

Another Student Signing Day at Ovid-Elsie



Back row (l-r) Grandpa & Grandma Brian and Janet Parmenter, Grandma & Grandpa Jayne and Kevin Campbell. Front row (l-r) Sister, Danika, Mom, Danielle, Dad, Jeff and Sister, Kaela Campbell



(l-r): Sister Kendal, Mom Nicole, Braeden, Dad Jason, Brother Tryce Tokar



(l-r): Mom Rachell, Talan, Dad Jason, Brother Ryker Parsons



(l-r): Mom Kirsten, Evalyn and Dad Josh Cole

Photos by Denise Burgess

On Thursday, April 11, 2024, four more OE Seniors, Hailee Campbell, Braedon Tokar, Talon Parsons and Evalyn Cole signed Letters of Intent to compete at the next level after high school.

Hailee will be heading to Albion College to play soccer for the Britons. She achieved All State recognition in three sports, soccer, basketball and volleyball, has a 4.09 GPA and is in the 2024 Top Ten in her graduating class. Family members in attendance besides her parents included Grandparentnts, Aunts, Uncles and two Cousins.

Braeden will be heading to MSU and will join the Spartan Rowing Team. A three sport athlete for the Marauders in volleyball, basketball and track. Recognized for First & Second Team All Conference in basketball, 1st Team All Conference in Track and Division 3 All Area for volleyball just to name a few. Joining her on signing day were her parents, sister, Kendall and brother, Tryce.

Talan will also be heading to Northern Illinois where he will join the Huskie Wrestling Team.

A two-time State Championship Marauder wrestler, two times runner up and voted MVP all four years. Also named to the Greater Lansing all-area dream wrestling team. He has a 4.16 GPA, has completed a Certified Nursing Assistant program, Captain of the soccer team and earned All Conference lead goal scorer. In addition to his parents, his grandparents and brother Ryker were in attendance for his signing.

Evalyn will be playing soccer for the Cleary Cougars. A standout soccer and basketball player for the Marauders, has earned 4 times 1st Team All Conference & All District in soccer, 2 times 1st Team All Conference & All District in basketball. Recognized as MVP three times in soccer and twice in basketball. A three time Conference Champ, two time District Champ and a Regional Champion team member in basketball. Family in attendance along with her parents were Grandparents, Aunts and Cousins.

Lady Wolfpack Remains Unbeaten, Thrashing Potterville 27-2 and 15-0

LAINGSBURG -- The disparity between high school softball teams was on display here April 15, with the unbeaten Wolfpack hosting a growing-and-learning Potterville program on the girls softball diamond.

Unbeaten Laingsburg has state title aspirations. The Vikings -- particularly in the pitching circle -- are trying to develop talent, all while competing in the ultra-tough Central Michigan Athletic Conference.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolves powered across 21 runs in the opening inning and rolled to a 27-2 win in the opener, with Ashley Bila, Savvy Stirn, Makenna Johnston, Bellda Latuszek, Addyson Buchin, Skyler Stff, Peyton Stahr and Harper Strouse all delivering big hits. Latuszek and Stahr each delivered four RBI.

Lady Wolves pass first big softball test of 2024, sweep MPSH

MOUNT PLEASANT -- First big test. Passed. With flying colors.

Laingsburg's hoped-for quest to the MHSAA Softball State Finals faced its initial challenge of the 2024 season, with an early-season doubleheader at Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart. The Irish are one of the top-



Harper Strouse drills a base hit for Laingsburg in a CMAC doubleheader romp over Potterville.

Photo by Burg Sports



Out With the Old...In With the New: New water main lines were installed last week on Main Street in downtown Ovid. Even with the presence of all the heavy equipment and workers on Main Street, residents were able to move to both the north and south as construction work was in process. The project is moving along nicely not only on Main Street but along several streets within the City.

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Social

Lions Club White Cane Week

The Ovid Lions Club will be visible in town on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, participating in the statewide White Cane Week. The goals are to educate and remind people about white cane safety, as well as collect donations to be used toward local sight-first projects. The Ovid Lions Club appreciates your support!

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City of Ovid's Planning Commission Meeting

Join the City of Ovid's Planning Commission for a special meeting to kick off the development of our new Master Plan and new Park and Recreation Plan! We're excited to invite you, our valued community members, to be a part of this transformative journey as we shape the future of our city together.

Monday, April 29th at 5 p.m. at City Hall

At this meeting, we'll work on our vision for Ovid's growth and development, outlining key goals and initiatives to enhance livability, sustainability, and recreational opportunities for all residents. Your input is invaluable as we embark on this collaborative planning process, ensuring that the plans reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of our community.

Whether you're a long-time resident, business owner, or newcomer to Ovid, your voice matters. Join us to share your ideas, concerns, and vision for the future, and together, let's create a city we're proud to call home.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Community Garden Sale

submitted by Dave Draggoo

Looking Glass Community Outreach, a faith-based outreach nonprofit, is holding a sale of the items in their community garden. Due to the sale of the property on which the garden rests, and also due to waning interest in the garden by local residents, this project is being disbanded. To dispose of the numerous tools and equipment a sale is being held on Saturday, April 27, at Faith Community Church (UMC) near Shaftsbury (12821 Warner Rd. Perry). The sale will be held near the pavilion on the west side of the church and will run from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Some of the items that will be on sale: a full-size rear tine rototiller, a small mantis style tiller (only used one season), woodchipper, gas grill, old lawn mower, wood benches, plastic chairs, garden hose, chrome smudge pots, many garden hand tools, metal storage cabinet, metal shelves, and more.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for Emergency Relief Assistance to local residents in need.

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Library News

Ovid Public Library

On Monday, April 22 we will be having our Adult Booktasting. The meeting will start at 1:00. If you love reading and would like to share your love of reading with others, come and join us. We share what books we have read without giving away too much of the plot. This is a great way to meet new friends and to discover some great new reads!

Wednesday, April 24 we will be showing the movie "Moulin Rouge" starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. Movie time is 1:00. We will have light refreshments available as well as coffee and water. You are welcome to bring along snacks (and a friend!).

Children's Story Hour will be Friday, April 26. This will begin at 10:30. Ms. Shelly will be reading some spring books and there will be a craft to make. Bring the kiddos and join us!

