

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Selects Mark Horak to Lead District

submitted by Crystal Loynes

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education has selected Mark Horak to be the district's next superintendent. "Mr. Horak is an experienced educational leader whose determination in public education will continue the district's vision of high expectations and provide a world class educational experience for all students. His expressed commitment to fiscal responsibility, strategic planning, and transparency will support the effective management of our district and its resources." stated board president Brooke Wooley. "The board is confident that Horak's vision and his focus on building positive relationships within our schools and community will continue us on our journey to excellence while putting students first."



Mark Horak

Horak brings with him to the position considerable experience as a superintendent, administrator and teacher in districts across Clinton County, Michigan. As superintendent/high school principal of Fowler from 2021- 2023, Horak managed the daily operations of the district while seeing through the completion of a \$17 million construction project for the district. Prior to that, Horak served in progressively broader roles at St. Johns Public Schools over a span of 27 years including teacher, coach, and high school principal.

Consistent with the values of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, the selection was supported by an inclusive process. Selection criteria were generated based upon the input of numerous community members, parents and staff via an online survey. Community members provided immediate feedback to board members during face-to-face candidate interviews. Additionally, administrators, faculty, students, and parents provided input following a series of structured stakeholder conversations. The board of education appreciates the district's citizens and staff support of the process.

Horak and the board of education are currently in the process of contract negotiations, with the new superintendent expected to assume the position July 1, 2025.



Ovid Lions Members Recognized For Years of Service: On Monday, April 14th, five Ovid Lions Members were recognized and presented certificates from Ashley Lion Member, Brent Bearcy. Pictured here (l-r) Dave Zell, 35 year member, Mike O'Bryant, 50 year member, Brent Bearcy, Presenter, who is also a member of the Lions International Global Leadership Team and Past District Governor and Mary Perrien, 10 year member. Also recognized were Dave Porrell and Jack Powell, both, 20 year members.

On Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th, Ovid Lions Club members collected for White Cane Week at Ovid Post Office, Village Food Pride and Dollar General. The group collected \$669.62 which will go towards the club's community projects.



The Eagle Has Landed: Red Thunder Robotics Takes Flight at FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston, TX

submitted Leigh Seger

Laingsburg, MI – Red Thunder Robotics made Laingsburg proud as they soared all the way to the 2025 FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas.

Known as "Worlds", this championship brought together over 50,000 people from countries across the globe, creating an unforgettable experience for all who attended.

After a 20-hour charter bus ride—complete with a stop at the famous Buc-ee's truck stop—Red Thunder Robotics landed in Houston ready to make their mark.

And that they did. After three days of tough competition, Red Thunder fought hard through their division rounds. Red Thunder's season looked like it might be wrapping up—until Michigan's #1 ranked team and State Champion, The HOT Team, invited them to join their alliance. Partnering with this amazing team gave Red Thunder Robotics the chance to keep competing—and to go further at Worlds than they ever had before. It was an unforgettable experience that showed just how much grit, teamwork, and determination this group really has.

On top of their strong performance, Red Thunder was honored in their division with the prestigious FIRST Robotics Team Sustainability Award. This award recognizes teams that have developed practices to have a positive environmental impact and ensure long-term team growth. It encompasses both team continuity and environmental consciousness.

"I'm beyond proud of this team," said Melissa Kramer, District Robotics Coordinator and Head mentor. "They've worked so hard to get here, and to see them competing on the world stage was amazing. I can't wait to see what the future holds for these students."

Beyond the competition, students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from NASA, branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and leading robotics industries—opening their eyes to future careers and inspiring even bigger dreams.

This trip was about more than rankings or awards - it was about growth and exploration. The students didn't just compete - they connected with teams from other countries, stepped outside their comfort zones, and learned about other cultures.

Red Thunder Robotics would like to thank all our mentors, sponsors, families, and the Laingsburg community for their support throughout this season. The team is excited to take everything they've learned this year and keep building an even stronger future—both for their team and for the next generation.

State Treasurer Announces Grants for Distressed Municipalities

submitted by Ron Leix

LANSING, Mich. – State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks today announced a total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to 13 municipalities through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships (FDCVT) Grant Program.

Municipalities can participate in the FDCVT Grant Program if they are experiencing one or more conditions indicative of "probable financial distress" as defined in state law. The grants fund specific projects, services, or strategies, including infrastructure and public safety enhancements, that move a city, village or township toward financial stability.

"This year, the Michigan Department of Treasury awarded grants for infrastructure and public safety projects in communities spanning from Southeast Michigan to the Upper Peninsula," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. "Funded projects help provide movement toward financial stability for our local communities. Our team will ensure these grants are provided to our communities as expeditiously as possible."

For Fiscal Year 2025, the Michigan Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million for the program, with a carryover of \$13,049 from the previous fiscal year. The FDCVT Grant Program has a \$2 million cap per municipality and grants are awarded based on applications submitted by the municipality.

The following municipalities will receive funding this year, with projects and amounts noted: Elsie Village, Water system enhancement through replacement of water meters \$148,531, was one of 13 villages/city that received part of the grant.

Social

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Karen Anderson

Ovid - The next membership meeting will be held on May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Mary Meyer Museum located at 131 East Williams St. All ages welcome. Come hear about the progress for a facelift and renovation of the house. Volunteers needed for lawn care, itemizing historical artifacts and many other projects. Share your ideas and talents with rewarding endeavors on their "to-do wish list." Enjoying learning the rich history of the Ovid area.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 510 Mabbit Rd., Ovid, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our speaker is Safe Centers of Clinton & Shiawassee County by Kristen Gilpin. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, May 9, 2025 by noon.

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 (sponsor cod Elsie) or call 1-800-733-2767.

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Lorraine Fett

Attention Goat Exhibitors

submitted by Dawn Reha

Goat exhibitors who will be entering the Shiawassee County Fair Market Goat Class are required to have their goats tagged for identification purposes. The scheduled date is Saturday May 10th from 9 am until 12:00 noon in the Small Animal Show Arena. Goats that are not tagged cannot be shown in the Market classes. All goats must have a Scrapie ear tag present and any bucks must have been wethered before the May 10 tagging. Any questions, contact Dawn Reha at 989-666-4044.

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Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Host's Mother's Day Pop-Up Chocolate Sale

Owosso —The Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary will be hosting a Pop-up Chocolate Sale on Thursday, May 8, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Memorial Healthcare main lobby. A portion of proceeds from this event will go to benefit hospital improvements.

This event is a great opportunity to purchase delicious candies and chocolates from Murtle's Handmade Chocolates for Mother's Day or any other special occasion this Spring. The event is open to the public. Cash, checks, credit/debit cards, and payroll deduction for qualified Memorial Healthcare employees will be accepted.



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 or call (989) 723-3365.

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Recycling Heats Up in May

submitted by Ellen Link

We know spring has settled in when we see the increasing numbers of folks bringing in all the recyclable waste that accumulated over the winter. You can bring yours to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers' facility on Woodbury Rd. this month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (May 6 & 20), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (May 10 & 24), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We welcome the participation of businesses as well—contact us to learn about the benefits of having a business subscription.

