

## Ashley Country Christmas Flag Debuts at Clare Welcome Center

submitted by Keith Salisbury

The Village of Ashley Country Christmas committee announces the debut of its first promotional flag at the Clare Welcome Center on US. 27. The flag, which depicts three photos from the annual holiday event, joins 11 other Michigan community promotional flags at the rest area.

"We're excited about this new opportunity to draw awareness to our community event," said Ashley Country Christmas chairwoman Jane Unterbrink. "Since it's inception in 2013, Ashley Country Christmas has continued to grow, evolve and improve. Last year alone, we had a record number of walk-in visitors who didn't come in on the North Pole Express. At times, especially during the last two weekends, it seemed as if as many people were waiting for the historic 1225 steam engine to come to town as were arriving on the North Pole Express."

In conjunction with the Steam Railroading Institute, the Village of Ashley Country Christmas has striven to provide a magical Christmas experience centered around the steam train area. Of course the Pere Marquette 1225 steam engine, the one used as a model for the movie "The Polar Express," has been a big part of that.

Activities for visitors include visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, writing and mailing letters to Santa, entertainment, food and craft vendors, pictures in front of the 1225, toy making at Santa's Workshop, the lighted Christmas village display with model trains, and the presentation of the first gift of Christmas, when one child from each session has his or her name drawn to receive a special present from the Jolly Old Elf himself, to name a few.

Over the last decade, proceeds from the event have allowed the Village of Ashley Country Christmas committee to put money back into the community, like improvements to the ball park, donations to the Safe Routes to School project, purchase of and improvements to the former Remenar building, construction of the Santa pavilion with restrooms next to the community center, the car port next to the former bar, donations to the Ashley football team, gift basket donations for area fundraisers, electrical upgrades to various buildings in town, Christmas decorations, new black decorative light poles, purchase of The Corner Shoppe, support of the Arsenal of Freedom, and restroom improvements to The Sweet Shop.

The Village of Ashley Country Christmas and the North Pole Express operate over the last five weekends before Christmas in November and December.



## Ovid Township Meeting - Trustee Resigns

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

OVID – The Ovid Township monthly board meeting was held on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Twp. Supervisor, Jennings West called the meeting to order, promptly at 7:00pm, and West led the Pledge of Allegiance. Regular business items on the agenda were unanimously passed and roll call approved. Items on the agenda included previous minutes and Twp Clerk, financial disbursements, which are itemized for public review at the Ovid Township office located at 1015 Baese Court, Ovid.

Under New Business Phil Hanes, Clinton County Drain Commissioner reported the status of pending maintenance. Resolution 2024-09 was passed to proceed as proposed for the drainage projects. Township Supervisor West walked the drainage locations scheduled to be updated and dug in 2024 with Supervisor Hanes. Next, a motion to keep the WiFi password confidential and not for public use was passed unanimously due to security concerns or Website breaches. The board agreed to allow renters to use the hall the night prior, for a Saturday event to decorate. (If Available) Cost will be \$50.

Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluge proposed the provision for "nourishment" for the Township for the staff and volunteers who work the August and November elections. Reports from Deputy Greg Spitzer, Clinton County Sheriff, Trustee Pat Hibbard, reported completion of the Ovid Library, OMESA report from Treasurer Nancy Hughson, CAASA, Supervisor Jennings West, County Commissioner, Val Vail-Shirey and the Assessor Peggy Lidgard. The Planning Commission agreed with the County, and it was the consensus of Ovid farmers to keep the division of property at 10-acre plots. No 5-acre divisions. Also, discussed were issues and concerns for the Wind & Solar ordinances in place. A Roll call vote was taken. The County Ordinances will be in effect in the Township to allow the leasing of land in compliance with the planning commission. The vote was 5 yes and 2 no.

Lastly on the agenda was the acceptance of Arlene Pesik's resignation effective May 30, 2024. Along with mixed emotions, Pesik stated she has "...enjoyed serving and making contributions to help make Ovid a better and safer place to live." Stated that she "...is still involved in many other community activities and has decided to step down, at this time." The Board officially thanked her for her influence in getting a 4-way stop at Hollister and M-21 and numerous other challenges she encountered over the years. The Board voted unanimously to accept her resignation.

Unanimously, Bobby Byles was voted in to temporarily take over the Township Trustee position until the August election. Byles and family are Ovid Township residents, a first responder and Firefighter for Ovid Township. Two Trustee positions will be on the ballot on August 8, 2024.



Bobby Byles appointed to fill open Board seat



On Friday, May 24th, the Introduction of the 2024 Springtime Festival Parade Marshal and King & Queen was held at the Amphitheater at McClintock Park. Jim Norris was the Parade Marshal and Jody & Rob Frank were crowned the Queen & King. All three were featured in the festival parade on Saturday, May 25th. See page 12 for festival photos and results.



On Thursday, May 16th Willow Evans signed to play tennis at the University of Olivet. Willow is a two year member of the Ovid-Elsie girls varsity tennis team. She played first doubles this year and was 2nd team all-conference. She is also involved in 4-H and FFA. Willow is with her parents Erik and Shannon Bonga.



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## Social

### Ola Holiness Camp Meeting

*submitted by Jerry Drummond*  
Ola Holiness Camp Meeting will be held June 16th – June 23th at 7 p.m. Each Evening.  
The camp is located at 7212 S Bagley Rd. (US-127), Ashley, MI 48806 (½ mile North of M57 US127 intersection).  
This is the 106th year for Ola Camp. Camp meeting is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and enjoy fellowship of other Christians from our community.  
The speaker for this week is Reverend Eddie Phillips, who has served as an evangelist in various denominations. Our worship leader is Pastor Doyle Perry, who has pastored in our area and is presently pastoring at the Indian Nazarene Church in Mount Pleasant.  
You can check us out on facebook at Ola Camp Ashley MI. Dress is casual and the atmosphere is peaceful.

### Retired School Personnel to Meet

*by Peg Zink*  
The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at Clinton County RESA, 1013 Old US 27, St. Johns, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Bob Hoffman from the Wharton Center and MARSP Annual Report video.  
For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to [rzick5039@gmail.com](mailto:rzick5039@gmail.com) or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, June 7, 2024 by noon.



