

New Exhibit at Shiawassee Arts Center

submitted by Piper Brewer

The Shiawassee Arts Center opens a new exhibit featuring artwork by Marti Liddle-Lameti of Sanford, Watercolor Blooms: A Tribute to Jim Ferguson, Group show, and John Diephouse of Lansing. The exhibit, which runs September 4 through October 27, is sponsored by Hon. Clark & Linda Harder and Dr. Dan Williams & Diane Cutler. The public is welcome to attend the 'Meet the Artists' reception Sunday, September 8, 1-3pm



Lisabeth Curnow



Marti Liddle-Lameti

Fiber Artist Marti Liddle-Lameti presents her exhibit titled "Forest Bathing, or Forest Therapy". It is a health-promoting practice that involves spending time outdoors in nature. Being amongst trees has been proven to enhance wellbeing and relieve stress. Increased connection with Mother Nature helps us to harness natural healing and restorative powers. Marti's current work seeks to bring this feeling into homes, workplaces, and healing institutions so that we can experience this healing power in our busy lives. She states, "The series the viewer will see represents the way Divine Mother expresses herself to us: nurturing, embracing and protecting us in every step of this journey we call life".

Watercolor Blooms: A Tribute to Jim Ferguson, Group show brings together 13 artists whose work was shaped by the late James Ferguson, a local watercolor artist and

teacher who mentored and taught dozens of artists in the area, many of whom have gone on to become professional artists. A representative explains, "In honor of his memory and legacy we would like to show a collection of our watercolors".

Photography artist John Diephouse actively explores the technical and creative sides of his medium in 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'. John is attracted to a wide variety of subjects ranging from natural landscapes, botanicals and wildlife to images that provide either abstract expression or social commentary. He is interested in sharing images that evoke a story of some kind. Images may be simply documentary, reflect a sense of time and place, or resonate on a more abstract level of color, shape or form. Others provoke an indefinable question that does not readily yield answers without further study and reflection. Most often he is drawn to images created while wandering through the back roads and small towns of the upper midwest. These images of architecture, commerce and social life often reflect a mixture of nostalgia and a changing set of forces that shape life in the heartlands.



John Diephouse

The Shiawassee Arts Center, celebrating its 52nd anniversary in 2024, is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso and is open to the public free of charge, Monday through Friday 10-5pm, weekends 12-3pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. SAC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information call 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.



April Steele JFCU's VP of HR and Marketing, Chris Kowatch JFCU Board President, John Sirrine Executive Director of the St. Johns Area Community Fund, Dana Beaman Secretary of the St. Johns Area Community Fund.
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Journey Federal Credit Union Supports St. Johns Fantasy Forest Park Renovation with \$10,000 Donation

submitted by Ben Poulson

ST. JOHNS – Journey Federal Credit Union (JFCU) is proud to announce its largest ever donation - \$10,000 contribution - to the Fantasy Forest renovation project. This substantial contribution reflects JFCU's commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the communities it serves.

The Fantasy Forest, a beloved play area in St. Johns, is set to undergo a significant transformation. The renovation project aims to replace the aging wooden play structure with a modern, universally accessible playground designed to cater to children of all abilities. Community members are encouraged to support the project by making donations, which can be done through the St. Johns Area Community Fund c/o Friends for Fantasy Forest, PO Box 33, St. Johns, MI 48879. If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of \$75,000 by October 3, the project will win a matching grant with funds made possible by MEDC's Public Spaces Community Places program, effectively doubling contributions from JFCU and the community.

"At Journey Federal Credit Union, our mission extends beyond financial services; we're committed to making a positive impact in the communities we call home," said Jeffrey Kusler, CEO of JFCU. "This donation to the Fantasy Forest renovation is part of our broader mission to support local initiatives that enrich the lives of our members and their families."

Christopher Kowatch, Chairman of the Board of Directors, added, "We are honored to support the revitalization of Fantasy Forest, a project that will create a vibrant inclusive space for our community's children. We believe in the power of community investment and are excited to see the positive outcomes this project will bring."

Journey Federal Credit Union's continues to demonstrate its dedication to financial wellness, education, and community support through initiatives like the Fantasy Forest renovation. The credit union's efforts extend beyond investment and financial products, as evidenced by their new service model featuring certified Credit and Budget Counseling 'Navigators.' These Navigators will provide personalized financial guidance to help members achieve their goals, further cementing JFCU's role as a trusted community partner.

For more information about how to support the Fantasy Forest project, please visit <https://www.sjacf.org/fantasyforest>

Area Fall Sports in Full Swing



See pages 6-13 and page 16 for the fall sports preview

Social

Library News

Ovid Library

It's fall and the Ovid Library will be having their first Preschool Story Hour on Friday, September 13 at 10:30. Ms. Shelly will be reading some books with a collage theme because we will be doing a collage for a craft. Be sure to bring the little ones so they can get creative and make a masterpiece!

Don't forget that Tuesdays the back room is open to anyone who would like to come in and craft. There are lots of tables for people to spread out and craft. Or maybe you'd like to come in and see what others are doing to inspire your creative spirit. The back room is open from 1-4 but we won't rush you out as long as there isn't anything planned for the evening hours!

On Wednesday, September 18 the library will be having our classic movie. This month we will be showing, "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" starring Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple. Movie time will be 1:00.

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Welcome to the 2024 Elsie Fall Festival

submitted by Toni Ornelas

The plans for the 2024 Elsie Fall Festival are continuing to develop. The fun filled day is the main fundraiser for the Elsie Area Food Pantry, a 501(3)(c). The pantry has been providing food to residents of Elsie and surrounding communities for over 25 years.

The festival will be held in the Village of Elsie on October 5, 2024 from 10am to 4pm. There will be activities for all ages. Children can enjoy story time, facepainting, rock painting, cookie decorating, scavenger hunt, temporary tattoos, and Farm Fun Adventure sponsored by Elsie 4Corners 4H Club and Ovid-Elsie FFA. There will be an online silent auction, Color Walk to End Hunger (located at the Elsie Park), vendor booths, entertainment, and a car show sponsored by the American Legion. A free will offering breakfast from 8am to 11am will be provided by the Masons with proceeds going to the Elsie Area Food Pantry. The Lions Club will serve food from their food trailer. A trailer will be available to collect non-perishable food donations. Monetary donations are also accepted, they are tax deductible.

The online silent auction is one of the best auctions in the area. There are over 200 items with a value exceeding \$17,000.00. Objects can be found in each of the following categories: automotive, gift cards, haircuts & salons, meats, restaurants, wineries, museums, movies, flowers, golf, hotels & lodging, sporting activities & events, and gift baskets. Check us out at elsiefallfest.com or log on to lildustyonline.com/auctions/10167/landing. Items are continuously added to the list, so look for frequent updates.

On the day of the festival, online silent auction headquarters will be located at the Elsie United Methodist Church. The items that are up for bids will be displayed at the church and someone will be there to assist with the bidding process. Online bids will begin on Monday, September 2nd and will close at 3:00 pm on October 5th.

Join us for this day of fun while supporting this important service to our communities.

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Owosso Parkinson Support Group

submitted by Owen Prussner

The Owosso Parkinson Support group is to meet on Wednesday, September 11th at 5:00pm at the Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N Washington St. Owosso. Phone 989-723-8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month.