Don't forget that we are now offering a way to recycle—i.e., compost—your food waste, which can cut your trash fees, reduce waste, and contribute to healthier soils. It also prevents the emission of methane, a toxic greenhouse gas, in the landfill. Planning a food event for a large number of people? We can help you make it a zero-waste event. Check out our website or call (see below) for details on how to use our food scraps composting option and for a complete list of the many materials we recycle.

For waste materials we can't accept, don't forget the special county spring recycling collections. Clinton County already held their event, but Shiawassee County will hold its Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Sat., May 10, 8 a.m. to noon at Durand City Hall. The complete list of what they will accept, available on their website (<https://shiawasseechd.net/household-hazardous-waste/>) or by calling (989) 743-2390, does NOT include latex paint, used motor oil, tires, explosives or smoke detectors. No appointment is necessary.

Spring seems to invigorate ideas for home renovations, so keep this in mind: Home energy rebates are available to Michigan residents to help make their homes, and our state, cleaner, efficient, reliable, and more affordable. The Michigan Home Energy Rebates Program (<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/materials-management/energy/rfps-loans/home-energy-rebate-programs/get-rebate>) will help fund energy efficiency and electrification upgrades for approximately 15,000 Michigander homes, helping to reduce monthly utility costs, reduce energy use, and enhance comfort and indoor air quality. Check it out; what do you have to lose?

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



Purse Party Bingo to Benefit Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Howard

The Respite Volunteer Purse Party Bingo will be held Thurs. May 8th at the Owosso Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1259 E.

M-21. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 6 pm. For each bingo game, the prize is a purse with a retail value of at least \$45. Advance Tickets are \$20, or \$25 the day of the event, if tickets are still available. With the tickets purchased, 20 bingo cards to play 20 games are included. Coffee and ice water will



Winner from the 2024 Purse Party Bingo

be provided, guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Tie breaker prizes and door-prizes provided. This is an Adults Only, event. License #V10956

Tickets are on sale weekdays 9am- 3pm at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital at 710 W. King St., Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side.

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

For more information about Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee services, volunteer opportunities and this event, please call 989-725-1127



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:

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Criminal background check required post-employment offer. Bid may be sent by email to 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.

CITY OF LAINGSBURG RESIDENTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Laingsburg City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, May 13, 2025, during the regular City Council meeting, which commences at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 114 N. Woodhull Street on the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget.

- The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

- The proposed budget is on file in the City Clerk's Office for public inspection during normal office hours, or you may visit the City of Laingsburg's website www.laingsburg.us to view the proposed budget.

Any persons wishing to address these issues should attend the meeting, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than May 13, 2025:

City of Laingsburg Attn: City Clerk PO Box 178 114 N. Woodhull Street Laingsburg, MI 48848

City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-5374 prior to the meeting.

Kim Hamilton
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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
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Obituaries

Nancy Ann Dukes

Nancy Ann Dukes, age 81 passed away Thursday, May 1, 2025 surrounded by family. Born on April 27, 1944, in Owosso, Michigan, to the late Francis and Kathryn (Rourke) Stevens, Nancy's life was a testament to selflessness and devotion. A lifelong resident of Ovid, Nancy attended Ovid High School where she gained many necessary skills to help her throughout her life. Her heart found its match in Frank J. Dukes, and the two were united in marriage at St. Paul Catholic Church on a beautiful summer day, August 12, 1967. Their love story spanned 57 wonderful years, filled with many shared adventures.

Nancy was the loving mother to Marsha (John) Beeman and Edward Dukes. She took immense joy in her role as a grandmother to Kathryn (Connor Barash) Beeman and Emily Beeman. Each moment spent with her grandchildren was treasured, as she imparted wisdom and showered them with affection. Nancy also leaves behind her brother, Michael (Carolyn) Stevens, who, along with many friends, will fondly remember her gentle spirit. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, William Stevens.

Throughout her life, Nancy was a dedicated parishioner of St. Isidore Catholic Church, where she found peace and a strong community. Her faith was a cornerstone of her existence, guiding her through life's trials and triumphs with grace and humility.

Nancy's interests were a reflection of the simple pleasures she valued. She loved to travel with her husband, Frank, and their children, creating memories in new places and experiencing the joy of exploration together. Back at home, she found relaxation in working on puzzle books, an activity that mirrored her patient and meticulous nature.

Above all, Nancy cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren. Whether it was a quiet afternoon at home or a family gathering, those moments were the highlights of her days.

The words that best describe Nancy are loving, gentle, and selfless. She approached every person and situation with a kind heart, always placing the needs of others above her own. Her legacy is one of unwavering love and the countless lives she touched with her tender care.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place.

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences may be shared at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com

Vertia Lenora Francis

Vertia Lenora Francis Born in Brant,Mi. 12-30-1933 to Clark and Nola Wood, she passed away on April 21, 2025. Vertia died of complications to a medical procedure.

We were blessed with her laughter and her quick wit and the ability to know just The right thing to do And the right way of doing it. She wasn't afraid of sharing that knowledge with anyone.

She graduated from Lansing eastern HS then went on to college to become a LPN and worked for Owosso Memorial Hospital For 37 years.

She was very creative. She taught ceramics, She was an incredible painter, she was also seamstress, a quilter, she enjoyed Needlepoint, Cross stitch, And in her later years, she did Diamond art.

Mom had an adventurous spirit and love to travel.

She enjoyed Playing cards, entertaining, Musicals, eating popcorn, ice cream and she love spending time with her family.

Mom left behind four surviving children, Bill Francis, Karen Herbers, Cynthia Ridge, and Brenda Francis. four grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. One surviving Brother Earl Wood.

One child Lynda Marie Francis, who proceeded her in death as well as special friends Juanita Cadillac, Rose Currant, Kay Badge, Izzy, Mary Nutter and Myron Wood, brother. Many surviving friends to numerous to mention.

Mom was cremated and requested that we not have a Service for her. Sharing stories will keep her Alive in our hearts so when you see somebody that she knew please share a story or two.

The ER group will be gathering Friday, May 2nd at 1 pm at Italia Gardens on Miller Road to honor Vertia.



Christina Garcia Roldan

Christina Garcia Roldán, age 94, of Mission, Texas formerly of Elsie, Michigan passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in Mission, Texas.

Christina was born on April 17, 1931, in Middleton, Michigan to Luciano and San Juana Garcia and graduated in 1949, from Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1949. She went on to work as an OR Technician at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns, Michigan for 13 years. Later she worked at the Elsie Jr. High as the study hall teacher where she enjoyed interacting with and helping students.

