



Front row (l-r): Terry Ornelas, Ann Trierweiler (black and white shirt), Toni Ornelas, Ken Pangborn, Marcia Pangborn, Janet Krull. Back row (l-r): Vivian Durling, Marion Horsley, Keith Homer, and John Shipley

Giving Back to the Community: Ashley resident & Farm Bureau Agent, Ken Pangborn was recently honored as a recipient of the Elton R. Smith Award, an honor given to an agent who best exhibits commitment to their job, community, the insurance industry and the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies. Ken is a founding member of the Agent Charitable Fund (ACF) and has chosen the Elsie Food Pantry for a \$5,000 donation. "I am passionate about feeding hungry kids and their families. Being one of 9 children growing up, we utilized our local food bank. I am happy to be able to give back to this organization that helps to feed families in my community," explained Pangborn. Pictured here are members of the Elsie Food Pantry, the director and Ken & Marsha Pangborn.

Marauder All Years Reunion

submitted by Carolyn Long



Calling all Maraudeer Graduates! Please mark your calendars as it is time to dust off those year-books, break out your old letterman jackets, and any high school memorabilia you might have because we are planning an event you will not want to miss. It is a reunion for all graduates of Elsie/ Ovid-Elsie High School! Whether you graduated last year or decades ago, this reunion is for you.

The date is set, the location secured, and the caterers are ready.

When: July 14, 2024

Where: Elsie Legion Hall

What: Elsie/Ovid-Elsie High School Reunion

After the planning meeting, described below, more information will be available.

For many years, a committee of Elsie High School graduates, led by Joanne Sturgis, has planned this event. They established and continue to have a reunion every other year for the members of Elsie

High School. They have done all the leg work and now very much would like this wonderful tradition to continue with us "youngsters" of Ovid-Elsie High School. As Joanne has said many times about her committee, "We aren't getting any younger."

It will be a chance to enjoy a catered meal, plenty of opportunity to catch up with old friends of all ages and teachers, share stories of our adventures and families, make some new friends and memories to last a lifetime. Please pass this information on to others who are not in the area so they can plan ahead.

To make this happen, first we are creating a planning committee to brainstorm ideas for this fun event, especially the best way to reach people. We are looking for a wide variety of people from different years, a person who could create a website, people who can be there to set up and/or take down and people who want to have a good time working together on this event. We also need the information from your reunion committees as we figure out the best way to reach the graduates from your class.

This meeting is planned for:

Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 at the Topsy Cow in Elsie.

Looking forward to some shared camaraderie, laughs and catching up, while working together to make sure our first Maraudeer Reunion is an event to remember.

OE Seniors to Compete at the Next Level

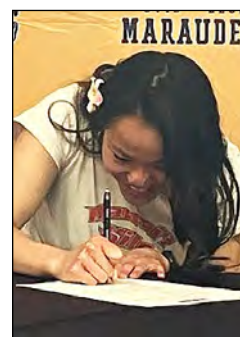
by Deb Price

On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, Ovid-Elsie Seniors, Kaitlyn Fry and Kaia Spiess signed Letters of Intent to continue participating in sports at the college level. Both girls will be studying Kinesiology which is the study of body movements and the body's responses to physical activity.

Kaitlyn, who prefers to be called 'Fry', signed to play softball at Adrian College, a liberal arts college located in Adrian, Michigan. She is a four year starter for the Maraudeers and nominated captain in 2024. An ace pitcher for OE, currently has 179 strikeouts (67 away from having the high school record) and is tied for record strikeouts in a single game with 12. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has a 4.06 GPA. She hopes to pursue a career in Athletic Training. In addition to her parents, her grandparents, aunt, brother & sister, coaches and teammates were there to support her in her signing. "I am looking forward to becoming an Adrian Bulldog. It felt like home when I took the tour there. It's small but not too small," explained Fry.



Kaitlyn Fry



Kaia Spiess

Kaia Spiess, a five sport varsity letter winner (cross country, swimming, wrestling, track & field and tennis) signed her Letter of Intent to run cross country at Hawaii University Hilo. She's a 1st team All Conference and State Qualifier as a senior in cross country and a state qualifier in tennis last year. A member of the National Honor Society for 2 years, Class Rep for 4 years and in the Top Ten with a GPA of 4.2. She has also been nominated as Student & Athlete of the Week by the Argus Press. In addition to her parents, her grandmothers, aunt & uncles, friends and coaches were in attendance in support of their family member and friend. "This is a great opportunity for me. I have dreamed of this day and I am looking forward to competing as a Hilo Vulcan in a place where the weather is beautiful," explained Kaia.



Kaitlyn is pictured here with her parents Bruce & Kristy Fry.