We will be discussing The Hero's Walk, Several of our members will be walking, We are called "The Owosso Walkers," The walk will be held as Lansing Walk, on Saturday, September 21, on MSU Campus, at The People's Park, Lansing Mi. The money raised for the walk goes to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation. This money will help MPF to develop programs for those with Parkinson's Disease and members of their families, and research to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support.

Please call Karen Prussner with Questions about Owosso Parkinson Support group and the walk at 989-723-6901.

Second Saturday Monthly Barn Dance

The Second Saturday monthly barn dance will run thru October 12th at 10901 Hollister Rd., Laingsburg from 6:30-9:30pm. Next one is September 14th.

Music (variety, country, oldies, line dance). Tess Clarkson, Kathy Ford, Bill Fuller and Jack Clarkson.

Ovid Cafe will be selling sloppy joes and potato salad.

There is a 24'x24' pro dance floor, gifted from Kalamazoo CC. BYOB, snack and own lawn chair. (Just in case we have 75 charis. Rain or shine.

Purse Party Bingo to Benefit Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Howard

The Respite Volunteer Purse Party Bingo will be held Thurs. Oct. 17th at the Owosso Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1259 E. M-21. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 6 pm. For each bingo game, the prize is a purse with a retail value of at least \$45. Advance Tickets are \$20, or \$25 the day of the event, if tickets are still available. With the tickets purchased, 20 bingo cards to play 20 games are included. Coffee and ice water will be provided, guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Tie breaker prizes and doorprizes provided. This is an Adults Only, event. License #V10956

Tickets are on sale weekdays 8am- 4 pm at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital at 710 W. King St., Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee provides case management, education and support to adults with health challenges, in Shiawassee County, and help to the family members caring for the person. The program then matches a volunteer with each person to provide friendly visiting, usually weekly. The program also provides education about all the other in home services, senior services, support groups, adult day cares, and financial help that is available for both frail elderly persons, and multi-generational families caring for the person.

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Rep. Filler Working to Expand Amber Alert System to Missing Children with Special Needs

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler is spearheading a plan to expand Michigan's Amber Alert system to include missing children with special needs, a move aimed at providing life-saving resources for some of the state's most vulnerable residents.

The tragic death of a young boy with special needs who disappeared in Clinton County last year highlights the need to expand the system, which is currently only used to alert the public when a child abduction is suspected.

"Michigan's current Amber Alert system is too limited in scope," said Rep. Filler. "We need to ensure that when a child with special needs goes missing, we can immediately mobilize all resources necessary to help find them. This measure is about saving lives and giving families hope when every second counts."

House Bill 5919 broadens the criteria for issuing an Amber Alert to include missing children with special needs, regardless of whether there is evidence of an abduction. This expansion recognizes that children with special needs, particularly those who are non-verbal or have other communication challenges, face unique dangers when they go missing.

"These are our most vulnerable children — kids who may not be able to call for help or understand the dangers around them," Filler said. "We need to act quickly, and this bill will ensure that first responders have the tools they need to respond effectively."

Ford Cemetery Elba Township of Gratiot County

Due to a retirement we have hired a new company to do the full burials and put in our foundations. Also, with many prices going up the Elba Township Board have had to increase prices at the Ford Cemetery. The new prices effective October 1, 2024 are as follows.

1. The price of burial rights for a single plot \$400
2. Foundations will now have a 3" border surrounding the base of the monuments and the price will be at \$.55 per square inch.
3. The price for a full burial in the summer will be \$600 and \$800 in the winter (December 1st to March 31st)
4. There is a \$100 extra fee for burials after 3pm and for weekends or holidays.
5. Winter Cremation or baby burials that require an excavator are \$ 575.
6. Summer Cremation or baby burials without excavator are \$ 175 and \$200 in the winter.

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Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Physician Assistant to Urology Department

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Kate Pihlman, PA-C to our active medical staff and to the Owosso community! Kate will be working with Dr. Tarek Pacha, Dr. Colton Prudnick, and Markus Byron, FNP-C at Memorial Healthcare Urology.

Kate received her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology from Michigan State University and her Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Eastern Michigan University.

Kate joins Memorial Healthcare from Sparrow Hospital where she worked treating patients as a first assistant to the surgeon in the operating room for a wide range of surgical cases. She looks forward to providing patients with high-quality, evidence-based, individualized care at Memorial Healthcare Urology. Kate is currently accepting new patients with most insurances. To learn more visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.



CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2024 WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 AT 9:00 AM AT THE CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2343 NORTH US-27 ST JOHNS MI 48879.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AT THIS TIME. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST TO INFO@CLINTONCONSERVATION.ORG OR BY CALLING 989-224-3720 EXT 3. MEETING MAY BE EITHER CONVERTED TO AN ELECTRONIC MEETING OR CANCELLED, IN WHICH CASE A NOTICE OF THE SAME WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.CLINTONCONSERVATION.ORG AT LEAST 18 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Submitted by:
Kurt Wolf, Clinton Conservation District Executive Director
(kurt.wolf@macd.org, 989-224-3720 x 3107)

City of Ovid Special Meeting August 26, 2024

Open Public Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem M. Perrien called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call:

L. Ordway-Absent, L. Perrien, M. Olger-Absent, W. Lasher-Absent, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 3 guests present: Susan Tomasek Swan- Clerk, Chief Rousseau and Holly Hibbard.

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

Special Business

a. Special use Permit for Mural

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the Special Use Permit 2024-06 (Outdoor Advertising Structure Sec.36-410) for the mural located on the south wall located at 133 S. Main St. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted Yes: E. Starn, M. Perrine, E. Brown, L. Perrien

Upon roll call vote the following voted No: None

The motion was carried.

Final Comments: None

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm

Susan Tomasek Swan
Clerk

Autumn is in the Air



Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed Board Minutes from August 13, 2024

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 6:59 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Attendance: Roll call: Present: Conklin, Prange, Willoughby, Fickes. Absent: Townsend. 20 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: Public Comment was given by a Victor Township property owner commenting on last month's meeting.

Kendel Darragh from Briggs District Library gave a renovation and expansion update. See <https://www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org> for further information.

Sandra Chavez from Laingsburg Public Library gave updates regarding the library and is asking the board to consider contributing additional funds to the library. Please visit: <https://www.laingsburg.michlibrary.org> , or email: laingsburglibrary@gmail.com or call: 517-651-6282 for information pertaining to the library.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange to approve the August 13, 2024 agenda. Motion seconded by

Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the July 9, 2024

Special Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Willoughby to approve the July 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the August 13, 2024

Treasurer's report. Motion seconded

by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to disburse the July 2024 bills (Paid August 13, 2024). Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 29154-29169 (29153-void) in the amount of \$95,811.14.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse July, 2024 payroll and related payroll expenses. (Paid August 13, 2024)

Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13092-13114 in the amount of \$15,518.64.

County Officials: No Reports given

Victor Township Planning Commission: Proposed Planning Commission's Minutes from July, 2024 placed on file. The PC requests the board consider budgeting for annual inspection and removal of dead tree limbs in the township's cemeteries. The Supervisor will contact the Sexton to inspect and report back to the board.

Discussion regarding Broadband and Michigan's BEAD proposal and Clinton County's plans for implementing high speed internet throughout the County. Motion by Fickes to add Dave Sell's instructional video for broadband information to the township website. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

LSW (Fire): Supervisor Conklin attended the meeting. The sale of the 1995 Ford Utility Fire Truck is complete.

Maintenance & Facilities:

Maintenance Report: Security cameras are being installed.