Salmon Release at DeVries Nature Conservancy

submitted by Brittany Tillman

On Friday, May 3rd a unique event that will occur here at DeVries Nature Conservancy, 2635 N. M-52, Owosso, we will have 30 students from Morrice Elementary bring over 80 juvenile salmon they have raised in their classroom this school year to release into the Shiawassee River. Morrice Elementary is one of many annual participants in the MI DNR's Salmon in the Classroom project, where the DNR supplies the resources and fish for schools to raise and learn about this unique species.

After the students release their fish into the river, there will be a day full of environmental education activities as we partner with the Michigan DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and more!

The salmon release is to take place at 8:30 am with the activities to follow.

Food Truck Event in St. Johns

The American Legion Post 153 in St Johns will host a Food Truck Event on Thursday, April 25th. The Nom Nom Ninja Food Truck will be serving up delicious food from 4pm-7pm. The Post Lounge will be open to the public with Live Music from 7pm-10pm. The American Legion Post 153 is located at 110 E. Walker Street in St Johns.

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2023 Water Quality Report for City of St. Johns

Water Supply Serial Number: 6300

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of St. Johns for the 2023 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2023. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 5 groundwater wells, each over 488 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is: Well #2 Moderate, Well # 3 Moderately High, Well # 4 Moderately High, Well # 7 Moderately low, Well #8 Moderately Low.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in the Well Head Protection Program and continuously monitoring our water supply through testing and sampling recommended by EGLE.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Justin Smith, 989-224-8944 ext. 281, jsmith@stjohnsmich.com

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain

contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.



Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2023. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- N/A: Not applicable
- ND: not detectable at testing limit
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment: A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Information about lead:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City Of St. Johns is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in

(Abbreviated units for detection/contaminant)

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violates MCL/TT	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	N/A	N/A	2018	ND	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from ceramics; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.13	N/A	2018	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Borate (ppm)	10	10	ND	N/A	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from toilet tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.47	N/A	2021	ND	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sulfur ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	42	N/A	2021	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
THM4 Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	08	N/A	107.13	N/A	2023	ND	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
THM5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	08	N/A	102.1	N/A	2023	ND	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4	14	13-14	2023	ND	Water additive used to control microbes
Alkaline earths (pCa/L)	25	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined sodium (pCa/L)	5	0	4.0	N/A	2019	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliforms	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2023	ND	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (coliform samples)	See E. coli rule ³	0	0	N/A	2023	ND	Human and animal fecal waste
Total coliforms—E. coli at the source (coliform samples)	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2023	ND	Human and animal fecal waste

¹ Sulfur is not a regulated contaminant.

² The historical "Lead Detected" was calculated using 8 running annual averages.

³ E. coli MCL violation occurs if (1) routine and residual samples are total coliform positive and either of E. coli positive, or (2) the monthly fails to take all required residual samples following E. coli positive routine sample, or (3) the monthly fails to achieve total coliform number exceed exceeds for 3, col.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violates MCL/TT	Typical Source of Contaminant
Perfluoromethanes sulfonic acid (PFMCA) (ppb)	1/10	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorooctanoic sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppb)	400	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain resistant treatments
Perfluorodecanoic sulfonic acid (PFDA) (ppb)	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	ND	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorododecanoic acid (PFHxO) (ppb)	400,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	ND	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFHxO) (ppb)	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	ND	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorodecanoic sulfonic acid (PFDA) (ppb)	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	ND	Firefighting foam; discharge from firefighting facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFHxO) (ppb)	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	2023	ND	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Level (AL)							
Action Level	MCLG	How Water ¹	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Lead (ppb)	15	0	0	0-0.8	2021	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing (including fittings and fixtures); erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.4	0-1.16	2021	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

¹ Priority (PQ) list of 104 chemicals contained next to or below the table reported for our water.

Additional Monitoring

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the U.S. EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether regulation of those contaminants is needed.

Unregulated Contaminant Name	Average Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Comments
[Name of Unregulated Contaminant] (unit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Results of monitoring are available upon request
[Name of Unregulated Contaminant] (unit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Results of monitoring are available upon request

drinking water. Testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Our water supply has 0lead service lines and 134service lines of unknown material out of a total of 2855 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023.

We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City of St. Johns Offices 100 E State St, St Johns, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you. We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Commission meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at city offices. For more information about you water, or the contents of this report, contact Justin Smith Director of Public Services at 989-224-8944 ext. 281. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

Obituaries

MaryLou Hanold

MaryLou Hanold, a native of Elsie, Michigan, died peacefully on April 16, 2024 at the age of 95. Born at home, one of thirteen children born to Onas and Thelma (Doten) Baese, MaryLou grew up in Elsie where she was a graduate of Elsie High School, Class of 1946. She made her career as a nurse and served many years at Sparrow Hospital, St. John's Hospital in Detroit, Bethesda Hospital in Boynton Beach, Florida, and in retirement served at the Ovid Healthcare Center in Ovid. Throughout her life she enjoyed singing and annual family reunions.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Hanold in 1994, eight brothers and a sister. She is survived by her daughters, Louanne Blackburn (Butch Staley) and Natalie (Peter) Villmure, her son, Gerald Duane Blackburn, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a brother, Richard Baese; sister, Diane Bates and many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Monday, April 22, at 3PM, with visitation beginning at 2PM. Pastor JD Paik officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Elsie and a luncheon will be held at the Elsie United Methodist Church.

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



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"Compared to a Bowl of Rice"

"Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands..." (Isaiah 49:16)."

"Twice a day," the reporter wept into the camera, "this African woman gets a tiny bowl of rice for her, and her child to live on." He composed himself. "You may not think you're rich (enough to help), but compared to this poor woman, you are wildly wealthy."

Compared to the USC football player who just died — a Heisman Trophy runner-up, who led the nation in rushing yards in 1967 and 1968, the first pick in the AFL Draft, an NFL Hall of Famer, a movie star, and NBC sports announcer, we all fall short and seem poor. But his wealth and success were all undone by one question, "Is O.J. Simpson guilty?"

The country was divided on whether or not he murdered his wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. He was acquitted in the famous 1995 trial, but then found liable in a 1997 civil trial owing both families 33.5 million. Was he guilty? We may never know, but it seems legally the answer was no, and then yes (hardly a definitive judgment).