On June 30, 1962, Christina married Herminio Roldán in Bannister, Michigan. They were blessed with 54 years of marriage prior to his passing July 29, 2016. Christina was a homemaker who dedicated herself to her family. She was a kind and loving wife, mother, and grandmother who made a lasting impact on her family with her wisdom and guidance. She was an avid golfer, enjoyed playing bunco and getting together with their card playing group. She also enjoyed scrap booking and traveling with her family. She was an avid San Antonio Spurs fan and never missed a game. Christina will be remembered for many, many wonderful things and will be greatly missed by her family.

Christina is survived by her loving children, Christina Marie (Richard) Roldán-Shinn, and Cuauhtémoc Francisco (Patty) Roldán; grandchildren: Christina Shinn-Roldán, Amanda Shinn-Roldán, Elias Roldán, and Sofia Roldán. She is also survived by her siblings, Robert Garcia (Francene) and Mersed Garcia (Irene). Christina is preceded in death by her husband, Herminio, parents, Luciano and San Juana Garcia, and siblings, Lewis, John, Edward, Daniel, Rebecca, Suzanne Massey, Roland, Francisca Zuniga, Eva Zuniga, and Rudy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Thursday, May 1, 2025, with Rev. Fr. Andizej Boroch presiding. Burial was held at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016. Online condolences may be sent to smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Pastor:

Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

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Holcomb-Densmore
Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

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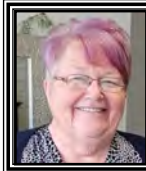
Another week has gone screaming by me. Wonderful things have happened and of course family and friends are the center of my universe. I woke up with a start at 3:30 this morning and even felt well rested but planned on settling down for another hour or so... Of course that was the instant that I realized that the column hadn't been put down on paper. Big oops. So here I am trying to make sense of my existence. Wasn't yesterday a beautiful warm day? I actually got my yard all mowed and didn't have to pick up many tree branches in the process. It was very comfy just viewing the flowers that were bursting into bloom and then the trees and shrubs were also signifying the arrival of spring. My Hawthorne tree may be in full blossom this morning, won't know until I get outside in the morning light. Of course the Forsythia is filling different areas with its bright yellow blooms. The daffodils and narcissus are putting on a good show but none of my tulips have peeped out to color my world.

I am a bit surprised this morning because my left leg is being very civilized, I feared that using it to clutch the mower to start it and being a bit cramped for space that it would be very rude today. I'm glad that it seems to have weathered the mowing well. That being said does not exactly explain why the right knee is being a bit tense. True it did all the accelerating and kept me on an even pace. Did I mention that on the first pass through the front yard that my right front tire expired? I was able or it was able to drive over to the pickup so that I could re-inflate it. And thankfully it stayed inflated for the whole yard. It was so very dry that I couldn't seem to drink enough water when I was only halfway through the mowing. I know that I drank at least a quart of cold tap water before addressing the second half of the yard and feared that I would expire from thirst before finishing that... I believe that I actually drank a gallon of water. Must have been a bit dehydrated. Honestly I'm not quite done yet because I didn't get the space between the bushes mowed on the west lawn. Maybe after work today if it isn't raining.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter weekend. My family did, I attended church with Diane and Brent and we had a lunch later in the day as we watched the story of David. And played cards and waited for news from Ryan and Christian. No news came on Easter Sunday, our new addition to the family came on Monday evening at 11:08 PM. Aaliyah Elizabeth made her debut, just nineteen inches long and weighing in at seven pounds ten ounces with a head full of straight black hair. I do believe that she is probably the spitting image of her maternal great-great-great-grandmother. I think that I put in enough greats... I will get to hold her on Monday afternoon when I pay them a visit, I have a soft cozy caftan that Therese made for me to pass on to Ryan.

Karen and I made a trip up to Clare on Monday morning. We had a wonderful gabfest and got caught up on each other and family and mutual friends. I enjoy going up to the Amish stores and checking out what their new arrivals. Just had a thought, all the times that I have been up either at the swap or the stores, I have never seen an Amish baby. Lots of toddlers but no babies. I noticed that the Kountry Store is selling Supperb 'Seal it Right' canning lids and that the Collinsville Store is also carrying them. They happen to be the only canning lids that have failed when I used them. Thankfully I only used a dozen. But I did have to throw out ten quarts of stewed tomatoes (the other eight quarts were Harvest lids sold at Dollar General) and two pints of sweet pickles which reminds me that I need to write down my sweet pickle recipe for Margie. Dang it is almost time to get up and I still don't have all of the striped spider plants potted for my crew of friends and family. I will be having lunch with Robin on Tuesday and she will get three of the plants, Sandy wants at least three, and I need to pot some for Ryan and Diane so at least four folks will have a small surge in their plant families. Diane is sharing her Mother-in-law plant with me, it is great for purifying air in your house. Be happy, enjoy your families, and may God bless you all.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Editorial

Vote YES for Our Kids on May 6th

Letter to the Editor:

I'll be voting YES on May 6 for the St. Johns Schools bond proposal. I remember how excited and proud I was when I became a freshman at the brand "new" high school in the fall of 1970. WOW! Such a beautiful building with all the latest technology and equipment for academic, athletic and artistic possibilities. St. Johns High School was the pride of the community and the envy of greater Mid-Michigan at the time, and for years to come.

I didn't realize it then, but building that new high school was possible because of the hard work and commitment of many adults in the community who had a vision for how providing first-class facilities could impact the future of the students, and the community. I am grateful to all who created that vision and to those in the community who believed in and supported it. My family benefitted from the quality schools that this vision created and so have the many amazing young people I have worked with through the years. It has been a privilege to see their children thrive in our schools as well. Never once have I regretted supporting the effort to provide the best for our students.

I volunteered to work on the steering committee for the 2025 bond proposal because I believe in providing the best possible educational environment for all the children of our community. I feel strongly that members of this committee listened to the concerns of community members about the 2024 bond proposal. We came to a consensus, after long and sometimes difficult discussions, on how to modify it in the best interest of our students and taxpayers before presenting our recommendations to the board of education.

I am encouraged and inspired by the countless community members who have asked questions, shared stories and embraced the vision that this proposal offers for the future of our school district. I am proud to belong to a community that looks forward and says YES to what we can do together. Please join me in voting YES for our children and our community on May 6.

Sue Parker, Steering committee member

Vote Yes on SJPS Bond

Letter to the Editor:

I have lived in the St Johns School district for all of my 77 years except for about 10 years. I have not had children in the school system for about 30 years.

It's hard for a young person to enter what we call the real world in this day and age. Healthcare costs are high; first time home buyers' average age is 38 now. With all the cuts to the federal workforce, and high unemployment, it's difficult to enter the workforce. Homelessness is at an all time high and we have failed the mental health system. Rent is through the roof, and, you've been to the grocery store. I can't do anything about any of that.

Why would a grumpy old man on a fixed income vote for a bond that will likely outlive his lifetime? Because I can. With my bonus family, I have grandkids ranging in age from 4 to 26. I hope to have great grandkids soon. The one thing I can do is vote yes to the bond. I can help give the very young kids in the 0-5 group a better start, give the kids in the trades programs more hands on experience with equipment used in the field now, better prepare kids for college (I talked to a group of community college kids in the welding program and a lot of them were certified welders already).

