



(l-r) Justin, Evalyn, Josh, Kirsten and Vivian Cole

## Ready to Rally for Cole Family

by Deb Price

Josh and Kirsten (Burgess) Cole are graduates of Ovid-Elsie and reside in Elsie. Like most married couples they started jobs and looked forward to planning their family. They have been blessed with three great kids, daughter, Vivian, a freshman in college, a son, Justin, a freshman at OE and daughter, Evalyn, an 8th grader at OE. They also have the good fortune of having both sets of parents who live in the same community as well as several close friends. A normal family, living their day to day lives until their son Justin was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at age 12.

From that day back in September of 2016, the lives of the Cole family changed dramatically. The tests, procedures and chemotherapy drug treatments became their new normal. With the treatments, Justin was able to get into remission within that first year of being diagnosed, but to keep him in remission, chemo therapy was to be continued over the next three years. He was unable to attend school during the sixth grade, unable to attend public outings and unable to spend time with friends or family due to germs and the risk of infection. He returned to school for his 7th grade year but was unable to participate in extra circular sports like football, one of his favorite sports. One season later in 8th grade he was ok'd to play football once again. In November of 2019 everyone was looking forward to Justin's return to remission as he was only 100 days from that goal when he experienced back pain and was rushed to ER. His leukemia had relapsed.

Once again, he began immediate, intense, chemo treatment at Sparrow Hospital and plans for a bone marrow transplant is scheduled for next month in Ann Arbor at U of M.

On Wednesday, February 26th, a benefit basketball game, for the Cole family, READY to Rally, will be held at Ovid-Elsie High School beginning at 7 pm. The Spartan themed game will include player staff of Ovid-Elsie, vs, friends and family of the Cole's. There will be a face painting station, cotton candy, popcorn, 50/50 drawing, a full concession stand and much more planned for this night of family fun. Admission for the event will be by donation at the door. For those unable to attend, donations can be made at Journey Federal Credit Union where an account in Justin's name has been established.

Come out to OE on Wednesday night and take part as the community wraps their arms around this family in a show of support. For more information or to help at the event, contact Amanda Fruchey at 989-834-5029 or email her at [amanda.fruchey@ovidelsie.org](mailto:amanda.fruchey@ovidelsie.org).

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## Conservation Funds Available for Michigan Farmers

EAST LANSING – Michigan farmers and forest owners who submit applications by March 20, 2020, will be considered for the current selection for U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation financial assistance. Conservation financial assistance is available for implementing a wide variety of practices to reduce soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat, protect water quality and manage private forest land.

Establishing cover crops is one of many conservation practices eligible for financial assistance.

“Helping Michigan’s agricultural producers improve conservation on working lands benefits everyone,” said USDA State Conservationist Garry Lee. “This funding will help farmers and forest owners protect our natural resources including our lakes, rivers and wildlife, while producing the food and forest products we rely on.”

Conservation financial assistance is available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Complete applications received by March 20, will be ranked and considered for fiscal year 2020 funding. Financial assistance is available for implementing designated conservation practices such as windbreaks, nutrient management plans, cover crops, forest management plans, crop residue and tillage management, animal waste storage facilities and many others. Applications are ranked and selected for funding on a competitive basis.

A portion of USDA conservation funding is targeted to state-level conservation priorities. These include funds for farmers seeking Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program verification, high tunnels in Wayne and Genesee counties, honey bee habitat, organic producers and producers transitioning to organic production, creating or improving monarch butterfly habitat, practices to address concentrated flow erosion, and energy conservation.

Conservation activities receiving financial assistance must be part of an agricultural or forest operation’s conservation plan. Producers should work with their local NRCS or conservation district staff to develop a conservation plan before applying for the program. Successful applicants enter into a contract with NRCS to implement conservation activities and are reimbursed for a portion of the cost.

NRCS provides higher levels of financial assistance for beginning farmers and historically underserved producers. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, producers and forest owners are encouraged to submit applications at any time. More information about conservation financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program is available at local NRCS offices and online at [www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov).



Wolfpack Conner Thomas getting some air on this shot against Pottsville on February 14th. See sports pages 11, 12, 13 & 16.  
Photo by Burg Sports and Beyond

## Elsie Baby Pantry

submitted by Kathleen Washburn

The Elsie Baby Pantry, located at 150 E. Main, is open the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Holidays and inclement weather causing Ovid-Elsie Schools to close will also close the pantry. This outreach serves Clinton County and its' surrounding areas.

Baby items offered free of charge include; diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, bedding, toiletries, equipment\*\* of newer cribs, pac 'n plays, strollers, and high chairs. In addition, clothing (maternity and children's clothing sizes preemie through 7/8) is available. Feminine products are also provided free of charge. Items vary each month and are intended to supplement what you need, not to be your primary source for baby needs.

If you wish to donate new or clean slightly- used items that are listed above, they may be delivered during pantry hours or to the Elsie United Methodist Church (west entrance) anytime. We cannot use adult clothing. Due to liability, this organization \*\*will not accept bassinets, swinging bassinets/cradles, bouncers, car seats, table-mounted toddler chairs, stuffed animals, or toys with small parts.

Questions should be directed to Lyla at 989-862-5846.

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## Public Welcome

submitted by Richard Easlick

Ron Elrod will be at The First Baptist Church, 163 W. Main St., Elsie on Sunday, March 8th at 9:30a.m.

RON ELROD, accomplished pianist, vocalist, and composer showed an interest in music early in childhood. He began taking piano lessons when he was only five years old. Even though he could not reach the piano pedals at this young age, he wanted to play the piano more than anything. At age fourteen, Ron started playing for church services. By age 17, he was playing with gospel quartets such as The Templeaires and the Calvarymen Quartet, in the Michigan area.

Later, Ron organized the nationally recognized gospel trio, Sons of Song. With many of his own compositions recorded on cassette and CD, Ron became a welcomed musical guest at churches throughout the U.S. and Canada. Ron has shared the stage with such well-known artists as: The Cathedral Quartet, J.D. Sumner & The Stamps Quartet, Dottie Rambo, Bill Gaither, The Statesmen Quartet, The Blackwood Brothers, The Oak Ridge Boys, Imperials, and The Singing Canadians.

Ron attributes his longstanding musical success to his Heavenly Father for the gift of music, and to his earthly father who constantly encouraged him to keep playing and singing for the Lord. Ron's heartfelt summary of his life so far can be summed up in this one statement: "I thank God for his mercy and blessing on my life. Without Him, I would have no song to sing, and no reason to make music."

Ron believes that no church gathering is too big or too small for his music... God blesses his people in every setting. Ron Elrod continues to compose new music, and clearly presents the gospel in every church, in every concert, and in every song.



## Paint With Us at Ashley Sportsman's Club

by Dawn D. Levey

Bannister - Ashley Sportsman's Club located at 8554 S. Mason Rd, Bannister has rescheduled painting at the lodge, Saturday, March 22, 2020, 6 pm. All materials will be provided for the "wintery landscape." In addition, refreshments and soft drinks are included. Participants may bring adult beverages.

The cost of the event is \$30, to register and for more information call (517)204-4075 or e-mail [ashleysportsmansclub@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysportsmansclub@gmail.com).



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## Adventures at the Elsie Public Library

March is Reading Month! The Elsie Public Library is presenting many fun activities, which are planned to help get kids and adults excited to read. Every Saturday and Monday morning, we will be having some sort of activity pertaining to reading, and we will even have some snacks, and special prizes on those days. So, don't miss out on all of the fun activities we will be having!

### Saturday Storytimes

#### March 7th

"A Parade of Elephants" DAY – Come listen to the story "A Parade of Elephants" by Kevin Henkes. Bring in your favorite stuffed animal. There will also be arts and activities related to the subject.

#### March 14th

"This Moose Belongs to Me" DAY – Come listen to the story "This Moose Belongs to Me" By Oliver Jeffers. There will also be activities related to the subject.

#### March 21st

"Stuck" DAY –Come listen to the story "Stuck" By Oliver Jeffers. There will be activities related to the subject.

#### March 28th

"How to Catch a Star" DAY –Dress up as a star and help us read "How to Catch a Star" By Oliver Jeffers. There will also be activities related to the subject.

### Monday Storytimes

#### March 2nd

"Lost and Found" DAY - Come listen to the story "Lost and Found" By Oliver Jeffers. There will also be activities related to the subject.

#### March 16th

St. Patrick's Day - Come listen to stories about St. Patrick's Day. There will also be activities related to the subject.

