

Laingsburg Schools Honor Nancy Brown for her Years of Dedication to Wolfpack Athletics

LAINGSBURG -- Wolfpack coach Doug Hurst said it all, when the Laingsburg Community Schools honored Nancy Brown on Tuesday evening, February 25.

"Besides all the dedication and caring Nancy has shown for our athletes, the thing that stands out most is her professionalism. Whether she's working the scoring table, whatever capacity she's volunteering, things were always done right. That takes a big load off of me as a coach."

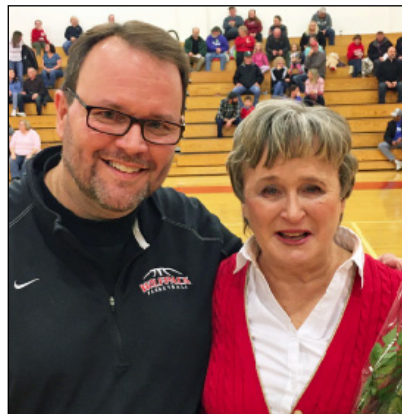
In between the JV and Varsity games -- how appropriate, as Nancy has served both in several volunteer roles -- on Senior Night vs. the Fulton Pirates, Hurst and his Wolfpack presented Mrs. Brown with a bouquet of roses, a flurry of hugs, and a commemorative plaque.

She was saluted with these words: "Nancy is being recognized and honored tonight by our school and by all the past and present coaches and players for her many years of dedication and service to soccer, volleyball and basketball."

For many years, Nancy has volunteered her time as the basketball scorebook keeper for both the girls and boys varsity teams. Even after her two children, Katie and John, graduated from Laingsburg, she continued to volunteer her time and service to our teams, sometimes traveling up to 5 days a week in the winter months covering the boys and girls basketball games.

Over the years, Nancy and her husband Jose have donated cookies to the teams, bought flowers for our senior girls, hosted team dinners and have even supplied food during our post-season travel. Nancy is a true example of what Wolfpack spirit is in our community.

On behalf of our school, players, coaches and the Laingsburg Wolfpack community, we would like to say Thank You to Nancy and the Brown family for your wonderful dedication and support."



Veteran Wolfpack coach Doug Hurst with his "right-hand gal," Nancy Brown.



The Wolfpack varsity basketball team expressed their gratitude, greeting Nancy with hugs, roses and a plaque that read "Sports Volunteer of the Decade, Nancy Brown. 'My heart bids me to do it, if do it I can, and it is a thing possible to do.' Laingsburg Community Schools, presented February, 2020."



Rep. Filler Welcomes Vice President Pence

submitted by Shane Carnegie

State Rep. Graham Filler of DeWitt shakes hands with Vice President Mike Pence after he landed at the Capital Region International Airport in DeWitt. Pence is in Michigan to speak about criminal justice and agricultural issues with Filler and other legislators in Lansing.

A Labor of Love



The MSU Dance team performed at half time.



OE grads, Jerico Herblet and Courtney Loynes, (MSU cheer team) Evan Morris (MSU kicker) and Jack Price (MSU Drumline) returned home to take part in the Ready to Rally event for Justin Cole.

by Deb Price

The gym at Ovid-Elsie High School was filled to capacity on Wednesday, February 26th, as the community and members from surrounding communities showed up in full force to support a fundraiser for Justin Cole and his family. The event, a benefit basketball game between OE staff and friends of the Cole family was the main event, but there was so much more for those in attendance to enjoy. The Spartan-themed event also had surprise guests including: Sparty himself, the MSU Drumline, Cheerleaders and Dance team. Spartan Football Players and former Spartan basketball player, Tim Bograkovs, all added to the "Ready to Rally" event.

The Elsie & Ovid Fire Departments, Modern Woodmen, Sunbelt, MDOT and the entire community of New Lothrop presented checks (\$1,000 to \$10,000) to the Cole family. These contributions were given out of love and to show Justin that no one fights alone. Prior to the event, over 900 Ready to Rally t-shirts were sold along with rally towels and cotton candy sales at the elementary schools. The winner of the 50/50 raffle at the event donated the winnings back in a show of support.

The players between the green and the white game provided an array of three point shots, hustling defense, an occasional fall on the court, and a game winning layup for the green team by MSU super fan Barry Greer. Kudos to the committee that made this event possible. The night was a great one. It was another example of why we live in small communities where people have big hearts and step up when needed to show love for another.

See next week's Weekly for more event photos.



Team Green and White Players. Back Row (l-r) Zach Loynes, Dan Price, Crystal Flyharty, Jeremy Palus, Guy Nutter, and Scott Watson.

Third Row (l-r) Graham Filler, Tim Bograkovs, Mike Loynes, Dan Schwark, Brandon Belill, Zach Belill, Josj Latz and Chris Robinson.

Second Row (l-r) Jody Gillespie, Amanda Herblet, Inger Olson, Barry "Three Pointer Shooter" Greer, Heather Cunningham, David Pastula, Ben Smith, Ryan Cunningham and Joel Longstreth.

Front Row (l-r) Kirk Baese, Bob Foreback, Jack Nutter, Lee Greer, Michele Ott, Cory Gavenda, Brian Powell, Eric Wooley and Jason Toka.

Social

O-E Class of 1970 Planning 50th Anniversary

The Ovid-Elsie Class of 1970 is forming a planning committee to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Please join us Tuesday, March 3rd at 6pm at the Wheel Inn in St. Johns.

If you are unable to attend and are interested in helping contact Monica Gazda Balderson at 517-881-3580 or Debbie Watson Heinze at 989-723-7522.

