



Pictured here are kids from Marauder Learning Zone, Safety Pup, deputy Kim Williams and Sheriff Begole.

## Sheriff Visits Learning Zone

submitted by Brooke Wooley

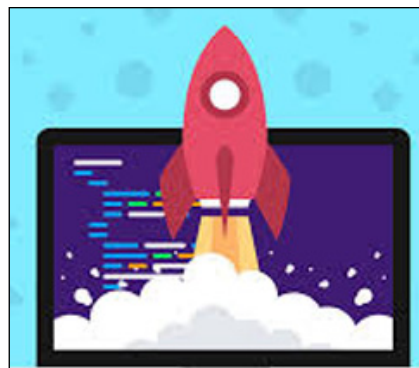
Thank you to Shiawassee County Sheriff Brian Begole, Deputy Williams, and Safety Pup for visiting Marauder Kids Learning Zone on Thursday, January 23rd. The visitors talked about the special jobs as a police officer and about their responsibilities in keeping us safe. The students loved your dancing pup and awesome safety vehicles, and we learned a lot too!



## Weekly Website Revamped

Our new website is live...take a look. Online readers can now view the paper exactly as presented in the printed version, online. The new look makes reading online easier and faster. Online readers will not only see all the news but will also see the advertising from our clients who faithfully support us. The pages of the Weekly are uploaded to our website as PDF's (permanent digital format), this allows you to print selected pages directly from the website, allowing you the reader to save those articles that feature your kids, grandkids and friends. It also allows you to save those ads that feature money saving coupons, important meeting dates and other important dated material can be saved as a reminder.

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## Volunteers and New Location Needed for Laingsburg Recycling

by Karen Anderson

LAINGSBURG – A small group of citizens, along with representatives from the Clinton and Shiawassee Counties and current volunteers gathered on Wednesday evening to discuss the future of Recycling for the Laingsburg community and surrounding areas. A group of Volunteers who have coordinated and worked the drop-off Recycling Center in Laingsburg on the 2nd Saturday of every month since 1988, expressed their concerns of aging volunteers and a need for a new location for the service.

The location on Roosevelt Row with a drive for one-way traffic of approximately 150 vehicles each month and a storage unit for supplies and shelter is scheduled to be demolished within a week for other businesses. The City is waiting for an asbestos inspection and then the buildings will be taken down and no longer available for the Laingsburg Recyclers, pursuant to Dave Castler, DPW.

Terry Link, Spokesperson of the Laingsburg Recycling led an informative meeting as to the concerns and suggestions to resolve the challenges of keeping this successful Community-based organization available for future generations. Link stressed the immediate need for volunteers, finding a new location and educating our youth on our environmental issues. "If this generation can help pass on this model that works for recycling in our community, our community will be a better place to live." Recycling sends so much less to the landfills and adding carcinogens into the environment from burning trash is a serious health problem. Link shared a chart that documented 1, 178,659 pounds of recycled items from 2005 - 2019.

The meeting of concerned community members discussed options of locations around the City with the necessary criteria to approve a new drop off location. Volunteers are meeting with the City Parks committee on Monday January 27 to determine if they have any suggestions for a temporary or permanent location. The Lions President, Ed Arthur is consulting with the American Legion for a possible location and many other concerned citizens made several other suggestions. The next Saturday scheduled for recycling is February 8, 2020 at 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. When the location is determined, it will be announced on Social Media for Laingsburg and in the newspapers.

Future committees will be able to work with Larry Johnson, Shiawassee Recyclable program for Infrastructure Grants and Funding via the DEQ for developing a long-term funding plan. Clinton County Recycle Services Director, Kate Neese who was present stated she has an Education Coordinator on staff and concurred with the urgency of educating our future generations. She stated the importance of "Working with the National Honor Society students, youth service organizations and science clubs and classes to encourage students to become involved and educated on the opportunities to make a difference." Educating students and the community will create awareness and enthusiasm for recycling.

Past volunteers present included Roger and Dorothy Waltz and current volunteers Terry and Ellen Link, Dean Thatcher President; Paul and Beth Lang, Treasurer; other volunteers present included Ralph and Marion Gordon, Dave and Cindy Helvie, Dan Sibb and Dave Draggoo and many others. Over the years 21 long-term volunteers have sorted plastics, glass, cardboard, batteries, electronic, metal, aluminum cans and newspapers since May of 1989 first spearheaded by Tina Handley.

The logistics of a recycle Saturday begins on Friday night when the bins are delivered. Then at 7:30am set up of containers, pick up from the schools recycling locations, the unloading and sorting of recyclable products from the many vehicles dropping off and then the containment of the bins. Pick up on Monday morning by the movers. This is a costly endeavor, which has been donated by John Larcour, Resident of Laingsburg and owner of Friedland Industries who stated free services may not always be available and each monthly haul cost approximately \$1,000.

If you want to better understand the pollution and trash problems watch YouTube/2K1W WMV3BW or contact Karen O'Brian, Director of Michigan Recycling Coalition for mailing materials and how you can help. If you would like to volunteer for a 2 hours shift from 9:00 – 11:00 or 11:00 – 1:00 on a Saturday in Laingsburg contact via email: [link@msu.edu](mailto:link@msu.edu).



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## 2nd Annual Racing for Miracles

On Saturday, February 1st, the Annual Racing for Miracles fundraiser for Hurley Children's Hospital will take place at Shepard's Indoor Speedway, 1905 M-52, Owosso. Doors open and registration starts at 11:00 a.m. Racing starts at 12:00 p.m. 24 teams of 4 per team, will compete in a day full of fun. Follow the group on Facebook at "Racing for Miracles."

There is no cost for spectators. 50/50, raffles and silent auctions will be happening all day so come out and enjoy a great event and help the kids out! Concessions will be open.

Many local short track racers will be participating in this event, come out and watch your favorites enjoying the off season with this fun event.

Last year, Ovid resident and local racer at Owosso Speedway Dale Spencer, Bridgeport residents Scott (also a racer) and Sarah Quaal started this event in partnership with Hurley Children's Hospital. This event raised \$5,100 that was donated to Hurley.

This year they are raising funds for Hurley's music therapy program and to give kids a close-up view of a real race car at Hurley events. Studies have shown that exposure to music improves the overall medical experience of pediatric patients. Music therapy reduces anxiety, helps with pain, makes treatments easier to go through, stimulates the senses - the list goes on and on. Most importantly, it provides a way for the whole family to get involved while spending quality time together.

If you have any questions about this event call Dale at 989-666-8477.



## Reverse Raffle Tickets Available

Tickets for the Saturday, March 14th Reverse Raffle are still available. Only 250 tickets will be sold and are going fast. Each \$50 ticket holder will gain entrance to the event and will enjoy an all you can eat dinner and drink (beer and wine).

The event will also feature 50/50 drawings, sideboards, Silent Auction and 2nd Chance Raffle.

The Ovid-Elsie Sports Boosters along with the Marauder Wrestling Program are hosting this fund raising event which will be held at the Elsie American Legion Hall in Elsie. A total of \$6,400 will be paid out including 20 payouts of \$100 or more. The grand prize is \$1,500.

The event this year promises to be as exciting and fun while raising funds for the Sports Boosters and Wrestling Programs at Ovid-Elsie.

Doors to the event will open at 4pm on March 14th and the raffle will begin at 5pm. To purchase a ticket contact Amy Knickerbocker at (989) 992-7797, Coach Kyle Spiess at (989) 395-4901 or Carl Thornton at (517) 749-9203.

## The Friends of the Maple River Meeting

*submitted by Jon Morrison*

The Friends of the Maple River (FOMR) will hold their September Bi-Monthly meeting in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Clinton County Courthouse at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, January 29th, 2020. There is no speaker scheduled as this will be a working meeting to make arrangements for the spring river cleanup, having a booth at the Quiet Water Symposium, and considering replacement of the now vacant president position for the organization.

## Learn How to Write Your Personal Memoir

Writing a personal memoir is a trend that is sweeping the country. Owosso has our very own subject matter expert Sally Labadie, who has written her own personal memoir and has also helped several people write theirs. Owosso Books & Beans is having a class in which Sally will show you how to overcome your fears of writing your own personal memoir and we believe, based on feedback from people who have written their own, that this will be a great legacy for your children, grandchildren, and heirs. We have several testimonials by people who have read memoirs of their grandparents and beyond, and they continue to cherish the memories that those memoirs trigger.

Come join us on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 10am-12pm. The ticket price is \$25, which includes a workbook from which Sally will instruct. You will start writing your memoir during this class!