#### March 30th

"A Parade of Elephants" DAY – Come listen to the story "A Parade of Elephants" by Kevin Henkes. Bring in your favorite stuffed animal. There will also be arts and activities related to the subject.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Elsie Public Library



## Ovid Public Library

Yarn. Lots of yarn was donated to the Wednesday afternoon crafters at the Ovid Public Library. The group has been busy and nearly filled a tree with hats, and scarves, and mittens. The purpose of the effort was to offer these items to anyone in need of them for free. Please visit the Ovid Public Library and look at the items, find something that fits, and take it with you.

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From left, Capital Area United Way's David Tyler accepts a ceremonial check for \$8,923 from LAFCU Giving Committee members Amanda Seger, Teri and Suzi. Funds were raised internally at LAFCU through dress down days and other events in 2019.

## LAFCU and It's Employees Donate More than \$21,000 to Local Charities

submitted by Jan Jenkins

LANSING, Mich. — After a year of internal fundraising, LAFCU's Giving Committee recently presented \$21,568 in donations to three lucky charities: Capital Area United Way (\$8,923), Ele's Place-Capital Region (\$6,322.50) and The House of Promise (\$6,322.50).

LAFCU's Giving Committee organized dress down days, auctions and other events for LAFCU employees to raise funds for benefiting Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County charities. To support employee efforts, the credit union contributed \$5,000.

"We are incredibly proud of our employees and the impact they make every day in our communities," said Amanda Seger, LAFCU accounting manager and chairperson of the Giving Committee. "Small donations made throughout the year can really add up. This is just one way we demonstrate our philosophy of People Helping People."

Selection of recipient organizations is based on employee suggestions. This ensures the program benefits causes that employees truly care about.

"We are so grateful to LAFCU and its employees," said Nick Lynch, Capital Area United Way vice president, fund development. "This generosity will help many in our community."

To learn more about LAFCU, call 800.748.0228 or visit [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com).



LAFCU's Amanda Seger, left, and Teri, right, present a check to Shari Montgomery of House of Promise in the amount of \$6,322.50 from funds raised by LAFCU and its employees.



At the LAFCU Giving Committee/Elle's Place-Capital Region check presentation are, from left, Dawn Haddad and Cindy Kangas, Ele's Place; Teri and Amanda Seger, LAFCU; and Kristine Kuhnert, Ele's Place. LAFCU and its employees donated \$6,322.50 to support Ele's Place.

### OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Appeals will be heard:  
Monday, March 9, 2020  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
&  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Ovid Township Hall  
1015 Baese Court  
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Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

## Lansing Community College Performing Arts

submitted by Laura Paige Tufford

The LCC Jazz Band, Directed by Jonathan Gewirtz, will perform on Friday, February 28th, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

The event will be at Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

With over 20 band members, you'll enjoy the big-band jazz sound as LCC's ever popular Jazz Band features selections by Dizzy Gillespie and Frank Paparelli (A Night in Tunisia) as well as pieces by Eddie Harris (Cold Duck Time) and Billy Strayhorn (Take the A Train).

There is no cost to attend.

Contact the LCC  
Performing Arts Production  
Office, 517-483-1122.

### NOTICE CITY OF OVID

The City of Ovid has changed the date for the March regular Council meeting to be held on March 5, 2020. Due to the Board of Review schedule. The meeting will be at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Council Chambers room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.

Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid

### ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township will hold its budget meeting on February 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the township hall 109 S. Oak St. in Ashley.

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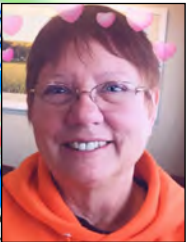
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Debbie Price  
Publisher

As our Volunteer Subscription Drive comes to a close, I would like to thank all who have sent in their \$20 donation. We have been blessed with strong advertising support from not only local businesses but surrounding businesses in St Johns and Owosso since this publication was formed. This subscription drives helps keep the advertising rates low for those loyal advertisers.

It has been brought to my attention within the last couple of weeks that readers in rural Elsie have experienced sporadic delivery to their homes. The delivery of the newspaper we produce each week is extremely important to not only myself but my entire staff. All the good work that goes into producing this publication is for nothing if it does not reach its final destination. I want our readers to let me know the first time they experience missed delivery of the paper. Some tell me that they don't like to complain since the paper is free, but I truly need to know since I am accountable to those loyal advertisers who rely on their message getting out to the readers in this market.

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Congratulations to our FFA members on an impressive night at District Leadership Contests.

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Willow Evans- Jr High Public Speaking GOLD moving on to regionals

Cassidy Harris- Jr High Public SpeakingGOLD moving on to regionals

Clarisse Fitzpatrick- Prepared Public Speaking SILVER

Parliamentary Procedure (Maddie Gavenda, Joseph Duckert, Aurora Hall, Kaylin Palus, Emma Fox) - SILVER



February 22-29, 2020

## Regional FFA Leadership Contests

Ovid-Elsie FFA is proud of our members who competed in Regional FFA Leadership Contests. Willow Evans and Cassidy Harris both competed in Jr High Public Speaking. Senior, Josie Nash is moving on and will be representing our chapter and Region IV FFA at the Michigan FFA State Convention in March.



Congratulations Marauders!

## Benefit for Brenda Nicholas

Saturday Feb. 29th, 2020

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Brenda has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer stage 4 and she is fighting like a champion

Brenda was raised in the sweet, small town of Elsie, MI. Many of you may have known her parents, Larry and Bea Nicholas, who both worked at the E. E. Knight Elementary School. She has an older brother, Michael, and an older sister, Cindy, who she remains very close to.

She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, and went on to college, always having a love for travel and adventure. It was this wanderlust that led her to the career she has now, being a flight attendant for United Airlines.

During her career at United, Brenda explored five continents, and over 50 countries. She had a happy, carefree life she wanted to last forever!

Unfortunately, in December 2018, everything changed.

Brenda was working a flight to Ireland that week, and as she was putting a passenger's bag in the overhead bin, she noticed a slight pain on her right side. Thinking it was a possible hernia or even her appendix, she thought she would have it checked out. After several tests at the ER, they found a mass on her left ovary. She had surgery to remove the mass, and woke up from her surgery with terrifying news. She had cancer. More tests revealed that the cancer had already spread to her liver, lungs and bone. No symptoms- no warnings, but there it was. Ovarian Cancer Stage 4.

Still wanting to live and to fight, she started a very strong chemotherapy treatment. This treatment made her loose her hair, eyebrows and even her eyelashes. Still, she kept smiling through the tears, and continued on her fight.

Currently, the cancer is still growing in her liver. She will continue on her treatment plan, whatever that may be. She will be brave, and strong, and pray for a miracle.

This health challenge has left her unable to work for the majority of 2019, and into 2020. We're here to give her help, prayers, and encouragement, so she knows she is not in the battle alone.

We're confident that she will be healed, and have her wings back to once again, explore this beautiful world! We're here for you Brenda.

**We Love You!**





### Ovid-Elsie FFA Members

Rebecca Ackles, Richard Ackels, Herman Baese, Joseph Duckert, Joe Fabus, Jesalyn Flavin, Maddie Gavenda, Aurora Hall, Makenna Hath-Thelen, Jocelynn Holton-Pugh, Fisher Houska, Aaron Hurst, TJ Hurst, Luis Johnson, Siara Kinard, Daniella Lee, Madelyn Leland, Tyler Luth, Alex Mehney, Kyra Moore, Jordan Nethaway, Adriana Oliva, Kaylin Palus, William Parmenter II, Eric Perry, Gregory Rademacher, Madison Schneider, Jonathon Sodman, Mason Soukup, Mason Spiess, Cammylle Thompson, Quinn Thornton, Raina Toribio, Vidalia Wenzlick, Daniale Bernath, Tristan Densmore, Amber Dorn, Haylie Gingrich, Evan Hehrer, Kayden Leslie, Brian Martiez, Michael Olger, Kolby Pontek, Valerie Saul, Edward Salinaz, Jasmine Son, Alex Sump, Hunter Wagar, Emma Woodbury, Ellie Woodbury, Steven Zedemont, Tristin Ziola, Diego Cardenas, Tyler Denniston, Gavin Densmore, Morgan Douglass, Clarisse Fitzpatrick, Emma Fox, Grace Fox, Charleigh Gadd, Sam Grubaugh, Caleb Hall, Billy Harris, Jesse Hodges, Caleb Love, Tori Maynard, Jolene Nash, Paula Olger, Chandler Pajtas, Sharlotte Phillips, Brittany Pierce, Justin Prewitt, Dillon Renfroe, Maxwell Spiess, Ruby Stampersky, Allison Strnad, Kaitlynn Thompson, Gabbriella Vanderhoof, Clay Wenzlick, Wyatt Wilcox, Dustin Anderson, Destini Beean, Logan Bearden, FaithBlacker, Hailee Bramer, Breana Briggs, Karina Custer, Sydney Denniston, Connor Fitzpatrick, Emily Harris, Jessica Hernandez Garcia, Jordyn Hunt, Carly Johnson, Hayden Jones, Makayla Juderjohn, Caitlyn Kennedy, Chase Kline, Kya Kurka, Natalie Leavitt, Rylee Lewis, Cari Martinez, Kylee Milledge, Ella Powell, Christina Rademacher-Vine, Perrien Raseh, Tabitha Renfroe, Cheyanne Rhynchress, Jordyn Smith, Cameron Tessman, Claire Thornton, Gisel Vieyra, Macy Vincent Fabus, Matthew Whitaker, Hudson Winans, James Wittchell, Cassidy Harris, Willow Evans and Harris Evans



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# MARCH MADNESS

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**Editorial... cont' on page 14**

## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Oh me oh my oh, I'm a bit exhausted this morning. I was in at six yesterday morning to enlarge font and make documents more easily readable. Then I had to get them printed, just one hundred and five copies and stapled. The first set was five pages long, the second was nine pages and the third was just two. Of course they were all single pages and I had to select the right prompts to get them printed on both sides of the paper without being upside down. It was a good thing to getting them shrunk down from using thirty-two pages to just using sixteen, saved a tree. It's a good think that I don't become befuddled easily.....

