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## Dennis & Carolyn Long Named 2023 Dairy Festival Parade Marshals

Both Dennis and Carolyn Long are lifeLONG residents and have contributed for a LONGtime to the Elsie Community. Dennis thru the Elsie Lions Club and Carolyn thru the Dairy Festival Committee.

Dennis grew up working on the family dairy farm, Long's Dairy, and graduated from O-E in 1971. Carolyn grew up on a small hobby farm ran by her father, Les Woodard, she was a 1972 O-E graduate. Both are familiar faces in the communities of both Elsie and Ovid.

Carolyn first joined the festival committee in 1987 when she assisted her friend, Jane Miller with the Festival Queen's Pageant. The following year she chaired the event and was involved with it in one capacity or another until the pageant's conclusion a few years ago. In 2003, she became Festival President and held that position for the next 15 plus years. There wasn't a May, June or July that their kids couldn't recall countless family events that weren't interrupted by some festival question or crisis.

Dennis helped his wife behind the scenes with the pageant until joining the Elsie Lions Club in 1992. At that time he was one of the younger guys in the club and began learning the ropes from the elders and took his turn with the grunt work. Today, he is considered one of the elders, but with less members in the ranks, he still finds himself doing the physical work along with the rest of the club.

Today, when the couple aren't working on the festival, they enjoy spending time chasing their grandkids from one sporting event to another. Carolyn is a realtor and the Fairfield Township Clerk and Dennis works for the US Postal Service as an Elsie rural route mail carrier and continues to farm. They have 2 adult daughters, a son-in-law and have been blessed with 3 grandsons and a granddaughter. They are fortunate in having family that live close by and are thankful for the many close friends who complete their lives.

Make sure you take the time to wave at them during the parade on Saturday, or stop and thank them when you see them at the festival for their LONGtime contributions to our communities.

*Complete Elsie Dairy Festival information on pages 7-11.*

## M-21 Four-Way Stop Project at Hollister Road Begins Monday

*submitted by Aaron Jenkins*

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is adding a four-way stop and installing pavement markings at the M-21/Hollister Road intersection in Clinton County, the closest city is Ovid.

The project will start at 6 a.m., Monday, July 10, 2023

**Completion date:** Monday, July 17, 2023

**Traffic restrictions:** This work will require daytime single-lane closures. Motorists should expect delays and are advised to seek alternate routes.

**Safety benefit:** These improvements will allow traffic to operate more smoothly and efficiently, increasing safety at the intersection, and with fresh pavement markings.



## Busy Agenda for the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, June 26, 2023. Officials addressed a very lengthy agenda with a focus on revising the 2022-2023 budget and adopting the proposed general operating budget for 2023-2024.

Under reports, the budgets were presented by representatives from the Clinton County RESA who will be overseeing the district's finances as of July 1, 2023, Ben Schuler, and Lori Schomisch. The public hearing was held regarding the Ovid-Elsie revised budget for the general fund, food service, and student activities. In addition, the Ovid-Elsie proposed 2023-24 budget for the general fund, food service, and student activities was presented, as well. Both presentations met the mandates required by law. The complete budget is available upon request at the Ovid-Elsie administrative office. Ovid-Elsie Area Schools maintains a 20.09% fund balance which keeps the district in a healthy financial position.

Schuler further report that with the current assumptions, General Fund revenues are projected at \$18,195,520 and expenses are projected at \$18,687,956. That equates to Ovid-Elsie using \$492,436 of its fund balance in 2023-2024. This budget reflects a decrease of 18 students. Cost cutting measures are reflected in the 2023-24 budget proposal. There are several key positions that will not be filled based on projections. There will be some savings expected by having CCRESA provide financial services. In addition, operations, transportation, technology, and athletic budget requests have been reduced. The district remains financially healthy. But this is a warning sign regarding future trends.

Mr. Dan Davenport reported that the Section 98b Goal Submission - greater legislation relating to COVID, law determined additional testing, it is a compliance issue with the State of Michigan. Districts receive \$12.50 per student for the tool that is utilized. Ovid-Elsie Area Schools is in compliance.

Officials took formal action to approve the revised 2022-2023 general operating budget and the revised food service budget.

The 2023-2024 Ovid-Elsie Area Schools proposed operational budget, was approved as presented. All agreed. As was the food service 2023-2024 budget. Josh Miller, trustee, noted that the budgets as presented were very conservative and will be better than projected.

In addition, Mary Thompson, Board treasurer, strongly recommended that the district plan for the future and set funds aside for capital outlay projects like roofing projects, and school buses.

Tax Levy L-4029 was tabled to be addressed at a later date.

Ms. Rachel Parsons, presented the K-12 handbooks, it was explained that the goal is to align the k-12 student handbooks. Currently the building administrators have aligned attendance, medical information, behavior, PBS, and truancy. It was agreed to table action until the July meeting, providing time to complete the entire project.

In addition, approval of the high school curriculum was tabled until the regular July 17, 2023 meeting.

Officials took action and approved the following employee contracts. Leonard Elementary School: Christina Swisher, 2nd grade; Brittney Moore, Kindergarten; and Ashley Murrey, first grade. EE Knight Elementary School: Madison Jones, 5th grade; Shauna Cermak, resource room and alternative high school.

Next the following letters of agreement were approved: Staley, head district engineer; and Karla Perrin, interim transportation and administrative assistant.

Next, officials received a letter of resignation from second grade teacher Brittney Nurenberg that was approved with regrets.

A representative of Marauder Kids Learning Zone LLC a private business that administers a preschool and daycare center at Leonard Elementary School. The business will be closing, effective July 28, 2023. The LLC presented an opportunity for the district to purchase the equipment and assistance if the district would like to continue to provide the service. Officials took action to enter into a conservation with MKLZ regarding the purchase of the assets. Discussion followed. Noting that Thompson preferred a committee approach.

Under the topic of comments from board members Mary Thompson requested that discussion begin regarding establishing board sub-committees. No action taken.

The consent agenda was approved that included: approval of the meeting agenda, minutes from the May 15, 2022 regular meeting, the May 22, 2023 special board meeting, June 1, 2023 special meeting and the June 13 committee meeting. In addition, payment of the bills, monthly financial reports, annual MHSAA membership resolution and the FFA annual field trip request.