(l-r): Ricky, Alerica, Desiree, Michaela

### 2024 Elsie Public Library “Bookmark Contests” Winners

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*  
In 2024 we held the 3rd Annual Elsie Public Library “Bookmark Design Contest”. The theme for the contest will always be the Summer Reading Program theme. The 2024 theme is “Adventure Begins at Your Library.” Mark your calendars for the SRP kick off on Wednesday, June 12th at 2:00 pm!  
Bookmarks designed by the four winners will be printed and distributed during the Summer Reading Program. The Library congratulates the winners and thanks all those who participated in the contest. Winners from left to right are.....  
Ricky, age 6  
Alerica, age 10  
Desiree, age 15  
Michaela, adult  
Thanks to all those who participated. What a wonderful job!

### Shiawassee County Fair Entries

*submitted by Carrie Rutkowski*  
The Shiawassee County Fair, to be held August 4-10, is only weeks away! There are endless opportunities for Shiawassee County residents, any age, to showcase their talents at the Fair. Entry forms need to be in the Fair office no later than 5:00 on this Friday May 31, 2024. This year we are accepting out-of-county exhibits in the Exhibit Barn and the Dog Department. These entries will be from June 1 -7th 5 pm.  
This year if you need assistance you may come to the office and we will assist you with your entries. Office hours are Mon - Fri 9a-5p.  
For online entering, you will find a link on our website at [www.shiacofair.fairwire.com](http://www.shiacofair.fairwire.com). There are no late entries accepted.  
Exhibitor's Guides and entry forms are available at the Fair Office and the public libraries throughout Shiawassee County. Entry forms and information are available at the website or call at 989-743-3611. Don't miss the best week of the year – enter the Shiawassee County Fair today!

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## Sunshine, Big Fundraising Dollars Equal Success for Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Fund Outing

LAINGSBURG -- A perfect sunny Saturday greeted linksters to the 3rd annual Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) golf outing -- a major fundraiser for the effort, that this May granted a pair of scholarships to LHS seniors on Honors Night, May 21.

The winning foursome of Charles Wright, Joe Mauer, Kyle Duckworth and Nick Wiest carded a 14-under-par 56, for a five-stroke victory over 2nd place team Terry Fraidenburg, Kevin Fraidenburg, Greg Beavers and R.J. Miller at 10-under. Tying for third place at 9-under were two foursomes: Andy Hamilton, Jon Cody, Jeremy Merrell, Brandon Walters; and Tom Turek, Ken Walters, Harry Walters and Jim Walters.

The event raised upwards of \$4,000, with the LALA committee extending a big "thank you" to Pine Hills Golf Course for their gracious hosting of the event.

Also, gratitude went out to the event sponsors who made it all possible: Laingsburg Lions Club, Wolfpack Sports Boosters, Gene McGrath, Frank Mallon, Feighner Boat Lifts & Docks, Shaheen Chevrolet, the Meridian Weekly, Local Roots of Laingsburg, and an anonymous Detroit Tigers sponsor.

Thanks to the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, a \$5,000 award is available to Laingsburg High School seniors. The first grants were awarded in May, 2023, to LHS seniors Chloe Stork and Caleb Boettcher; this year, the recipients are LHS seniors Hannah Sebenick and Jaylei Kramer.

The LALA awards are off and running. An alumni committee of LHS grads created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund to help graduates attend schools of higher learning. Alumni are now being asked to help support a future LHS graduate attend his or her choice of schools to advance their knowledge and carry the Laingsburg Legacy to new heights. Contributions can be of any amount at the donor's discretion; a typical gift is just \$50 per year.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, can contact Jim Dunn, Class of 1962, at 16677 Peacock Lane, Haslett, MI 48840, or Tom Turek, Class of 1975, at [tomturek20032003@yahoo.com](mailto:tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).



*LHS alumni Frank Mallon and Larry Rosenbrook represented not only their Class of 1961 on the golf course, but also through their generous donations to the fundraising effort. If you're interested in joining support for the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award, please contact Tom Turek at [tomturek20032003@yahoo.com](mailto:tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).*

## Recycling Through the Summer

*submitted by Ellen Link*

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers are still on the job, accepting your recyclables on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (June 4 and 18), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (June 8 and 22), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Someday, when we have even more volunteers to help run our operations, we hope to be open even more often, as waste materials unfortunately continue to increase.

In the meantime, we continue to find ways to work towards our ultimate goal of creating a sustainable community. This spring we donated books with environmental themes to the Laingsburg schools, covering all age groups, and this month will donate some to the public library as well. And in July, if we can get enough volunteer help, we hope to help the LBCA (Laingsburg Business and Commercial Association) turn their very popular annual Pancake Breakfast on the last Saturday of the month into a zero- or at least minimal-waste event by providing compostable plates and utensils. Stay tuned for further updates.

Want to help the environment in our little part of the world? Summer is a thirsty time, so... Try to avoid single-use plastic containers as much as possible by carrying your own water/beverage container everywhere you go. While it's true that some PET water bottles are recycled into new products, producing them requires petroleum—something that should be avoided whenever possible. And don't forget that liquids packaged in those bottles absorb microplastics—which end up in you. We are not separate from the environment but a part of it.

What we accept, clean and separated: Newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal, separated from aluminum; corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books; plastics— #1 bottles and jars (clear and transparent green and blue only), no clamshells (bakery and produce containers); #2 (rinsed milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid color bottles and jars, seam on the bottom—no motor oil containers); and #5 (food cups, tubs and lids, e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.); non-corroded household batteries; glass bottles and jars only (all colors), caps and lids removed—no windows, mirror panes or drinking glasses; electronics; televisions (\$10-20) and monitors (\$5-10), the fees dependent on type and size (call or check our website); Brita water filters; denim (no more than 5% spandex, zippers and metal buttons removed); dental products; empty inkjets; and hearing aids (batteries removed). We're also now a drop site for old eyeglasses for the Laingsburg Lions Club. Gardeners, we'll take your empty pots, trays and other planting materials. We do not accept polystyrene (Styrofoam®) or plastic bags (return to grocery store).

For further details on recyclable items and other useful info, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. New volunteers of any age are always welcome. Now is the time to create a sustainable future in our own backyard.

## Concealed Pistol License Class

*submitted by Norm Martin*

A Concealed pistol license class on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 110 S. Main St., Ovid. Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished. Certified Instructors. Class fee is \$120.00. Register by calling Norman Martin at 989-277-1002. Lunch will be furnished.

