



## Laingsburg Homecoming King and Queen

King Cody Cataline and Queen Mallory Woodbury were crowned during half-time of the game against Saranac on October 3rd.



## Merrill/Ashley Homecoming King and Queen

Kind Layne Studt and Queen Emma Felton were crowned during half-time of the game against Pottersville on October 3rd.

## Elsie Fall Festival Raises Over \$17,000 for Food Pantry

*submitted by Susan Peterson*

The 2025 Elsie Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 4. Despite unseasonably warm temperatures, the community enjoyed a beautiful sunny day filled with fun, food, and entertainment.

This year's festival focused on providing an affordable event where families could celebrate together without stretching their budgets. At the same time, the festival highlighted the important work of the Elsie Area Food Pantry, which benefits directly from the event. The Fall Festival is the pantry's largest fundraiser, with 100% of proceeds going to support its mission of helping local families in need.



### Fun for All Ages

Children received free pumpkins to paint and decorated delicious pumpkin-shaped sugar cookies. A new attraction this year, the "Witches Cake Walk," directed by Cheryl Passmore and her helpers, gave participants the chance to win cakes and treats donated by generous community members and businesses such as Cupcakes & Kisses in Owosso.

Fresh apples, donated by Wyrick Apple Orchard and Doug Sturgis, were free to attendees. Clinton Transit and Great Start Collaborative distrib-



uted free books to children on the Blue Bus.

The Elsie 4-Corners 4H Club and OE FFA members, guided by Emily Klingbeil, once again hosted a popular animal exhibit where kids could meet farm animals, play games, and learn fun agricultural facts. The Elsie Public Library added to the fun with face painting, tattoos, stickers, and stories. Free cider and donuts were also enjoyed at the auction headquarters.

The Elsie Lions Club Food Trailer, a favorite of festival goers, provided their usual menu options. Thank you to all the Lion members for donating their time to serve at the festival again.

### Fundraising Success:

- Online Auction: \$10,039, special thanks to Maureen Nagy and Sid Bernath for all their work soliciting donations for months and months! Thanks to all our incredible donors. Also, thank you to all who followed the auction, bid multiple times, and often overbid the values.

- Elsie Masons: \$800 from their Fall Festival Community Pancake Breakfast

- Vendor booths: \$964

- The Color Walk (Tom Bradley Walk for Hunger), organized by Mary Bradley and sponsored by ZCJB Lodge #225, BetterLife Insurance, and the Bradley family: raised just over \$3,600

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# Social

## Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

Monday, October 13 will be Adult Booktasting at 1:00. Bring a friend and join us.

Wednesday, October 15 is Classic Movie. This week's movie will be 'The African Queen' starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn. Movie time will be 1:00. Light snacks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

Friday, October 24 will be the preschool story hour. This will be our Halloween story time so kids (and adults) are welcome to come in their halloween costumes. Story time will begin at 10:30.

Wednesday, October 29 will be another Classic Movie at 1:00. Movie is undetermined at this time.

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## Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Fall Festival was a fantastic success! I am told we had record numbers... That would explain the crowd and the long line for the face painting. A face would come into the library, and a different face would leave! I cannot draw a plausible stickman, so I was duly impressed. There were three story times. Fall stories to embellish the Fall Festival. I guess it was miserably hot outside. We love you, Air Conditioning!

The Elsie Public Library is going to ask people to pre-register for the Adult and Teen Craft Time every third Thursday of each month. We will learn to macramé this month on October 16th at 5:30 pm. I think it will be a nice addition to anyone's fall décor. If you would like to join the fun please call 989-862-4633 and leave a message if necessary, or e-mail at elsielibrary@gmail. Facebook Messenger is also an option. We are accepting 12 sign-ins to do this craft.

The Homeschool Mom's group will meet again on the 23rd at 5:30. If you are homeschooling, or know someone who is, this may be a good fit in finding support and comradery. I think any parent feels the pressure that comes with helping children learn anything. Homework is Hard!

Storytime continues Mondays at noon and every other Saturdays at 11:30. Bring your children in for fun. Each book is chosen carefully. We want our little ones to learn and grow. Every other Monday is "Music and Motion" ...That can be a riot! (please check our Facebook page for all programs).

Candyland is our current Reading Challenge. For each book you read, you can pick a card and work your way to the end of the challenge. There are no size requirements for the book or the people entering the challenge. It is fun to see our less juvenile patrons participate as well as our children.

Right now, we have our donation book shelves filled to the maximum capacity. Come buy a book, buy two books... We have a 60-book series on the donation shelf. Just saying!

Well, I hope to see you soon! Maybe I can talk you into a sizeable series! Just kidding. (or not?)

