionals was a tight competition between us and a strong Lansing Catholic team. At the end of the tournament we had 3 teams left playing. We needed to win 2 of the 3 for the win and the girls dug deep and got it done. It was truly a team effort; every single girl on the team earned points toward this win. To say we're proud of this team is an understatement."

The Marauders had three regional champions on the day. Brooklyn Belill placed first at 2nd singles, besting Durand's Wyn Carpenter 6-1, 6-2 in the finals. Christina Rademacher-Vine captured the regional crown again this year and remains undefeated at 3rd singles. She took down Lansing Catholic's Abby Frank 6-3, 6-4. The second doubles team of Hannah Moore and Ellyanna Carman looked strong all day finishing with a tough 7-5, 7-5 win over Lansing Catholic's to secure 1st place.

Ovid-Elsie also had two regional runner-ups. The 1st doubles team of Claire Thornton and Jollee Swender played strong as they beat a tough Durand team to make it to the finals. They lost to Lansing Catholic 4-6, 2-6. The 3rd doubles team of Kaia Spiess and Jenna Tomasek were solid as they took down a strong Durand team to secure their place in the regional finals as well. They fell to Lansing Catholic 2-6, 6-7 (4-7).

Also scoring critical points for the Marauders to secure the regional championship were Rylee Lewis at 1st singles, Itziar Bustamante at 4th singles and the 4th doubles team of Willow Evans and Ava Anderson.

The Marauder girls will travel to Kalamazoo for the MHSAA State Finals on June 2-3.

CITY OF OVID RESIDENT NOTICE

" The water quality report for 2022 is available at www.ovidmi.org"

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk City of Ovid



Marauder Host 2023 MMAC Golf Championships; Durand Takes Crown

ST. JOHNS — Ovid-Elsie hosted the 2023 MMAC golf championships at The Emerald -- but it was the Durand Railroaders taking home the team title.

O-E's Clay Wittenberg and Dominic Kline helped anchor the league's First Team, among four players tied for second at 94 including Byron's Braylen Brown and New Lothrop's Cole Noonan. Kevin Heslip of New Lothrop shot a 95, while Durand's Brayden Kelley and New Lothrop's Grayson Orr shot 97s.

Connor Orvis of Durand was the Medalist for the post-season tourney.

The Railroaders, winning their third MMAC title in four years, shot 388 as a team over 18 holes, with New Lothrop finishing second (390) and Byron third (395). Chesaning (400), Ovid-Elsie (405), Montrose (422), Mt. Morris (533) and LakeVille (no score) were next.

The MMAC first team featured Wittenberg, Brown, Kline, Gray, Noonan and Pancheck.

The league's second team included Heslip, Orr, Hovis, Chesaning's Quinton Everett, Lange and Blake Hoerner and Durand's Kyle Stroub.

Up and Down Week for the Bears

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley baseball first took on Carson City in a double header, Carson City took both games from the Bears winning game one 13-3 and game two 6-1. Carson Litwiller towed the mound in game one for the Bears pitching





Carson Litwiller Logan Drummond

4.23 innings, striking out 6 and giving up 7 hits. Litwiller and Gibby Jason had the lone RBIs for Ashley. In game two Robert Kral took the loss pitching 4.67 innings, striking out 7, walking 6 and giving up 5 hits. Logan Drummond had two hits, a double and a single.

Although, the Bears loss to Carson City they took two games from Montabella, winning 6-1 and 5-2. Litwiller earned the win in game one pitching 6 innings, striking out 8 and only walking 2. Litwiller, Drummond and Chase Kral each has singles. R. Kral got the win for game two striking out 2, walking 5 and giving up 3 hits. The team had 7 hits on the night and Drummond, C. Kral and David Johnson had RBIs.

Coming off the wins from Montabella Ashley kept their momentum going and beat Vestaburg in both games, winning 8-2 and 9-6. Litwiller once again earned the win in game 1 striking out a whomping 14 batters. R. Kral had two hits, followed by Litwiller, Drummond and Jason. Logan Drummond pitched in game two where there was a no decision. Drummond had 9 strikeouts and 6 walks. Clayton Juhas had a big night with 3 hits, while Litwiller had a 2 hit night and Gavin Malek, Drummond and Michael Kiefer each had a hit.

Wolves Trip to Diamond Classic is a Brief One

LANSING -- St. Johns scored late, and though Laingsburg stayed in it until the end, but the Redwings pulled away late in a 9-6 victory in the opening round of the Lansing Diamond Classic.

The game was tied at six with the Wings batting in the top of the sixth, when an error scored one run for St. Johns.

