

**City of Ovid:** Monday, May 26th at noon in front of the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. Taking part in the ceremony includes: Ovid VFW Post 8964, Elsie American Legion Post 502, OE High School Band, under the direction of Jeanine Ignash, Jack Clarkson of Trinity Church, Speakers, Larry Thayer, VFW State Jr. Vice Commander, followed by, Tori Huss, who will honor her Grandfather, Bill Aldrich, Ovid's only living WWII Veteran. After the ceremony, a luncheon will be served inside the hall, hosted by the Ovid Lions Club and Ovid Carriage Days Committee. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the hall.

**City Of Laingsburg:** Monday, May 26th at 11:00 am at the cemetery. Speaker Jon Smith, SAL Commander along with Post Honor Guard, Auxiliary & ALR Riders will take part. Following the service the community is invited to the Post Home for a flag raising and refreshments including hot dogs, chips and soda.

**Village of Elsie:** Monday, May 26th at 10 am at the Hero's Memorial. Opening prayer by pastor Bryan Simon from United Church of Ovid. Poem read by Legion Member Soctt Hall "We Remember Them." OE Band - God Bless America. Speech by Commander Valentine. OE Band National Anthem. Rifle Volly. Echo taps by Piper White and Troy Haynie. Benidiction by Pastor Bryan Simon.

**The Eureka Cemetery Association on Hyde Rd.** is having sevicees on Monday May 26th 10 am with Pastor Whipple speaking and the VFW colar guard will be present.



## Cook Family Foundation U of M Scholarship Recipients Celebrated at Annual Event

*submitted by Lorraine Austin*

The Cook Family Foundation held their annual University of Michigan Scholarship Recipients celebration on Tuesday, May 13th at the Lebowsky Center in Owosso. Over 150 family, friends, school representatives, past scholarship recipients, and other supporters attended the event to acknowledge the area's best and brightest.

"Fifty-one students, from ten high schools in the Shiawassee County area, are being recognized tonight for the scholarships they have earned to attend the University of Michigan," said Cook Family Foundation President, Paul Cook at the event. "This year, the scholarships awarded by the Foundation, the University of Michigan, and others totaled over \$726,652.00. With these awards, the Foundation will have helped more than 1,000 students attend the University of Michigan's Flint, Dearborn, and Ann Arbor campuses."

Emily Rathka of Laingsburg High School was awarded the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship, one of the highest accolades in the greater Shiawassee County region. This scholarship, recently endowed after the passing of Bruce and Jacqueline Cook, provides four years of undergraduate tuition to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, with a value in excess of \$70,000.

Emily is the daughter of Dan and Kate Rathka and is the valedictorian of her class - taking all of the AP courses available to her. She is the president of the Young Women's Club at her church, as well as the FFA Greenhand Team. Emily was the captain of her cross-country team, ran track and field, was a marching band color guard member and flutist, worked as a program counselor at the MSU Gifted and Talented Education summer camp, and also taught piano lessons - all while being dually enrolled at Lansing Community College. Emily is enrolled in UM-Ann Arbor's School of Nursing with plans to earn a BSN, with a minor in Global Health (while working as a medical assistant). Her long-term goal is to earn a Master's or Doctorate to become a nurse practitioner to work in international health in foreign and/or war torn countries.

In addition to the three students mentioned above, other recipients included, Landen Schneider-Janes, Alison Walter, Andrew Weaver, and Sebastian Wells; from Laingsburg High School: Rylee Elkins and Lieu Vincke (UM-Flint Early College; from Ovid-Elsie Area High School.



(from left to right) - Alicia Marting, University of Michigan Ann Arbor; Emily Rathka (Laingsburg High School), Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship recipient; Tom Cook, Cook Family Foundation. Photo by David-Lorne Photographic.

## Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

*by Dawn D Levey*

**ELSIE** – The regular meeting of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, May 19, 2025. The transition for a new superintendent is underway. Officials addressed a wide variety of year end reports as well.

Officials took action to appoint representation the Clinton County RESA board meeting to elect officers. The following board members were appointed to serves as OE Board Representative to attend CCRESA meeting, June 2, 2025, 5 pm Dr. David Huff and the alternate Sue Kadlek.

Board members discussed the hiring of an individual to fill the business manager position. It was noted that the position had been posted twice. The first included a human resource element, twelve applications were received and after vetted did not fit the criteria or qualified for the school setting. – the responsibilities were outlined for board members. The second posting did not include human resources; two applicants were received. One withdrew, the other was not brought back for a second interview. Dr. Wayne Petroelje reported that CCRESA will not be providing business services for Ovid-Elsie after June 30, 2025. Additional options were outlined to fill the position however, in-house is the best option. Petroelje recommended that Kaitlyn Kusnier, current business office specialist, be promoted to that position. Kusnier has proven herself as very open to adding the skills necessary to fill the business manager position. Mark Horak the Ovid-Elsie Superintendent, as of July 1, 2025, agreed with the recommendation. The personnel committee did not make this recommendation and they voiced their concern regarding the recommendation and the process used. Intense discussion followed. The recommendation passed 4-3, the dissenting votes were Becky Taylor, Susan Kadlek and Mary Thompson

Brook Wooley, board president, brought up a related topic of discussion was the role of committees. When the committees the role of each was not defined. It was assumed that committees are an advisory capacity. Not all members had the same expectations. Mark Horak has been asked what he sees a committee role. Horak would like to restructure what committees will look like. It was moved to eliminate a number of the standing committees, hiring and personnel until Horak takes the helm of the district. The only standing committee that will be retained is the Finance Committee.

Officials took formal action to approve the superintendent's contract. Mr. Mark Horak's contract was approved and will be effective July 1, 2025.

A request for a second year of unpaid leave for a teacher for the 2025-26 school year. This is a second request and falls under the master agreement. This does not set a standard or a precedence and the employee does not qualify under FMLA. The teaching position will be filled by a long term qualified substitute teacher.

Elementary school roof bids were reviewed by officials. Officials took action to approve the bid with Roof Innovations in the amount of \$362,725 for reroofing Leonard and EE Knight elementaries. Noting that four bids were received. This is the alternate bid using the TPO membrane is a cost-effective, reliable, and energy-efficient solution that meets all warranty and performance expectations.

A number of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education members requested a special board of education meeting. The request was prompted by the May 8 senior prank issues that involved toilet papering the trees near the high school and possible entry into a building that was averted by the janitorial staff. It was noted that sixty high school seniors were involved. Concerns were shared and policies were reviewed. Teacher/staff key fobs were not utilized. Security of fobs was voiced. Additional concerns were what was the punishment and was the punishment consistent with past practices. Board members are not entitled to the individuals involved due to FIRPA, student privacy. There is a need to review security concerns. With that in mind what should be involved in a special meeting. Discussion followed. Coach responsibilities and a handbook addressed regarding access to the building. The Athletic Director will be involved in the discussion. TP incident has exposed a lot. The decision was made not to have a special meeting but to address the issues at a regular board meeting at a future date.

In other actions officials took annual action to review and approve the CCRESA 2025-25 general fund budget. A virtual presentation was provided with action taken under new business items. Officials took formal action to approve the presented resolution regarding the 2025-26 CCRESA Budget. This addressed only the General Fund which reflects an anticipated 3% increase in taxable values. There is also an anticipated reduction in Federal funding.

Officials addressed and approved the NEOLA Policies and by law after the second reading. There was a lengthy list of updates which are available at the OE Administrative Business office. 15 policies and 1 bylaw – 2 rescinded the remainder revised.