Kaia is pictured here with her parents & coaches, Kyle & Marie Spiess.

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Calling All Artists of All Ages

submitted by Sara Schweinsberg

Laingsburg Public Library is hosting a miniature art exhibit with a theme of "Reading is Magical" for the month of May. For a donation of \$5 entrants will receive a 4"x4" canvas and easel from the library, which is located at 255 E Grand River Road in Laingsburg. Submissions are due by April 29th, divided into four age groups, and will be juried by art professionals and public vote. Winners will be announced the weekend of Laingsburg's Spring Fest, which coincides with Memorial Day. Please call Sara with any questions or concerns at 517-614-0968. Pick up your canvas today and HAVE FUN!

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Ashley Football Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Fundraiser

On Friday, April 12th the Ashley Football Program will hold a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction Fundraiser in the Ashley Schools Cafeteria beginning at 5pm.

Silent Auction begins at 5pm and Live Auction begins at 7pm.

Pre-sale dinner tickets are: Adults \$10; Kids 12-under \$5; Kids 3-under Free. At the Door: Adults \$12; Kids 12-under \$6. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink.

Proceeds to benefit the Ashley Football Program: Youth Flag Football, MS Football and Varsity Football.

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction at United Church of Ovid

submitted by Sue Casler

A Chili Cook-off is being planned on Saturday, April 20, at 4 pm. The night will sponsor good food, a silent auction, and a fun time with purpose for a great cause: To help support Summer Church Camp Scholarships (a wonderful and life changing experience for young and old).

Along with our chili contestants, we will have hot dogs for our non-chili eaters. A large silent auction will add to the fun!

To sign up your chili recipe call the church office (834-5958). Due to Health Food regulations, we are offering the use of our licensed kitchen for you to come and prepare your chili in. Kitchen will be open during office hours Wed. & Thurs (9am - 12noon). We'll save an electric plug just for you!

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Don't forget to come to the Ovid Public Library on Monday April 8 for our grand reopening ceremony. We want to show off our beautiful library. We are very excited about all the changes that have been made. Come down between the hours of 11-6. There will be refreshments and we will be happy to show you around our new and improved library. We also have free solar eclipse glasses while supplies last. Be sure to get a pair so that you can safely watch the eclipse.

On Wednesday, April 10 we will be having our Classic Movie. This week we will be showing the movie "Easter Parade" starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. Movie time will be 1:00. You are welcome to bring a snack. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Friday, April 12 we will finally have another Children's Story Hour. Ms. Shelly will be reading some elephant themed books and there will be a craft for the kids to make. We are excited for them to see their new space in the library. Story time will begin at 10:30.

Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owen Prussner

The Owosso Parkinson Support group is to meet on Wednesday April 10th at 5:00pm at 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, except for bad weather.

Members form Owosso Parkinson Support group attended a city of Owosso council meeting on April 1st at 7:30PM. April is Parkinson's Disease Awareness month. Mayor Robert J Teich presented a proclamation that April is Parkinson Disease awareness month. He reported we have been meeting for over 33 years and we do make a difference.

We have a special guest, Angee Ludwa, has a degree in Physical Therapy. She leads people with Parkinson's disease in exercise. She does this on Zoom and in person. She will be coming from Michigan Parkinson Foundation to instruct in exercise, sitting and standing.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us, we provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support. If you have any question's about Support group please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator, 989-723-6901.

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University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Carson Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Offers Expanded Services

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY, MI – University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Carson Orthopedics and Sports Medicine now offers expanded orthopedic services to the Carson City-area community.

Orthopedic providers, Alicia Ballard, D.O., Michael Vaccariello, M.D., and Angela Beckhold, PA-C, will begin seeing patients and performing surgeries at UM Health-Sparrow Carson Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, 245 S. Second St., Carson City, starting Monday, April 8. In addition to the Carson City location, Ballard, Vaccariello, and Beckhold will continue to see patients at UM Health-Sparrow Ionia Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, 537 W. Main St., Ionia.

Ballard provides care in general orthopedics, including anterior hip replacements, osteoporosis management, and sports injuries. She completed her orthopedic surgery residency at Broward Health Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Vaccariello is a fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon specializing in shoulder and knee injuries and pain with a special interest in treating and preventing sports injuries in athletes of all ages. He completed his orthopedic surgery residency in Grand Rapids and completed a sports medicine fellowship at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Beckhold provides treatment for a wide variety of orthopedic conditions and fractures and performs hip, knee, and shoulder intra-articular and bursa injections. She completed her medical degree at Central Michigan University.

