

## Ovid-Elsie Area Public Schools Schedule Two Candidates for Community Open House

*submitted by Crystal Loynes*

Elsie- The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education has scheduled community open houses for the two finalists for the open superintendency. Both Michael Dunn and Mark Horak will be available to meet with staff, students, and community members. The open house session will be in the Media Center at Ovid-Elsie High School, 8989 E. Colony Rd., Elsie, MI 48831 from 4:00-5:00 on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Those in attendance will be able to fill out an input form that will then be shared with all the board members.



Mark Horak



Michael Dunn

## Big Day of Golf, Fundraising for Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award

LAINGSBURG -- Golfers prayed for good weather to accompany their first outing of they year at Pine Hills Golf Course.

And they -- mostly -- got it.

A cloudy day, devoid of rain, greeted linksters to the 4th annual Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) golf outing -- a major fundraiser for the effort, that this spring will grant a pair of scholarships to LHS seniors on Honors Night, May 20.

The winning foursome of C.J. Lott, Jake Munson, Justin Hier and Zack Goodrich fired a blistering 56 to finish 14-under and take home the top prize. They won in a tie-breaker over 2nd place team Kam Brown, Eric Nunn, Jack Bouck and Tom Turek.

The event raised upwards of \$7,000, with the LALA committee extending a big "thank you" to Pine Hills Golf Course for their gracious hosting of the event.

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

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

The LALA awards are off and running. An alumni committee of LHS grads created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund to help graduates attend schools of higher learning. Alumni are now being asked to help support a future LHS graduate attend his or her choice of schools to advance their knowledge and carry the Laingsburg Legacy to new heights. Contributions can be of any amount at the donor's discretion; a typical gift is just \$100 per year.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, can contact Christian Ragsdale, Class of 2013, at 403 Haley Court, Laingsburg, MI 48848, or Tom Turek, Class of 1975, at [tomturek20032003@yahoo.com](mailto:tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).



*The winning foursome of Jake Munson, C.J. Lott, Justin Hier and Zack Goodrich fired a blistering 56 to finish 14-under and take home top honors from this year's Wolfpack Legacy Golf Outing. If you're interested in joining support for the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award, please contact Tom Turek at [tomturek20032003@yahoo.com](mailto:tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).*



## 25th Annual Blessing of the Bikers

On May 4th the Church of the Living Word's will be holding their 24th Annual Blessing of the Bikers at 1100 N Ovid Rd., Ovid.

Arrival time 9:30-10:30am - Free Refreshments (coffee, baked goods)

Biker Service: 10:30-11:30am (Live music, encouraging words)

Hog Roast: 11:30am-1:00pm. \$5 (All you can eat food and entertainment)

Ride in Bike Show: Entered & Registered before 12:00 noon

Blessing: 1:00pm (Honor bikers, soldiers/veterans)

Charity Ride: For Youth Haven Ranch (Following the Blessing) \$10 per person

Raffle off prizes. Please no pets.

For more information; [www.cotlw.org...info@cotlw.org](http://www.cotlw.org...info@cotlw.org) or call 989-834-5950.



## Clinton County Couple Wins Young Farmer Award

*submitted by Jon Adamy*

Every year, young Michigan farmers ages 18-35 face off in categories geared toward measuring their agricultural involvement, leadership and achievements.

Two outstanding Young Farmers from Clinton County who competed in the Achievement category have been announced as Michigan Farm Bureau's (MFB) 2025 Young Farmer Award winners: Zach and Ronna Wagner.

"Our Young Farmer award winners and finalists represent the future of Michigan agriculture: leaders who advocate, innovate and elevate our farming community," said MFB Young Farmer Manager Katie Eisenberger. "Their passion and commitment make lasting impacts and we're proud to celebrate their contributions."

The Young Farmer Achievement Award recognizes successful young farmers (individuals or couples) who derive a majority of their income from an owned production agriculture enterprise and showcases their achievements in the business of farming.

The Wagners are first-generation farmers, raising 3,600 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and beef cattle. In addition, Ronna works a full-time job with Munters Corporation.

"We're most proud of growing to where we are today and how hard we worked to get here," said Ronna Wagner. "Starting from one tractor and 14 acres in four different fields — to farming 3,600 acres today — is an achievement we are humbly proud of."

Future plans include a grain-handling facility to improve efficiencies and to farm more ground closer to home.

"Through Farm Bureau we have gained a network of like-minded people and resources," she said. "Being involved on our county board has also increased our community involvement."

Also vying for this year's Achievement award were Mecosta County's Amanda Carey Goodfellow and Blake Gordon of Sanilac County.



Zach and Ronna Wagner

## Spring Spruce-Up in Ovid

The Ovid Lions Club will be holding a Spring Spruce-Up in Ovid on Sunday, May 4th from 11am-2pm at Gumaer Park.

Want to help clean up the City? It's the 5th annual spruce-up and this year the Ovid Lions Club along with the student led Marauder Athletic Council will be raking, picking up sticks, pulling weeds and spreading mulch.

Please bring a rake if possible. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

To sign up or for more information please contact Holly at 989-666-2215 or [allsmileshkh@aol.com](mailto:allsmileshkh@aol.com)

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## Join Hand Day Project Invites Volunteers

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Volunteers are invited to join the ZCJB Lodge (401 E Main St., Bannister) on Saturday, May 3rd in their Join Hands Day project, making needed items for hospice and nursing home residents. Workers will be making clothing protectors, neck pillows, catheter bag covers, hand pillows and more. Help will be appreciated anytime between 8 am and 4 pm. A potluck lunch will take place at noon. There is a job for everyone! People are needed to sew, iron, stuff pillows and make gift tags. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it but we will also have extra machines available.

Join Hands Day is a national initiative of fraternal organizations which encourages multiple generations to “join hands” to complete a community service project. For more information please call 989-862-5378.

## Spring Treasure Sale!



St. John's Lutheran Church

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## Social

### Fairfield Township Annual Roadside Clean Up

submitted by Spencer Frink

The Annual Roadside Cleanup has been scheduled to be held April 26th thru May 3rd, 2025. Those wishing to participate may pick up a safety vest and garbage bags at the township hall or by contacting any township official.

The trash container located at the hall is only to be used for materials collected from roadsides within Fairfield Township.

A luncheon will be available at the township hall on Saturday May 3rd at noon for all volunteers.

Volunteers are needed – please spread the word.

For questions concerning the annual Roadside Cleanup contact Spencer Frink 989-640-8126 or Rick Zemla 989-666-2159

PLEASE - NO USED TIRES, TOXIC MATERIALS OR PERSONAL REFUSE

### Mint Country Garden Club Meeting

submitted by Cherie Delger

The Mint Country Garden Club will meet Thursday, May 1, at 7:15 pm. We will meet at Clinton Commons community room, located at 1105 S. Scott Road in St. Johns. Our speaker, Chris Swinson, of Mycophile's Garden, will be speaking on mushrooms.

