

Cole Workman celebrated his 100th win on December 29th during the Ionia 25th Michael Adamson Invitational. Congratulations Cole!

January is Radon Action Month

submitted by Grace Dennis

The Shiawassee County Health Department urges area residents to test their homes for radon by providing FREE radon test kits during Radon Action Month.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in soil and rock. It moves upward through the soil and enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation, including floor/wall joints, sump openings, and crawl spaces. Outdoors, the atmosphere dilutes radon, but indoors it tends to be more concentrated and can accumulate to unhealthy levels.

Exposure to radon increases one's risk of developing lung cancer. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and is responsible for approximately 20,000 deaths nationally each year.

A statewide survey indicates that elevated levels of radon would be expected in one out of eight homes in Michigan. In some counties, as many as 45% of homes could have radon test levels above EPA recommended action guidelines of four (4) picocuries per liter of air. Many of the homes in Shiawassee County may have elevated levels of radon, placing some area residents at risk of developing lung cancer from prolonged exposure at these levels.

Less than two percent of homes in Shiawassee County have been tested for radon gas. Of those houses that have been tested, many have been found to have elevated radon levels that required mitigation. Radon levels vary considerably from house to house. The only way to find out if an individual home has elevated radon levels is to conduct a test.

Testing is easy and inexpensive. Kits are available year around from the Health Department for \$5.00. However, during Radon Action Month, kits are available at NO CHARGE. Kits can be obtained at the SCHD - Environmental Health Division at 201 N. Shiawassee St, 3rd floor of the Surbeck Building in Corunna. Some hardware stores, home centers, and other retail outlets also sell the do-it-yourself test kits. Professional testing services are also available, though they are most often used for testing as part of a real estate transaction.

Citizens interested in finding out more about radon can contact the Shiawassee County Health Department in Corunna at (989) 743-2390. Health Department offices are open Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM. Information is also available by calling the MDEQ toll-free information line at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642).



New Blood Exam Tested at Sparrow Receives Initial FDA Clearance

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, MI – A new blood test that can be analyzed within minutes and was tested at Sparrow has received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

QScout™, developed by Ad Astra Diagnostics, a North Carolina-based research and development firm, is a unique and innovative tool previously not available in the United States. It reduces patient pain and increases their satisfaction because it allows providers to draw blood by simply poking the patient's finger. QScout™ also allows reading of white blood cell counts (WBC) and other diagnostics immediately in the doctor's office. Another benefit: QScout™ allows sepsis to be caught earlier.

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To learn more about Sparrow's research work, go to Sparrow.org/departments-conditions/sparrow-clinical-trials



Shiawassee County First Baby of 2024

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce the arrival of the first new baby of 2024.

Zhavia Lockwood was born on January 3, 2024, at 2:23 am, she weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Alexis Lockwood of Owosso.

In celebration of the 2024 New Year's baby, the community generously donated a basket of gifts to the family.

To learn more about Memorial Healthcare's Family Birth Place, please visit <https://www.memorial-healthcare.org/health/family-birth-place/>.



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Soup & Sandwiches at Bannister United Methodist Church

There will be a Soup & Sandwiches at Bannister United Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 16th from NOON-3PM (NOTE NEW TIME) we will be serving LUNCH at NOON!

Come & join us! We will have plenty of food and fellowship! Our next luncheons will be February 20th & March 19th. Mark your calendars! Free will offering.

Laingsburg Lions Free Spaghetti Dinner

The next spaghetti dinner hosted by the Laingsburg Lions Club in conjunction with the American Legion Post 248, will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 from 5pm-7pm.

The dinner will include Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Beverage and Dessert. Carry Outs will be available, sorry no deliveries. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy a good meal and some good ole fashioned conversation.



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Ovid Lions Club Cheese Sale Continues

The Ovid Lions Club continues their Cheese Sale. The varieties include Amish Creamery, Vintage Habanero, Colby Jack, Pepper Jack, Horseradish and Baby Swiss for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Also available is a Variety Wheel which includes Colby/Pepper/Monterey Jack & Colby for \$12. To order call Doc O'Bryant at 989-834-2425, Mary Perrien at 989-251-8517.