## Trunk-or-Treat at Heartland Church

Mark your calendars for the Saturday, October 25th Trunk-or-Treat at Heartland Church in Ovid. The event will take place from 5pm-7pm on that day and will include cider, donuts, popcorn and candy. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes and come on out for a fun family night. Heartland Church is located at 8440 M-21 in Ovid.

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## Bancrofts Celebrating 50 Years

Ed & Karla Bancroft are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on October 11th. They were married at the Duplain Church in 1975. The couple will be celebrating their day with family and friends cheering on the Spartans homecoming game vs. UCLA.

## Fall Rummage Sale at Carland UMC

submitted by Mary Simpson

The Carland United Methodist Church will be holding a Rummage Sale Friday, October 17th, and Friday October 18th from 8am to 5pm.

Much for everyone. The church is located on the corner of Carland and Juddville Rds.

## Pittsburg United Methodist Church Annual Dinner

The Pittsburg United Methodist Church will be hosting it's 49th Annual Butter Basted Chicken BBQ at the Bennington Township Hall on Sunday, October 19th. Serving from Noon to sold out as a curbside take-out only event.

The menu will consist of a 1/2 chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, string beans, roll & butter and a cookie.

\$12 suggested donation. No change.

The Bennington Township Hall is located at 5849 S. M-52.

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## Free Mobile Mammograms to Boost Breast Cancer Awareness, Reducing Barriers to Care

submitted by John Foren

IONIA – To mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic will provide free women’s health screenings, including screening mammography, at three Mid-Michigan locations in October.

The events are scheduled for:

- Friday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at UM Health-Sparrow Ionia, 3565 S. State St., Ionia.
- Monday, Oct. 13, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at UM Health-Sparrow Carson, 406 E. Elm St., Carson City.
- Friday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at UM Health-Sparrow Lansing Health Center, 2909 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

Appointments can be made by calling 616-523-1630.

This initiative provides critical benefits to the community by addressing common barriers to health care. The free service eliminates the cost of a mammogram, a significant hurdle for uninsured or underinsured individuals. Bringing the service directly to communities via a mobile clinic also alleviates transportation challenges for those in rural areas or with limited mobility, making preventive care more accessible.

October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a campaign dedicated to increasing awareness of the disease. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States.

Screening mammograms are a crucial tool in the fight against breast cancer, as they can detect tumors early, often before they can be felt and when treatment is most successful. Early detection significantly increases treatment options and can greatly improve survival rates.

The service is offered in partnership with UM Health-Sparrow Women’s Services and Breast Imaging. To learn more about UM Health-Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic, go to [UofMHealthSparrow.org/MobileClinic](http://UofMHealthSparrow.org/MobileClinic).

## Free Info Session for Potential Local Candidates

submitted by Bailey Leppert

If you have ever contemplated running for local office, or know someone you think should run, the Shiawassee County Democratic Party wants to hear from you. The group is offering an informational event on Thursday, October 16, from 6-8 pm in the community room at the Owosso Armory, 215 N Water St. Attendees will learn about the local positions up for election in 2026 and hear from other local candidates about why they chose to run. In 2024, 121 out of 184 local elected officials ran uncontested in Shiawassee County. For an additional 23 elected positions in the county, there were no candidates on the ballot at all.

“There’s never been a better time for those who believe in democracy to get involved,” said SCDP chair Marcia Bird. “Sometimes people who would really excel in local positions are intimidated by the process of filing and running a campaign, and we can help with that.” Bird encouraged attendees to bring a friend, especially one who has considered local elected office, “or if you think they should!”

No pre-registration is required for the October 16 event, and there is no cost to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information on this event or other upcoming events, visit [www.shiawasseedems.org](http://www.shiawasseedems.org).

## Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on “Alternative Treatment Options for Multiple Sclerosis”

submitted by Dianna Vsetual

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Friday, November 14th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.

The topic of this educational presentation will be on “Alternative Treatment Options for Multiple Sclerosis” and will be presented by Dr. Robert Pace, a Neurologist from the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience.

This presentation will be held in the NOW Building Educational Theatre, located at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at [RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org](mailto:RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org). RSVPs are due by Friday, November 7th.

For more information please visit, [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org)

## BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Holiday Bazaar

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

The annual ZCBJ Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 9 am until 3 pm at 401 E. Main St., Bannister. The Lodge will be selling Czech pastries, 100th Anniversary cookbooks, Czech garnet jewelry, lodge history books, Czech culture items and baking sheets. Table renters will offer a wide variety of items including needlework, jewelry, Rada cutlery, baked goods, candies, jams and jellies, baby items, holiday decorations, greeting cards, and much more. A luncheon of homemade soups, sloppy joes, sandwiches and pies will also be available.

For information, please contact Donni at 989-862-5290.



## Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary Craft Show

The Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary will be having a craft show on November 1, 2025. We are looking for vendors for the craft show. The cost is \$15.00 per table. Set up will be October 31st from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the morning of.

Please contact Cindy Suggate at either 517-651-5669 or [cgs6578@aol.com](mailto:cgs6578@aol.com) to reserve a table. You will need to have it paid for by October 25th. We are trying to keep it at one vendor per items being sold if possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cindy Suggate.

## Gratiot County Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Lodge is again collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots. We



would like to assist families in our area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year this Toys for Tots organization made sure 1300 local children could celebrate the holiday with gifts and a book. If anyone (member or nonmember) would like to help with this project, toys and/or financial donations can be brought to the hall (401 E Main St. Bannister) on Saturday Nov. 1, or Nov. 8 from 7 am until 4 pm. Or Sunday, Nov. 9. at 1:30 pm. Thank you for helping put a smile on a child’s face this Christmas season.

We want to express our Heartfelt Thanks to everyone who reached out to us during this incredibly difficult time.

The loss of our loved one has left a deep void in our lives but your kind words, prayers, messages, flowers and presence has brought comfort and strength when we needed it the most. Whether you joined us in person, sent a card, shared a memory or simply held us in your thoughts, please know how much it meant to us. Your compassion has reminded us that we are not alone and true love carries us through even the darkest moments.

Also a Big Thank You to Smith Family Funeral Home who helped us thru this journey.

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**It's been 20 years since you left us. There is not a day goes by we don't think of you. We all love and miss you dearly. You were a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.**  
Miss and love you,  
Your husband,  
children,  
grandchildren,  
and great-grandchild

**Shop Local**

*Letter to the Editor:*  
Should you shop local or buy an item online? Yes, it can be easier sometimes to sit in front of a computer, scroll through some items, push a couple of buttons and get your order in at midnight or 5 am -- while still in your jammies! However, that order can be delayed in shipping, it may not be exactly what you want or other reasons. So it is important to think about buying locally from your local merchants. These are the same merchants that you go to when you need a donation for your school or church event. And they are usually very generous.  
I'd like to give a special thanks to Elaine's Quilt store, right here on Main Street, Ovid. I needed to buy batting for our church quilting group. After checking various places, I went to Elaine's, not expecting anything different than prices I already saw. I was MISTAKEN! Elaine was able to beat all prices I had because she "gave" to the community. She sold me the batting below the retail price --- not even sure if she made any money on the transaction! I will continue to shop at Elaine's for all my sewing need and support my local business. She may not have everything I need, but she has enough!  
So the next time you need something and your choice is to go online shopping or driving to a local store ---- GIVE THAT LOCAL STORE a chance! You may be surprised! And if you sew or quilt, be sure to give Elaine's quilt store your business! Lets keep our downtown stores open and prospering because you shop local!  
Cindy Broome  
Ovid

**Gary Garlock**



Gary Garlock, longtime resident of Ovid, MI passed away at the age of 83, on October 2, 2025.  
Gary was born on April 3, 1942, the son of Byrl and Altha (Beagle) Garlock of rural DeWitt, MI. He graduated from St Johns High School in 1961, and married his wife Carol in 1964. After serving in the National Guard, Gary worked for 37 years at General Motors.  
Although Gary's job was as a truck driver, his entire world revolved around adoring his wife, loving his family, and serving the Ovid Community. Gary and Carol were married for over 61 years, and spent the last 9 months together in the same room at Hazel Findlay Nursing Home. Last spring, they were voted Hazel Findlay's Prom King and Queen, and they were able to be in the Mint Festival Parade together this summer just a week after one of Gary's hospitalizations. They were, and still are, ridiculously adorable. Gary and Carol spoke many times each day when he was a resident in the Ovid Healthcare Center, and if he spoke to any of his kids his first question was always, "How's mom?" She was always at the forefront of his mind.  
Gary's acts of service always showed his children how much he loved them. He spent countless hours fixing houses, checking oil on cars, shuttling kids to music lessons, working to raise money for the high school band uniforms and a trailer, and sitting through hours and hours and hours of band concerts (mostly awake). He was so excited to become a grandparent that he asked Carol if he could always use the same aftershave so he would have a smell that the baby would remember. When the babies didn't want to be held, he grew a beard like his son just in case that would win them over.  
Gary's job may have been as a truck driver for General Motors, but his family would say he saw himself as a fireman more than a truck driver. For 20+ years he lived out his dreams as a Volunteer Fireman and EMT for the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department. After he was officially a member of the department but before his first call Gary was so engrossed in watching The Waltons episode with the house fire that he opened his can of pop upside down on his lap. He had been bitten by the fire bug and was never the same.  
While working full time as well as serving as fireman and EMT, Gary also was Jim's little league coach and Boy Scout Leader. He and Carol served on O-E Band Boosters for 16 years, and served as officers for the majority of that time. Many freshman boys of that era had to survive "Chainsaw Gary's" snoring at band camp and lived to tell the tale. After retirement, Gary was heavily involved with the Ovid Lions Club, where he served as Secretary, Treasurer, delivered mints to stores, and coordinated volunteers for the Lions Wagon. If you ever bought cotton candy from the Ovid Lions Wagon, chances are good it was made by Gary when he was covered in it from head to toe.  
Gary is survived by his wife Carol (Robinson); son Jim (Ginny) Garlock of Connecticut; daughter Mandi (Steve) Wolfgram of Wisconsin; and grandchildren: Jessica, Lillianne, Luke and Katrina. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Wayne, sister Kay Marie, and daughter Deb.  
Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Homes-Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, at with Mr. Andy Goodrich officiating. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.  
Memorials can be made to the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department. 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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**Hero Park Update**