"We are pleased to improve our orthopedic care for the Carson City community by providing expanded services close to home," said Mark Brisboe, president of UM Health-Sparrow Carson and Clinton. "The orthopedic physicians have been practicing for many years in the Ionia market, and we are thrilled they will be seeing patients in the Carson community. They provide personalized care plans for the specific needs and challenges of each patient. They are committed to getting patients back to the life they enjoy as quickly as possible."

Providing care close to home, UM Health-Sparrow Carson Orthopedics and Sports Medicine is accepting new patients. The practice offers on-site X-ray services for patient convenience. To schedule an appointment, call 989-584-6320. The practice accepts most major insurances.

Learn more about orthopedic services at UM Health-Sparrow by visiting Sparrow.org/Orthopedics.



Alicia Ballard D.O.



Angela Beckhold PA-C



Michael Vaccariello M.D.

Laingsburg Community Singers

submitted by Sara Schweinsberg

Laingsburg Community Singers, conducted by Steven Easterling and accompanied by Jeff Richards, proudly present a Spring concert titled Sing Out! Guests can enjoy for free or make a goodwill donation of whatever the heart desires at either or both shows. Show times: Saturday, April 13 at 7pm and Sunday, April 14 at 4pm

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Obituaries

Joseph Allan "Joe" Hodack

Joseph Allan "Joe" Hodack, Sr., age 80, of Elsie, MI, passed away Friday, March 29, 2024, at Pleasant View Senior Living, Corunna, MI.
Joe was born in Flint, Michigan on December 10, 1943, the son of Joseph and Essie Arlene (Wagner) Hodack. He graduated from Gaines High School.
Joe retired from General Motors in 1995. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, an all-around outdoorsman. Joe took many hunting trips with his sons, fishing with his family and he enjoyed mounting deer antlers for other people. He liked duck hunting, attending estate sales and flea markets with his best friend Eldon "Mort" Bulte. Joe looked forward to morning coffee with his friends in Ovid.
He was a member of the Marion Springs Conservation Club where he helped organize many events including: fish fries, wild game dinners, archery shoots, skeet shoots, Easter egg hunts and he also served as treasurer for many years. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Navy and thought highly of all veterans.
He is survived by his children: Tami (John) Schaar, Joe (Rain) Hodack, Jamie Hodack and Ritchie Wagner, and Jody Hodack; grandchildren: Allison (Dalton) Sweet, Eric (Amanda) Schaar, Kristen (Kyle) Carrow, Samantha (Adam) Guy, Angelica Fox, Brianna Hodack, Ricky (Holly) Fox, William Lantz, Caitlin (Andrew) Bryant, Travis (Brittany) Kersjes, and Jocelynn Holton-Pugh; 23 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Albert Walmsley.
A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 6, 2024.
Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

Larry Holly

Larry Holly, age 67, of St. Johns died at Sparrow Hospital on March 26, 2024.
Larry was born on June 18, 1956, to Roger and Barbara (Jackson) Pettijohn in Corning, CA. Larry earned a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministries, later pastoring many different churches. He also served his county in the United States Air Force. In 1990 Larry married the love of his life Wilma Farrier and together they enjoyed 34 years of marriage.
Larry enjoyed traveling the world with his wife. Together they went on 44 cruises and visited six of the seven continents. He was known for his passionate stamp collecting, love of reading and fascination with family genealogy. Most of all Larry will be remembered for his love of his family and always being there to talk with no matter what.
Those left to cherish Larry's memories are his loving wife, Wilma; children Scott (Pam) Johnson, Casey (Paula) Baker, David (Michelle) Holly, Athena Holly, Kristopher (Sarah) Holly and Cynthia Holly; sister Susan Anderson; 16 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents; sons Larry Johnson and Darrel Johnson; brother James; and sister Sheila.
A memorial service will be held on Sunday April 28, 2024, at 2:00pm at the Victor Twp Hall 6843 Alward Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848. Directly after the memorial service the family would like to invite everyone to stay for a memorial potluck luncheon at the hall. Memorial contributions in Larry's name are encouraged to be made to the Ronald McDonald House.
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Obituaries

Robert C. Cappiello

Robert C. Cappiello, 87, passed away the morning of April 4th, 2023, at his home in Ovid. His wife Judy, and sons, Mark and Greg were at his side.

Born on March 23, 1936, in New York City to Charles and Marie (Popovich) Cappiello. Bob was raised in Detroit, Michigan by his stepfather, Richard Wilson and mother, Marie (Popovich) Cappiello Wilson. A football and baseball athlete at Mackenzie High School, he enlisted in the United States Navy after graduation. From 1953-1961, Bob served with pride and was a torpedoman aboard the Submarine U.S.S. Sirago SS 485 in 1956.