Board members and the public were updated on a number of the district's programs. EE Knight Elementary updates were presented by Ms. Felicia Gingrich, school principal, a Candyland theme kicked off the year. Testing has wrapped for the year, three times a year a screener is administered to the students. MSTEP testing was completed last week; wrapped up staff and teacher appreciation week. End of the year field trips; picnics and field trips are underway. The 5th Grade Kindness Club was introduced to the board and recognized. This was a pilot program with amazing results, thirty-six members with six present to share their projects. Completed projects throughout the year starting small and progressing to larger projects – for example book marks, friendship bracelets for support staff and transportation; Christmas caroling and gifts for residents at Ovid Healthcare; spring bulletin boards. The students gave up recess time to complete the projects. Next year, plan to open it up to all of the students, possibly an after-school club for grades 3-5.

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# Social

## Ovid Public Library News

On Wednesday, May 28 Jackie Medley, RN, BSN, Natural Health Practitioner, will be hosting another class, 'What Can the Eyes Tell Us About Our Health'. This class will be at 5:00 and is free and open to everyone. Come find out what your eyes have to say about you and your health.

The Summer Reading Program is set to begin in June. Sign-up week will take place June 2-7. This year's theme will be Color Our World. We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for the summer so make sure you get signed up! Please be sure to make sure all overdue books are brought back or are taken care of before you sign up. You wouldn't want to miss out on any of the fun. If you are unsure if you have any overdues please check at the desk or give us a call.

## Temporary Pet Foster Homes Needed

submitted by Kelly L. Schafer

Giving Paws and SafeCenter are partnering to support the pets of domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors. Giving Paws is currently recruiting volunteer Temporary Pet Foster Homes as our Pet Partners. Pet Partners will temporarily house pets of those who are receiving services from SafeCenter. For more information, please visit our website GivingHappyPaws.org or contact us at ExecutiveHandler@gmail.com or text/call 989-403-5471. We look forward to hearing from you!



## 2025 Elsie Public Library "Bookmark Contest" Winners

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

In 2025 we held the 4th Annual Elsie Public Library "Bookmark Design Contest". The theme for the contest will always be the Summer Reading Program theme. The 2025 theme is "Color Our World." The Summer Reading Challenge sign up begins on Wednesday, May 28th, and remember to mark your calendars for the SRP kick off on Wednesday, June 11th at 2:00 pm!

Bookmarks designed by the five winners will be printed and distributed during the Summer Reading Program. The Library congratulates the winners and thanks all those who participated in the contest. Winners from left to right are.....

Juniper, age 18 months  
Natalya, age 10  
Jack, age 11  
Frankie, age 14  
Jessica, adult

Thanks to all those who participated. What a wonderful job!

## An Opportunity to "Get-R-Done"

On Monday, June 2, 2025, the St Johns Knights of Columbus along with the Dershem Family, is hosting a Blood Drive in Honor of Roger. He was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in August of 2021. On May 25th he will have been gone 3 years.



Roger Dershem was the example of a person dedicated to the community. "He would literally give you the shirt off his back, and never expect anything in return," explained his daughter, Diane. Roger had his helping hands in many things, from being the rental agent for the Knights, helping with the Fish Fry's to handling things at the Lions Club Recycling Center and helping with the Lions Food Wagon during the summer Music in the Park series. These are just a few of the ways he gave back to his community.

Another one of Roger's passions was to donate blood, over his lifetime he rolled up his sleeve and donated 117 Units. On Monday, June 2nd, you can show Roger's family, fellow Knights and the community in appreciation for all he did by donating blood in his Honor.

Roger's daughter, Dianne, with the help of Sports Stop has designed a T-Shirt for the event which will be available for sale at the Blood Drive and at Dershey's Cafe (\$20 each). Proceeds from the t-shirt sales will go towards developing scholarships for St Johns Seniors in Roger's name. "My Dad always put others before himself. He showed us what true love and sacrifice looked like. His legacy is one of selflessness and strength," explained Dianne.

The drive will be held at the Knights Hall, from 10:45am-5:30pm on Monday, June 2nd. The Hall is located at 1108 N. US-27, St Johns. To schedule your appointment log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code StJohnsKofC) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Roger was truly a "Ger-R-Done kind of guy, nothing would make him happier than to have his community answer the call on Monday, June 2nd.



At a recent Elsie Lions meeting Lion Roger Weyersberg presenting Sierra Snider a check for \$300 to attend the Herter Music Camp this summer!

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## Free Will Donation for Rhubarb

submitted by Margaret White

Greg and Margaret White again have their rhubarb stand located at 6895 W. M21 Ovid. This is just east of the Owosso Speedway. Each year they ask for a free will donation for the rhubarb. 100 % of the donations received go to the Elsie Area Food Pantry.

## NOTICE SEALED BIDS WANTED THE LAINGSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION IS ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE:

2007 Freightliner Chassis/Thomas Body #2 C7 CAT Motor,  
Allison 2000 Series Auto Transmission  
77 passenger - Mileage = 92,750  
This vehicle is available for inspection at the Bus Garage located at 117 Prospect St, Laingsburg, MI (517-651-2705 ext 1029)  
Bids should be sealed, marked "Bus Bid" and addressed to:  
**Kelly Zemla, Business Manager,**  
**205 S. Woodhull St, Laingsburg, MI 48848**

Bids must be received no later than 9:00 a.m., June 12, 2025, in the Business Office. Bids will be opened at that time. All purchased vehicles are purchased as is and MUST be removed no later than 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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## OE cont’ from front page

Wellness and Food Service a presentation by Melissa Jones, district nurse and Shawn Pardee, food service. The goal was to promote health and wellness for students and staff utilizing the whole child model. The focus was facilitating healthy food choice, encouraging an active life style, and overall wellness. Functional and purposeful. The activities aligned with the updated USDA/local wellness guidelines. Wellness and School Assessment Tool utilized – WellSAT which offers support for students and staff. OE scored in total comprehensiveness 92 and total strength 66, there is improvement but room to grow. The committee will be meeting 5/20/25 to set goals for the next year and they encourage interested individuals to participate. Meetings next year 9/16/25; 11/18/25; 2/17/26; 4/21/26, the high school student lounge. MSU Extension is involved as well.

Shawn Pardee reported on the digital menu system and she indicated that printed copies are still available at the elementary level. Chef Jeff’s menus have been included some good others not so much. There is the possibility of re-establishing the high school salad bar. Pardee explained that Chef Jeff was from MSU, he was at the high school and middle schools for a month, he created the menu and prepared the food and provided taste testing for students and worked with the cafeteria staff.

Technology and School safety updates, Dan Davenport reported that “Stop the Bleed” Kits have been installed in all class rooms and other spaces as identified. The kits include bandages, tourniquets and other wound care supplies. Additional training has been slated for August 13, 2025 for all staff who could not participate due to job constrictions. A terminology plan will be involve changing the language and update the plan. HB 4095 and 4096 all schools will be using the same language and terminology when referring to first aid measures and school incidents. It is due by the summer of 2026. HB 5549 – BTAM Requirement – behavioral threat assessment team required by October 1, 2026; training was held May 15.

Davenport also presented a brief update about the Michigan International Prep School, a charter school supported by Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Katie Kusnier, business manager is involved in assisting with the mandated paperwork. MIPS is in compliance there are currently 1,657 students enrolled. Parent/Student orientation is a new requirement, MIPS already has a process in place.

Next a summer technology projects were outlined. The gym will receive audio upgrades; Chromebook purchase – early purchasing using ECF funds, more repairable devices for 3rd and 9th grade; printer refresh – maintaining lease costs while replacing copy machines through Applied Imaging and Ricoh; and a server sharing agreement with CCRESA for 2025 mitigation will be updated, current server has one year of life left. Network and security enhancements are ongoing. Student Wellbeing – Chromebook Shutdown 12:10 am-4:00am; Academic benefits research shows that students need adequate sleep for academic performance; and health impact, reduces digital fatigue and supports emotion regulations. Finally, WOES will see new equipment upgrades – tuner receives for the Emergency Announcement System. Remote control – adding equipment for more remote programming.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Amber Foster; a brief overview of the program was presented. The program is evidence based, increases attendance, improves culture. This is a tiered approach. Tier 1 is implementation – teaching expectations, core expectations, reinforcing positive behavior and a consistent disciplinary system. There is a lot of positive behavior taking place and recognition of this behavior. Noting that staff are recognized for positive activities as well. “We are all in this together”. Tier 1 effects 80% of students. Tier 2 – 15% of students – student ID system; tailored interventions and Tier 3 5% of the student population. Data is monitored focusing on behavior and attendance. Overall attendance is improving; suspensions are clearly on the decline. 91% of students do not have disciplinary issues. Tier 2 is in progress.

