



Team includes: Ava Bates, McKenzie Keck, Lilian Bates, Breanna Helt, Genevieve Hills, Amy Davis, Dannika Campbell, Aubrey Parkhouse, Sophia Sweet, Ava Kremer, Lianna Shearer, Evalyn Cole, Alyson Moore, Francesca Giacobbe, Rian Kirby, Madison Thornton, Norah Wilcox, Hailee Campbell, Zoe Busch, Sonja Ramos, Adalynn Roberts, Belle Cooper, Audrianna Lukas, Sarah Newman. Head coach: Jerome White. Asst. coach: Amber Foster. Managers: Haylee Palus, Ava Sweet and Kaela Campbell. Photo by Jody Thornton

## Ovid-Elsie Girls Win MMAC Soccer Title Outright...and on Senior Night

OVID-ELSIE -- What A Night!

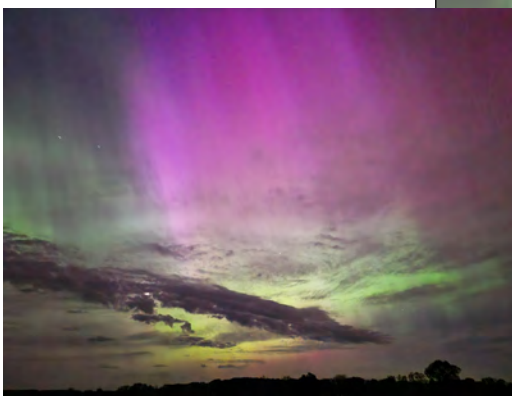
Ovid Elsie's girls varsity soccer team won the outright Mid-Michigan Activities Conference Championship on Senior Night, 8-0 over Durand.

The scoring was led by senior Amy Davis, who buried two first half goals. Seniors Rian Kirby, Genevieve Hills, Hailee Campbell, and Evalyn Cole (3 assists) all also contributed to the scoring. Sophomore McKenzie Keck (2 assists) and Junior Anna Lukas also found the back of the net and Sophie Sweet connected on a great cross for an assist as well.

The victory upped Coach Jerome White's Marauders' record to 10-2-2 (5-0 in MMAC) with four regular season games remaining. See pages 11-13 for more sports.

## Spectacular Northern Lights

Ovid resident, Allen Martin captured these shots with his wife's cell phone camera in night mode setting just after midnight on May 11th. The bottom photo was taken on Friday, May 10th around 10:45 pm near the intersection of Shepardsville and French roads.



## Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Officials addressed a full house.

Chief Destinee Bryce presented the April 2024 police department report. The Department conducted two traffic stops resulting in two citations and one arrest. Additional police activity for the month included domestics, suspicious situation and civil disputes.

The Elsie Police Department participated in the first annual CORE Training event hosted at the St. Johns Police Department. CORE is training that involves all agencies in Clinton County train together quarterly. The training consisted of Autism Awareness, prosecutor legal update, officer involved shooting debriefing, critical incident investigations and subject/control weapon retention.

In addition, the department participated in training hosted by the Ingham County Sheriff Office and presented by the Attorney General's Office regarding financial planning. The training consisted of many grant opportunities through USDA and several agricultural mini grants. Many resources were provided as well as educational advantages when applying for the grants.

Chief Bryce announced that a part time officer has been hired and will be working a number of weekends per month. It is exciting to have an additional officer on the department.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, presented the monthly report. There are numerous village projects are in progress. The lagoon project is moving forward with many partners supportive of the use of the lagoon for additional waste depositing. The biggest challenge is the road access to the lagoons with the potential of additional truck traffic it needs to be addressed. On solution is to have the drive designated as a road. There is also the potential of adding onto the current pole building for additional storage. Both the village and the investor are looking at potential grant funding opportunities.

The Elsie Junior High building project is moving forward there have been some set backs regarding grant funding. There have also been some improvements made to the car wash. Finally, the lights will be installed at the park soon, Consumer's Energy will complete the installation.

On the Code Enforcement side, a meeting was attended with a focus on documentation. The Village of Elsie is ahead of the game because the records and citations have been tied into the police department reporting system.

Mr. Jim Hyland was thanked personally for the five additional statues for Heroes Park. Without his support the park would not be what it is. Larry Melvin will be planting shrubs prior to the Memorial Day Service. The Memorial Day Service will be held at Heroes Park on S. Ovid Street at 10 am. On a related topic, the bricks are also being installed at Heroes Park.

In turn, Jim Hyland, thanked the village for their continued support. There are three more statues on order, the thank-you monument has been installed. In addition, another bench will be installed and provided by Heritage Stone. Again, a huge thank-you.

A written report was provided by the Department of Public Works. It was noted that the new pump received and has been installed and #8 well work has been completed.

Under the topic of public comment Janet and Roger Dennings were present representing Citizens for Open Choice, circulating a petition to restore local control regarding planning and zoning of utility grade solar, wind and battery storage. The petition is available for signatures after the public meeting.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda as presented, minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting and the financial reports. Expenditures totaling \$138,756.98 were also approved by officials.

**City of Ovid:** Monday, May 27th at noon in front of the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. Taking part in the ceremony will be MC, Mayor Bill Lasher, Honor Guards from Ovid VFW Post 8964, Elsie American Legion Post 502, OE High School Band and Guest Speaker, Veteran Linda Snelling. A luncheon hosted by the Ovid Lions and Carriage Days Committee will be available after the ceremony inside the hall.

**City Of Laingsburg:** Monday, May 27th at 11:00 am at the cemetery Sgt of Arms Willie Levitski along with Post Honor Guard will conduct the service. Following the service the community is invited to the Post Home for a flag raising and refreshments including hot dogs, chips and soda.

**Village of Elsie:** Monday, May 27th at 10 am at the Hero's Memorial. Taking part in the service will be Post 502 Commander, Honor Guard members from American Legion Post 502 and VFW Post 8964. Also taking part will be the Ovid-Elsie High School Band and Students.

**The Eureka Cemetery Association** is having services on Monday May 27th 10 am with the color guard will be present.





# Social

## Area 28 Special Olympic Golf Scramble

Area 28 Clinton County Special Olympics is holding their annual Golf Scramble at the Emerald Golf Course on June 15. Golfers and sponsors are needed to help raise funds to support our athletes' return to play. Please join us for the day and/or share the attached flyer with anyone you think may be interested.