Cemetery Report: The Cemetery mapping and verifying is ongoing.

Unfinished Business:

Emergency Services (Ambulance): The board continued discussion regarding ambulance services in Victor Township. Christine Collom, Clinton County Central Dispatch Director, and Aaron Schulz, Operations Supervisor, were present to answer any questions the board had regarding ambulance dispatch and protocol.

New Business:

Motion by Prange to accept the resignation of Trustee Julie Townsend.

Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. The board has 45 days to appoint a trustee to fill the vacancy.

ZC-05-24 VR Luttig-Kane. Motion by Conklin to approve the Planning

Commission's recommendation to have no objections to the variance request. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fickes to approve the Applebee Oil LP Savings Program for the township. Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Various citizens spoke in favor of the Laingsburg Library. Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk

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Obituaries

Azucena “Susie” Mallen (Lopez) Ramirez

Azucena Susie Mallen (Lopez) Ramirez, age 66, of Elsie, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2024 at University Of Michigan-Sparrow Clinton Campus.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Monday, September 16, 2024, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid, MI with Fr. Anthony Brooks officiating. The family will receive friends at Holy Family Catholic Church from 10am until the time of Mass at 11am.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The Family. The family is being served by the Nelson-House Funeral Home.



Douglas James “Doug” Kvalevog

Douglas James “Doug” Kvalevog, age 44 of St. Johns Michigan passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

Doug was born in Owosso MI on June 29, 1980, the son of Henry T. and Mary Ann (Feathers) Kvalevog. Doug graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1998. GO MARAUDERS!

He married his high school sweetheart, Jessica Mapes on July 16, 1999, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI. Together they were blessed with five amazing children who are their world.

Doug worked as a Central Sterile Processing Manager with University of Michigan Health Sparrow St. Lawrence campus. He was a hard worker and loved his job and the people he worked with. He was a lifelong U of M fan and a true Philadelphia Eagles fan. He also loved traveling the country to watch the Detroit Tigers. He recently rediscovered a passion for hunting. If Doug wasn't at home, you could often find him on the lake in his kayak fishing.

Most of all, Doug loved spending time with his family. A full house is a happy house. He was a jokester and loved making people laugh. He was the light of the room. Doug was a devoted and loving husband, the absolute BEST father who spent countless hours sitting in the stands cheering on his kids at ALL of their sporting events. He was the brother you could count on for anything, and the best “hunky Doug” around. He was loved by all and will be missed beyond measure.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Jessica Kvalevog, children: Weston Kvalevog and fiancée Emme Koutz, Gage Kvalevog (and special friend Katie), Tava Kvalevog (and special friend Joe), Emberlyn Kvalevog (and special friend Maverick), and Joby Kvalevog. He is also survived by his siblings: Tom Kvalevog, Lori & Barry Hardwick, Meri and Jeff Smith, Joye and John Zielinski, Steve and Fiorela Kvalevog, Kara and James Vines, father and mother-in-law Michael and Ethel Mapes, sisters and brothers-in-law: Leah Mapes and fiancé Dan Phillips, Quintin and Brianna Force Mapes, Crystal and Chad Bashore, and Eileen and Dave Halfmann, many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Christina, John, Tina, Bob, Wade, and Larry, and niece Sage.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes-Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan, at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

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



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FREE School Supplies

Dear Andy, Schools back! Yeah! I never seem to have enough money to buy everything my children need for school. Do you know of any places that offer good deals or free supplies? Mom of 4 children

Dear Mom, I don't usually promote individual businesses, however; Walmart® and Temu® (online) offers many items for "back-to-school" specials at great prices for both students and bulk prices for teachers. Don't get carried away on Temu® shopping site. It can add up...Stay focused on what you want or need to buy.

Most communities offer some free supplies at a local ice cream shop and small local businesses in your area. Check around Look at your school website to see what kind of items your child's requirements. The Dollar stores have plenty of items on sale, too. Review the list the teacher may send home or post online needs for the classroom. You might be surprised how you can help!! Also, check to see if some fees for activities can be waived for your student due to lower income.

I didn't know if your "Yeah" was in gist or sarcasm. Either way, I am sure you are happy to send your children back to school so you can rest. I should share with you there is not much time for rest when you're a mom. Take time to admire their days' work and accomplishments. Build up their confidence and self-esteem. Read or echo read to them every day for 10 minutes. It will be worth your investment of time and will make them better students and more successful in life and relationships.

If you have a child who is struggling in school, ask for help! You know your child. I always recommend a book entitled How to Build Your Child's Self-Esteem by Corkille Briggs

Be involved and volunteer to help in your local schools. There is always something for people to do to help make the classroom a fun and happy place to learn.

Andy, A former teacher and mom of four, also.. Write your questions to me anytime Andy @ ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@yahoo.com

MDARD Grants \$4 Million to University of Michigan Supporting On-Farm Soil Health Research

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING - Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring today announced a \$4 million research grant with the University of Michigan (U of M) as part of Governor Whitmer's Healthy Climate Initiative. The funds will focus on soil health research to address water quality challenges and improve outcomes within Michigan's portion of the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB). The grant also funds work to increase adoption of climate-smart regenerative agriculture practices and conduct water quality monitoring studies in the WLEB.

Starting in the summer of 2024, the U of M team will begin working with farmers in the WLEB and farms participating in Michigan Climate Smart Farming Practices to collect soil health and management data to understand which management practices are most effective for nutrient use efficiency.

Boring added that increasing the number of farms implementing regenerative agriculture practices, soil health research, and water quality monitoring have a direct impact with the state's strategy to reduce nutrient loss from farm fields, improve soil health, and combat harmful algal blooms in the WLEB.

To learn more about steps you can take to help the Western Lake Erie Basin, visit the Taking Action on Lake Erie website.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Another week has flown by... I spent a day and a half catching up on sleep or maybe wasting the time on sleep. It all depends upon how one looks at things. Then I switched into high gear and packed lots of possibilities into probabilities. Tuesday morning Karen and I went out to breakfast at Petticoat in Alma. This was part of our plan on our way up to Clare. We went to the Kountry Store and stocked up on barley flour, fall squash and apples. From there we stopped at Cops and Donuts for cream filled long johns. Of course we had to go around the block three times before a parking place became available. Then miraculously three opened up at the end of the block. It was nice not to have to practice parallel parking on a busy street, just had to drive in.

Next stop was the gas station to fill up my gas tank. Onwards and upwards as we headed to Alma and the Farm and Home Store to get belts, blades, oil and filter for my lawn mower. Lightened my wallet greatly. Finally stopped at Wally World to pick up a few things for the shop where I was helped by a delightful associate. She saved me steps and frustration. Then I found some very soft and comfy flannel shirts. Karen and I both laughed a great deal, so it was a good day.

After getting home from the shop on Wednesday I was surprised when Karen sent her grandson Jesse and his adorable little boy Ollie down to whip my lawn mower into shape. I promised him a banana cream pie and an apple cherry cake with cream cheese frosting. Jesse wouldn't let me pay him for his work. On Thursday I delivered them after work. I was told that it was not necessary. For me it was. I also managed to can stewed tomatoes before I went to bed.

Then of course I messed up as I tried to finish mowing the lawn. I worked on some overly long weeds on the west side of the old milk house. I should not have used the mower. I hit what turned out to be the head of a shovel and now the mower clunks. I was too frustrated to put the mower up on the jack to see what harm I had accomplished. I just put up the mower and castigated myself for being so unwise. This afternoon I will address that issue. Hopefully I can fix what I harmed.