After leaving the Navy, Bob earned multiple degrees while working as a tool and die journeyman in the auto industry. His path included a bachelor of arts from John Wesley College in Owosso, a bachelor of science in industrial arts from MSU. He attended Cooley Law School for a year but then he returned to Michigan State University (MSU) for a masters in counseling. Bob played football for a year at MSU when he gained both his Spartan education and his wife, fellow student Judith E. Corey. The couple marked their 60th wedding anniversary in October 2022.

Bob's career in the automotive industry was as a tool and die maker, project and plant manager, and as a manufacturing consultant. After retiring from the automotive industry, he spent several years as a bus driver and medical assistant with Dean's Transportation. He was especially devoted to caring for special needs students.

Bob was dedicated to family and enjoyed most, his time at home. He was a city kid who learned and loved to be country, and with Judy grew a large garden each year and harvested from multiple fruit trees. Watching their sons and grandsons participate in athletics was a priority. He was part of the Owosso Athletic Boosters. Bob was well known for helping friends and neighbors. He and his trusty Kubota could always be called to lend a helping hand. Although he battled severe physical ailments throughout his adult life, he never lost his sense of humor or his ability to smile.

Robert C. Cappiello is survived by his wife Judy, sons Mark and Greg, and son Allen. Also surviving are sister Jeri, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Predeceased are son Michael; brothers Richard, Rodney, and Robert; and father, Charles Cappiello; mother, Marie Wilson; and stepfather, Richard Wilson.

In remembrance and celebration of Bob's life and his passion for trees, a tree will be planted in his honor at the Leila Arboretum in Battle Creek.



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"God's Big But"

"He brought me up out of the pit of destruction... (Psalm 40:2)."

It was 1947, in bombed-out Munich. A Nazi guard from her own concentration camp, a man who had been an accomplice in killing her dear sister Betsie, who now stood right in front of her...wanted to shake her hand? What absolute madness! Shake hands?

Corrie Ten Boom, whose epic book and movie, The Hiding Place, would make her famous after World War II, had just given a talk at a church on God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus — and here was this vicious monster commending her for those words.

"You mentioned Ravensbrück in your talk," he said. "I was a guard there. But since that time, I have become a Christian. I know God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did there, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fräulein, will you forgive me?"

Her memories crashed back: a huge room full of naked women, piles of clothes and shoes, harsh lights, and this horrible man in a uniform with the skull and crossbones on his hat. This German butcher! His leather crop swinging from his belt, used so freely to beat them...but now his hand, empty, innocent, outstretched as a brother in the Lord.

Obviously, this story is messed up on so many levels. Two Christian spinsters from Holland arrested for hiding Jews, and 10 days later their Father dead in prison. All three innocent, but this balding, heavyset old man in a gray overcoat, guilty, deserving death...was free and forgiven. This was justice? Where was God in this?

God was in Jerusalem, in the flesh, a perfect-innocent man who also stretched out His hand, and got a spike hammered into it by a Roman thug; then the other hand, and both feet. Whipped, beaten while blindfolded, spit on, stripped naked to hang along a busy road, mocked and laughed at during Passover, by His creation! More madness, but...

God satisfied this justice Himself. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8-10)." After a moment, she grasped her enemy's hand, nailed together as one by God's big but — "the just for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18)." She knew Jesus became sin...for them (2 Corinthians 5:21).

We think this Nazi deserved Hell. Unlike him, we're not that bad; pretty good in fact, never doing anything like him, but God says, "For whoever keeps the whole Law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all (James 2:10)." Now Corrie was no Nazi thug, but compared to a perfect and holy God, she was guilty too (Isaiah 59:2).

Think you're not that bad, then why did Jesus have to die? "If righteousness comes through the Law (being good), then Christ died needlessly (Galatians 2:21)." And that's real madness; to think you're self-righteous, and a holy God will just ignore your sin. Sin must be a bigger deal than we know if Jesus had to die to get rid of it, and a Nazi's guilt.

Unless you see your own guilt, you'll never understand Corrie's Nazi handshake. God is offering you His hand right now, to pull you out of the pit. You can refuse it, but you can never say you didn't recognize it... it's the one with a hole in it.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I'm having a bad day. Maybe not extremely bad but up there with 'please don't torture me anymore'. After a good day's work at MG's Perx & Pastries I had to run a few errands before my two PM appointment with the physical therapist. I was fifteen minutes early and the therapist was thirty minutes late. It happens. Any-who, somewhere along the line all of the stretching and counter pressures and speaking of the 'unspeakable possibilities' (Charley horses). I got one and it was a horrific knot on my inner thigh. The damn thing was almost making me howl with pain. I had just mentioned what I did if I had been cursed with one. Of course the therapist instructed me to stretch it out of existence. It barely worked. Three hours later I was hit again on the opposite leg. It was pukeishly painful. I kept walking and stretching but it just kept staying... I waddled to the kitchen and grabbed the bottle of French's mustard and took a heaping tablespoon followed by a cup of water. The water was to wash the taste of mustard from my mouth. Thank goodness the darn stuff worked. Hopefully I won't have another painful episode. No such luck, it is now aggravating my left leg. Such is life.