Area 28 is taking a delegation to the upcoming Summer Games at CMU to compete in bocce, bowling and track on May 30-June 1. It is open to the public. We are all looking forward to the event!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact us at 517-282-0558.

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## Library News

### Ovid Public Library

Monday, May 20 will be our Adult Booktasting. It starts at 1:00. Come join us and fill us in on any good books you've read recently!

Summer is around the corner and it will soon be time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Sign-up will begin on June 3. This year's theme is Adventure Begins at your Library. We are planning lots of fun adventure themed programs. Science Alive will once again be visiting us. You can sign up for that when you sign up for the summer reading program. You can call the library for more information.

The library will be closed May 24 thru May 27 for Memorial Day weekend. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

### Elsie Library Adventures

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

We are still judging the bookmarks turned in for our annual bookmark contest. You are invited to come and vote for your personal favorite. The voting ends on May 23rd.

Potter Park Zoo came this week and regaled the kids with fun facts about animals in the zoo. In case you have forgotten, we have zoo passes here at the library. You check out the pass for a week at a time. The pass allows free parking and free admission to the zoo. What a wonderful benefit for our library patrons.

June 12th is our first Summer Reading Program for this year. Gather the kids together and come to the library for lots of learning and fun. We start at 2pm on Wednesdays starting June 12th and going through until July 24th. Please make a note. The Summer Reading Program will not be in session during the week of the Dairy Festival.

Our regular Monday afternoon programs for children will be taking a brief time out during the Summer Reading Program. Our hope is that all our kids will be able to attend on Wednesdays instead. We will be having Storytime and a craft on Saturday June 1st, Saturday June 15th and Saturday June 29th. Come in and join the fun.

The Book Club will be meeting on June 13th. We will be discussing the book, "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder," by Holly Jackson. It is not too late to get your copy of this book at the library. Come and join us. We would love to see you here.

Our next library board meeting will be on June 19th at 7PM.

Please make a note on your calendar. In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the library will be closed Friday, May 24th and will reopen on Wednesday, May 29th. Have a safe and memorable holiday.

## Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 to Hold Monthly Pancake Breakfast

*by Dawn D Levey*

ELSIE – The Elsie Masonic Lodge will hold a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 25th to benefit the Elsie Baby Pantry. The event will be held at the Masonic Community Center, 100 E Main, Elsie, 9am – Noon. The menu will include: eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Breakfast is free, donations will be accepted and given to the Elsie Baby Pantry.

## Clinton County Historical Society Celebrating 50 Years

*submitted by Kelly*

*Jurman*

The Clinton County Historical Museum opened its doors on Wednesday, May 15th for our 2024 season, "Celebrating 50 years of the Clinton County Historical Society".

We will also be spotlighting a beautiful collection of teapots and tea related items dating back to the 1800's.

The Museum is located at 106 Maple St in St Johns MI and is open Wednesdays from 2 - 5 PM and Sundays from 1 - 4 PM. Closed most holidays. Please call 989-224-2894 for more information.



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## Springtime Festival Parade Marshal

The Laingsburg Lions have chosen Jim Norris, as the 2024 Springtime Festival Parade Marshal. Norris, a Laingsburg resident for 24 years is the guy behind the counter at Leonard Hardware who is known for his expertise, knowledge and customer service.

He graduated from Sexton High School in Lansing in 1990. While in school he attended a vocational class at Harry Vocational Center (formerly Harry Hill High School). He started working at Cameron Tool Corporation at the age of 15 where he swept floors and cleaned bathrooms. He paid close attention to the machinists and once he turned 18, he was able to advance and practice what he had learned. He worked for Cameron for 17 years as a machinist. Some of his co-workers were from Laingsburg, he visited Laingsburg and liked the small town community and its members. It was then that decided to make a job change.

He began working for Leonard Hardware about 10 years ago. "Most people who come into the hardware are having a bad day, usually something is broken or they are looking for an answer to a question. It's a job where you can make a difference," he explained. He went on to say, "It's easy to help nice people," and he does just that every single day. When he was asked to be parade marshal, he said "I can't, I work that day." Lori Leonard told him you certainly can be in the parade.

Jim has two daughters, Sierra and Raven. He has one granddaughter, Brooklyn who will be accompanying him in the parade on Saturday, May 25th that steps off at 11am. Be sure catch the parade and give Jim a big wave on Saturday.



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6:15 p.m. - INTRODUCTION OF  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 25th**

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FORMING (Shiawassee St. at N.  
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11:00 a.m. - SUPER PARADE  
STARTS  
(Parade ends at Grand River Ave and  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 26th**

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**MONDAY, MAY 27th**

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Legion Memorial Service at Cemetery

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## Shiawassee Arts Council

submitted by Linda Ruehle

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Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New session will follow.

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## UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Names 2024 Nurse of the Year

submitted by John Foren St. Johns, Mich. –

University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton is honored to announce its 2024 Co-Nurses of the Year, Billi Ney, R.N., and Kari Simon, R.N.

Ney, an administrative nursing supervisor, has been part of the UM Health-Sparrow Clinton team since 2015. She was nominated for her willingness to go above and beyond for her patients, how she addresses situations head on and always does her job with compassion, empathy and knowledge to support everyone.

“Having Ney part of our team is an honor. She exemplifies the word TEAM. Ney is willing to work in all nursing units and is committed to providing nonviolence crisis intervention education to our team members,” said Mariah Hesse, BSN, R.N., CENP, Chief Nursing Officer, UM Health-Sparrow Carson and Clinton.

Simon, has been part of the team since 1998 and provides patients compassionate care at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow St. Johns General Surgery. Simon was nominated by her colleagues for demonstrating dedication, advocating for her patients, and efforts to streamline processes to ensure patients are provided the best possible care.

“I have had the privilege and honor to work with Kari over the past twenty years. She is an amazing nurse that is dedicated and committed to her patients and our organization! Kari is collaborative, compassionate, skilled, professional and a true resource to her team members”, said Hesse.