Despite the loss, coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack -- in their first Diamond Classic since 2008 -- did collect three hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, St. Johns had nine hits on the way to victory.

The Wings opened up scoring in the first inning on a sacrifice bunt.

Laingsburg ralllied for four runs in the third inning. The offensive onslaught by Laingsburg Wolfpack Varsity was led by Ty Randall and Hayden Johnston, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

St. Johns' starting pitching surrendered five runs on two hits over four innings, striking out five. Ty Randall was on the pitcher's mound for Laingsburg. The righthander went three innings, allowing three runs on four hits, striking out one and walking zero. Dom Garcia and Nick Regan entered the game in relief, throwing three innings and one frame, respectively.

Randall went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead LHS.

Wolfpack Track Athletes Look to PRs at P-W Last Chance Meet

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA — One of the unique meets of the prep track season is the annual Last Chance showing at Pewamo-Westphalia -- where mid-Michigan thinclads that haven't already logged a qualifying effort for the MHSAA post-season get a "final chance."

It's also a perfect opportunity for blossoming tracksters to set personal records (PRs) for their high school season.

Brian Borgman's Laingsburg Wolfpack competed with the following results:

Garrett Matthews finished 13th in the 400 m run (:59.75) and 17th in the discus (96'2").

Troy Matthews was 12th in the discus (102'3").

James Pratt logged 28th in the discus (75'11").

Dylan Witgen vaulted 10'6" in the PV.

Keaton Dietz competed in the 300 m hurdles (SCR). On the girls side, Samantha Lapinski (:20.21) and Olivia

Rodriguez (:31.66) ran for LHS in the 100 m hurdles. Too, Rodriguez was 7th in the PV with a 7'0" vault.

Lapinski was also 6th in the 300 m hurdles in :58.69.

Hailey Mahoney turned in a 66'8" toss in the discus, and 10th in the long jump (12'7 1/2").

-NOTICE-

OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Ovid Township Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7 p.m., will be held at 4 p.m. on that day, June 8, at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI.

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Sports

Lady Marauders Close Out Softball Regular Season with Senior Night

OVID-ELSIE -- It was a beautiful night for softball -- and for celebrating the Class of 2023 softball seniors at Ovid-Elsie.

Coach Felicia Gingrich's Marauders started the night out with senior Olivia Burt throwing a shutout. The pitcher lasted 5 innings, allowing five hits and zero runs while striking out six. The Marauders tallied 12 hits, scoring 10 runs, with senior Gracie Schultz leading the way, going 3-for-3 at the plate, and senior Ashland Particka wrapping up the game with two RBI in a 10-0 win.

In game 2, Cuthbert was busy at the plate. The junior had singles in the first, third, fourth, and sixth innings. Mt. Morris scored four runs in the second inning, but the varsity Marauders still managed to pull out the victory.

O-E took the lead for good with three runs in the fourth inning. Cuthbert singled on a 2-0 count scoring one run, Miller singled on a 1-1 count scoring one, and Schultz singled on the first pitch of the at-bat scoring one.

The Marauders scored four runs in the third inning; Schultz, Fry, and Coon each drove in runs during the inning. Schultz got the win for O-E, going one and one third innings, allowing five runs on five hits and striking out one. Kaitlyn Fry threw five and two thirds Innings in relief out of the bullpen. The righthander allowed three hits and one earned run, striking out 12 and closing the 10-6 victory.

The Lady Marauders finished the season at 7-3 in the conference, and were looking to start strong Saturday, June 3 for the first round of MHSAA District action.

Wolfpack Soccer Girls Move to 11-3-3 with 2-2 Deadlock

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg's varsity girls soccer team has forged an outstanding 11-3-3 overall record, after a 2-2 tie with Leslie at the LHS Athletic Complex here May 18.

For the Lady Wolves, Madi Phillips scored off a through from Addison Elkins to make it 1-0 against the Blackhawks.

"Then Leslie had two unanswered goals from our mistakes," said LHS coach Natalie Elkins.

Wolfpack standout Desire Knoblauch assisted Philips in the second half for the tie.

Knoblauch moves closer to goals record in girls soccer loss, 4-1

Swartz Creek — Desire Knoblauch continued her assault on the LHS girls soccer record book in a 4-1 loss here May 26. Ivy Collier assisted with an on-the-ground through ball to Knoblauch on the right side for a goal in upper left side net for the Wolfpack score. That gave her 36 goals on the 2023 season three short of the Wolfpack record of 39 in a season.

"It was the first game for us on turf," said coach Natalie Elkins. "And Swartz Creek is D-1."