To reserve your spot, limited to 10 people, call 989-729-7336 or visit Owosso Books & Beans during store hours (12-7 Monday through Friday, 10-6 Saturday) to pre-pay for your ticket to this informative event. Should capacity for the class be exceeded, another class in the future is likely. Questions may be directed to [OwossoBooks@gmail.com](mailto:OwossoBooks@gmail.com) or to our team at the store.



## Meeting Dates and Times

**Greenbush Township** - Meets the fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held, Monday, January 27th at 7p.m. at the Township Hall, 1993 E. French Rd., St. Johns.

**City of Laingsburg** - Meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Monday, February 3rd at 7pm at 114 Woodhull St. Laingsburg.

**Woodhull Township** - Meets the first Wednesday of each month. Because of the New Year Holiday the next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm at 7315 W. Beard Rd., Shaftsbury.

**Fairfield Township** - Meets the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 6th at 7pm at the Township Hall.



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Last December, the Elsie Arts Council held a Poetry Contest. Listed here is a sampling of the poems that were entered in their contest. We invite area poets to share your talents with our readers. Your poems may be submitted by mail to PO Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866, dropped off at our office at 200 S. Main Street in downtown Ovid, or by email at [news@meridianweekly.com](mailto:news@meridianweekly.com).

## Attention:

by Josie Nash

Roses are dying, violets are too,  
We're killing our earth through and through.

Professors discuss the issues of global warming,  
And yet we still continue to ignore the warnings.

We've melted our glaciers and stripped our jungles,  
Killing ourselves, our actions are in bundles.

We're losing our elephants and even our rhinos,  
We search for a solution, Come Here Fido!

Forcing woodland animals to become city dancers,  
We turn to the post millenials for answers.

People are crying we have no choice,  
The actual truth is, we all have a voice.

Ignoring the fake news and all of the lies,  
There are some out there making ties.

Troops were sent to replenish the Amazon,  
We use electricity instead, for cars to run on.

Today beekeepers have become more common,  
Attempts are made to save the forgotten.

Animals are in sanctuaries, oceans are being cleaned,  
Trees are being replanted, efforts fill the needs.

Although our earth has had a tough run,  
We are the first to say the start has begun.

## Hands of The Warriors

submitted by Alivia Peters

Bright night  
White light  
Warriors  
Swords that bite  
Unaccustomed to the daylight  
Hands of the warriors

## Jesus is Always with Me

by Chris Hearn

In the morning when I wake, His sunshines to greet me.  
Through the day He is here.  
From the rain that refreshes and brings life, to the fog  
that cools, and wraps the gentle works of His hands like  
a present.  
When his sun sets He is with me with the colors of the sky.  
He creates His work.  
Slowly, carefully never rushed.  
Until the crescendo comes, and the canvas begins to  
slowly fade.  
But even then, Jesus is with me.  
I look up to the lights, each one unique with its own  
distinct touch from  
the Master.  
When I look up and see nothing. Jesus sends a gentle  
breeze to remind me.  
He has not forgotten.

## The World of Tree

submitted by Lily Latimer

Up in a tree,  
So much to see,  
Me and a tree,  
That's how it should be,  
Come with me and you will see,  
Just me and you and a tree too.

## Cold Harbor, VA

submitted by Clarence Dell

On the day of June the 3rd in the year 1864. A horrible battle took place, during our Nation's Civil War.

The battle at Cold Harbor was a bloody one that day. In less than half an hour, 7,000 Yankees, in death, they lay.

Over five acres of southern soil was covered with Federal blue. But 1,500 gray-clad soldiers, laid among them too.

The Bluecoats died on Virginia ground, their lifeblood soaking in. The way General Grant ordered them on the charge, was just a downright sin.

A Union officer viewed the carnage and spoke words quite profound. He said "I could walk over an acre on these bodies and never touch the ground."

If you visit that battle site today, you can visualize what took place. You'll feel a chill run down your spine, and tears will roll down your face.

## Winter's Song

submitted by Edward Hafner

Hands of wind push at me as I make my way thru the night.  
The vapor of my breath is snatched away in the moons  
glowing light.  
The falling snow driven by the wind, drifts across the land,  
dancing snowflakes melt away as I hold them in my hand.  
Drifting snow dances about as the wind sings it's  
winter song.  
The land now locked in winters grip with the time till  
spring so long.  
While winter's slumber solemn touch casts it's spell on all,  
the falling snow dances and wind whispers winter's icy call.

## It's a Disorder

submitted by Denise Willbanks

We discipline children for showing too much energy,  
But gripe as adults that we lack it.  
We complain when students can't focus on one thing,  
But reward adults who can multitask it.  
We medicate teens who can't sit and do as they're told,  
But celebrate adults who creatively don't fit the mold.  
What if we are hand-cuffing our future geniuses,  
Cinching up straight jackets on our nation's inventors,  
Popping pills into our next heroes and dreamers.  
Numbering their ability to think outside of the box?  
This is the ADD paradox.

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## 2019 Shiawassee County Fair Queen

submitted by Shannon Saul

Applications for Miss Shiawassee County Fair Queen are now available at [www.shiawasseeFair.com](http://www.shiawasseeFair.com) or at the Fair Office, Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2900 E. Hibbard Road. The deadline for Queen Applications is 4 p.m. Thursday, March 5th, 2020.

Fair Queen Applicants should be between the ages of 16-21 yrs. (as of January 1, 2020) must have previously exhibited at the fair. Complete pageant rules are included with the application.

The Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant will be held Saturday, March 21st, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community room 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 [shiacoFair@gmail.com](mailto:shiacoFair@gmail.com)

Mark your calendar now for the 2020 Fair, August 9th-15th.

## MMDHD Hearing & Vision

submitted by Linda Gronda

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## A Few Pricey Words

by Deb Price

### Brightening Someones Day

My Mother Violet is a resident at Welcome Home Assisted Living in Owosso. She has Alzheimers and Parkinsons. Most days it's hard to really hard to know what she may be thinking or feeling. But this particular day, she was all smiles as were the other residents in the Honey Home, as my sister Irene, took Lola, a 4 day old baby lamb to the home for a visit.

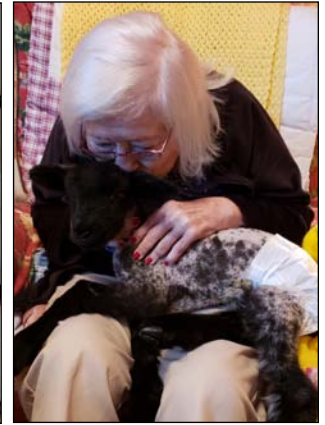
My nephew, John Wyrick, is the AG teacher at New Lothrop. One of his Ewes, had triplets, two fourteen pounders and a ten pounder. Lola, the smallest one was not being allowed to eat. My sister volunteered to take home Lola and bottle feed her until she could be returned with the others. It was during that stay that she decided to take the little lamb to Welcome Home for a visit with my Mom and the others there.

Irene fitted Lola to a diaper, packed her a bottle, secured her in the vehicle and headed to Owosso for the visit. As you can see by the smiles on the faces of the ladies, they enjoyed cuddling with Lola. When she wasn't being held the ladies enjoyed watching her walk around. They also got a kick out of the "Baa" sound that came out of their visitor. Words can not properly tell you just how much that visit meant to those ladies, but the smiles and show of affection says it all.

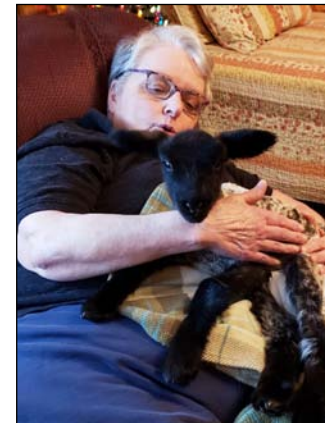
Lola has since been returned to the farm with the others and is doing well. It's the little things in life that can brighten someones day, thank you Sis!!



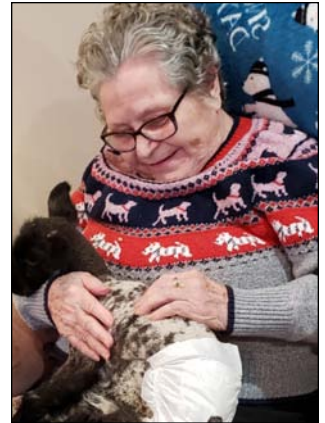
My mom, Violet



Edith



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## Shiawassee County Walk for Warmth

The Shiawassee County Walk for Warmth will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

Registration for the 3 mile walk will be at the Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N. Washington St., Owosso and begin 9:00am and the walk will start at 9:30am.