I then zipped over to my friend Linda's home north of Chapin to pick her up. We took a drive up north of Mt Pleasant and it was a glorious day. The sun shone brightly all the way there and back. The territory looked more like the end of March instead of February. We drove up to the Corner Store which is Amish owned and run, north on Mission Road. My intentions were to get three or four kinds of cheese, all of it sliced for sandwiches and I did. I bought some yummy Swiss, Provolone, Cheddar and Havarti cheeses plus a couple of pounds of Black Forrest ham and three kinds of sandwich wraps. Then I did a bit more shopping then intended, picked up some white chocolate to make some Easter candy for my great grandchildren and popcorn for us all to enjoy.

Linda had come along to get out of the house and was enjoying herself. She had just come along for the ride but ended up doing a bit of shopping also. Of course we stopped by an Aunt Millie's bread outlet on the way back through Mt Pleasant. That outlet sells canned vegetables as well as day old bread. Linda picked up some burger and hotdog buns for thirty-three cents each. Finally we stopped at the Country Chef for lunch in Ithaca.

What I learned when I was there.....the burgers are fresh and huge and the order of onion rings reminded me of Rohac's in the 1960's that were on the east side of Owosso. Next time I order the onion rings I need to get a half order.....the serving size at the Country Chef is very abundant. I sort felt like I waddled out the door 'cause I was stuffed even though the meal was breakfast, lunch, and dinner all in one. Good thing that I don't do that very often or my gait would be a permanent waddle.

Since I'm doing a bit of reminiscing I thought that I could share a phone call that I received from Sue Hardaker at the Historical Society in Elsie. A gentleman who had moved into the Bannister area had stopped to seek information on his homestead. The historical research showed that a pea vinery had once graced his property. A pea vinery is a place where the local farmers brought their pea crop (vines and all) to be processed. At that time Stokley's had a cannery in Owosso and were the receivers of the final product.

It was rather fascinating to find out how the process worked.....from field to table. If I remember correctly, pea vineries have been around since the mid 1880's through the 1950's. It was a place where many men experienced their first job, a place that was powered by donkeys or oxen and eventually by power belts and electricity. Peas were a cash crop that many a farmer planted ten acre patches to supplement their farm.....quite popular during the Great Depression. If you know of anyone who had firsthand experience with a pea vinery you are lucky to have a walking historian in your midst. So talk to them and get them to share their knowledge.

Life is good and the knowledge is bountiful and much of it combines common sense in our daily and historical lives. May God bless you and your memories.

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## Religious Thoughts

by Phil Hoppersberger  
 Graham Community Church

### “Flip It”

*“Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise (Luke 23:43).”*

I saw a show at the Wharton Center at Michigan State on Saturday, “The Illusionists.” These five Broadway magicians were absolutely incredible! They took numerous impossible scenarios and magically flipped them into stunning miracles. With absolute precision, they flipped it. And even in the third row I could not tell how.

On the night of October 29th, 1978, my brother Jack got into his white Ford station wagon, dosed himself with a gallon of gasoline, and lit a match. He was 28. On the night that he blew himself up in his car with gasoline, in the parking lot of the Irish Castle Bar in Los Angeles, I was 2,265 miles away in Livonia, Michigan asleep.

That night changed lives in my family. Eternity changed too. At just 17 years old, it was the worst experience of my life. Where do you go after something like that? Who do you talk to for solace and some perspective? I went nowhere for about two years.

On the day of April 3rd, 33, God in the flesh was murdered in Jerusalem, probably naked, definitely whipped, beaten, and bloody, in a public execution on a cross. Two thieves died with Him. As you can imagine, like Jack's death, it was nasty.

That night changed lives in Israel. For those who knew Jesus, as the promised Old Testament Messiah, it was the absolute worst day of all time, ever. And yet God took the very worst, and flipped it to be the very best, ever...because He didn't stay dead. He walked out of His own grave. God took the worst and made it the best. That's no illusion. It's real magic. His is the only empty grave on Earth. Death died.

Jack always called me by a nickname. As a baby I wouldn't lie still. Always squirming. That name was Flipper, which he shortened to Flip. That moniker would be a self-fulfilling prophecy of sorts because Jesus flipped me. Two years after Jack entered eternity, I heard the gospel. Spiritually, I was asleep, until then.

“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:13-14).”

God flipped my despair and made it a stunning miracle. I heard, believed, and the Holy Spirit entered my body. His seal is a down payment, a legal pledge that guarantees God will complete the “purchase” when I die. Like the thief, when Jesus took his worst day and made it his best, He flipped Flip. Are you despairing? Paul wrote Romans, the sixth book in the New Testament, to explain the gospel. Give it a read, ask Him to wake you up to understand it, and He'll flip your life too. It's no illusion.

## ATTENTION ELBA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS Gratiot County

Elba Township Board of Review Organizational Meeting  
 will be held on

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
 6 pm  
 at the Township Office  
 109 W. Oak Street, Ashley**

## ATTENTION ELBA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the Township office at 100 S. Sterling in Ashley, on:  
**Monday, March 9, 2020  
 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

## OVID TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE

On Monday, February 24, 2020, at 1 p.m., Ovid Township will be conducting their Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020, Presidential Primary Election. This test will take place at the Township Administrative Offices, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the Computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the Election meets the requirements of law.

**Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk**

## VILLAGE OF ELSIE RESIDENTS: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6:30 PM. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ELSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED AT 145 W. MAIN ST. THE PURPOSE IS TO DISCUSS THE ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR BUDGETS FOR 2020-2021.

THANK YOU,  
 ANN TRIERWEILER  
 VILLAGE CLERK

## ATTENTION Fairfield Township Residents

The Fairfield Township Board of Review Organizational Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 11:00am** at the Fairfield Township Hall. [fairfieldtwp.us](http://fairfieldtwp.us)

The Board of Appeals will be held at the Fairfield Township Hall located at 7988 W. Henderson Road, Elsie, on

**Monday, March 9, 2020  
 9am - Noon and 6pm - 9pm\***

*\*Assessor Present  
 and*

**Thursday, March 12, 2020  
 9am - Noon and 6pm - 9pm**

## ELBA TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP OFFICE PO BOX 182 ASHLEY, MI 48806 6:45 PM

Present: Roger Slavik, Kelly Strnad, and Madalin Morris

It is hereby appointed: Agnes Smith (Rep), Carol Denniston (Rep), Jennifer Moore Election Chair (Dem) and Valerie Simons (Dem) Election Inspectors for the March 10, 2020 election. The alternates are Darryl Thompson (Dem) and Marcie Thompson (Rep).

The receiving board will be  
 Carol Denniston (Rep) and Valerie Simons (Dem).

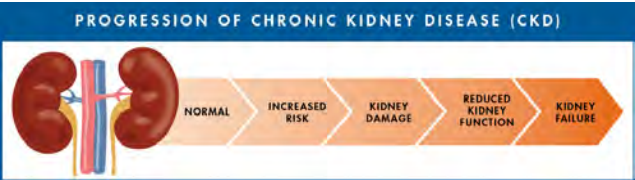
The Public Test will be on February 25th at 6 PM.  
 Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Madalin C. Morris  
 Township Clerk

# Health

## Did You Know?

According to the National Kidney Foundation®, African Americans have an increased risk of developing kidney disease. In fact, African Americans are three times more likely than Caucasians to suffer from kidney failure. The NKF notes that African Americans’ risk is elevated because African Americans have high rates of diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Research points to a lack of recognition as to the seriousness of kidney disease as one factor that might be behind African Americans being so vulnerable to kidney disease. A study published in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases found that nearly half of African Americans have at least one risk factor for kidney disease, but less than 3 percent say they feel kidney disease is a “top health concern.” Learning about kidney disease and the vital role kidneys play may compel more people to prioritize kidney health and make lifestyle choices that can reduce their risk for kidney disease.