In my 77 years I have never seen a group of administrators more willing to share information. I have asked a lot of pointed questions and have always gotten an honest answer. Was it always the answer I wanted to hear? No. When you turn on the news do you always hear what you want to hear? No. That's what we call life. I can't do anything about that, but I can vote yes for the kids. They are our future.

Thank you, Ted Halitsky

May Musings

Spring is here and there is a lot to do outdoors along with applying for some fall hunting licenses. Now is the time to get off the couch and head north to a trout camp, hunt for a wild turkey, and even forage for morel mushrooms. Temps are ideal and mosquitos are non-existent.

Let's start with fishing, for the most part almost everything becomes legal to fish and keep during the month of May. If you aren't already part of an annual trout camp consider starting one with family and friends. Don't forget new fishing licenses went on sale in April and the cost is \$26 for an all species resident license.

There is definitely an abundance of Tom turkeys still on the landscape and licenses are available from the DNR. Check the Spring Turkey Hunting Guide for zones and dates. Look for last year soybean fields with dandelions growing and oak trees on the edges of the field.

Morning hunts work best but don't be surprised to see a Tom strutting in the middle of the



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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day.

May is the month to forage morel mushrooms and the best weather conditions are warm and wet but maximize your time looking for burn sites within forested areas that once grew jack, white, and red pine. Yes, you can find morels everywhere but take the time to view the DNR Mi-Morels map online which shows the burn sites from last year. Some are even close

including locations in Gratiot, Clinton, and Ingham counties. Carry a sharp paring knife and also a mesh bag to haul out your bounty so spores are sprinkled on the ground to grow future morel mushrooms.

The Michigan bear and elk application process runs through June 1st and the results will be posted online June 23rd. The elk process is a weighted lottery system and the bear is a draw preference point system.

If those activities don't excite you there is always wild asparagus to forage and early season woodchucks to shoot before the grass gets too tall!

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Ashley Community Schools Central Office
PO Box 6
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Following a review of the submitted materials, the Board will conduct interviews with selected candidates on May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 989-847-4000, ext. 1000 with any questions.



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submitted by Dawn Reha

Applications for Miss Shiawassee County Fair Queen are now available at the Fair Office, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 2900 E. Hibbard Road. The deadline for Queen applications is Friday, May 30, 2025 at 5 pm.

Fair Queen applicants should be between the ages of 16-21 yrs. (as of January 1, 2025) and an active exhibitor at the fair. Complete pageant rules are included with the application.

The Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant will be held Saturday, August 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Free Show Tent at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend. Miss Shiawassee County Fair and her attendant will participate in events and parades throughout the area to represent the fair.

If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at 989-743-3611 or email shiacofairqueen@gmail.com

Mark your calendar now for the 2025 Fair, August 3-9.


Attention Goat Exhibitors

submitted by Dawn Reha


Goat exhibitors who will be entering the Shiawassee County Fair Market Goat Class are required to have their goats tagged for identification purposes. The scheduled date is Saturday May 10th from 9 am until 12:00 noon in the Small Animal Show Arena. Goats that are not tagged cannot be shown in the Market classes. All goats must have a Scrapie ear tag present and any bucks must have been wethered before the May 10 tagging. Any questions, contact Dawn Reha at 989-666-4044.

Elsie Historical Society

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Older Michiganians Day is May 7th

submitted by Casey Cooper

LANSING – May 5th through 9th is Senior Action Week in Michigan, highlighted by Older Michiganians Day on May 7.

Senior Action Week is sponsored by the Area Agencies on Aging Association and takes place during Older Americans Month in May. It focuses on public policy issues of importance to older adults, their families, and caregivers, including more than 3000 service providers that directly deliver an array of supports and services to more than 250,000 older adults and persons with disabilities annually. Senior Action Week's theme this year is "Flipping the Script of Aging".

Area Agencies on Aging know the vital role older adults play in our state and individual communities - as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce, and more – and their experience, knowledge, and passion truly know no bounds. The Aging Network has prioritized four platform issues for 2024: Support and Strengthen the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Support Family and Informal Caregivers, Expand Access to MI Choice, and Increase Access to Home and Community-Based Services.

"OMD is a voice for all older adults in the state as we share the priorities for the Area Agencies on Aging" said David LaLumia, executive director of Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan. "We appreciate members of the Legislature who will be joining us as speakers and as guests to the State capitol lawn for this annual event. We are thankful for every person who will show support on the capitol lawn or on the livestream."

Individuals interested in participating in advocacy efforts, including social media messages, a letter writing campaign, and a rally and livestreamed event at the Capitol on Wednesday May 1 should contact their local Area Agency on Aging. A directory of agencies can be found at www.4ami.org.

For additional information, contact Jenn Dubey, Operations Manager, at jenn@4ami.org



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Sports

Lady Wolfpack Looks Solid at Midland Dow Softball Classic

MIDLAND — Laingsburg's varsity softball Wolfpack went 2-1 over three games at the annual Midland Dow Softball Classic here April 26.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Lady Wolves stormed past Traverse City Central 10-3 and Essexville-Garber 13-3 to improve to 8-2 overall and earn a #3 state ranking in MHSAA Division 3. The Wolves suffered an 11-2 loss to Division 1 Mount Pleasant in the semifinals of the tourney.

Addy Buchin pitched the win over Traverse City, going all 7 innings in a four-hit, three-strikeout gem. The Wolves banged out 14 hits, with Savvy Stirm, Alayna Merrell, Bella Latuszek, Buchin, Peyton Stahr, Harper Strouse, Makenna Johnston and JuJu Latuszek all adding to the onslaught. Strouse and JuJu each plated three RBI, with Bella L. Stahr and Johnston driving in the other LHS runs. The Latuszek sisters and Strouse bashed home runs, and Stirm added a double in support of Buchin. The red-and-white jumped to an early 3-1 lead and increased it to 9-3 by the 5th inning off Trojan loser Audrey Williams.

LHS was denied advancement in the Saturday tournament with the loss to the Mount Pleasant Oilers (9-4 overall). Stahr went all 7 innings in a 12-hitter, supported by some excellent defense from her teammates. Stahr struck out two Oilers. Merrell, Bella Latuszek, Buchin, Strouse and JuJu Latuszek all hit safely; Buchin carried the big bat with three hits and two RBI. Michelle Bollman fired a 7-hitter at the Wolves for the win, and delivered the big blows for the Oilers with a home run and three RBI.

The Lady Oilers bowed to host Midland Dow in a championship game thriller, 8-7.

Buchin was back in the pitching circle in game 3 of the Classic, checking the Garber Dukes on 8 hits, fanning 5 and walking one. She fired 80 pitches over the 5-inning mercy win, 60 of them for strikes. The Wolfpack's 15-hit attack featured Stirm, Merrell, Bella Latuszek, Buchin, Stahr, Strouse and JuJu Latuszek, with Stahr going 3-for-3 from her leadoff spot, Merrell 2-for-2 and Buchin 3-for-4 with six RBI. Stirm and Buchin launched home runs, and Buchin added a triple for good measure. J. Smith and Merrell swiped bases in the win. Delenya Charbonneau suffered the loss for the Dukes.