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## O-E Bowling Golf Outing Fund Raiser

The 11th Annual Ovid Elsie Bowling Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd at North Star Golf Course. The format is a four person scramble and is limited to the first 22 teams PAID teams. The cost is \$50 per person (\$200 per team) and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, hole prizes and dinner after golf. For more information or to sign up call Coach Matt Fabus at 989-862-5746.



## Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

On July 12, 2023 the Elsie Public Library will be discovering the science of rainbows. They will learn how a rainbow is formed, and what a prism can do. There will be several (3) small science experiments throughout the library. Kids will be fishing for magnets in the sensory bins, and face painting with Sharon Shutes will be available to all who attend.

July 19, 2023 will be our Grand Finale for the summer reading program. A "Kindness Olympics" is planned complete with games and prizes. The afternoon will end on a sweet note with an ice cream social, courtesy of Pathway Home. So, don't miss out on the best days of the summer...we would love to see you here.

REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC: Please remember, that due to the 4th of July and the Elsie Dairy Festival the Elsie Public Library will be closed on June 30, 2023, and will re-open for you to partake in all we have to offer as a community resource, on July 10, 2023.

## Laingsburg/Ovid Lions Club Golf Outing

Team are now being accepted for the Saturday, August 12th Annual Laingsburg/Ovid Lions Club Golf Outing. The event will be a 4-person scramble with a 9am shotgun start at Pine Hills Golf Course in Laingsburg. The cost is \$65 per person (\$260 team of four) and includes 18 holes with cart, steak dinner, raffle prizes & skins game. 1st Place prize, \$100, 2nd, \$80 and 3rd \$60. All benefits from this outing will go to Lions of Michigan Foundation and Bear Lake Camp. To sign up as a team or individual, call Terry Fraidenburg at 517-881-6315 or by email at [terryforegolf@gmail.com](mailto:terryforegolf@gmail.com) or Mary Perrien at 989-251-8517 or by email at [perrien41@msn.com](mailto:perrien41@msn.com)

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## Commodity Supplemental Food Program Applications

submitted by Becky Zemla

Applications are being taken for the USDA COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM through Capital Area Community Services, Inc. Distribution will begin on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

The USDA COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP): (Seniors 60 and up) provides nutritio.us food on a monthly basis to low-income residents living in Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above and meet 130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Family size 1 - \$18,954; Family size 2 - \$25,636; Family size 3 - \$32,318. For each additional family member add: \$6,682 annually.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. July 11, 2023 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 designate a person to pick up for you. If you are not registered, please call CACS to pre-register before July 11, 2023.

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Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk  
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# Obituaries

## Patrick Joseph "Pat" Kadlek

Patrick Joseph "Pat" Kadlek, age 65, of Ovid, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at his home.

Patrick was born in Owosso, Michigan on September 7, 1957, the son of Frank and Juanita (Shinabery) Kadlek. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1975.

Pat was employed as Quality Control at Pratt & Whitney Autoair in Lansing. He loved reading W.E.B Griffin books, scratch off tickets, weekly trips to Ovid to pick up the paper and he was an avid U of M fan. He looked forward to bringing "chalky milk" and donuts to his grandchildren on Sunday mornings. His family could always count on him to be there if they needed him (as long as he had a formal invitation). He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and will be remembered for saying "Once a Marine, Always a Marine". He was also a member of the NRA.

He is survived by his bonus children: Krystal and Justin Fluharty and Jamie Borton, grandchildren: Chelsea and Matt Evans, Brenna Fluharty, Raygan Fluharty, Korbyn Fluharty, Emily Borton, Colin Fluharty, Allison Brown, and Joshua Brown. He is also survived by his brother Michael Kadlek and niece and nephews Laura, Mike and Joe. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and parents.

A Graveside Service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery (4200 Belford, Holly, MI, 48442) on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Friends and family are welcome to gather back at the Main Bar in Ovid after the service.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



## Diane Carol Hunt

Diana Carol Hunt, of Ovid and a native of Clare, Michigan, died peacefully on June 24, 2023 at Serene Gardens of DeWitt. She was 79 years old.

She was born on July 10, 1943, in Clare County, Michigan, the daughter of Stephen and Mabel (Dangler) Hubel. She graduated from St. Johns High School in 1961 and married Paul Wayne Hunt on November 2, 1963. For over thirty years, she worked as the store clerk at Dean's Hardware in St. Johns. Diana was a private person with a tough exterior but she loved her family fiercely. Diana enjoyed gardening, nature, country music, and garage sales. She adored Paradise, Michigan, and felt most at home in nature and up north. She also had a passion for watching birds and wildlife.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Wayne Hunt in 2019 and is survived her son, Stephen (Laura Macaluso) Hunt and aunt Jean Williams.

A graveside service was held at Mount Rest Cemetery, 701 E. Steel Street, St. Johns on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Care Team Hospice.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.



## Lincoln Monroe Jacobs

Lincoln Monroe Jacobs, age 88, of St Johns died Wednesday June 28, 2023, at his home in Olive Township surrounded by his loving family.

Lincoln was born on March 13, 1935, in Lupton Michigan, the son of Isaac and Alice (Blood) Jacobs. Lincoln grew up in and around the Lupton area where he graduated from Rose City high school. After graduating high school, he attended Lake Superior State University for 2 years. Jake, as his coworkers called him, enjoyed a long career with General Motors where he worked as a machine repair specialist. He came to be known as the "two tool man" because of his ability to fix things with only a few tools and not a large toolbox. He was very smart and talented in his job and the company would seek him out personally to fix things when they broke.

Lincoln met the love of his life through mutual family and friends, and they were married on Oct 19, 1957, and they enjoyed over 66 years of marriage. They were loving partners through and through, together raising their four amazing children.

During his life Lincoln had a passion for airplanes, even owning his own small airplane for a time. He loved his farm and took pride in working the land, he had a soft spot for animals and enjoyed getting in the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. Most of all Lincoln's family will remember all the time they shared and how he would always be there for you no matter what.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife; Jeanette, children; Mark (Nancy) Jacobs, Linette (Jim) Swiger, Kevin (Sandra) Jacobs, and Kimberly Jacobs, grandchildren; Jacob Hathaway, Alisha Jacobs, Jordan (Alicia) Jacobs, Rachel (Jacob) Knecht, Aaron (Abby) Jacobs, Caleb Jacobs, Joshua Jacobs, great grandchild; Chloe Knecht, Brother; Garland (Connie) Jacobs. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandson; Jesse Hathaway, sister; Sylvia (Howard) Erskine.