Mary Levey, Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School director and educator, presented the annual OEAHS report. A quick overview of the program was presented; the focus of the program is academics and earning a high school diploma. The program addresses the whole student by encouraging community involvement and expanding education experiences. Students have been active in community projects such as beautification of Friendship Park in Rochester Colony; and working with elementary students at Leonard Elementary. Cultural experiences including attending the Michigan Renaissance Festival and the Tribal Cultural Center in Mt Pleasant. Board members were reminded that twelve seniors will graduate from Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School, Thursday, May 22, 7 pm.

Dr Wayne Pertroelje, reported that the following teachers will complete probationary teacher status at the end of this school year – Logan Kellogg (HS Art Teacher); Mary Levey (Alt Ed Teacher); Kristina Swisher (2nd grade), and Autum Winsor (school counselor). These teachers will receive tenure at the end of the school year, June 30, 2025.

In addition, the high school freshman seminar class will be reestablished and scheduled for the 2025-26 school year. However, the Dale Carnegie class will not be part of that class it could not be negotiated into the seminar class.

Lastly, end of the year hog roast, Wednesday June 4, 2025 at noon an appreciation to the staff, volunteers and retirees.

Public comment included a number of concerns about the behavior and bullying and lack of consequences at Ovid-Elsie Middle School. Kelsey Holmes presented officials with written documentation about recent events and a second complaint was voiced regarding students, male and female, being “panted” in gym class and in the halls. The consequences do seem to address the behavior.

Eric Jones thanked the board for extending the unpaid leave for Ms. Maddie Jones. He expressed frustration with a number of the board members, he is simply asking for time, that does not cost the district anything.

Finally, a request to establish the water aerobics class at the school, it is still needed at Ovid-Elsie. Petrolelje hopes to have an answer by the next board meeting in June.

Officials took action to approve the consent agenda. The agenda with the addition of roles of committees to the agenda, approval of the April 18, 2025, April 22, 2025, and May 2, 2025 personnel/negotiation committee meetings; approval of the minutes from the April 22, 2025; April 23, 2025; April 30, 2025 and May 12, 2025 special board of education meetings; approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2025 boards work session; approval of payment of bills and financial reports. Finally, to renew board policy 5113 to offer schools of choice an annual action item. at OEAS.

## Shiawassee County Fair Entries

*submitted by Dawn Reha*

Shiawassee County Fair, August 3-9, 2025, is only weeks away! There are endless opportunities for Shiawassee County residents of any age to showcase their talents at the Fair. Online entries from in-county residents are accepted June 1-15. The link to complete the online entries can be found on the website, [www.shiawasseefair.com](http://www.shiawasseefair.com). Need help with your online entry? Call the Fair office at 989-743-3611 to schedule an appointment and we can help you with the process!

Live outside of Shiawassee County and want to participate? We have you covered! Out of county residents are invited to enter projects in the still exhibit building or in the dog program. Out of County entry period is June 16-20.

Exhibitor Guide Books are available at the Fair Office, public libraries and at many businesses throughout Shiawassee and surrounding counties. You can also access the digital copy on the website.

Don't miss the best week of the year - Shiawassee County Fair - August 3-9.

### TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR Clinton County, Michigan PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

TO the residents and property owners of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the regular meeting of the Board of Victor Township has been changed from Tuesday, June 3, 2025 to Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI.

Victor Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon (5) days notice to the Victor Township Clerk by writing or calling the Victor Township Hall. This public notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

*Victor Township  
Lianne Prange, Clerk  
6843 E. Alward Road  
Laingsburg, MI 48848  
(517)651-2094*

### Victor Township, Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Approved Board Minutes from May 13, 2025

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 7:01 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

**Attendance:** Roll call: Present: Prange, Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles. Absent: Willoughby 8 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: none

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Sayles to approve the May 13, 2025 agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sayles to approve the April 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Pesch All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Prange to accept the May 13, 2025 Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills and Payroll:** Motion by Sayles to disburse the April 2025 bills (Paid May 13, 2025). Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll Call: Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes. Absent: Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12539-12561 in the amount of \$81,209.32.

Motion by Prange to disburse April-May 6, 2025 payroll and payroll related expenses (Paid May 13, 2025).

Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll Call: Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Absent: Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13218-13244 in the amount of \$22,601.27. (Includes reimbursable May 6, 2025 School Election payroll.)

**County Officials:** Clinton County Commissioner Nichole Fickes reported on County business. Discussion regarding the Clinton County construction of a new (or renovation of) jail facility complex on Townsend Road. To fully fund these projects will require a ballot vote of the people in

Clinton County. Commissioner Fickes will keep us informed regarding these items. Residents can check the Clinton County webpage for more information. <https://www.clinton-county.org>

**Reports:** Victor Township Planning Commission: Proposed Planning Commission's Minutes from May 6, 2025 placed on file. The proposed signs for the township cemeteries, Reed Church and Dennison School are being created. Pesch and Voisinnet met with c2ae representees and walked the Township grounds and buildings. They noted recommendations for moving forward with planned projects. The next Planning meeting is Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.

**Clinton Transit Authority 2025**

**Update:** Gail Watkins, Chairman, and Malissa Schutt, executive director, of Clinton Transit, were present and submitted the 2024 annual report. The ridership in Clinton County is in excess of 82,000 riders. Victor Township residents utilize this service for a various of purposes. It's easy to schedule a ride using the Mobile App, at MyBlueBus.com, or by calling 989-224-8127. Dispatch hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

**LSW Emergency Services**

**Authority (Fire):** Reports from April 2025 were provided to the board by representative Wiswasser. Motion by Sayles to adopt Resolution 2025-05-02, Resolution for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Agreement. Motion seconded by Wiswasser. Roll Call: Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Wiswasser: yes. Absent: Willoughby. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**Maintenance & Facilities:**

Maintenance Report: The pump at Reed Cemetery is malfunctioning. Motion by Sayles to approve up to

\$4,000.00 and authorize the Supervisor to repair or replace the pump if needed. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll Call: Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Pesch: yes, Wiswasser: yes. Absent: Willoughby. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

LSW EMS Service Agreement: After review from the Township Attorney, Supervisor Wiswasser presented the board with the proposal for Fire Protection and Emergency services from LSW Emergency Services Authority. Motion by Sayles to approve and sign the agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll call: Prange: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes. Absent Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Copies of the agreement will be available at the township hall.

VC3 Tech Support for new computers: Motion by Pesch to approve \$1,800.00 for VC3 to set up the computers for the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer. Motion seconded by Sayles. Roll call: Wiswasser: yes, Prange: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes. Absent: Willoughby. Motion carried.

**Extended Public or Board**

**Comment:** none

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried

The June Board meeting will be changed due to Office Remodel to: Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of Resolutions, Agreements, and Minutes are on the Victor Township Website ([www.victortwp.org](http://www.victortwp.org)) and at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall

Lianne Prange  
Victor Township Clerk



Charles A. Turek

Charles A. Turek, a respected member of the Laingsburg community, passed away at the age of 72 on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan in Lansing, Michigan.

Born on May 7, 1953, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Marshall and Ruth (Pfrunder) Turek. Chuck’s early years were spent in Saginaw, but he soon became a lifelong resident of Laingsburg, where he graduated from Laingsburg High School, Class of 1972. Post-graduation, he dedicated many years of service to General Motors, working in various capacities. His commitment and work ethic were evident to all who worked alongside him, and he excelled in each role he overtook.