Wolfpack girls suffer first CMAC loss in split with Fowler

LAINGSBURG — Fowler got the best of Laingsburg's varsity softball team -- the first time for any league opponent in 2025 -- in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) doubleheader split here.

Both games were thrillers. Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack improved to 10-2 overall, 5-1 in the CMAC, while the Eagles also stood 5-1 in the circuit following the action. Fowler is 8-2 overall.

The Wolfpack won a thriller in Game 1, 10-9. Down 9-6 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Laingsburg rallied with four runs to walk it off.

Bella Latuszek and Peyton Stahr both doubled while Latuszek and Savanna Stirm each had three-hit games. Stahr and Makenna Johnston drove in three runs apiece.

Addy Buchin pitched the first six innings while Stahr pitched Fowler took the second game, 6-4, despite 10 hits for the Wolfpack, including three from Alaina Asher. Latuszek delivered a triple, Stirm drove in two runs and Buchin and Ju Ju Latuszek drove in one run apiece. Stahr pitched six innings.

Wolfpack Girls Keep CMAC Record Perfect; Shutout Perry

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack girls varsity soccer team kept their perfect CMAC record intact here April 4, taking on the Perry Ramblers.

Laingsburg's 7-0 victory moved coach John Hill's Wolves 6-0 in league play, 8-2 overall.

Lady Wolf oals were scored by 6 different players: Paige Erickson, Emilee Mertens, Samantha Guzman, Kendal Hoard, Gwenith Clark (2) and Ivy Collier.

Assists went to Payge Woodworth, Kierra Rusz, Ivy Collier, and Emilee Mertens.

Erin Pohlod and Paige Erickson combined for the shutout in goal.

Razor-thin Scores Seperate Winners From Losers at CMAC Double-Dual Meet

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Ultra-thin scores separated the combatants at a thrilling league double-dual meet here April 30.

Pewamo-Westphalia's boys beat Perry, 67-66. Perry nipped Laingsburg, 69-68. And P-W prevailed over Laingsburg, 73-63.

In the girls field, Laingsburg squeaked past Perry, 69-67. P-W bested Perry 92-31 and Laingsburg, 99-32.

Literally, the difference between a 3rd and 4th place spelled the difference in who-beat-who.

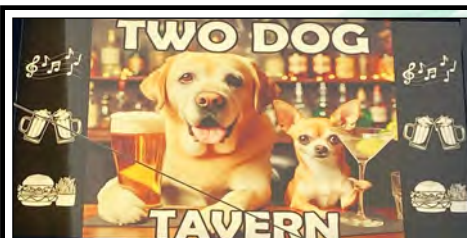
First place honors for LHS went to Jayden Jackson in the 3200 m, Keaton Dietz in the 300 m hurdles, Shaun Mills in the shot put, Madison Phillips in the pole vault and Mitchell George in the high jump.

Runners-up for the Wolfpack were logged by Logan Robinson in the 400 m, Sophia Hughes in the discus and Leandro Dolega-Caceres in the high jump.

Third places for LHS came from Grey Sequin in the 200 m, Felix Ramirez in the 1600 m run, Edie Zacharda in the 300 m hurdles, Will Rathka in the 3200 m run, Keaton Dietz in the 110 m hurdles, Ella Mohny in the shot put, Mallory Woodbury in the high jump, Charles Dehnert in the discus, Kendall Michels in the pole vault, Dylan Witgen in the pole vault and Zacharda in the long jump.

In the boys relay events, Dolega-Caceres, Carson Helmer, Sequin and George won the 4x100; Josh Marble, Marlon Graham, Charleston Crisp and Witgen ran 3rd in the 4x200; Robinson, Helmer, George and Noah Devereaux were 1st in the 4x400; and Cameron Spedoske, Rathka, Asher Shastal and Lucas Shastal topped the 4x800.

Laingsburg's girls won the 4x800 relay with Evelyn Logge, Hazel Burley, Jayden Foltz and Emily Rathka.



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Championship Wolfpack baseball team will be honored Weds., May 14 at LHS

On Wednesday, May 14 between games against the Perry Ramblers, LHS will be honoring the 1985 baseball team that advanced all the way to the MHSAA Regional Finals -- the farthest a Laingsburg baseball team has ever gone in the post-season.

Numerous record holders were a part of the team, and a large contingent of teammates will be there.

Besides all the records set and personal achievements accomplished, the team was known for having a "swagger" all its own.

They finished a solid 16-6 overall, at .500 in a ruggedly-tough CMAC, and caught fire in the post-season.

Revered for dramatic victories, flashy uniforms and colorful personalities, the '85 Wolfpack is one of those unforgettable teams that parents, families and fans can't forget. Catcher Jeff VanLake, shortstop Dan Austin, outfielder Andy Hamilton and 1st baseman Bill Dell were perfect prototypes for their positions -- scrappy and unrelenting.

They christened iconic nicknames for some teammates, like Jimmy "ShawDog" Shaw and Kirk "Hedge" Wurm. Third-sacker Jon Cody went on to become a Detroit Tigers farm prospect. Star pitcher Mark Schlicher and Hamilton were prospects at CMU.

Andy Rourke kept score alongside iconic coach Larry McDonald -- whose legacy is now found on the Wolfpack Wall of Fame at LHS.

They even boasted an ambidextrous pitcher who could throw both ends of a doubleheader -- one right handed and one left handed -- in talented hurler Ryan Hill.

Sadly, they've lost some teammates who've passed on: 2nd baseman Dom Brown, outfielder Greg Hutchings and utilityman Jerry Toth.

Still, most teammates will be in attendance on May 14 and they look forward to welcoming you. Please come out to welcome back this very special and successful team.



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by Tom Turek



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Sports



Baseball Wolves Race Past Ravenna, C. Montcalm for Tournament Title

STANTON -- Laingsburg's varsity baseball team raced past Ravenna, 9-4, and the host Hornets, 3-1 in the title game, to capture the Central Montcalm Classic title here April 26.

Todd Randall's Wolfpack climbed to 8-4, while dropping Central Montcalm to 7-3, and Ravenna to 6-5 overall, with an outstanding day of non-league baseball.

In the opener, LHS got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after RJ Garcia walked and came around to score, and Meo Garcia scored after tagging up on a sac fly, for a 2-0 lead.

Timely baserunning extended the Laingsburg lead to 6-0 in the bottom of the third inning.

Everett Rodriguez started on the bump and earned the win. The hurler gave up four hits and two runs (one earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out three and walking three. Quintin Garcia appeared in relief of Rodriguez and earned the hold.

Dylan May began the game for the Bulldogs. The righty gave up one hit and five runs (three earned) over two innings, striking out two and walking five.