On Wednesday evening I ran down to Karen's for some assistance. Do you remember a few weeks back when I went out to the garden in my favorite bare foot state? When I walked through the blossomed clover and stepped on a bee? Believe it or not, that bit of folly really put a bite on my right foot. The ball of my right foot under my big toe was complaining like a wuss. I called Karen and asked her to take a look... I can't cross my right leg to bring my foot nearer to my line of sight. She looked and mentioned the triangular patch of skin that was irritated. God bless her, she opened it up and found what first looked like a thin black wire. Not a wire, it was the stinger with the poison sack attached. With tweezers she removed it and then got a teardrop of infection out. I went home and soaked my foot in hot Epsom salt water. Now my foot is back to its happy self. Thank the good Lord for kind folks and caring neighbors.

Tammy started at the shop this week. I'm happy to have her and hope to keep her indefinitely. Her garden was very bountiful this year and she has shared some of her abundance with me. Yesterday she gave me about ten pounds of Pontiac red potatoes and three lunch sized bags of cherry tomatoes. They are black, yellow and red...delicious. Yes I'm enjoying them and appreciate her kindness and sharing nature. It is amazing how many times I'm blessed. God is good.

Sorry that this is so short this week but this is my reality. May your days be filled with many blessings and happy stances. Enjoy. God bless you. Laugh, and don't forget to smile.

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New Tether Ball Poles at Gumar Park in Ovid

Two new Tether Ball Poles were installed at Gumaer Park on Tuesday, September 3rd. The poles were donated by Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen. Ed along with Councilwoman, Mary Perrien donated their time to install the poles.



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MEET THE TEAMS...2024 FALL SPORTS...ASHLEY BEARS



ASHLEY CROSS COUNTRY: Front row (l-r): Paige Larsen, Wyatt LePard, Jaxon Wirt, and Peyton Rohn. Back row (l-r): Weston LePard, Tristan Ringle, and Trevor Dolloff with Coach Hannah Williams
Photo by Deb Price

Dolloff, Larsen, Rohn will Lead Ashley Harriers into X-Country Season

ASHLEY -- Bears' cross-country coach Hannah Williams is welcoming back a talented trio to lead Ashley into the 2024 prep season.

Trevor Dolloff, Paige Larsen and Peyton Rohn all return, with Weston LePard as a top middle school returnee for the Bruins. Newcomers are Jaxon Wirt and Wyatt LePard.

"We have a lack of time to prepare (with such a short pre-season before school starts)," says coach Williams, "But our strengths and experience and knowledge.

"We'll have a great opportunity for individual PRs (personal records) this season," she explains.



ASHLEY FOOTBALL: Front row (l-r) Zander Schneider, Tristan Ringle, William Long, Trent Bylsma. Middle row (l-r): Gib Jason, Robert Kral, Seth Stahr. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Jacob Schmidt, Gavin Malek, Brady Nierescher, Head Coach Kevin Saylor. Missing: Ryder Yelsik.
Photo by Deb Price

Experienced, Solid Core Will Carry Ashley Bears Into 2024 Grid Season

ASHLEY -- The numbers game. Is the strategy board half-full? Or half-empty?

That's the dilemma facing the AHS coaching braintrust, preparing for the 2024, eight-man season. The varsity football Bears return 7 starters to 8 positions on the gridiron. Which bodes well, right?

On the flip side, though, veteran coach Kevin Saylor will only have 10 players available -- maybe 12 -- so the Bruins will be tight-roping the injury high-wire for the entire campaign.

Jake Schmidt and Caden Passmore will be assisting Saylor as the Bears return seniors Gavin Malek (G/LB), Seth Stahr (WR/C); juniors Robert Kral (QB/S), Will Long (RB/C), Gibby Jason (FB/LB), Trent Bylsma (WR/C) and sophomore Tristan Ringle (G/DE).

Newcomers are senior Zander Schneider (WR/C), sophomore Brady Nierescher (C/NG) and freshman Ryder Yelsik (QB/S).

"We have seven returnees so we have experience on our side," says coach Saylor. "I think both our run and pass should be good, and our defense should be strong.

"Our weakness is in numbers. If we start with 10 it will be hard to finish the season.

"We look to be 1 or 2 in our conference. Bay City will be tough, followed by North Huron, Peck, Merritt, Akron, Carsonville-Port Sanilac and Caseville.

"If we can stay healthy, I expect to make the 8-man playoffs this year. We have a good core."



ASHLEY CHEER: Front row (l-r): Ryley Hanley, Elora Clark. Back row (l-r): Coach Mallory Yelsik, Gracy McAllister, Aleena Long, Jordyn Long, Coach Saige Slowinski.
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ASHLEY VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Front row (l-r): Peyton Rohn, Aleena Long. Middle row (l-r): Paige Larsen, Karissa Brady, Marissa Brady. Back row (l-r): Head Coach Brian Davis, Gracyn McCallister, Jordynn Long, Ellie Drummond. Photo by Deb Price

Ashley Volleyball New Season, New Outlook

by Ashleigh Shaw

With a new season of volleyball beginning in Bear Country, the beginning of a new system and a new head coach. Brian Davis comes to Ashley after being an assistant coach last year. He brings many years of coaching experience from neighboring schools. The Lady Bears have five returning players from last year's team: Karissa Brady, Marissa Brady, Ellie Drummond, Peyton Rohn, and Paige Larson. Newcomers this season are Jordynn Long, Aleena Long and Gracyn McAllister.

Coach Davis believes he has a strong team, although young, but if they continue to put in time and effort they will continue to improve. He looks forward to building a strong team and changing how Ashley Volleyball is viewed by other teams.

MEET THE TEAMS...2024 FALL SPORTS...LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK



WOLFPACK VARSITY FOOTBALL: Front row (l-r): Riley Kiffer, Waylon Rowley, Bryce Curry, Max Powers, Shaun Mills, Adam Kazor. Second row (l-r): Dakota Allen, Josiah Hawes, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Dylan Koenig, Harvey Montgomery, Logan Holm, Billy Derrick. Back row (l-r): RJ Garcia, Tucker Dunn, Joe DeShone, Dylan Witgen, Wyatt Wagner, Liam Esch. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Young Wolfpack Team Will Lean on Tough, Experienced Line Play in 2024 Gridiron Season

LAINGSBURG -- The dean of CMAC coaches -- the mentor with the most experience -- will lean on experienced offensive and defensive line play to carry the Wolfpack through the 2024 prep football season.

Brian Borgman is easily the longest-tenured grid coach in LHS history, having first headed up the program in 2001. He owns a career record of 123-89 -- and is looking for improvement from a 2-3 CMAC (Central Michigan Athletic Conference) finish.

The final record wasn't really indicative of the kind of team Borgman fielded in 2023. The Wolves lost All-CMAC quarterback Ty Randall before the season even started, then suffered season-ending injuries to no less than 10 players before the end of a 4-6 overall campaign that ended with a narrow playoff loss at Bath HS.

So, you can understand the tight-rope the Wolfpack is walking when Borgman explains, "With lower numbers then in years past, staying healthy will be a must."

Jon Cecil, Dan Blemaster, Jacob Chambers, Cedric Ford, Julio Caceres, J.R. Nixon and Josh Koenig are in the trenches assisting Borgman with coaching the Wolfpack program this fall. They return outstanding linemen, including three starters on offense and three on defense: Riley Kiffer, Harvey Montgomery and Shaun Mills, the experienced trio playing both ways.