It has been a busy two weeks. I was blessed with a house full of friends and family on Easter Sunday. My house did get noisy and the youngsters enjoyed the egg hunt. I had made three kinds of lasagna to serve. Served with garlic bread and a tossed salad. Diane and my sister brought desserts. I complied with the recommendations of the younger generations. I used disposable glasses, plates and plastic silverware. Yes, I also used paper napkins. It honestly bothered me. I'm of that generation that believes in the joy of setting a pretty table, using cloth tablecloths and using good dishes. In my case, I prefer my pottery with serving bowls and dishes that add an abundance of various heights. Disposable plates, cups, and silverware are for picnics and summer barbecues. Of course this is my view...

This Saturday morning I will be taking Whose-it and Pitts to G.A.I.N. in St Louis to be neutered. The little stinkers are to up there at a few minutes after seven in the morning. They can't eat after eight on Friday night and I need them in a carrier overnight. I believe that I will be able to catch Pitts and secure him in a carrier. Catching Whose-it will be a miraculous event. I know that stranger things have been known to happen. To others, not to me. I have already prepaid and if I can only take up one of the little stinkers so be it. Now if I can only find a home for Noname.

It has been a busy week at MG's. I have had to fill some special orders for millet bread and barley bread. I can even make sourdough bread now. But we need forty-eight hours notice because these breads take a couple of days to make. Specifically sourdough bread takes extra time. It has been interesting to learn the process and to talk with others who are enamored of the process. Diane is very good at making the sourdough, mine is just passable but edible.

I have been enjoying the daffodils and hope to have the straw bales moved off the narcissus this weekend. I will be using the riding lawn mower and red wagon to move the bales. I will be able to flip the top bales off onto the wagon. I'll have to roll the bottom bales of the flowers and probably flip them end to end to get them into the wagon. It would be easier yet if I could find someone to move them for me. After fighting with the Charley horses this afternoon I don't want to antagonize more of these muscle spasms. I know, what a wimp!!

I hate to admit this, but my back yard needs to be mowed. It's beginning to look like a hay field. Time to start focusing upon the yard and garden. Yup there are weeds to be pulled and hoed. May your weed pulling be viewed as a blessing. If you can still do it and it improves your vista then it is a good thing. May God bless you daily.

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Senior Spotlight



Eating the Right Food Can Help with Parkinson's

The Parkinson's Foundation reports that the right foods can optimize Parkinson's medications, helping patients ease their symptoms, maintain strong bones and preserve overall health and fitness. Constipation is a common symptom of Parkinson's disease, but the PF notes that drinking six to eight glasses of water per day and eating fiber-rich foods like brown rice, whole grains and fruit can ease constipation and certain digestive difficulties that also can be a byproduct of the disease.



The Role of a Home Health Aide

Caregivers come from all walks of life. Doctors and nurses may be the frontline medical providers people encounter most frequently, but there are plenty of others who do their part to maintain the well-being of individuals, including home health aides.

Home health aides, sometimes called personal care aides, are brought in to assist a person with activities of daily life. An HHA typically helps a person who may need some assistance with tasks they cannot perform due to illness or disability. HHAs may work in a person's home, in a group home or in another care facility.

AARP says home health aides are considered health care paraprofessionals and must meet established training requirements, which vary by location.

HHAs may perform various duties, including:

- assistance with personal care, such as dressing, toileting, feeding, and moving from bed to chair, etc.
- checking vital signs
- monitoring a client
- light housekeeping
- meal planning and cooking
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- companionship

HHAs typically will not provide skilled nursing care and may not be able to offer recommendations on treatment or medications.

Individuals can find the services of HHAs who may work independently or are placed through agencies. Sometimes a doctor or hospital will have connections to HHA services and can make referrals. It can be useful to interview several potential HHAs to find one who will fit with the needs and personality of the person requiring assistance. A good HHA will be compassionate, patient and flexible. As illness or injury also can affect a person's mood, HHAs must be able to adjust if a client is reluctant to receive help or is depressed or anxious from his or her limitations.