The family would like to personally thank McLaren Home Hospice for their wonderful help during this time. Memorial donations in his name are encouraged to be forwarded to McLaren Home Hospice or St Jude Children's Hospital.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

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



## Shirley Marie Taylor-Langham

Shirley Marie Taylor - Langham, 67, of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, formerly of St. Johns, Michigan passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at her home in Minnesota.

Shirley was born in Chisholm, MN on December 2, 1955, the daughter of Eugene Ludwig and Loretta Jean (Wirtanen) Pogorelc. She graduated from Chisholm High School with the class of 1973. She formerly worked for the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. Shirley enjoyed country line dancing and country music, playing bingo and going to the casino.

She is survived by father, Eugene Pogorelc, 1 daughter, Nicole and Brandon Barth; her son Carl Martin, grandchildren, Alexander, Jaxson, Everly and Ivie, her sister, Bonnie and Pete Soliz, sister-in-law, Patti Pogorelc.

She was preceded in death by her mother, son, Brandon Quick, sister, Carol and 2 brothers David and Thomas.

A graveside service was held Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Mount Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, Michigan with Dr. Jack Clarkston officiating.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donors choice.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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## Rep. BeGole: Budget Plan Spends Recklessly and Without Needed Transparency

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole today voted against an advancing budget proposal that bloats state government in record fashion while shortchanging local road projects and public safety.

While BeGole successfully advocated for funding to extend the Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee trailhead into Owosso and helped secure key commitments to pay down debt within the plan, the amount of pork packed into the proposal – which totals nearly \$82 billion – was too harsh of an ask of taxpayers as they continue to struggle with everyday costs.

“The trail project was something that had been in the works for almost two decades and I’m glad to see funding go through to get it done,” said BeGole, of Antrim Township. “Instead of individual budget plans for various departments that could be reviewed and voted on, this budget plan is rolled together into a mess,” said BeGole, of Antrim Township. “It doesn’t do nearly enough to put money back directly into our communities and help hard-working people. It merely asks them to pull out the checkbook and fund pet projects on a big government wish list. That’s not a responsible way forward.

“We need to focus on plans that prioritize our families and kids. Taxpayers deserve return on their investment and careful deliberation regarding how the dollars they afford state government are spent. That did not happen today with this budget.”

BeGole highlighted \$50 million for an undeclared project in the greater Detroit area, \$500 million that can be authorized for corporate giveaways through the state’s Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve, and funding for more than 1,000 new bureaucratic positions that will burden small businesses and could prove difficult to eliminate in future years as examples of resources that have been used more responsibly or committed back to taxpayers. Annual adjusted gross appropriations have increased by over \$30 billion from where they were a decade prior.

“This massive spending plan was an all-or-nothing choice for representatives of the people,” BeGole said. “It opens the door to unsustainable spending that doesn’t prioritize a handful of critical needs. It spreads everything out and doesn’t truly work to address issues we’re facing.”

House Bill 4437 and Senate Bill 173 will soon head to the governor for consideration.



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## Recycling in Laingsburg Keeps Growing

submitted by Ellen Link

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers’ drive-thru recycling facility at 7500 Woodbury Rd. keeps rolling right along. However, our normal schedule will lose the 1st Tuesday due to its being July 4th, so we’ll be open the 3rd Tuesday (July 18), 4-6 p.m., and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (July 8 and 22), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note, by this time last year we’d shipped off 58,815 lbs. of recyclables; this June the year’s total stands at 87,675 lbs.! Plus, the GLR was truly honored to receive the 2023 Community Champion Award from the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce! Teamwork is a wonderful thing.



Whether you’re one of the growing number of new recyclers coming to our facility or a long-time user, you probably (like us) find our inability to accept “clamshells” confusing and frustrating. Here’s the skinny: A clamshell, made of two pieces of #1 PET plastic, provides a lightweight but strong and seemingly practical package for items like lettuce, berries, tomatoes and such. However, it’s formed differently and therefore has a different density than #1 plastic water bottles. “Plastic clamshells... break into different sized chips than plastic bottles, melt at a different temperature, and often have strong adhesives on them that are hard to get off. All of this means that a recycler can’t just mix clamshells and plastic bottles together all willy-nilly: blending them together can produce a material that doesn’t make for a high-quality recycled container or product.” As a result, many recycling facilities—like ours—must opt for a pure product that will be desired by manufacturers, since rejected materials end up in a landfill. You can read more about it here (<https://blog.ridwell.com/blog/the-great-clamshell-battle-why-are-clamshells-so-hard-to-recycle>).

The growing list of what we accept for recycling is long so pay attention. We now accept televisions (\$10-20) and monitors (\$5-10), the fees dependent on type and size (call or check our website). We also recently added Brita water filters and resumed taking denim (no more than 5% spandex and zippers and metal buttons removed). The rest, clean and separated: Newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal, separated from aluminum; corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books; plastics—#1 bottles and jars, no clamshells (berries, bakery and salad containers), #2 (milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid colors), and #5 (“tubs”, e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.); non-corroded household batteries (please separate into regular, rechargeable, lithium and button); glass bottles and jars only (all colors)—no windows, mirror panes or drinking glasses; electronics; empty inkjets; and dental care products like toothbrushes, spent toothpaste tubes and floss containers. If using plastic bags, please take them back when emptied.

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For details on what we accept, visit our Facebook page or website--<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>. Questions? Contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. As always, working toward a sustainable future in our own backyard.



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## Rock Out With Miranda & the M80's on July 5th

submitted by Bill Tennant

If you're looking to spend an evening with one of the most energetic and entertaining bands in mid-Michigan, mark on your calendars, Wednesday, July 5 as the day to make that happen. That's when Miranda & The M80s will hit the stage at the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.



"This group, formed in 2015, has been a state wide favorite for a number of years," said Bill Tennant, Concert in the Park coordinator. "Jeff Dietrich, the group's leader and drummer, is a graduate of St. Johns HS - he and the band do a great job of playing all of that wonderful 80s music. You will thoroughly enjoy this evening of rocking out with Miranda, Jeff, and their friends."