Outside of his professional life, Chuck was a man of many interests, but none so important as the time he spent with his family. He was a loving father, grandfather, and husband. Charles is now reunited with the love of his life and best friend, Jackie, who predeceased him two years prior. Theirs was a partnership built on mutual respect, deep affection, and unwavering support.

He is survived by his devoted daughter, Jerica L. Turek-Johnson, and her husband, Jim A. Johnson, of Chicago, Illinois; his son, Benjamin C. Turek, his fiancée, Amanda Smith, and his grandsons, Jackson W. Turek and Wyatt B. Turek of Laingsburg, Michigan. His family was his pride and joy, and he instilled in them the values of kindness and generosity that he so perfectly exemplified. Chuck was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jaclyn M. (Hodges) Turek, and his daughter-in-law, Annette M. (Morris) Turek, both of Laingsburg, Michigan.

Chuck’s impact on his community extended beyond his immediate family and he was well loved by many.

In accordance with his wishes a private interment will take place at a later date at Laingsburg Cemetery.

Arrangements for Charles A. Turek are entrusted to Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of his life to the Hospice House of Mid-Michigan at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spaheasys/>.

Those wishing to honor Charles’s memory are invited to share their condolences and memories at [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com).



Obituaries

Douglas Kenneth “Doug” Hartsuff

Douglas Kenneth “Doug” Hartsuff, age 80, went home to be with his Lord, on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at University of Michigan-Sparrow Campus, Lansing, MI.

It could easily be said that, Doug Hartsuff had strengths and interests that spanned many different and sometimes eclectic directions. From his early days in the Navy to his career of many tasks for GTE, then a soft but active, quiet lifestyle after retirement, you would never see him shy away from a good zinger, or picking on a guitar, with some pretty good string skills. Always someone to conquer a puzzle of many different types, crosswords, Sudoku, or any other brain teaser, whether it was in print or on television, such as Jeopardy, he could certainly earn the nickname, “the puzzle-lator.” In fact, when “GOOGLE” doesn’t know an answer, it has to “DOUG” it.

To add to his many busy tasks and interests, he would find out how many coats of wax it takes to strip a pickup truck of paint, ride his motorcycle, or sail his boat. He never missed an opportunity to partake in the grandchildren’s performances or sporting events, always there to encourage them. Sometimes it just meant a nice trip to the coffee shop, play guitar with friends, and knock back a cup of coffee on a nice morning. And while doing all of that, he would ever keep the love of family and his dearest, Clarice close to heart.

Rest well, Douglas, father, husband, and friend.

He is survived by his wife Clarice Hartsuff of Ovid, MI; his children: Brian (Katie) Hartsuff of Corunna, MI; Crista (Bruce) Valentine of Bannister, MI; and Andrea (Mike) Graham of Newnan, GA; three grandchildren: Ezra Valentine, Braden Hartsuff, and Carter Hartsuff; his sister Barb Hale; his brother-in-law Carl Galecka; sister-in-law Chris Hartsuff; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jeff Hartsuff, and his sister Janet Galecka.

Funeral Service were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan, on Thursday, May 22, 2025, with Pastor David Stanton officiating. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



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Mary Lee Dove

Mary Lee Dove, age 79, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid, MI

Mary was born in Carson City, MI on April 18, 1946, the daughter of J. Otto and Reta Elvira (Silvernail) Gower. She graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School with the class of 1964. Mary earned a Bachelor Degree from Ferris State College and was working toward a Masters Degree.

Mary enjoyed her time working with the State of Michigan Legislators in the committees she served on and the friends that she made. Mary enjoyed trap and skeet shooting. She also enjoyed sewing, snow shoeing, and fishing. Mary was a talented quilter, making many quilts for family, friends and making custom orders to sell. She and her friends would travel all over to visit quilt shops, even visiting one in Mexico. Mary will be remembered for her caring heart and always willing to help her friends and family. Mary put love into her gift giving and would put special packages together to give, gathering items all year. She was a past member of the Order of Eastern Star. Mary and her parents were active with Eureka Congregational Church for many years.

She is survived by her son John and Margot Dove of St. Johns, MI; daughter Christina Dove, of St. Johns, MI; five grandchildren: Megan and Ashley McPherson, Autumn and Nick Leonard, Justin Fox, Nicole and Kevin Burch, and Abraham Dove; three great-grandchildren: Logan, Lincoln, and Ally; brother James Gower of Maple Rapids, MI. Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

A private burial has taken place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, MI at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ovid Healthcare Center.

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# Editorial



## Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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### "Do Staples Float?"

*"When they arrived at the Jordan, they began cutting down trees. But as one of them was cutting a tree, his ax head fell into the river. 'Oh, sir!' he cried. 'It was a borrowed ax!' 'Where did it fall?' the man of God asked. When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the ax head floated to the surface. 'Grab it,' Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it (2 Kings 6)."*

I've heard this excuse many times. "If God is real, why doesn't He just appear to me here, right now, then I'd believe." In other words, prove it, impress me, make an ax head float. The great King Herod wanted Jesus to do parlor tricks for him, but Jesus declined. Jesus knew that even rising from the dead wouldn't grab a hard heart (Luke 16:19-31).

God is not a trained monkey doing dog and pony shows on our whims. His marvelous deeds are recorded in the Bible for all to read, from a victory parade through a bone-dry Red Sea to an empty tomb near Jerusalem. "Moses and the Prophets" are enough for a soft heart, but sometimes He gives us a tiny glimpse that He really is "here, right now."

On August 8-9, 1942, at only 19, Elgin Staples was blown overboard when Japanese cruisers near Guadalcanal attacked his ship. Despite shrapnel in his shoulder and both legs, his lifebelt kept him afloat for four frantic hours fighting not to be swept out to sea.

"I began treading water, trying to stay calm as I felt things brush against my legs, knowing that if a shark attacked me, any moment could be my last."

When he was safely onboard a third ship (he was rescued, returned to his ship, but it was too badly damaged and sank), he examined the M1926 inflatable lifebelt and saw that it was made in Akron, Ohio at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company...his hometown! He decided to keep the lifebelt as a souvenir. Eventually he got sent home to recuperate.

"After a quietly emotional welcome, I sat with my mother in our kitchen, telling her about my recent ordeal and hearing what had happened at home since I had gone away. My mother informed me that 'to do her part,' she had gotten a wartime job at the Firestone plant. Surprised, I jumped up and grabbing my life belt from my duffel bag, put it on the table in front of her.

'Take a look at that, Mom,' I said, 'It was made right here in Akron, at your plant.'

She leaned forward and taking the rubber belt in her hands, she read the label. She had just heard the story and knew that in the darkness of that terrible night, it was this one piece of rubber that had saved my life. When she looked up at me, her mouth and her eyes were open wide with surprise. 'Son, I'm an inspector at Firestone. This is my inspector number,' she said, her voice hardly above a whisper.

We stared at each other, too stunned to speak. Then I stood up, walked around the table and pulled her up from her chair. We held each other in a tight embrace, saying nothing. My mother was not a demonstrative woman, but the significance of this amazing coincidence overcame her usual reserve. We hugged each other for a long, long time, feeling the bond between us. My mother had put her arms halfway around the world to save me."

Is this a huge reach, just a crazy coincidence? Maybe. I did not plan to write this column today, but is it a coincidence that today is the 80th anniversary of our victory in World War II? Maybe. But if you asked Vera Staples, who prayed for her boy 8,000 miles away, I know what she'd say. Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.

Now ask yourself this...what are the odds, that God did all that, over 80 years ago, and indeed rose from the dead 2,000 years ago (to be your lifebelt), just to get your attention "here, right now," by reading these words? You could ignore it as a coincidence, and let this Luke 16:19-31 moment float by, but I know what Elisha would say. "Grab it!"