Also recognized with multiple patient nominations, was the medical surgical/specialty

care department with a Team DAISY Award.

To learn more about careers at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow, visit [www.UofMHealthSparrow.org/Nursing](http://www.UofMHealthSparrow.org/Nursing).



University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton med/surge team members (from left) Melissa Ball, R.N.; Kimberly Hall, R.N.; Adriann Sanders, R.N., manager, celebrate their DAISY Team Award.



University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton Nurses of the Year, Billi Ney, R.N., and Kari Simon, R.N., pose with hospital president Mark Brisboe (left) and chief nurse officer Mariah Hesse.

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Obituaries

Glen Quentin Reist

Glen Quentin Reist, age 54, of Ashley, MI, passed away Friday, May 10, 2024, at his home.

Glen was born in Carson City, Michigan on December 19, 1969, the son Robert Jeffrey and Linda Faye (Felton) Reist.

Glen graduated from Merrill High School. He enjoyed going to mud boggs, mushroom hunting and listening to country music. He was always busy around home cutting wood and mowing his lawn. Glen loved spending time with his family and his dog Nova.

He is survived by his son Alex and LaTonya Reist of Ashley, MI; daughter Nevaeh Reist of Owosso, MI; father Jeff Reist of Merrill, MI; siblings: Debbie and Gary Schestag of Ashley, MI; Jeffrey and LeAnne Reist of Ashley, MI; Rodney Reist of Ashley, MI; Joyce Reist of Chesaning, MI; Courtney and Scott Beagle of Sumner, MI; step father George Skorna of St. Johns, MI; and nephew Ryan (Cinnamon) Reist. He is also survived by many other nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Linda Skorna, step-mother Barb Reist, and niece Megan Reist.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 16, 2024, with Pastor Rex Albring officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 12:00 P.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family to help cover final expenses. Online condolences may be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Janet L. Moore

Janet L. Moore, of Ovid passed away in the care of her family on May 13, 2024. At 88 she lived life to the fullest enjoying traveling the world over hiking and cycling. She was active in her church choir and enjoyed serving the Lord on many mission trips.

Janet is preceded in life by Jake who she married in 1961. Survived by her son Bob (Tonya) and daughter Barb (Jim) grandchildren Brook, Lincoln, Brittany and David.

The family held a small private celebration of life.

Kurt Coon

It was late December 1967. The last exams of the day had been completed earlier in the day. That evening many students could be found gathering in the Wilson (dormitory) Grill before leaving the following morning for Christmas break.

In the style of the day I was wearing tight white Levis as I was waiting in line to get a coke. I felt a tap on my left shoulder and turned around to face a GIANT grin beaming from the face of an unfamiliar male student who was standing next to his roommate. "Mr. Grin" blurted out, "He wants to get his hands on your butt." (Exact words) The roommate turned a bright shade of red and looked like he could kill his crazy friend. So begins the story of how Kurt and I met, and then dated throughout our college years, which eventually led to 49 years of a happy marriage before his passing.

Kurt was raised and grew up on a dairy farm in Bannister. He learned to milk cows and drive tractor at an early age. In subsequent years his mornings started in the barn long before the school bell rang. Afterward he drove himself to school in Ashley in the 1946 Chevy even before he was of legal age. In fact, he drove himself to drivers training.

He transferred to Elsie High School in eleventh grade and graduated with the class of 1965. In the fall of that year he entered MSU where he earned a degree in geology.

He then served as a commissioned officer in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps being assigned to sea duty on the NOAA ship Pathfinder based out of Seattle. With other personnel from the ship, he measured and recorded water depths to document the precise location of hazards to navigation such as rocks, reefs and even shipwrecks on the seafloor. In the close confines of the ship, he made some close and long-lasting friends who have kept in close contact with each other through the years.

In 2018, he was blessed with a new liver through Gift of Life Michigan; he was forever grateful that it afforded him six additional years with his family and friends. Two years ago when he was felled by a stroke in his home, doctors didn't expect him to live. Through determination and goal setting, he advanced from not being able to sit up in bed to driving a combine for the fall harvest.

You've probably heard the old adage "A farmer is a man out/standing in his field. It describes Kurt to a T. Along with his brother Ken; he was an excellent steward of the land, producing bountiful crops of corn and soybeans.

Kurt and I raised two children: Melissa (Mark) Galecka of New Hudson, MI; and James (Vickie) Coon of Ovid, MI. Our three granddaughters include: Abby Seybert, Emily Seybert, and Olyvia Coon. Other surviving siblings include: Ken and Peggy Coon of Bannister, MI; Pam and Rod King of Perrinton, MI; and one sister-in-law Mary Coon of Georgia.. He is also survived by his "favorite little doggie" Snoopy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Giles and Margaret Coon, his brother Doug Coon, and his in-laws George and Marie Kippola.

An informal gathering to honor Kurt's memory will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 4-9 P.M. at the farm. Please, come to enjoy a meal and bring a story with you.

Memorials may be made to the Gift of Life Michigan. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Ruth Ann “Aunt Ruth Ann” Sloat

Ruth Ann “Aunt Ruth Ann” Sloat, age 84, of Ovid, MI, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024, at Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid, MI.

Ruth Ann was born in St. Johns, MI on March 4, 1940, the daughter of Forest and Marguerite (Wisner) Sloat and lived in the Ovid area her entire life. Ruth Ann was a homemaker and in her early years she enjoyed gardening, canning, and crocheting, sewing, embroidery and needle point. She also volunteered at the Ovid Public Library. In recent years, she enjoyed bird watching, reading, putting jigsaw puzzles together, and doing Sudoku, and crossword puzzles.

Her family was the highlight of her life; from babysitting to driving them around, celebrating milestones with them and the joyous family gatherings. She loved it when the little tykes from next door would come to visit so she could give them chocolate chip cookies.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Leslie and Debra Sloat of Ovid, MI; nieces Christine (Matthew) Kondel of Corunna, MI and Terri Sloat of Williamston, MI; great-nephews Jordan Sloat of Ovid, MI; Hunter Peterson of Bar Harbor, ME; and Colt Kondel of Corunna MI; and great-great nephew Luka Peterson of Bar Harbor, ME; extended family and dear friends: Arlene Kaptrosky, Rita Burnham and Barb Kondel. She was preceded in death by her parents.