Miranda & The M80s consists of Miranda, who brings a background of classical training and musical theater experience to her amazing vocals, Len, 'The Axe' who studied guitar at MSU, Drew 'The Bass Melter' has a few years of classical training, and Jeff, who has a vast background of drumming experience in many different genres. This group of unique individuals come together to form this amazing cohesive band - a band you're going to want to spend some time with.

The concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. The concerts are open to the public free of charge - donations are graciously accepted. The Lion's Club food trailer will be available this year and as always, all concerts are presented rain or shine.

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**Elsie Lions & Lioness:** Pictured (l-r): Lion Arden Densmore, Lion Rick Jones, Lioness Pam Dunham and Lion Dr Robert Peterson getting food for the Elsie Area Food Pantry on Wednesday June 21st. The Elsie Lions Club started driving to Lansing's Food Bank back in 2018 picking up foods for Elsie Food Bank continuing every month (except for the period of Covid in 2020). Bringing back 2500 to 3000 pounds of food each month. Many Elsie Lions members have volunteered helping over the years!



Pictured here (l-r) Thorny Acres members, Dennis Kellogg & Mike Simons and Toni Ornelas & Sue Peterson from the Elsie Food Bank.

**Thorny Acres Sportsman Club** held a fundraising 3-D Shoot in May for the Elsie Food Bank. On Wednesday, June 28th two members from the club presented a check for \$400 to the Food Bank along with non-perishable food and personal items. The club will hold three more 3-D shoots to benefit the food bank, July 22nd, August 19th and September 16th.

The Elsie Food Bank regular pantry hours are Monday and Wednesdays from 8am-9:30am, Produce Days are the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday both from 8:30am-9:30am and once a month on Wednesday in the evening from 7pm-8pm. For more information about the Food Bank call Sue at 989-928-2121.

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## Second Saturday Monthly Barn Dance

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

LAINGSBURG - The Jack Clarkson Band, featuring his wife, Tess Clarkson, with mid-Michigan's finest talented vocalists and musicians, will be performing each month this summer. The 1st Second Saturday Monthly Barn Dance will be held, July 8th from 6:30

- 9:30. Second Saturday Barn Dances are scheduled through October 2023. (Weather permitting) Bring a picnic or snacks and your own beverages. Clarkson says, "C'on over, we have 60 padded chairs and lots of room for lawn chairs, a Porta Potty, and well water from a hose."



The brilliant guitarist Bill Fuller will be joining the band to kick off the Summer Season at the Clarkson Barn located at 10850 S. Hollister Rd. Laingsburg, South off Round Lake Rd. Only \$10 per adult. FREE for kids and plenty of parking. If you park on the road, a golf cart will pick you up. For individuals with limited ability to walk the distance, parking is available by the barn.

Clarkson's niece, "the fabulous" Jenny McKinstry is their manager. For more information on future events or scheduling a gig, private party, wedding, or event google <http://www.jackclarksonband.com>. "Get your boots on and w'll c'ya there!" J.C. A special "thank you" goes out to the Kalamazoo Country Club and Golf Course for gifting their beautiful Parquet dance floor to the barn.

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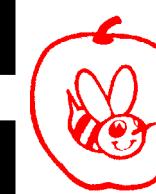


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# Obituaries

## Robert Joseph Skriba

Robert Joseph Skriba, age 85, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Robert was born at home on March 11, 1938, the first child of Joseph and Jane (Matousek) Skriba. He spent his childhood in the Elsie area where he enjoyed spending time with his siblings and his large extended family. Upon turning 18 years of age, he enlisted in the US Army in the fall of 1956. After completing bootcamp, he trained to be a medic and was stationed in Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1958. He was a proud Veteran.

In 1964, Robert and his father formed Skriba Farms, which later expanded to include a third partner, his brother, Rick. Together, the three of them successfully operated the dairy and cash crop farm. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time on a tractor and combine. After 53 years, Robert retired from active farming in 2017, but remained a lifelong farmer at heart.

Robert met Charlene Arens at a local roller skating rink in 1958. They were married on August 20, 1960, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia, Michigan. Together, they welcomed four children: Bob, Gary, Jennifer and Matthew. Robert and Charlene taught their children the value of working on the farm and caring for one another. They traveled all over the country in the family motor home, but also enjoyed vacationing in Hawaii, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Lichtenstein. Robert and Charlene celebrated 35 years of marriage until Charlene passed away in 1995.

On February 19, 1999, Robert married Helen Schneider at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Johns, Michigan. They enjoyed their golden years together, attending family functions and supporting their grandchildren. They celebrated 23 years of marriage together.

Robert loved his family, farming and his Catholic faith. He was proud of his Czech heritage and especially enjoyed eating homemade kolache. Robert also enjoyed listening to polka music and playing the accordion in his younger years. He had a keen interest in technology and, in the 1980's, he self-programmed the family's first personal computer. He also enjoyed wood working where he crafted gifts for his family. Robert was a kind hearted, thoughtful, and generous man. He always looked upon life with optimism and offered his children and grandchildren invaluable advice. He lived a life dedicated to his faith. He will be greatly missed by his family.

Robert is survived by his wife, Helen. He is also survived by his children: Robert and Judy Skriba; Gary Skriba; Jennifer and Tom VerBeek; grandchildren: Andrew, Ashley, Tyler, Owen, Luke, Lauryn, and Addelyn; and great-grandchildren Kaia, Gryphon and Darrin. Additionally, he is survived by his step-children: Steve Schneider, Sue Glover, Mike (Kelly) Schneider and Jon Schneider; and siblings: Jean (John) Dvorski, Pat Ladiski, and Richard (Billie) Skriba. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Charlene, his son Matthew, granddaughters: Petra and Stella, and his great-grandson, Dayton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, Michigan on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, with Rev. Fr. Raj Bandaru presiding. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes) or St. Cyril's Catholic Church. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan

## Jesse Lloyd Grove

The fight is finally over for Jesse Lloyd Grove on June 20 2023. Born February 22, 1983.

He is survived by his mother Cindy (Brown) Grove, sister Amy (Lenon) Hall, Grandfather Arnold Grove, Sr., many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Rex Grove, Phyllis (Worthy) Grove, Kay (Wing) Grove, Grandparents Eddie & Robbie (Webb) Brown, Uncle Chris Yelenek, Aunt Tina (Grove) & Kenny Austin, Uncle Arnold Grove.

Jesse loved hunting, fishing, camping, family and friends. A bonfire will be held at a later date.