LHS tallied 10 hits in the game. Garcia drove the middle of the lineup, leading the way with four runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-3 on the day. Liam Esch, Garcia, and Garcia each collected two hits. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting six walks for the game.

In the title tilt, Harrison Dorman was strong on the mound, limiting Central Montcalm to a single run.

Dorman got support in the bottom of the third inning after Liam Esch hit a sacrifice fly, RJ Garcia grounded out, and Paxton Rodriguez singled to center field for a 3-0 lead -- that held up.

Dorman surrendered two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out one and walking two. Jake Rivet appeared in relief for the save.

Asher Johnson led things off on the mound for Central Montcalm. The hurler gave up four hits and three runs over six innings, striking out four and walking five.

Everett Rodriguez went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead the Wolfpack batting attack. Rodriguez, Esch, and Garcia each drove in one run. Dom Garcia and Meo Garcia each stole multiple bases, as the Wolves ran wild with seven steals in the game.

Baseball Wolfpack Drops CMAC Twinbill to Fowler

LAINGSBURG -- Both teams were strong on the bump in the opener here April 24, but Fowler was just a little bit stronger at the plate in a 2-1 victory over Laingsburg's varsity baseball team.

Dom Garcia started the game for Laingsburg and recorded 17 outs, before being saddled with the loss. The lefty went five and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs (zero earned) on three hits, striking out five and walking two.

Fowler got on the board in the top of the sixth inning after Conner Katich grounded out, and Trevor Spicer singled down the left field line, each scoring one run.

Sam Vanneste earned the win for Fowler. The starter gave up one hit and one run over seven innings, striking out seven and walking three.

Meo Garcia went 1-for-3 at the plate and batted in the lone Wolfpack run.

-- FOWLER 12, LAINGSBURG 10: The Wolfpack could not hold onto the lead against Fowler in the nightcap and fell 12-10, despite leading by four at one point.

Laingsburg was right in it until Fowler reached on an error in the sixth inning.

The Wolfpack got on the board in the top of the first inning after Quintin Garcia drew a walk, scoring one run, Everett Rodriguez was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and Paxton Rodriguez singled, scoring two runs.

LHS took the lead in the top of the fourth inning after Fowler committed an error, and Rodriguez doubled down the left field line, scoring two runs.

The Eagles captured the lead, 12-10, in the bottom of the sixth when Noah Schafer drew a walk, scoring one run, Sam Vanneste hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs.

Meo Garcia started on the mound, giving up five hits and four runs over three innings, striking out one and walking three. Schafer opened the game for Fowler. The starter surrendered one hit and four runs (zero earned) over two-thirds of an inning, striking out one and walking two.

Laingsburg amassed 10 hits in the game. Rodriguez led the red-and-white with three runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. The second baseman went 1-for-1 on the day. Dom Garcia led the bat attack with three hits in four at bats from the leadoff position. Rodriguez collected two hits in four at-bats.

Sports

Male Marauders Nip Laingsburg to Bring Home Track and Field Title from Wolfpack Invitational

LAINGSBURG -- Sprinters from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg dominated the short yardage runs, and the Marauder boys nipped the Wolfpack in team points, highlighting the action from the annual Wolfpack Track & Field Invitational here April 25.

Doug Long's Marauder tracksters nipped Laingsburg 144.33 to 139.33 in team scoring. Michigan Lutheran Seminary followed with 113, Ida 91, Bellevue 17.33 and Lansing Christian 13 to round out the boys field.

O-E's Wyatt Lover blazed to a :23.84 clocking to win the 200 m dash, followed closely by Laingsburg's Greg Sequin (:23.85), O-E's Tryce Tokar (:24.31) and Wolf speedster Carson Helmer (:24.52).

In the 100 m dash, O-E's Owen Long (:11.80), Sequin (:11.83), Laingsburg's Leandro Dolega-Caceres (:11.97) and Lover (:11.97) finished 2-3-4-5, respectively.

Travis Milner won the 400 m for O-E in :51.81. Logan Robinson of Laingsburg was 2nd in :53.10.

Marauder Josh Miller grabbed 3rd place in the 800 m run in 2:13.84.

Laingsburg's Noah Devereaux continued his dominance in the 1600 m run, easily taking 1st in 4:49.19. Teammate Felix Ramirez was 4th in 5:04.90. Ramirez also clocked 2nd place in the 3200 m in 11:32.97.

O-E's James Kelly (11:37.42), Mitchell Gonzalez (11:57.21) and Jeremiah Stewart (12:39.73) finished 3-4-5 in the 3200 m runoff.

Keaton Dietz from LHS won the 300 m hurdles in :44.08, and was the runnerup in the 110 m hurdles in :18.01. O-E's Jackson Custer was 4th in the 110 hurdles in :18.38, and 3rd in the 300 m hurdles in :45.11.

In the 4x100 relay, LHS finished 1st (Dolega-Caceres, Mitchell George, Carson Helmer, Sequin, :45.29) and Ovid-Elsie 3rd (Tokar, Alex Aekvorathongchai, Lover, Long, :46.16).

O-E won the 4x200 by a full three seconds (Tokar, Lover, Long, Milner) in 1:33.36 over Ida.

The Wolfpack nosed out Ovid-Elsie in the 4x400, with Charleton Crisp, Helmer, Robinson and Devereux finishing in 3:41.86. O-E's Miller, Marshall Leavitt, Long and Milner were clocked in 3:42.17.

O-E ruled the 4x800 relay (Miller, Mitchell Blaha, Leavitt, Clay Powell) in 8:52.01. Laingsburg was 4th (Will Rathka, Asher Shastal, Lucas Shastal, Cameron Spedoske) in 10:32.63.

Ben Wildes from O-E was 3rd in the shot put (43'9.5") while LHS' Shaun Mills was 4th (43'6.5").

Marauder Brock Spitzley topped the discus field with a 56'10" heave. The Wolves' Charles Dehnert was 3rd (122'1"), Mills 4th (121'10") and O-E's Bryce Krueger 5th (118'0").

Laingsburg's George and Dolega-Caceres were 1-2 in the high jump with 6'0" and 5'10" leaps, respectively. O-E's Stewart and Landen VanConant were 3-5 with 5'8" and 5'0" finishes.

Milner was 2nd for Ovid-Elsie in the long jump (18'8.5").

Wolfpack Girls Runner Up at Wolfpack Track & Field Invitational, O-E is 5th

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's girls team was the runnerup in team competition with 89.5 points, hosting neighboring Ovid-Elsie for the annual Wolfpack Track and Field Invitational at the LHS Sports Complex on April 25.

Ida topped the female field with 174.5 points, followed by LHS, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 3rd (76), Lansing Christian 4th (70), Ovid-Elsie 5th (63.5) and Bellevue 6th (37.5).