### City of Ovid Regular Meeting March 11, 2024

#### Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

#### Roll Call:

L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, B. Lasher-ABSENT, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were guests present; some of the guests were Liza Kusnier-Treasurer, Lisa Rousseau- Chief of Police, Scott Gould- City's Attorney, Doug Scott- Rowe Engineering, Carl Hyzer, Kelly Howard, and Dan Kinney.

#### Agenda

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

Carried on voice vote.

#### Minutes

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve February 12, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

#### Invoice/check register

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from February 14, 2024 through March 12, 2024. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

**Public Comment:** Opened 7:04 pm Closed 7:08 pm

#### Treasurer's Report

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

Carried on voice vote.

#### Attorney's Report

Solar ordinance- A motion was made by Council Member E. Starn to place a moratorium on applications for wind and solar in the city of Ovid for 180 days. Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

#### Police Report

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to support a show cause hearing on High St. address. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

#### DPW Report

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve the purchase of line locator RD 7200 and TX-10 with accessories from C&S Solutions for an amount of \$5,963.69 with \$2,000 coming from Water Fund and remaining balance, \$3,963.69 from Sewer Fund. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

#### Report Approval Motion

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

Carried on voice vote.

#### New Business

a. 2024 Biennial Bridge Agreement- Council Member E. Brown made the motion to enter into the 2024 Biennial Bridge Inspection Agreement with Rowe Engineering for a total of \$800 (\$400.00 per bridge with a total of two bridges) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign the agreement. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

b. Rowe Engineering-Doug Scott Regarding Bridges and Lagoons

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to enter into the 2024 Bridge Funding Application agreement with Rowe Engineering for a total of 1250.00 (\$625.00 per bridge with a total of two bridges) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign the agreement. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

c. Youth Center-Carl Hyzer

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to extend meeting 30 minutes. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

d. Direct Deposit- Council Member E. Brown made a motion to offer Direct deposit as a method to receive paycheck. Council Member L. Perrien supported the motion. Carried on voice vote.

e. J&J Hardwoods- Council Member E. Brown authorized J&J Hardwood invoices payment for tree removal and to amend the budget by increasing Local Street Fund tree trimming expense line by \$15,000 for a total budgeted line item of \$18,000. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

f. Election Needs: Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to move \$3,371 from Health Insurance expense line to election supplies expense line. Council Member E. Brown supported.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member M. Olger made the motion to approve purchase of 2 Election Inclusion Franklin Voting booths and 1 laptop for election use. Motion was supported by Council Member L. Perrien.

Carried on voice vote.

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

Carried on voice vote.

g. Moon Dust and New Backstop for Ackley Field Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the purchase of Moon Dust for Ackley Field not to exceed \$3,000. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

h. Ethics Ordinance Council Member E. Starn made the motion to place the Ethics Ordinance out for public review. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

#### Boards and Commissions

a. Charter Review Commission – Mayor Pro Tem M. Perrien appointed the following members to the Charter Review Committee: Pat Serviss, Dr. Michael O'Bryant, Becky Soliz, Michelle Soliz, Patti Stewart, Mark Holley and Jackie Garcia. Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to approve the Mayor Pro Tem appointed members of the Charter Review Committee. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

#### Adjournment-

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Liza Kusnier  
City of Ovid Treasurer*



Obituaries

Neil Richard Mead

Neil Richard Mead, age 64, of Bannister, MI, passed away Monday, May 27, 2024, at the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton, St. Johns, MI.

Neil was born in St. Johns, Michigan on January 11, 1960, the son of Orlo and Patricia (Saxton) Mead. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1979.

Neil worked as a wash plant operator for Constine Gravel Company for 15 years and had 18 years with a union gravel pit. He enjoyed gardening, cooking, and sitting on his back porch jamming to music. Neil was very interested in rock and artifact hunting, fishing, and hunting. Above all, Neil loved the time he spent with his family.

He is survived by his children: Tricia and Ben Moreno; and Tim and Holly Mead; his grandchildren: Jolie, Ethan, Leon, Liam, Ryan, Waylon, and Emma, his sister Vicki and Troy Delcamp, and his brother Brad and Carla Mead. He was preceded in death by his father Orlo Mead, mother and step-father Patricia and William Machala, and brothers: Chris and Greg Mead.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a celebration of life at his home at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

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



Sandra Cuddy

Sandra Cuddy, age 79 of Ovid passed away Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Hospice House of Shiawassee County.

Sandra was born November 11, 1944 in Ovid, the daughter of Harry and Maxine (Weir) Gilliland.

She graduated from Owosso High School and attended Lansing Community College.

Sandra was a simple woman that enjoyed the simple things in life. She was very involved with Carriage Days and even was the leader of the parade. She took pride in her garden and yard, and enjoyed a nice cold Pepsi. She looked forward to camping trips with her daughter, and loved to spoil her grandkids.

Sandra worked for the State of Michigan for many years before retiring.

Sandra is survived by her children, Marna Gasche and Brandon Cuddy; grandchildren, Kailee Gasche, Kamryn Arnett, Anna Ordway, and Grayson Ordway; great-grandchildren, Isaac Nault, Amelia Gasche, and Rowen Arnett; siblings, Bonnie Ehlert and Jack Gilliland; along with other loving family and friends.

She was predeceased by her son, Chris Ordway; parents, Harry and Maxine Gilliland; and brother Russell Gilliland.

A Celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Autism Speaks.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [Nelson-House.com](http://Nelson-House.com).



Nancy Elaine Koerner

Nancy Elaine Koerner, passed away on May 24, 2024, at Sparrow Health System in Lansing, at the age of 87. Born on October 21, 1936, in Elsie, Michigan to Charles Jacob and Thelma Marie (Peterson) Kridner, Nancy's foundation was laid on values of faith, education, and the joy of simple country living.

Nancy embraced life fully alongside her loving husband of 68 years, Floyd. Their enduring love story began on August 27, 1955, when they exchanged vows at the Elsie United Methodist Church. Together, they nurtured a family that grew to include their children, Floyd III (Lisa) Koerner, Dawn (Alan) Stroup, and George Koerner, each adding threads of joy and resilience to the family tapestry.