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Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Own Prussner

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group to meet on Wednesday January 10th at 5:00pm at the Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N Washington St. Owosso. Phone 989-723-8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month. If there is bad weather we will not meet.

Owosso Parkinson Support Group will be discussing important issues members are dealing with. If you or a loved one is being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, fellowship and support.

If you have any questions about Owosso Parkinson Support Group, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator@ 989-723-6901.

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Ovid Public Library News

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful patrons! Hopefully, everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. We are hoping that you made a new years resolution to spend more time reading. We have lots of great books here waiting for you. Or maybe you would like to come join our monthly booktasting group. The next meeting of the Adult Booktasting will be Monday, January 8 at 1:00. This is an open bookclub that anyone can join. We all read books of our own choosing and then give a short synopsis of them at the meeting. Just enough to get someone interested but not enough to give away the plot. This is a fun way to learn about different books and authors and also to meet some new people.

On Wednesday, January 10, we will be showing the movie "Remember the Night" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray. Movie time will be 1:00. Please feel free to bring your own snacks. Coffee and water will be provided.

Our next Junior Book Club will be held Monday, January 17 at 5:30 and the next Children's Story Hour will be Friday, January 19 at 10:30.

Beef Market Animal Tagging for the 2024 Shiawassee County Fair

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

This year we will be holding our virtual beef weigh-in. Please complete the google form, link is below, to check in your cattle for the 2024 fair. In addition, we will have an optional in-person check in to participate in the rate-of-gain contest. If you are interested in entering the contest, bring your cattle to the fair on Sat. April 6 between 8 am & 12 pm. Top 2 beef & dairy exhibitors will be recognized and awarded. Exhibitors can check in up to 3 cattle (for virtual check in and rate-of-gain contest). Families can tag cattle for multiple siblings. The form requires the RFID tag number and pictures of your animal.

Please be sure to follow all directions on the form. A separate form should be completed for EACH animal you would like to check in. Check in deadline is Thursday, February 15th at 5:00pm.

If you have any questions please send us an email at scas-beef@gmail.com

This form goes directly to the superintendents and not the fair office. All questions and inquiries must be sent to the above email.

We are looking forward to the 2024 Shiawassee County Fair!

The link for the virtual tagging is: <https://forms.gle/CDgaPwrHWCSLJ6p68>

Animals that have not been pre-registered will not be eligible to show. Please remember this is an early check in and you will also need to register for your classes through the online entry process. No late fair entries are accepted.

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Elsie Lions Club Wild Game Dinner

On Monday January 8, 2024, the Elsie Lions Club will hold its 30th Annual Wild Game Dinner.

This will be held at the Elsie American Legion Hall starting at 6pm. Please bring a Wild Game Dish to pass or Tame and your place setting. Potatoes, rolls, milk and coffee will be provided.

Guest speaker will be Terry Kemp. Terry will be talking on the History and Creation of Commemorative Bucks. Come listen to Owosso resident and local author/publisher. Terry has been involved with CMB almost since the inception of the organization in 1981. CMB was created to measure record Bucks in Michigan. It eventually became Michigan's official record keeping organization for not only Deer, but also Bear, Elk and Turkey.

We will be Raffleing a Savage Axis 350 Rifle Gun, tickets on sale at \$10/per ticket now by calling Lion Richard Easlick 517-881-0024 or Lion Rick Jones 989-666-2781 or at the door if not sold out!

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Roland Neil “Ron” Gallagher

Roland Neil "Ron" Gallagher, age 88, of Ovid, MI, passed away Monday, January 1, 2024, at Comfort Care, Chesaning, Michigan.

Ron was born in Middleton, Michigan on August 24, 1935, the son of Olen Judd and Evelyn Viola (Smith) Gallagher. Ron married Edna Elizabeth (Walsh) LaFountain on May 2, 1998, they were married at Shepardsville Church in Ovid, MI. Edna passed away on August 20, 2001.