That leaves the skill positions to talented Wolves QB Waylon Rowley, WR Wyatt Wagner, RB Max Powers, WR Leandro Dolega-Caceres, RB Dylan Witgen -- and on defense LB Tucker Dunn, LB Dylan Koenig and DE Josiah Hawes.

Says the coach, "This is an extremely tight group of guys who care and play for one another. Three returners on our offensive line will help our new junior QB."

The dean of CMAC coaches sees the league stacking up like this: 1. Fowler, 2. Pewamo-Westphalia, 3. Laingsburg, 4. Saranac, 5. Dansville, 6. Bath, 7. Perry, 8. Potterville as the eight league schools also battle for MHSAA post-season berths.

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Ashley Bears Lose Close Matches to CCC

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley fought all night in all three matches losing to Carson City Crystal 25-20, 25-17, and 25-22. The Bears fought all night but couldn't get over the hill to pull out a match win. Ellie Drummond had 9 assists, 1 kill, 1 dig and a block. Karissa Brady had 2 assists, 6 kills, 3 digs, 5 aces and 1.5 blocks. Paige Larson had 9 digs.

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WOLFPACK VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Team includes: Ally Grettenberger, Kennedy Morrill, Ivy Collier, Bella Latuszek, Mallory Woodbury, Lia Seoltner, Brooklynn Miller, Harper Strouse, Savvy Stirm, Sydney Curtis, Makenna Johnston, Kendall Michels, Hayden Wilson, Sophia Mikko. Head Coach Micky Fox. Asst. Coach Jason Michels. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Wolfpack Welcomes New Coach, Solid Returnees for 2024 Volleyball Campaign

LAINGSBURG -- LHS is welcoming back a familiar face.

Mickey (Putnam) Fox, a former Wolfpack standout on the volleyball court under well-known coach Tennille Whittemore, returns to the program in Whittemore's former role as varsity head coach.

The new Leader of the Pack has hit the ground running -- with a CMAC championship focused in her sights.

"We have a lot of solid returning players this season with lots of enthusiasm and who are ready to compete for a conference championship," says coach Fox. "We are very scrappy and work hard on defense which is going to be an asset."

In her first season back with the 'Pack, Fox will be helped by Jason Michels as a varsity assistant, Alex Randall as JV coach, and Andrea Mahoney as the freshman mentor. The strong player nucleus returning includes Kennedy Morrill, Sophia Mikko, Ivy Collier, Ally Grettenberger and Brooklynn Miller. They'll be joined by newcomers Harper Strouse, Kendall Michels, Lia Seoltner and Mallory Woodbury.

Adds the coach, "It sounds like we lost some leaders to graduation so we are looking for girls who are willing to step up and lead by example and vocally on and off the court."

"Being new to the CMAC this season, I am not sure what our competition will be -- however, I know that we will be a contender for a CMAC championship."



WOLFPACK VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY: Team includes: (Girls) Meriel Burley, Kiki Rusz, Samantha Gutzman, Lilli Morrill, Hazel Burley, Grace Knull, Madison Phillips, Jolie Larson, Evelyn Logghe, Emily Rathka, Addison Rusz. (Boys) Carson Helmer, Austin Hodges, Jayden Jackson, Drake Pratt, Andrew Stevens, Cameron Betts, Liam McDonald, Cooper Mund, Will Rathka, Cody Cataline, Carter Crombley, Noah Devereaux, Logan Robinson, James Pratt, Felix Ramirez, Lucas Shastal. Head Coach: Shawn Baynes. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

2024 Wolfpack Cross-Country Program Returns Top Five Runners for Both Boys and Girls Teams

LAINGSBURG -- Optimism runs high for the 2024 cross-country season, as the Wolfpack harrier program returns Top Five performers to both the male and female 'Pack.

State qualifier Noah Devereaux, three-time state finalist Emily Rathke and Evelyn Logghe all return to pace veteran coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves. "Our greatest strength is our experience," says coach Baynes. "Our girls team was a state-qualifying team last year and are returning the entire squad. Our boys team just missed qualifying last year and we are also adding some fantastic freshmen."

Returnees for the boys are Devereaux, Cameron Betts, Cody Cataline, James Foltz, Zander Nethaway, James Pratt, Felix Ramirez, Will Rathka, Logan Robinson and Lucas Shastal. They'll be joined by promising newcomers Carson Helmer, Austin Hodges, Jayden Jackson and Drake Pratt.

For the Lady Wolfpack, Logghe, Rathka, Hazel Burley, Jayden Foltz, Samantha Gutzman, Grace Knull, Madison Phillips and Addison Rusz all return. Promising newcomers are Meriel Burley, Jolie Larson and Kiki Rusz.

Says Baynes, "The CMAC is a tremendously talented running conference. Last year, the girls finished 2nd and the boys 5th. I hope to finish in the Top Two for the girls and Top Three for the boys."

"I'm excited for the season and looking forward to a great year."

Baynes will be assisted in 2024 by Matt McDougall-Smith and Dan Miller.



WOLFPACK FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: Team includes: Gracie Travis, Kierra Rusz, Juliette Latuszek, Allie Brasseur, Raegan Cousineau, Aleigha Highfield, Taylor Droste, Anna Sedlacek, Ella Dorman, Kali Spade, Lillian Beckwith. Head Coach Andrea Mahoney. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

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WOLFPACK VARSITY SOCCER: Front row (l-r): Alex Grandy, Jaden Jackson, Dylan Hoard, Asher Shastal, Carter Klont, Everett Rodriguez, Cameron Spedoske, Brenden Knoblauch, Kade McLean. Second row (l-r): Ryan Park, Marlon Graham, Alex Myers, Lucas Shastal, Hudson Yates, Kaleb Salas, Owen Platte, Paxton Rodriguez. Third row (l-r): Connor Barrett, Andrew Park, Mitchell George, Evan LeFevre, Keaton Dietz, Caiden Nidefski, Gray Seguin, not pictured Andre Van Ells, Brayden Myers. Photo by Keith Kingsbury



WOLFPACK CHEER: Front row (l-r): t: Coach Jenna Wilburn, Emma Elliott, Sophie Olger, Jolie Larson, Rylee Tyler. Back row (l-r): Riley Bowman, Sara Hart, Jayden Foltz, Edie Zacharda, Laura Rademacher, Kierstyn Szilagyi. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Wolfpack Cheerleading Team Boasts Six Returning Letterwinners

LAINGSBURG -- Veteran coach Jenna Wilburn is welcoming back six returning letterwinners to the Wolfpack varsity cheerleading squad. Jolie Larson, Emma Elliott, Sophie Olger, Rylee Tyler, Jayden Foltz and Riley Bowman lead a group of "cheerful, hardworking girls," says coach Wilburn. "Our seniors are strong leaders." Newcomers to the Pack are Laura Rademacher, Sara Hart, Edie Zacharda and Kierstyn Szilagyi.