Nancy's legacy thrives through her grandchildren Jason (Lindsay) Koerner, Shannon (Matt) Aymor, Scott Koerner, Caleb (Rebecca Pickler) Stroup, Sarah (Scott) Roy, Hannah Stroup, Christopher (Andrea) Koerner, Amy (Jacob) Ridsdale, and Tracey (Chasity) Koerner. Keeping the tales of their grandmother's adventurous spirit alive are her great-grandchildren Danielle, Gracie, Andrew, Adelaide, Samuel, Jaden, Elliot, Kaden, Kinsley, and Corbin. She lives on not only in their memories but also through the example she set as a person of unwavering love and dedication.

Nancy's circle of love included her sisters Audrey Crompton and Charlene Austin, who share in the family's treasure of memories, also many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in passing by her brother Duane, granddaughter Lindsey Koerner, daughter-in-law Michelle Koerner, and her dear parents.

An exemplar of academic dedication, Nancy stood proud as the valedictorian of her 1954 Elsie High School class, later elevating her commitment to education by earning a Master's Degree in Education from Michigan State University. She flourished as a dedicated educator, inspiring young minds in Laingsburg schools for 32 years. Her passion for teaching was evident to all who had the privilege of crossing her classroom threshold. Nancy also served for many years as the Sciota Township Clerk.



The humble lessons of the farm were dear to Nancy. She cherished farm life, from tending to the dairy cows to cultivating a shared love for Oliver tractors, especially her beloved 550 Oliver. She and Floyd counted among the founding members of the Heart of Michigan Tractor Club, highlighting Nancy's adventurous spirit as she drove her tractor across the Mackinaw Bridge 15 times.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her existence, demonstrated through her long-time membership at the Laingsburg United Methodist Church. Nancy's life exemplified love for the Lord, and her actions served as a testament to her faith-filled journey.

Nancy's zest for life took her on many adventures, from sliding down the sand dunes of New Mexico to traversing unknown paths. Together with Floyd, she enjoyed exploration and travel, embracing every opportunity to discover the splendors of the world around her.

Beyond the wide pastures, Nancy found joy in her family, developing lifelong cherished memories with each gathering, celebration, and quiet moment shared.

Nancy will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, teacher, and friend. Her adventurous and faith-filled soul has left an indelible mark on the hearts of those blessed enough to know her. Her spirit, teachings, and love will continue to shape the lives of those she touched, a legacy of one woman's extraordinary dedication to the people and passions that enriched her remarkable journey through life.

Funeral service were held on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 11:00am at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel, Pastor Norm Beckwith will celebrate with burial to follow in Putnam Cemetery.

Contributions in Nancy's name can be directed to the Laingsburg United Methodist Church, or the Clothesline in Laingsburg.

Condolences, pictures, and memories can be shared with the Koerner family at [WatkinsFuneralHomes.com](http://WatkinsFuneralHomes.com)

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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

You know how you can get these semi-strange messages from your computer? This morning mine inferred that I almost had my computer set up. This is the same computer that I have been using since the spring of 2020... I should hope that it is set up properly. I do understand that there are always things to be updated but it seems to be a bit ridiculous to me. I don't think that the program that I have used all these years has that many bells and whistles. Of course I am of that 'elderly' generation that is supposedly anti-tech, that being said, I have been using computers since the 1970's and have never been that fond of them. I have seen enough glitches and errors that were computer generated that I'm not comfortable with the AI experience. Enough said.

I don't understand why I get confounded by my reality. Being retired has become an extremely busy time for me. Granted, I only work at the shop for mornings a week but it seems as if I spend the rest of the time on the run. Currently my maple tree is sheltering a bunch of potted bushes and a couple of small trees. When my friend Sandy told me that she was thinning our her stock I agreed to share some of her bounty. I did not realize that it included half a dozen forsythia bushes, a half a dozen lilac bushes, and an elderberry tree plus a pair of grafted McIntosh trees. Sandy had spent the morning taking a class on grafting trees and I got the benefit. I believe that she had spent the week digging up the bushes. I had planned on digging up some snowball bushes for others and don't have it done yet. I'm waiting for David to come and help me with the deed. Remember, I live on clay and can not dig until the soil is dry or I end up with cement.

Young David has rototilled the garden for me...almost done when I ran out of gas. I have replenished the gas but the weather has not cooperated. So I still don't have my garden planted and have a bit more tilling to do. Yesterday, after the shop closed I got the call that our pork was ready for pick up and pay up. I headed over to Wilson Farms to transport the finished product to our freezer. I had already rotated twenty pounds of sausage to our refrigerator freezer. So that eased the process but I forgot to put my checkbook into my purse. I don't like the extra four dollar charge for using my debit card, I believe that is another one of those elderly identifiers. Lisa told me of the charge and recommended that I throw my check into the mail, I like the way she thinks.

Today after MG's Perx & Pastries I need to deliver three dozen dinner rolls for a memorial service and stop at Barb's to pick up her baked goods for the same purpose. Just doing the neighborly function. Good neighbors and good friends are a blessing. I also need to get the basics done for making a couple of salads for Diane's birthday which is tomorrow. So I need to boil eggs and cook potatoes for the salad with deviled eggs and clean the veggies for the pasta salad. I do intend to make a bit extra so that I can enjoy the left overs. I also hope to get a few plants into the garden. I know the road is paved with good intentions. Oh drat!!! I forgot to pick up some wrapping paper for both the birthday and the upcoming wedding. Of course I could use newspapers and binder twine to accomplish the contents of the boxes. And the wedding is a casual jean and shirt affair so it may be acceptable. I'll think on that...

Young Sally adores liver and onions and during a light fishing expedition Margie found out that I also enjoy them. So Monday after taking Prudence into the groomers I will be having some guests for lunch. I will also be adding a meatloaf for those who don't like liver. Of course everyone was agreeable about the vegetables that would enhance the experience and I know that some are looking forward to the rhubarb crisp to top off the meal. Margie is supplying the liver and we will be having lively conversations with Spenser who doesn't like any of the entrees. He is a lucky nine year old because his GG is bringing his lunch. Monday will be filled with lively conversation.

Just grabbed the items that I need to do returns on today. A cat carrier and some peaches to share. I didn't have the case of canning jars on hand, I will need to box them up for tomorrow. My alarm just went off so I need to get into a higher gear. May you days not pass in a daze. Enjoy your surroundings and the folks that make your life more interesting. May God bless you.