*Letter to the Editor:*  
The Elsie Hero Park Committee would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donations to the park project. Mid-Michigan Monument, Ed Arthur from Modern Woodmen, Schlegel Sand & Gravel, Kimberly's Creations, Michigan Graphics, Elsie Masons and Todd Carroll. Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped in the placing of the bricks.



# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Have you ever tried to figure out what you have been doing for the past two weeks? It can be a very frustrating process. It brings up questions like what was I doing? When was I doing it? Why did I think that it was necessary? Was it worth the time involved? I do know that I have pretty much finished up my canning spree... Just put up three dozen pints of hot dog relish and have already given away six of those to Margie for giving me the green tomatoes and some of the sweet peppers needed to make the relish. I got the needed cabbages from Rose at the Farmer's Market, and the other sweet peppers from Shirley at the market. I did manage to deliver the last of the stewed tomatoes to Therese in Laingsburg for Jerry's niece. I've practiced making the sauerkraut rye bread and was informed that it made excellent toast.

Oh and yes, I was covered in hives because I had an adverse reaction to medication that was prescribed to help my rosacea (which it didn't, just made it worse). Good thing I'm not stuck on my looks. I was also reminded that the spell check on my phone is atrocious (perking became parking which really messed up the intended message). And this morning I followed an incapacitated driver five miles until I reached the shop. Twenty minutes later I had to return to my home to pick up the needed totes, in that twenty minutes a big doe was hit on my corner and lay on the east edge of the road.

I did remember to replace Pru's hairbrush. I felt extremely guilty because I had to remove several sand burrs from her tail and tummy. She has been demanding a full body brushing every day since then. I gladly give them to her. I even purchased some oatmeal shampoo for her. Miss Prudence is sticking closely to me, yup, you guessed it ... just like a burr. Right now, she is staring at me because she can't sit on my lap whenever I'm sitting at the computer. I'm getting the 'get thyself into high gear' look from her. Daily now, Pru and TT are sharing me. TT is my head lady cat and she is in good standing with Pru providing that she does not interfere with Pru and I interacting with each other. If TT gets too pushy Pru snaps at her. Its like having another set of children. Prudence is woofing softly at me because my lap is empty and she wants to fill it.

I'm potting plants and need to be planting iris that Rolayne has given me. Today, after lunch with Margie, she sent me home with two more rubber plants, good thing that I just picked up some more pots. I did go to an auction last Thursday and picked up a few good deals while helping the 'Sunshine Club' to help five or six families during this coming Yuletide Season. Which reminds me that I need to order the forty inch wide cellophane for the fruit baskets. I meant to ask where the baskets were coming from, I did offer to pick up some honey crisp apples for the baskets. Not sure if anyone heard me...

Next week is full of appointments... A furnace check up, a cook and prod for me, another quick trip up to Clare, maybe I can get Marlene to go with me. I think that I can safely cancel the repair call on my stove. After three different attempts to reboot it, the reboot worked!! I did get a haircut last week and have had a few compliments on it today. Probably because I used the blow dryer on it and my hair was a bit puffed... I had lunch with Robin on Tuesday (we laughed a lot) and then we checked out the thrift store on the main street in Ithaca. I found me a couple of large soup cups that will be used as flower pots. And I did buy a couple of novels there also and a cupcake pan for Ryan. Who I plan on visiting this Sunday afternoon.

I've been checking out a few DIY projects for the house. Also some to make some Christmas decorations and keep me amused. I hope that your lives are filled with small adventures and interesting discoveries. Enjoy the little things and may your lives be filled with blessings. May God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Deer Enigma Solved Fifty Years Later

This week the New York Times has reported about the DNA data from the partial skull and antlers of a mysterious prehistoric deer found over 50 years ago during subway tunnel construction on the eastern edge of Toronto. The antlers were so thick and oddly horizontal that no scientist at the time could positively connect it to a living species. Paleontologists at the time named it *Torontoceros hypogaeus* which translate simply to "horned Toronto deer from underground" or Toronto Subway Deer.