In following Ruth Ann's wishes, burial has taken place and no services will be held. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.





# Obituaries

# Editorial

## Paul Thornton

Paul Thornton, age 68 of Haslett, passed away on Monday, May 13, 2024. He was born in Elsie, MI on February 2, 1956 to Norval and Katherine (Fabus) Thornton. Paul graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School and went on to earn an Associate's Degree of Fine Arts from Lansing Community College.



In his early years, Paul worked in the family residential construction business. Paul was an excellent finish carpenter. He build his home and garage/barn with an attached art studio and gallery.

Paul's true passion was art. After graduating from LCC, he continued, there, teaching Figure Painting. Paul's artistic talents were varied from painting to macrame and sculpture. Whether in painting or sculpture, Paul concentrated on the male figure. His paintings were often done in public places - restaurants and bars. Paul had many art exhibits in the Lansing Area, but especially in the Old Town District.

Paul was also an accomplished sculptor. He worked in terracotta, creating unique "pot head" figures used as planters or bird houses. Paul's works were featured in several Cracked Pot pottery tours.

Paul was always busy. He was an avid morel mushroom hunter. May would find him in the woods every single day. He always made quite a haul. He liked to cook. He was a gardener. He filled his 2 acre yard with beautiful flower beds, busy all summer with their upkeep. His landscapes were featured in two Greater Lansing Garden Tours.

Paul is survived by his husband and partner of 43 years Scott Petto; sisters Nancy (Ken) Waggoner, Kathy (Don) Pattison and special sister-in-law Connie Thornton; brothers Al (Charlotte) Thornton, Eric (Brenda) Thornton and Ed Thornton; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

In honor of Paul's memory, donations can be made to WOES Ovid/Elsie, The Polka Palace, The Capital Area Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

Paul touched many lives and will be greatly missed.  
I love you Hon. Oct. 24,1981. Across the dance floor.

*The family of Clare Applebee would like to thank McGeehan Funeral Home, the United Church of Ovid and the surrounding community for their assistance, love and support during this difficult time. Clare loved Ovid and the community and would be touched by all the kind words and memories shared with us. Thank you for the flowers, cards, food and donations. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated.*



*Isedeane (Deno)  
Shane, Linda and Sheri*

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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com



## Old Indian Trail

If you are planning to play hookey and head north for the day to the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes for some hiking you may want to delay that trip for several months. A busy trail inside Michigan's Sleeping

Bear Dunes national lakeshore has been shut down for the summer. The Old Indian Trail and surrounding area has been closed due to the invasive hemlock wooly adelgid. This pest can kill hemlock trees in as little as four years. The insects access the tree's nutrients at the base of the needles, starving the tree. In the fall and winter, the adelgids cover themselves with a white, waxy coating for protection that appears as wool bundles the size of a pinhead at the base of hemlock needles.

The aphid-like insect has been moving north along the Lake Michigan coastline since 2015 and is known to be present in seven Michigan Counties: Allegan, Benzie, Mason, Muskegon, Oceana, Ottawa, and Washtenaw. It spreads by wind, on wildlife, and via humans on clothing, vehicles, and by moving firewood. Clearly the Washtenaw outbreak was caused by visitors to the west side and the adelgids hitching a ride back to Ann Arbor.

The large infestation was discovered on the southern boundary of the National Lakeshore near and along the Old Indian Trail during inspections in January and February. The plan is for only a temporary closure to slow the spread and allow for treatment with the reopening of the trail in the fall of 2024.

It seems like Michigan is under constant attack from invasive species from the Emerald ash borer to Purple loosestrife to zebra mussels and sea lamprey. Not to mention many deer are infected with CWD and TB. The landscape is constantly under attack and great efforts are required to maintain the status quo and it is often very important to do this. With Hemlock trees for example; they provide food, shade, and cover for many species of birds and mammals. They also hold the soil together and prevent soil erosion in the early spring months along with cooling the water temperatures during warmer months to the benefit of aquatic species.

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Letter to the Editor:

You may have seen me around Shiawassee County getting signatures for the Citizens for Local Choice petition. The purpose for this petition, if the number of signatures is met, is to place the question of returning local control of large scale utility renewable projects on the November 2024 ballot.

Public Act 233, which was passed into law by Governor Whitmer, will take effect on November 29th. If it is not repealed through the ballot initiative, this law will personally affect me and many other Michigan residents who are facing the infringement of renewable energy projects adjacent to their properties.

Projects such as wind, solar, and battery energy storage systems will be sited and permitted by the Michigan Public Service Commission, and not your local government.

I live on my family's farm that once belonged to my late father. I work the farm growing vegetables so I can sell at a local farmer's market in the summer. I do woodworking, which I am also proud of. My 40 acre farm may seem small to those farmers leasing out hundreds of acres to renewable energy projects, but to me my farm symbolizes a family heritage of being a steward of the land.

You may or may not have heard about the Farmer's Prayer. I would like to share it with you.

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The blessing of a farm.  
R. Fogle

Please sign the petition today. Thank you!  
Orlin Stringham  
Ovid

## CITY OF LAINGSBURG RESIDENTS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE CHANGES

The Laingsburg City Council has approved the following emergency ordinance on May 6th 2024.

### Amendments to Chapter 14, State Construction Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, and Plumbing Code

Revisions to the City Charter to adopt the State Construction Code, PA 230 of 1972, by reference and designate the City as the enforcing agency for Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing permits. The City of Laingsburg must apply to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) in order to take back jurisdiction of these permits from Shiawassee County. The City has until May 29, 2024 to have this application approved by LARA.

To ensure that the City of Laingsburg is able to provide Building, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing inspection and permit services to its citizens without any interruption of service, amendments to Chapter 14 were adopted as an emergency ordinance. These amendments were deemed to be immediately necessary for the preservation of public health and safety. These amendments were adopted in accordance with the procedures of Section 8.3 that are applicable to emergency ordinances.