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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Parmesan Lemon Purple Asparagus

The Weekly Sportsman has missed several months of the Corunna District Library's cookbook club but was able to return in May and brought an asparagus dish. Recipes for last month's event were selected from the cookbook titled Six Ingredients with Six Sisters' Stuff. Although asparagus season is starting to wind down in central Michigan it can still be found for about another week at roadside stands and farmers markets. Figure about \$3-5 for a one pound bunch.

The recipe was followed except bottled lemon juice was substituted for freshly squeezed lemon juice and green asparagus was substituted with purple asparagus. The Weekly Sportsman prefers purple over green for several reasons including the milder flavor and when the purple color starts to turn about 75% green it's time to remove from heat if you prefer snappy over mushy for texture.

1 bunch green (or purple) asparagus 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1 1/2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for topping 1 lemon (or lemon juice from a bottle)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F

Wash and chop asparagus into bite-sized pieces, discarding the tough, white ends.

Spread asparagus on a rimmed baking sheet and toss in olive oil and parmesan cheese. Cut lemon in half and juice over the asparagus; toss again. Bake 10 to 15 minute, or until asparagus is crisp-tender and cheese begins to turn golden brown.

Squeeze juice from the other half of the lemon over the top and garnish with additional Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

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## Don't be a Victim of a Scam

Dear Andy,

How do I know if I am being scammed? As an older person, living alone, everyone is warning me to be careful but I get a lot of great offers in my email and phone calls from so many people, with affordable deals. The people are so nice when they call; I often end up talking to them and enjoying the conversation and have bought some things I really do not need? I do not want to be rude. Can you give me some advice? Concerned about being hacked or scammed.

Dear Concerned,

First of all, if you need to chat, call a neighbor, a friend or visit your local café or senior center. If you do not know the person or you did not initiate the call them, you should never give personal information or confirm information to a stranger on the computer or the telephone. You must be absolutely sure, even if they claim to know you and your family. Online scams can look legitimate. The hackers even use familiar logos to entice you.

Some online warning signs include the gift card offers by collecting data or having you take a survey. Professional looking sites can trick you into sharing a lot of personal information. Don't do it. If you are making a purchase or paying a bill on line make sure you are on the official site. Also, WATCH OUT when you are told it is "FREE" to enter and then they want your credit card number...it is NOT free. Scammers on the telephone, easily obtain private information by asking you to donate to what sound like a good cause by appealing to your giving nature.

Watch out when the caller is giving you a deadline, such as - "Last day" for this "Great low price" or a "One-time offer" only. Hang up! Do not be bullied or talked into something with their "threats." When they sound professional with an urgent tone of voice, tell them you will call them back. If you continue to receive persistent calls go to your "settings" to "block" the number. If you cannot figure it out, call your phone company or ask someone from a younger generation...they seem to know how to do everything on the cell phone and the computer.

Deleting and hanging up is ok. It's not rude...but it is rude and a crime when someone hacks your information and go on a cruise or buy a new refrigerator with your credit card. If you are paying medical bills on a payment plan, many collection/payment companies are now using only routing and account numbers instead of your debit card number. Still, do not give out your information. Call them back on the phone number you have on your invoice or bill.

Fraud investigators highly recommend when we use our debit card, do not run as a credit. Use your password code. This habit will better protect you from fraud. People and some not so legitimate businesses can steal your credit card number even when your card is in your wallet. Ask your financial institution or purchase a card protection sleeve, especially when you are traveling. Many people do not balance their check book until the statement arrives. Check your balance each time prior and after using your card. Track purchases closely, by learning to utilize the bank phone system to monitor all transactions.

Last week was the first time I have let my debit card out of my sight. I gave it to a waitress. She was gone a long time. I assumed she was busy. The day after my purchase at an up north restaurant, someone charged \$890.00 of car parts to my card. My next checks for bills bounced and I was unable to pay a first car payment on my new car. I certainly did not need any card parts. Always report the scam to your financial institution, immediately. Even if a small amount...scammers could be testing you. According to experts, we all receive an average of 12 fake messages or scams daily, via text, email, or social media. Take advantage of the service to add a fraud alert to your credit or debit cards. Even though it is annoying, use a double-factor authentication method. Better than just using a password.

This is a lot of information but it is worth it to protect you financially and emotionally. If in doubt about anything ask\_andy@aol.com

*p.s. I am sorry we have so many thieves and dishonest people among us and it is difficult to trust anyone. ...but not everyone is that way. Teach your children not to take anything that does not belong to them, no matter how they might justify their actions.*



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The Sciota Township Board is accepting 4-year bids to audit the township fiscal year records. Sealed bids are due to the township clerk no later than Friday, June 7, 2024, by 4:00 pm. (drop-box available in driveway). Please contact the township clerk with any questions.

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## Ovid Historical Society Meeting

*submitted by Roger  
Matthies*

The June meeting of the Ovid Historical Society will be on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.

Please join us for this meeting as we plan events for this year.

The museum is at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

## Memorial Healthcare Hosts Blood Drive June 7

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, June 7 from 10 am to 3:45 pm at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 W. King Street, in Owosso.

Did you know, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, which means more than 36,000 blood donations are needed every day. With each blood donation this can potentially save up to three lives.

There's a critical shortage of blood and blood products, so if you've been putting off being a donor, now is the time. To schedule an appointment, please contact Lyn Freeman at (989) 729-4818, by email [lfreeman@memorialhealthcare.org](mailto:lfreeman@memorialhealthcare.org) or on the American Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred.



## Second Saturday Monthly Barn Dance

*by Karen Anderson, Correspondent*

LAINGSBURG - The Jack Clarkson Band, featuring his wife, Tess Clarkson, with mid-Michigan's finest talented vocalists and musicians, will be performing each month this summer. The Second Saturday Monthly Barn Dances will be held, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, 2024 from 6:30 – 9:30. (Weather permitting)

Special guests this year include local talent, along with the brilliant guitarist Bill Fuller, and keyboard & vocal sensation Kathy Ford. All who will be joining the band to kick off the Summer Season at the Clarkson Barn located at 10850 S. Hollister Rd. Laingsburg, South off Round Lake Rd. Only \$10 DONATION per adult. FREE for kids and plenty of parking. If you park on the road, a golf cart will pick you up. For individuals with limited ability to walk the distance, parking is available by the barn.