The 11,000 year old specimen was originally thought to be



a distant relative to caribou or possibly another cervid that had met its evolutionary dead end. Using DNA extracted from the fossil, scientists were able to rule out what was originally thought and actually establish a connection to today's mule deer and whitetail deer. While it is the only currently known fossil in existence it is believed to possibly have deer lineages dating back from over two million years ago that have roamed the Great Lakes alongside mammoths, mastodons and other ice age giants. When the climate warmed and forests overtook the plains it is possible that the habitat and species disappeared. While it is hard to pinpoint everything about the species based on one sample, scientists and researchers are hoping that there are other samples currently in museum drawers that may be mislabeled, overlooked or even unidentified and waiting to be tested. Time will tell if more pieces of the puzzle could help give some insight into this newly discovered and extinct species.

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## Religious Thoughts

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It is no secret that our country is deeply divided. One of the causes of this division is the deep hatred and fear of the other side, those that disagree with us, that is held by too many in our country.

Various positions are guilty of name calling and sadly, even violence. There are no "good" people here.

But where there is a problem, there is an opportunity for the Church. Where there is a problem, God has a solution. That solution is found in His Word, the Bible, and that solution is God working through His people to bring about reconciliation.

In 2 Corinthians 5:14-20, Paul writes the following, "Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

God has given to all Christians the ministry of reconciliation and wants for all people to come to know Him. Republican. Democrat. Libertarian. The political party doesn't matter. Muslim, Hindu, atheist. The religion doesn't matter. God wants for everyone to come to personally know Him and join Him at the Heavenly party!

Because of this, as believers we should be sharing the gospel. Share our testimonies. Invite people to church. Give them a Bible or book to read. Pray for people to turn from their sins and come to personally know God.

The Bible says, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

- Galatians 3:28

All one in Christ Jesus. Let that thought sink in. Democrats and Republicans. All one in Christ Jesus. Progressives and conservatives. All one in Christ Jesus.

James says that "...the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."

- James 3:17-18

How is this to be done?

Along with sharing the good news of the Gospel, there are three main ways in which we can start the process:

One is that we are going to have to stop demonizing the other side. Whichever side that may be.

Second is that we need to truly listen. To sit down and listen to someone else explain their point of view. No interrupting or thinking of how to answer what they are saying. Just listen and think about what they are saying from their point of view.

Third is the need to agree to disagree. There are some issues, which I admit, seem very hard to find compromises on. And so for a time, we need to agree to disagree.

We can be inspired by what Jesus says in the Beatitudes in Matthew, chapter 5, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

- Matthew 5:9

## Editorial



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## Elsie Fall Festival...cont' from front

• Additional festival donations: over \$1,700 including food collected at the Food Pantry Trailer.

Altogether, the festival raised more than \$17,000 for the Elsie Area Food Pantry — and donations are still coming in.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our entertainment for the day which was provided by the OE High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Ignash, the Jack & Sue Clarkson Band, and Dean Gilbert. DJ James Chapko kept the energy high throughout the day.

Thank you to the Village of Elsie and the DPW for moving the stage and bleachers. Ed White for all his help leveling the stage, hooking up the electricity, and putting the tent up for us. The Elsie Dairy Festival for letting us use their stage once again.

Festival organizers extend heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, sponsors, attendees, and donors who made the 2025 Elsie Fall Festival such a success.

*Photos by Deb Price and Dawn Levey*



## Elsie Fall Festival Car Show Results

*by Dawn D Levey*

ELSIE – Once again the Elsie American Legion Post 502 sponsored the Elsie Fall Festival Car Show. Twenty vehicles participated in the annual event. The winners: Best Motor Bike – Alex Plowman – 2017 Honda, Elsie, MI, no photo.



*Farthest Traveled – Butch Kostal, Diamondale, MI*



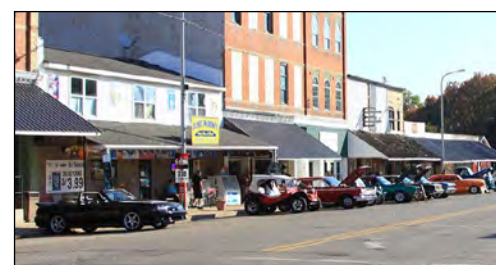
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*People's Choice – Greg Snider - Chevy, Elsie MI*



*Oldest Vehicle – Richard Volz – 1930 Chevy, DeWitt, MI*



*(r): Kids Choice – Cris Sodman – 2013 Jeep, St. Johns,*

*Photos by Dawn Levey*



## Beef Raffle Winners

The Elsie Lions Club would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the Beef Raffle. Thanks to the O-E Community Clubs like ours, we are able to keep helping people in need for sight and hearing aids. The winners of our beef raffle include: 1st place, (1/2 beef) Dianna Jones of Elsie, 2nd place (1/4 beef) Nadine Meyers of Owosso, 3rd place (1/4 beef) Mike Fisher of Henderson and 4th place (\$100 Gift card) John Densmore of Ithaca.