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# Editorial

## Please Attend Duplain Township Board Meeting July 12

### Letter to the Editor:

I'm writing to invite the readers to attend the Duplain Township Board meeting scheduled for July 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the township office located in Elsie next to the library. That meeting will address Industrial Wind Turbines and Solar Farms in our township.

As for the Wind Turbines, I suggest:

1. We don't need them. This country has enormous resources of petroleum and natural gas that can meet our energy needs safely for decades.

2. They are an obvious blight on a landscape that would otherwise be dominated by miles of farm and pasture fields.

3. Many turbines have intermittent production and require fossil fuels to generate consistent electricity.

4. These Turbines also emit sound that are harmful to birds livestock and people.

5. They are not commercially viable. In short, but for enormous government subsidies funded by our taxes they wouldn't survive in a market economy

6. Significant part of the meager energy they produce is sold to utility companies for distribution elsewhere in Michigan.

7. The turbines have a useful life of 20 years or less and then become an eyesore that we and our children must endure.

As to solar farms, they:

1. Convert prime, productive farmland into structures that produce little energy.

2. Given our winters, work if at all, for only half the year.

3. Release toxins that jeopardize us, our children, and our grandchildren.

Please attend the meeting and learn about these and related issues and let your voice be heard.

Penny Tahvonen  
Elsie



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## NOTICE

Notice to the electors of the Village of Ashley. The Village of Ashley Ordains and Adopts the Amended 1955 Zoning Ordinance to new

Zoning Ordinance No. 2023-01

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1955 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING NEW CLASSES OF ZONING AREAS AND DISTRICTS.

The ordinance shall be available for your review in the Village office located at 114 S. Sterling St. Ashley, MI and become effective 15 days after Publication

## SYNOPSIS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 16, 2023

The draft minutes may be requested at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, or you may view them on the City's website at: [www.ovidmi.org](http://www.ovidmi.org).

Mayor Lasher opened the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and dispensed with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Lasher asked the Deputy Clerk to take roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Lasher, Mr. Ordway, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Brown and Mr. Williams.

ABSENT: Mr. Starn and Mr. Perrien

EXOFFIOS: Patti Kieffer-Deputy Clerk.

VISITORS: Deb Price & Vivian Hrncharik.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mrs. Olger at 6:02 pm to go into closed session to discuss attorney-client confidential information.

### MOTION CARRIED

Council went back into open session at 6:24 pm.

A motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Ordway to deny the request by the Argus-Press.

### MOTION CARRIED

After motion was carried, Ms. Perrien stated that she would oppose the motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mrs. Olger to adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm.

### MOTION CARRIED

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk  
City of Ovid



# 2023 Elsie Dairy Festival July 6, 7, 8



## Support The Elsie Lions Club Food Booth

The Elsie Lions club is 80 years old and their main fundraiser is the Food Booth during the Dairy Festival. Money raised from the booth goes to local charities such as: Elsie Food Bank, Youth Recereation League, DARE, Meals on Wheels, and of course they buy glasses for the needy. The tent is open Thursday and Friday 10am-10pm. Make plans now to attend the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

They hope to see you at the festival on July 6, 7, and 8.



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## Dairy Festival Pre-Sale Ride Tickets

The pre-sale ride tickets for the Elsie Dairy Festival are now available at Country Styles & Piggy Tail Salons in Elsie and at The Meridian Weekly office in Ovid. The pre-sale cost is \$20 (\$25 once midway opens). The 2023 Dairy Festival T-Shirts are also available at all 3 locations. The cost is \$10 for youth sizes, \$12 for adults and \$15 for 2x and 3x size.



## Talent Show

The popular Talent Show will take to the Main Stage on Thursday evening, July 6th at 7:00pm immediately following the Opening Ceremonies. There is still time to enter by calling Amber at 775-230-4060.



## Still Time to Sign Up for Arts and Crafts

A ton of new vendors - so much so, we've had to expand our Arts and Crafts area!

Arts and crafts vendors are still being accepted for the Elsie Dairy Festival. The event times during the festival are Thursday, July 6th, Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from Noon - 7p.m. each day.

If you would like to sign up please call Quinn Passmore 989-388-7649.

## First Aid Station

A First Aid Station will be held in front of Elsie Village Hall. Free Blood Pressure checks will be offered to the public by Fire and Rescue staff.



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# ELSIE DAIRY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

- 9am Village-Wide Yard Sales
- 10am - 10pm Arts & Crafts Booths
- Noon - Close Elsie Lions Food Tent
- Noon - Dark Ice Cream Booth
- 4pm - 11pm Golf on the Go
- 6pm Welcome to the 2023 Festival
- 7pm - Close Community Talent Show
- Family Fun Tyme Amusements
- Special Needs - Special Time
- Noon - 7pm
- Elie - M



## FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2023

- 5pm Scavenger Hunt Drawing
- 5pm - 7pm Elsie Dairy Dash Registration
- 5pm - 7pm SCW Wrestlers (Family Fun)
- 7pm - 8pm Cardio Drumming Demo
- 8pm - 10pm Once Removed - Jim Pontack
- 10:15pm Light Parade
- (Main Stage) Elsie Fire & Rescue

## SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

- 7:30am Elsie Dairy Dash
- Church & Main St.
- Registration 6:00am
- 7am - 10am Lions Pancake Breakfast
- NE Corner Main & N Ovid
- 11am Super Parade
- Noon - 10pm Elsie Lions Food Tent
- NE Corner Main & N. Ovid
- Noon - Close
- Family Fun Tyme Amusements
- Main Street
- Noon - 7pm Arts & Crafts
- Main Street
- Noon - Dark Golf on the Go
- Across from Post Office
- Noon - Close
- Ice Cream Booth
- Next to the Big Cow
- 1pm - 4pm
- Lion's Kindsight Vision Screening
- FREE (NW Corner Main & N. Ovid)
- 11am - 7pm
- Derby Car Racing
- FREE (SE Corner main & N. Ovid)
- Noon - 5pm
- Kid's Dairy Dash
- FREE (Church & Main St)
- Noon - 7pm
- Arts & Crafts Booth
- Main Street
- Noon - Close
- Family Fun Tyme Amusements
- Main Street
- 10am - 10pm
- Elsie Lions Food Tent
- NE Corner Main & N Ovid
- Noon - Dark
- Golf on the Go
- Across from Post Office
- 12, 2 & 4pm
- Farm Comedy Show
- FREE (Near Stage)
- 3pm
- Story Time on Stage
- FREE
- 1pm - 5pm
- Bingo
- American Legion Hall
- 6pm - 8pm
- Gemini Circus, LLC (Family Fun)
- Main Stage



# 2023 Elsie Dairy Festival July 6, 7, 8



## New Carnival Group



New Carnival group - Family Fun Tyme Amusements. They offer a new variety of rides as well as a "Special Needs - Special Time" day. From 12:00pm - 2:00pm on Thursday July 6 the carnival will be open to Special Needs, their families and/or paraprofessionals at NO CHARGE to ride rides at a slower, quieter pace.