Ron retired from General Motors on December 31, 1998 and was a member of the U.A.W. Local #652. Ron was a jack of all trades and did many things throughout his life including, farming, drove milk truck in his family business and owned/operated a gas station in Perrinton. He was a member of the Perrinton Volunteer Fire Department for many years and coached softball in Perrinton for 19 years. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Ron looked forward to morning visits to Mary's Country Kitchen to have coffee with friends. He enjoyed several years of bowling, fishing and deer camp with the guys. Ron also enjoyed reading, puzzles, mowing lawn and bird watching. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Ronna Gallagher, Lisa Peters, Jeff (Kathy) Gallagher, Kristin Lance (Troy Tatroe), Cynthia LaFountain, Vicky (Daniel) Pumford, Barbara (Glen) Nethaway, John (April) LaFountain, Teresa (Darryl) Hornbeck, brother John (Jerilou) Gallagher, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, granddaughter Shelbie Peters, grandson Eric Perry, and his siblings: Les Smith, Garry (Kathy) Gallagher, Barbara (James) Iler, and James (Mary) Gallagher.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 4, 2024, with his nephew, Jeremy Gallagher officiating. Burial has taken place at Fairfield Township Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Robert Leon “Pat” Pohl

Robert Leon "Pat" Pohl, age 81, of Ovid, MI, passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Pat was born in St. Johns, MI, on July 8, 1942, the son of Allie N. and Leona (Hoppes) Pohl. He was a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns, with the Class of 1960. Pat served in the U.S. National Guard. On December 30, 1965, he married Gaye A. Trombley, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, MI. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2023.

Pat and Gaye lived in Elsie for 26 years, where they raised their 6 children. Gardening was his passion. Pat was known for his productive and nearly weedless garden. After 36 years of work at General Motors, he and Gaye moved to Paonia, Colorado, where he turned the high desert terrain surrounding his house, into a productive vegetable garden. The Home Economics teacher at the local high school would take her class on a field trip to Pat's house to learn the finer points of canning. He passed on the legacy of sauerkraut and horseradish making (better than Ron's) to his children. The couple spent 19 years in Colorado, where in addition to gardening, Pat managed a ranch.

In 2015, Pat and Gaye moved back to Michigan to be closer to their children. He loved watching his children and grandchildren participate in various sports. Pat loved his family most of all. He loved farming and ranching. Pat enjoyed playing euchre. He was a Golden Glove Boxer for several years, winning many championships and making lifelong friends. Pat was known for his dad jokes and good-natured manner.

He is survived by his wife Gaye Pohl; daughter Lisa and Bret Ruess, son Rob and Lisa Pohl, daughter Tracie and Erick Minnard, daughter Shannon and Tom Hurst, son Chris Pohl, and son Jordan and Erica Pohl; 20 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren with one on the way; sister Dorothy and Mike Bertram. Pat is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and many, many close friends. Pat was preceded in death by his parents, grandson Jagger Pohl, siblings: Jeanette Powers, Carol Mueller, Betty Hale, Kate Prowant, Ronald Pohl, Michael Pohl, Norman Pohl, Mary Jane Pohl, and John Peter Pohl.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Saturday, January 6, 2024, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks and Mr. Everett Smith officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Reed Cemetery, Laingsburg, MI.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Healthcare Hospice. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



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New Year, New (Old) Scams Watch out!

Dear Andy,
I was scammed again! I sent for a 3-month FREE trial, Pay only S&H for a face lotion (samples .5 oz). Then for the next 3 months, I was sent the product. At the end of the 3 months I called and asked for an extension as I had not yet used the product and to stop future shipping until I could try the lotion. Then over the next 3 months; 6 - forty-dollar charges were made on my credit card. When I called, they explained it would have needed to be canceled within 14 days to avoid the full charge (small print in the advertisement). I cannot understand why a company would have this kind of policy. They also have a no-return policy. And, how can I use a product for 3 months if I have to cancel in 2 weeks? Duped Again



Have a Question for Andy?