WOLFPACK GOLF: Front row (L-r): Coach John Saller, Erin Pohlod, Mirabella Carolan, Tessa Boyle, Hailey Rueckert, Audrey Sieben, Coach Greg Beavers. Back row (l-r): Abby McNeil, Jayden Hodges, Alexa Ayen, Ava Rann Karionna Graham, Lila Esch. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Laingsburg Golf Schedule

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| Sept. 12 | 3:30pm | Fowler AH (Pine Hills) |
| Sept. 13 | 9:00am | Wolfpack Invite H (Pine Hills) |
| Sept. 17 | 3:30pm | Bath H (Pine Hills) |
| Sept. 24 | 3:00pm | P-W A (Huckleberry Creek) |
| Oct. 1 | 10:00am | CMAL A (Forest Acres East) |

Laingsburg Soccer Schedule

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| Sept. 10 | 5:30pm | Bath | H |
| Sept. 12 | 5:30pm | Perry | H |
| Sept. 16 | 5:30pm | Stockbridge | H |
| Sept. 17 | 5:30pm | Pottersville | A |
| Sept. 19 | 5:30pm | Danville | A |
| Sept. 24 | 5:30pm | Lansing Catholic | H |
| Sept. 26 | 5:00pm | Genesee Christian | H |
| Oct. 1 | 5:30pm | Bath | A |
| Oct. 3 | 5:30pm | Ithaca | H |
| Oct. 7 | 6:00pm | Swarzt Creek | A |
| Oct. 10 | 5:30pm | Freeland | H |



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WOLFPACK JV VOLLEYBALL: Team includes: Alayna Merrell, Paige Erickson, Riley Mills, Peyton Stahr, Jasmine Noffke, Ines De Juan Salinas, Alaina Asher, Sam Magyar, Ella Mohney, Annabella Stevens, Gwen Clark, Kendall Nixon, Jaylynn Smith. Head Coach Alex Randall.
Photo by Keith Kingsbury



WOLFPACK JV FOOTBALL: Team members include Landon Freeman, Calvin Stier III, Julian Smith, Damarion Henry, Ethan Platte, Harrison Dorman, Ethan Smith, Tanner Pylman, Tristan Sherman, Zayden Misener, Owen Horne, Robert Keilholtz, Gus Larson, Johnathan Schafer, Gracen Bush, Cooper Morr, Collin Logghe, Charles Dehnert, Kendon Dunn, Caiden Nidefski.
Head Coach: Jacob Chambers. Asst. Coaches: JR Nixon, Cedric Ford, Josh Koenig.
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| Ovid Elsie Boys Tennis Schedule | | |
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| Sept. 12 | 3:30pm | Fowler AH (Pine Hills) |
| Sept. 13 | 9:00am | Wolfpack Invite H (Pine Hills) |
| Sept. 17 | 3:30pm | Bath H (Pine Hills) |
| Sept. 24 | 3:00pm | P-W A (Huckleberry Creek) |
| Oct. 1 | 10:00am | CMAL A (Forest Acres East) |

MEET THE TEAMS...2024 FALL SPORTS...OVID-ELSIE MARAUDERS



OVID-ELSIE VARSITY FOOTBALL: Team Includes: Brody Howard, Ben Wildes, Julian Medina, Owen Long, Michael Bancroft, Joseph Fabus, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Chase Fabus, Nolan Rasch, Bryce Krueger, Clayton Fruchey, Tucker Loynes, Tryce Tokar, Dannika Campbell, Joe Zuniga, Brock Spitzley, John Kelly, Hunter Smith, Javen Belill, Daniel Topping, Robert Kebler, Dylan Henning, Logan Mason, Trey Milner, Joe Bancroft, Jaxon Ladiski, Jake Bowen, Daniel Olger, Troy Haynie, Braxton O'Bryant, Harris Evans, Dawson Taylor, Wesley Plowman, Head Coach: Travis Long. Asst. Coaches: DJ Chapko, Damien Miller, Jason Bowen and Chris Winter.
Photo by Ortman Production LLC.

Marauder Grid Team Opens Impressively, Looks to Promising 2024 Season

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder varsity football team opened its season with an impressive romp over Flint Powers -- and now looks to build on that success with a promising 2024 season outlook.

"We have a great group of leaders in our senior and junior classes," explains longtime coach Travis Long. "Our offensive and defensive fronts will be where we hang our hat -- controlling the line of scrimmage."

The 2024 Marauders are anchored by 13 seniors: Ben Wildes, Clayton Fruchey, Tucker Loynes, Tryce Tokar, Joe Zuniga, Javen Belill, Trey Milner, Joe Bancroft, Jaxon Ladiski, Jake Bowen, Troy Haynie, Wesley Plowman and Dawson Taylor. Junior lettermen are Owen Long, Michael Bancroft, Danny Olger, Braxton O'Bryant and Brock Spitzley.

Newcoming talent includes juniors Daniel Topping, Robert Kebler, Nolan Rasch and Dannika Bancroft; sophomores Brody Howard, Julian Medina, Chase Fabus, Logan Mason, Brooks Lohr, Dylan Henning, Chandler Hart-Butcher, John Kelly, Hunter Smith; and freshmen Joie Fabus and Bryce Krueger. "We have depth at a lot of different positions, but our young players will have to step up in a hurry," says coach Long.

The always-daunting Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), as usual, won't disappoint. "Chesaning, Montrose, and New Lothrop are always tough," explains coach Long. "Durand had a young team last year, they will be improved. Mt. Morris and Lakeville will be competitive. Birch Run is new to the conference, they will be tough. And we return a lot of players from last season's Regional Championship."

He continues, "Tryce Tokar, Clayton Fruchey, Javen Belill and Jake Bowen are outstanding players at their respective positions. Dawson Taylor, Joe Bancroft are coming off injuries and should have a big impact on the offensive line. Trey Milner, and Braxton O'Bryant will be dominant as well. Owen Long looks to have an outstanding year on both sides of the ball. Brock Spitzley has added strength and should have a big year at FB/LB. Mikey Bancroft will be solid at WR/DE. Harris Evans has been a bright spot during the first two weeks of practice."

Long's coaching staff includes varsity assistants DJ Chapko, Damien Miller, Jason Bowen and Chris Winter. The JV coaching staff consists of Nick Hufnagel, Mitch Hufnagel and Brian Topping.

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OVID-ELSIE SOCCER: Front row (l-r): Leyton Belill, Ryker Parsons, Chaycen Thornton, Kody Ash, Dalton Jordan, Marshall Leavitt, Dominic Martin, Cole Hannahs, Aidan Doyle
Back row (l-r): Asst Coach Carter Davisson, Asst Coach Ryan Doyle, Renin Cole, Andrew Brown, Josh Brown, Eddie Rademacher, Joe Zuniga, Damien Court, Alex Aekvorathongchai, Sean Silapatkul, Easton Keck, Asst Coach Cooper Price-Nicholson, Head Coach Chris Parker
Photo by Ortman Productions, LLC

Marauder Soccer Boys Employ Speed, Quickness Toward Winning Goals

OVID-ELSIE -- Speed and quickness are lethal on the soccer pitch.

This season, veteran coach Chris Parker says the Ovid-Elsie boys soccer team will employ both.

"Speed, quickness and our midfield play are our team strengths," says Parker, as 10 lettermen dot the Marauder roster in 2024. Chaycen Thornton, Dalton Jordan, Josh Brown, Kody Ash, Ryker Parsons, Marshall Leavitt, Cole Hannahs, Eddie Rademacher, Damien Court and Renin Cole.

New to the Marauder varsity team are Dominic Martin, Aidan Doyle, Letyon Belill, Andrew Brown, Easton Keck and Joe Zuniga.

"We're a young team, still," says coach Parker, as the Marauders look to quickly add savvy game experience through early-season contests.