## Petting Zoo During Dairy Festival

The Elsie Dairy Festival will be a petting zoo on Friday July 7th, 9am-Noon. The event will take place under the big tent behind the cow. There will be all kinds of small animals to kids to see including a station where kids can actually milk a cow. A sawdust pit will also be available. This event is sponsored by CDL Services, LLC.



## Elsie Lions Club Holding Lions Kindsight USA

The Elsie Lions Club will be running the Lions KidSight USA at the Elsie Dairy Festival on Friday July 7th from 1pm-4pm. Testing trailer will be set up by the Elsie Lions Food Trailer. Each child who completes the Testing will receive a Free Hot Dog from the Elsie Lions Club. Please come and get your child's eyesight tested. Ages 1-6 years old



## Garage Sales Planned

The annual village-wide garage sales will open on Thursday July 6th at 9 a.m. Many garage sales will run all weekend long and there are sure to be bargains for everyone.



# 2023 Elsie Dairy Festival July 6, 7, 8



## Derby Cars - New to Elsie Dairy Festival

Derby Cars- Three local Boyscouts and girlscouts will have their Derby track set up. They will have cars there to race, or bring a car of your own.

Free event at the Masonic gathering building.

Learn more about the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs while having some fun!



## Elsie Fire Department Light Parade

This annual event will be held on Friday, July 7th at approximately 10:15 p.m.



## Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction on Saturday from 1-4 pm, held at the former Huntington Bank Location. Bids will be accepted on Friday, July 7th also. If anyone has a item they would like to donate you can call Lynette Brock at 989-209-0041.



**Cool off at the Ice Cream tent** during the Dairy Festival. The tent will be open all three days. Thursday, July 6th from noon to close, Friday, July 7th 10am-close and Saturday, July 8th from noon-close.



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**The 2023 Elsie Dairy Festival Super Parade** will step off at 11am sharp on Saturday, July 8th. If you have not yet entered there is still time. Call Brooke at 517-819-8459. Parade applications are also on the website, [elsiedairyfestival.com](http://elsiedairyfestival.com).

## Kids Dairy Dash

Kids Dairy Dash is open to kids of all ages on Friday from 12-5 and encourages young friends to show us your speed! It will be at the corner of Church and Main, just like the Dairy Dash.



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## Once Removed

Homegrown musician Jim Pontack, AKA Once Removed, will perform on the Main Stage during the Elsie Dairy Festival on Friday evening, July 7th from 8:00pm - 10:00 p.m.

Don't miss this one man band performance as he will entertain you with Classic Rock-N-Roll favorites and more.



## Gemini Circus LLC

The Gemini Circus LLC was created by the Klein twins as a way of sharing their passion for performing. They have trained in several aerial disciplines, however they specialized in silks and hoop.

Saturday, July 8th at 6p.m. and 8 p.m. on the Main Stage.



## Dairy Dash

Dairy Dash will be Saturday, July 8th at 7:30 a.m. Registration is at 6:00 a.m. It will be at the corner of Church and Main.



## Family Farm Comedy Show

Family Farm Comedy Show-Farm themed, educational and family friendly comedy and magic show. This show also has its own talking chicken. 1/2 hr shows that will run 3 times on both Friday and Saturday, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm.

## Kiddie Tractor Pull

9am on Saturday, July 8th at the Main Stage. Registration at 8:30am.



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## GOLF on the GO

Try your luck at "Golf on the Go" Thursday, July 6th; Saturday, July 7th and Sunday July 8th from Noon to dark. It will be located across from the Post Office!



Bingo will be Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from 1-5pm at the American Legion Hall.



**Cardio Drumming Demo** will be Friday, July 7th from 7-8pm at the Main Stage.



**Kids Scavenger Hunt** will be Saturday July 7th. 9am-5pm. Pick up card at the old bank.



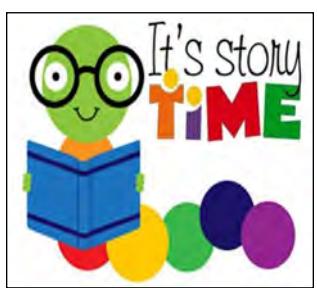
**Cow Mascot** will be Saturday July 7th. 9am-5pm.