But the Bible has a clear verdict for all of us. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)." Imagine meeting someone new and you say, "Pleased to meet you, I'm Gil. Gil Tee." Absurd because we think we're not guilty. "I'm good enough. My good deeds outweigh my bad deeds. Compared to Hitler, I'm not so bad."

That's the bowl of rice problem. It all depends on what you're comparing "it" to. Compared to her bowl of rice, we're rich. Compared to Simpson, we're poor. Compared to Hitler, we're not guilty. But is our perception of ourselves right (I'm not that bad) and our view of God's justice correct (He loves me because after all, I'm mostly good)?

The standard God uses is Himself...holiness, perfection. "Therefore, you are to be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48)." Jesus Christ is "it." The sinless man, God-in-the-flesh, and compared to Him, "we all fall short of the glory of God." "There is none righteous, not even one (Romans 3:10)." That seems awful severe.

We think God weighs out our deeds on a cosmic scale and we're obviously good enough. But there are no scales. "For whoever keeps the whole Law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all (James 2:10)." "But I did my best. Nobody's perfect. Where's the 'God is love' stuff?" That's where the cross fits in...like a bloody glove.

Imagine if Ron Goldman's Dad took Simpson's place — that's what God did for you! "He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21)." The sinless Man reconciled God's perfect justice and His love by taking our place, and the punishment for our sins.

So now when you meet Jesus, if you are "in Him" and not in your unpaid sins, you can say, "Hi, I'm 'the righteousness of God' because of Your blood. Rice to meet You."



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Father Raj

Oh, my goodness, life is filled with modifications from your intended path. I have been reviewing my expectant path for this week. The path has been snaking about and is no longer easy to follow or to focus upon. Shall I say that it is managing to elude my control? I now have two loads of laundry to get done...but the washing machine will not be fixed until next Thursday afternoon. (Lucky for me, I have enough clothes to keep me covered and clean until then.) I am fortunate that Karen had me bring over those that were soaking in my washer which had decided that it would no longer rinse or spin the contents. Wringing out the well soaked clothes was interesting and then taking them down to Karen's was a rather strenuous function. To put it mildly, the hand wrung clothes were very heavy to carry. I made the trip to my pickup and then had to have help getting them into Karen's. Guess what, they were very light in weight when I put them back into the garbage bag to take home and put them into the dryer and back to normal when I removed them from the dryer.

I had a list and of things to get done. The list is getting longer. As in I wanted to get my lawn mowed and it just keeps growing. I did manage to get half of it done but the clutch on the left side made my leg very disagreeable. Honestly, I never remember having to use the clutch so much. That being said I asked my psychical therapist about the chore. Last week she told me not to attempt it because I had gone two steps forward and half a step back when mowing. This week she gave me permission as long as I packed my knee in ice for twenty minutes as soon as I finished mowing. I plan on packing my knee because I enjoy the mowing and find myself to be quite satisfied when I am done. I will actually have accomplished something. Of course Diane and Brent offered to do the mowing for me and I hope that they will understand my need to accomplish it by myself. Yes, I can be stubborn and I already have the cold pack ready for duty.

My mobility factor has increased by seventeen per cent on my left leg even though I was in the half step back episode. I will be in therapy for another four weeks and am happy with the progress. Can't decide whether it is the daily banana or the daily dose of magnesium that has stopped the vicious 'charlie horses'. I will continue to do both for awhile, at least until the therapy is finished. I have never had much luck massaging them out. Must be that I don't have the magic fingers needed for the process. I am thankful that my muscles are responding well to the therapy and that my legs are the same length.

I have been making some oatmeal cookies at the shop and they are being well received. Yesterday I made them with toasted walnuts and am thinking of using butterscotch chips in them. I need to roll out pie crust this morning and to get a hustle on. I'm running late and sold out the cinnamon rolls mid-morning yesterday. I need to get another batch done this morning. I hope that you have been enjoying the beautiful flowers and flowering trees. Just seeing them makes me smile. I guess that you could say that they signify hope for me. May your lives be filled with hopeful sights like the smile of a child and a parent's loving glance. God bless you.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Editorial

Citizens for Local Choice

Letter to the Editor:

Citizens for Local Choice, a by-partisan group of Michigan residents, are gathering signatures with hopes of placing the question of returning local control of large scale utility renewable energy projects back from the state to local government on the November 2024 ballot.

Registered voters are being asked to sign the petition so they will have a say on whether the state maintains control or it is given back to the local communities. Your signature is not a statement of support for or against renewable energy. It simply is giving voters the right to choose - one of our most sacred rights as a free society is the ability to be able to VOTE on an issue.

In November 2023, the Michigan legislature passed legislation to strip local governments the right to regulate large scale utility solar, wind, and battery energy storage system facilities. The governor signed the legislation into law known as Public Act 233, which gave the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) the power to regulate such projects. DTE, Consumer Energy, and out-of-state energy companies will profit from Public Act 233.

Public Act 233 will become effective on November 29th, 2024 if it is not repealed by the ballot initiative. Renewable energy ordinances that have been enacted by your local county, townships, and municipalities, will then be null and voided. If local ordinances are more restrictive than the state mandates, energy companies can bypass local governments and work with the MPSC. Either way, the state has the FINAL say over the siting and permitting of these projects.

Under state mandates, setbacks from your property will become less and more intrusive. Noise control over these projects will become non-existent. Residents living by the 1,900 acre Assembly Solar project in Shiawassee County, constantly hear noise on a daily basis from inverters. Wildlife is being trapped within the facility. Drainage problems are common on non-participating properties because of this project.

Wind turbines as high as 600 feet or taller will be built. They are known to create shadow flicker and a whooshing sound from the rotation of its blades. Turbines also emit infrasound causing those living near these projects to experience sleep disturbances, dizziness and other symptoms. Bats, birds, including eagles, succumb daily to the 164 foot span blades while the turbine operates.

Battery energy storage systems can be built on as little as 10 acres. Lithium battery energy storage systems are highly flammable and dangerous with the release of toxic fumes.

Projects will be commissioned for a period of 25 to 40 years, with surrounding property values declining yearly. Local realtors say clients do not want to buy homes near renewable energy projects.