Bring a picnic or snacks and your preferred beverages. A variety of music will be played and plenty of dancing on a beautiful oak floor. The Ovid Cafe will have sloppy Joes and potato salad for sale. Clarkson says, "C'm on over, we have 60 padded chairs and lots of room for lawn chairs, a Port-a-jon, and well water from a hose."

For more information on other future events or scheduling a private party, wedding, or event: <http://www.jackclarkson-band.com>. "Get your boots on and w'll c'ya there!" J.C.



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## Memorial Day Memories

### Memorial Day Observed in Elsie

*by Dawn D Levey*

ELSIE – The rain held off prior to the Elsie annual observance of Memorial Day. The community met at Heroes Park to observe the event. The observance opened with Shane Grinnell, Elsie village manager, recognizing all those that have supported Heroes Park and noting that the dream conceived by Jim and Doris Hyland has become a reality.

Young people participated in the annual event – McKenna Grinnell lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Darby White recited the "Gettysburg Address". Followed by an inspirational speech recognizing the men and women who gave it all for freedom for all presented by Bryan Valentine the Elsie American Legion Commander. Next, Gene Nethaway outlined his accomplishments for the area veterans.



*Photos by Deb Price,  
Dawn Levey and  
Tom Turek*

### Honoring the Fallen

On Monday, May 27th, community members gathered in Elsie, Laingsburg and Ovid to Remember and Honor those individuals who paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we have in this country.

Veterans from the Elsie American Legion Post 502, Laingsburg American Legion Post 248, Ovid VFW Post 8964, the Ovid-Elsie High School Band and speakers proudly took part in the services held. Participants and community members enjoy a lunch provided jointly by the Ovid Lions Club and Carriage Days Committee at the conclusion of the Ovid service.





## Sports



Hailee Campbell scored 2 goals during the semi-finals against Lansing Catholic on May 29th.

Photo by Jody Thornton

### Lady Marauder Soccer Team Advances in MHSAA District Action

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders defeated a tough Lansing Catholic squad, 4-0, in MHSAA District semifinal action here May 29.

After being out for a month with an injury, Ava Bates returned to the goal and made 8 crucial saves, including a flurry of shots late in the match to secure the win.

Sophia Sweet (goal), Hailee Campbell (2 goals, 1 assist), and Evalyn Cole (1 goal, 2 assists) each contributed to the scoring column as well.

O-E faced off with Williamston at OE on Friday night for the right to be District Champs.



Ava Bates with a great save during the semi-finals.

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### Lady Marauder Tennis Gals Conclude 2024 Season

CLARKSTON -- The Ovid-Elsie girls varsity tennis season ended on May 15 at the MHSAA Regionals, hosted by Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

The Lady Marauders were placed in a new regional this year with some "heavy hitters" and placed in the middle of the pack, earning 5 points.

The 4th doubles team of Jolene Hebel and Lauren Phillips had a great day and placed second, losing to Flint Powers Catholic 6-4, 0-6, 2-6.

The Lady Marauders finished with an impressive 9-3-1 record and lost by only one point in the conference championship to Durand.

The Ovid-Elsie Girls and Boys Tennis Teams will be hosting a camp on June 17-19 from 5-7 for middle and high school students. Cost is \$10.



(l-r): Lauren Phillips and Jolene Hebel

### Bears Season Come to an End

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Baseball team lost in the first game of the District tournament this week to Carson City Crystal by a score of 9-1. Robert Kral took the loss on the mound pitching 7 innings striking out six, walking seven and giving up eleven hits. The Bears were held to two hits on the night, a single by R. Kral and a double by Carson Litwiller.

### Wolfpack Soccer Girls Advance in MHSAA District

LAINGSBURG — A MHSAA District-opening soccer match threatened by lightning went the host Wolfpack's way here May 28.

Coach Natalie Elkin's Lady Wolfpack improved to 12-3-3 with a 3-0 victory over the Ithaca Yellowjackets -- after both teams agreed to call it just past halftime.

At the 23:56 mark, Sydney Curtis tapped a ball to Payge Woodworth for the first goal. A minute later Kendal Hoard passed up the line to Woodworth for a line drive shot across, and 3:00 after that Woodworth passed to Ivy Collier for the last goal.

"We took a while to settle in," explained coach Elkins. "Then we played our possession ball."

LHS advanced to take on Hemlock (14-4-1) for the District crown at Montrose.

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# Sports

## Wolfpack Advances in Division 3 District Tourney, Romping Past Perry

LANISING -- Laingsburg's baseball Wolfpack erupted for five runs in top of the 1st and four tallies in the 2nd, ending any suspense in the opening round of MHSAA District tournament play here May 28.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolves opened a hoped-for deep tourney run, romping past the Perry Ramblers, 11-1, at Lansing Catholic Central HS.

Dom Garcia went 3-for-4 from his leadoff spot, and RJ Garcia drove in four runs from the five-hole while also going 3-for-4, pacing a 14-hit attack that left the Ramblers by the wayside.

Talk about setting the table. At the top of the order for LHS, Garcia, Mio Garcia, Ty Randall and Elliot Wilsey racked up 8 hits and scored five runs in a showcase of efficiency.

Cam Ballard added two hits and Liam Esch plated two RBI as the Wolves swept their neighboring CMAC rivals over the course of the 2024 season.

The offensive display made a winner of Ty Randall, who started and tossed two innings of hitless ball; it was an encouraging showing for Randall, who is coming off Tommy John surgery just 11 months ago.

Dom Garcia threw three frames of one-hit ball to earn the hold / save.

## 4x100 Relay Team Blazes to O-E Record; Marauders Qualify at Regional

BATH -- The Ovid-Elsie 4x100 relay team blazed to a new school record, and the male Marauders qualified several thin-clads for the prestigious MHSAA State Finals for 2024 here.

The event was the Regional meet, Pewamo-Westphalia taking home the team title with 97 points. Coach Doug Long's Marauders finished 5th with 46 points, behind P-W, Olivet 87, Ithaca 78, Chesaning 77 and Sanford-Meridian 54. Rounding out the field was Lansing Catholic 43, Bullock Creek 33, Bath 32, Leslie 30, Laingsburg 27, Central Montcalm 22, St. Louis 21, Hemlock 11 and Perry 4.