Questions to Cherie 989-277-7788-leave a message. Come join us!

### Plow Day at DeVries Nature Conservancy

submitted by Jessica Hickey

DeVries Nature Conservancy invites the public to their Historic Plow Day and Pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9am to 2pm. Several horse teams will be on site to plow the sunflower field the old-fashioned way. Admission is free and will include live bluegrass music, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a petting zoo. The nature center and Carriage & Sleigh Museum will also be open for visitors.

In addition to the Plow Day activities, there will be a Pancake Breakfast (9am to noon) and Native Plant Sale (11am to 2pm). For the early birds, there is a Bird Club hike at 8am. DeVries Nature Conservancy is located at 2635 N. M-52 in Owosso. For more information, visit [www.devriesnature.org](http://www.devriesnature.org) or call (989) 723-3365.

### Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

The Color Our World Bookmark Contest is in full swing. Please stop in and grab an empty bookmark. You can use your imagination no matter what your age. The contest is open until April 30. After that, we will have the bookmarks displayed for anyone to judge through May 19th. The winners from each category will have their bookmarks displayed as our official bookmarks during the summer reading program and published in “The Meridian Weekly.”

The Elsie Library Book Club is reading “The Maid” by Nita Prose for our meeting on May 8th. Our next book is titled “The One Hundred years of Lennie and Margot” by Marianne Cronin.

The weather is getting better for the free zoo passes from Potter Park. The pass covers everyone in your car. There is a picnic area, so you can take your lunch with you and enjoy a family day!

Soon we will be hosting a Potter Park Zoo program on May 19th. Personnel from the Zoo will come and teach us about their animal world. –Mark this one on your calendars!

One of our patrons has had a book published. Peggy Smith wrote “Not From Me Ever Again.” Peggy shares her life as she falls into addictions trying to escape her anger, anxiety, depression and self-destructive lifestyle. Eventually the chaos leads her to reach out for help one last time. Peggy will be here at the Elsie Public Library on May 3rd, from 11:00am through 1:00pm, to discuss the book and possibly sell you a copy. You are invited to come and meet our new author. Snacks will be provided.

New books, DVD's and magazines continue to be added to our shelves almost daily. Surely there is something here for you to enjoy!

### Ovid Public Library Happenings

On Wednesday, April 30 Jackie Medley, RN,BSN, Natural Health Practitioner, will be at the Ovid Public Library presenting her class: Muscle Response Testing. Please Join us at 5:00 to learn what this is and how it works. This program is free and open to everyone.

Just a reminder that we have lots of books for sale at the library. All book sales are by donation. We have been blessed with many donations lately. If you are bringing in donations, please only bring us gently used books. If your books are wet, musty smelling or covered in animal hair or feces please just recycle them because we cannot accept books in that condition.

Our next Children's Story Hour will be Friday, May 9 at 10:30. We will be reading some books honoring Mothers and plan to make a Mothers Day craft. We hope to see you there.

#### BID FOR SCIOTA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY SEXTON:

Sciota Township is accepting 4-year contract bids for Cemetery Sexton through Sunday, April 13th, 2025. POSITION DESCRIPTION: Interment for burial of cremains or caskets and knowledge of cemetery laws and burial procedures. Requires independent judgment in determining methods of completion to carry out assignments. Duties include working knowledge of techniques, materials and practices of gravesite interment; interaction with funeral directors and families, either in person, by telephone, or in writing concerning burial directives for cremains or caskets; installs markers and headstone monument foundations, provides burial information to the township clerk for record keeping purposes; coordinates with branches of the military for the delivery of military markers and marker installation. Must be available to work Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday weekends, if necessary. Some proficiency with computer skills is necessary for public communication and invoicing. Submit full name, business address and email, 10-digit telephone number with dates of applicable experience and summary of work performed, 2 letters of reference, proof of license (LLC/DBA) and insurance, along with proposed fees/rates for the following work services.

| SERVICE   | RATE |
|---|------|
| Foundations (Marker size plus 2" border) quote \$ per square inch |      |
| Coordination of and Installation of Military markers              |      |
| Opening and Closing Regular Burial (Weekdays, Year-around)        |      |
| Opening and Closing Regular Burial (Sat-Sun and Holidays)         |      |
| Opening and Closing Child Burial (Weekdays, Year-around)          |      |
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Criminal background check required post-employment offer. Bid may be sent by email to [clerk@sciotatownship.net](mailto:clerk@sciotatownship.net), OR by USPS mail to: Sciota Township Clerk, 8430 W. Parker Rd., Laingsburg MI 48848-9640, OR by placing a bid in the clerk's drop box at 8430 W. Parker Rd.. Questions? Contact the clerk at 517-651-5286.



## LAINGSBURG LIONS CLUB CHICKEN DINNER

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Laingsburg Early Childhood Education Center  
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This is Drive Thru only from 12 noon - 4:00 pm

Please pre-order by May 6th by  
scanning the QR code at right  
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\$15 per dinner

Dinner includes: Chicken (BBQ or Plain), Baked  
Potato, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert







*Forestry: (l-r) Tristan Ringle, Carson Litwiller, Gibson Jason, and Seth Stahr*



*Agronomy: (l-r) Robert Kral, Gavin Malek, Caiden Russell, and Mayson Giles*

## Ashley FFA

The Ashley FFA Competed in the 2025 FFA Skills Contest on Friday, April 11th at Michigan State University. The Forestry Team consisting of Tristan Ringle, Carson Litwiller, Gibson Jason, and Seth Stahr were crowned as State Winners competing against 67 teams in the state. They will be headed to National Competition in Indianapolis in the Fall. The Agronomy Team also ranked well but fell short of a placement. Team Members Robert Kral, Gavin Malek, Caiden Russell, and Mayson Giles placed 17th out of 50 teams.

## Welcome to Wellness Eats Cafe at Memorial Healthcare

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso —The Wellness Eats Café is now open at the Memorial Healthcare NOW Building at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso!

Memorial Healthcare is excited to introduce Wellness Eats Café, your new destination for fresh, nutritious, and delicious meals. Taking the place of The Big Salad, our new café is dedicated to providing our community with wholesome, satisfying food options that support a healthy lifestyle.

At Wellness Eats Café, we believe that good food fuels good health. That's why our menu is designed with nutrition, quality, and taste in mind, offering a variety of balanced meals made from fresh, wholesome ingredients.

Whether you're a patient, visitor, or staff member, Wellness Eats Café is here to offer healthy, satisfying meals to keep you feeling your best. We're proud to be part of a health-focused community that prioritizes well-being from the inside out.

We invite you to stop by, explore our new menu, and enjoy a fresh, delicious meal made with your wellness in mind. Hours are: Monday – Thursday, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, and Friday, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Together, we're building a healthier community—one meal at a time!

To learn more about Wellness Eats Café food options, please visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).