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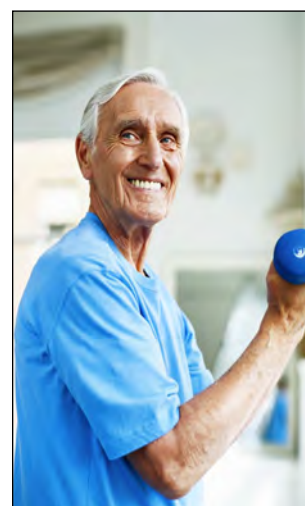
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Sparrow Honors Nurse with DAISY Award

submitted by John Foren
LANSING, MI – Kishwar (Soni) Alam, RN, has been recognized with the E.W. Sparrow Hospital DAISY Award for going above and beyond to orchestrate an emotional reunion between a patient and their spouse, who was also hospitalized.

Alam was working an extra shift on the medical intensive care unit when she learned that her patient was being discharged to Sparrow Specialty Hospital, Mid-Michigan's only long-term acute care facility. However, her patient's husband and primary caregiver had also fallen ill and his road ahead was uncertain. Alam stayed beyond her shift to ensure the couple was able to see one another during their time of need.

"I do not like to have any feelings of guilt when I leave my work," said Alam. "I always treat my patients as they are my family, and strongly believe that if you do good things, good things will happen to you."

In a heartwarming twist of fate, moments before the reunion, the patient's spouse was successfully taken off a ventilator, a significant milestone in his recovery. This gave the couple the opportunity to visit with each other and their daughter in a moving and emotional reunion.

"To see the joy on their face and the love in the room, it was well known that this was exactly what these patients needed," said medical intensive care unit Manager Devan Munson, who nominated Alam for the award. "Soni's love, compassion, kindness, and all-around care she provides to her patients made this possible and a moment many of us will never forget."



The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day.

Alam received a certificate of recognition, a DAISY pin to wear at work, and beautiful serpentine stone sculpture carved by the artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. The special "Healer's Touch" sculpture, designed for leaders, depicts the relationship nursing managers have with their caregivers and embraces the relationship nurses have with their patients.

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O-E Annual Sports Boosters Reverse Raffle: The event had attendance of approximately 120. The Ovid-Elsie Sports Boosters would like to thank everyone who helped make the event happen!

Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 111 S. Shiawassee St, Corunna, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Master Gardener, Jennifer Hessler. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, April 5, 2024 by noon.

Shiawassee County Bar Association's Law Day Free Legal Consultation Fair

submitted by Connor Hartlein

This year's event will take place Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 8-11:30 am at the Shiawassee County Circuit Courthouse. Local attorneys will be providing free 15-minute legal consultations in honor of Law Day. The Bar Association wishes to thank the local attorneys who have, in past years, donated their time for this traditional event. The consultations will be offered the morning of May 1st on the main (second) floor of the old Courthouse, 208 North Shiawassee Street, Corunna MI. Consultations are offered on a first come, first serve basis.

President Dwight Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. In 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day, which was subsequently codified (U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 113). Every president since then has issued a Law Day proclamation on May 1 to celebrate the nation's commitment to the rule of law.



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Questions of Integrity & Intentions

Letter to the Editor:

I continue to question the integrity and intentions of certain members of the Ovid Township Board, and their desire to serve the public. Here are the reasons for my concerns:

1. In February, the Annual budget meeting was held and at the start of the budget meeting, the board agreed to progress from the budget meeting directly into the regular township Board meeting. The budget meeting was scheduled to start at 5:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings had been publicized as such. However, the budget meeting ended at 6:30, and the board immediately progressed into the regular meeting. Other residents showed up at 6:45 thinking that they were going to see the entire board meeting, only to be told that the board had decided to start early. I believe this to be a violation of the Open Meetings Act, since the public had not been informed that the board would be progressing directly from the budget meeting into the regular meeting.

2. Also in February, the board had agreed to publish a synopsis of the monthly meeting minutes in the Meridian Weekly paper. In March, the Township clerk reported that she had contacted the attorney for the board and was informed that there was no legal requirement for the board to publish the meeting minutes in the paper. The board then rescinded the motion and will not be submitting the minutes to the Meridian Weekly. I don't understand why the board feels that they have to be satisfied by doing only the minimum required by law. Why can't the board go above and beyond for the best interest of the township residents?

3. In October of 2023, the Annual Audit of Township Finances was presented at the regular board meeting. An overview showing general audit details was provided but specific audit details were provided to only the board members. To date, the Annual Audit details have not been published. The overview presented at the board meeting is all that has been provided, in the meeting minutes for October. I could be wrong, but I believe this to be a violation of the State of Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 9, item #23.