## Have a Question for Andy?

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## Friends and Teens

Dear Andy,

I am worried about my teenage daughter. We moved two years ago to another city for my work. She switched schools in the middle of Middle school. It was tough for her to make friends. She was not happy with the move. I am worried about the friends she has found and now hangs out with. They almost always wear all black clothes and hang out at a local fast-food restaurant after school or a nearby public park or my house. My daughters' grades are great, and her attitude is getting better. My worry is the friends she has made. I am concerned she might make some bad choices and get into something illegal or in trouble. I am so worried; I can make myself go from zero to 60 with negative thoughts in a minute. What should I do? Worried Mom

Dear Worried Mom,

Worrying is quite normal, but it is a misuse of your imagination! Take a deep breath....whew. It isn't easy to switch schools at any age. Making changes and making decisions are good "character-building" traits. Keep your lines of communication open. Ask her to let you know when and where she is going to hang out and who she is with. Have her text you when she is heading home. If she forgets, just a gentle reminder that you love her and you want to know she is safe. Give her the words for a quick departure if there are signs of trouble. When someone suggests doing something inappropriate or wrong, she could say, "OMG, my mom told me I had to be home at 5:30!" Then she can take off for home.

If your home is a place they like to be, make them feel welcome. Ask questions, name, grade, love your pink hair or something nice. Don't pry and don't you hang out. If you cannot be home when they hang out at your place, leave lots of food: rice crispy treats, sodas, chips, PB&J. Teens are all hungry after school. Have guidelines, like backpacks on the porch when they go to town or the park. Be in the sunroom or family room only. Pick up your trash. Set limits on times. Some may not want to go home and feel safe at your place. BE the parent who always volunteers to drive wherever they need to go. Be attentive and a good listener. Teens want an adult they can count on...and not always their parents.

Encourage them to get involved in school activities, such as home games, activities at school, a local or school drama or after-school teen clubs. In the summer, make outdoor activities possible: such as corn hole, swimming, cards, music, art, a bonfire and marshmallows on Saturday evening, and ask them to make a bucket list of things they want to do. Give them markers and poster board and the tools they need to have fun and stay out of trouble.

Ever heard the saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Don't judge her friends or teens because they wear all black. Some cannot afford trendy clothing. Girls are still trying to figure themselves out, as their bodies change and grow into young women. Some feel protected by wearing black and dressing neutral. Some find it thinning. And, just because a girl is dressed in half shirts and short skirts does not mean they are flirty...it just a style. Most are just naïve and not that aware of themselves.

Thanks for being a parent who cares and does something about it. Andy ask\_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com



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## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

My dearest four footed friend has been most demanding of late. If I'm late from returning after MG's closes for the day, Miss Prudence ignores me as I enter the front door. She gives me at rather sour look that seems to say "how dare you interrupt my day". Finally she accepts my presence as soon as I sit in my recliner and raise the foot rest. For I have met her demands and now offer her the favored position. The lap where she snuggles in for a nice nap. At times Pru is very comical in her reactions to my actions. I am honest enough to understand that our pets can be very persuasive and controlling, I can't imagine what my life would be like if she spoke English...

This year is moving quickly. I find it hard to believe that I should have my garden ready for planting within the next week. Because I have been a bit lax I don't even have the rototilling done. So I'm not ready to plant potatoes yet because the dirt isn't dry enough to do the tilling. I have picked up the coconut matting to put into a couple of the raised beds and so now I can transplant my sweet potato vines. The onions are doing well. And the strawberry plants are almost begging to be in the ground. So at least I do have purpose. And then there is the hay field that was once my yard...

I talked with Shirley this afternoon to be assured that there was still space for me at the St Johns Farmers Market which starts on June 14th this year. And yes, the spot is still mine, wahoo!!!

I also need to remind folks that MG's Perx & Pastries will be having breakfast burritos on the 5th and 6th of June, which fall on Thursday and Friday. I'm looking forward to having them again. I suppose that I should work hard on learning how to make them(to be honest, it took me almost eighteen months to learn how to make our sausage gravy). It does take a lot of practice to get somethings done correctly.

On Monday afternoon Tammy picked me up so that I could be her navigator. We headed southwest of here to Kinley Road which we followed to crossover Sherpardsville which was near our destination. I had told Tammy about a litter of charming puppies and the hunt was on! The puppies had a Labradoodle for the mother and a Basset hound for the father. Truly and interesting mix and absolutely an adorable one. Of course a little female make the ride back with us and she was christened "Banjo". However when she reached her new destination everyone thought that her name should be "Violet". And of course the majority had their way... Little Miss Violet is settling well into her new home.

On Tuesday I slept in until eight. Roughly a three hour extension to my normal sleep schedule. Got up, took a shower and got ready for a relaxing day. Pru was not happy because she saw the signs of departure in my actions. I stopped at the shop to show Diane and Brent the pictures that I had taken of Banjo/Violet. Then headed over to St Johns to run errands have some hot tea and conversation with Margie. Which we extended to going to Knob Hill for pizza with Sally. The food was very good and we had an enjoyable time. Then back on the road to finish my tasks. I stopped to pick up a few necessities for MG's and then over to the main bank to drop off some paperwork to get a new bank account.

The building south of MG's has been sold and the Joey is already in the process of putting on a new roof. It will be nice having the building restored and put into good use. Mr Fabus came into MG's yesterday morning and walked out with a sack of cookies. Maybe his roofing project will be finished today. I know that he has more work on the interior to finish. And probably loads of stuff to remove from his property. There always is.

May God bless your lives and be happy and focused. May you reach your goals and have an enjoyable life.

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## Elsie Community Cares - We Are Not Done Yet

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie Community Cares, “It is ok, we are here to listen,” held its first community forum Tuesday, May 21, 2025. But this is not the end of the discussion. In the very near future there will be additional opportunities and activities to get together as a community please watch the paper for updates.

We would like to share the following information about coping. People who experience a sudden, unexpected event may demonstrate changes in behavior. It is important to manage your stress in a healthy way. These suggestions will help you cope and reduce the probability of long-term reactions. Get enough rest, maintain a regular diet, follow a familiar routine, accept help from others, take one thing at a time, reach out to help others, exercise (a walk is good), expect the event to upset you, talk to others about the event, and spend time with family and friends.

Again, watch for more opportunities to participate in community because we are done yet.



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## Memorial Healthcare Celebrates Hospice Volunteers

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare Hospice Volunteers were honored Tuesday, April 22, during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium with entertainment after dinner provided by Kevin Willis, Vocalist/Jazz musician.

Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Luchenbill said, “The annual dinner was held to recognize and show appreciation for our Hospice Volunteers dedication to helping our Hospice patients, their families or caregivers during a difficult time in their lives.”

Those receiving awards included:

Vernon Fire Department (Accepted by Bill Hart, Assistant Fire Chief) – Norbert Smith Award

Norbert Smith was the founding father of our program here at Memorial Healthcare. The award is given to the lay or professional person who gives unselfishly of their time and talent in promoting the Hospice concept in Shiawassee County.

The award was presented to Vernon Fire Department for their quick response to an electrical fire at a Hospice patient's home. They additionally made sure the home had temporary power, arranged for an electrician to come to the home to fix the issue, and installed new smoke detectors in the home. The Fire Chief, Dan Bannister, later that evening checked on the family to make sure everything was working properly.

Cathy Fish, RN, Hospice - Joan Mack Award

This award is presented to a Hospice or Home Healthcare staff member who has been here at least one year, has completed the Hospice training, demonstrated creativity in all areas of homecare, shows empathy with patients, their families, and with co-workers. Represents homecare positively in the community, acts as a team member and leader with homecare staff, and demonstrates a positive, uplifting attitude to all staff, volunteers, patients, their families, and the community at large.

Joan was a former employee of Memorial Healthcare Hospice and Home Health. She was given this award because she was always watching over everyone and making sure things ran smoothly. Cathy was dubbed “Mother Joan” by the staff.