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## Annual Colorectal Cancer Screenings Recommended

As the human body ages, screening for various conditions and diseases may need to occur more frequently. Routine doctor visits may not be a part of most people’s image of the perfect retirement, but such checkups can save lives and make one’s golden years much more enjoyable.

The World Health Organization notes that cancer is the leading cause of death across the globe and that colorectal cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in the world. A 2017 study published in the journal Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention concluded that risk factor modification, screening and treatment all have considerable potential to reduce colorectal cancer mortality by 2030.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine recommends that men and women between the ages of 50 and 75 be screened for colorectal cancer every year. Doctors screen for colorectal cancer in various ways, and many of these screenings need not be conducted annually. However, the USNLM recommends that all men and women between the ages of 50 and 75 receive a fecal occult blood, or stool-based, test every year. In addition, men and women should receive a fecal immunochemical, or FIT, test every year. The FIT is a simple test that adults can conduct in the privacy of their own homes.

Doctors may recommend additional screenings for colorectal cancer. Upon making such recommendations, doctors will discuss patients’ screening options, which include an assortment of tests, and then recommend which test might be best for the patient. The USNLM recommends men and women receive stool DNA tests every three years, flexible sigmoidoscopy tests every five years and double contrast barium enemas every five years. Virtual colonoscopies (once every five years) and colonoscopies (once every 10 years) also may be recommended.

Colorectal cancer claims hundreds of thousands of lives across the globe every year. Men and women over 50 can reduce their risk of falling victim to colorectal cancer by scheduling annual screenings.



### Change through Meditation

by **LeeAnna Woods**  
Licensed Therapist, Reiki Master and Owner  
of Healing Feather Massage & Reiki  
[www.HealingFeatherMassage.com](http://www.HealingFeatherMassage.com)  
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Our thoughts are very powerful and can either work for us or against us. Depending on the discipline of ones mind, it can either be a wonderful asset or become a dangerous assault weapon. Unfortunately, most minds are not very disciplined, causing the person to have an uncontrolled thought process. This leads to the person having different responses to each scenario that occurs throughout their life. Similar to the fight or flight response. For some people it’s a matter of “going with the flow” of any changes happening in life, where others avoid the changes and are continuously stuck in life repeating the same patterns over and over again.

As we all know, life is always changing and with each change there’s a chance of feeling a relief or an onset of pain. This will be different for each individual person causing their own unique response.

Whether conscious or subconscious, it’s these unknown responses that can create fear for many people, preventing them to move forward in their lives, especially when they are faced with these changes that occur in life.

This is one place meditation can play an amazing factor in ones life. Meditation teaches us discipline, how to observe without judgement and in doing so, provides us with the understanding of truth and how to stay present in one particular moment, to just simply be.

Having feelings of fear or being judgmental can lead a person towards anxiety and other health issues. These are some of the main reasons that doctors and specialist today are recommending meditation practice to their patients all over the world. They know that a steady meditation practice will help their patients by relieving stress and creating many other health benefits such as:

- Better sleep
- Increased energy
- Lower stress levels
- Clearer mind and focus
- Lower blood pressure
- Increased concentration
- Less frustration
- Lower anxiety
- Improved thought process
- Much more

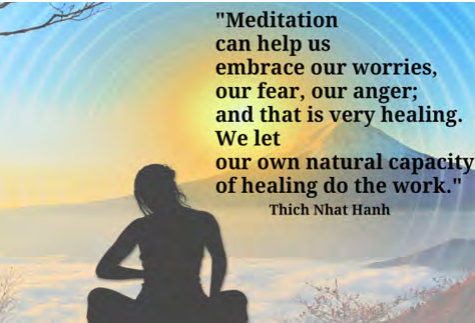
Meditation does take practice and time to master the skill fully but any amount will be beneficial to the person practicing it. The rewards should be motivational enough to at least begin.

You can make meditation your first step towards a healthier lifestyle and use it to help yourself move forward through those changes in life.

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# Health

## Recommended Vaccines for Adults

Newborn babies endure quite a bit in the first few days and months of their lives. Routine immunizations help newborns overcome these obstacles, and as newborns get old they receive vaccines to prevent measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis, and chicken pox.

A common misconception suggests that vaccines are only for the young. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the protection provided by some childhood vaccines can wear off. In addition, some people may be at risk for certain vaccine-preventable diseases due to lifestyle, existing health conditions and age. As a result, it's important for adults to make sure their vaccines are up-to-date.

Those who are unsure of their vaccine status should discuss their health history with their doctors. In the meantime, adults should know that the following vaccines are recommended for people of various ages.

- **Influenza:** An annual flu shot is highly recommended. Doctors and health officials indicate that getting the flu vaccine is the single most effective way to prevent seasonal flu or reduce the duration and severity of the illness should it be contracted.

- **Tdap:** This vaccine contains strains of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). All three are implicated in serious illnesses or death, according to WebMD. Just about every person, young and old, should receive the Tdap vaccine. The CDC says that every adult should get the Tdap vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent. Then a Td booster shot every 10 years is sufficient.

- **Shingles:** People who have been exposed to varicella (chicken pox) in their youth are at risk for shingles as they grow older. The CDC says nearly one out of three people in the United States will develop shingles in their lifetime. A shingles vaccine can protect against shingles and complications from the disease. Adults who are 50 and older should get the vaccine, which is administered in two doses.

- **Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23):** This vaccine protects against serious pneumococcal diseases, including meningitis and bloodstream infections. It is recommended for all adults age 65 and older.

- **Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV 13):** This protects against serious pneumococcal disease and pneumonia. Adults 65 years or older who have never received a dose of PCV13 should discuss PCV13 with their physicians.

Vaccines protect the very young from various diseases, but there are many vaccines that are still vital to health in adulthood.

## Michigan Awarded \$1.65 Million Hereditary Cancer Grant by CDC

*submitted by Lynn Sutfin*

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Lifecourse Epidemiology and Genomics Division has received a \$1.65 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The funds will be used to increase screening for family cancer history, and the use of genetic counseling and testing for hereditary cancer syndromes over the next three years.

MDHHS is one of four recipients to be awarded the CDC Cancer Genomics Program: Translating Research into Public Health funding opportunity, which supports the implementation and evaluation of activities and strategies related to screening cancer family history and the use of genetic counseling and testing. Oregon, Washington and Utah were also awarded funds. Michigan will receive \$550,000 annually for the next three years under the grant terms.

“Being aware of your family history and receiving a referral for cancer genetic counseling can help clarify risk,” said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. “This grant will help Michigan continue efforts toward increased screening and testing.”

With this grant, MDHHS will continue the promotion and support of hereditary cancer genomic services. This will include community and provider education, patient and provider resources, surveillance, community events related to hereditary cancer and policy/systems review and change.

The grant focuses primarily on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC) and Lynch syndrome. HBOC is a condition which can cause an increased risk of breast, ovarian, pancreatic and prostate cancer in an affected person. Lynch syn-

drome is a condition which can cause an increased risk of colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, gastric, small bowel and other cancers.

Michigan has been a recipient of the CDC Cancer Genomic Program Cooperative Agreement since 2008.

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## Grand Valley State University Dean’s List

*submitted by Sherry Bouwman*

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean’s list for the Fall 2019 semester concluding in December. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students’ official records.

Grand Valley is dedicated to providing a rich learning environment for students, offering a wide range of majors and hands-on research opportunities. Highly credentialed and responsive faculty and individual advisors and mentors promote a liberal arts emphasis that teaches students critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Students honored for the fall semester include:

Chesaning: Abigail N. Bates; Hailey R. Birchmeier; Jason Chen; Brooke L. Keck. Elsie: Brendan W. Sutliff. Laingsburg: Sage M. Fahey; Megan J. Hendley; Samuel J. Laczynski; Emma C. Ludlow; Nathan T. Mentus; Wren W. Miller. Owosso: Aubrey L. DeWitt; Jayden G. Guru; Megan M. Jecks; Katelyn L. Kincaid; Benjamin P. Marcotte; Haley A. Rothe. St. Johns: Makaila L. Fike; Elizabeth A. Henry; Aubrey E. Kiel; Anna N. Krumm; Morgan A. Leavitt; Ryan E. Madar; Damian N. Martinez; Riley A. McCann; Abigail O. Murray; Gabrielle A. Ponce; Kendall C. Smith; Megan K. Soros; Olivia M. Trombley; Hunter M. Welch.

### CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Full set of the Minutes for the Regular meeting may be viewed or acquired at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.  
Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams and Ms. Perrien.  
ABSENT: Mr. Zwick and Mr. Ordiway.

EX OFFICIOS: Milo Goodrich Chief of Police, Rich Simpson – DPW Superintendent, Patti Kieffer-Deputy Treasurer and Josefina Medina – Clerk.  
VISITORS: Kam Washburn, Kristy Gould, Lesa Ross, Lyle Perrien and Lynn Weber.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Ms. Perrien to approve agenda as printed.

#### MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: Ms. Perrien identified two corrections and then A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Mr. Williams to approve minutes of January 13th, with the corrections discussed.

#### MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Mr. William, second by Mr. Brown to accept the check registry from January 11th, thru February 7, 2020 as printed.

#### MOTION CARRIED

DPW: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to change the yield signs to a stop sign at Williams and High streets.

#### MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss. Hibbard to accept the Treasurer, Police and DPW reports as presented.

#### MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Mr. Washburn explained the purpose of the proposal on the March Election regarding the 911 system.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Brown to put the ordinance for public review.

#### MOTION CARRIED

3. A motion was mad by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to adopt the proposed Ballot Language for EMS millage rate. Roll Call was taken as follow: YEAS: Miss Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Zwick and Mr. Ordiway.

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution will be published in its entirety in the Weekly.

4. Mayor Lasher presented to the Council the revised Drug & alcohol policy. Discussion was held. No action was taken until the personnel committee can meet and discuss & review how it should be defined.

5. A motion was made by Miss Hibbard, second by Mr. Williams to adopt the Infant at work Program policy as presented and discussed. All were in favor excluding Mr. Brown who opposed the motion.

#### MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Ms. Perrien to approve the changes as amended in our personnel policy.

#### MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE: 1. A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, second by Miss Hibbard to establish a pay rate for a DPW Full-time employee at \$13 per hour.

#### MOTION CARRIED

2. . A motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Williams to move the money from the Sewer CD from Chemical bank into Journey Federal Credit Union as follow: \$150 thousand into the Money Market savings account with a 1.05% rate and the balance into a 6-month CD at a rate of 1.50% interest rate.

#### MOTION CARRIED

Mayor lasher asked for a motion to extend the meeting until 9:30 pm., Motioned by Mr. Williams supported by Miss. Hibbard.

#### MOTION CARRIED

PLANNING COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Williams, second by Miss Hibbard to ear mark the hanger fee for delinquent notices for the next 4 months based on the auditor’s response.

#### MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lasher closed the adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.  
Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid

## Ovid VFW- Lions Club Blood Drive

The Ovid VFW-Lions Club is holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, February 27th from 1:00 - 6:45 p.m. at the hall located at 214 S. Main Street, Ovid.

To schedule an appointment log on to redcross-blood.org enter sponsor code OvidVFW or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



### CITY OF OVID PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Monday March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers Room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid

### CITY OF OVID RESOLUTION 2020-3

WHERE AS: at a regular meeting of the Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 10th, day of February 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with the following council members present:

PRESENT: Mr. Brown, Mr. Lasher, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Williams and Ms. Perrien.

ABSENT: Mr. Zwick and Mr. Ordiway.

WHEREAS; a motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams, to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS; the City of Ovid adopts the Proposed Ballot Language for the millage rate for Emergency Services.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by and the city council be authorized to levy not to exceed 2.25 mills (\$2.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value)for a period of 3 years, 2021 to 2023, inclusive, to provide funds for all purposes authorized by law for emergency services; the estimate of the revenue the city will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$57,283.

ROLL CALL:

YEAS: **Ms. Perrien, Miss Hibbard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lasher**

NAYS: **None**.

ABSENT; **Mr. Zwick and Mr. Ordiway**

Resolution declared adopted on February 10, 2020.

Josefina Medina, Clerk  
City of Ovid

## Meeting Dates and Times

**Greenbush Township** - Meets the fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held, Monday, January 24th at 7p.m. at the Township Hall, 1993 E. French Rd., St. Johns.

**St. Johns Camera Club** - Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held, Tuesday, January 25th at 7p.m. at the Township Hall, 1993 E. French Rd., St. Johns.

**Laingsburg Lions Club** - Next meeting will be February 26th from 8 to 9apm, at Twilligers Tavern, Downtown Laingsburg.

**City of Laingsburg** - Meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Monday, March 2nd at 7pm at 114 Woodhull St. Laingsburg.

**Elsie American Legion Post 502 Service Officer** - Every Tuesday 9am-11am at Post Home.

**Woodhull Township** - Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm at 7315 W. Beard Rd., Shaftsburg.

**Laingsburg American Legion Service Officer** - Wednesday, March 4th at Post Home.

**Fairfield Township** - Meets the first Thursday of each month. The next meeing will be held Thursday, March 5th at 7pm at the Township Hall.

**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., Shaftsburg.

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

## Diabetes Support Group Free Seminar

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso –The Memorial Healthcare Community Wellness, Nutrition and Diabetes Center is hosting a FREE seminar during their morning Diabetes Support Group. Marie Spiess, PA-C, Wound Care Specialist from Memorial Healthcare will present, “The Importance of Wound Care and Caring for People with Diabetes.”

Learn how to. . .

- Clean and care for a wound

- Tell the signs and symptoms of peripheral vascular disease

- Know when to seek professional help for a wound

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 25 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am (AM group only) and will be held at the Community Wellness, Nutrition and Diabetes Center, Woodard Building (North Entrance), 317 S. Elm Street, Suite 202, Owosso. Pre-registration is required! To register, please call Memorial Healthcare at: (989) 729-4700.



# Sports

## Wolfpack Girls Back to Winning Ways in CMAC, 37-31 over Vikings

POTTERVILLE -- Laingsburg's girls basketball team got back to their winning ways in the CMAC here February 13, with a hard-fought, 37-31 victory over the host Lady Vikings.

Coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack improved to 8-4 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 11-5 overall as the regular season winds down.

Grace Graham again led LHS with 15 pts. and 7 steals.

Erica Wade added 7 points and 5 rebounds; Hayleigh Mertens 7 points; and Lorna Strieff 2 points.

Said coach Hurst, "It was one of those games where we better want more and do the little things, because we struggled putting the ball in the basket tonight. Both shooting and our free throws; it was just one of those nights that we got good looks and got to the free throw line but nothing was dropping.

"Our girls did play hard the whole game and won it on hustle."



Grace Graham



Erica Wade



Hayleigh Mertens

## Fish Fry

*submitted by Cindy Suggate*

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Clare Burt Post 248 in Laingsburg, will be having a fish fry on March 6th, March 20th and April 3rd at the post at 1240 E Grand River Rd from 4:30 to 7:00.

The menu will be fish, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and dessert. The cost of the fish dinner will be \$11.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under.

We will also have hot dogs and macaroni and cheese for the kids that do not care for fish.

The cost of this dinner will be \$6.00 also.



## BIG A Scholarship Applications for 2020 Are Available

*submitted by Janice Andersen*

Two \$500 scholarships are being offered at Laingsburg High School for all graduating Seniors in memory of BIG A (Jason E. Andersen) a former 1995 graduate and son of Janice Andersen and the Late Eugene Andersen. Additional scholarships will also be available at Alpena High School where Jason was a Coach and at-risk counselor.

Prior to the passing of Jason at the young age of 31, Jason coached many students in both football and basketball and counseled at-risk students. His legacy of helping students in need is being continued through the financial assistance via the scholarships at his former alma mater high school and Alpena High school. To qualify, students must be a graduating senior in good standing. Participation in school based and non-school based activities will be considered in addition to their future study area/goals and any special circumstances that they may have encountered in their life. Scholarships will be presented at the LHS Awards Ceremony being scheduled in May 2020.

Applications are available for pick up at the Counselor's Office at Laingsburg High School. All applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the Counselor's Office at Laingsburg High School or post marked by April 30th, 2020 to: BIG A Scholarship, % Janice Andersen, 514 E. Broad Street, Chesaning, MI 48616 to be considered. Questions can be referred to 989-666-2696.



## Friends of the Laingsburg Library

The Annual Book & Bake Sale sponsored by Friends of the Laingsburg Library, 255 Grand River Rd., will be held on Thursday, Feb 27th from 9:00am – 6:00pm & Friday, Feb 28th from 9:00am – 5 pm

Cookies, breads, brownies, cakes & pies. Baked good are sold for a donation.

Paperback books .25 and hardback books .50.