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Dear Duped Again,

Meaning you have been tricked or swindled before? Sounds like you need to read the small print ie "If it's too good to be true, it probably is!" ...And, now that you have paid for it...use it! Don't be embarrassed. Be Angry and take caution. As for future scams...Be Warned...read some of the recent scams that some of our other readers have experienced:

One of our readers recently applied for a data entry job online. Work from home. \$32.50 per hour for 30 hours a week, benefits opportunities after 6 months; she passed a background check, passed a data entry speed test, provided letters of recommendation, and she completed the application process, including direct deposit. Sounds legit!

Then the company sent a check to cover necessary office equipment to her home address including a \$400 startup bonus for extra expenses. She was told to deposit the \$1,200 check into her ATM, and wait 3 days for it to clear before making purchases. She was instructed to send an \$800 money order to an independent location that will have the equipment pre-programmed and set up for her to receive assignments; she could get right to work within a week. Since the money amount was recorded at the ATM, she withdrew the \$800 to purchase a money order and sent for her equipment.

Guess What? It typically takes 10 days for a business check to successfully clear. And sadly, there is no such company! Not only has she lost a week of not searching for a legit job, this bogus company has \$800 with a non-traceable money order as well as her account number and other personal information. She is still out of a job and is now overdrawn in her account. There are too many con artists who are "smart" crooks with too much time on their hands.

Some other scams include: ...the text notification of "packages you have ordered will be sent back if you do not reply to the number attached." DO NOT call the number. Another scam is persons calling you from the Social Security office to let you know that someone else is using your Social Security number or there has been a mix-up in the number... Social Security DOES NOT call you. Next, you have won a cruise, or you have won magazine subscriptions, or you have been selected to _____. Put anything in that blank. It's a scam.

And, my favorite scam....YOU qualify for only paying \$40.00 a month on your student loan... Oh no, Andy...yes me, I learned the hard way....I was scammed \$7,000 (over 20 years ago.) Scammers have gotten even smarter. The U.S. Department of Education is the only department to negotiate reductions, forgiveness, forbearance, or options for payback. ...And the person I was talking to knew everything about my student loan and my personal information...and they still were crooks.

Just recently, I applied for a Sam's Credit Card. Was planning on using it for just gas and few of my Sam's favorite products and earn some cash back. I used it for some airline tickets. Paid off the account at the end of the month...received a Congratulations letter for paying off my card and I was eligible to select a FREE gift. WOW! How exciting. Showed it to my husband; we selected and received the gift in about 2 weeks...2 weeks later there was a \$173.34 charge on my Sam's card...

So, I called the California company phone number on my statement just for them to inform me they were independent of Sam's and I should have read the small print. It looked like it was from Sam's. They were items from Sam's store products.

Here are a few suggestions of ways to not be scammed: Keep in mind that online and phone criminals are organized professionals scamming to get personal information or they might already have your information. Ask for a callback number, know who you are speaking to, and do not give or "verify" any personal information. Vulnerable people can include anyone, from...students to the elderly... If you are scammed, you have recourse. Report it to your State Attorney General's Office.

When you do order online, first join a secure method of payment. For example - Google Pay, Apple Pay, or Venmo. They are reputable and easy to use. Advice from Andy for this new year "IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, THEN IT'S PROBABLY TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE."

Have a Safe and Happy New Year. Andy. Please continue to write to me at askandyforadvice@gmail.com or ask_andy@aol.com.

Editorial



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If this year is as busy as my first four days of January, then I can anticipate an outrageously filled year where I really will be meeting myself in the middle. On New Year's Eve, I did not stay up to watch the ball drop. I wasn't out partying... I was having friends in on the first and needed to get a few more things done before my guests started arriving. I'm glad that it worked out well for me. I thoroughly enjoyed their company.