## Elsie Lions Club Blood Drive

*submitted by Doug Sturgis*

The Elsie Lions Club will be holding a Blood Drive on Friday, May 9 from 11:00am - 2:45pm at the Elsie United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main St.

To schedule an appointment log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor cod Elsie) or call 1-800-733-2767.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 mintues by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



### SCIOTA TOWNSHIP 4-YEAR BID FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES:

Sciota Township is accepting janitorial bids for the township hall through Wednesday, May 7th, via USPS mail service, email, or by placing a bid in the clerk's drop-box located at the mailing address driveway. POSITION DESCRIPTION: Includes dusting all high and low vertical surfaces including windows, blinds, cabinetry, and file cabinets; spot clean walls, baseboard and cove moldings as needed; vacuum carpet, sweep and mop floors in foyer and bathroom monthly. Take down lighting fixtures to remove bugs from light lenses (April-September), sweep carpeted exit stairway. Cleaning services are arranged on a monthly schedule; however, the clerk may request additional specialized cleanings or deep cleanings in anticipation of an election. The estimated monthly cleaning time is 1.5 hours per month. Cleaning products and garbage bags should be included in both monthly and hourly rate. All waste materials must be removed from the premises. Please include a 1) once-per-month rate for cleaning services, and 2) an hourly rate of service. The township should be invoiced at cost for toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and light bulbs, with original receipts included. Submit a resume including business and person name, email and local address, telephone number, dates of applicable experience and summary of work performed, 2 letters of reference, along with the proposed monthly fee and hourly rate. Include a copy of business license (LLC/DBA) and insurance with bid; criminal background clearance required post offer. Township hall physical location 3990 Leland Rd, Laingsburg MI 48848. Contact the clerk for hall viewing.

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
Office: 517-651-5286  
Email: [clerk@sciotatownship.net](mailto:clerk@sciotatownship.net)

### Public Notice

Storage facility location:  
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Settlement date to resolve  
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Public notice of sale or other disposition- SECOND NOTICE 4/27/25  
Newspaper contracted to publish  
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May 9, 2025

Description of unit contents:  
Miscellaneous items with or without  
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Owner/manager actions: All items  
will be sold and or discarded. Upon  
removal of all items the unit will be  
restored to a functional, safe condition,making this unit available to  
other prospective tenants.

This action is pursuant to self-storage  
facility act 570.521  
1986-March-31, State of Michigan

### City of Ovid Regular Meeting April 14, 2025

#### Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

#### Roll Call:

M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

#### Guests:

There were 8 people in attendance

#### Agenda:

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the agenda as presented.  
Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

#### Minutes:

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2025 Regular and Closed meeting as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the minutes March 27, 2025 Special and Closed meeting with correction. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

#### Invoice/Check Register:

Council Member M. Soliz motioned to approve the invoice/check register from March 12, 2025 through April 15, 2025 for a total of \$102,919.69 Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

**County Commissioner:** 7:06 PM- 7:11 PM

**Open Public Comment:** Opened 7:11 PM Closed: 7:11 PM None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kusnier reviewed her report.

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to amend the budget line item 208-751-975.002 Park Improvements expense line to \$1,040.00 from \$0.00.

Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

#### Report Motion:

Council Member E. Brown motioned to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

#### New Business:

a. GoGov Notification App: Council Member E. Starn motioned to continue the GoGov notification contract from 6/1/2025 to 5/31/2026 for a total of \$3,852.00. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

b. Revise Web Service- Council member E. Brown motioned to continue the Revize Web Service agreement for the next 3 years, 2025-2028, at a renewal rate of \$1,200.00 per year. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion Carried on Voice vote.

c. Pay App #13 and USDA Estimate- Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve pay app #13 and USDA estimate #4 and authorized the Mayor to sign all documents. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

d. Hazard Communication Policy- Council Member L. Perrien motioned to adopted the Hazard Communication Policy with corrections and updates of the Mayor as Safety Director and DPW Superintendent listed as program Director and to have it become effective immediately. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

e. Technology Policy - Council Member M. Olger motioned to adopted the Technology Policy with corrections and addition of regarding police department policy and to have it become effective immediately. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

f. Travel Policy- Council Member M. Jones motioned to adopted the Travel Policy as presented and to have it become effective immediately. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

g. Juneteenth Holiday-. Council Member E. Brown motioned to include Juneteenth on the recognized list of paid scheduled holidays. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

**Old Business:** None

#### Committees:

a. Park & Rec/ Hall & Grounds- E. Starn briefed the council on park improvements and needs. Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve Trinity Church to build and maintain a butterfly flower box in city square at their cost. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

#### Adjournment-

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

*Respectfully Submitted by  
Susan Tomasek Swan  
Clerk*



# Obituaries

## Eugene Earl "Gene" Peterson

Eugene Earl "Gene" Peterson, age 83, of Owosso, MI, passed away Thursday, April 17, 2025, at MyMichigan Medical Center-Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan.

Eugene was born in St. Johns, Michigan on November 13, 1941, the son of Lawrence S. and Doris Jean (Ferrall) Peterson. He graduated from Elsie High School in 1960. Gene proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was very active with the American Legion Post #502. He attended First Church of Christ, Owosso, Michigan and Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, Michigan.

Gene enjoyed watching racing, and ice hockey. He liked to go camping, and fishing. He liked to create things with plastic canvas. He loved his family and spending time with them. Gene was a dog lover.

He is survived by four children: David (Michelle) Peterson of Salem, IN; Donald (Martha) Peterson of Elsie, MI; Dawn Peterson of Fenton, MI; and Paul Peterson of Owosso, MI; three grandchildren: Michael (Misty) Peterson, Stephanie Hart, and Holly (Gage) Hart; four great-grandchildren: Korbin, Alexis, Jeremiah, and Ashara; his brother Benjamin Peterson, sister Ellen Bearup, his dog Katie, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Doris (Bill) Whalen, and father Lawrence (Ethel) Peterson.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Friday, April 25, 2025, with Pastor Mark Walter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Elsie Area Fire Department, or the charity of your choice. 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.



## "Memento Mori"

*"But the Lord is with me like a dread champion (Jeremiah 20:11)."*

It's safe to say we've all forgotten the infamous Amy Archer-Gilligan by now, who was strangely enough born on Halloween in 1868, and her famous Hollywood adaptation few remember. Allow me to jog your memory a bit, or reap a new one for you, grim as it is.

Amy shocked the country in 1916 by pretending to be a caregiver for the elderly who killed 48 people in her Windsor, Connecticut home, with at least five murdered by poison. The death penalty was ordered after five bodies were exhumed on site and found to be full of arsenic (she sent her own clients to buy arsenic for her at the drugstore!).

One of my top five movies of all-time was inspired by this serial killer...Frank Capra's comedy, Arsenic and Old Lace (Cary Grant, 1944). On his wedding day, Mortimer Brewster discovers his two sweet old spinster aunts are poisoning lonely old men with arsenic-tainted elderberry wine and buried a dozen in their basement...as a kindness!