Ask yourself, do you and your family want to live a few hundred feet from these projects? Or, would you allow your local government to regulate these projects in areas that are suitable for wind, solar, and battery energy storage systems?

Think about it before you say "no" when approached to sign a petition.

Orlin Stringham
Middlebury Township

Attention Greenbush Township Residents & Cemetery Lot Owners

It's Spring clean-up time at the Eureka Cemetery. Your help is needed in removing your grave blankets and other decorations. There are trash barrels available and also the large disposal pit on the north side of the cemetery. Our maintenance worker would appreciate your assistance in helping to keep the cemetery in tip top shape. For more information please call Ramona Smith at 989-224-6197. Thank you in advance for your help.

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ATTENTION CITY OF OVID WATER CUSTOMERS April 15th, 2024 The City's water filter media will be CHANGED!

What to expect:

- Some water discoloration (tea colored) from iron which is a naturally occurring mineral and DOES NOT pose any health problems.
 - Slight taste or odor to your water.
 - Water may have tinge of brown if left sit for any time.
 - Beware washing any whites or light clothes, may cause discoloration to item.
- Installation and testing will take approximately 4 weeks.
Changing filter media is standard maintenance of the city's water system.

City of Ovid Public & Regular Meeting April 8, 2024

Open Public Meeting:

Mayor Lasher called the Public Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien-Absent, M. Olger, B. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 13 guests present.

CWSRF Presentation: Doug Scott presented to the board information on the USDA application.

Open Public Comment: Opened: 7:13pm Closed: 7:17pm

Public Meeting Closed: 7:17 pm

Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor William Lasher opened the Regular Meeting at 7:17 pm

Roll Call: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien-Absent, M. Olger, B. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 13 guests present.

Agenda

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Minutes

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve March 11, 2024 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Invoice/check register

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from March 13, 2024 through April 9, 2024. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Public Comment: Opened 7:21 pm Closed 7:25 pm

Mayor's report:

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve and authorize Mayor Lasher to sign the USDA application and Letter of Intent to meet condition. Council Member L. Ordiway second the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to authorized Mayor Lasher to sign the Request for Obligation for the watermain project. Council Member E. Starn supported the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Treasurer's Report

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by the treasurer. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Police Report

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to appropriate funds to the SOT (Special Operation Team) in an amount of \$1500.00 Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

M21 Apartment Light pole

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to place a pole and light at the M-21 Apartments. E. Brown supported.

Carried on Voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the bid and work from J&J Hardwoods for tree removal for 5 trees for a total amount of \$7,200.00. Council Member E. Starn supported the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to amend the budget from the street reserve to street trees. Supported by Council Member M. Perrien

Carried by voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the bid and work from 5-Star Masonry to repair the 2-storm drain basin on Clinton St. and Main St. in an amount of \$4,200.00. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to approve the bid and work for the installation of electrical pole on Gratiot St. water tower from Consumers Energy \$3,257.00. Council Member E. Starn supported the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the bid and work for the DPW building electrical upgrades from Sparky's Electric in an amount of \$16,297.00.

Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Report Approval Motion

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to approve the reports from the Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

New Business

a. Resolution 2024-03 Main St bridge

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to adopt resolution 2024-03 Main Street Bridge Preventive Maintenance. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the following voted AYE: L. Ordiway, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn
Upon Roll Call the following voted NAY: none
Absent: L. Perrien

Adopted

b. Resolution 2024-04 Front Street Bridge:

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt resolution 2024-04 Front Street Bridge Preventive Maintenance. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call the following voted AYE: E. Starn, M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, M. Olger, L. Ordiway

Upon Roll Call the following voted NAY: none
Absent: L. Perrien

Adopted

c. Resolution 2024-05 Resolution for Declaring Charter Revision. Council Member E. Brown made the motion to offer resolution 2024-05 Charter Revision resolution to submit ballot proposal language and Charter Commission election of members Council Member M. Olger supported the motion.

Upon Roll Call the following voted AYE: L. Ordiway, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn
Upon Roll Call the following voted NAY: none

Absent: L. Perrien

Adopted

a. Resolution 2024-06 CWSRF Resolution: Council Member E. Brown made the motion to offer resolution 2024-06 Adopting Final project planning designating an authorized project representative. Council Member M. Perrien supported the motion.
Upon Roll Call the following voted AYE: L. Ordiway, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call the following voted NAY: none

Absent: L. Perrien

Adopted

b. Ameripro request for street closure: Council Member E. Starn made the motion to authorize the closure of Front Street and West Street by 343 W. Front St. house while the structure is being demolished with application permit filed with proof of insurance and permit fee waiver if cost is not listed. Council Member M. Olger supported the motion.

Carried by voice vote.

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Council member E. Brown seconded.

Carried by voice vote.

c. Pay Application #4 Approval: Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the pay application #4 for an amount of \$220,996.00 and authorize Mayor Lasher to sign submission forms as representative. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote

Old Business:

a. Ethics Ordinance Council Member E. Starn made the motion to adopted and enact the Ordinance #144 Ethical Standards of Conduct. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.
Upon Roll Call the following voted AYE: E. Starn, M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, M. Olger, L. Ordiway

Upon Roll Call the following voted NAY: none
Absent: L. Perrien

Adopted

b. Ackley Field Backstop repair:

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to table the bid and work to repair the backstop at Ackley field for future meeting. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Committees:

a. Cemetery Committee Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve the bid and accept the work from E & S for and amount of \$2,300.00 for the Maple Grove Cemetery sign. Council Member M. Olger supported the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Boards and Commissions

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to rescind any present standing by-laws and adopt and approve the Planning Commission By-Laws as presented. Council Member E. Brown supported the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted AYE: E. Starn, M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, M. Olger, L. Ordiway

Upon roll call vote the following voted NAY: none
Absent: L. Perrien

Adopted

Final Comments: None

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm

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Shiawassee Democrats Hosting Fundraiser

submitted by Aaron Ray
The Shiawassee County Democratic Party will hold their annual fundraiser dinner, "Pasta and Politics," on Friday, April 26 from 5 to 8 pm at Comstock Inn of Owosso. Attendees will hear from a roster of guest speakers, enjoy the buffet provided by Tanglewood Restaurant, and may bid on unique items at a silent auction. Tickets are now available online at the website <https://secure.act-blue.com/donate/pastaandpolitics24>, or may be purchased at the door.