Local top finishers in each event included: 100 m dash: Kenlee White, Ovid-Elsie, 4th in :14.31. 200 m dash: Kyla Washburn, Ovid-Elsie, 6th, :30.17. 400 m run: Tava Kvalevog, O-E, 4th, 1:08.79. 800 m run: Emily Rathka, LHS, 1st, 2:36.50. Evelyn Logghe, LHS, 3rd, 2:46.59. Madalynn Bushard, O-E, 5th, 2:52.14. 1600 m run: Rathka, LHS, 1st, 5:55.41. Hazel Burley, LHS, 3rd, 6:23.48. Clarissa Baese, O-E, 4th, 6:35.88. 100 m hurdles: Jessica Kozlowski O-E, 5th, :17.76. 300 m hurdles: Kendal Tokar, O-E, 3rd, :54.15. Edie Zacharda, LHS, 6th, :59.99. 4x100 relay: Ovid-Elsie (Kozlowski, Washburn, White, Tokar) 1st, :55.24. Laingsburg (Brooklyn Miller, Sara Hart, Abby McNeil, Zacharda) 5th, :57.70. 4x200 relay: Laingsburg (Miller, Samantha Magyar, Hart, Logghe) 3rd, 2:03.64. Ovid-Elsie (Washburn, Hannah Koutz, Carly Williams, Kvalevog) 4th, 20:05.59. 4x400 relay: Ovid-Elsie (Kvalevog, Audrey Bensinger, Bushard, Tokar) 2nd, 4:42.07. 4x800 relay: Ovid-Elsie (Baese, Alizabeth Throop, Bushard, Bensinger) 2nd, 11:53.18. Shot put: Ella Mohny, LHS, 4th, 30'4.5." Kortlynn Loynes, O-E, 5th, 29'11.75." Discus: Loynes, O-E, 3rd, 89'4.5." High jump: Mallory Woodbury, LHS, 2nd, 4'8." Kendall Michels, LHS, 3rd, 4'8." Hailey Magley, LHS, 5th, 4'8." Pole vault: Madison Phillips, LHS, 1st, 9'6." Michels, LHS, 2nd, 9'0." Long jump: Lilli Morrill, LHS, 2nd, 15'4.5." Zacharda, LHS, 5th, 14'3.5."

Tennis Marauders Take Show on the Road, Easily Get Past Leslie

LESLIE — Ovid-Elsie's girls tennis team took its show on the road, dominating Leslie in a 7-1 non-league match.

O-E improved to 5-1-1 on the season, while dropping the Lady Blackhawks to 1-7.

The Marauders received wins at No. 1 singles (Ellyanna Carman); No. 2 singles (Jenna Tomasek); No. 3 singles (Evaleay Swender); No. 1 doubles (Hailie McCreery / Mikayla Bashore); No. 2 doubles (Jolene Hebel / Lauren Phillips); No. 3 doubles (Alexis Chadwick / Emmylou Blaha); and No. 4 doubles (Meadow Evans / Alison Kozlowski).

Marauder tennis girls in second tie of the season, 4-4 vs. Lakewood

OVID-ELSIE -- The Lady Marauder tennis team stood 5-1-2 overall on the 2025 season after a 4-4 non-league standoff with Lakewood Lake Odessa.

The Vikings swept the singles' matches, before O-E battled back in doubles' action to force the stalemate.

Singles: No. 1 - Abby Pickard, Lake Odessa Lakewood def. Ellyanna Carman, 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 - Emma Duffy, Lake Odessa Lakewood def. Jenna Tomasek, 6-4, 6-3. No. 3 - Lillian Fetterhoff, Lake Odessa Lakewood def. Evalay Swender, 6-2, 6-3. No. 4 - Hayden Bump, Lake Odessa Lakewood def. Grace Remenar, 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles: No. 1 - Hailie McCreery and Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Josie Elenbaas and Savanah Mendes, 7-5, 6-3. No. 2 - Jolene Hebel and Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Andie Cavanaugh and Alana Cappon, 6-4, 6-3. No. 3 - Emmylou Blaha and Alexis Chadwick, Ovid-Elsie def. Elsey Yeiter and Kenzie Everett, 6-1, 6-2. No. 4 - Meadow Evans and Alison Kozlowski, Ovid-Elsie def. Maddy Hubbell and Bella Bossenbroek, 6-2, 6-3.

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 § 600.324a 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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AMMENDED PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF CLINTON

CASE NO: 25-32313-NC

In the matter of
Jace Michael Hoskins-Cameron
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TAKE NOTICE: Jace Michael Hoskins-Cameron has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, 4th floor courthouse to change the name of Jace Michael Hoskins-Cameron to Jace Michael Hoskins.

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Male Marauders Thinclads Win for 9th Time in 10 Outings, Over BR and LakeVille

BIRCH RUN -- Ovid-Elsie's male thinclads improved to 9-1 overall, 5-1 in MMAC action, with twin wins in a MMAC double-dual here April 30.

Doug Long's Marauders raced past Otisville LakeVille 109-25, and the host Panthers, 92-45.

The Marauders dominated all events, taking the following first places: 200 - Owen Long 23.34. 400 - Travis Milner 51.60. 800 - Clay Powell 2:09.25. 110H - Jack Custer 17.96. 300H - Custer 45.00. 4 x 100 - Tryce Tokar / Alex Aekvorathongchai / Wyatt Lover / Long 46.14. 4 x 200 - Tokar / Lover / Long / Milner 1:34.41. 4 x 400 - Josh Miller / Long / Marshall Leavitt / Powell 3:53.44. 4 x 800 - Josh Miller / Mitchell Blaha / Leavitt / Powell 9:05.17.

Shotput - Brock Spitzley 45'3". Discus - Spitzley 153'5".

High jump - Jeremiah Stewart 5'8". Pole vault - Tokar 13'6". Long jump - Milner 19'2".

Runners-up for the Marauders were Ben Wildes (43'10") in the shot put, and Lover (:23.59) in the 200 m and 100 m (:11.87).

Third place point scorers were Milner (:24.02) in the 200; Powell (:54.33) in the 400 and James Kelly (5:18.15) in the 1600 m run.

The Lady Marauders prevailed over LakeVille, 111-16, and Birch Run, 77.5-48.5.

More event by event dominance for the Marauders:

100 m - Kyla Washburn, 2nd, :14.69 and Kenlee White, 3rd, :14.78. 200 m - Washburn, 2nd, :29.57. 400 m - Tava Kvalevog, 1st, 1:06.30. 800 m - Madalynn Bushard, 1st, 2:48.71. Clarissa Baese, 2nd, 2:50.57 and Audrey Bensinger, 3rd, 2:58.08. 1600 m - Baese, 1st, 6:21.27. 3200 m - Alizabeth Throop, 1st, 12:51.38. 100 m hurdles - Jessica Kozlowski, 1st, :17.81 and Kendal Tokar, 2nd, :17.96. 300 m hurdles - Tokar, 1st, :52.58. 4x100 - Kozlowski / Washburn / White / Tokar, 1st, :55.72. 4x200 - Washburn, White, Bushard, Kvalevog, 1st, 1:58.57. 4x400 - Kvalevog, Bensinger, Carly Williams, Tokar, 1st, 4:47.82. 4x800 - Piper White, Baese, Bushard, Bensinger, 1st, 11:22.51.