Breakfast will be open to the public. A small donation is appreciated. Also face painting, photos with Buckle Bear, Penguin, Fox and Snowman.

This is the 30th Anniversary of this walk benefiting Shiawassee County. 100% of monies raised stays in the county. Help Capital Area Community Services, Inc. raise dollars to assist low income families, seniors and those with disabilities who live in Shiawassee County. All monies raised provide heat and related utilities to people in Shiawassee County.

For questions please call 989-723-3115. Visit us on Facebook @capital area community services. Or on the website [www.caacs-inc.org](http://www.caacs-inc.org)



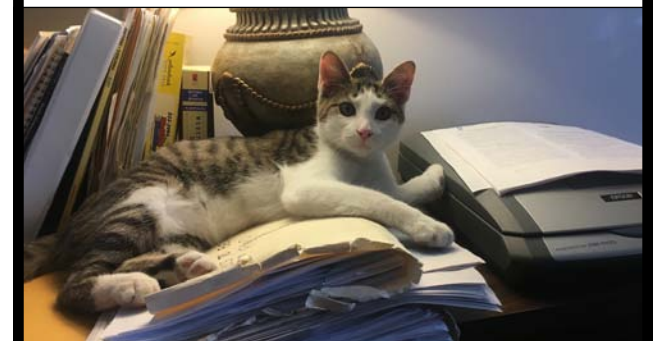
## Michigan United Conservation Youth Camp Presentation at Wild Game Dinner

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

BANNISTER - Michigan United Conservation Clubs will highlight the annual youth Conservation camp at the Ashley Sportsman's Club Annual Wild Game Dinner, Saturday, February 1, 2020. Doors up at 4 pm for social time, 6 pm dinner, guest speaker immediately following. The cost of the event is a wild game dish, main dish or a dessert. Table service and water provided. There will be games and activities, the public is encouraged to attend and participate in the event. Proceeds promote youth involvement in conservation.

The event will take place at the club located at 8554 S. Mason Rd., for more information and to inquire about membership call (517)204-4075 or e-mail [ashleysportsmansclub@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysportsmansclub@gmail.com).

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## Busy Time for Elsie Legion Post 502



December was a busy month for the Elsie American Legion Post 502. They kicked off the busy month of December by taking part in traditional Elsie Winter Wonderland and tree lighting event. Next was a trip to Peacock Road Family Tree Farm where Post members, Ed Doan, Scott Hall, Dean Acre, John Shipley, Richard Black and Gene Nethaway joined four workers from the farm load up 100 trees to send to an Air Force base in California for the troops there to enjoy. Then it was on to the Great Lakes National Cemetery where over 17,000 wreaths were disbursed to thousands of individuals for placement at the graves.

The month's activities continued at Ovid Healthcare as Post members handed out gifts to resident veterans. They then visited EE Knight picking up the Toys for Tots donations that the students had collected. Then it was on to the VA Hospital in Saginaw where they stood a flag line and took donated items from the community for veterans and their families at the hospital. They visited two airports, Bishop and Grand Rapids, where flag lines were established, welcoming servicemen and women as they returned home for Christmas visits.

At the end of December, Post and Support Group members visited the Elsie Food Bank and presented them with a \$200 donation. Then it was onto the New Year as Post members attended the 8th District meeting. On January 8th, Post 502 hosted the 64th Country Jamboree at the Post Home in Elsie where 54 visitors enjoyed the night's music. Stan Saylor played music at Ovid Healthcare on January 15th for the residents to enjoy and afterwards, Post members visited with veterans who enjoyed the music and the sing-a-long.



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### Support Your Daughter in her Journey



**Have a Question for Andy?**

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Andy,

Our daughter graduated 2 years ago with a Bachelor's degree in Communications with a 4.8 GPA. She has sent out hundreds of resumes and has had several interviews, in which she has felt confident she was a serious candidate for the job. We are concerned about her self-esteem and the many rejections she has experienced. She wants to work. We are getting concerned and wondering if we should invest more money in a master's degree so she would be more marketable or if there is a problem in the working world for our youth?

Concerned Dad and Mom

Dear Concerned parents,

Congratulations on your daughter's accomplishment. There is good news and bad news: According to the NCES.ed.gov only 27% of graduates find a job in their related field. Also, keep in mind there are over 2 million graduates annually in the United States earning a Bachelor's degree, and over 800,000 earning a Master or Doctorate degree. Most higher educational degrees are sought by individuals already in their field. Many tuitions are paid by their companies or offer incentives to obtain more education which often comes with pay increases.

Typically, no one starts at the top unless they open their own business or develop a .com. We need to encourage our young adolescents to take jobs at companies that will get their foot in the door. Help them live within their means so they can work their way up the ladder and not fall off when they make a big leap on the ladders of life.

Most parents forget when they lived in the 2 room apartments or student housing and had a roommate. It's part of our journey. Remind them they don't get to move into the big house and buy a new car with a first job. When salaries increase, then opportunities increase. It does not come easy. And, it takes time to become "successful" adults. Many people are working less than 5 years at jobs before moving on to another for advancement and new interests. Just because you're in your 20's, it does not mean you know exactly what your niche or inner talents might be until they explore many opportunities.

Encourage your daughter to seek positions through hiring agencies or contact her placement counselors at her university. Also, know what type of resume format a company may require. Good news - she is lucky, smart and motivated with caring parents and a degree in Communications can qualify her for a wide range of opportunities. For some surprising stats and information, check out education.org.

As for her confidence and emotional well-being, that is where you and mom come in to play. She still needs encouragement without pressure or judgement. Sometimes a college graduate need to perform duties that have nothing to do with their degree or interests. Just be proud that she does her best no matter the job or the pay and she will feel pride and satisfaction in herself. My philosophy is to "Do what you love and the money will follow." If you don't love it, then move on and find somewhere else where your talents and knowledge can be utilized. Andy at ask\_andy.com.

Blocking Annoying Callers

Andy, Your advise was great last week, regarding the Block calling but don't forget, they still need to delete the call log to get the number off their phone completely. And, also, if you BLOCK by mistake you can unblock, too.

Jill S.

Some Scriptures can get our attention more than others. Such as "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) and "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy." (Leviticus 19:2) and "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do" (1 Peter 1:15)

What do we do with these? It doesn't help to water them down and seems impossible to do so. At the same time, we know that we can't fulfill them 100% of the time. So what's the deal? Why would God give Jesus and the writers of Scripture commands for us that He knows we could never fulfill?

One answer is that we should let such verses point out our sinful nature and need for a Savior. We should read these verses and then look to our broken, sinful selves and acknowledge that we are sinners. From there we should turn to God in faith and ask Him for forgiveness.

This is true, but there may be something else to consider here.

That is, whatever God does is perfect. Therefore, God cannot ask us to do anything except to also be perfect. His nature demands nothing less.

This is why you get these commands, but also why the bar is set high for holy living throughout Scripture. God is perfect and the standard for our living is God Himself. Therefore, this is what we are to strive or aim for.

God doesn't give us such commands as a way for us to earn salvation (if so, no one would be in Heaven). Rather, they are our goals in life. They help to answer the "How should I now live, Lord?" question that every believer should be asking.



## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
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Have you ever noticed that I ask an inordinate number of questions? I understand that there is no such thing as a stupid question....I ask questions so that I may comprehend the subject matter. Sometimes the answer that I get is suspect. Whenever that happens I wonder if the individual is trying to yank my chain or just thinks that I'm rather foolish if not downright stupid! If I am stupid, does it mean that I'm senseless; irresponsible; ill-advised; thoughtless or just rash? It comes back to perception and discernment. Of course, like everyone else, I believe that mine is on target and very understandable. (Who wouldn't?) I must have an ego problem.

I do believe that there is a great deal of ego involved in all that we say or do. Conversations are filled with innumerable nuances. A casual glance or a hard stare can cause a great deal of discomfort or it may cause a thrill to run higgly piggly up and down your spinal column. The pitch of a voice and the enthusiasm in delivery make one wish to participate. It is fun to get someone to laugh or giggle over "some silly sentence that's stoically stilted or stuffed using stale statements".