Matter of Balance

Matter of Balance in an interactive workshop which aims to reduce fall risk, increase physical activity, and reduce the fear of falling in older adults. The workshop includes exercises to improve balance, strength, coordination, and stability.

The workshop will be at Sparrow Clinton Hospital, 805 S. Oakland St., St. Johns, MI. Meet in Conference Room A

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 7 – May 30; 9:30 – 11:30 am. Free of charge but donations accepted. To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or e-mail Christine at histedc@tcoa.org



Trail Clean-Up

submitted by Allen Martin

Team members from the Ovid-Elsie Marauders football program met on Saturday, April 13 to clean up the CIS Rail Trail through Ovid. The players removed about twenty bags of trash along the trail, with head coach Travis Long organizing the crew. This marks the third straight year the football team has taken on the task of keeping the trail looking great. Their spring cleanup efforts are greatly appreciated by the Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail. Thanks also to the Ovid DPW for disposing of the trash collected.

Inspired Women Network to Recognize Community Impact Projects and Inspire Champions for Positive Change

submitted by Ruthann Lange

Owosso, Mich.— Champions for Change is the theme of the next Inspired Women Network program, which will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Apr. 24 at The Armory at 215 N. Water Street in Owosso.

The event is sponsored by Perry DiClemente with Curwood Place LLC, a mixed-use commercial project on the Shiawassee River in Owosso where Magoo's Pet Supply Store is currently located. Ashley Connelly, grant writer and owner of Lionbear Ventures, will discuss how projects like the Curwood Place development can effect change in our communities. She will share ways each of us can catalyze meaningful change where we live and work.

Connelly will explain some of the steps to bring projects such as Curwood Place to life, considerations for envisioning projects that generate excitement and how they can be funded. She will also suggest ways people can contribute with their time and talents.

"The Champions for Change event is meant to be action-oriented and inspiring," said Connelly. "It's about looking at places with opportunities for improvement in our communities that perhaps women in particular can support or activate. Just being positive and free of judgment is a start for so many successful, transformational projects!"

Facilitated discussions will follow to help generate creative ideas and develop champions for change. Appetizers and drinks will be served. The cost is \$15 before the event or \$25 at the door. Register for Champions for Change at shiawasseechamber.org or by contacting the chamber at 989-723-5149 or ehuska@shiawasseechamber.org.

IWN is the new women's leadership program of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce. It was born out of a desire by women in the Shiawassee County region to have social, networking and professional development opportunities. IWN is generously underwritten in part by an anonymous donor.

Upcoming IWN events include a Spring Social Hour May 22 and the Chamber Annual Dinner and ATHENA Leadership Award Celebration June 13 at the Z Hall in Owosso. The location of the May event will be announced soon on the IWN Facebook page.

Dementia Caregiver Series

submitted by Christine Histed

The Dementia Caregiving Series is an in person 3-session series ideal for those caring for a person with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. It assists with reducing caregiving stress by providing useful tools and information. It is recommended to attend all 3 sessions, but it is not required. Anyone is welcome to register, including professional caregivers and/or individuals simply interested in learning more about dementia.

This series will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, MI from Thursdays, May 9 – May 23, 2024 at 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Free of charge but donations accepted.

To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or e-mail Christine at histedc@tcoa.org

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The Public Accuracy test of the Tabulating Equipment for the May 7th, 2024 St. Johns Public School Bond Proposal will be conducted on Tuesday April 23rd, 2024 at 4pm at the Greenbush Township Hall located at 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns MI. This involves Essex, Duplain, Watertown and Fulton Townships who are in the St. Johns School District and are consolidating with Greenbush Township. It is to demonstrate to the public that the votes cast will be accurately counted. This is in accordance with MCL.168.798. This is open to the public.

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Sports

Lady Tribe Throws MMAC Twinbill Sweep at Ovid-Elsie

CHESANING -- Chesaning scored six runs in the second inning, which helped them defeat Ovid-Elsie, 10-3, in the second game of a MMAC doubleheader.

Coach Rachel Winter's Marauders got on the board in the top of the first inning after Katie Thornton singled, scoring two runs, and an error scored one run.

The Lady Indians flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the second, scoring six runs on three hits to take a 6-3 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single on a full count that drove in two.

Mercedes Grieder took the loss for O-E. The sophomore went six innings, allowing 10 runs (eight earned) on 11 hits, striking out nine and walking four.

Kathryn Thornton led O-E with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Danica Bancroft, Thornton, Isabella Phillips, Olivia Coon, and Haley McClung each collected one hit.

The loss came on the heels of a 16-1 setback to the Tribe in game one of the twinbill. An RBI single by Olyvia Coon got O-E on the board first before the damn broke and Chesaning runs came flooding in. Maddisyn Miller went 2 for 2 for the Marauders.

Marauder Track Girls Dominate Distance Events at Chesaning MMAC

CHESANING -- The April 17 MMAC meet here hosted teams from Ovid-Elsie, Mt. Morris and Lakeville, with the host Indian girls winning by scores of 123-9 (vs. Mt. Morris), 106-27 (vs. Lakeville) and 71-66 against reigning MMAC girls champ O-E.

Coach Nick Hufnagel's Lady Marauders dominated the girls distance runs, getting wins from Clarissa Baese in the 800 (2:51.8) and 1600 (6:13) and Kaia Spiess in the 3200 (13:57.62). Spiess and Baese also starred on O-E's winning 4x800 team, along with Piper White and Audrey Bensinger (11:53.2).

Jessica Kozlowski won the 100-meter hurdles (17.85) and led off O-E's winning 4x100 team, also featuring Kyla Washburn, Samantha Snider and Braeden Tokar.

Lady...continued from front

rate teams in Division 4; conversely, coach Jeff Cheadle's team are a top-rung team in Division 3.

The Wolves made short work of the hosts, romping to a 13-0 win in the opener, then securing a 6-2 victory in a nightcap that was shortened to 6 innings by darkness.