Parker will be assisted in 2024 by Cooper Price-Nicholson, Carter Davisson and Ryan Doyle on the Marauder coaching staff.



OVID-ELSIE JV FOOTBALL: Front row (l-r): Bryce Krueger, Julian Medina, Walker Lover, Mitchell Blaha, Wyatt Lover, Chase Thelen, Kellen Garcia, Evan Anderson, Joie Fabus, Maverick Horak. Second row (l-r): Jason Harrell, Carpenter Darling, Landen VanConant, John Kelly, Braedyn Barnard, Maxon Fabus, Hunter Smith, Austin Alley, Sam Cooper. Third row (l-r): Teagan Ignash, Carson Odenbaugh, Brooks Lohr, Logan Mason, Dylan Henning, Peyton Stewart, Caleb Cannon, Urijah Sexton, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Layne Minarik. Fourth row (L-r): Conor McClung, Bennet Throop, Ashton Gilbert, Henry Remenar, Jacob Miller, Jaycen Hunt, Logan Brown, Dakota Personious, Caden Cannon, JD Blacker, Landon George. Coaches: Mitch Hufnagel, Marc Johnson, Head Coach Nick Hufnagel, Brian Topping.

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Guru brings on a Mystery Guest for Week 3 of popular contest

1ST PRIZE WEEK ONE (PIZZA) Lisa Skaryd; 2ND PRIZE WEEK ONE (SUB SANDWICH) Dan Culpepper; 3RD PRIZE WEEK ONE (BREADSTICKS) Zachary Grieder and Jack Nutter (tie)

The Wolfman brings in an illustrious (we use the term very loosely) Guest Picker for this week. This gentleman (we use the term very loosely) is a HUGE Detroit Lions fan, even to the point of attending road games at Lambeau Field and heckling the hometown Packer faithful. Please welcome Ovid-Elsie's own Jared Campbell.

And, no, he's not related to either Jared Goff or Dan Campbell.

Now to wrap up Week One: even though it was a relatively "easy" slate of pick-em games in Week #1 of our popular Gridiron Gurus contest, we'll put up our public's pigskin prognosticating prowess against anyone:

Collectively, our players crafted an astonishing .844% win rate to get the season kicked off for 2024.

The Wolfman will call it "easy" because it was a quiet opening schedule, with only a few big-name rivalry games (Miami, Fla. vs. Fla., for example). Most of our fearless football forecasters foot-stumbled over Eastern Michigan besting UMass.

Yes, there were some cupcakes thrown into the mix, like the Chattanooga Mocs getting their lunch handed to them by the Tennessee Vols. A really nice \$\$\$ pay day for the Mocs, however.

Thus, it wasn't surprising to see a four-way tie atop our leader board, all at a perfect 12-0. That distinction went to Dan Culpepper of Laingsburg, Zach Grieder of Ashley, Jack Nutter of Elsie and Lisa Skaryd of Ashley. The tie-breaker was crucial -- Utah beat Southern Utah 49-0 -- so that 49 twin-digit loomed gigantic in the tie-break for some delicious pizza. Lisa won in that aspect, taking home the pizza, with Dan the runner-up recipient of a sub sandwich, and Zach and Jack hitting the breadsticks bonanza. Congratulations!

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include some NFL games, most weeks.

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For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded.

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Best of luck to all, and please remember our sponsors!



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WEEK THREE

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MEET THE TEAMS...2024 FALL SPORTS...OVID-ELSIE MARAUDERS



OVID-ELSIE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Front row (l-r): Isabella Phillips, Sarah Newman, Isabelle Ryal, Olyvia Coon, Kathryn Thornton. Back row (l-r): Tava Kvalevog, Lilian Bates, Jolene Hebel, Kortlynn Loynes, Kyden Ehle, Ellyanna Carman, Ashton Ehle. Head Coach Angela Ehle. Photo by Orman Productions, LLC

Lady Marauder Volleyball Team Getting Set with Basics, Then looking to Contend

OVID-ELSIE — Coach Angela Ehle is back as Marauder head coach with nine returning letter winners — including a two-time All-Stater — as hopes run high for a talented O-E varsity volleyball team in 2024.

"We have a veteran setter who moves the ball around the court well," says coach Ehle. "We have returners who can attack the ball well. And we have a strong serving team."

Seniors Kyden Ehle, Ellyanna Carman, Tava Kvalevog, Katie Thornton and Olyvia Coon, along with juniors Ashton Ehle, Lily Bates, Jolene Hebel and Isabella Phillips lead the Lady Marauders into battle, joined by newcomers (junior) Sarah Newman, sophomore Isabelle Ryal and freshman Kaitlynn Loynes.

Kyden is the senior All-State set artist, who is committed to

Convenant College for volleyball next year. Ashton is recovering from foot surgery and is the leading attacker. Carman and Kvalevog are other strong front line players who attack at the net. "We should be competitive with the top MMAC teams," explains the coach. "I expect us to finish near the top."

While the Marauders are still learning to play consistently, with basic fundamentals, coach Ehle looks to bolster the youth and inexperience at key positions.

"This team will be competitive with most teams. We should operate as a strong unit by District tournament time."

Coach Ehle will be assisted by Nicole Tokar as the JV mentor, and Jessica Bowen heading up the freshman Marauders.



OVID-ELSIE JV VOLLEYBALL: (l-r): Asst. Coach Kyle Thornton, Jordyn Pierce, Allie Minarik, Evaley Swender, Metta Newell, Danica Levey, Kendal Tokar, Brooklyn Thornton, Kenlee White, Ashlyn Fabus, Head Coach Nicole Tokar. Photo by Orman Productions, LLC

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OVID-ELSIE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY: (l-r): Coach Steve Gonzalez, Colton Sempstrott, Mitchell Gonzalez, Clay Powell, Joshua Miller, Jeremiah Stewart, Darin Richardson, James Kelly, Travis Wright, Coach Brian Powell.
Photo by Ortman Production LLC



OVID-ELSIE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY: (l-r): Coach Steve Gonzalez, Madalynn Bushard, Audrey Bensinger, Clarissa Baese, Kendal Tokar, Hannah Koutz, Piper White, Dana Juhas, Ava Juhas, Katelyn Wright, Coach Brian Powell.
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Lady Marauders Look to Make it Four For 2024: Boys Look to Challenge for MMAC Title

OVID-ELSIE -- You've heard of a sports "three-peat." What do you call a quartet?

Ovid-Elsie's Lady Marauder cross-country program looks to make it Four In 2024 -- consecutive MMAC championships, that is -- as veteran coach Brian Powell's club returns a plethora of talent.

Clarissa Baese, Audrey Bensinger, Hannah Koutz, Piper White, Katelyn Wright, Madalynn Bushard, Ava Juhas, Dana Juhas and Kendal Tokar all have high hopes for the girls. Baese and White both earned 1st Team All-Conference honors and qualified for the MHSAA State Meet. Bensinger earned 2nd Team honors, and is expected to contribute in a major way this season.

The Marauder males finished as the runner-up in the MMAC in 2023, edged out by Lakeville for the conference championship with New Lothrop finishing closely behind in third place. Top returners include Clay Powell, J.D. Miller, James Kelly, Mitchell Gonzalez, Joshua

Miller, Colton Sempstrott, Jeremiah Stewart and Travis Wright -- with Darin Richardson a promising newcomer to the squad. Powell and Miller both earned 1st Team All-MMAC honors and qualified for the State Meet, with Kelly earning 2nd team honors and Wright receiving Honorable Mention accolades.