Laingsburg City Hall is barrier free. Individuals needing assistance should contact the City Clerk at (517) 651-5374 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Comments can be made in writing and mailed to the City of Laingsburg, Clerk, PO Box 178, Laingsburg, MI 48848 or dropped off at City Hall located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

A Copy of the ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the City Clerk's office 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan, during normal business hours, typically 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. Documents will be available on the City of Laingsburg website [www.laingsburg.us](http://www.laingsburg.us).  
The effective date of the ordinance amendments is May 6, 2024.

Kim Hamilton  
City Clerk

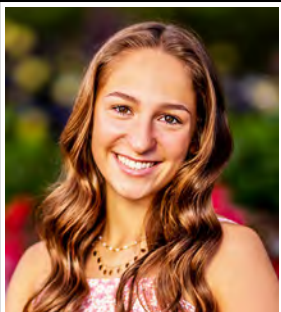
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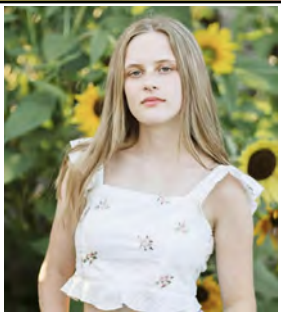
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Clayton Curtis Bergey  
Ashley Ann Bila  
Jack Ryan Borgman  
Noah Thomas Brewer  
Dillion Scott Brooks  
Callie Brooke Clark  
Rebekah Krystal Colson  
Jacob Dennis Cromley  
Lucas Christian Dafoe  
Jack Christopher Danbrook  
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Alexander Joseph Forcier  
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*Bike winners included: Natalie Wheeler, Macyn Orth, Chloe Zelenka, Haley Stewart, Arwen Faziani, Shawn Smith, Vaughn D, Bristol Sabo, Patrick Roberts, Adam Bare, Rose Fabus, Zander Curtis-Gregory*

## Elsie Masonic Lodge Bike Giveaway Celebrated

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 once again rewarded the March super readers of each grade level at EE Knight Elementary School. The awardees were able to select a bike of their choice. It should be noted that twelve bikes were given away making a total of 36 bikes over a three-year period.

Bikes were presented to the winners by Elsie Masonic Lodge members Rodney Ridgeway, Bruce Levey, Colby Putnam, and Harry Huntoon. And the winners were: Natalie Wheeler, Macyn Orth, Chloe Zelenka, Haley Stewart, Arwen Faziani, Shawn Smith, Vaughn D, Bristol Sabo, Patrick Roberts, Adam Bare, Rose Fabus, Zander Curtis-Gregory.

In addition, a citizen's award was presented to Abe Wooley for "paying it forward," he won a bike last year and won again this year however he opted to give the award to a peer.

A huge thank-you to the Elsie Masonic Lodge for supporting the students at EE Knight.



*Abe Wooley presented with Citizens Award.*

## Sunny Woods Day Camp

The Sunny Woods Girl Scouts Day Camp will be held June 17-20. June 17th, 18th, 20th 8:30am-4:00pm. June 19th 1:00-8:00pm.

The day camp will be held at Bethel Christian Camp, 2351 W. Brewer Rd., Owosso.

Parents program begins at 6:30pm. Parents please do not arrive before 6pm. Bring a chair. The traveling trading post will be available that evening.

Registration form and payment is due June 1, 2024.

For more information or to register:

<http://sunnywoodsdaycamp.weebly.com>

Betty Melrose, Director: 989-725-6789 [bbmelrose@frontier.com](mailto:bbmelrose@frontier.com)

Debbie Srock, Co-Director/Registrar: 989-666-8193 [sunnywoodsdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:sunnywoodsdaycamp@gmail.com)

Volunteer Information: Adult volunteers are needed and welcome. Training is required: new and season leaders training will be held June 15, from 9:00am to 3:00pm (lunch provided).

RSVP to Betty Melrose by June 12th.



*Front: Joanne Fornusek 2024 Mother and Dale Yelsik 2024 Father. Back: Diane Bradley 2023 Mother and John Mitosinka Father*

## Bannister ZCBJ Mother and Father of 2024

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

A special program was held at the Bannister ZCBJ Hall to honor and recognize our outgoing Mother and Father of 2023, Diane Bradley and John Mitosinka and to crown the new Mother and Father of 2024, Joanne Fornusek and Dale Yelsik.

Members and guests enjoyed a lovely catered dinner which was followed by a program honoring mothers and fathers. Candles were lit by Mary Sopocy, Isaac Bradley, Emily Rohwetter and Maverick Horak in memory of all deceased mothers and fathers and in celebration of all those still with us. Poems honoring Mothers and Fathers were read by Tiger Russell and Shelby Rohwetter. All mothers and fathers present received a flower and a large hanging basket was won by Diane Korienek.

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# Sports

## Ashley Baseball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears have struggled to get wins so far this season, sitting at 2-8 overall. The season started with a doubleheader against Farwell where Ashley took the loss in a close game with a score of 12-10. Gavin Malek took the loss. Offensively Chase Kral had a big night with 4 RBI. The second game was called due to darkness.

Ashley was able to secure their first win of the season against Vestaburg winning a close one in game one with a score of 8-7. Carson Litwiller got the win from the mound striking out 6 and walking 4. Litwiller also chipped an RBI along with Gibby Jason who hit in 2 runs. Game two was pitched by Robert Kral, who took the loss, 7-3. Kral pitched 4 innings striking out 8 and walking 2. Gavin Malek, Robert Kral and Ryder Yelsik, had the RBIs for the Bears.

Webberville gave Ashley the second win of the season with a score 14-10. Clayton Juhas pitched the win, striking out 8 and walking 3. Malek and Kiefer had big nights with 3 RBI a piece while Juhad, Litwiller, Jason, R. Kral and Yelsik all had an RBI each.

A tough loss game from the neighboring Pirates from Fulton, 22-5 in game one of a doubleheader. Litwiller took the loss. Malek went 1-4 with 2 RBI and R. Kral, C. Kral and Kiefer each had RBIs. The Bears also took a loss in game two losing 16-1, where R. Kral took the loss, giving up 7 hits, striking out 2 and walking 3.

The Irish came and took two games from the Bears winning 18-1 in game one and 15-0 in game two. In game one, Litwiller took the loss giving up 10 hits, 1 walk and 3 strikeouts. Litwiller and Malek had the lone hits for the Bears. R. Kral took the loss in game two, striking out 1, giving up 5 hits and walking 4. Litwiller had a double in the game and Jason chipped in a single.