**Parade** will be Saturday July 7th. 9am-5pm.



**Miss Elsie Dairy Festival** will be Saturday July 7th. 9am-5pm.



**Story Time on the Main Stage** will be Friday, July 7th at 3pm at the Main Stage.

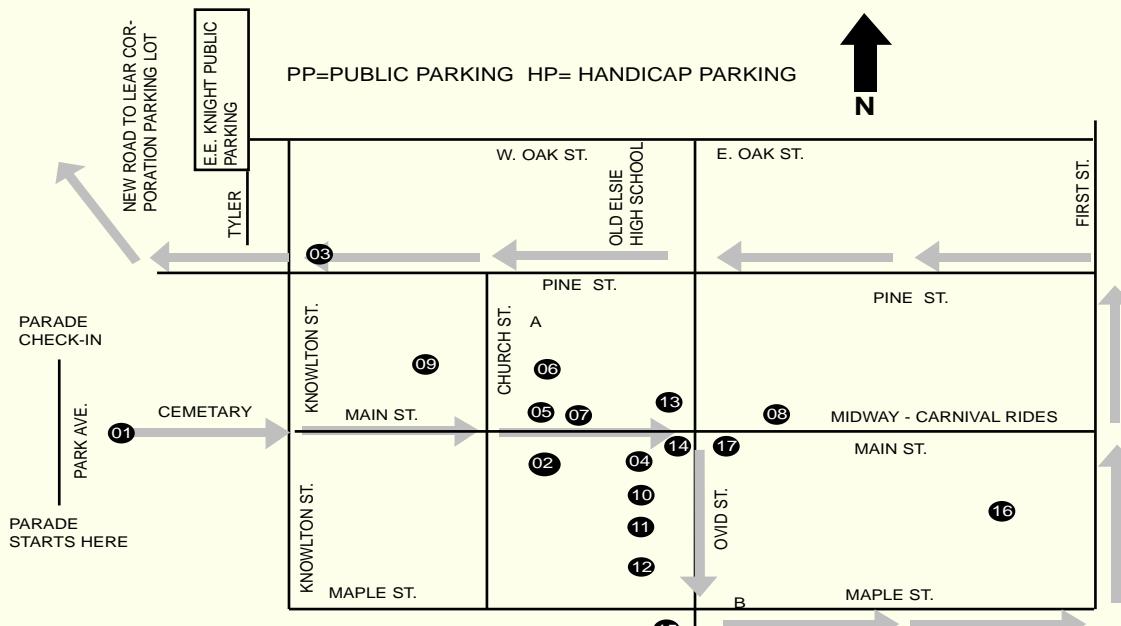


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING... AND WHERE!



# Sports

## Wolfpack Standout Ty Randall Honored as 1st Team All-State

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg pitcher Ty Randall was honored with 1st Team All-State honors in Division 3 by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Randall broke four school records this season including pitching wins in a season (11), most strikeouts thrown in a season (135), most hits in a season (53) and most runs-batted-in in a season (47). Randall compiled an 11-3 won-loss record and a 1.313 earned run average. He helped No. 7-ranked Laingsburg post a 25-10 team record of and a berth in the regional semifinals.

As a hitter, Randall batted .477 with 12 doubles and five triples. He stole 22 bases and played shortstop when not pitching.



## O-E Mentor White is MMAC Coach of the Year; Bates and Cole Lead Team Honors

OVID-ELSIE — Ava Bates and Evalyn Cole of Ovid-Elsie lead the Marauders' post-season soccer honors — with a big-time nod to eight other O-E plaudit winners -- including coach Jerome White.

Bates was voted a 2023 honorable mention All-Stater by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. The junior goalkeeper, was named to the Division 3 honorable mention team. In Mid-Michigan Athletic Conference play alone, she had six shutouts in 15 games and made 65 saves, and helped the Marauders capture the MMAC Championship with a 14-3-3 overall campaign.

Cole, after leading the team with 22 goals scored, was the MMAC Player of the Year. She was also honored as 1st Team All-Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) and 1st Team All District.

First-year coach White was feted as the MMAC Coach of the Year. Other honorees for White's Marauders included:

- Hailee Campbell - 1st Team/ All District
- Haylee Paulus- 1st Team/ All District
- Hadley Bukantis - 1st Team All-MMAC
- Dannika Campbell - 1st Team All-MMAC / All District
- Lily Bates- 2nd Team All-MMAC / All District
- Madison Thornton- 2nd Team All-MMAC
- McKenzie Keck - Honorable Mention All-MMAC
- Alyson Moore- Honorable Mention All-MMAC



All District: (L to R) Joy Antcliff keeper, Ivy Collier midfield, Callie Clark forwards, Addison Elkins midfield, Desire Knoblauch forward.



Team Awards: L to R Addison Elkins MVP, Desire Knoblauch Best Offense, Libby Zukatis Most Improved Player, Madi Phillips Freshman Impact, Ivy Collier and Callie Clark Playmakers(like midfield), Joy Antcliff Wolfpack Award.

## Outstanding Wolfpack Girls Soccer Team Reaps Post-Season Awards

LAINGSBURG — Another outstanding season for Wolfpack girls soccer ended with post-season awards presented at LHS.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves finished the season as Greater Lansing Activities Conference runner-up, coming in behind Lansing Christian, with an overall record of 13-5-3.

Most notable among the post-season honorees was All State Honorable Mention / Region / District and Shiawassee Area Player of the Year Desire Knoblauch. In 21 games, junior forward Knoblauch scored 42 goals, which averages out to two per contest. That's a record-setting pace.

All District plaudits went to goalkeeper Joy Antcliff, Ivy Collier, Addison Elkins and Callie Clark.

All Shiawassee-Area 1st Team honors were collected by Antcliff, Addison Elkins, Clark and Collier.

In addition, these are the other team awards presented:

- All Conference 1st Team-Desire Knoblauch, Ivy Collier, Addison Elkins.
- All Conference 2nd Team-Callie Clark and Madi Phillips.
- All Conference Honorable Mention-Brooklynn Miller.

Team awards were voted by coaches/team and parents and they include:

- MVP Addison Elkins
- Wolfpack Award Joy Antcliff
- Most Improved Player Libby Zukatis
- Playmaker Award Callie Clark and Ivy Collier
- Best D Brooklynn Miller
- Best Offense Desire Knoblauch
- Freshman Impact Award Madi Phillips

Coach Elkins also recognized the large volunteer effort that supports the Wolfpack each year: announcers Russ Klont and back up Curtis Antcliff; stat keeper Rob Zukatis; film expert Angela Clark-Pohlod; concessions Shane and Angie Clark; team dinners Christin Rusz and Missy Phillips; classroom for film study Lisa Kingsbury; action photos Keith Kingsbury, Samo Shepard and Emma Heyd from Burg Sports and Beyond; clock keeper Kiki Rusz; ball runner organizers Aaron Willoughby and Dylan Hullibarger and "extra" video from Char Knoblauch. Coach Elkins also acknowledged her husband, Jim, for his exceptional support.

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Coach Jeff Cheadle's Lady Wolves advanced to the MHSAA Division 3 Final Four, after sweeping CMAC, District and Regional championships. They did it starting four freshmen, a sophomore iron horse pitcher, and graduating just three seniors.

But wait: that's not the best part. The Wolfpack was selected Academic All-State with a team-average GPA of 3.78.

The individual honors rolled in:

Junior shortstop Ashley Bila hit .525 with a .703 slugging percentage after ripping 62 hits in 118 at-bats. The Wolfpack table-setter all season long scored 62 runs and stole 43 bases in 43 games. Ashley was named 1st Team All-CMAC, All District, All Region, and honorable mention All-State.