Addyson was her usual dominating self in the pitching circle, yielding just 3 hits in the opener, walking none and whiffing 11. The Wolfpack drove in 11 runs and earned 14 walks against the Irish pitching duo of Wheaton / Jones. Ashley Bila, Savvy Stirm, Bella Latuszek and Harper Strouse all hit safely; Buchin led the offense with two hits and a walk in four plate appearances. Bila, Stirm and Latuszek all turned in multiple-RBI games; Alayna Merrell scored three times and walked twice.

LHS ran out to a 6-0 lead in the second game before Sacred Heart made things interesting in the bottom of the 6th off Wolfpack winner Skyler Stiff. She fashioned a 7-hitter, striking out three and walking two while going the distance. Skyler's teammates rapped 7 hits and plated 6 RBI in support. Bila, Latuszek (3 singles), Buchin and Peyton Stahr accounted for a 7-for-19 plate attack (.368). Strouse added two RBI to the ledger, as Cheadle registered his 895th career victory.

Wolfpack softball girls remain unbeaten with sweep of RedHawks

LAINGSBURG -- Ashley Bila, Savvy Stirm, Addyson Buchin and Harper Strouse all bashed Saranac pitching with multiple hits, the Wolfpack softball team remaining unbeaten with a convincing twinbill sweeping of Saranac here April 18.

Laingsburg rolled to 10-0 and 7-0 wins, coach Jeff Cheadle's club now outscoring their opposition 120-3 through the first eight games of 2024.

The Lady Wolves broke open the opener with 6 runs in the bottom of the 3rd inning, and mercied the RedHawks after five. Bella Latuszek, Ella Merrell and Alayna Merrell all added hits in support of Buchin, who struck out 11 and walked one to earn her 6th win of the young campaign. Stirm drove in three runs, with Strouse, Bila and Ella Merrell delivering RBI to the cause.

Buchin also shut out the RedHawks in game two of the needed CMAC sweep. This time, she struck out 11 and walked none in a sterling 4-hitter. The LHS offense powered 13 hits, with Bila, Latuszek, Buchin, Strouse, Alaina Asher and Alayna Merrell all getting in on the fun. Bila, Asher and Merrell each had three hits, and Latuszek drove in three RBI to spark the red-and-white.

O-E's Tokar Dominates Pole Vault Field, Marauders go 2-1 at Chesaning MMAC Meet

CHESANING -- The initial tri-meet of the MMAC track and field season saw Ovid-Elsie's Tryce Tokar as his usual dominant self -- and the Marauder boys track team escaping with a 2-1 record with league wins over Mount Morris and Otisville-Lakeville.

The lone blemish was a tough 83-54 loss to the host Indians. O-E dismantled Mt. Morris, 107-26, and Lakeville, 112-23.

Event winners for the Marauders were:

-- Clay Powell - 800 m run, 2:09.54 and 1600 m run, 4:53.48.

-- Tryce Tokar - pole vault, 14'6".

-- 4x800 Relay - Travis Milner/Josh Miller/Jamison Custer/Clay Powell, 8:58.23.

-- 4x100 Relay - Tryce Tokar/Bruce Thornton/Owen Long/Clayton Fruchey, 46.26

Ovid-Elsie runners-up were Jackson Custer 110H, :18.82; Brock Spitzley in the discus 108'2" and Travis Milner in the long jump, 19'1".

Third places for the Marauders came from Jacson Custer 300H, 48.34; James Kelly 3200 m run, 11:41.38; Josh Miller 800 m run, 2:17.59; Travis Milner 400 m run, :54.27 and Tokar in the 100 m dash, :11.91.

Fowler Invitational moved because of weather; O-E boys run 6th place

FOWLER -- The early spring weather did not cooperate, so the annual Fowler "Under The Lights" Invitational was moved to Saturday.

"We ran the invite on Saturday instead of Friday due to weather conditions," explained Ovid-Elsie coach

A very, very good Pewamo-Westphalia team won the event with 187.5 points, followed by Fowler 132, Portland 96, Belding 71.5, St. Johns 64, Ovid-Elsie 62, Portland St. Patrick 12 and Webberville 9.

Medal winners for the male Marauders:

Tryce Tokar - 1st PV 14'0" 5th 100 12.02

Brock Spitzley - 3rd DS 124' 7.5"

Travis Milner - 4th 400 54.09 4th LJ 18' 1.5"

Clay Powell - 4th 800 2:09.43

4 x 400 Relay - 2nd 3:40.34 Tokar/Clayton

Fruchey/Powell/Travis Milner

4 x 800 Relay - 2nd 9:11.02 Travis Milner/Nolan Rasch/JD Miller/Powell

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Emilio Garcia rounds third and races home past Potterville's 3rd baseman, during the Wolfpack's doubleheader sweep of Potterville -- that kept LHS unbeaten at 4-0 on the young season. Photo by Burg Sports

Wolfpack '9' Scores Early and Often, Sweeping Hapless Potterville

LAINGSBURG -- The top of the Wolfpack batting order jumped all over Potterville pitching early in game one, setting the stage for a CMAC baseball doubleheader romp here April 15.

It was 9-0 by the bottom of the second inning, coach Todd Randall's Wolves plating 7 runs in the frame to bust the contest wide open. Six LHS hitters delivered safeties in support of Wolfpack starter Dom Garcia, who tossed two innings of 4-strikeout ball to earn the win. Everett Rodriguez and Greg Stewart each threw one inning, shutting out the Vikings in relief.

Dom Garcia, Emilio Garcia, Ty Randall, Elliot Wilsey, RJ Garcia, Jack Audretsch, Cam Ballard and Liam Esch all delivered RBI for the Wolfpack. Randall went 4-for-4, while Wilsey delivered three RBI with a triple. Ballard went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Laingsburg used four pitchers to vanquish the Vikes, 12-1, in game two. The Pack pounded out 10 hits -- by Dom Garcia, Randall, Wilsey, RJ Garcia, Audretsch, Ballard and Stewart -- getting supporting help from Tucker Dunn (steal, run scored), Liam Esch (RBI) and Jake Rivet (walk) as the hosts remained undefeated.

Cam Ballard, E. Garcia and Stewart all fanned three Vikings, with Rodriguez also earned a K, the foursome needing just five innings to combine for the pitching win.