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# Sports

## Saranac Overcomes Determined Wolfpack Effort to Ruin Laingsburg Homecoming— Again

**L A I N G S - B U R G** -- The 36-20 final score, favor Saranac, wasn't really indicative of how Laingsburg's 2025 Homecoming went down.

**B r i a n B o r g m a n**'s Wolfpack was much closer to a win than a 16-point loss.

Still, the Saranac Redhawks ruined LHS' Homecoming for the second time in three years with a dominant second half that moved the

Hawks to 4-2 overall, 3-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

Laingsburg dipped to 2-4, 1-4 in the league.

The Hawks found their leader in sophomore Gabe Webb, who rushed for 233 yards and four TDs while picking up 9.7 yards per carry.

The Wolves, down early, battled back to forge a 14-14 halftime tie with a thrilling score as the first half ended.

Webb opened the scoring on a 21-yard run, and SHS added the two-point conversion for a 8-0 lead to start the 2nd quarter.

Waylon Rowley battled back for the Pack, scoring on an 18-yard run. Payge Woodworth's PAT kick got LHS back to within 8-7.

Webb tallied again on an 8-yard blast, but the two-pointer failed. The second-quarter dramatics weren't over, as LHS sophomore QB Julian Smith hit Landon Freeman with a 41-yard TD strike. Woodworth's kick knotted things up at 14-14, as the LHS Band took the field for Homecoming halftime.

Things were still tight in the third quarter. Webb bulled in on a 2-yard yard, and the Hawks converted a critical two-point conversion.

Rowley retaliated for the hosts with a 54-yard scoring run, but the try for two failed -- and Saranac started building momentum, now with a 22-20 advantage.

The Redhawks scored all of the 4th quarter points, on a 33-yard run followed by a 45-yard scamper. The two-pointer after the final touchdown closed the scoring at 36-20 -- marking Laingsburg's third-straight Homecoming loss, dating back to 2022, including a 28-20 setback to the Redhawks two years ago.

Saranac was unstoppable on the ground and finished the game with 380 rushing yards -- the most rushing yards they've managed all season.

Smith hit on 4-of-18 passes for LHS, for 65 yards. Collin Logghe completed one pass to 21 yards. Freeman (2-for-62), Logghe (1-for-29) and Leandro Dolega-Caceres (2-for-29) were on the receiving end of the Wolfpack completions.

Rowley enjoyed a career game with 6 rushes for 116 yards and two TDs. Smith carried 7 times for 19 yards.

Wolfpack defenders were led by Freeman, Harrison Dorman, Cooper Morr, Bryce Curry, Adam Kazor, Ethan Platte, Logghe, Nate Malone, John Schafer and Joe Deshone, who all made tackles for the red-and-white.



Laingsburgs #3 Landon Freeman reaches the goal line with a 41-yard touchdown run during the game with Saranac on Oct. 3rd.

Photo by Burg Sports

## All Three Phases on Display: O-E Gridders Maul Panthers, 42-7

**OVID-ELSIE** -- If they had a pre-game TV show for high school football games, the talking heads would all sit around imploring on the three phases of a good team:

Offense. Defense. Special teams.

Ovid-Elsie put all three on excellent display here October 3, in a 42-7 thrumping of the Birch Run Panthers.

It didn't take two minutes for the Ovid-Elsie special teams (phase one) to strike. Birch Run's Garrett Martinus attempted a 22-yard field goal that fell short; Marauder DB Julian Medina grabbed the miss and sprinted it 78 yards the other direction for a touchdown. The PAT failed, but O-E was up 6-0 just-that-fast.

Eight minutes later, still in the 1st quarter, Martinus was pilfered again. This time, his pass intended for Kadyn Anderson was intercepted by Chase Fabus and returned 24 yards to the end-zone. Dannika Campbell's kick made it 13-0.

Chalk up one up to the O-E defense, phase two.



Chase Fabus tackles a Birch Run player with an assist from Brock Spitzley. Photos by Michelle Ladiski

The Panthers opened the 2nd quarter with a Hugh Tanner 27-yard TD run, followed by a Martinus PAT kick to close the gap to 13-7. But then, it was the Marauder offense (phase three) that took over.

Chase Fabus scored on TD runs of 32 and 6 yards before halftime; Campbell kicked a PAT and QB Owen Long ran in a two-point conversion; it was 28-7 at the intermission and the rout was on.