Martha Sutton, Hospice Volunteer - John & Catherine Cain Award

The John & Catherine Cain Award is presented to the volunteer who contributes the greatest number of hours of patient care.

Martha serves on the Friends of Hospice Committee, manages our Hospice Flower Ministry, and is always available to volunteer with Hospice patients. Martha has donated 88 hours of direct patient care for 2024.

Jennifer Hessler - Basil Henry Award

Basil Henry was a dedicated Hospice volunteer for seven years before his health deteriorated. Even though he was very ill, Basil was still committed to the Chairmanship of the board.

Jennifer works with our Hospice Flower Ministry and makes beautiful boutiques for our Hospice patients to enjoy. She donated over 40 hours to the Flower Ministry in 2024. The recipient of this award must have completed Hospice training,



(l to r): Cathy Fish, Wendy Henderson, Becky Rider, Lori Luchenbill, Martha Sutton, Jennifer Hessler, and Bill Hart

contributed a substantial amount of time to areas other than direct patient care, promotes the Hospice concept in Shiawassee County, and shows devotion to activities of the Friends of Hospice and the Memorial Hospice Program.

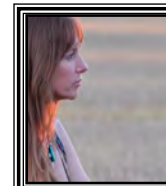
Becky Rider, RN, Hospice, and Wendy Henderson, RN, Home Health – Hospice Angel Awards

This award is given to recognize outstanding patient care, compassion and knowledge of Hospice. For 2024/25 we have two award recipients.

Becky Rider gives 110% all the time to her patients. She has covered extra shifts and patients when co-workers were not able to and exemplifies an “Angel” in many ways. One of her former patient's families complimented her and called her their Angel.

Wendy Henderson has provided many hours of on-call for the Hospice department, helping to cover when staff was not available, while still working her normal hours with the Home Health department.

Memorial Healthcare Hospice is very appreciative of our volunteers and Friends of Hospice Committee members. We are always looking for new volunteers, and training can be completed online. If you love helping people, have an upbeat and fun personality, and have a few hours of spare time, please contact Lori Luchenbill at (989) 725-2299, extension 6271, by cell number at (989) 413-7277 or by email at [lluchenbill@memorial-healthcare.org](mailto:lluchenbill@memorial-healthcare.org).



### Stress & Trauma

by LeeAnna Jakus

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# Wolfpack Sending 11, Marauders 8 to State Finals Track & Field Meet

BATH -- Track and field teams from Chesaning and Pewamo-Westphalia again led most of the team scoring, while individual thinclads from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg vied for State Meet hopes and dreams at the MHSAA Division 3 Regionals here May 15.

At the MHSAA Regionals, the top two in each event qualify for the state finals. Athletes can also qualify for states by achieving a qualifying time, height or distance. The Division 3 State Meet is May 31 at Kent City High School.

Chesaning's Indian boys team scored 134 points to easily get past Lansing Catholic (87.5). P-W was third with 85, while Ovid-Elsie recorded 4th with 73 team points and Laingsburg 10th with 28.5..

The P-W Pirates won the girls team crown with 137 points. Laingsburg placed 9th with 27, and Ovid-Elsie 15th with 6.

For the O-E boys, Travis Milner won the 400 m in :51.60. Clay Powell qualified for the State Meet in the 800 m (2:00.93).

Earlier in the season, the Marauder 4x200 relay team snapped the school record. This time out, they qualified for the State Meet in 1:30.35. The 1st-place quartet includes Tryce Tokar, Wyatt Lover, Owen Long and Milner.

The male Marauders also boasted a State Qualifier in the 4x400 relay (Tokar, Marshall Leavitt, Powell, Milner) in 3:30.91.

Brock Spitzley was also a State Qualifier in the discus, topping the Regional field with a 173'3" throw. Tokar, for the 4th year in a row, state-qualified in the pole vault, 1st place at Bath with a 15'0" vault.

On the Laingsburg side, Noah Devereaux qualified for states in the 800 (10th, 2:02.87) and the 1,600 (sixth, 4:35.35) while Leandro Dolega-Caceres (third, 6-2) and Mitchell George (tied fourth, 6-0) both qualified in the high jump.

The Wolfpack also saw the 1,600-relay crew of Logan Robinson, Carson Helmer, Grey Seguin and Dolega-Caceres (fifth, 3:33.78) move on to states as well as the 3,200-relay team of Felix Ramirez, Robinson, James Foltz and Devereaux (third, 8:28.72).

For the Lady Wolfpack, Madison Phillips won the regional title in the pole vault (9-6) with Kendall Michels also moving on to states in the event (second, 9-0). Lilli Morrill qualified in the long jump (fifth, 15-11).

# O-E Girls Bounce Back in Nightcap Improve Softball Record to 8-6 in League

OVID-ELSIE — Audrie VanDeusen ripped a home run and a triple, leading the host Marauders to a 3-1 victory to salvage a split with Byron in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) softball doubleheader.

Sadie Casaday's Marauders lifted themselves to 8-6 in league play, 12-16-1 overall. Byron moved to 14-12 overall, an even 8-8 in MMAC action.

Byron took the first game, 3-2, in a nine-inning affair. Emma Glass pitched all nine frames for the Eagles, allowing no earned runs on six hits with 12 strikeouts.

Mercades Grieder pitched 8 and 2/3 innings for the Marauders and allowed two runs on five hits with five walks and nine strikeouts. She also doubled at the plate.

VanDeusen had a huge game, as O-E responded by taking the second game, 3-1. She also got it done in the circle, pitching a complete game with one run allowed on eight hits with four walks and two strikeouts.

# Sports

# Ovid-Elsie Golf Team Suffers Six-Stroke Loss to Birch Run

ST. JOHNS — Ovid-Elsie's varsity golf team lost to Birch Run, 185-191 in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) clash at Emerald Golf Course.

Easton Keck and Tayton Kline both carded 46s, good for third overall. Michael Bancroft shot a 49 (fifth) and Tucker Loynes and Jayce Herblet each carded 50s for the Marauders.

# Ovid-Elsie 5th; Chesaning tops MMAC postseason tournament

CHESANING — Easton Keck led Ovid-Elsie with a solid round of 82 at Twin Brooks GC, while the host Indians took home the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) postseason tournament title.

The Indians were first with a score of 323, with O-E finishing 5th with 365 team strokes. Durand finished with 362, New Lothrop 364, and Byron 7th with 392.

For the Marauders, Keck finished tied for fourth overall with an 82. Jayce Herblet and Tucker Loynes tied for 22nd (94).



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# Sports

## Wolfpack Honors 1985 Champs, Rolls Past Perry in CMAC Action, 10-0

LAINGSBURG -- They honored their 1985 baseball champions with some aplomb in special ceremonies here May 14.

Laingsburg Varsity Wolfpack easily dispatched Perry, 10-0, before giving center stage to their 1985 heroes. Coach Larry McDonald's '85 team has the program's longest post-season run, advancing to the (then) Class 'C' Regional Finals after claiming a District championship.

Team members Mark Schlicher, Jeff VanLake, Ryan Hill, Dominic Brown, Dan Austin, Jon Cody, Andy Hamilton, Greg Hutchings, Jim Shaw, Mike Kientz, Matt Walters, Ed Allen, Craig Morley, Tom Hurst, Kirk Wurm, Jerry Toth and

Bill Dell were feted in ceremonies between the two games of the doubleheader.

The second game was postponed due the weather.

In the opener, Laingsburg got on the board in the first inning after RJ Garcia grounded out, scoring one run. The Wolves then added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning when Meo Garcia ripped a two-RBI single, Liam Esch singled, scoring one run, and Jake Rivet hit into a double play, scoring a run.

Dom Garcia earned the win for LHS, allowing three hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out seven and walking three. Brady Doerner took the loss for Perry, going four innings, allowing eight runs (six earned) on six hits, striking out none and walking three.