Our fascination with Death knows no bounds. A forgotten Latin phrase comes to mind, Memento Mori, which means, "remember that you must die" or "remember death." How strange to "remember death" in a classic Halloween comedy film from this horror hotel, even copying into the film Amy's grisly tact of advertising in the newspaper for boarders!

Or consider the 1921 painting, Victoria Mortis by Owe Zerge, depicting a naked boy losing a chess game to a creepy skeletal foe. You may recognize Mortis in Zerge's Latin title as in "rigor mortis" (stiffness of death). Add Victoria and with a confident Death leaning in on the hapless teen, the intended translation is quite clear, "Victory of Death."

I prefer my favorite artist's take on Death, Winslow Homer's The Life Line (1884). A soggy sailor rescues a stricken woman from a storm, cradled safely in his arms on a breeches buoy cable from her ship. Lifesavers were real heroes, now also forgotten, and the precursor of our Coast Guard (picture a basket hoisting that woman into a helicopter).

The Lifesavers (on coast guard duty from 1872 to 1915) had a biblical motto, "You have to go, but you don't have to come back." That rings of Christmas ("I have to go to rescue them") and Good Friday ("but I'll die in the attempt."). Ah, but imagine the surprised look on Death's face when God's mystery was revealed on Easter morn! "If they would have understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)."

If I painted Death it would have two panels, a bloody, unrecognizable Jesus playing chess with a smug, arms folded Death, and the nude boy cowering behind Him in abject fear. The

next panel would be Jesus aglow as his risen dread champion, and the boy pointing with glee at the chessboard. The title would be Novissime Movetur, "The Last Move."

Like the Lifesavers, Winslow, and Amy Archer-Gilligan, Johnny Hart is mostly forgotten today too. He was a popular comic strip artist (think Charles M. Schulz and Peanuts), with his B.C. strip about cavemen, and a real treat in our Sunday newspaper. My favorite B.C. comic strip had only three panels to convey Hart's genius.

In the first panel a thoughtful caveman is seated, staring off into the distance, and says, "I hate the term 'Good Friday.'" His fellow caveman is puzzled, and asks, "Why?"

In the next scene the forlorn caveman replies, "My Lord was hanged on a tree." His buddy asks a second question. "If you were going to be hanged on that day, and He volunteered to take your place, how would you feel?"

Still sad in the last panel, he manages only a single glum word. "Good." The other caveman walks off and with Johnny's clever insight says, "Have a nice day."

Should we remember Death, be aware of our mortality in paint, film, and cartoons? I think so, but not as a morbid victor, but as God's mystery move that was eventually and eternally "good" for us. Rolling away His stone was a checkmate Satan never saw coming! And so, I say to you, I hope you had a very Good Friday remembering that!



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Pastor Phillip Rogers

### Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg  
517-651-5531

Worship Service: 10:30am  
Pastor:

Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

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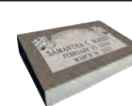
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## Editorial

### Thank you

#### Letter to the Editor:

Leonard Elementary and E. E. Knight Elementary schools each hosted a Career Day on Friday, April 18th. We extend our deepest gratitude to all the incredible volunteers who generously shared their time, talents, and stories with the children of our community. Your passion and insight inspired our kindergarten through 5th grade students and opened their eyes to a world of possibilities. Your dedication made this event a memorable and impactful experience for all!

Our Leonard presenters included the following: Ryan Vohwinkle (Ovid Police Department), Dan Lupu (Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department), Mary Perrien (Ovid Post Office), Leah Rasch (U of M Health Sparrow Nurse), and Taylor Fabus (Fabus Farms). E. E. Knight presenters included the following: Danielle Collins (Michigan State Police), Barbie Kolodica (Bellingar Specialty Meats), Robin Olson (Just Groomin' LLC), Tony Strachota (C & S Electric), Melissa Jones (OEAS School Nurse), Brooke Ladiski (PiggyTails Hair Salon), Sue Zalecki-Kadlek (AgroLiquid IQ Hub), and Ann Trierweiler and Kathy Steinhorst (Elsie Public Library). Thank you for helping to shape the future!

*Leonard Elementary and E.E. Knight Elementary Students and Staff*

### Vote Yes on Bond Proposal

#### Letter to the Editor:

On May 6th our community will vote on a school bond proposal for facility improvements throughout the school district. Many of the district's older facilities such as Eureka Elementary, Riley Elementary and the Bus Transportation Garage are in serious need of renovation or replacement. These needs are addressed in this proposal. New and improved security and safety systems which are sadly a necessity in today's world, are also included. Needs in the areas of Career and Technical Education, Athletics, Fine Arts, Early Childhood Education and reduction of class sizes will also be met with the passage of this bond proposal.

As a former St. Johns Public School student, I feel fortunate that the generations before me realized the value of financially supporting the Public School system through the passage of Bond and Millage proposals. On May 6th, I hope you will join me and support the children of our community by voting YES on the current Bond Proposal.

*Alan Gove, St. Johns*

### Shiawassee Arts Center is Offering a Watercolor Basics for Beginners

*submitted by Linda Ruehle*

Watercolor Basics for Beginners will be Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 9:30 to 11:30am. Instructor - Local award winning watercolor artist, Lisabeth Curnow

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Dear Andy,

For the past five years, I have been running my own business in my home state, so my parents could have more grandparent time. It has been working out nicely and I know my parents have enjoyed having me closer to home, while developing a stronger bond with their granddaughters.

On Spring break last week with my daughters, I had the opportunity to spend several days with some friends I previously worked with for nine years in Florida. The company has made some outstanding changes and improvements with new owners. They have offered me a position with opportunities that would enrich my life, as well as, my daughters. The job is seasonal, due to the intense summer heat in Florida; the position starts in September and runs through May. We can still spend our summers in Michigan and of course, my parents can visit any time. The logistics of making the transition are doable for us and I intend to accept the position.

The new owners have invited me to work at a 10-day event next week. I could budget the time and the salary would double with this job change. My clients would not be neglected while I was gone and I would need to make a few appointment changes. However, I am concerned about my 10 year-old daughter taking that much time off school, if I brought her with me OR leaving the responsibility to others to care for her while I was gone. My parents said they would be available to cover for the 10 days. The oldest daughter, who is college age, said she would also help.

I have considered all the pros and cons; the pros win. But, I feel uncertain about rescheduling my clients and returning to Florida when we just got back from a spring break vacation in Florida. I feel like I should be getting things in order to make the big move at the end of August. What to do? What do you think I should do? Practical Single Mom

Dear Practical Single Mom,

Understandably, when you are a single mom, there are so many other people and situations to take into consideration before making a wise decision. You sound very sensible and cautious. I may be a little more impulsive, but I think I would most likely take the 10 day experience to see if it is really what you want to do before taking the big leap at the end of summer. Ten days can go fast with a Grandpa and Grandma and a 10 year old. You would have the opportunity to embrace the job without worry, of your daughters' care. You can Facetime or Skype every day. Children are resilient and do not have the same concept of time as adults. The time will go fast. I would be concerned that your daughter would be leaving her friends and changing schools. I recommend you guide her closely with her adjustment, if you decide it is best for everyone for you to transfer to another state.