Sophomore pitcher Addyson Buchin was a two-way star for the Wolves, in the circle and in the batter's box. As a hitter, she slugged .391 with 49 RBI. As Laingsburg's nearly lone pitcher, Buchin went 35-6 with a 1.50 ERA, striking out 258 and walking just 41. Incredibly, she logged nearly 220 innings pitched. That will earn you 1st Team All-CMAC, All District, All Region and honorable mention All-State plaudits.

Catcher Harper Strouse was voted the team's MVP, in addition to 2nd Team CMAC and All-District fêtes. Harper struck for 16 put-outs from her backstop position, while hitting .327 with 36 RBI and scoring 30 runs. She returns for three more seasons.

Bella Latuszek, the Wolves 2nd baseman, was honored as 2nd Team CMAC, All District, All Regional and honorable mention All-State. The Wolves' RBI leader with 53, Bella hit at a .380 clip with a .527 slugging percentage. In 242 innings, she logged a .929 fielding average.

Haley Konieczny was named 1st Team CMAC, All District, All Regional and Academic All-State for her classroom exploits. The LHS slugger cracked four home runs, 9 doubles, drove in 39 runs while hitting .395.

Savanna Stirm, an anchor at 1st base, was honored as 2nd Team CMAC and All-District. "Savvy" was second on the club with 200 putouts, meanwhile hitting in the heart of the Wolves' order with a .424 average, plating 42 RBI and striking out just 5 times all season.

Junior outfielder Ella Merrell was an honorable mention All-CMAC selection with a .316 BA, 30 hits, 40 runs scored and 29 RBI — all from the #9 slot in the LHS batting order. She also swiped 10 bases.

Ellie Baynes anchored the third base side of the infield and was named Academic All State. At the plate, she hit .239 as a clutch hitter with 37 RBI and 37 runs scored.



Front row (l-r): Willow Patterson, Alaina Asher, Ashley Bila, Ella Merrell, Haley Konieczny, Skylar Stiff. Middle row (l-r): Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek, Haley Cronk, MaKenna Johnston, Savanna Stirm.

Back row (l-r): Coach Kara Mahoney, Coach Mike Cooper, Addyson Buchin, Ella Baynes, Coach Jeff Cheadle, Coach Madison Jonas.

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

**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 NOTICE. 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 foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lot 89, Creeping Brook Estates No. 7, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plat(s), Page 8, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as: 2485 Julie Way, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 Tax Parcel Number: 050-175-000-089-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: June 20, 2023 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lot 89, Creeping Brook Estates No. 7, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plat(s), Page 8, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as: 2485 Julie Way, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 Tax Parcel Number: 050-175-000-089-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: June 20, 2023 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathan Dutton, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated June 7, 2019 and recorded June 17, 2019 in Instrument Number 5280212 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$178,853.52).

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Also lifted up in thought and prayer were Sophia Cisneros and Ethan Schneeberger, two teens injured in the accident.

Rows of tractors of all makes and sizes ringed the area where tributes were shared. One of the most moving was with Wolfpack varsity wrestling coach Shawn Baynes -- who had all wrestlers past and present, dozens of them -- up to the front to throng him while he made his touching remarks. "YOU are the light to carry from here," said pastor Thomas Rundel in his closing comments.

Fundraising continues with a huge community effort to support the families. You can donate by using the Dairy Den (Venmo) account, with the scan code printed here. Donation tubs have also been placed at businesses throughout the local Shiawassee and Clinton County areas.



**UP GOES THE TENT:** On Thursday, June 29th, kids and adults were on hand to watch the raising of the tent for the Culpepper Meriwether Circus performances that evening hosted by the Ovid Lions Club. Those in attendance were able to learn all about what's involved in getting ready for the circus as they travel from place to place putting on shows. One of the lions was catching a nap before his performance on Thursday evening. All 3 big cats belonging to the circus were rescues.



Elsie First Baptist Church  
welcomes MSU Baseball Coach  
Jake Boss!



Come and be inspired by Coach Boss as he shares his insights on leadership, faith, and perseverance. This is an event you will not want to miss!

### Details:

- Date: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Time: 10:00am
- Attire: MSU Green & White
- Duty: Bring Family/Friends
- Location: 163 W Main St Elsie, MI 48831
- Call or Text (517) 881-3881 or Message us on Facebook at Elsie First Baptist Church



## Ashley Community Schools Received Grant from Gratiot County Community Foundation

submitted by Deann Smith

Ashley Community Schools has received a generous grant from the Gratiot County Community Foundation to make updates in our Science Lab through The Powell Chessin Science and Technology Education Donor Advised Fund! Because of this support, we were able to replace old, dried up specimen jars, purchase a tabletop dishwasher for our lab glassware, a skeleton and several models including; lung, juvenile jaw complete with secondary teeth, eye, digestive system, DNA isolation kit and several lab demonstrations. The models will be great for our Anatomy class this Fall as we dive into the human body systems. Students, 7-12 grade will be able to access the specimens and models as the topics arise throughout our updated science curriculum. I anticipate students to have a deeper understanding, sparked interest and the desire to dig into scientific phenomena. Classes that will be able to benefit from this purchase are Chemistry, Biology, Ag Science, Middle School Science, Anatomy, STEAM, and Explorations in Science.

Once again, we'd like to express how thankful we are to be chosen as recipients of grant funds from the Gratiot County Community Foundation.

## LAFCU Awards \$2K to Contest Winner

submitted by Ashley Sandborn

LANSING—LAFCU announced Reid Gritsavage of St. Johns was named the winner of its contest that encouraged members to direct deposit their IRS tax refunds into a LAFCU account. A check presentation was held for Gritsavage at LAFCU headquarters and West Lansing Branch, located at 106 N. Marketplace Blvd. in Lansing.

Gritsavage was awarded \$2,000 after he was selected in a random drawing of members who direct deposited their IRS tax refunds before April 30. Gritsavage is a 30-year member of LAFCU and currently works as a senior software engineer for Auto-Owners Insurance.

"Winning this contest was a complete surprise and so exciting," said Gritsavage. "I saw the contest on the website but never expected to win. I am very grateful for this opportunity and will plan to use these funds to pay some bills."



LAFCU's Sheila Scott (L) and Kelli Ellsworth Etchison (R) present a \$2K check to Reid Gritsavage (center), after being named the winner of a recent contest held by the credit union to encourage its members to direct deposit their IRS tax refunds into a LAFCU account.