What I was aggravated about was stopping at Walt-mart to pick up the sub sandwiches that I had ordered. I was told that I could pick them up after 8 AM, a little later in the morning would work even better. So I arrived at ten and checked at the deli counter for my order. The gentleman went into the cooler and searched for my order, he came out shaking his head and went over to check with two other workers. He then went back into the cooler, finally he came out without the subs. He asked when I ordered them. I told him that it had been on Black Friday ... he apologized because he couldn't find my order and didn't know where the boss was. Did I mind waiting while they made up my order, I asked how long it would take. First I was told it would be half an hour, then one of the gals came forth and said that it would be ready in twenty minutes. Of course I waited... The sub was good but I really didn't have the time to wait. Ya win some and ya lose some. Fortunately the rest of the was filled with much laughter and camaraderie.

Six of us spent the afternoon playing King's Corners. Yup, Brent and Diane came over to eat before the big game. Nope, I did not watch it, nor did I have the television turned on. I knew that the Wolverines won in overtime and that it was a good game. Diane and Brent went home before the game started. Karen, Robin, Sandy and I munched on the goodies and played cards. None of seemed to care if we won or lost. Robin had brought a cheese ball, potato chips and dip. Karen made deviled eggs. Sandy's offering of a shrimp ball, a spinach dip, several kinds of crackers and sugared bacon was interesting. I just had the subs, a meat and cheese platter, a veggie tray and extra dip for the corn chips. Of course I also had coffee and water. Sandy also brought a pastry, her offerings were definitely over the top. My house was filled with laughter and Miss Prudence was offended by us all. She had to share me with a stranger and barely acknowledge Karen or Robin who she knew.

Prudence has been making me pay for my transgressions. She is very deliberate and lets me know that I have erred. My reminder that I must return to work on Thursday was ignored. On Wednesday Prudence let me know that I had brought in another stranger, those actions were not considered to be acceptable by her. She ignored Jean and me while we visited. Pru got to go with me to the breakfast birthday party at the farm but wanted to stay perched upon my lap the whole time and things did not go as she planned. In dog years, Pru would be ninety-one years old, and seems to have gotten into that crabby self-centered arena. I wonder if I will be as demanding when or if I make it that far in my life time.

When Thursday morning got here, Miss Prudence did relent, and seemed to realize that her wishful thinking was not going to be fulfilled. She barked continuously as I left the house at six. To be honest she was all wiggles and giggles when I got home after closing the shop. Speaking of MG's Perx & Pastries, next week we will be having a breakfast pizza available. It involves Naan bread, eggs, our sausage gravy and cheese. I am glad that Diane is always looking for something yummy to serve (preferably something that I can also make). I have not mastered the breakfast burritos yet.

I'm glad to be back at the shop. I have missed our regulars and on the first day back, we were able to please our biscuit and gravy aficionados, our onion bread lovers and cinnamon roll supporters. I am glad to know that we can please folks with more than one of our products. We also had a couple of young men on the OE Varsity who enjoy both the sausage and biscuits and our pretzel sticks. Life is good. May your days be filled with a healthy variety and may God bless your positive endeavors.

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Shiawassee Arts Center

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center will resume Independent Painting classes with Philip Ruehle, Artist/Instructor, MFA. This six week session will begin on Wednesday,



January 10 and continue until February 14, from Noon-3pm.

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Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New six week session will follow. Pre-registration & payment required. Call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354. The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The classrooms are handicap accessible.

Shiawassee Arts Center Portrait Painting Series

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be offering another Portrait Painting series of classes with Philip Ruehle, Artist/Instructor, MFA.

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Materials: Paint: Cadmium Yellow Cadmium Red Alizarin Ultramarine Blue Burnt Sienna Titanium White Stand Oil (if working in oil) Slow drying medium (if working in acrylic) Assortment of filbert and round brushes Canvas or panel (x4)11"x14" Palette knife (metal is preferred over plastic) Small glass jar (for oil painters) Medium to large plastic or glass jar (acrylic painters)

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submitted by Ellen Link

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MDHHS Recognizes Social Determinants of Health Month in January

submitted by Chelsea Wuth

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is bringing partners together from across the state in recognition of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) month in January. MDHHS is hosting events throughout the month to highlight statewide efforts and will offer a virtual SDOH Summit Jan. 23-25 and a half day in-person reception Friday, Jan. 26. Throughout the month, local, state and federal partners will highlight efforts to address social factors that impact health. The goal is to improve awareness of current resources for residents, highlight successful community-driven solutions and develop stronger partnerships to support a greater community impact.