It was a good non-league tuneup for the Lady Wolves as they entered MHSAA District action this week

Knoblauch shatters scoring mark; MHSAA Soccer District opens with 8-0 win for Lady Wolfpack

LAINGSBURG — A 40th goal, and a first goal, highlighted Laingsburg girls soccer action opposite Perry at the LHS Athletic Complex.

Desire Knoblauch shattered the school goals scoring record - and Kadince Seuren scored the first goal of her senior season as Laingsburg bombarded the Ramblers with 7 goals scored unanswered — in the first half — for an 8-0 mercy win in the opening game of the MHSAA girls soccer District.

Addison Elkins threaded a pass through to Knoblauch in the second half for her 40th score to break the record

Other Wolfpack goals came from Knoblauch assisted Callie Clark with a cross from the right; Knoblauch dribbling in from the right, and again on a breakaway; Ivy Collier on a through to Elkins for a tink to the left corner; Elkins cross to Samantha Knoblauch; Knoblauch again on a PK; and by Seuren in a scrum for her first goal of the season.

Marauder Boys Continue as MMAC Powerhouse in Boys Track at League Meet

OVID-ELSIE — Tryce Tokar vaulted to a MMAC individual championship as Ovid-Elsie continued its run among the top conference teams in boys track and field.

"We have not finished below 2nd in many years now," said veteran coach Doug Long. "And big congrats to the girls team for their first ever league championship.

Chesaning scored 217 team points to win the league meet, followed by Ovid-Elsie with 116, New Lothrop 75, Montrose 67, Mount Morris 57, Durand 56, Otisville LakeVille 48 and Byron 11.

"This was an incredible meet. So very proud of the kids," Long said, after O-E hosted the MMAC title meet at Mark O'Donnell Field

Tokar went 14'0" in the pole vault as he continues to excel in the event.

Other top places for the Marauders were:

Runners- up:; 4 x 800 Relay - Tokar/Long/Clay PowellJamison Custer 9:00.44; 4 x 400 Relay -Tokar/Long/Jamison Custer/Beau Price 3:37.21; 400 - Price

Long 2:14.50; 1600 - Powell 4:58.85; 3200 - Powell 11:05.75; 4 x 100 Relay - Ley/Cohen Brown/Thornton/Brock Spitzley 47.65; HJ - Wittenberg 6'0"

St. Pats Pitching Leads Rare Sweep of Wolfpack Sackers

PORTLAND — Both teams were strong on the pitcher's mound, but host Portland St. Patrick was just a little bit stronger at the plate in a 3-0 victory over Laingsburg here May 25.

The Shamrocks' 3-0 win was mirrored in the nightcap, as the Wolfpack suffered its first doubleheader sweep in a 24-7 (thus far) start to the 2023 season.

Ty Randall started the first game for the Wolves and recorded 18 outs. The righty went six innings, allowing three runs on six hits, striking out ten and walking zero.

Mo Garcia got the LHS offense started in the first inning with a single. Garcia nd Tommy Gousetis each collected one hit

In the nightcap, Laingsburg was shut out again, despite outhitting St. Patrick five to two. A single by Elliott in the third inning started things off for the Wolfpack.

Dom Garcia was on the pitcher's mound for the Wolves, the southpaw lasting six innings, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out ten. Nick Regan threw five innings in relief.

Wilsey went 3-for-5 at the plate in an outstanding plate



Winning foursome Keith Kleimola, Heather Mueller, Marc Mowry and Grant Solik completed a fine round at 12-under in the 18-hole, 2nd annual Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award

Laingsburg Legacy Alumni Award Hosts Large Group for 2023 Outing

LAINGSBURG -- Some 50 golfers braved chilly tempera-Honorable Mention (3rd Place): 400 - Tokar 54.04; 800 - tures and windy conditions to christen the 2nd annual Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) golf outing at Pine Hills Golf Course.

> The event is a major fundaiser for the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award scholarship fund, and was sponsored this year by the Wolfpack Sports Boosters, Ginny and Lynn Cortright, the Meridian Weekly, Spirit Expressions Studio of Dance and the Laingsburg Lions Club. They were all thanked for their gener-

> An alumni committee of Laingsburg High School grads have created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund to help LHS graduates attend schools of higher learning. Alumni are being asked to help support a future LHS graduate attend his or her choice of schools to advance their knowledge and carry the Laingsburg Legacy to new heights. Fundraising efforts have gone so well, in just three short years, that the first scholarship awards were presented to LHS seniors Caleb Boettcher and Chloe Stork, in the amount of \$2,500 each, during Honors Night on May 16.

> This year, the winning foursome of Marc Mowry, Heather Mueller, Keith Kleimola and Grant Solik took over the crown from 2022 champs John Saller, Jr., Matt Carr, Heath Muzzall and Randy Gregg.

> Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, can contact Jim Dunn, Class of 1962, at 16677 Peacock Lane, Haslett, MI 48840 or email Tom Turek, Class of 1975, at tomturek20032003@vahoo.com.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kelly C. McCarron, a married man and Lisa M. McCarron, his wife Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Company
Foreclosing Assignee (if any):
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: May 27, 2009
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 3,

2009 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$102,872.09

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: BEGIN-NING AT THE NORTH 1/4 COR-NER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 5 NER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLIN-TON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 440.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF

SECTION 495.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 440 00 FEET TO SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH 495.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF

Common street address (if any): 6565 W Herbison Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure

sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this

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1499238 (05-21)(06-11)

Advertisement

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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-

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): John L Wright Jr. and Tracy Wright, Husband and Wife
Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan
Chase Bank, National Association Foreclosing Assignee (if any):

Date of Mortgage: August 12, 2005 Date of Mortgage Recording: August 19, 2005 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$19,237.49 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Olive, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Being A Part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 6 North, Range 2 West, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan and Further Described as: Beginning 825 feet North of the Southwest Corner of Said Section 9: Running Thence North 550 feet; Thence East 485 feet; Thence South 550 feet; Thence West 485 feet to the Place of Beginning Except: Beginning on the West North- South Section Line North 00 Degrees 39 Degrees East 1375.00 Feet of the Southwest Corner of Said Section 9: Thence North 89 degrees 47 degrees East 485.0: Thence South 00 Degrees 39 Degrees West 150 feet; Thence South 89 Degrees 47 Degrees West 485.0 Feet; Thence North 00

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TO ALL CREDITORS: *NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Shirley A. Warstler, who lived at 1507 Glastonbury Dr., St. Johns, MI 48879 died November 16, 2022. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Shirley A. Warstler Living Will, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the Trustee Susan Lounds within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 05/28/2023 Susan Lounds Trustee 807 E. Baldwin St. St. Johns, MI 48879 (989) 292-0693 Wieber Green, PC

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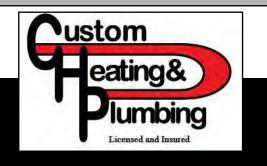
Margaret L. McDunnell Living Trust Date of Execution: January 19, 2017 TO ALL CREDITORS: *NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margaret L. McDunnell, died April 26, 2023.

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Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 635, Pages 917 through 950, inclusive and First Amendment to Condominium Bylaws recorded in Liber 951, Page 388, Clinton County Records; begin designated as Clinton County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 6, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master deed, as amended and puruant to Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Street Address: 13921 Mead Creek Road, Bath, Michigan 48808 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the proper-ty is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption peri-od. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COL-LECT A DEBT AND ANY INFOR-MATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELE-PHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: May 28, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5018

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Lady Marauders Face 'Knockou' Season After Downing Alma 5-0 OVID-ELSIE -- The girls soc-

OVID-ELSIE -- The girls soccer "knockout season" started May 24 as O-E squared off against Stockbridge in the opening round of MHSAA district play.

Prior to that, however, Ovid-Elsie faced a tough Alma keeper and came out on top with a 5-0 victory over the visiting Panthers here May 22. The Marauder attack was relentless, peppering the keeper with 26 shots compared to Alma's 2.

The Highlight of the night came from senior Hadley Bukantis, who fired a cracker from outside the 18--yard box, finding the upper right corner, "... A truly spectacular end to her high school

regular season career," said coach Jerome White.

Goals also came courtesy of Evalyn Cole (two scores, plus an assist), Hailee Palus, and Lily Bates. A well-rounded performance saw O-E end the regular season on a high, with a record of 12-2-3.



Hadley Bukantis scored from outside the 18 yard box to end her high school season with a goal

Marauder girls open MHSAA District play with 8-0 soccer win over Panthers

OVID-ELSIE -- Strong teamwork led to a decisive victory for Ovid-Elsie in the first round of MHSAA District play here May 24. An 8-0 win over Stockbridge displayed the Marauders' exceptional depth and synergy.

With contributions across the board, O-E saw excellent performances from Haylee Palus (2 goals, 1 assist), Hailee Campbell (1 goal, 2 assists), and Evalyn Cole (1 goal, 1 assist). Additional plaudits went out to McKenzie Keck, Dannika Campbell, Sophie Sweet, and Madison Thornton for their crucial

The victory improves the Marauders' season record to 13-2-3. The team will compete in the next round against the winner of the Eaton Rapids / Lansing Catholic Central match, scheduled for this Tuesday at Williamston.

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