These actions can also be our body statements that seem to support the information that we are trying to find. Take this weekend for an example, one of my newly acquired granddaughters went into labor Wednesday while she was at work. The doctors' had assured us all that the baby wouldn't make his debut for another month. Young Ashleigh believed her physician.....but upheld a family tradition of not appearing pregnant to the discerning eye or tests and delivered early a handsome full term, seven pound three ounce baby boy called AJ. They both are doing well, AJ is also twenty-one and one half inches long....and of course he is beautiful. I do believe that all of us went through numerous body contortions following the hourly updates.....mostly we were delighted with the family addition and thankful that the doctors were wrong .....AJ was full term, his lungs are fully developed and came down the shut naturally .....no C-section needed.

Then there are Prudence(my precious pooch) and Robert (aka Roberta and/or Buttons one of the cats) who have divided my home into their separate but equal territories. Prudence is allowed access to the bathroom where the litter box is if she is accompanied by a human. She no longer is allowed to lie upon the fender of the Ben Franklin stove because that area befits the reigning feline, not some silly pooch. Robert is allowed to enter the kitchen when there is a human situated in that room.

Robert and Prudence agree that humans are trainable.....it just takes a great deal of time to bring them up to snuff! I will admit that they are very courteous to each other. Prudence will wait for Robert to go up the stairs as long as she is headed in a westerly direction. If the cat appears to be headed due south then Prudence barrels up the stairs to stand guard at my door. No felines are allowed there, it is Pru's domain.

Actually I am very pleased with Prudence's acceptance of the cat. They don't fight with each other and Pru does at times act like a mother hen even sharing special treats with Robert as long as Robert doesn't try to be first. However they do scrap a little...like children, they like to tease each other. But at the end of the day, they have been known to cuddle up with each other for a nap. After all, it isn't easy training humans! May you enjoy life's nuances, be happy and develop your common sense and welcome your early blessings. May God bless you and help you share these phenomenal gifts.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

"E-logical E-zekiel 18"

"...to set free those who were doomed to death (Psalm 102:20)."

I love the new AT&T commercials "when just ok is not ok," especially the one with Dr. Francis and his new surgery patient. The patient's wife asks the nurse in his room if she's ever worked with him and she says, "Oh yeah...he's okay." (Just okay?)

Dr. Francis appears in the doorway and unprofessionally yells down the hall, "Guess who just got re-instated!" Once he's inside the room, he quietly admits, "Well, not officially." Then he asks the now visibly worried patient if he's nervous about his surgery. (Yes!)

"Yeah, me too. Don't worry about it. We'll figure it out." As he abruptly leaves, the cavalier doctor tosses this over his shoulder, "I'll see ya' in there." (Say what?) This patient is doomed and we laugh, but if it were real it'd be scary bad. Now suppose God had a commercial jingle, it might be, "when just good is not good enough." Why? If you're trusting in your good works to make you acceptable to a holy God, then you're doomed (and actually insulting Jesus). Consider Ezekiel chapter 18 and verse 20, which says, "The person who sins will die." We all justify our guilty conscience from wrong behavior with, "Well, I'm not that bad. I'm really pretty good." But as Paul says, "All are under sin. There is none who does good, there is not even one (Romans 3:9-12)." Compared to a holy God, we're doomed. If a perfect red balloon represents God's holiness, as the standard for being with Him in Heaven, then how many pins are needed to break it? James 2:10 says, "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all." It's not being good. It's being totally perfect...holy. That's why just being good doesn't cut it. Just one sin breaks God's Law, and our "nobody's perfect" excuse is really a guilty plea.

If you care about your dead soul, read the Book of Romans, and note 11:6, which is the key. "If it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works." Grace means if you throw a brick through my living room window, I come to your house and wash all of your windows. You get what you don't deserve. That's grace, and it's not logical. That's what Jesus did. We all killed our souls with sin, and even one is fatal, and so we deserve punishment for breaking God's Law...death, but instead He died for us. Why?

In Ezekiel 18:23, God reveals His heart, "Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked, rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?" Again in verse 32, "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies (in their sins). Therefore, repent and live." God loves you, but He can't ignore your guilt. So Jesus lovingly took your place.

Jesus Christ, when just good is not good enough. That's grace (Ephesians 2:1-9).



Religious Thoughts

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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# Health

## MMDHD Immunization Clinic

submitted by Linda Gronda

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department Immunization Clinics are to be held as follows:

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Immunizations will be available for adults and children eight weeks of age through adulthood, appointments are preferred. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (989) 224-2195, Option 5, Monday through Friday.

## MDHHS Reports State's Third Vaping-related Lung Injury Death

submitted by Bob Wheaton

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing the third death associated with the outbreak of vaping-related lung injuries in the state.

MDHHS was notified about the death of an adult male on Dec. 19. No other information about the individual will be released due to confidentiality reasons.

"The tragic death of yet another Michigan resident is a reminder that this outbreak continues," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "We extend our deepest condolences to the family. I urge people not to use THC-containing e-cigarettes or vaping products until the specific cause of these vaping-related severe lung injuries being reported nationwide has been identified. To help with this investigation, we remind health care providers to report patients who may have this condition to their local health department."

Since August 2019, 65 confirmed and probable vaping-related lung injury cases have been reported in Michigan, including this death. All cases have been reported in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and most of the individuals have been hospitalized for severe respiratory illness. The age range is 15-67.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that as of Jan. 7, 2,602 cases have been identified in 50 states, the District of Columbia and two territories. This includes 57 deaths in 27 states; this count does not include this third Michigan death.

MDHHS is working closely with the CDC and the federal Food and Drug Administration to get additional information that can help identify the ingredients in the vape materials that are making people sick.

So far, no specific brand of device or e-liquid has been identified. The CDC identified vitamin E acetate as closely associated with vaping-related lung injuries. Vitamin E acetate is used as an additive in THC-containing vaping products.

E-cigarette and/or vaping users should immediately seek medical attention if they develop symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting.

MDHHS recommends the following:

People should not use THC-containing e-cigarette or vaping products, particularly from informal sources such as friends, family or in-person or online sellers.

E-cigarette and/or vaping products should never be used by youth, young adults or women who are pregnant.

Individuals who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette or vaping products.

Vitamin E acetate should not be added to e-cigarette or vaping products. Additionally, people should not add any other substances not intended by the manufacturer to products, including products purchased through retail establishments.

While it appears that vitamin E acetate is associated with these lung injury cases, there are many different substances and product sources that are being investigated, and there may be more than one cause. Therefore, the best way for people to

ensure that they are not at risk while the investigation continues is to consider refraining from the use of all e-cigarette and vaping products.

Adults who continue to use e-cigarette or vaping products should carefully monitor themselves for symptoms, such as such as shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, fever and/or nausea and vomiting, and see a healthcare provider immediately if they develop symptoms like those reported in this outbreak.

Adults using e-cigarettes or vaping products as an alternative to cigarettes should not go back to smoking; they should weigh all available information and consider using FDA-approved cessation medications. They should contact their healthcare provider if they need help quitting tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are not FDA approved as a smoking cessation device.

The following free help is available for individuals who are interested in quitting tobacco:

Call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) for adults.

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Information about the vaping-related lung injury for the public is posted at Michigan.gov/vapelung.

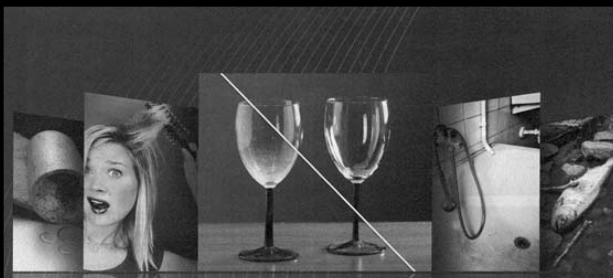




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Remember the four "A" words of; Acknowledge, Accept, Abate, & Achieve:

Acknowledge that...

- No matter how much apologies you give, it will not change the past.
- No matter how much blame you take, it will not change the past.
- No matter how much grief or loss you feel, it will not change the past.
- No matter how much hurt and pain you endure, it will not change the past.
- No matter how much wishing or wanting you try, it will not change the past.
- No matter how much of anything you do or don't do, it will not change the past.

These are only resentments and regrets that will never change the past, but they will impair and hinder the present and the future of your life.

Accept that...

- The past holds the mistakes and wrong choices you've made throughout your life.
- Accept that the past will never change No matter what you do.
- Accept that the past can only be let go by the person holding it, themselves.

Letting the past go free and release the links holding it, is the only way you'll move forward with your life, to becoming whole and complete.

Abate...