Disparities in SDOH unfairly disadvantage individuals and contribute to persistent and preventable health inequities. MDHHS promotes the health, safety and stability of residents by providing services and administering programs and policies that positively improve SDOH.

Phase III of Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities will be launched in coordination with SDOH Month at the summit. A primary component of Phase III is the implementation of SDOH Hubs – supporting community-led solutions to provide comprehensive social and health care resources to Michigan residents.

Interested participants can register online for the January SDOH Summit with promo code: RO4DM4P for a discount on the registration fee. Space is limited.

To stay updated on SDOH efforts in Michigan and learn more about how you can participate in SDOH month, visit Michigan.gov/SDOH.

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(l-r): Ava Juhas, Kaia Spiess, Maddisyn Miller, Haley McClung

Marauder Girls, With Only Four Wrestlers, Take 4th at Mt. Morris

MOUNT MORRIS -- With just four wrestlers competing, the Ovid-Elsie girls still managed to finish 4th of 26 teams at the annual Mount Morris Girls Invitational.

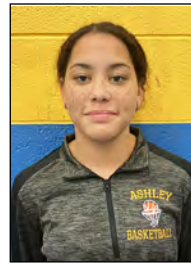
Coach Kyle Spiess' quartet turned in outstanding performances, none of the Marauder grapplers finishing worst than 3rd place:

- Maddisyn Miller, 1st, place, 2-0 record.
- Kaia Spiess, 2nd place, 2-1 record.
- Ava Juhas, 3rd place, 2-1 record.
- Haley McClung, 3rd place, 3-1 record.

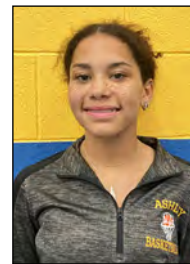
Local teams competing at the event included Hemlock, Lakeville, Owosso, O-E, St. Johns and the host Panthers.



Ellie Drummond



Marissa Brady



Karissa Brady

Lady Bears Take Tough Loss

by Ashleigh Shaw

In the first game after the Holiday break, Ashley took on the Irish of Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, one of the top teams in the league so far this season. The Bears played a tight game for the first quarter and a half and then struggled, turning the ball over and struggling to score against the Irish press and tough defense. "We struggled with turnovers tonight that led to too many easy baskets on the other end. Sacred Heart is a good team who is going to take advantage of those opportunities" stated Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had 6 points and 4 rebounds, Marissa Brady scored 3 points and grabbed 7 rebounds and Karissa Brady had a bucket and 4 rebounds.

Wolfpack Grapplers Now Into Hammer Time

LAINGSBURG -- Great ready for "Hammer Time."

The Wolfpack wrestling team has announced its first two Hammer winners for the 2023-24 season.

"For us, the Hammer of the Week is the wrestler who had a great week of practice and tournament,"

says veteran coach Shawn Baynes. "They don't have to win anything, but usually they do."

The week one recipient was Liam McDonald. The week two honoree was Dano Winans.



Liam McDonald



Dano Winans



Dano Winans in black light match against Olivet.

Photo by Burg Sports and More

Wolfpack Grapplers Featured in Blacklight; Bury Olivet Eagles, 54-24

LAINGSBURG -- In a way cool blacklight dual meet, the Wolfpack wrestling team continued its early-season winning ways at the LHS gymnasium.

The Olivet Eagles were the victim, falling by a 54-24 margin after coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves rolled to forfeit wins in the first four lightweight classes.

"It was a cool meet because of the blacklight," said Baynes. Ask the Eagles: it's a big advantage to fill all the weight classes.

-- 106 lbs.: Ethan Schneeberger won by forfeit; Elayna Jones (Olivet) won by fall over Scarlett Ruhf, 1:05.