Wolfpack baseballers still unbeaten;

LAINGSBURG -- Elliot Wilsey sparked a big Wolfpack offense with three hits as the Wolfpack baseball team jumped out early to a 5-1 lead, then broke the game opened with 6 runs in the third inning enroute to a 15-5 win at Saranac.

The first-game romp eventually led to a CMAC doubleheader sweep, as coach Todd Randall's team remained unbeaten, winning the opener 15-5 and the second game 12-2.

The Wolves rapped 13 hits in game one, with Everett Rodriguez, Wilsey, Ty Randall and Emilio Garcia all lacing multiple hits. Liam Esch drove in a pair of runs with a hit and a walk. Dom Garcia, Jack Audretsch, and Cam Ballard all hit safely, with Jake Rivet driving in another run in support of the Garcia brothers -- Dom and Emilio -- combining for the pitching win.

Ballard went the distance in the nightcap, firing five innings of two-run ball before the Wolves won by the mercy rule. Randall and Wilsey carried the big sticks again -- each with 3 hits -- and combined for five RBI. Dom Garcia drove in a pair of runs with a hit, and Rodriguez added a safety in the Wolfpack's 8-hit attack.

Lady Marauders Suffer 1st Loss of Girls Tennis Season

DURAND -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity girls tennis team suffered its initial loss of the spring 2024 season with a tight, two-match setback here April 15.

The Railroaders escaped with a 5-3 MMAC (Mid-Michigabn Activities Conference) victory, claiming three of the four singles flights and going 2-2 in doubles competition.

Match-by-match results: Results of Monday's league Match against Durand can be found below:

Singles:

No. 1 - Wynn Carpenter, Durand def. Jollee Swender, Ovid-Elsie, 6-3, 6-2. No. 2 - Julia Burk, Durand def. Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie, 6-2, 6-1. No. 3 - Londyn Laviolette, Durand def. Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie, 6-2, 6-4. No. 4 - Kaia Spiess, Ovid-Elsie def. Kaelin Rochefort, Durand, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles:

No. 1 - Raegan Taylor - Jaci Garske, Durand def. Willow Evans, Ovid-Elsie - Hailie McCreery, Ovid-Elsie 6-1, 6-3. No. 2 - Avery Taylor - Gabriella Keeler, Durand def. Evaley Swender - Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0. No. 3 - Jolene Hebler - Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Deedee Lane - Elisha Lee, Durand, 6-3, 6-3. No. 4 - Autumn Baczkiewicz - Ava Anderson, Ovid-Elsie def. Madison Dennis - Samantha Leydig, Durand, 6-4, 6-4.

Ovid-Elsie tennis girls 2-1 win over Panthers

DURAND -- The Ovid-Elsie Girls Tennis team traveled to Durand on Monday, April 15th and lost 3-5 to the host Railroaders.

O-E's first singles Jollee Swender lost to Wynn Carpenter 3-6, 1-6. Ellyanna Carman at 2nd singles was defeated 2-6, 1-6 by Julia Burk, and Jenna Tomasek lost at 3rd singles 2-6, 4-6 Londyn Laviolette.

The Marauders' lone win at singles was Kaia Spiess at 4th 6-3, 6-2.

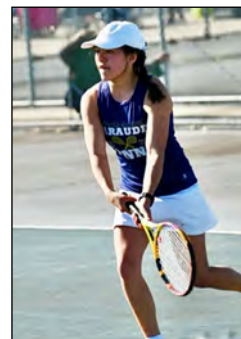
Willow Evans and Hailie McCreery lost at 1st doubles to Reagan Taylor and Jaci Garske 1-6, 3-6 while the 2nd doubles team of Mikayla Bashore and Evaley Swender lost in three sets to Avery Taylor and Gabby Keeler 4-6, 6-3, 0-6. The Marauders brought home the win at 3rd doubles with Lauren Phillips and Jolene Hebler topping Deeder Lane and Elisha Lee 6-3, 6-3 and the 4th doubles team of Ava Anderson and Autumn Baczkiewicz topped the Durand team of Madison Dennis and Manny Leydig 6-4, 6-4.

The Lady Marauders bounced back with an 8-0 win over Mt. Morris. Jollee Swender defeated Malayah Jones 6-1, 6-1 while 2nd singles Ellyanna Carman defeated Mackenzie Panks 6-0, 6-1. Kaia Spiess took the win at 3rd singles for O-E 6-0, 6-0.

O-E's Alison Kozlowski won at 4th singles by default.

The 1st doubles team of Willow Evans and Hailie McCreery beat Lexianna Lacroix and Karlee Koon 6-1, 6-1 while Evaley Swender and Makayla Bashore topped Aalyah Morones and Spencer Ruiz 6-0, 6-0 at 2nd doubles. The 3rd doubles team of Lauren Phillips and Jolene Hebler beat Jayla Harris-Thompson and Kayla Johnson 6-0, 6-0 and Ava Anderson and Emmylou Blaha blanked Corah Larson and Deni Kies 6-0, 6-0.

The Marauders are 2-1 on the season.



Kaia Spiess

Wolfpack's Austin Wright Cards Impressive 3rd Medal at Wolfpack Gold Invitational

LAINGSBURG — Austin Wright was the top local linkster, as Pine Hills Golf Course hosted its annual Wolfpack Invitational, with a competitive field of 22 teams from across the state.

The event totals two individual scores, plus two golfers play an alternate shot team, and two play a scramble team.

The team with the lowest combined score Saturday was NorthPointe Christian High out of DeWitt. The Mustangs collectively carded 313, beating out runner-up St. Johns by three strokes. Oakland Christian took third with a score of 326.

Top Five individually were Andrew Caprara of Livonia Franklin, 76; Grant Rustad of St. Johns, 77; Laingsburg's Wright in at 79; Cooper Couch of Alma, 80; and Davis Formsma of Northpoint in at 81.




Austin Wright

Laingsburg Track Teams Open 2024 CMAC Season Hosting Two Opponents

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg's boys track and field team toppled Saranac and Portland St. Patrick in its CMAC season opener here April 17, while the Wolfpack girls went down in defeat.