All the theatrics were completed by the end of the 3rd quarter. Long ran in a 9-yard touchdown -- then it was Long starting on defense. Owen latched onto a Hugh Tanner pass intended for Anderson and returned it 53 yards to paydirt. Campbell kicked both PATs for a 42-7 final score.

Fabus led a dominant O-E ground game with 113 yards on 16 carries, including two TDs. Brock Spitzley gained 38 yards on 10 toots, Joie Fabus 32 yards on just two, Long 24 on 4, and Jason Harrell four yards on one carry.

Joie Fabus caught three Long aerials for 50 yards, including a long of 27. Wyatt Lover caught the other connection for 6 yards. Long completed 4-of-8 passes to keep the Panther defense



Chase Fabus had 2 TD with 113 yards on 16 carries

honest.

Starring on that highlight-reel Marauder defense? Long (3 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 interception returned for TD); Chandler Hart-Butcher (5 tackles); Chase Fabus (3 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 1 interception returned for TD); Spitzley (6 tackles, 2 tackles for loss); Hunter Smith (7 tackles) and Joie Fabus (3 tackles, 1 interception).

"The blocked field goal return for TD set the stage for a great game in all three phases," said veteran Marauder coach Travis Long. "John Kelly's recovery on that kick-off was big time. Interceptions by Owen, Chase, and Joie really turned the game in our favor."

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# Sports

## Ovid-Elsie Boys Run 13th, Girls 14th at Greater Flint Championships

FLINT -- Cross-country teams from Ovid-Elsie moved closer to the culmination of the 2025 season at the Greater Flint Championships here October 4.

Twenty-five boys teams and twenty-three female squads from the Greater Flint metropolitan area competed in the prestigious warm-up to the MHSAA State Finals.

Flint Powers Catholic (20 points) brought home the boys title. Ovid-Elsie grabbed 13th place at 115.

Fenton's Gavin Katic won the meet in a blistering time of 15:43.23. Ovid-Elsie's top finishers were Will Baese 16th in 18:38.99, Travis Wright 20th, Joshua Miller 21st, Mitch Gonzalez 23rd, Jeremiah Stewart 35th, Colton Sempstrott 43rd, Sam Kennedy 44th and Destin Kinney 50th.

Clarissa Baese led the Lady Marauders, 8th in 22:06.07. Ava Juhas finished 23rd, Audrey Bensinger 24th, Dana Juhas 25th, Lydia Lawrence 35th, Shaelyn Kinney 41st and Katelyn Wright 45th.

Hartland topped the girls team scores with 22. The Lady Marauders finished 14th as a team with 93 points. Elliana Neuer of Hartland topped the female field in 18:18.34.

## Lady Wolves Lose Heartbreaker in Five Sets at Otisville-LakeVille

OTISVILLE -- It took five sets and 28 overtime points to get a decision, with the host Falcons taking the nod in a five-set, non-league nod over Laingsburg here October 6.

Otisville-LakeVille moved to 5-9-1 overall, while Mickey Fox's Lady Wolfpack dipped to 10-8-2 with a nail-baiting, 25-21, 23-25, 15-25, 25-19, 13-15 loss.

It was LakeVille's first home win of the season. The loss did not affect Laingsburg's conference standing at 4-2, with the Wolfpack moving back into CMAC play Thursday against Lansing Christian.

Harper Strouse sparked the LHS effort at Otisville with 12 kills and a 1 block. Kendall Michels contributed 10 kills, 25 assists and 9 digs; Lia Soeltner 20 digs and Mallory Woodbury 18 digs, 7 kills and an ace.

## Wolfpack Soccer Team Continues Rolling Towards MHSAA Post-Season

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack varsity soccer team improved on a solid season under first-year coach Emily Tyner in non-league action.

The Wolves (10-8-2) battled to a 2-2 tie against Ithaca, and followed that up with a 4-2 win over the Corunna Cavaliers.

Keaton Dietz scored the Wolves' first goal opposite Ithaca (8-7-4), assisted by Nolan Russell. Everett Rodriguez scored on the game-tie, on an assist from Cameron Spedoske.

Corunna fell to 5-12-1 with a 4-2 loss at the LHS Sports Complex. Asher Shastal broke the ice for the Wolfpack on a penalty kick, the precursor to three-straight punch-ins from Dietz. Keaton scored on assists from Spedoske, Grey Sequin and Russell.

Camden McGee was in goal for Laingsburg.

"The last three games have been some we've started off playing with discipline and kept that through out the game," said coach Tyner. "Sometimes things didn't go our way, but the boys have done a great job countering and coming up on the other end with a goal."

"This group has a lot of game-focus and they all push in the right direction."