-- 113 lbs.: Liam McDonald won by forfeit.

-- 120 lbs.: Marlon Graham won by forfeit.

-- 126: Calvin Stier won by forfeit.

-- 132: Jace Morris (Olivet) won by 5-2 dec. over Dano Winans.

-- 144: Garret Matthews won by fall over Drew Garcia, :48 seconds.

-- 150: Martin Meyers won by fall, 2:06 over DeShonte Lindsay.

-- 157: Bryce Smith won by forfeit.

-- 165: Seth Sivak won by fall over Luke Wallen in 1:36.

-- 175: Tyler Schofield (Olivet) won fall over Charles Dehnert, 1:09.

-- 190: Ben Kelenske (Olivet) won by fall over Alex Forcier, 1:09.

-- 215: Joe LaSalle (Olivet) won by 6-2 dec. over Wyatt Stanfield; Harvey Montgomery (L) won by fall over Carlitos Velasquez, :32 seconds.

-- 285: Riley Kiffer won by forfeit; Mirabella Carolan (L) won by fall over Brianna Preston, 3:08.

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Local Deer Harvest Report

The numbers are in and the statewide deer harvest is down by 10% over last year compared to only a decrease of 4% locally, however, the doe harvest locally and statewide seems to be remaining steady at 43%. What does this mean? Well, the DNR is probably starting to get worried because they were hoping for higher numbers to help curb crop damage and deer/auto accidents. Add in a winter which has been very mild so far that winter kill may be next to nonexistent. Expect an even larger herd next year not only locally but across the state. Please look over the figures below.

2022	Antlered	Antlerless	Total
Clinton	3441	2774	6215
Gratiot	3090	2350	5440
Saginaw	3615	2662	6277
Shiawassee	3205	2387	5992
	13,351	10,173	23,924
2023	Antlered	Antlerless	Total
Clinton	3234	2674	5908
Gratiot	2940	2422	5362
Saginaw	3706	2493	6199
Shiawassee	2974	2368	5342
	12854	9957	22811
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State Total	172022	131034	303056
2023			
State Total	155490	117654	273144

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Resolution Rebellion - Just Be Still!

Soooo.. How's that New Year's Resolution going...?!?! Ha! If you are like me...every year I decide on a new healthy eating goal or life improvement idea and then 2 days in, I can't even remember what the goal was! Resolutions are tricky and I've never been very good at keeping them. Self discipline is not my strong suit. But making a New Years Resolution seems like the thing to do. We all need one right??? Wrong!!! Trust me, there are some of you, based on recent circumstances, that have no business trying to make and keep resolutions this early in the year. Now I'm not criticizing those that jump into the new year determined to grow, to change, to get started on a brand new path to a better life, etc. You Got This!! You Can Do it!!! But I also think it's important to recognize that some folks may not be ready for growth right at this moment. And that's okay too! We get hit from all sides, luring us onto resolution bandwagons, joining fitness challenges, reading clubs, and making major life changes. It seems like everywhere you look there are gym ads, diet plans, and friends starting groups. All of that is great and fine. Starting new initiatives, setting goals, and getting a fresh start are all powerful things that God can use to kickstart what He's got in store for us this year. However, I want to also normalize that it's 100 percent okay if you are not at that place. If the thought of a New Years resolution makes you nauseous, it may not be your season to grow. Instead, it may be your season to rest, to heal, to replenish. Instead of hitting the gym, you may need more time curled up on the couch under a fuzzy blanket, on vacation, or just laying low. I know of several families that have been rocked in recent weeks. Long illnesses, difficult diagnoses, holiday craziness, work stress, and unexpected loss all take a tremendous toll. It is totally okay to give yourself permission to take this season off. Instead of expending energy toward some lofty resolution that you think others are expecting, why not take a while to conserve energy and restore your soul. Only when we take time to replenish is true growth even possible anyway. Plants



Emily Klingbeil

know this truth better than us.