## Ovid-Elsie Soccer Club

submitted by Craig Thelen

CASL Try-Outs will be held on June 18 & 19 from 5:00-7:00pm at the O-E High School grass fields.

Players must attend one of the two try-out sessions (for O-E students entering grades 2-8 in the fall of the 2024-25 school year.)

Teams will be generated based on the number of players that try out for each age level. Ability and age are the two primary factors for determining placement.

When assigned to a team the cost will be \$80 for the fall season and \$80 for the spring season; players may sign up for one or both seasons. More info to come after tryouts.

If a new jersey is required the cost will be approximately an additional \$80.

For questions, contact: Erin Sweet (erin.sweet@ovidelsie.org) or Craig Thelen (craig.thelen@ovidelsie.org) or visit our Facebook page by searching Ovid-Elsie Soccer Club.



## Wolfpack Lady Sackers Sweep P-W to Remain atop CMAC

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Savvy Stirm rapped 3 hits in four at-bats, and Ashley Bila drove in a trio of runs from her leadoff spot as Laingsburg's girls softball team kept an iron-clad grip on the CMAC league race, romping past the Pirates 10-0.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolves tacked on an 11-3 win in the nightcap, their winning streak moving to 11 games as they improved to 25-1 on the season.

Addyson Buchin again pitched the Wolves to the twinbill sweep. Freshman Alaina Merrell went 2-for-3 at the plate and drove in two RBI; Bella Latuszek, Peyton Stahr, Harper Strouse and Alayna Asher also joined the Wolfpack hit parade in support of Buchin, who struck out 8 in a solid 5-hitter.

The Pirates jumped out to a 1-0 lead in game two, before Buchin shut the door the next five innings, allowing 8 hits, two walks and striking out four. P-W scored a pair of runs in the top of the 7th, but by that time LHS had forged an 11-1 advantage; the Wolfpack blew the contest open with five runs in the bottom of the 3rd. Bila (3-for-4, two RBI), Stirm, Latuszek, Buchin (2-for-4, RBI), Ella Merrell, Strouse and Alaina Merrell (2-for-2, two RBI) roughed up Pirate pitching. Makenna Johnston scored a run for the Wolves, who ran wild on the basepaths -- Bila (3 steals), Ella Merrell, Strouse (3 steals), A. Merrell and Buchin all swiped bases for the Lady Wolves.

### With 25th win in 26 games, Wolf softball team continues as CMAC front-runner

PERRY — Laingsburg's softball Wolfpack won Game 1 here 12-0, then took the nightcap 4-1, in a doubleheader sweep that cemented Jeff Cheadle's team as the front-runner in the 2024 league race.

Wolfpack pitcher Addyson Buchin was dominant again in the two games, yielding just four hits and striking out 16 in the twinbill that boosted LHS to 25-1 overall. The host Ramblers dipped below .500 at 10-11-1. Sara Austin fired both games for Perry.

Laingsburg's senior shortstop Ashley Bila was the team's offensive engine in Game 1. Bila went 4-for-5-from the leadoff spot, with two doubles, three runs scored, a trio of RBI and two stolen bases to her name.

Sophomore first baseman Savanna Stirm went 2 for 4 with a walk a run and two RBI from the No. 2 spot and No. 3 hitter Bella Latuszek cranked a two-RBI double. Batting cleanup, Buchin went 2 for 4 with a run. Alayna Merrell had a hit and walked twice, scoring three runs.

Skylar Stiff pitched the final inninng of Game 1 for Laingsburg, giving up a hit and striking out one in relief of Buchin.

In game 2, Laingsburg scored twice in the first inning before adding one more in the third and their final tally in the fifth. Bila scored once but didn't register a hit, walking twice instead. She had one stolen base. Latuszek had a hit and scored twice, while Buchin went 2 for 3 with a double. Peyton Stahr was the only Laingsburg player to record an RBI.



## Marauder Baseball Boys Drop Pair to Lakeville, One to New Lothrop; Stand 5-5 in MMAC

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team dropped to 5-5 in the MMAC with recent doubleheader losses to Otisville Lakeville and the New Lothrop Hornets.

Coach Mike Loynes' Marauders were nearing the start of MHSAA District play with an 8-16 overall record.

Opposite Lakeville, the hard-luck Marauders lost the opener, 6-5, then dropped game two, 6-3. O-E jumped on Otisville pitching for four runs in the first two innings, getting strong offensive performances from Luke Wiktorowski, Gage Wiktorowski, Jake Bowen, Javon Belill, Brody Howard, Caven Brooks and Braxton O'Bryant to forge an early lead. They could add only a single run in the 6th inning, however, after O'Bryant was hit by a pitch, then rode home on singles by Caven Mortinson and L. Wiktorowski.

Lakeville won it with a walk, then walked it off with consecutive singles in the 7th inning. Corbyn Janes, relieved by L. Wiktorowski, were the pitchers of record for O-E.

The script was familiar in the nightcap against the Falcons, O-E scoring two runs early, adding a run in the 3rd, then running out of fuel. The Wiktorowski brothers -- 1-2 at the top of the order for the blue-and-gold -- each reached safely in the top of 1st, then advanced to score on a ground out and a costly Falcon error.

Bowen was granted first on another Falcon error, then rallied to score on a ground out, Janes hit by a pitch, and a pair of wild pitches. The Marauders went down in order, however, in each of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th innings, with Brooks saddled with the pitching loss.

Thunderstorms halted the opener vs. New Lothrop, yet the Hornets won a weather-shortened 3-2 decision in 5 frames. The series was scheduled to be resumed May 17.

L. Wiktorowski proved a non-existent out for the Hornets, singling twice, walking once and scoring two runs in three at-bats from his leadoff spot. Bowen also hit safely for the Marauders, while Belill, Bowen and Brown either walked were hit by a pitch to reach first.

Janes went the distance and took the mound loss for the Marauders.

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## Spitzley, Jones Capture Individual Titles; O-E Competes at Bath Invitational

BATH — Brock Spitzley won the discus, Audrey Jones won the girls pole vault, and Ovid-Elsie's varsity track teams turned in solid performances at the annual Jon Nugent Track and Field Invitational here.