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## CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020

A public accuracy test for the Presidential Primary Election to be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020, will be conducted on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to assure that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballots of the election are in conformance with the procedures prescribed by the law.

Paula Willoughby  
Laingsburg City Clerk

## Victor Township 2020 Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2020 assessment appeals:

Tuesday, March 10th  
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13th  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Appointments may be scheduled by calling (517) 204-3752. Meetings will be held at Victor Township, 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Letters of Appeal will be accepted by the Board of Review until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020.

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## Victor Township, Clinton County, MI

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**Proposed Board Minutes  
from February 10, 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, Paula Willoughby and Julie Townsend. Mike Wall absent.

**Public Comment:** Township resident David Ginther shared his concerns regarding the condition of Jason Rd, west of Shepardsville, where water over the road has created postal delays, continued road damage and total road closure due to water over the road December 30, 2019-January 11, 2020. He would like the Board to discuss tiling and repair with the Clinton County Road Commission.

**Agenda:** Motion by Willoughby to approve the agenda. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Conklin to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Townsend. All in Favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of bills:** Motion by Willoughby to pay the January 2020 bills in the amount of \$13,541.20 using checks # 27764-27783 and e-checks #445-454. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses for January 2020 in the amount of \$5,845.57 using checks #12067-12076 and EFT 119. Supported by Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports:** Planning Commission shared their comments on the 2020-2021 Victor Township road projects. Motion by Conklin to spend up to \$5,000.00 to remove a tree at Stilson Cemetery. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. David Ginther will mark the tree and Clerk Conklin will work with Shawn Smith to request 3 bids for removal and disposal of the tree. PC member Sayles made a second request to have their drafted bylaws added to next month's agenda. Planning Commission next meeting will be held at Victor Township Hall on March 2, 2020 at 7:15.

LSW: No report

Maintenance & Facilities: No report

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Security System – Supervisor Malkin to forward draft RFP to the board.
2. Policy & Procedures – Clerk Conklin to post on website and provide hard copies for everyone.
3. Ordinance 19.3 Fire, Ambulance & Inhalator Service Charges Ordinance – No progress.
4. Water Heater – No progress
5. Budget 2020-2021 Supervisor Malkin to forward proposed budget to the Victor Board and the PC.

**New Business:**

1. Salary Resolutions: Supervisor Malkin to research the need to update these annually if they are left unchanged.
  2. Roads: Supervisor Malkin to get contracts out for road projects for March meeting.
  3. Budget 2020-2021 Public Hearing will be held at the Victor Township Hall on March 9, 2020 at 7:15 pm.
- Extended Public/Board Comment::** Victor Resident Dan Sibbo provided updates and statistics regarding Laingsburg Recyclers. The group is looking for a new staging area for their monthly recycling activities. They are looking for convenient drop off access to roll offs, cover from poor weather conditions and a restroom. Laingsburg Recyclers is ran entirely from donations and is 100% volunteer operated. One third of recycling volume comes from Victor Township residents.

Treasurer Willoughby questioned Supervisor Malkin on the new Victor Township server that was installed on February 07, 2020 without Victor Board approval and against procedure approved at the January 13, 2020 Board meeting. She also asked why the purchase was not placed on the February 10, 2020 agenda for formal approval. Supervisor Malkin indicated he did not feel it was necessary since new computers were purchased by Clerk Conklin in 2020 without Board approval and that Clerk Conklin did not include it in any minutes nor was he ever made aware of the need for new windows to be installed. Clerk Conklin reminded Supervisor Malkin the original quote for the new PC's was emailed to him in 2018 prior to Clerk Conklin taking on the clerks position and that the invoice for the new computers was approved by the Board at the September 2019 meeting. She also stated he was very aware of the purchase as they were even budgeted for and many emails were issued to the Board regarding the new computers.

Treasurer Willoughby reminded Supervisor Malkin that he had voted in favor of purchasing procedure just last month and asked why he would blatantly defy the policy set forth by the Victor Board. Supervisor Malkin responded, "Because I get stuff done!" Supervisor Malkin adjourned the meeting, without support at 8:29 pm.

*Amanda Conklin, Clerk*

# Sports

## Dansville nips Wolfpack in final match for District IV team wrestling championship

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack beat Webberville in the MHSAA District IV team wrestling districts.

What followed was a heart-wrenching loss in the District Finals to Dansville, in a nail-biter that came down to the last match.

"Gabby Motz wrestled amazing in our final match, but ended up losing 11-12, that doesn't diminish the job she did," said head coach Shawn Baynes.

Huge wins for LHS leading up to the dramatic Dansville dual finish came from Jacob Hummel, Sean Divine and Devin Nash.

"We bumped Jacob Hummel up a weight class to a good heavy weight from his normal 215 lb. weight class and he pinned his opponent. Sean Divine was also bumped up to 215 lb. from his normal 189lb weight class and he pinned his opponent. Devin Nash went down a weight class from his normal 160 lb. weight class to 152 lbs. to make our team more competitive and he pinned his opponent," said coach Baynes.

"The commitment and heart demonstrated from all our wrestlers was amazing. Even though we lost by 2 points, I feel like a winner because I get to coach these Laingsburg kids."

### Wolfpack Advances Four to MHSAA Wrestling Individuals

MANCHESTER — The Laingsburg Wolfpack will well-represented at the next stage of the MHSAA wrestling postseason, as coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves qualified four grapplers for the Individual Regionals.

The Wolfpack's Aden Baynes was the runner up at 125 pounds after being pinned in the championship by Springport's Robert Patterson.

Laingsburg's other regional qualifiers, Kyle Boetcher (125), Caleb Boetcher (145) and Sean Divine (189), all finished fourth.

Also locally, Byron wrestling will be well represented at next week's Division 4 individual regionals as the Eagles qualified six wrestlers at the Manchester district. Byron's Zack Hall won the 119-pound weight class by fall over Jackson Lumen Christi's Reid Garcia for Byron's only individual championship. The Eagles' Cole Stanton was the 215-pound runner up while teammates Matthew Johnson (285), Colby Shettler (125) and Layten Ciszewski (145) all placed third in their respective weight classes. Nolan Lange also qualified for the regionals for Byron with a fourth-place district finish at 135.

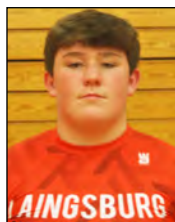
### Wolfpack grappler Motz places third in MHSAA

LAINGSBURG -- Wolfpack wrestler Gabby Motz placed 3rd in the State of Michigan at the Girls State Wrestling Invitational at Adrian College.

This is a step up for Gabby. Last year she placed 4th. Congratulations Gabby Motz.



Jacob Hummel



Sean Divine



Devin Nash



Aden Baynes



Kyle Boetcher



Caleb Boetcher



Gabby Motz

## Good Luck Laingsburg Wolfpack Wrestling

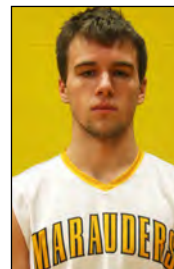
## Marauder Boys Maul Montrose 63-44

by Tim Zwick

MONTROSE – The Marauders boys basketball team made it 15 straight wins this winter with a 63-44 victory over win-less Montrose here on February 13th. Ovid-Elsie now stands a perfect 12-0 in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference play and 15-0 overall.

Justin Moore notched another double-double to lead the victors, scoring 18 points while hauling down 14 rebounds. The senior big man also blocked two shots. Shayne Loynes contributed 16 points including a pair from beyond the arc while handing out five assists.

O-E forged out to a 15-7 first quarter lead before expanding the bulge to 32-17 at the half and never looked back. Aaron Hurst chipped in with nine points for the Marauders while Dylan Carman finished with eight including a pair of long-range bombs.



Justin Moore



Shayne Loynes

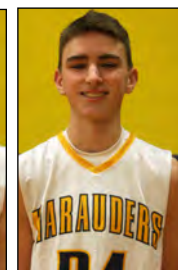
### O-E Boys Sprint By Birch Run 78-46

ELSIE – Make it 16 in a row for the Ovid-Elsie boys basketball squad with their convincing 78-46 non-conference win over Birch Run in a contest played here on February 18th. The Marauders are looking to post the first regular season undefeated season since 1978-79.

Shayne Loynes tied the school record for three-point shots made in a game – eight – which was set by his older brother Jacob last season. The senior standout finished with 28 points (22 in the second half) and handed out six assists for good measure. O-E converted on a season-high 12 three-pointers for the game.



Aaron Hurst



Dylan Carman

Justin Moore posted another double-double, adding 17 points, 16 rebounds and three assists for Ovid-Elsie. Aaron Hurst scored nine points and Dylan Carman added five more. Caleb Headden led Birch Run with 12 points.