Senior Jack Borgman won the 100-meter dash (11.46) and the pole vault (12-0) for Laingsburg; sophomore Noah Devereaux placed first at 1600 meters; classmate Keaton Dietz won the 110 hurdles (18.5); senior Marty Meyers won the 300 hurdles (42.25); classmate Troy Matthews won the shot put (35-6); sophomore Shaun Mills won discus (106-11); junior Mitchell George won the high jump (5-10); Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Meyers, Grey Seguin and Borgman took the 4x100 relay (45.88); George, Dylan Witgen, Dolega-Caceres and Garrett Matthews were first in the 4x200 (1:40.4).

In the girls action, Evelyn Logghe delivered the Wolfpack a victory in the 800-meter run (3:00.08) and helped the team to another in the 4x800, along with Jayden Foltz, Emily Rathka and Grace Knull (12:32.51). Mallory Woodbury won the high jump (4-7) and Kendall Michels took the pole vault (7-6).



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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 MAY 22, 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 Matthew L. Sedore and Tracy Sedore, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2013 and recorded November 20, 2013 in Instrument Number 5208678 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, N.A. as Successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One and 77/100 Dollars (\$103,441.77).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

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Said premises are located in the Township of Eagle, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, T5N, R4W, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 10, 817.91 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 10, thence South 82 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East 474.5 feet; thence North 6 degrees 53 minutes 45 seconds West 195.3 feet; thence North 75 degrees 18 minutes 53 seconds West 461.79 feet; thence South 246.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis Lane Anderson, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. South MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank

Date of Mortgage: February 6, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 1, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$45,590.29

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: All that part of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Block "P" lying between the North 50 feet and the South 78 feet thereof, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, also except; Beginning at a point on the East line of Block "P" 50 feet South of the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2, running thence South 30 feet West 110 feet, North 30 feet, East to point of beginning, Village of Ovid, township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan

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CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2024-04

FRONT STREET BRIDGE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE THROUGH THE LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 8th day of April, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., with the following Council Members present: PRESENT: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

ABSENT:

WHERE AS, the City of Ovid is preparing a Local Bridge Program Funding Application for the preventive maintenance of the Front Street Bridge over Maple River, and

WHERE AS, the City of Ovid may be eligible for a maximum of up to 95 percent participation from Federal and/or State sources, and

WHERE AS, the condition of the bridge listed below has deteriorated to such an extent that preventive maintenance is necessary and

WHERE AS, the budget of the City of Ovid will not allow preventive maintenance of this bridge without additional funds from other sources.

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the City of Ovid request local bridge program funds for preventive maintenance of the Front Street Bridge over Maple River Bridge for the year 2027.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand affixed seal of said City of Ovid, this the 8th day of April A.D., 2024.

The resolution was offered by E. Brown. Supported by E. Starn.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted AYE: E. Starn, M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, M. Olger, L. Ordiway

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NAY: None

Absent: L. Perrien

Absent:

ATTEST:

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Memorial Healthcare Hosts Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week and to say, “Thank You” to our extraordinary volunteers, Memorial Healthcare hosted their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Every day at Memorial Healthcare, our volunteers play a prominent role in the lives of patients, resident, families and staff. The event took place on Tuesday, April 16 at the Wrought Iron Grill restaurant in Owosso and guests were treated to a delicious lunch, service awards, and giveaways.

“The dedication of our volunteers to improving the quality of life of our patients and their families is inspiring,” said Lyn Freeman, Volunteer Coordinator. “The annual volunteer luncheon is just one way that we can recognize them for their contributions to Memorial Healthcare.”

Volunteer of the Year award winner was Martha Grinnell, who has volunteered at Memorial Healthcare for 9 years and has logged in over 2,500 hours working at the Cancer Center and the main hospital as a mail carrier. Volunteers Elaine Kuchar and Pat Elliott both received their 35-year volunteer service pin. The



(l-r): Martha Grinnell, Volunteer of the Year award winner and Lyn Freeman, Volunteer Coordinator

following Blood Drive and Cancer Center volunteers were also recognized for their commitment to service.

Blood Drive – Becky Chargo, Laura Brands, Bennie Rae Burton, Karen Corrin, Sharol Haskins, Jackie Holmes, Bonnie Irby, Elaine Kuchar, Marcia Lewis, Bernice Lulham, Bonny Rogers, Peggy Schnepf.

Cancer Center - Karen Bontrager, Shelly Davis, Donna Freeman, Martha Grinnell, Christina Jeffords, Phil Liagre.

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Elaine Kuchar and Pat Elliott, receiving their 35-year volunteer service pins.

Sports

Wolfpack Soccer Girls got 0-1-2 at Swartz Creek Tourney

SWARTZ CREEK — “It was great training,” said veteran Wolfpack coach Natalie Elkins after her girls soccer team fashioned a 0-1-2 record at the Swartz Creek Soccer Invitational.

The ‘1’ came opposite Frankenmuth, which went on to win the tourney with a 3-0 record.

Ultimately, the Lady Wolfpack wound up suffering its first loss of the season, falling to the undefeated Eagles, 4-,0 in Game 2. Frankenmuth improved to 5-0-1 after six matches.

Laingsburg settled for 0-0 ties in matchups with Saginaw Heritage and host Swartz Creek.

Now 2-1-3, the Wolfpack returned to CMAC action at Dansville.

Yellowjackets Take on O-E For Single Game, Fall 13-2

ITHACA -- Ovid-Elsie's baseball Marauders broke the game open -- in the first inning of a weather reshuffle -- in a single game at Ithaca. Coach Mike Loynes' Marauders scored early and often in a 13-2 win over the Yellowjackets.

Opening the contest, Javen Belill doubled, scoring three runs, and an error in the field also scored two runs. Caven Mortinson drew a walk, scoring one run and Lance Wiktorowski doubled, scoring a run.

O-E added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Caven Brooks singled, and Jake Bowen was struck by a pitch, each scoring a run.

Brooks took the ‘W’ on the hill surrendering four hits and two runs (zero earned) over three innings. Brooks struck out five batters and walked one. Gage Wiktorowski threw two innings of shut-out ball in relief allowing zero hits, striking out four and walking none.

The Marauders tallied nine hits in the game. Belill led all hitters with three runs batted in. Lance Wiktorowski and Corbyn Janes each collected two hits.