The Wolfpack ran wild on the base paths, accumulating five stolen bases for the game.



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## Lady Wolfpack, Ranked 5th in State, Goes 1-1-1 at Lake Orion

LAKE ORION — Laingsburg's varsity softball team moved to 18-8-1 -- and ranked 5th statewide in MHSAA Division 3 -- with a 1-1-1 showing at the Lake Orion Softball Classic.

Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack tied with host Lake Orion, 6-6, in eight innings in the first game. Lake Orion scored four runs in the second inning before Laingsburg tallied five in the fourth.

The game went to extras tied at five with both teams scoring one run in the eighth.

Peyton Stahr hit a three-run homer in the game while Savanna Stirm doubled twice for LHS. Addyson Buchin pitched all eight innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on six hits with one walk with eight strikeouts.

The Lady Wolves lost the second game to Clio, 9-8. The Wolfpack led 8-5 after four innings but Clio scored the final four runs of the game.

Kali Spade hit a three-run bomb as Buchin and Harper Strouse both drove in a pair of runs. Stahr pitched a complete game and allowed eight runs (three earned) on six hits with four walks and one strikeout.

The 'Pack took the third and final game over Utica, 7-3, in five innings. Buchin pitched a complete game and allowed three runs on nine hits with one walk and three strikeouts. She also doubled and drove in three runs at the plate.

Stirm doubled two more times while JuJu Latuszek tripled in the contest.

### Wolfpack again qualifies for Lansing Softball Classic; drops first game to Holt

Laingsburg's softball team has made a habit of qualifying for the prestigious Greater Lansing Hall of Fame Softball Classic.

The Wolves' 18-win season (thus far) earned them a date with the Holt Rams in the opening round of the annual show-case.

The Rams (14-6) scored their second victory of the 2025 campaign over the Wolves, this time with a 7-4 win. On May 10, Holt won another non-league tilt, 9-4.

This time around, Peyton Stahr hit a two-run homer and Harper Strouse doubled for the Wolfpack. Addyson Buchin pitched six innings and allowed seven runs (four earned) on six hits with three walks and two strikeouts.

Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack stood 18-9-1 on the season after the setback.



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

## Canadian Nightcrawler Prices Rising

With unpredictable weather this spring and a looming tariff war with our neighbors to the north this could mean at least a 25% increase in the price of Canadian nightcrawlers. The Weekly Sportsman predominantly uses these worms when fishing in Michigan, however, an afternoon of fishing can start to get expensive really fast even without a trade war. Here are



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## Chesaning Concludes Unbeaten MMAC Season with Sweep of O-E Baseball Team

OVID-ELSIE — With a sweep of Ovid-Elsie in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) doubleheader here May 15, the Chesaning Indians clinched a 4th-consecutive league baseball title.

Hard-fought 2-0 and 7-5 victories delivered the crown to Tribeland. The Indians improved to 24-6 overall and 14-0 in conference play, while Mike Loynes' Marauder club fell to 8-16 overall and 4-6 in the MMAC.

"Corbyn Janes and Lance Wiktorowski pitched really well and kept us in both games," praised the Marauder coaching staff.

Chesaning took Game 1, 2-0 as Brady Sager lost his no-hit bid in the seventh inning, but still threw a complete-game shutout with 13 strikeouts. Jake Bowen broke up the no-hitter in the final frame.

Janes pitched 6 and 2/3 innings, allowing two runs (zero earned) on six hits with three strikeouts.

Chesaning came from behind to win the nightcap, 7-5. The Marauders had a 5-2 lead after four innings before the Indians ripped off five unanswered runs.

Brody Howard drove in two runs on two hits and Bowen had an RBI for O-E. Wiktorowski pitched six innings and allowed four runs (three earned) on six hits with 11 strikeouts.

Adam Woodcock started on the mound for Chesaning and allowed five runs in 3 and 1/3 innings before giving way to Jacob Zyrowski for the final 3 and 2/3 innings. Zyrowski allowed just two hits and struck out six, earning his first career win.

Zyrowski also had the game-winning hit with a two-run double in the seventh inning to break a 5-5 tie.

### Marauders climb to 5-7 in league with Byron

OVID-ELSIE — O-E's varsity baseball team is now 9-17 overall and 5-7 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) with a split opposite the Byron Eagles.

Byron stood 5-15-1 and 3-12-1 in conference following the league action.

O-E won the first game, 17-2. Jake Bowen led the offense with a homer run and four RBI and Hunter Long went 4-for-5 with a triple and five runs driven in. Corbyn Janes pitched the first five innings and allowed two runs (one earned) on three hits with five strikeouts.

Byron bounced back to take the second game, 6-5, in five innings. Bryce Ritter and Jayden Panula doubled with Ritter driving in a pair.

Brody Howard had two hits and an RBI for the Marauders. John Kelly took the mound for O-E, allowing four runs in 2 and 1/3 innings pitched.

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# Sports

## Durand Nips Ovid-Elsie Girls Tennis Team in MMAC Tri-Meet

Durand's top-notch girls tennis rivalry with Ovid-Elsie continues.

In a tri-meet comprised of three Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) rivals, the Lady Railroaders nipped O-E, 12-11, while the Marauders claimed a 11-1 victory over Chesaning.

Complete Marauder results included:

Singles: No. 1 - Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie def. Skylar Wissinger, Chesaning, 6-1 , 6-1. No. 1 - Wynn Carpenter, Durand def. Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie, 6-4, 7-5. No. 2 - Jenna Tomasek , Ovid-Elsie def. Marianna Escamilla, Chesaning, 6-0, 6-1. No. 2 - Londyn Laviolette, Durand def. Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie, 6-1, 6-2. No. 3 - Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie def. Alycia Stilson, Chesaning, 6-2, 6-1. No. 3 - Avery Taylor, Durand def. Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4 - Autumn Bacziewicz, Ovid-Elsie def. Gabby Carroll, Chesaning , 6-2, 6-0. No. 4 - Kaelin Rochefort , Durand def. Autumn Bacziewicz, Ovid-Elsie, 1-6, 6-3 , 6-3.

Doubles: No. 1 - Deedee Lane, Durand - Samantha Leydig, Durand def. Hailie McCreery , Ovid-Elsie - Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. No. 1 - Hailie McCreery , Ovid-Elsie - Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Casey Railing, Chesaning - Maike Gwen, Chesaning, 6-3, 7-6 (2). No. 2 - Jolene Hebel, Ovid-Elsie - Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Arianna Hemmert, Durand - Deedee Lane, Durand, 6-1, 6-2. No. 2 - Jolene Hebel, Ovid-Elsie - Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Adriana Harrison, Chesaning - Lilly Tomac, Chesaning, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 - Emmylou Blaha, Ovid-Elsie - Alexis Chadwick, Ovid-Elsie def. Haley Gravelle, Durand - Karola Geyer, Durand, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3 - Emmylou Blaha, Ovid-Elsie - Alexis Chadwick, Ovid-Elsie def. Gross Sophia, Chesaning - Karlee Reiber, Chesaning, 6-0, 6-1. No. 4 - Meadow Evans, Ovid-Elsie - Alison Kozlowski, Ovid-Elsie def. Addison Robertson, Durand - Chloe Robertson, Durand, 6-3, 6-2. No. 4 - Alison Kozlowski, Ovid-Elsie - Meadow Evans, Ovid-Elsie def. Boyd Hope, Chesaning - Alexyanah Griffin, Chesaning, 6-2, 6-1.

## Ovid-Elsie Lioness Club Relays Crown O-E Champions

OVID-ELSIE -- Running a split team -- with several other teammates competing at the Last Chance meet in Westphalia -- Ovid-Elsie's track teams still managed some strong showings at the O-E Lioness Club Relays at Mark O'Donnell Field on May 12.