The Florida business must sincerely appreciate your skills and expertise by giving you an opportunity to test the waters... prior to the actual big move. Also, being with friends for a few days over vacation is not the same as actually working the job or adjusting to the "positive" changes with the new owners. I would say GO FOR IT! Take the 10- day Job! Hop on a Flight! Say Yes! You may have some doubts, which could have you run for a pint of double chocolate chunk ice cream, but be brave, take destiny into your own hands.

Only you can weigh the Pro's and Con's when making short-term decisions and making big moves. Follow your instincts and listen to your inner values. Assess your work ethics and current obligations. The test drive will indicate how courageous you are in making the bigger decision, but you will also reap the rewards you are meant to have in your life.

Making a decision to take the 10-day opportunity would help bolster your confidence in finalizing the big decision of relocating. BE BRAVE FOR THE LIFE YOU WANT AND DESERVE! Feel the reward of overcoming fears. Take a chance and know that taking risks always pays off, one way or another. My best advice is to make the decision based on your values and instincts. As soon as you make the decision, go for it. You'll know if you made the right one. The reward in making a decision is that you can always make another decision and take another path or move back. Best Wishes and Success, Andy

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## Sports

### Wolfpack Thinclads Compile Perfect 6-0 Mark at CMAC Triple-Dual at PHS

POTTERVILLE -- Laingsburg's varsity track teams ran to an unblemished 6-0 record opposite Lansing Christian, Dansville and the host Vikings in a CMAC triple-dual here April 23.

The Lady Wolfpack prevailed 73-41 over Potterville, 64-49 over Lansing Christian and 87-23 past Dansville.

The male Wolves won 70-52 over Potterville, 105-15 over Christian and 89-33 over Dansville.

The Wolfpack girls were led by Emily Rathka's 1st place in the 1600 m run (6:06.32) and 1st in the 3200 m (14:06.26), the 4x100 relay team (Brooklyn Miller, Sara Hart, Abby McNeil, Edie Zacharda, :57.52), the 4x200 relay (Miller, Samantha Magyar, Hart, Evelyn Logghe, 2:04.48), and Mallory Woodbury (4'8") and Jocelyn Ijames (4'0") placing 1st and 2nd in the high jump.

Evelyn Logghe placed 2nd in the 800 m run (3:00.68), as did the 4x800 m relay (Rathka, Logghe, Hazel Burley, Jayden Foltz, 12:05.15). Ella Mohny was runnerup in the shot put (28'7.5") and discus (75'3.5"). Zacharda and McNeil leapt 2-3 in the long jump, 13'2.25" and 13'0", respectively.

Brooklyn Miller ran 3rd in the 200 m (:31.31), and Edie Zacharda 3rd in the 100 m hurdles (:18.70).

Topping the male Wolf effort was Grey Sequin and Carson Helmer, 1-2 in the 200 m dash (:23.80 and :24.61); Noah Devereaux (10:24.04) and Felix Ramirez (11:36.73) 1-2 in the 3200 m run; Keaton Dietz (:17.68) and Caiden Nidefski (:21.02) 1-3 in the 100 hurdles; Dietz (:49.99), Nidefski (:50.94) and Andrew Park (:57.44) running 1-2-3 in the 300 hurdles.

Mitchell George won the high jump, nosing out teammate Leandro Dolega-Caceres in a tie-break, both leaping 5'10."

Shaun Mills (128'0") and Charles Dehnert (120'1") finished 2-3 in the discus.

In the relay events, LHS won the 4x100 (Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Mitchell George, Helmer, Sequin, :45.68), and the 4x200 (Dietz, Nidefski, Marlon Graham, Dylan Witgen, 1:43.69). The 4x800 relay quartet (Devereaux, Shastal, Robinson, Ramirez) finished 3rd in 9:27.24.

Lucas Shastal was runnerup in the 800 m run (2:26.23), and Logan Robinson ran 3rd in the 400 m (:55.0).

### LHS Baseball Team Rocked to 5-1 Start to 2025 Sack Season

LAINGSBURG -- After a rockin' 13-1 win at Ovid-Elsie to start the 2025 season, Laingsburg's baseball team wasn't letting its foot off the gas.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack rolled to 5-1 overall, 3-1 in CMAC play, with a 10-8 loss and 4-3 split with Fulton, and a 13-3, 10-0 sweep at Potterville.

Then came a bump in the road. A twinbill loss at Saranac started the slide, followed by a split with Dansville.

Dom Garcia took the ball for the start in the Dansville opener, allowing 3 runs over 3 2/3 innings, striking out 6 and walking 5. Colton Heaton came in for the final 3 1/3, yielding one run, striking out 3 and walking 4. Garcia and Holton combined on a solid 5-hitter, but didn't get the offensive support they needed in a 4-1 loss. The Wolves managed 5 hits: a triple by Liam Esch, and singles by Garcia, Mo Garcia, RJ Garcia and

## Editorial

### Vote Yes to Support all Students at SJPS

*Letter to the Editor:*

On May 6th Vote YES to support all students at St Johns Public Schools!

As a member of the 2025 SJPS bond steering committee, I witnessed the hard work by the committee of community members to build a proposal that was fiscally responsible, focused on educational needs, and committed to excellence.

Approximately 26% of the bond total is dedicated to the two oldest buildings in our district, our rural elementary schools, Eureka and Riley. With the improvements planned for these buildings, The Board has committed to investing in these buildings and their success for decades to come. As an honored Eureka Elementary alumnus, I am proud of the Board's dedication to our rural schools, particularly Eureka.

Passing the bond proposal will benefit our rural schools in many ways. Job one is to make sure that the learning environment is safe for our students. This bond does that. Adding secure entry and door modifications, security cameras, and ADA accessibility are examples. When our kids feel safe, they can focus on learning.

Where the students learn is important to their success. The students at Eureka and Riley will benefit from needed upgrades in the classrooms. Classroom size impacts learning. The bond addresses that for our rural students. Riley has seen significant growth in the past several years. By providing additional classrooms, students will be in classes with fewer students and get more of the one-on-one instruction that they need to be successful.

The bond is also an opportunity to grow our district from North to South. By investing in Eureka and Riley, the board has demonstrated a commitment to attracting students to our district via these important rural schools now and into the future.

People live in the country because we love our wide-open space and freedom. Our kids have plenty of room to play and we know that our neighbors will be there if we need help, and we will be there to help them. We want our kids go to school where we live, with our neighbors' kids. We know our neighbors and want our kids to develop that same sense of community. Our rural schools are our community centers. They are where we develop friendships. They are part of us for the rest of our lives.