4. In October of 2023, I asked about the Township Ordinances missing from the new website. This included the ordinances for Blight, Noise, Zoning, Liquor Control and several others. I was told that the ordinances did not transfer from the old site to the new one and were not available. I spent 10 minutes searching, found the old site, downloaded them and provided a flash drive with all of the documents to the board. As of today, the ordinances, which need to be updated and verified as meeting county standards, are still not on the new site.

5. It is my opinion that several members of the board believe that the residents are supposed to work for the board, instead of the board working for the township as a whole and for the individual residents. Remember, the election is coming up, and you need to vote for those people who will work for and support the township residents.

6. Also, here is the list of the new Regular Board meeting dates:

April 18, 2024; May 23, 2024; June 27, 2024; July 25, 2024; August 22, 2024; September 26, 2024; October 24, 2024; November 21, 2024; December 19, 2024; January 23, 2025; February 27, 2025; March 27, 2025.

One additional note: There was a substantial increase in the number of residents attending the March meeting. Thank You and Keep It Up! We need all of the participation that we can get!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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Sports

Wolfpack's Woodruff Concludes Cage Career with 1st Team All-State and Division 3 Player of the Year Honors

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg's Zander Woodruff has capped a brilliant Wolfpack basketball career by being named a 1st Team All-Stater.

Officially announced on March 26, the Wolfpack senior was selected the Michigan Associated Press Division 3 Player of the Year.

Woodruff led the Wolfpack to a second consecutive undefeated regular season, demolishing his school record, set last year, of 624 points in a season, by piling up 821 — an average of 31.5 per game.

He scored a school record 54 points in a come-from-behind win over Division 2 power Freeland (72-65) on Feb. 12.

Woodruff broke the previous school record for points in a career of 1,504 — set by Brandon Woodworth from 1993-1997 — on Feb. 8, with around a month still to play.

He finished 2023-24 with 1,780 career points — a clear-cut Shiawassee County record, outdistancing Perry's Jordan Sipkovsky by nearly 200 points.

Overall, Woodruff shot 41% from deep and 85% from the free throw line this year, pulling down 6.6 rebounds, dishing out 4.1 assists and registering 2.1 steals per game to supplement his gaudy scoring numbers.

At 25-0 following its regional semifinal win over Chesaning, Laingsburg was the last team in the state to suffer a loss this season, finally falling in the regional championship round vs. Jackson Lumen Christi, 53-47. Woodruff scored 30 of his team's points in defeat.

Woodruff led the Wolves to back-to-back undefeated regular seasons the past two years. The team is 50-2 in its last 52 games.

Wolfpack Girls Whitewash Morrice in 2024 Softball Opening Doubleheader

MORRICE — Addyson Buchin, Peyton Stahr and Skyler Stiff teamed up to blank the host Orioles, and Laingsburg's varsity softball team opened the 2024 season with a 17-0, 15-0 sweep here April 4.

Buchin started game one and was relieved by Stahr in a combined no-hitter in the opener. They were backed by three RBI from Savvy Stirm, two from Bella Latuszek, two from Harper Strouse, two from Alaina Asher and run-producing at-bats from Alaina Merrell and Ashley Bila. Buchin, batting cleanup, also drove in a run for coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack. Stirm and Latuszek delivered multiple hits, while Bila, Stahr, Ella Merrell, Strouse, Ashley and Willow Patterson delivered the other safeties for LHS.

The O's were kept off the bases in game one, as Buchin and Stahr tallied six strikeouts.

Stiff went the distance in the second game, striking out 8 and walking one while twirling a four-inning (mercy rule) no-hitter. Bila, Stirm, Latuszek, Buchin, Ella Merrell, Strouse, Stiff and Alaina Merrell all produced hits, with Latuszek, Stirm, Morgan LaMacchia, Buchin, Ella Merrell, Strouse, Stiff and Makenna Johnston all driving in runs. Stiff plated four RBI in support of her strong outing in the pitching circle, including a pair of triples.

The twin wins put Cheadle at 879 victories for his career, as he closes in on the landmark of 900.



Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Oh Dear... Too Many Deer

Before covering some updates on the ever expanding deer herd there have been some new developments with the coyote and wolf in Michigan. As reported numerous weeks ago, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission was debating the shortening of the coyote season by three months and they went ahead and approved that proposal. You may remember that they did this under social pressure to prevent future criticism of an open season when pups are being raised in the den. This decision was not scientifically based and conflicts with Proposal G so MUCC and the Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers have filed separate appeals in Mackinac County and Ingham County circuit courts. More to come on this in the near future....