- All the resentment held inside.
- Abate all the regrets that keep you awake at night.
- Abate all the negativity and shame that was built up.

And become enlightened for others to see as you travel your path in hopes they'll find their own path and do the same.

Achieve by... breaking the chains that bind you and keeps you from living the life you deserve.

This is accomplished by acknowledging the past for what it is, accepting that the past cannot be changed, abating the negativity that comes from the past, and by doing this you'll achieve the freedom needed to break the cycle that holds you prisoner from moving forward in life. You deserve it so take the step towards change without fear and remember... Acknowledge, Accept, Abate, and Achieve.

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## MMDHD WIC Pick-Up

submitted by **Linda Gronda**

Pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to 5 years old may be eligible for free food through the WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program. The Mid-Michigan District Health Department WIC Benefit Pick-up Clinics are scheduled as follows:

February 5 & February 10:  
Mid-Michigan District Health Department, 1307 E. Townsend Road in St. Johns, from 9 a.m. to Noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (989) 224-2195, Option 5, Monday through Friday.

## MMDHD Family Planning

submitted by **Linda Gronda**

The Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Family Planning Clinics provide confidential care to men and women in need of contraception and reproductive health services. Charges for services and supplies are based on income. The Family Planning Clinics are scheduled as follows:

Mid-Michigan District Health Department, 1307 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns.

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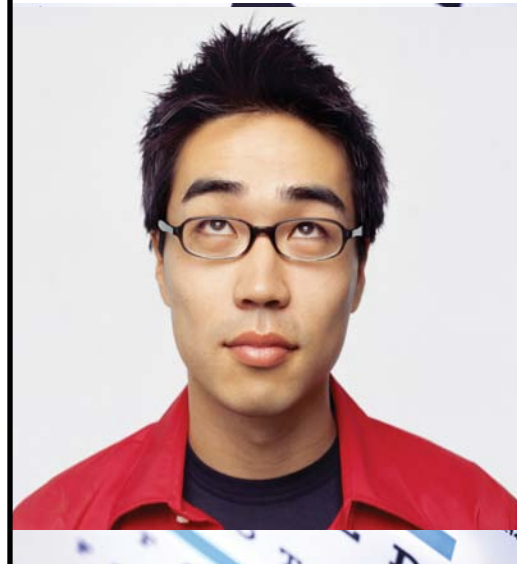
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## FREE Pre-Diabetes Class

submitted by **Melissa Neuhaus**

Owosso – The Memorial Healthcare Community Wellness, Nutrition and Diabetes Center will be presenting a FREE Pre-Diabetes class on Monday, February 3 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. If you have been told you have pre-diabetes, this is the class for you! Learn how to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through healthy behavior changes. Memorial Healthcare Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, Marla Price, will be the presenter for this event.

The Pre-Diabetes Class will be held at the Memorial Healthcare Community Wellness, Nutrition and Diabetes Center at 317 S. Elm Street, Suite 202, Owosso. This class is FREE, because of Foundation funds from the Merry Marketplace fundraiser! Pre-registration is required by calling (989) 729-4700.



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## 11th Annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser Scheduled for February

*submitted by Dyana Gebauer*  
Laingsburg – The Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation is again hosting its annual reverse raffle fundraiser to generate revenue for its school grant program.  
The 11th annual Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Eagle Eye Golf Club in Bath. The doors open at 5 p.m. and the Laingsburg High School Jazz Band performs at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Raffle drawings take place between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. In addition to the raffle, there will be a silent auction, 50/50 drawings, special giveaways and contests.  
LEAF's annual Reverse Raffle is held annually on the last Saturday in February and awards up to \$4,200 in prize money. The top prize for the last ticket holder is \$3,000. Thousands of dollars in non-cash prizes are also awarded throughout the evening thanks to generous donors. More than \$65,600 has been raised since the event's inception and \$16,500 in 2019!  
The \$100-per-ticket charge includes one raffle entry and one dinner plus two drink tickets. With a raffle ticket, additional dinner-only tickets are also available for \$40. People can pur-

chase as many of either kind of ticket as they like, however supplies are limited.  
For more information, to purchase tickets, or if you would like to sponsor for this event contact us at info@leaf4kids.com.  
Gift prize donations are always welcome, such as sporting event tickets, gift certificates and business services.  
LEAF is a Michigan nonprofit corporation and a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization that provides grants to teachers and students within the Laingsburg Community Schools. Since its inception in 1992, LEAF has given out more than \$300,000 in grants. LEAF uses the net proceeds of the raffle to support innovative educational opportunities for Laingsburg students. The 2019 raffle license number is R55471.  
For more information visit [www.leaf4kids.com](http://www.leaf4kids.com)



## Laingsburg Community Singers New Members Welcome

*submitted by Cathy Chubb*  
Laingsburg Community Singers would like to invite you to join us for Spring 2020. We are a community choir, established in 1976, that performs a variety of music. Rehearsals have began and held on Tuesdays, 7-9:30 a.m. for our spring 2020 concerts (April 18 and 19) at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 310 Crum St., Laingsburg MI under the direction of Steven Easterling. Auditions are not required.  
If you have any questions, please contact Steven Easterling at 810-624-5485 or Janice Hurst at 517-651-5937.

## Ovid Lions Cheese Sale Continues

This year, the cheese is supplied from Natural Way Cheese, a company located in Clare, Michigan. There are eleven varieties, Monterey Jack, Horseradish Gouda, Hot Pepper Jack, Colby Jack, Brick, Colby, Marbled Cheddar, Pepper Jack, Habanero Colby Jack, Gouda, Cheddar and Hickory Smokey White Cheddar.  
The cheese is available for \$4.00 for an 8 ounce package or two packages for \$7.00. Swiss is \$8 for one pound package. To order by phone, call Mary at (989)251-8517. The Meridian Weekly will also have the cheese for sale at their office in downtown Ovid. Thank you in advance for your support of the Ovid Lions Club and their fundraising effort.



### TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR Clinton County, Michigan PUBLIC NOTICE VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD 2020 REGULAR MEETING DATES

TO the residents and property owners of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan and any other interested persons.  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Victor Township Board will meet on the following dates for 2020. All meetings will take place at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	DAY
January 14	Monday
February 10	Monday
March 9	Monday
April 13	Monday
May 11	Monday
June 8	Monday
July 13	Monday
August 10	Monday
September 14	Monday
October 12	Monday
November 9	Monday
December 14	Monday

\* Meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, and additional special meetings may be scheduled, as needed, on 18 hours notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4).  
Agendas for all regular and special meetings will be posted on 18 hours notice. A posted agenda is subject to amendment as determined by the Board.  
Victor Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon (5) days notice to the Victor Township Clerk by contacting the Victor Township Hall at tel. (517) 651-2094, email [info@victortwp.org](mailto:info@victortwp.org), or in writing to the address below.  
This public notice is posted in compliance with: A 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

### Victor Township, Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from January 13, 2020 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Warren Malkin at 7:00pm.  
**In Attendance:** Warren Malkin, Amanda Conklin, Mike Wall, Paula Willoughby, Julie Townsend  
**Public Comment:** A township resident asked for clarification on the LSW burn permit application. If a resident previously had a burn permit and leaves a message to renew, LSW will not call back. Your renewal is automatically approved.  
Sarah Huyser spoke to the audience about her plan to run for Clinton County Prosecutor. She is the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Clinton County.  
Debi Price introduced herself and shared her intent to run for Clinton County Clerk/Register of Deeds. Debi has been a Clinton County employee for 16 years.  
**Agenda:** Motion by Conklin to add e-pollbook laptops, 2020 meeting schedule and risk control review. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Motion by Townsend to approve the agenda as amended. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.  
**Minutes:** Motion by Townsend to approve the minutes from December 09, 2019 as amended. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.  
**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Conklin to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Wall. All in Favor. Motion carried.  
**Approval of bills:** Motion by Willoughby to pay the December bills in the amount of \$33,766.76 using checks # 27707-27732 and e-checks #436-444. Supported by Wall. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses for December 2019 in the amount of \$6098.44 using checks #12050-12058. Supported by Wall. All in favor. Motion carried.  
**Reports:**  
**County Commissioner Adam Stacey** spoke about several personnel changes. He provided public safety radio project millage proposal brochures to make available to the public at the township hall. He provided more detail on the current system that will not be supported after 2021. Residents will vote on the millage proposal on March 10, 2020 ballot.  
**Deputy Sherriff Chrenka** reported 1300 total Victor Township calls for service for 2019. He shared concerns over communication issues with other jurisdictions and shared his thoughts on what poor shape the system would be in if we did not support a full overhaul of the current system. Chrenka personally endorses Sarah Huyser for Clinton County Prosecuting Attorney.  
**Victor Township Planning Commission** Julie Townsend provided updates on the township survey sent with tax bills. They are also working on Planning Commission by laws. Next PC meeting February 3, 2020  
**LSW** Minutes from November 20, 2019 meeting and the November 2019 activity report were reviewed. LSW would like the Board to consider selling Fire Engine #3. Chief Betts stated it is outdated and is difficult to find parts for. The engine was a custom order in 2001 and has been maintained by the same mechanic since it was purchased. LSW believes now is the time to sell the unit before it loses further value. Motion by Wall to allow him to move forward with gathering information regarding resale value of Engine 3.