This bond is a commitment to those ideals. On May 6th Vote Yes for our Rural schools. Vote Yes for ALL our St. Johns Students. Vote Yes for our kids.

Thank you for your continued support of all our kids.

*Roy Davis, Jr., 2025 member of the SJPS bond steering committee and proud Eureka Elementary Alumnus*

Everett Rodriguez. Esch drove in the only RBI as the Pack finally broke through for a run in the bottom of the 7th.

LHS righted the ship in a 6-4 win in the nightcap, overcoming a 4-1 deficit with four runs in the 5th and an insurance tally in the 5th. Dom Garcia led off and went 3-for-3, driving in three runs, and brother Mo drove in a pair with a pair of hits. Both Garcias ripped doubles to spark the offense. Esch swiped two steals, Dom Garcia 2, with Jake Rivet and Paxton Rodriguez adding swipes as well. Rivet went 2-for-2, and Esch, Quintin Garcia and Paxton Rodriguez also hit safely in support of Mo Garcia, who went the distance for the pitching win. He fanned 6, walked 2 and allowed 6 hits over 5 innings.



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# Sports

## Spitzley Sets New Marauder Record, O-E Track Teams Split Double-Dual

OTISVILLE -- Brock Spitzley crushed the Marauder school record in the discus, and Ovid-Elsie's track teams went 3-1 vs. MMAC competition at O'Donnell Field here April 23.

The male Marauders out-distanced Montrose, 116.5-19.5 and lost to Chesaning, 101-36. The Lady Marauders won 101-22 over Montrose, and fell to Chesaning 87-46.

Spitzley's discus heave traveled 154'9" breaking the 1992 record of 153'2" by Scott Dennison.

"We had so many personal records," said veteran coach Doug Long. "We had great weather. Chesaning is so tough, but we competed very well."

Travis Milner grabbed a pair of 1st places, in the 400 m dash (:52.79) and the long jump (19'7"). Tryce Tokar remained unbeaten in the pole vault with a 14'6" effort. Clay Powell ruled the 800 m run in 2:05.06.

Second places for the Marauders came in the 100 m dash, Owen Long in :11.65, and James Kelly in the 3200 m run in 11:31.88. Third places were clocked by Alex Wright in the 300 m hurdles (:45.16) and Marshall Leavitt in the 400 m (:56.01).

The Lady Marauders received top finishes from Jessica Kozlowski (:17.76) and Kendal Tokar (:18.33), finishing 1-2 in the 100 m hurdles. Tokar also clocked 2nd in the 300 m hurdles in :53.81.

Kozlowski and Jillian Williams also ruled the long jump, taking 1st and 2nd place with 13'7" and 13'4.5" leaps.

Kortlynn Loynes tossed the shot put 28'11" for second place. Loynes and Metta Newell were 2-3 in the discus with efforts of 85'3" and 81'0", respectively.

Audrey Bensinger (2:51.20) and Clarissa Baese (2:52.01) ran 2nd-3rd in the 800 m run. Alizabeth Throop and Avery Powell were 2-3 in the 3200 m run (17:38.33 and 21:54.11, respectively). Baese was 3rd in the 1600 m run in 6:17.20.

Tava Kvalevog recorded a third place finish in the 400 m (1:07.56).



Brock Spitzley

## Girls Soccer Marauders Remain Unbeaten in MMAC

OTISVILLE -- Otisville-Lakeville's Falcons remained winless, while Ovid-Elsie stayed unbeaten in MMAC play, as the Marauders scored a 8-0 league win here.

The Marauders rolled, freshman Madalyn Bushard leading the charge with 2 goals and an assist.

Juniors McKenzie Keck, with a goal and an assist, and Dannika Campbell with two assists, kept the attack flowing.

Coach Jerome White's Marauders improved to 3-2-1 overall and 2-0 in MMAC play.



Dannika Campbell in control of ball going down field.  
Photo by Jody Thornton

## Wolfpack Softball Sweeps Trojans

EAST LANSING -- The Laingsburg varsity softball team raced to a 9-0 lead in the opening two innings, setting the tone for a non-league sweep of the East Lansing Lady Trojans here.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack stayed unbeaten at 7-0, while the Trojans fell to a 1-9 overall.

The Wolves 11-hit attack in the opener mercied the Trojans by the 5th inning. Savvy Stirm (2 hits), Alayna Merrell, Bella Latuszek, Addy Buchin (3 hits, four RBI), Peyton Stahr, Harper Strouse (2 hits), and Willow Patterson all got base knocks. The big blow for LHS was a home run from Strouse; Buchin, Stahr and Latuszek all ripped doubles.

Stahr, Stirm, Strouse and J. Smith all swiped bases in the rout, in support of starting pitcher Buchin and reliever Stahr. Buchin struck out 7 and walked two in four innings of work.

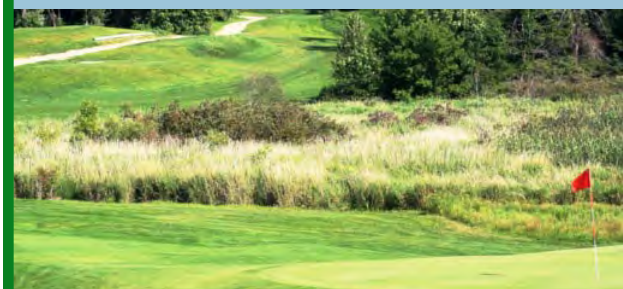
Stahr one-hit the Trojans in the wrap-up of the twinbill, firing all five innings. LHS scored 3 runs in the 2nd and 7 in the 5th to again mercy the hosts. Stirm, Merrell, Latuszek, Stahr, Makenna Johnston, Alaina Asher and JuJu Latuszek ripped hits, Stahr leading the way with three safeties including a round-tripper.

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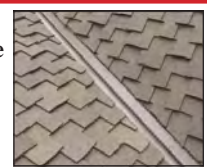
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Thank you for your assistance in being a part of the City of Ovid beautification!

If you would like to read our city ordinances, they can be found here: [https://library.municode.com/mi/ovid/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR\\_CH14EN\\_ARTIIANBL\\_S14-20CABLBLFA](https://library.municode.com/mi/ovid/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH14EN_ARTIIANBL_S14-20CABLBLFA)

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# Meet the Teams - Ashley Bears



## Ashley Varsity Boys Track

(l-r): Coach Hannah Williams, William Long, Zander Schneider, Tristan Ringle, Seth Stahr, Trevor Dolloff.



## Ashley Varsity Girls Track

(l-r): Coach Hannah Williams, Peyton Rohn, Karissa Brady, Marissa Brady, Paige Larsen.

## Ashley Track and Field Preview

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Bears had the opportunity this year to have a track team, both boys and girls have come out to give it a try. On the boys side Zander Schneider, Seth Starh, Trevor Dolloff, Will Long and Tristan Ringle. The girls are Peyton Rohn, Marissa Brady, Karissa Brady, and Paige Larsen. The team is coached by the Cross Country Coach Hannah Williams, she says “Although we are inexperienced as we have never had a track program before this group of kids brings enthusiasm to try knew things. We are looking forward to making new PRs.