Keeping with predators for a bit, Bridge Michigan reported this week that a wolf was shot in Calhoun County which marks the first time in over 100 years that a wolf has been documented in southern Michigan. A hunter shot the 84 pound gray wolf in late January and believed it to be a coyote until it was confirmed otherwise. The DNR believes it was literally a "lone wolf" and that it was not part of an established population. However, the Weekly Sportsman would like to speculate that this wolf may be the first of many to show up in southern Michigan. For many years the Weekly Sportsman has heard directly from Upper Peninsula hunters, farmers, landowners, and legislators that it will only be a matter of time until wolves are trapped above the bridge and brought south and released to make the public understand the dynamics of having a large wolf population.

The DNR has announced a statewide survey on the subject of deer management and is seeking broad participation by all citizens of Michigan. The survey is part of the larger deer management initiative being worked on right now by the DNR and selected individuals from around the state. It is only a handful of questions with many multiple choice answers to choose from. It only takes a few minutes and is available now until April 16 at Michigan.gov/Deer.

A few months ago, Chad Stewart from the DNR was the guest speaker at the annual Elsie Wild Game Dinner. If you missed the opportunity to hear him speak you have another shot this next Tues April 9th at the 36th Annual Shiawassee Farm City Dinner to be held at the Baker College Welcome Center. Chad is the deer, elk, and moose management specialist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, serving in that role for 9 years. Previously, he worked as the state deer biologist in Indiana, and has conducted white-tailed deer research for the Smithsonian's Conservation Biology Institute. Chad has degrees from Penn State University and the University of Illinois and has been a deer hunter for over 30 years.

The event is sponsored by Shiawassee MSU Extension Service, Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Shiawassee County Farm Bureau, Owosso Kiwanis Club, and the Shiawassee-Owosso Kiwanis Club. Social begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 989-725-5174 or bharris@ctyfb.com.

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The Larry Curtis Revocable Trust NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Larry A. Curtis, whose date of birth was January 12, 1941, who lived at 2210 North Hollister Road, Ovid, Michigan 48866, died on March 11, 2024. Currently there is no Personal Representative for a probate estate of the Grantor to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the grantor/decedent are notified that all claims against The Larry Curtis Revocable Trust, will be forever barred unless presented to the trustee, Loren Curtis, or to the Gallagher Law Firm, PLC, Attn: Craig S. Gerard, at 6025 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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(04/07)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FILE NO: 24-32152-DE
Estate of Edward Patrick McCrackin, deceased.
Date of Birth: June 4, 1965
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent Edward Patrick McCrackin, deceased, died on February 23, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin McCrackin and Ann Caldwell or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representatives within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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(04/07)

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 April 24, 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. **MORTGAGE INFORMATION:** Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Isabelle Cleland, a single woman, whose address is 103 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., being a mortgage dated August 26, 2013, and recorded on September 10, 2013 with Document Number 5206059, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 17, 2015 and recorded on June 7, 2016 and given document number 5241751 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX AND 11/100 DOLLARS (\$81,026.11). Said premises are situated in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the East 1/2 of Lot 8, all in Block 3 of Avenue Addition to the Village of St. Johns, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 103 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. **THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** **ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE.** Dated: March 24, 2024 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5538

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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 1, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: 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 Common street address (if any): 315 N West St, Ovid, MI 48866-9695 The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: March 31, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Classical Bells Return to Laingsburg For Spring Concert and Pasta Dinner

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. – Bells will be ringing at Laingsburg United Methodist church – handbells, which is – as the popular Classical Bells group from Livonia returns for its sixth time to entertain the community. The concert is at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Apr. 21 at the church. Tickets are \$15.

The group is celebrating its 40th anniversary and will debut all new music. Money raised will benefit the LUMC Core Youth Group, a middle and high school fellowship. Funds are used for mission work, retreats, Christian education, and food and other supplies for the group's regular gatherings.

Following the concert, the Core youth will be serving an all-you-can-eat pasta meal. It will include three sauce options, garlic bread, salad, desserts and beverages. Gluten-free options will be available. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets for the meal are available at the event.

Classical Bells is known for entertaining its audience with its extensive set of handbells of all types. The handbell music is enhanced by other instrumental accompaniments, including percussion, flute and an occasional kazoo. Its members are talented musicians who practice and perform throughout the year and throughout the state. There are always a few lighthearted moments as well.

"It's a blessing they're able to return year after year. This is a great show for the whole family," shared LUMC Pastor Tiffany Newsom. "Costume changes and props keep it light. Audience engagement is part of their routine. Everyone has a chance to laugh, listen and be sentimental."

Tickets for the concert only can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/2jsxfcd4>, by calling the church at 517-651-5531 or at the door. This year's concert is generously sponsored by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, VMD Associates and other anonymous donors.



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