Williamston won by boys field with 92 points, followed by Capital Homeschool 87, Fowler 84, O-E 75, Morrice 62 and Portland 38. In the boys soph-frosh category, Portland was tops with 13 points, Ovid-Elsie 10 and Fowler 8.

The girls events ended with Capital Homeschool with 119.5 points, Fowler 107.5, Ovid-Elsie 66, Morrice 59 and Portland 12. The girl frosh-soph saw Fowler prevail with 18, Portland 6, Morrice 4, Capital HS 2 and Ovid-Elsie one.

Wyatt Lover took top honors in the 100 m dash (:11.54), as did the 4x100 relay team (Cooper Ritenburg, Colton Sempstrott, Maverick Horak, Lover, :47.58).

Runners-up for the male Marauders were Jeremiah Stewart high jump (5'8"), Bryce Krueger discus (119'2"), Dylan Henning shot put (37'3") and the 4x200 relay (Ritenburg, Sempstrott, Horak, Lover, 1:41.07).

Kortlynn Loynes won the shot put for the O-E girls (28'11") and the discus (81'5").

Kyla Washburn clocked 2nd in the 100 m dash (:14.05) for the Lady Marauders, as did the 400-200-200-400 relay (Madalynn Bushard, Kenlee White, Washburn, Carly Williams, 3:24.43) and the 800-400-400-800 relay (Dylan Masarik, Avery Rowell, Williams, Alizabeth Throop), Abigail Lehman shot put (28'0").



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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON PUBLICATION OF NOTICE HEARING

In the matter of **ELI JAMES ROTH** TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. at Probate/Family Court, Clinton County Courthouse, Ste. 4300, 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, MI 48879 before Judge Lisa Sullivan (P51265) for the following purpose: Petition to terminate minor guardianship.

Tiffany Ferguson  
15344 S. Lowell Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48906

(05-25)

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 25-32537-DE  
Estate of **VINCENT D. VITEK**  
Date of birth: August 11, 1958  
TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, **VINCENT D. VITEK**, died March 21, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mandy Miller, personal representative, or the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Mandy Miller  
6812 S. Forest Hill Rd.  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(517) 930-3634

Alexa B. Pratl. P83426  
201 E. State St.  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(989) 224-9449

(05-25)

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE**  
**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. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.** Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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 a.m. on June 11, 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. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on May 23, 2023, by Big Duck Leasing, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, given by it to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on May 23, 2023, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5335514; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of One Million Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five and 35/100 Dollars (\$1,266,725.35); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the

Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: **SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SAINT JOHNS, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN:** A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51" West along the South line of said section 987.15 feet; thence North 00 degrees 57' 09" East 449.63 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21' 14" West 337.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51" West parallel with the South line of said section 19.30 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21' 14" West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line of said section 565.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 02' 51" East parallel with said South line 565.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 21' 14" East parallel with said North-South line 540 feet; thence South 44 degrees 47' 57" West 34.64 feet; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51" West parallel with said South line 520.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 203 E. Tolles Drive, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 Tax Parcel Number: 300-004-300-080-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: May 1, 2025 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 2025-32499-DE  
Estate of  
**NANCY ALISON GRAVES**  
Date of birth: February 10, 1951  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent,  
**NANCY ALISON GRAVES**  
died March 21, 2025.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
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to Ann C. Masley, personal repre-  
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48879 and the personal representa-  
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Ann C. Masley  
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Thor Thorson P56817  
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(05-25)

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
PROBATE/TRUST ESTATE  
**JEAN M. THERRIEN**  
Date of birth: OCTOBER 17, 1941  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
\* The decedent,  
**JEAN M. THERRIEN**, who was  
domiciled at 1226 East Round Lake  
Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820,  
died April 4, 2025.  
There is no personal representative  
of the decedent's estate to whom  
Letters of Authority have been  
issued. Creditors of the decedent  
and/or the THERRIEN REVOCABLE  
TRUST DATED JUNE 15, 2021, are  
notified that all claims against the  
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Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver  
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(05-18)(06-08)

### SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

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promptly at 10:00 AM, on June 11,  
2025. The amount due on the mort-  
gage may be greater on the day of the  
sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale  
does not automatically entitle the pur-  
chaser to free and clear ownership of  
the property. A potential purchaser is  
encouraged to contact the county reg-  
ister of deeds office or a title insurance  
company, either of which may charge  
a fee for this information. MORT-  
GAGE: Mortgagor(s): KIMBERLEY  
L MCGUIRE Original Mortgagee:  
Mortgage Electronic Registration  
Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as  
nominee for lender and lender's suc-  
cessors and assigns Date of mortgage:  
February 21, 2006 Recorded on March  
3, 2006, in Document No. 5096178,  
and re-recorded via Affidavit of  
Correction on April 17, 2025, in  
Document No. 5353307, Foreclosing  
Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank  
National Trust Company, as Trustee  
for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc.  
Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-  
Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4  
Amount claimed to be due at the date  
hereof: One Hundred Twenty-Six  
Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One  
and 50/100 Dollars (\$126,861.50)  
Mortgaged premises: Situated in  
Clinton County, and described as: Unit  
4 of Country Meadows Condominium,  
according to the Master Deed as  
recorded in Liber 375, Page 864  
through 911, inclusive, Clinton County  
Records and any amendments thereto  
and designated as Clinton County  
Subdivision Plan No. 1, together with  
the 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. Commonly  
known as 13037 Appletree Ln, Dewitt,  
MI 48820 The redemption period will  
be 6 month from the date of such sale,  
unless abandoned under MCL  
600.3241a, in which case the redemp-  
tion 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 pur-  
suant to MCL 600.3238. If the above  
referenced property is sold at a fore-  
closure 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.  
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.  
Deutsche Bank National Trust  
Company, as Trustee for Morgan  
Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-  
HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through  
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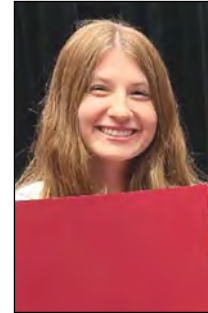


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Ally Grettenberger



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## Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Awards Presented to Trio From LHS Class of 2025

LAINGSBURG -- A large crowd of well-wishers greeted Laingsburg High School seniors during annual Honors Night ceremonies inside the LHS Auditorium.

Representatives of the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) were on hand to present the awards to graduating seniors Ally Grettenberger, Mitchell George and Kacey Kramer, following a lengthy face-to-face interview and written application process. The three were selected from a field of seven LHS seniors who applied for the scholarships.

The scholarship is not focused on grade point average, but is based on personal character, non-school based activities (commitment to community), empathy toward others, a drive to excel and focus on an educational goal.

Miss Grettenberger will be attending Michigan State University in the fall to study Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Mitchell George is heading to Ferris State University to study Construction Management.

Miss Kramer will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall to study exercise science.

Thanks to the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, a \$5,000 award is available to Laingsburg High School seniors. The first grants, of \$2,500 each, were awarded in May, 2023, to LHS seniors Chloe Stork and Caleb Boettcher; last year, recipients Hannah Sebenick and Jaylei Kramer were awarded \$5,000 each, the scholarship fund continuing to grow as donors increase.

Class of 2026 seniors should contact the LHS counseling office for application information.

In 2019, an alumni committee of LHS grads created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund to help graduates attend schools of higher learning. Colleges, universities, trade schools and community colleges are all eligible. 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. You can also Venmo your pledge to @sisist.oheheh.

## Gibson Jason Voted Region 3 President of FFA

*submitted by Amber McAllister*

Gibson Jason a Junior from the Ashley FFA was voted in as Region 3 President on Tuesday, May 20th at Region 3 Camp in Sebawaing. Gibby was slated through a process of interviews held in April at Delta College.

Districts from across the region attended camp to build leadership skills, attend workshops, and assist in a community service project packing Meals for Hope.

Gibby is the first student to receive this position for the Ashley School District.