Supported by Willoughby. Malkin opposed. Motion carried.  
**Maintenance & Facilities:** Fence was installed. Conklin to confirm motion for fencing around the propane tank. Electrical upgrades to the fire hall will begin on Jan 22,2020. Disposal of records scheduled to be completed before Feb Board meeting. Wall has been working with Melanie McIntosh and Shawn Smith to create a historical maintenance and purchase log. Melanie McIntosh will arrange old PC disposal with IT Right.  
**Unfinished Business:**  
• Security System – A draft RFP is being reviewed by Wall and will be forwarded to the board in the next week.  
• Policy & Procedures – Motion by Willoughby to approve the Policy and Procedures manual dated Jan 13, 2020. Appendix A will be reviewed and redrafted in the coming months. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.  
• Ordinance 19.3 Fire, Ambulance & Inhalator Service Charges Ordinance – Willoughby has forwarded her proposed revisions. No word from the attorney  
• Water Heater – Wall to follow up with Shawn Smith  
• 2020-2021 Budget Conklin to forward proposals for her cost centers.  
**New Business:**  
• Poverty Exemption for 2020 Motion by Willoughby to adopt the Poverty Exemption 2020. Supported by Malkin. All in favor. Motion carried  
• Teleconferencing -We will test the teleconferencing option on the phone system at the February meeting.  
• Ordinance and resolution codification – There are funds left over from the website project that originally included codification and electronic formatting of the ordinances and resolutions. Currently the files are in dire need of organization are not in an electronic format. Municode has submitted a quote to review and codify the ordinances and resolutions. Motion by Willoughby to contract with Municode for codification. Supported by Wall. Malkin Opposed. Motion carried. Conklin and office staff will contact Municode to start the process.  
• Risk Control – No one was aware of the replacement cost valuation issues proposed by Jon Johnson of Burnahm and Flower prior to the meeting. Conklin will contact Mr. Johnson and ask him to meet with Malkin and herself before the next meeting.  
• Meeting Schedule – Motion by Wall to continue to hold meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm for 2020. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor.  
• E-pollbook Laptops – New E-pollbook election laptops are required because ours are outdated and will not run after installation of Windows 10. Motion by Willoughby to purchase 2 new E-pollbook laptops for \$1587.87 directly from Dell. Supported by Wall. All in favor. Motion carried.  
**Extended Public/Board Comment:**  
Malkin reported tables in the hall are not being stacked properly and are not being checked by the office staff after events. There is a fee for improperly stacking tables. Conklin to discuss with office staff.  
Motion by Malkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, supported by Wall.  
*Amanda Conklin, Clerk*



## Friends of the Laingsburg Library 2020 Meeting

*by Karen Anderson*

LAINGSBURG - On Tuesday, January 17, the Friends of the Laingsburg Library met after the Lions Club FREE Spaghetti dinner at the United Methodist Church. Dean Veith, President led the meeting with the news of a solid budget\* with money in the saving and checking accounts with an additional \$155,650 in the Library Building Fund. The silent Auction at the Winterfest brought in \$2,823.00 and they sold 134 bags of popcorn. The Committee expressed gratitude for a recent generous donation from Robert Leonard’s estate.

The Friends recently purchased 6 new computers for public use for the library. New DVD’s have been purchased to add to the video library for a \$2.00 fee for a 3-day check out. A motion was made to spend up to \$1500 at the annual Spring Book Sale for the purpose of purchasing additional books to expand the library reading materials. Discussion took place regarding the old computers...if they need to be recycled or donated to the Laingsburg Robotics team, if they can use the components for their upcoming projects.

The Friends are planning a BOOK AND BAKE SALE on February 27th and 28th. Home baked goods, breads, pies, cookies and assorted treats will be on sale for a monetary donation. (No individual cupcakes this year) Bakers are asked to label their donations with a list of ingredients so buyers with allergies or diet restrictions can make personal choices.

There was much discussion on the need for a larger space for the library expansion. It is not cost effective for the City to build a new structure, at this time. The friends have suggested that a committee be developed to research grant opportunities to match the current building fund. The building fund recently received a generous donation in anticipation of the possibility of expanding to the building next to the library. The cost for the City to purchase the building is

prohibitive at this time and the cost of renovation is projected to be up to or more than \$100,000. Private donations are always welcome and needed to ensure that updated resources and services are available for the education, entertainment and enrichment for the community.

The next official meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00pm. Meeting location to be announced and all interested patrons of the library are welcome. Annual individual dues are \$5.00 and family memberships are \$15.00. You are not required to attend meetings to be a Friend of the Library.

\*Friends of the Library Budget, not the City of Laingsburg Library Budget.



*New computers at Laingsburg Library*

## 2019 Water Quality Report for City of Ovid

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Ovid for the 2019 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2019. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. Your water comes from three (3) groundwater wells; one at 437 W. Front Street (approximately 50 feet deep), and two at 9240 E. M-21 Street (approximately 290 feet deep each). The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry, and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source water is as follows: Well #2 (437 W. Front Street) rating = MODERATE, Well #6 (9240 E. M-21) rating = MODERATELY LOW, and Well #7 (9240 E. M-21) rating = MODERATELY LOW.

There are no significant sources of contamination in the City of Ovid water supply.

If you would like to know more about this report or the susceptibility assessment report, please contact; Donald Passmore, DPW Superintendent, City of Ovid, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866, ph.: 989-834-5550, e-mail: [supt@ovidmi.org](mailto:supt@ovidmi.org).

• **Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

• **Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

• **Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- \* **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- \* **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- \* **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- \* **Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- \* **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

### Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2019 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2019. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

**Terms and abbreviations used below:**

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the

of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

- N/A: Not applicable    ND: not detectable at testing limit ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter    pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.34	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.	
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	na	.004	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection. Water quality was not in violation.	
Total TrihaloMethanes (ppb)	80	na	.0139	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection. Water quality was not in violation.	
Gross Alpha- pCi/L	15	0	3.0 ± 1.6	2019	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits if certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation	
Combined Radium pCi/L	5	0	1.39 ± 0.54	2019	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits	
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL	MRDLG	.62	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes	
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Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant **			Your Water	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant		
Sodium (ppm)			14	2019	Erosion of natural deposits		
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	MCLG	90% of Samples < This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Lead (ppb)	15	15	3.0	2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits;	

**Information about lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Ovid is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.

The City of Ovid is committed to providing residents with safe, reliable and healthy water. The City of Ovid is not mailing a copy of this report to Ovid residents, but you may stop by the City Office at 114 E. Front St. and pick up a copy. City Office hours are M-F 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. A copy of this report is posted at the City Office, United States Post Office, Ovid Library, Ovid Café, Clinton County Health Dept, and is published in the Weekly Newspaper.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The City of Ovid Council Meeting is the Second Monday of each month at the City Offices, 114 E. Front St., Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. For City Council meetings, enter the City Office building at the side southwest entrance.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	>1 positive monthly sample (>5% of monthly samples positive)	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive	0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

CERTIFICATION: WSSN: 05100

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: Richard Simpson                      Title: Superintendent                      Date Distributed    1/09/2020



# Sports



Photo by Michael Puffpaff

## No One Fights Alone

On Friday, January 17th, Ovid-Elsie students held a pep assembly to jump start the school spirit in preparation for the Coaches versus Cancer event that was held that evening during the girls and boys basketball game at home against visiting New Lothrop. The students were sporting the color orange in support of Freshman, Justin Cole, who is battling Leukemia. Pictured here is Justin's personal M-Zone who made a video for Justin who is preparing for a bone marrow transplant at UofM in Ann Arbor. Also during the evening, 45 people visited Justin's Aunt Courtney at the "Be the Match" table and registered themselves to be added to the bone marrow donor registry. Both the varsity girls and boys team were victorious against New Lothrop and in combination the teams collected over \$3,000 in a 60 second change collection during the two halftimes. The generosity shown by those in attendance, along with the show of support for Justin, once again show how we can compete against one another on one hand and join together in doing good on the other...