Winter wheat, for example, is planted in the fall. Before the hard frost of winter, the seed only has time to germinate and grow a few inches above the ground. Then the cold comes, the ground freezes, and growth stops. Winters in the upper mid-west can be long. But under a layer of snow (well maybe not this year) the little wheat plant "curls up under a blanket" and goes to sleep. No growth, just waiting, not using energy, just being there. Finally, months later, when spring returns, warmer temperatures kickstart its metabolic processes and the wheat plant explodes with new growth. Winter wheat needs a time of rest, a time of quiet, a time of just being still. And it is only after this dormancy, can its productive life come forth. Let's hold onto that wisdom. There is no need to rush growth. New life can start anytime, not just at New Years. Take all the time you need. When you are ready, and after you have done the work of healing, taken time for your soul to be quiet, or allowed your body and your spirit to rest.. Then make all the resolutions you want. But in the meantime... it's okay to be still for awhile.



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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 for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 7, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erik Martini, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, It's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2020 and recorded November 24, 2020 in Instrument Number 5301328 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Ninety-Eight and 10/100 Dollars (\$71,098.10).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 7, 2024.

Said premises are located in the City of Ovid, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:
Lot 7 and the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 13, Village (now City) of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 367, Clinton County Records.
130 W. Front St, Ovid, Michigan 48866

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: January 7, 2024
File No. 23-014828
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Bannister ZCBJ Lodge Mothers' and Fathers' Celebration May 21, 2023



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

1st Ever OE Track Conference Championship May 28, 2023



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.

OE Tennis Team Wins Regional Title May 28, 2023



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

New Exhibit at SAC

The Shiawassee Arts Center opens a new exhibit featuring Indigenous artwork by Monica Rickert Bolter, Kelly Church, Stephanie Jackson, Wanesia Misquadace, Cherish Parrish, and Monica Raphael.



Black ash basket designed by Kelly Church

The exhibit, which runs January 3 through January 28, is sponsored by The Cook Family Foundation. Help us kick off the Statewide Community Read, Firekeepers Daughter by Angeline Boulley, at the public is welcome to attend the 'Meet the Artists' reception Sunday, January 14, 1-3pm. Copies of the book will be available.

Monica Rickert-Bolter is a Chicago-based visual artist of Potawatomi and Black heritage. Her artwork uses traditional mediums, such as charcoal and pastels, graphic design, and digital coloring to create expressive characters and tell diverse stories.

Stephanie Jackson is an artist, activist and educator from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. She explores the relationship between her Anishinaabe and settler ancestry, and the unique experience of being a first-generation descendent through her practice of both contemporary and traditional Anishinaabe arts.

Monica Jo Raphael, Anishinaabe-Lakota from the village of Peshawbestown on the Grand Traverse Band Reservation, is a culture bearer, grandmother and fifth generation quill worker who comes from a long line of woodland quill artists. She feels as if she's having a dialogue with her ancestors when creating her interpretation of an art that predates European contact and the introduction of glass seed beads.

Kelly Church is an Pottawatomi/Ottawa/Ojibwe black ash basket maker, fiber artist, educator, activist and culture keeper. A member of the Gun Lake Band in Michigan and a Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Ojibwe descendent, she comes from an unbroken line of black ash basket makers and from the largest black ash weaving family in the Great Lakes region.

Wanesia Spry Misquadace is a member of the Fond Du Lac's Band of the Ojibway in Minnesota. Highly adept at the traditional Ojibway practice of making wigwas mamacenawejegam, otherwise known as "transparencies" or "chews" Misquadace utilizes the eye tooth to firmly bite designs into birch bark.

Cherish Parrish is a sixth-generation, black ash basket weaver, having learned the craft from her mother, artist Kelly Church. Using the pliable bark of black ash trees that she harvests from the swamps of the Michigan wetlands, Parrish weaves tightly woven baskets.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, celebrating its 52nd anniversary in 2024, is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso and is open to the public free of charge, Monday through Friday 10-5pm, weekends 12-3pm. The Arts Center

features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. SAC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

Monica Rickert-Bolter of Chicago design





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