**Coaches please remember to send in your weekly sports results! tomturek20032003 @ yahoo.com or news@meridianweekly.com**



Front Row (L to R) O-E's Varsity Volleyball Team: Lillian Bates, Kendal Tokar, Kortlynn Loynes, Isabella Phillips, Bentlie Kelley, Isabelle Ryal, Sarah Newman, Ashton Ehle, Jolene Hebler, Allison Veith and Brooklyn Thornton. Back Row (L to R) O-E staff members Ms. Harrington, Dr. Faziani, Mrs. Loynes, Mr. Harger, Mr. Kingsbury, Mrs. Somers, Ms. Kellogg, Coach Ehle and Mr. Wildes. Staff not pictured: Mr. Snyder and Coach Parker.

## Lady Marauders Honor Staff, Down LakeVille in MMAC Battle

OVID-ELSIE -- It was a double night to celebrate in Marauderland.

The Ovid-Elsie varsity volleyball team treated their fans and staff to a MMAC victory over Otisville-LakeVille during Staff Appreciation Night.

Each of the varsity players honored an O-E staff member on Staff Appreciation Night.

The Marauders dropped the Falcons to 0-4 in the conference, 5-9-1 overall with a straight-set triumph. O-E rolled, 25-21, 25-19 and 25-17, evening its league record at 2-2.

Angela Ehle's team improved to 17-7-2 overall. Senior outside hitter Ashton Ehle was back in the lineup and will be phased into certain matches as her shoulder improves throughout the remainder of the season.

Bentlie Kelley the victors with 33 assists, 1 block and a dig. Also coming up big for O-E were Ashton Ehle (9 aces, 14 kills, 11 digs); Lily Bates (5 aces, 6 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 8 digs); Allie Veith (7 kills, 3 blocks, 2 digs); Kortlynn Loynes (6 kills, 1 block, 1 dig; Kendal Tokar (4 kills, 2 blocks, 8 digs); Isabelle Ryal (7 digs); Sarah Newman (2 aces) and Isabella Phillips (1 kill, 2 digs).

**Lady Marauders bounce winless Hornets in MMAC volleyball win**

OVID-ELSIE --

Angela Ehle's varsity volleyball Marauders swept New Lothrop in three sets, keeping the Hornets winless in Mid-Michigan Activities Association (MMAC) action.

The winning scores were 25-12, 25-14 and 25-16.

The Lady Hornets fell to 0-5 in the circuit, 3-15-3 overall. Conversely, O-E moved to 16-7-2 overall and 3-2 in the MMAC.

Bentlie Kelley was the Marauders' top player with 22 assists, 2 aces and 7 digs.

Ashton Ehle (2 aces, 12 kills, 3 blocks, 1 assist, 8 digs),

Kendal Tokar (6 aces, 2 kills, 4 digs), Allie Veith (4 aces, 4 kills, 1 block, 1 dig), Lily Bates (2 aces, 3 kills, 5 digs),

Kortlynn Loynes (2 kills, 3 blocks), Isabel Ryal (1 assist, 5 digs), Jolene Hebler (1 ace, 2 kills) Sarah Newman (2 aces) and Brooklyn Thornton (1 kill) topped the Lady Marauder stat sheet.



Isabel Ryal diving for the ball during the game against New Lothrop. She had 1 assist and 5 digs.

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**NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:** The decedent **RAYMOND LEROY REED** Died on September 9, 2024 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Reed, personal representative, at 6221 Coulson Court, Lansing, MI 48911 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Robert Reed  
6221 Coulson Court  
Lansing, MI 48911  
(517) 763-7082

David J. Williams. P76932  
1690 Watertower Place, Ste 400  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 333-5789

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

CASE NO: 2025-32658-DE Estate of **JOHN OLIVER BURDICK, JR.** Date of Birth: January 13, 1971  
**NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:** The decedent **JOHN OLIVER BURDICK, JR.** Died on September 1, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jocelynn Burdick, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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**Fresh Paint:** The entrance sign at the Roy Gumaer Memorial Park has been newly painted. Roy Markey, recently moved to Ovid from Diamondale. He noticed that the sign could use some TLC and donated his time and talent to repair the sign. Markey who is a professional painter and is the President of Signs of Change, does signs of all kinds as well as interior and exterior painting. "I would like to thank Ovid community member, Roger Jones, who helped with a financial donation toward the project," explained Markey.



### Laingsburg Lions Club Donates to Laingsburg Food Bank

submitted by Terry Fraidenburg  
Laingsburg Lions Club donated \$2,500 to the Laingsburg Food Bank on Monday, October 6. Pictured is (l): Lion President Nick Holtman presenting the check to treasurer (r): Dan Brown of the Laingsburg Food Bank.

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(l): Leyna Miller and (r): Tracy Hoffman

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