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 26th. A READY to RALLY event will be held in the O-E high school gymnasium to show Justin Cole and his entire family that the community has their backs. The event will feature a Spartan themed benefit basketball game beginning at 7pm. Watch the Weekly for more in the coming weeks.

## OE Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The Ovid-Elsie Varsity Keglers came out on the winning side on January 22nd at B's Lanes in Flint against Atherton.

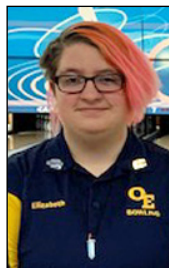
The girls won 19-11. High scores included Chloe Taylor 141, 177; Madison Schneider 175; Morgan Douglass 142; Jocelynn Holton-Pugh; Mikayla Kelley 189-192; Lizzy Underhill 189-176.

The boys come out on top 27-3. High games were Ian Hehrer 148; Tom Terpening 171; Eian Bushard 170, 202; Steve Zedemont 159, 168; Tray Terpening 164; Corbin Kelley 235, 181.

In conference standing the girls are 7-0 and boy are 6-1.



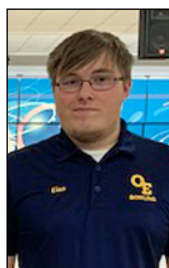
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## Lady Marauders "Orange Out" New Lothrop 46-38

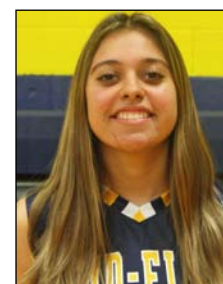
by Tim Zwick

ELSIE – The Marauders came out on top of the Hornets 46-38 in the two community's second annual Coaches vs. Cancer game. Over \$3000 was raised for the cause plus the O-E student body led an "Orange Out" effort in support of Marauders freshman Justin Cole who is battling cancer.

"We went into tonight's game knowing it was a 50-50 game for us in conference play. We have great respect for Jim and his program at New Lothrop - and know they have one of the better players in the area in Brooke Wenzlick that we had to keep track of throughout the night," said Ovid-Elsie head coach Ryan Cunningham.

Ovid-Elsie and New Lothrop played to a standstill through three quarters with the score tied up at 30 all heading into the final stanza. In the fourth, sophomore Caitlyn Walter put the home team on her back, hitting big shots at big moments to lead the Blue & Gold to the win.

Walter finished with 15 points including three bombs from beyond the arc to go along with her five rebounds. Lauren Barton notched her second straight double-double, finishing with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Freshman point guard Kiah Longoria chipped in with six points and five boards. Brooke Wenzlick led the Hornets with 18 points.



Kiah Longoria

"Kiah Longoria may not show up a ton on the stat line in this one tonight, but she had herself one heck of a night defensively and deserves a ton of credit for slowing Wenzlick down throughout the game," added Assistant Coach Brandon Belill. "It was a lot of pressure to put on a freshman, but we felt she was up to the task, and she rose to the occasion."

With the victory the Lady Marauders improve their overall mark for the season to 8-3 and now stand 5-2 in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference play. "This is a huge win for our program," added Cunningham. "The girls are starting to buy into what we've been preaching all year about taking care of the small things and letting the chips fall where they may."

## Byron Girls Top Marauders 44-24

ELSIE – The undefeated and #3 state ranked Eagles kept their unblemished record intact with a convincing 44-24 victory over Ovid-Elsie in a MMAC contest played here January 21st. With the loss, O-E drops to 8-4 overall and 5-3 in league action.

The Marauders kept the game close early, trailing 9-7 after the first quarter of action. However the middle stanzas proved to be the hosts undoing as Byron took control by outscoring O-E 25-9.

"We tried taking the air out of the ball tonight so we could limit their possessions," noted Marauders mentor Ryan Cunningham. "I thought we did a nice job overall but they're just that good."

Caitlyn Walter led Ovid-Elsie with nine points. Lauren Barton added seven points and eight rebounds. Byron was led by Sarah Marvin who finished with a double-double for the night, netting 20 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

"Sarah is such a tough matchup," Cunningham added. "We did our best on her but she still dominated."

Next up for the Lady Marauders is a road trip to Durand for a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference tilt against the Railroaders on January 31st. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.



Caitlyn Walter



Lauren Barton

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# Sports



Shayne Loynes drives down the court past a New Lothrop player during the January 17th match up. Loynes scored 22 points for OE.  
Photo by Heidi Loynes

## O-E Boys Top New Lothrop in Showdown 47-40

by Tim Zwick

ELSIE – Two undefeated heavyweights entered the arena tied on top of the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference and only Ovid-Elsie remains there after their exciting 47-40 victory over New Lothrop in a game played here January 17th. The Marauders improve to 7-0 in MMAC action and 8-0 overall.

“What a great atmosphere for a high school basketball game. Tonight was our Coaches vs. Cancer event to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society, and our own Justin Cole, and the fan support was absolutely electric,” Ovid-Elsie head coach Josh Latz said. “New Lothrop also came into the game undefeated, and it was evident from the start why. In a tightly contested game throughout, we were able to make enough big plays in the fourth quarter to pull away with the win.”

Justin Moore was Mr. First Half for O-E, scoring 15 of his 18 points before the intermission. The senior center also grabbed 10 rebounds to post his third straight double-double. Classmate Shayne Loynes was Mr. Second Half, notching 18 of his game-high 22 markers after the break. The three-year varsity veteran added five assists and a pair of steals for good measure.

“Justin Moore was huge for us all night, especially in the 1st half while Shayne Loynes carried us in the 2nd half,” added Latz. “This was a tremendous win for us.”

### Marauders Handle Byron 56-43 To Remain Undefeated

BYRON – Ovid-Elsie kept its winning streak alive with a 56-43 win over Byron in a contest played here January 21st. The Marauders run their season ledger to 9-0 overall and stand alone atop of the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference at 8-0.

Justin Moore led the way for the visitors, recording his fourth straight double-double downing 17 points and hauling in 15 rebounds. Running mate Shayne Loynes added 14 points and pilfered four steals while Aaron Hurst chipped in with 12 points. Dylan Carman finished with eight points for the victors.

“Coming off the heels of a big game on Friday, and on the road getting everyone’s best shot, we were a little sloppy and sluggish at times tonight,” noted Marauders head coach Josh Latz. “In the second half we began to play a little better, and were able to pull away enough to feel a little more comfortable late in the game.”

Ovid-Elsie continues its wonderful winter land tour of Mid-Michigan this week with a non-conference affair on January 27th at Potterville with tip-off at 7:30 p.m. They follow that up with a MMAC affair at Durand on January 31st at 7:00 p.m.

## Bears Lose to St. Pats

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Bears took on a tough team from Portland St. Patrick January 14th and came up short losing the game 64-34. The Bears struggled scoring the ball consistently, only putting up 8, 4 and 6 points in the first three quarters.

Leading for the Bears was Cole Keller with 15 points, 3 blocks and 3 steals. Korvin Bradley scored 10 points had 6 rebounds and 4 steals.

### Eagles Take One from Bears



Kayden Welch

Carson City traveled to Ashley, January 16th, in a conference game where they Eagles of Carson City came out on top. The game was close at the end of the first quarter with the Eagles leading 15-11, but Carson City pulled away in the second quarter scoring 18 points the Ashley’s 9, making it difficult for the Bears to catch up.

Cole Keller scored 15 points, had 2 blocks and 5 rebounds. Kayden Welch scored 11 points grabbing 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Korvin Bradley chipped in 9 points with 7 rebounds and 2 steals.



Cole Keller



Korvin Bradley

## Lady Bears Take Tough Loss from Wolverines

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Lady Bears hosted the Wolverines from Vestaburg in a conference match up on January 9th. Ashley battled all night keeping the game close and even cutting the lead to 6 at one point but just couldn’t get closer than that. The Bears ended up losing 41-36.

“We battled all night and were only down 6 with 1:30 left but could not secure the defensive stops that we needed to be able to pull out a victory. We struggled from the free throw line and with turnovers. We have had a few good days of practice and you could start to see the results tonight in our energy and competitiveness” expressed Coach Shaw.