## Ashley/Fulton Varsity Softball

Front row (l-r): Zoe Schneider, Jazmyne Good, Jazmyn Harrell, Jillian Gutting, Neveah Gotham, Ellie Drummond and Kaya Canfield. Back row (l-r): Assistant Coach Patricia Roof, Jillian Davis, Ali Ney, Maia Breukers, Jaci Canfield, Aubrey Smolinski, Kaci Kirvan, Hannah Warren and Head Coach Clint Canfield.

Missing: Assistant Coach Abby Case, Assistant Coach Sara Canfield, Addison Smolinski, Kerrigan Ryan, Lilly Morrison and Madelynn Hingston.

## Ashley Softball 2025 Preview

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley softball is co-oping with neighboring Pirates of Fulton. Fulton is welcoming four Bears on their team for this season: Zoe Schneider, Jazmyne Good, Ellie Drummond and Neveah Gotham. The team is coached by Clint Canfield, where his daughters Kaya and Jaci are two returning players, along with Ellie Drummond from Ashley and Aubrey Smolinski. Newcomers to the team are Kerrigan Ryan, Jazmyne Good, Nevaeh Gotham and Kerrigan Ryan. Coach Canfield says “Our team strength is that we will never give up. These girls will fight until the very end no matter what.”

## Wolfpack Golf Team Seeking to Win CMAC Again, Says Coach

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack boys golf team has teed off its 2025 season, hopeful to contend in a tough, tough Central Michigan Athletic Conference.

Veteran coach Greg Beavers has built a traditionally strong program on a strong home course, Pine Hills GC.

“We expect to be in contention with favorites Bath, Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia,” says coach Greg Beavers. “We also hope to qualify for the State Tournament as a team, and continue to develop our younger players.”

Key returning linksters are Colin Hart, Dylan Hoard, Hudson Yates, Connor Barrett, as the Wolfpack looks to make up for loss of graduated seniors Aidan Maddaloni, Seth Sivak and Austin Wright.

Jack Buckland, Austin Hodges, Dylan Koenig, and Landon Freeman are some of the younger players on the rise.

The Ashley Baseball information is not available at this time. If we receive it we will publish it.



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# Sports

## Marauder Tennis Team Whitewash Tribe, 8-0

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder girls tennis team stayed unbeaten in MMAC action with a 8-0 whitewashing of the Chesaning Indians.

Ellyanna Carman led off the shutout for O-E at #1 singles, with a 6-0, 6-0 sweep of Skylar Wissinger.

With that, the rout was on: No. 2 singles - Jenna Tomasek , Ovid-Elsie def. Marianna Escamilla, Chesaning, 6-1, 6-2. No. 3 singles - Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie def. Alycia Stilson, Chesaning, 6-0, 6-1. No. 4 singles- Grace Remenar, Ovid-Elsie def. Gabby Carroll, Chesaning, 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles action: No. 1 - Hailie McCreery and Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Casey Railing and Gwen Maike, Chesaning, 6-2 , 6-1. No. 2 - Jolene Hebler and Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Adriana Harrison and Hope Boyd, Chesaning, 6-1, 6-1. No. 3 - Emmylou Blaha and Alexis Chadwick, Ovid-Elsie def. Sophia Gross and Karlee Reiber, Chesaning, 6-0, 6-1. No. 4 - Meadow Evans and Alison Kozlowski, Ovid-Elsie def. Riley Frey and Alexyanah Griffin, Chesaning, 6-0, 6-1.

### Two matches, two shutouts: Marauder girls roll past Cavs

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder tennis team rolled to its second shutout in as many matches, with a 8-0 non-league sweeping of the Corunna Cavaliers.

Match-by-match results: No. 1 singles- Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie def. Samantha Bruckman, 6-1, 6-1. No. 2 singles - Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie def. Sierra Smith, Corunna, 6-3, 6-3. No. 3 singles - Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie def. Gracie Brandt, 6-1, 6-3. No. 4 singles - Grace Remenar, Ovid-Elsie def. Sybilla "Bill" Parker, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles - Hailie McCreery and Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Caty Janicek and Kyra Middleton, Corunna, 6-2, 6-2. No. 2 doubles - Jolene Hebler and Emmylou Blaha, Ovid-Elsie def. Ashlyn Bemke and Kenadie Croskey, Corunna, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3 doubles - Emmylou Blaha and Alexis Chadwick, Ovid-Elsie def. Alissa Spigelmeyer and MaKenzie Mangun, Corunna, 6-1, 6-1. No. 4 doubles - Alison Kozlowski and Meadow Evans, Ovid-Elsie def. Madison Brown and Brenna Kiesling, Corunna, 6-1, 6-0.

## Marauders Sweep Montrose to Garner Early Notice in MMAC Baseball Race

MONTROSE -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team kept the Montrose Rams winless at 0-4, and staked a claim as a MMAC frontrunner with a dominant victory here.

Heading into a conference home date with Birch Run this Monday, the Marauder sackers improved to 5-4, 1-1 in the circuit, crushing the Rams 20-3. O-E also won the nightcap.

Dan Topping, Corbyn Janes, Brody Howard and Jake Bowen led the offensive assault with two hits each off Ram pitchers Connor Gross and Damon Paicz. Bowen, Howard, Hunter Long and Janes drove in three RBI apiece to highlight O-E's 20 hit attack.

Long and Brown also added hits in support of Janes, who pitched 4 innings of 3-hit ball, striking out 4 and walking one, before the Marauders won by mercy rule.

O-E eeked out a 13-11 win in six innings in game two. A 12-hit onslaught was paced by Bowen (3 hits), Howard (2), Javen Belill (2), Tucker Loynes (3), Janes and Jayce Herblet. Lance Wiktorowski, Bowen, Janes, Belill, Herblet and Loynes each drove in Marauder RBI.

The Marauder trio of Wiktorowski, Blake Fabus and Bowen combined on an 11-hit effort, striking out 10 and walking 5. Wiktorowski was credited with the win.

### Owosso walks-off Marauder sackers in extra innings for non-league win

OWOSSO -- The host Trojans pushed across a single run in the bottom of the 8th inning, dramatically ending a 7-6 win over Ovid-Elsie's baseball team here.

The win, which moved Owosso to 7-1 on the season, marred a strong dual-pronged pitching effort O-E's Luke Wiktorowski and Jake Bowen. The Marauder duo combined (Wiktorowski 5 innings, Bowen 2 frames) on a 7-hitter, striking

out six and walking two.

The hosts overcame four defensive miscues to win. Owosso's Cy Thompson pitched five innings and allowed just one hit with seven strikeouts.