Boys team scores in the 12-team invitational were Olivet 116, Charlotte 104, Chesaning 96, Dewitt 94.5, Haslett 59, Lansing Waverly 56.5, Portland 48, Bath 39, coach Doug Long's Marauders 24, Perry 11, Byron 8 and Lansing Christian 5.

Spitzley captured the discus with a heave of 133' 3.25". "We were able to improve our times in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 and score points," explained coach Long:

4x100 - 6th Place: Tryce Tokar/Bruce Thornton/Owen Long/Clayton Fruchey 45.22.

4x200 - 8th Place: Tryce Tokar/Bruce Thornton/Clayton Fruchey/Travis Milner 1:35.39.

4x400 - 6th Place: Tryce Tokar/Owen Long/Clay Powell/Travis Milner 3:37.93.

The 4x800 also scored points - 5th Place: Travis Milner/Jonas Obling/JD Miller/Clay Powell 8:53.23.

Jones captured the pole vault with a personal-best leap of 9-feet. Coach Nick Hufnagel's Lady Marauders placed 8th with 40 points.

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## Sports

### Knoblauch Sets Career Goal Record; Portland Victim of 6-1 Washout Opposite Wolfpack Soccer Team

LAINGSBURG -- A week earlier, the scheduled Portland vs. Laingsburg girls soccer game was a rain out.

A week later, the contest was a washout for the Red Raiders. Desire Knoblauch clinched the Wolfpack career goal record -- scoring four times -- and coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves raced to a 6-1 non-league victory.

The Wolves' first goal came at the 10-minute mark with a volley from Addison Elkins served off a corner kick by Ivy Collier.

Fifteen 15 minutes later Knoblauch cashed in on a rebound after a header attempt by Callie Clark hit the crossbar. Addison Rusz then served up a beautiful through ball that Knoblauch finished.

In the second half -- two minutes in -- Collier assisted with a cross to Knoblauch to finish. Minutes later, Payge Woodworth scored unassisted, before Knoblauch dribbled to the corner and put it "top box" for Rusz to finish on a one touch.

The final goal came on an assist from Woodworth to Knoblauch -- for the Wolfpack career goals record.



Laingsburg's Callie Clark #11 and Desire Knoblauch #3 had two hat tricks with all six goals against Alma.

Photo by Burg Sports

### Wolfpack girls celebrate graduating seniors with 6-0 shutout of Alma

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack girls soccer team celebrated graduating teammates Desire Knoblauch, Joy Antcliff, Addison Elkins and Callie Clark with a 6-0 Senior Night shutout of Alma.

Two hat tricks were carded by Clark and Knoblauch, accounting for all six goals.

The first was an assist from Payge Woodworth to Knoblauch, then a serve from Samantha Gutzmans a free kick to a Clark header to complete the first half.

In the second, Ivy Collier sent a corner that Clark headed in, then Clark scored on a breakaway. It was Woodworth to Knoblauch for the 5th goal, and the final from Knoblauch on a breakaway.



Evalyn Cole made a 25-yard goal for the win against Fenton.  
Photo by Jody Thornton

### Lady Marauders Nudge Past Fenton on Last-Second Goal

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid Elsie's Lady Marauder soccer team came from behind to defeat Fenton 2-1 in thrilling fashion.

Trailing by a goal, Ovid Elsie equalized when Hailee Campbell assisted Evalyn Cole for a 30-yard strike to the back of the net. As the match neared its conclusion, the pair linked up once more, with Campbell beating a defender down the touchline and finding Cole, who took a couple of touches and curved a 25-yard left-footed shot into the goal for the win.

The Marauder defense remained solid, supported by Rian Kirby's contributions on the wing and Sarah Newman's stand-out performance in goal, making a career-high 11 saves.

The win improved Ovid Elsie's record to 11-2-2 for the season.

### Nearing the end of regular season, Marauder girls shut out Lakeville

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie defeated Otisville Lakeville 7-0 on the MMAC girls soccer pitch Wednesday night.

Seven different Marauders scored, and Sarah Newman recorded her fourth complete game shutout of the season.

O-E finished the conference season 7-0, moving their nd the overall record to 12-2-3. The regular season wrapped up Friday night with a tough match on the road against Elk Rapids.

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## Sports

### Wolfpack, Snubbed by Lansing Diamond Classic, Takes Frustrations Out with Perry Sweep

PERRY – Snubbed by the Lansing Diamond Classic despite one of the best baseball records in the Lansing area, Laingsburg's Wolfpack continued to take out its frustrations on CMAC opponents.

The prestigious Classic only invites a 10-team field. This year, they elected to take just one team from the Central Michigan Athletic Conference – and that was Portland St. Patrick, which joins neighboring Portland with a Classic invitation.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack never took their sights off a CMAC title, sliding past the host Ramblers in Perry, 9-8 and 10-4.

Mio Garcia pitched the 10-4 victory, yielding 6 hits, walking 3 and striking out one. He was supported by 10 hits: Dom Garcia, Mio Garcia, Ty Randall, Jack Audretsch, Cam Ballard, Liam Esch and Everett Rodriguez all hit safely, Mio going 3-for-4 with three RBI. Randall's double was the big hit for LHS.

The two teams battled to an 8-8 tie after four innings, before Laingsburg's 9-8 win evolved into a pitching battle over the final six innings. Finally, in the 10th, the Wolves plated a single run which turned out to be the game-winner. Dom Garcia led the bats, going 4-for-6 with a pair of RBI. Mio Garcia, Randall, RJ Garcia and Esch each contributed two hits; Ballard and Rodriguez also delivered safeties.

Ballard tossed the first 3 1/3 innings, allowing three hits and striking out one. Dom Garcia fired the final 6 2/3, getting the with shutout relief, while allowing 8 hits, walking four and fanning one.

### O-E's Bancroft Places in Top Ten; Marauder Golf Team 6th

MONTROSE — Ovid-Elsie's Michael Bancroft carded a Top 10 finish, and coach Josh Latz's Marauders finished 5th as a team at Briar Ridge Golf Course here.