The Marauders have a pair of tilts on the docket this week. First up is a trip to Webberville to take on the Spartans in a non-conference foray on February 25th. Then it's another road trip for the MMAC showdown with NewLothrop on February 28th. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. both nights.

## Neighboring Carson City Take Game from Ashley

Ashley hosted their last home conference game of the season Thursday night. The team was able to stay in the low scoring game until the fourth quarter when they just couldn't keep the game close. Ashley was only down 5 at the end of the low scoring first quarter 9-4, again was with-in striking distance after the half being down 6 points, 16-10 and even inched closer at the end of the third quarter only being down 21-19. At one point the Bears trailed by only one but had a few missed shots and turnovers that lead to Eagles scores.

Isabele Kremer again led the Bears with 11 points 6 rebounds and 3 assists. Jenna Wirt scored 6 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, Ashley Gavenda scored 3 points had 7 rebounds and added 4 steals. Makenzie Stoneman scored a bucket and Kellie Brown had 5 points and a block.

"We put together one of our best efforts of the season defensively and were down just 2 with five minutes to go but could not find enough offense to get over the hump. We were able to slow the game down and limit possessions and give ourselves a chance in the last five minutes" commented Coach Shaw.



Isabele Kremer



Jenna Wirt

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# Sports

## Ovid-Elsie Wrestling

submitted by Kyle Spiess

Ovid Elsie wrestling travelled to Williamston on 2/15/20 for their individual districts.

Top 4 wrestlers from the 16 person bracket move on to regionals at Lakewood high school to be held on 2/22/20 Saturday. Regionals is an 8 person bracket and top 4 people move on to the state finals held at Ford Field March 6th and 7th.

“We wrestled well on Saturday, the competition was that tough. There will be several weight classes where everyone from our district will win again at regionals and qualify for state. It is rare but it will happen this year is my prediction, that is how tough the competition was at Districts,” said Coach Spiess.

Trenton placed 2nd and was seeded 7th and defeated the 2nd seed Carlos Espinosa of Alma, 3rd seed Trayshon Rinkines of Sexton and had the number 1 seed wrestler Dillon Vroman of Portland on his back and almost pinned him in the finals.

Mason was seeded 2nd and defeated Zachary Zbiciak of Lakewood and Jack Chambers of Williamston to reach the finals. Mason’s finals match against Robert Thang from Sexton ended in a loss but at the end of the 2nd and 3rd periods he finished takedowns just as time ran out, what a thriller to watch.

Kam defeated Chris Manual from Sexton, Tyler Cesar of Durand and Aaron Seward from Perry before falling to Ethan Smidt of Belding to clinch his 4th place.

Gavyn defeated Chris Gray from Williamston, Bretten Wilson of Belding before falling to Soloman Rosales of Alma in the 3rd place match to move on to regionals.

All 4 wrestlers for OE have a good chance at advancing and I hope we can take all of them to Ford Field together!



(L-R): Mason Spiess, 103lbs, 2nd place; Kameron Arnett, 215lbs, 4th place; Trenton Hurst, 171lbs, 2nd place; Gavyn Perry, 130lbs, 4th place.

## Ovid-Elsie Girls Topple Montrose 60-34

by Tim Zwick

MONTROSE – The Lady Marauders made it three wins in a row with a 60-34 victory over Montrose in a game played here on February 13th. The win improves O-E to 8-4 in MMAC league play and to 11-5 overall.

The Marauders got out to a 17-9 first quarter lead and then outpaced the Rams 18-4 in the second stanza to take a 35-13 lead into the intermission. A 10-10 third quarter made kept the status quo before the Marauders finished with a 15-11 fourth quarter to put the game away.

Caitlyn Walter scored 15 points to lead the way for Ovid-Elsie. Madison Cunningham finished with 13 points including three long bombs from beyond the arc to go along with her eight rebounds. Lauren Barton added 11 points while Tristin Ziola and Allison Reppenhagen chipped in with four points each.

### Lady Marauders Beat Birch Run 59-54

BIRCH RUN – The Ovid-Elsie girls basketball team won their fourth straight game with a non-conference 59-54 win over the Panthers in a game played here on February 18th. O-E now stands at 12-5 for the campaign.

The Lady Marauders raced out to a 17-13 first quarter lead only to see the hosts dominate the second quarter and take a 34-27 lead into the halftime break. O-E came roaring back in the second half to get nearly even heading into the fourth quarter before taking care of business in the final stanza.

Lauren Barton

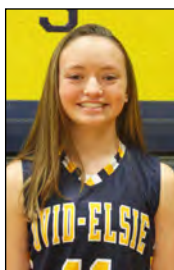
“I told the girls in pregame that they had the best player on the floor so this would be a game of runs,” noted Marauders head coach Ryan Cunningham. “We just needed to make the final push and we did.”

Senior Lauren Barton scored 19 points and hauled down 10 rebounds to lead the Blue & Gold. Caitlyn Walter added 15 points while Madison Cunningham chipped in with 11 points including three buckets from beyond the arc.

“We played in a bit of foul trouble but when we won that third quarter our energy spiked,” added Cunningham. “Once we weathered that foul trouble, we started rolling again.”

Kiah Longoria finished with nine points while Kaylee Hall added three points and five rebounds. Sarah Miller finished with a game high 28 points for Birch Run.

Ovid-Elsie wraps up the regular season this week with a non-conference match-up against Webberville at home on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. followed by a road trip to New Lothrop for the MMAC finale on February 28th at 5:30 p.m.



Caitlyn Walter

## O-E Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The Ovid-Elsie keglers pulled out wins on February 15 at Colonial Lanes against Flushing.

The girls won 24-6. High games included Chloe Taylor 160; Madison Schneider 155; Jocelynn Holton-Pugh 142; Mikayla Kelley 168, 186; Lizzy Underhill 205-158.

High games for the boys included Tom Terpening 176; Eian Bushard 208; Steven Zedemont 162, 227; Tray Terpening 143; Corbin Kelley 176, 225.

February 19th at B’Bowl in Flint was the setting for O-E against New Lothrop.

The girls would win 30-0 with high games of Chloe Taylor 166; Madison Schneider 159;

Morgan Douglass 141; Jocelynn Holton-Pugh 205; Mikayla Kelley 202, 163; Lizzy Underhill 141, 241.

The boys lost 10-20. High games included Ian Hehrer 168, 170; Tom Terpening 144; Steve Zedemont 179, 159; Tray Terpening 171, 146; Corbin Kelley 176, 179.

Next up February 22nd at Colonial Lanes, O-E against Lakeville.

Regionals will be February 28th and



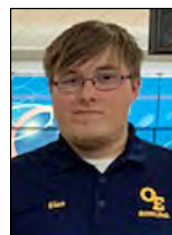
Lizzy Underhill



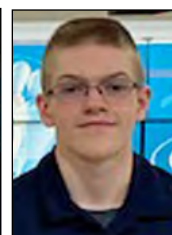
Mikayla Kelley



Jocelynn Holton-Pugh



Eian Bushard



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Corbin Kelley



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## Editorial

### Spring 2020 Events



### The Weekly Sportsman

by **Dan McMaster**  
[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

Plenty of indoor and outdoor activities to keep you busy during the early spring months. Clip out this column and attach it to your calendar or hang it on the refrigerator.