Clayton Fruchey, Bowen, Brody Howard and Corbyn Janes drilled hits for coach Mike Loynes' Marauders. Bowen drove in two RBI, and Janes' hit was a two-bagger. Wiktorowski, Fruchey and Howard swiped bases as O-E built a 4-2 lead heading into the bottom of the 5 stanza. The Marauders added three more to lead, 6-3, in the 7th inning before the Trojans pushed across 3 runs in the bottom of the 7th to force extra.

Game 2 was called in the second inning due to inclement weather, with the Trojans up 6-1. the single game loss dropped O-E to 3-4 overall.

## Wolfpack Golf Team Shows Dramatic Improvement From One CMAC Jamboree to the Next

LAINGSBURG -- From one conference meet to the next, the Wolfpack varsity boys golf team is showing dramatic improvement.

The Wolves totaled 223 team strokes in the first CMAC event on April 15.

Two days later, they were a full 27 shots better.

LHS scores from the 4-15-25 competition were Colin Hart 52, Dylan Hoard 54, Landon Freeman 58, Jack Buckland 59, Hudson Yates 60 and Kade McLean 62. The Wolves trailed Pewamo-Westphalia at 166, Lansing Christian 181, Fowler 188, Perry 196 andPotterville 207 at Huckleberry Creek GC, hosted by P-W. Bath drew a bye from competition.

Back to the friendly confines of Pine Hills GC on 4-17-25, P-W drew the bye leaving the Wolves (196) shooting against Portland St. Patrick 179, Bath 183, Fowler 179, Perry 193, Lansing Christian 195, Dansville 198 and Potterville 228.

Said veteran coach Greg Beavers, " "We hope to qualify for the State Tournament as a team, and continue to develop our younger players."

### Wolfpack boys keep moving up CMAC golf ladder; 3rd at PHGC

LAINGSBURG -- Lansing Christian's Nic Korrey fired a blistering 36, leading the Pilgrims to another big CMAC boys golf win at Pine Hills Golf Course.

The big news at LHS, however, was the continued steady improvement of Greg Beaver's Wolfpack golf team. The Wolves moved up to 3rd place in the most league action, carding a 187 team score to finish behind Christian (166), while Bath and Pewamo-Westphalia tied for 2nd place (174).

Laingsburg's leaders were Jack Buckland at 41, Kade McLean at 48, Dyland 49, Colin Hart 49, Austin Hodges 52 and Dylan Koenig 54.

## Marauder Golfers Battle Weather, Opponents to 1-1 Result on the Links

ST. JOHNS -- Battling the snow, wind, rain and 35 degree temperatures, Ovid-Elsie's varsity boys golf team dropped a 197-209 nod to New Lothrop in MMAC match play at The Emerald.

The April 15 league outing ended with Mike Bancroft leading the Marauders with a 49. Jayce Herblet shot 50, Tayt Kline 55 and Easton Keck 55

On April 17 at Oak Lane in Webberville -- under much more favorable 60-degree skies, coach Josh Latz's O-E linksters scored a 184-189 victory over Webberville. Ovid-Elsie scores were

Mike Bancroft 39, Easton Keck 44, Ryker Parsons 48 and Walker Lover 53.

### Marauder golf team third at Hemlock Invitational

SAGINAW — Ovid-Elsie finished third at the Hemlock Invitational at Valley View Farm Golf in Saginaw.

Michael Bancroft shot a 42, good for sixth overall for the Marauders while Jayce Herblet shot a 45, good for 12th.

# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.** NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Connor M. Tracy and Kelly Ann Tracy, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, whose address is 15217 Loxley Lane, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK, being a mortgage dated November 16, 2012, and recorded on November 28, 2012 with Document Number 5193014, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned through mesne assignments to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Quercus Mortgage Investment Trust, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 21, 2019 and recorded on November 25, 2019 and given document number 5286526 and corrected via a Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated January 23, 2020 and recorded on February 7, 2020 and given document number 5289167 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE AND 08/100 DOLLARS (\$149,579.08). Said premises are situated in the Township of Watertown, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: UNIT NO. 44, NOTTINGHAM

FIELDS CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 5106948, INCLUSIVE AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS CLINTON COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 64, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED. Street Address: 15217 Loxley Lane, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 20, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6437

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## Breezy, Cold Conditions Heat Up as Wolfpack Soccer Shuts Out Vikes

LAINGSBURG -- Breezy, cold conditions didn't stop the Wolfpack girls soccer team from heating things up here April 21.

Coach John Hill's strikers evened their league record at 1-1 and moved to 6-2 overall with their latest shutout, 8-0 over Potterville.

The visiting Vikings fell to 1-5, 0-1 in league action.

LHS scored on twin goals by Allie Brasseur and Kierra Rusz. Gwen Clark, Madison Phillips, Kendal Hoard and Payge Woodworth also added goals for the Wolves, aided on assists by Woodworth (2), Emilee Mertens, Addison Rusz, Clark, Hayden Wilson and Raegan Cousineau.

Erin Pohlod pitched another shutout in net for the Wolfpack.

### Wolfpack soccer defense shuts down Bath in big league win

LAINGSBURG -- In an early-season girls soccer showdown with Bath, Laingsburg's defense proved the difference.

Goals by Allie Brasseur and Madison Phillips carried the Wolfpack to a big 2-1 win. Assists went to Madison Phillips and Payge Woodworth on the scores.

Goalkeeper Erin Pohlod and the Wolves' defense stymied Bath throughout the second half, as John Hill's LHS team moved to 7-2 overall, 1-1 in league action.

The Bath Bees suffered their first loss in a 5-1-1 campaign, 1-1 in league play.



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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sara L. Schafer, to Sovereign Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2007 and recorded September 14, 2007 in Instrument Number 5121817 Clinton County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four and 1/100 Dollars (\$121,284.01). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 21, 2025.

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## BetterLife Bannister ZCBI Members Honored

*submitted by Joanne Fornusek*

Several members of BetterLife Bannister ZCBI Lodge #225 were recognized and honored for 50 and 75 years of membership in the association. Pictured ( back row) flag bearers: Isaac Bradley, Keegan Humm and Joe Smolka. Middle row: readers Christi Sopocy and Meggan Garrity. Front row Amy Fornusek accepting a 50 year pin for cousin Jeff Houska, Ed Fornusek (50yrs ) Carol Smolka (75 yrs), Dale Yelsik(75yrs), Diane Korienek accepting for son, Stephen (50 yrs), John Mitosinka (50 yrs) and Mary Bradley who accepted for her brother Tom (50 yrs).

## Cinco De Mayo Taco Dinner at Laingsburg American Legion

*submitted by Cindy Suggate*

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 248, in Laingsburg will be having a Cinco De Mayo Taco Dinner. This will be open to the public and will run from 4:30 to 7:00 pm on Monday May 5th. You will be able to get a Taco Meal with rice and beans for \$13.00 or loaded Nachos for \$12.00. There will also be drinks available for purchase. So bring the family out and have a good time.

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