Isabele Kremer had 19 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 blocks on the night. Ashley Gavenda scored 11 points had 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Renee Wirt had 8 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Mackenzie Stoneman scored 3 points and grabbed 4 rebounds, while Kellie Brown chipped in 2 point and Korryn Brown had 5 rebounds.



Isabele Kremer



Ashley Gavenda



Mackenzie Stoneman



Kellie Brown

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Attention Greenbush Residents

*submitted by Ramona Smith*  
Greenbush Residents, an agenda item has been added to our January 27th 2020 Meeting that your Board members would appreciate your input on.  
We are in the planning stages of asking for a road mileage for our Township. This would be on the August 2020 Primary Ballot. But not until we have feed back from you the residents and the Board has all there monetary amounts in order.  
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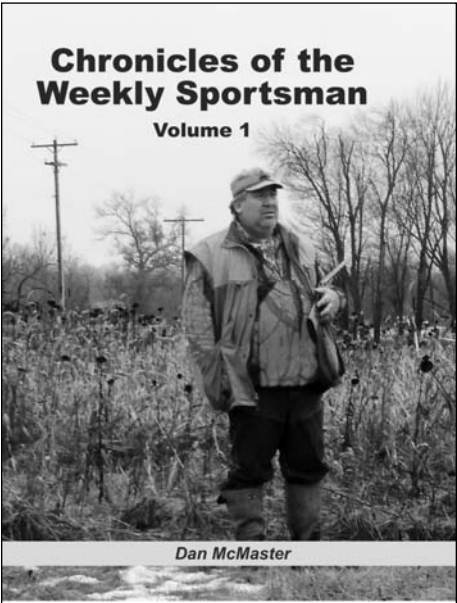
Chronicles of The Weekly Sportsman, Volume 1



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Consider this an invitation for all readers of this column to attend the book release and signing event for Chronicles of The Weekly Sportsman, Volume I on Saturday, February 8th. The event will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Owosso Books & Beans located in Downtown Owosso at 108 N. Washington Street. This recently published book contains over sixty selections that have [previously appeared in this column and a few that haven't.



For all the locavores out there it really doesn't get any more local than this book. Locally written about local people and events, published locally at Michigan State University, and will be sold at a locally owned independent bookstore in Owosso. All those attending will have a chance to sample some wild game dishes made from recipes in the book and get a chance to win some pretty cool door prizes such as a case of shotgun shells. A short presentation will be given prior to books being signed.

While attending the event make sure you take time to browse this newly opened store including the Conservation & Sporting section. The store's inventory is selected by recommendations from local curators to provide reading material appropriate to local demographics, geography, interests, etc. In the Conservation & Sporting section you will find everchanging titles but there will always be Michigan specific books about state parks, waterfalls, mushrooming and of course hunting and fishing. If you don't find what you are looking for then consider placing a special order.

The Weekly Sportsman has decided to donate book #001 to the Shiawassee Conservation Association (SCA) to be auctioned off at their Earl Davenport Education & Scholarship Dinner to be held on March 21st, 2020. There are many columns in the book with direct connections to the SCA such as Curwood, Jack Eddy, Jon Wilson, Terry Kemp, local youth, and of course the Education & Scholarship Dinner.  
If you are interested in attending and purchasing a book then please consider pre-ordering to ensure availability and receive a 20% discount off the list price of \$24.99. This can be done by stopping by Owosso Books & Beans or calling 989-729-7336. Even if you do not want to purchase a book please still consider stopping by the event to say hello, check out the bookstore, and maybe win a door prize.  
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Govenor's Permitting Rules Harm Farmers and Michigan's Ag Industry

*submitted by State Rep. Graham Filler*  
After farming families throughout the area were hit hard by brutal weather in 2019, they were dealt a second big blow at the end of the year when the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) proposed new permitting rules for livestock farms that will do widespread harm to our agricultural industry.  
These new regulations – which will go into effect in April unless the governor decides to pull back – would force farmers who have complied with environmental and state standards for years into non-compliance.  
This is serious enough to force some of our family farms out of business. That's because the new rules for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations will require farms to expand manure pits that comply with current regulations. This is likely to cost thousands of dollars – a stretch for struggling farming families who are already dealing with adverse weather, low commodity prices and market uncertainty.  
While aimed at permitted livestock farmers, the new regulations are expected to have a remarkably adverse effect on the entire industry – hurting farmers who raise animals or crops for livestock feed, farmers who use the valuable nutrients in manure to grow crops for food, fiber and fuel, as well as the service providers who support the agricultural industry.  
I have spoken to Clinton and Gratiot county farmers who have voiced their concerns to the governor and officials with EGLE. Sadly, most came away with the impression that the administration listened politely, but only with the intention of brushing them off and moving forward with the rules. This is simply inexcusable.  
Our farmers have a proven track record of working proactively to protect the environment. They follow the rules and practice good environmental stewardship to protect the quality of our precious natural resources.  
We should be looking for more ways to support our farmers – not placing unnecessary burdens on them by changing these permitting requirements.  
I urge the governor to listen to the concerns of our farmers and work with them to implement science-based standards that balance environmental protection and economic realities.  
State Rep. Graham Filler of DeWitt is serving his first term in the Michigan House representing residents of Clinton and Gratiot counties. A former assistant attorney general, he now serves as chair of the House Judiciary Committee.



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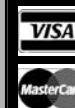
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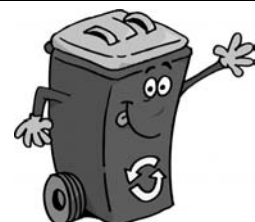
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## Sports

### CMAC Girls Cage Race Tightens Up with St. Patrick's 45-39 Win Over 'Pack

PORTLAND — Kara Mahoney had 13 points, six rebounds and three assists, but Portland St. Patrick downed Laingsburg by six points on the Lady Shamrocks' home floor January 17.

Coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack (7-3, 4-2 CMAC) also got nine points from Lorna Strieff. Grace Graham had seven points, seven rebounds and seven steals.

Mara Robbins scored 20 points for St. Patrick (7-2, 5-2 CMAC).

### Fowler Hands Wolfpack Girls Just 3rd CMAC Loss 57-39

FOWLER -- Emma Riley and Mia Riley split 34 points between them, leading the host Eagles to a 57-39 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) girls basketball victory over Laingsburg here January 21.

The loss dropped coach Doug Hurst's Lady Wolfpack to 4-3 in the league, 7-4 overall, while the Eagles continued to stake their claim as one of the CMAC's best teams at 6-1, 7-3. Emma Riley tossed in five three pointers as Fowler zeroed in from behind the arc, hitting eight trifectas as a team. Said Hurst, "I've never seen a game where the other team made every shot it put up and we were missing everything we put up. Fowler simply outplayed us tonight."

Grace Graham led the red-and-white with 12 points, 8 rebounds and 7 steals. LHS got nine points apiece from Kara Mahoney and Lorna Strieff. Saige Wurm added 2 points and five rebounds. Erica Wade scored 4 points, and Gabby Paquet 3.

*Laingsburg's Kara Mahoney goes for a lay up during the Fowler game January 21st as teammate Erica Wade looks on. Kara scored 9 points.*

*Photo by Keith Kingsbury*



### Wolfpack Defense Shines Again in 45-33 Boys' Victory at Fowler

FOWLER — When the Wolfpack is playing its best, it's defense -- not offense -- that leads the way.

Coach Dan Morrill's Wolves can run and score with anybody, but that shut-down defense was on full display in a critical Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) showdown at Fowler, where LHS trailed but came back to win -- limiting the Eagles to just 33 points.

Zach Hawes scored 12 points and Laingsburg's boys basketball team won its fourth straight game since its disputed Jan. 7 loss to Potterville, winning at Fowler, 45-33, on January 22.

Laingsburg trailed 17-12 at halftime, but outscored Fowler 33-16 in the second half.

Gabe Hawes added 11 points and Connor Thomas scored 10 for the Wolfpack (7-1, 5-1 Central Michigan Athletic Conference). Austin Randall and Jesse Gugel both had six points and six rebounds.

Carter Pline had 12 points for the Eagles (3-4, 2-3).



*Zach Hawes*



*Gabe Hawes*



*Connor Thomas*



*Austin Randall*



*Jesse Gugel*

### O-E Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

Registration for Ovid-Elsie youth baseball and softball players of all ages will be at Ovid-Elsie Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All players must be registered by February 15th. There will be a \$20 late fee for players added after February 15th and registrations cannot be accepted after March 1st due to the uniform order deadline.

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