The event was the MMAC (Mid-Michigan Activities Conference) Tournament. Each team's best six golfers played 18 holes and the lowest cumulative stroke count was the winner.

New Lothrop upset Chesaning by one stroke 348-349 for team honors. The Indians had been unbeaten entering the MMAC tourney. Durand was 3rd at 356, Montrose was fourth at 372, Byron fifth at 394, and Ovid-Elsie placed sixth, with 397. Otsville Lakeville (421) and Mt. Morris (500) rounded out the field.

Luke Skaryd of Chesaning (79) was the medalist, nosing out Cole Noonan of New Lothrop (83). Bancroft led the Marauders with 88, good for 8th place.

The meet results moved New Lothrop into a tie with Chesaning atop the MMAC standings. The Hornets and Indians each have 20 points. Ovid-Elsie stood fifth with 10 points and Byron sixth with eight.

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Sports

Marauder, Wolfpack Thinclads in the Spotlight at P-W ‘Last Chance’ Meet

PEWAMO-WESTSPHALIA — Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg track and field athletes were in the spotlight at the Pewamo-Westphalia Last Chance Meet here.

The annual meet allows athletes from around the mid-Michigan area a "last chance" at posting qualifying times and distances for the MHSAA Regional Meet.

Ovid-Elsie got a Top 5 PR from Clay Powell, who took silver in the boys 800 meters in 2:02.86 (D-3 QS, 2:12). The Marauders also had two winning relay runs, with Tryce Tokar, Bruce Thornton, Owen Long and Clayton Fruchey taking first in the 4x100 in 45.82 seconds, and Tokar, Thornton, Fruchey and Travis Milner winning the 4x200 in 1:35.6.

For the Laingsburg males, Devon Perez raced to a :12.37 finish in the 100 m dash and :25.53 clocking in the 200 m; Shaun Mills got off a toss of 33'11.75" in the shot put; and Tristan Sherman owned a personal record with a 10'6" pole vault.

The Lady Wolfpack, Abby McNeil turned in a :10.15 time in the 100 m hurdles; Ella Mohney finished 9th in the shot put at 27'2"; and Sophia Hughes threw the shot 24'10" and the discus 78'9.5".

Piper White was the star for the Lady Marauders in the 800 m clocked in 2:48.77. Tava Kvalevov turned in a record time of 2:54.54 in the 800 m.

EE Knight Students Meet Blanding’s Turtle Ambassadors

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Consumers Energy representatives Lindsey Johnson and Jessica Tramontara with Herpetological Resource and Management representatives introduced a group of EE Knight students to the world of Michigan turtles and reptiles. Consumers Energy strives to preserve and protect wildlife on construction sites, stepping lightly in sensitive areas. Consumer’s Energy uses a proven approach to minimize the pipelines environmental impact.

Blanding’s turtle eggs were discovered at the construction site on M21, the Mid-Michigan Pipeline Replacement project. The eggs were carefully collected to be sent to HRM to be put in the Headstarting program. This program then incubates the eggs, once they have hatched, they are cared for in the Headstarting program, Students had an opportunity to touch the turtles. The Blanding’s turtle is being evaluated by the Federal government and on track to be added to the threatened species list.

The EE Knight fourth grades students participated in an informative presentation before they were introduced to two of the Blanding turtle ambassadors. They learned that on average a turtle is fifteen years old before it produces offspring. It was noted that 45 turtle eggs hatched and 40 were cared for in the Headstarting program, Students had an opportunity to touch the turtles. David Mifsud, “Turtle Dave”, HRM, educated students on the life of a turtle.

Next, students were able to create a toad abode. A toad abode is a flower pot that was painted by the students and they were able to take them home, and install them in their flower beds creating a safe space for toads. The bottom plate of the flower pot would be used for water for the toads.



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Elsie Masons Honor Scholarship Winners

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 honored and presented scholarships to five young adults. Family and awardees were encouraged to invite family members to celebrate and enjoy dinner at the Masonic Community Center on E. Main Street in Elsie.

Master of Ceremonies and Masonic member Bruce Levey presented three Masonic scholarships to Walker Levey, Jack Gonzalez, and Karigann Cuthbert.

Next, the Wadell Family scholarships were awarded, with the assistance of Amy Wadell: Maddisyn Miller and Talon Parsons. Each individual shared there plans for the future.

Also, assisting with the evening’s events were: Rodney Ridgeway, Bill Archer and Harry and Jill Huntoon.

(l-r): Jack Gonzalez, Karigann Cuthbert, Talan Parsons, Maddisyn Miller.

Missing Walker Levey.

Photo by Dawn Levey

Ashley ~ Class of 2024 Graduates with Honors



Eddie Smith  
Valedictorian

Parents: Maria (Tess) and  
Eddie Smith  
EJ willnot be attending college.  
His plans are to pursue a career at  
GM after graduation



Ryan Kiefer  
Salutatorian

Parent: Amanda Kiefer  
Ryan has pursued a certification  
in CervSafe in high school, which  
allows him to enter the workforce  
right after graduation



Clayton Juhas

Parents: Carrie and Brian Juhas  
Clayton will be attending Hocking  
College in Ohio to prusue a degree  
in Forest Managment



Nicholas Murdock

Parents: Christina and David  
Murdock  
Attending Mid-Michigan  
Community College for  
Automotive Tech



Jade Saylor

Parents: Ashley and Joshua Saylor  
Attending CMU to UNLV Med  
School to be  
Orthopedic Surgeon



Jacklynn Thompson

Parents: Marcella (Marcie) and  
Darryl Thompson  
Attending CMU for  
Accounting Degree

Ashley Class of 2024

Sabastion Lotus Arnold  
Joseph Parker-Lee Billings  
Savanna MacKenzie Denman  
Olivia Marie Dysinger

Jeramiah James Harrell  
Clayton Andrew Juhas  
Ryan Anthony Kiefer  
Chase Matthew Kral

Nicholas Lee Murdock  
Braden Luis Rodriguez  
Jade Josi Saylor  
Blake David Smith

Eddie Gene Smith  
Jacklynn May Thompson  
Sophie Kay Wirt

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OF  
2024

Graduation

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7 p.m.  
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By Miley Cyrus

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