Shot put - Kortlynn Loynes, 2nd, 28'5.5" and Abigail Lehman, 3rd, 27'1." Discus - Loynes, 2nd, 90'1" and Kvalevog, 3rd, 80'2.'

High jump - White, 2nd, 4'2." Long jump - Kozlowski, 2nd, 12'11.5" and Jillian Williams, 3rd, 12'11."

Wolfgals Still Unbeaten in CMAC Soccer Race After Win at Potterville

POTTERVILLE -- Erin Pohlod pitched another shutout in goal as Laingsburg's girls soccer team stayed unbeaten in CMAC soccer action here April 29.

The Wolfpackk's 4-0 shutout moved them to 7-0 in the league, 10-1-0 overall. The Lady Vikings lost for the 8th time in 9 games.

Goals by Payge Woodworth, Kierra Rusz, Madison Phillips and Gwenith Clark powered the Wolfpack. Assists went to Emilee Mertens, Allie Brasseur, Gwenith Clark and Madison Phillips.



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COMMENCING 190 FEET WEST OF THE NORTH 1/4 POST OF SECTION 29, T7N, R4W, THENCE SOUTH 220 FEET, WEST 210 FEET, NORTH 220 FEET, EAST 210 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. 14553W Parks Road, Fowler, Michigan 48835 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 20, 2025 File No. 25-005216 Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED 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. 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 AM a.m./p.m. on May 28, 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 terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Scott R. Jubeck and Tamara M. Jubeck of Clinton County, Michigan, Mortgage to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) dated the 20th day of October, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Clinton and State of Michigan, on the 13th day of November, 2006, in Document No. 5108844 of the Clinton County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$31,591.78 plus accrued interest at 9.50000% percent per annum. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Dewitt, in the County of Clinton and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot 103 Northway Hills No. 4, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page(s) 91-92, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as: 12916 Menominee Drive, Dewitt, MI 48820 Tax ID: 050-376-000-103-00 If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278 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. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 27, 2025 By: Benjamin N. Hoen #P-81415 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 5990 West Creek Road, Suite 200 Independence, OH 44131 Telephone: 216-739-5100 Fax: 216-363-4034 Email: bhoen@weltman.com WWR#: 25-000225-1

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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 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 Jill L. Lugten, an unmarried woman, whose address is 1116 W. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgages, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERFIRST FINANCIAL CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated July 20, 2020, and recorded on July 22, 2020 with Document Number 5295510, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 21, 2022 and recorded on December 29, 2022 and given document number 5331921 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 15/100 DOLLARS (\$132,855.15). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 43, SUPERVISORS PLAT OF VALLEY FARMS #1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 41, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Street Address: 1116 W. Wieland Road, 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 Judiciary 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 6432

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Laingsburg Public Library Welcomes New Director, Sara Danford

submitted by Sarah Mattson

The Laingsburg Public Library is excited to announce the appointment of Sara Danford as our new Library Director.

A proud Laingsburg resident, Sara has long been an active and passionate member of both the library and our wider community. Her dedication to literacy, learning, and public service makes her an outstanding fit to lead the library into its next chapter.

Sara lives in Laingsburg with her husband and two children, and brings not only professional dedication but also a deep personal investment in the future of our town. Her vision includes expanding community programs, enhancing access to resources, and continuing to make the library a welcoming hub for all.



Sara Danford

Clinton County Historical Museum to Open May 21st

submitted by Kelly Jurman

Hello and Welcome to our 46th season at the Clinton County Historical Museum! We officially open on Wednesday, May 21st from 2 -5 PM.

This year's exhibit is: The 100th Anniversary of Rodney B. Wilson High School 1925 - 1969.

We are highlighting the years RBW was a high school with displays of clothing, clubs, the arts and sports. We are looking for memorabilia from those years, so if you have pictures, clothing, or any other artifacts from those year's at RBW and would be willing to loan them to the Museum please contact us by DM on Facebook or pgsmuseum@gmail.com or give us a call at 989-224-2894 or stop by on Wednesdays from 11- 4 PM.



SPORTS

Pair of Tough MMAC Losses for Marauder Baggers at Birch Run

BIRCH RUN -- A lack of timely hitting cost Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team at Birch run.

The Panthers escaped with a 4-1 and 3-2 sweep, as " ... we just couldn't get the bats going at the right time," explained the Marauder coaching staff.

The host Panthers moved to 6-5 overall, 2-3 in league play with the brooming. Mike Loynes' Marauders dipped to 5-6, 1-3 in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) games.

Birch Run overcame a 1-0 deficit in the opener, plating two runs in the 4th and two in the 6th, making the most of five hits and a trio of O-E errors. Luke Wiktorowski and Jake Bowen each allowed a pair of earned runs on the hill for O-E. Wiktorowski struck out 9 and walked one in 5 innings as the starter. BR ace Mark Girard tossed a sterling 3-hitter at the Marauders, with Wiktorowski, Clayton Fruchey and Brody Howard collecting the O-E safeties. Fruchey drove in the lone O-E RBI for the game.

Corbyn Janes tossed a fine four-hitter in game two of the double feature, exiting after 6 innings and a 2-2 tie. Howard took the loss in relief, striking out one and walking two before the Panthers plated the winner in the top of the 7th. Fruchey smacked two hits and drove in another RBI from the leadoff spot; Dan Topping also added two hits, while Jake Bowen and Javon Belill also hit safely. Kadin Childs struck out the side in the bottom of the 7th to earn the win, despite pitching just one inning for Birch Run.

Lady Wolves Score Key CMAC Victory, 11-3 Over Bath

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's varsity softball team danced around the raindrops here Thursday, scoring a key league victory over the Bath Bees.

The Wolfpack persevered, 11-3, before the scheduled second game was called due to rain. LHS remained in contention to defend its CMAC title at 9-1 overall, 4-1 in the league. Bath slumped to 3-7, 0-6 in league play.

Addy Buchin, with Peyton Stahr in relief, were the recipients of an offensive barrage that featured 11 hits. Savvy Stirm, Bella Latuszek, Buchin, Stahr, Harper Strouse and Alaina Asher all drove in RBI for the victors.

Buchin and Stahr three-hit the Bees, with Stahr relieving for the final three frames.

The pitching duo of Stott-Awrey took the loss for Bath.

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Ovid-Elsie Links Team Squeaks Past Otisville-Lakeville by 7

VASSAR — Ovid-Elsie defeated Otisville Lakeville, 193-200, in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) dual golf match at the Vassar Golf and Country Club.

Michael Bancroft led the Marauders with a 46 and Easton Keck shot a 48. Tucker Loynes added a 49, Jayce Herblet carded a 50, Tayton Kline shot a 51 and Ryker Parsons shot a 52 for the Marauders.