- 2/27- DU, MSU Ducks Unlimited Dinner, Lansing, George Legacy, 517-625-5192
- 2/27-3/01 Outdoorama, Novi, showspan.com
- 2/27- Clinton Conservation District & MSU Extension, Farming & Food Workshop, Cover Crops, AgroLiquid NCRS, St. Johns, Seth Gibson, 989-224-3720
- 2/28- PF, Genesee #112 Banquet, Grand Blanc, 810-695-5169 or 810-635-7988
- 2/29- QDMA, Clinton/Ionia Banquet, Fowler, Chad Thelen, 517-819-6344
- 2/29- Quiet Water Society, Quiet Adventures Symposium, MSU Pavilion, quietwatersociety.org
- 3/06- RGS, Saginaw Valley Chapter, Saginaw, Russell Whelton, 989-297-0127
- 3/07- PF, Shiawassee #399 Banquet, Owosso, Bryan Gross, 810-869-4170
- 3/13-15 Gaylord Hunting Expo, Gaylord, gaylordhuntingexpo.com
- 3/13-15 Outdoor Life/Field & Stream Expo, Lansing, fieldandstreamexpo.com
- 3/13-14 SCI Flint, Outfitters Night, Fundraiser & Dinner, Flint, sciflint.com
- 3/14-15 MUCC, Chainsaw Safety Clinic, Rose Lake Shooting Range, 517-371-1041
- 3/19-22 Ultimate Sport Show, Grand Rapids, showspan.com
- 3/20- DU, Mid-Shiawassee Chapter, Durand, Tonya Conrad, 989-413-5519
- 3/20- HBA of Greater Lansing, 2020 Wild Game Dinner, Lansing, 517-323-3254
- 3/20- PF, Saginaw #526 Banquet, Frankenmuth, Jeanna, 989-652-2200
- 3/20-21 SCI, Outfitters Night, Fundraiser & Dinner Bath, lansingsci.com/fundraiser/
- 3/21- SCA, Earl Davenport Education Scholarship Dinner, Owosso, 989-725-7588 (SOLD OUT)
- 3/21- PF, Clinton #469 Banquet, Fowler, Dave Rademacher, 517-282-8758
- 3/21- PF, Gratiot #90 Banquet, Ithaca, Dean Havelka, 989-763-1575
- 3/21- CBM, Annual Banquet, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant, 517-679-6226
- 3/28- WTU, Chesaning Area Chapter Banquet, Chesaning, Chris Sloan, 989-284-9193
- 4/04- NWTF, Learn to Hunt Spring Turkey, Scouting and Shotgun Patterning, Rose Lake Shooting Range, Steve Sharp, 517-930-0947
- 4/17- NWTF, Mid Michigan Chapter Banquet, Bath, Michael Arnold, 810-650-3331
- 4/17- DU, Clinton County Chapter Banquet, St. Johns, Chris Mikula, 989-640-7104
- 4/17- RGS, Andy Ammann Chapter Banquet, Bath, Ben Schram, 313-806-2256
- 4/24- DU, Red Cedar Chapter Banquet, East Lansing, Richard Jess, 517-862-2814
- 5/14- Friends of the Shiawassee River, Annual Garlic Mustard Festival, Wrought Iron Grill, Owosso, 989-723-9062

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## Lost Dog, No Tags

Dear Andy,

During last month's snowstorm our family dog, a 18 pound Poo mix, wandered away. We have just been sick about it. We keep hoping someone will find her. We have checked the shelters in our county and neighboring counties and have searched the neighborhood, knocked on doors and put up posters. She did not have her collar on, so no phone number on the tag to call us.

It was very cold outside, and we figured she would be right back into the warm house. We all got busy doing things: dinner, after school stuff, phone calls, etc. and no one checked on her. It was over an hour before anyone realized we had not let her back into the house. We know we might never find her. We hope someone picked her up and gave her a good home. We just wanted to remind others to stay with their dog on those cold nights and keep the tags on the collar and the collar on the dog!

Sad Family

Dear Sad Family,

Sorry for your loss. Pets are such an important part of our families. However, we often take them for granted. Thank you for your suggestions to go outside with your dog or at least hook them to a leash that would offer them some space for a little exercise. Most dogs sleep when the family is not at home so when they are let outside, it's time for some running, fun and exercise. Understandability, we all have responsibilities when we get home from school and work, but our pets are also an important part of the routine. It is highly likely someone picked up your dog, since she is small and probably rather cute. Small dogs can wander a long way fast when cold and confused.

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Andy

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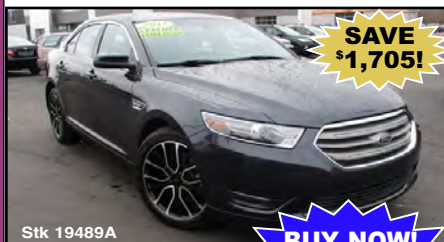
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## Sports

### Wolfpack Turns the Tables on Vikings

LAINGSBURG -- It was Valentine's Day, and there was no love lost between the Laingsburg Wolfpack and Potterville Vikings.

No pre-game chat between the rival coaches. Five Potterville assistant coaches standing shoulder to shoulder along the end line during pre-game warmups.

Who does that? A stand of unity? A show of strength? A try at intimidation?

No matter. No one on either team was intimidated by all the pre-game hype, or by the task at hand. LHS prevailed in a game that remarkably turned into a CMAC classic after the Vikings chipped-chipped-chipped away at a 15-point deficit throughout the second half.

All of this after a controversial Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) contest on January 7 at PHS, where the Vikes snuck away with a one-point victory after Wolfpack coaches and athletic officials alleged a phantom basket recorded by the home team. LHS disputed the score and took its appeal to Potterville administrators, then to the CMAC, and finally all the way to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"This (Feb. 14) game turned out to be like a mirror image of that first game," said Laingsburg coach Daniel Morrill. "The way Potterville came back, the way they tied it with a long three-pointer, the way we won it at the free throw line. It was a great high school basketball game played by two really good teams."

"I'm so proud of my guys for hanging in there through this whole Laingsburg-Potterville controversy. They earned this one."

LHS came out running-and-gunning -- their typical style of play -- and ran to a quick 19-12 advantage. They maintained that through much of the 2nd quarter, getting scoring boosts from Gabe Hawes (playing with the flu), Connor Thomas and Zach Hawes. The 'Pack led 24-19 at halftime.

In the second half, the officiating tightened up, putting both teams in the double bonus for foul shots. Said Morrill, "With the lead, we knew they'd have to foul us to get back in the game. We hit our foul shots, we have the advantage."

The hosts made some. They missed some. What they didn't count on was Potterville post player Cole Krause. Krause scored 17 of his game-high 35 points in the 4th quarter. He kept the Vikes close, and after a stoppage in play, Cole Davis stunned the home crowd with a long three-pointer to knot the score for the first time, 74-74, with just 8.8 seconds left to play.

Laingsburg inbounded the ball. And that's where the double-bonus played to their advantage. Gabe Hawes was fouled on the inbounds pass, went to the line for two free throws ... and calmly swished them both. Advantage, LHS, 76-74.

Potterville got a final look with a pass to Krause, but his last-second shot was well-defended and bounced off the back stanchion behind the backboard as time expired.

Gabe Hawes deposited 28 points to lead the victors. Thomas was clutch with 13 tallies, as was Zach Hawes with 12. Aidan Soeltner hit for 8, Austin Randall 5, Jesse Kugel 4, Colt Wurm 3 and Lucas Woodruff 3.

The Wolfpack moved to 11-3 overall, 9-2 in the CMAC as the season winds down. Potterville is 10-4, 9-2 in the league, but that is disputed with the league office and will be resolved with a vote by the athletic directors on March 2.

### Wolfpack runs away from Saranac 76-34

LAINGSBURG -- On a night where Laingsburg jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, senior Gabe Hawes led the way with 18 points and the host Wolfpack vanquished Saranac, 76-34, on February 19.

Colt Wurm chipped in 15 points and Zach Hawes had 10 for coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves, who improved to 10-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 12-3 overall. The Redskins are bringing up the bottom of the CMAC at 1-10 in the league, 2-13 overall.

LHS sprinted to a 25-10 first quarter lead, extended it to 40-19 at halftime, and outscored the Redskins in every quarter. Wurm led the way with 5 points in the 3rd stanza as a balanced Wolfpack attack opened things up with a 22-6 run directly after the intermission.

Gabe Hawes, Connor Thomas, Zach Fortino and Wurm each rained down a pair of three-pointers. Gabe Hawes and Wurm each pulled down 5 rebounds, and both Hawes brothers dished out 5 assists.

Closing out the LHS scoring ledger, Fortino netted 8 points, Josh Baker 6, Thomas 6, Lucas Woodruff 4, Justin Grandy 3, Jesse Kugel 2, Zach Koerner 2 and Mitchell Morrill a pair.

### Lady Bears Lose Tight Game

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Lady Bears from Ashley traveled to Webberville to take on the Spartans in a nonconference match up this week. Ashley jumped out to a quick lead taking a nine point lead into halftime. Coming out after the half though, the Bears lost some intensity defensively and gave up too many points in the third quarter, letting the Spartans back into the game.

Ashley had a few key stops that would've helped them take the lead back in the fourth quarter, but had a few turnovers and a few missed shots that left them short by 2 points and left Webberville with a 33-31 win.

"We got off to a stronger start tonight as we were able to take a 9 point lead into halftime. However, our energy coming out of the break was not as high and we allowed Webberville to get back in the tie and the game going into the fourth quarter. We struggle from the free throw line shooting 6 for 20 from the line and missed too many layups" expressed Coach Shaw.

Isabele Kremer had a double double on the night scoring 15 points and grabbing a whopping 15 rebounds also grabbing 4 steals and adding 3 blocks. Jenna Wirt scored 7 points had 6 rebounds and added 3 steals. Ashley Gavenda had 4 points 7 steals and 6 rebounds. Kellie Brown and Koryn Brown each added a two point bucket, while Makenzie Stoneman scored 1 point had 10 rebounds and had 3 assists.