Says coach Powell, "Our runners have really stepped up and committed to putting in off-season mileage. We're hoping that this translates to better finishes as a team.

"I'm confident that the O-E boys will again be in the hunt for a conference championship this year. It is also important to note that Birch Run will be joining our already competitive league.

"Last year our O-E girls clinched their third straight conference championship. They will again be battling it out with several teams, including New Lothrop and Chesaning for top honors this season. Birch Run will also have some talented returning runners."



OVID-ELSIE SIDELINE CHEER: Front row (l-r): Hailey Miller, Rachel Spitzley, Amy Davis, Audrie VanDeusen, Memarie Brasseur. Middle row (l-r): Victoria Dennis, Kira Schmidtfranz, Peyton Milz, Aubrey Parkhouse. Back row (l-r): Coach Sarah Nichols, Sophia Passmore, Lianna Shearer, Kiana Brown, Coach Madison Zemla.
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O-E Sideline Cheer Returns in 2024

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie coach Sarah Stewart returns from a 13-year hiatus to head up the Marauder sideline cheer program in 2024.

"We had a pretty small team last year so I didn't know what to expect. I was hoping for maybe 14 or 15 girls," says coach Stewart, "And we have 25 -- that's a big sideline of cheerleaders.

"We are learning new and exciting things to help pump up the crowd so that we can all together hype up our teams."

The girls are preparing and planning for some great Friday nights under the lights, she explains. The Marauders have 5 girls returning; the 2024 squad is made up of 8 freshman, 6 sophomores, 10 juniors and only 1 senior.

O-E's lone senior, Hannah Koutz, is in her first season on the sideline. She is a cross country runner that decided to dual-sport this season, and is a competitive cheer team veteran.

The Marauders have a total of 3 girls dual-sporting with cross country this season, also new to the sideline including Audrey Bensinger and Clarissa Baese in addition to Koutz. O-E also has five girls that are heavily involved in Band, going back and forth between cheering and grabbing their instruments and heading out on the field for the halftime performance.

"It's busy on our sideline, but we are so excited for this season and to cheer on our teams," explains coach Stewart.

Sports

Ashley Football Takes First Loss of the Season

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears traveled to Webberville to take on the Spartans in a nonleague match up to open the season and unfortunately Webberville came out on top winning 42-0. "It was a long night for us. The run was open early until they started stacking the box on us. We had some guys in spots they were familiar with, and we had some mistakes because of it" stated Coach Saylor.

Quarterback Robert Kral had 2 for 6 for 2 yards, had 11 carries for 34 yards and Seth Stahr had 20 carries, at the running back position, for 71 yards and a fumble. Defensively Gavin Malek led the team with 7 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble. Gibby Jason had 7 tackles, 2 sacks and recovered a fumble. Tristan Ringle had 3 tackles and 3 sacks.

Lady Wolfpack Gets Initial CMAC Win for New Coach, Downing Portland St. Pats

PORTLAND -- Laingsburg's varsity volleyball team moved to 2-3-2 overall -- and handed new coach Mickey Fox her first Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) victory -- defeating Portland St. Pats in four sets, 25-9, 25-18, 19-25 and 25-13.

Previously, the Wolves had deadlocked against Owosso 1-1 in tournament action; bested Carson City-Crystal 2-0 in non-league play; lost to Dansville 2-1 in CMAC action; and fell against Pewamo-Westphalia 3-0 in league action at home.

Stat leaders in the big win over the St. Pats Shamrocks were:

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-- Assists: Kendall Michels (23).

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Memorial Healthcare Receives National Recognition for High-Quality Stroke Care

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke GOLD PLUS with Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite and the Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

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Get With The Guidelines puts the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, helping ensure patient care is aligned with the latest research and evidence-based guidelines. Get With The Guidelines - Stroke is an in-hospital program for improving stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to these guidelines, which can minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death.

Memorial Healthcare also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes™ Honor Roll award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

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Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Beginning at a point 429 feet South and 414 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 13, T8N, R1W, Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, thence East 138 feet; thence South 240 feet; thence West 138 feet; thence North 240 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 146 E Maple St, Elsie, MI 48831 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT FAHEY

SCHULTZ BURZYCH RHODES PLC is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NOTICE is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00am on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kevin J. Griffin and Angela Griffin. Original Mortgagee: Luminate Bank. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None. Date of Mortgage: June 22, 2022. Date of Mortgage Recording: August 18, 2023. Amount claimed due on the mortgage on the date of the notice: \$764,106.04. Description of the mortgaged premises: Real property located in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan legally described as follows: Lot 33, Springbrook Hills No. 2 a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, T5N, R2W, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 7, of Plats, Page 93, Clinton County Records. The real property is commonly known as 3363 Silver Spring Drive, Dewitt, Michigan 48820. Tax Identification Number 050-457-000-033-00. If the real property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the real property is abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period may be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the real property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the real property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the real property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: August 27, 2024. Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, PLC Attn: Michael J. Cole Attorneys for Luminate Bank 4151 Okemos Road Okemos, Michigan 48864 (517) 381-0100

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OVID-ELSIE FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: (l-r): Macy VanEtten, Adalyn Polash, Avery Rowell, Carly Williams, Marlee O'Bryant, Jaedyn Palus, Alexis Chadwick, Claire Fruchey, Madalynn Bushard, Head Coach Jessica Bowen.

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Sports



Wolfpack Cross-Country Boys, Girls Each Bring Home 3rd Place from O-E Invite

ST. JOHNS -- Running in the 23rd annual Ovid-Elsie Cross-Country Invitational, both Laingsburg teams finished in the 3rd slot in a 13-team field at Uncle John's Cider Mill here.

Teams competing with LHS in the small school division were Ashley, Bath, Burton-Bendle, Byron, Fowler, Leslie, Montrose, Morrice, New Lothrop, Perry, Pewamo-Westphalia and Pottersville.

"Ten of our runners received medals for placing in the top 30," explained Wolfpack coach Shawn Baynes. "Both teams did a great job."

The top individual finisher for the boys was Laingsburg's Noah Devereaux in 16:30.71 for a

new personal record. Also for the red-and-white, Austin Hodges ran 15th in 18:50.14, Felix Ramirez 18th in 19:10.45, Lucas Shastal 23rd in 19:45.6, Logan Robinson 31st in 20:40.53, Carson Helmer 32nd in 20:41.13, Will Rathka 40th in 21:30.27, James Pratt 58th in 23:56.98, Cameron Betts 62nd in 24:24.52 (personal record), Jayden Jackson 63rd in 25:02.79, Liam McDonald 69th in 25:58.65 (personal record), Andrew Stevens 70th in 26:21.89, Drake Pratt 83rd in 30:58.14, and Carter Crombley 84th in 32:40.29 (personal record).

Emily Rathka paced the Lady Wolfpack with a 4th place showing in 20:49.58. Evelyn Logghe ran 18th in 22:48.38, KiKi Rusz 21st in 23:07.27 (personal record), Addison Rusz 25th in 23:36.85, Hazel Burley 28th in 23:52.91, Samantha Gutzman 30th in 24:09.48, Elguiz Nael 51st in 27:39.69 (personal record), Madisoin Phillips 54th in 28:51.15, and Grace Knull 56th in 29:23.08.

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