"It was absolutely a fantastic job by these gentlemen," praised coach Long following the meet.

Tryce Tokar, Bruce Thornton, Owen Long and Clayton Fruchey shattered the former record in the 4x100 in :44.63, eclipsing the old mark of :44.80 set in 2011.

Other state qualifiers and their place in the meet for the Marauders:

1st Place: Tryce Tokar - PV 14'6". 2nd Place - 4x200 Relay Tryce Tokar/Bruce Thornto/Clayton Fruchey/Travis Milner 1:33.00. 2nd place: Clay Powell - 800 2:01.71. 2nd place: Travis Milner - 400 52.60. 3rd Place : 4x400 Relay Tryce Tokar/Jamison Custer/Clay Powell/Travis Milner 3:31.67. 8th Place - Brock Spitzley - Discus 132'9".

**Ovid-Elsie's Lady Marauders** got outstanding performances from: Braden Tokar 8th in the 100 m (:13.85). Audrey Bensinger 16th in the 400 m (1:08.21). Rachel Spitzley 16th in the 800 m (2:39.56). Clarissa Baese 14th in the 1600 m (5:57.22). Piper White 23rd in the 1600 m (6:27.29) and 17th in the 3200 m (14:34.55). Audrey Johns 7th in the 300 m hurdles (:51.28), 9th in the high jump (4'7") and 6th in the pole vault (8'3"). Haley Bashore, Kyla Washburn, Samantha Snider, Tokar 9th in the 4x100 relay (:54.10). Macey Bennett, Washburn, Snider, Tokar, 7th in the 4x200 (1:57.42). White, Baese, Spitzley, Bensinger 6th in the 4x800 (10:46.89). Abigail Lehman 28th in the shot put (25'5") and Metta Newell 29th (24'9"). Tava Kvalevog 14th in the discus (78'4"). Samantha Snider 8th in the long jump (14'9.75").

## Central Montcalm Ends O-E Sack Season with 4-3 MHSAA District Win

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- The game didn't quite go as billed. Ovid-Elsie didn't blink opposite one of the best Division 3 baseball pitching staffs in the State of Michigan.

Instead, coach Mike Loynes' Marauders battled to the final out of their 2024 season, eventually falling to Central Montcalm in a heart-breaker, 4-3, in the opening round of MHSAA District play here May 28.

Hornet star Emmett Lingeman was billed as a Top Ten Michigan talent, and he did his job -- pinning Montcalm to a 4-0 lead entering the 6th inning. Lingeman moved to 3rd base in the 6th, making way for reliever Asher Johnson. That's when the Marauders made their move.

Gage Wiktorowski opened the 6th with a single. Jake Bowen followed with a walk, followed by a Brody Howard single. One run scored on a wild pitch with Javon Belill at the plate; he eventually walked. Janes followed with a single; the Hornets narrowly escaped with a fielder's choice put-out to end the 6th, then two fly-outs to centerfield to end it in the 7th.

Senior right-hander Janes went the distance for the Marauders, only giving up two earned runs on five hits with six strikeouts and no walks over his six innings.

Lingeman struck out 10 over his five frames to earn the win for the Hornets and Johnson nailed down his fourth save of the campaign -- albeit in heart-stopping fashion.

Ovid-Elsie ended its 2024 season at 12-21-1.

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## No. 1 Rated Lady Wolfpack Splits Softball Twinbill

LAINGSBURG — In a major tuneup for the MHSAA post-season tournament, the No. 1 state-rated Laingsburg Wolfpack hosted the Beal City Aggies, No. 8 in Division 4 for a non-league doubleheader.

The Aggies surprised Jeff Cheadle's Wolves with an 8-3 win in the opener, before LHS came back to dominate game two, 15-3.

The Aggies built a 6-0 lead with single runs in the first and fifth and four runs in the fourth for a 6-0 lead before the Pack could get on the scoreboard. Bella Latuszek and pitcher Addyson Buchin plated the Laingsburg RBI in the opener and combined to record five of the team's eight hits, with right fielder Alayna Merrell also chipping in two.

Buchin received only her second loss of the season on the mound. Her record is now 22-2. She allowed five runs, only two of which were earned, on six hits with two walks and five strikeouts over four innings.

Skylar Stiff handled the final three frames of Game 1 for the Wolfpack, holding Beal City to one earned run on four hits with three punchouts.

Not wasting any time in Game 2, Laingsburg leapt out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first and added four more in the second and three more in third, taking the contest to 10-1 at that time.

Registering 13 hits in this one, first baseman Savanna Stirm and Latuszek, the Wolfpack's No. 2 and 3 hitters, led the way with three-hit showings, and Buchin went 2 for 5, driving in three.

Laingsburg moved to 33-3 overall with the split, entering June 1 District play at Bath.

## P-W Wraps Up CMAC Boys and Girls Track Titles

LAINGSBURG -- The Pewamo-Westphalia boys and girls track teams nipped their long-time rival -- the Fowler Eagles -- for the 2024 championships at the annual Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) meet.

The Pirate boys won the team crown with 196.5 points, followed by Fowler 165, Bath 79, Saranac 62.5, the host Wolfpack 52, Pottersville 36, Perry 24, Dansville 20, Lansing Christian 17 and Portland St. Patrick 5.

The Lady Pirates prevailed with 188.5 points, ahead of Fowler 179, Portland St. Pats 90, Laingsburg 60.5, Saranac 43.5, Bath 35, Christian 26, Perry 21.5 and Pottersville 6.

Bella Strieff captured the Lady Wolves' lone 1st place in the shot put (31'8.25").

Kylee Luna got the scoring started for the Lady Wolfpack with a 5th place showing in the 100 m dash (personal record, :13.24). Emily Rathka ran 5th in the 800 m in 2:35.81 and 5th in the 1600 m 5:56.01.

In the relays, Bella Strieff, Luna, Lilli Morrill and Sophie Freeman finished 4th in the 400x100 in 54.11. Evelyn Logghe, Jayden Foltz, Hazel Burley and Rathka clocked 4th in the 4x800 in 11:44.64.

In the field events, joining Strieff with outstanding performances were Mallory Woodbury in the high jump 4'10", Kendall Michels in the pole vault with a personal record 9'0", and Morrill in the long jump 15'5."

On the male side, Logan Robinson ran 5th in the 400 m (personal record :53.86); Noah Devereaux 3rd in the 1600 m (4:35.95); Mitchell George placed 3rd in the high jump (6'1"); and Jack Borgman 2nd in the pole vault (13'0").

In the relay events, Cade Fuller, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Garrett Matthews and Logan Robinson ran 5th in the 4x400 (3:44.59); Marty Meyers, George, Dolega-Caceres and Matthews 4th in the 4 x200 (1:36.53); and Dolega-Caceres, Meyers, Grey Sequin and Borgman 2nd in the 4x100 (:45.42).

### Wolfpack tracksters qualify for States

BATH -- Standout pole vaulters Laingsburg's Jack Borgman (13-0), Dano Winans (12-0) went back-to-back as MHSAA State qualifiers for the Laingsburg track and field team, joining seven other Wolves in earning trips to the prestigious State Meet for coach Brian Borgman's thinclads.

Wolfpack qualifiers included: 1,600 meters (D3 QS - 4:37.5). Noah Devereaux, Laingsburg, So. (4th, 4:33.43). 3,200 meters (D3 QS - 10:10). Noah Devereaux, Laingsburg (8th, 9:59.28). 4 x 100 relay — Laingsburg (Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Marty Meyers, Grey Sequin, Jack Borgman) 6th, 44.82. High jump (D3 QS - 6-0). Mitchell George, Laingsburg, Jr. (2nd, 6-2). Kendall Michels, Laingsburg, Fr. (4th, 8-9 personal record). Long jump (D3 QS - 15-6). Lilli Morrill, Laingsburg, Fr. (4th, 15-6 3/4 personal record)

## Lady Marauder Softball '9' Runs Past P-W

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity softball team ran to three runs in the opening inning and never let up, ending Pewamo-Westphalia's season with a convincing 6-1 victory to open the MHSAA District softball post-season tournament.

The Quarterfinal win moved coach Rachel Winter's Lady Marauders to 12-20-1 on the season, with their 4th-straight victory.

After shortstop Mercades Grieder singled and stole second to begin the game, second baseman Olyvia Coon scored her with a single of her own to make it 1-0.

Three batters later, Coon tagged and scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of pitcher Kaitlyn Fry for the second run and first baseman Haley McClung came home on a Kathryn Thornton groundout to make it 3-0.

Allowing just the one unearned run, which came in the first inning, Fry was terrific in the circle once again for Ovid-Elsie, holding the Pirates to six hits and striking out a half-dozen without walking a batter.

Set to continue her softball career at Adrian College following her graduation from Ovid-Elsie, Fry also occupies the No. 5 spot in the Marauder batting order and finished 1 for 4 with a run and an RBI Wednesday.

Following that first inning that saw the two schools combine for four runs. Neither team touched home plate again until the fifth when Fry scored on a single by right fielder Izzy Phillips and Ovid-Elsie also produced single runs in both the sixth and seventh.

With the win, the Marauders advanced to a district semifinal against host Bath (24-7) on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Laingsburg (33-3) and the Lansing Catholic Cougars (20-11) did battle in Saturday's other semifinal.



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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark Nicholson and Makeva Nicholson, husband and wife, to Home123 Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 23, 2006 and recorded September 6, 2006 in Instrument Number 5105670 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE7, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006 HE7, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six and 12/100 Dollars (\$300,776.12). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 17, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Unit 63, Arbor Meadows Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1073, Page 624, inclusive, as amended, Clinton County Records, and as Clinton County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 27, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. 2007 Mountain Ash, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: June 2, 2024  
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sherry L. Miller, an unmarried woman, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2009 and recorded June 9, 2009 in Instrument Number 5144964 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 Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine and 84/100 Dollars (\$83,429.84).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JUNE 26, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Bingham, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: May 26, 2024  
File No. 24-005747  
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Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Patrick Darden and Lynley Darden, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Citizens Bank, N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 3, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: August 19, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$53,844.90

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 2, Millbrook Meadows No. 1, City of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 28, Clinton County Records.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cesar Del Bosque Ortiz and Vlinda Del Bosque Ortiz, husband and wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004 and recorded December 27, 2004 in Instrument Number 5071773 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCH1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven and 10/100 Dollars (\$102,697.10).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JUNE 26, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Ovid, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

A parcel of land beginning 330 feet South of the Northwest corner of Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, T7N, R1W, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence South 150 feet; thence East 303 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence West to the Point of Beginning. 1741 S Meridian Rd, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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# Laingsburg Springtime Festival Memories



Ed Carpenter, the Super Parade chairman for decades, was uniquely honored during the event for his years of Lions Club service. Ed continues as the Lions' senior consultant for the parade.



Rob and Jody Frank were honored as Senior Citizen King and Queen.



Jim Norris was honored as Parade Grand Marshal, and was accompanied by his granddaughter in the parade.



The Harvey Walters Classic Car Collection continued to impress; (L to R) surviving family members Dave, Jim, Wendell, Harry and Brandon drove a vintage combination through the parade route.



Dale Baumgras created a buzz with his vintage "Vacation Land" milk truck, originally out of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



The U.S. Navy's finest kicked off the parade by displaying the nation's colors, during a poignant Memorial Day weekend observation.



Dave Pilot was the winner of the golf cart from Carts R Us



**Successful is how the Laingsburg Lions Club** accesses the 2024 Springtime Festival. The club does most of its fund raising in the month of May. Starting with the chicken dinner, 350 chicken halves were served. The festival proceeds from the carnival was a big success and the funds earned from the raffle was huge. The goal was to raise \$15,000 and that goal was exceeded!! The Lions would like to express their appreciation not only to the Laingsburg community but to also the surrounding communities for the generous support that helped make this year a successful one.



- ## RAFFLE WINNERS
- 1st prize: Golf Cart from Carts R Us: Dave Pilot, Owosso.
  - 2nd prize: Traeger grill, Tom Arnold.
  - 3rd prize: \$500 Sage Mkt. shopping spree, Roy Liskey.
  - 4th prize: \$500 cash: Chet Vandegriff.
  - 5th prize: Electric bike, Tresha Neff.
  - 6th prize: X-Box system, Thomas Springdorf.
  - 7th prize: \$200 cash, Rick Palmer.
  - 8th prize: \$100 cash, Bob McClure.



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