Country Charms Creations of Elsie is Hosting 3rd ANNUAL KICK-OFF TO SPRING CRAFT SHOW

Saturday March 7, 2020

Lions/VFW Hall 206 S. Main Street, Ovid

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Fish Dinner With All The Extras

Friday, March 6 • 4:30-7pm

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March 20, April 3

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Fazoli's Catered Spaghetti Dinner

The Ovid-Elsie participants of the Lions of Michigan All State Band are putting on a spaghetti dinner fundraiser which will feature food brought in from Fazolis of Lansing. The meal will include spaghetti or fettucine alfredo, Fazolis famous breadsticks, a salad, dessert and a drink. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door or you can contact Sherri Kast 517-243-0473 or one of your local youth Lions Band members for more information. The event will be held Tuesday March 10 at the Ovid VFW and runs from 5-7. We had one of these meals as a fundraiser in the fall and all that came out really enjoyed their meal.

This elite group of band participants travel to the International Lions convention every year. They perform in the parade and the plenary (flag) session. The group also plays at Children's hospitals, veterans groups and other venues while they are on tour. It is a marvelous opportunity for these teenagers.

Strefling Awarded 2020 Engineer of the Year

Paul Strefling, a former student of O-E, was awarded the 2020 Engineer of the Year for Boeing. He has worked at Boeing for 7 and a half years as a Flight Controls engineer in Airplane Systems.

Paul graduated from MSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2007 and a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering Controls Systems including adaptive, nonlinear and robust in 2011.

Paul and his wife Adrienne Burger, also an MSU graduate and Boeing engineer, reside in Seattle, WA. He is the son of Christian and Mary Strefling and grandson of Maxine Sovis of Elsie.

The Sovis family sends their congratulations to Paul on this achievement.

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Ovid Public Library Movies

The movies for March are intriguing. Only one is over two hours in length. If you enjoy mysteries or want to know more about 1920 Russia, then please plan to join us at the Ovid Public Library for these movies that all begin at noon.

Monday March 2: The Moonstone, by Wilkie Collins
1996 120 minutes

Masterpiece Theater Production

The first detective novel ever written.

Monday March 9: The Woman in White, by Wilkie Collins

1997 120 minutes Masterpiece Theater Production

Monday March 16: The Letters:

Of Nicholas and Alexandra

2018 documentary 100 minutes

Monday March 23: Nicholas and Alexandra

1999 189 minutes

March 30: Mel Brooks' comedy "The Twelve Chairs"

1970 93 minutes

To save her family's wealth, a Russian lady sews the family jewels into one of the 12 dining room chairs

For more information, please phone the Ovid Public Library at (989) 834-5800.



High School Art Scholarship & Show

submitted by Piper Brewer

All students grades 9-12 in Shiawassee County, Chesaning and Ovid-Elsie are invited to participate in the Shiawassee Arts Center's 48th Annual High School Art Scholarship Show & Competition April 27 - May 3, 2020. \$2,000 in scholarship awards, including the \$500 Janis Kazen Award, will be presented at the reception, Sunday, May 3, 1-3pm.

Applications may be found at www.shiawasseearts.org, at the Shiawassee Arts Center and may also be obtained from high school art instructors. Students do not need to be currently enrolled in an art class. Home school and private high school students are welcome.

SAC Art Education Director, Linda Ruehle states, "Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, more than \$85,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to provide students with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth. Professional artists from out of the district, will be judging the work on originality, creativity, technical skill and presentation." For more information or questions call (989)723-8354.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located next to Curwood Castle in Owosso, is open Monday - Friday noon-5pm, weekends noon-4pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in nine galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome, there is no admission charge and the facility is handicap accessible. SAC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer arts and cultural activities that educate, entertain and enrich the quality of life in our community.



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2020 Fish Fry Schedule

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Fridays

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Adventures at the Elsie Public Library

March is Reading Month! The Elsie Public Library is presenting many fun activities. Every Saturday and Monday morning, we will be having some sort of activity pertaining to the 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.

March 14th

"This Moose Belongs to Me" DAY – Come listen to the story "This Moose Belongs to Me" By Oliver Jeffers. **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.

Shiawassee Arts Center Drawing Basics Class

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be offering another Drawing Basics class for beginning/intermediate levels, with Philip Ruehle, MFA, Artist/Instructor. The class will be held on Tuesdays, March 10 - April 28, from 12:30pm - 3:30pm.

This eight-week course will explore many of the principles and techniques of representational drawing while working with different genres (still life, figure, landscape, and architecture). Each week will consist of a demo at the beginning of class followed by one-on-one instruction. No previous experience is necessary. If you have been wanting to get started with drawing or with a painting class, this is a good place to start! Call for cost.

Required Materials: Graphite Pencils: 4H, 2H, HB, 2B, 3B, Kneaded Eraser, Pink pearl or plastic eraser, Drawing Paper (11"x14" or 16"x20") – Strathmore 400 Series Drawing Paper is recommended. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. Classrooms are handicap accessible. For questions or registration, call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354.

Mint Country Garden Club

The monthly meeting of Mint Country Garden Club will be held Thursday, March 5, at 7:15 pm. The speaker will be Jack Nutter about the Maple River Floodings and Flats. Meetings are held at Clinton Commons Community Center, 1105 S. Scott Rd, St. Johns. Visitors are welcome to attend. For further information about meetings or how to become a member, email mintcountrygardenclub@gmail.com or call 989-224-9206



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Clinton County Senior Center Accepting New Members

submitted by Brenda Terpening

Have you been holed up for too many days during the past cold winter months? Then if you are 55 or older you should consider coming to the Clinton County Senior Center, located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns.

At the center you can play cards and other games, put puzzles together, utilize the exercise room, play bingo, have lunches and socialize. The Senior Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. On Monday the meal is a public lunch so it is open to everyone, not just seniors. The meal is served between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm and the cost is \$5. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the meal is served at noon and is available for a \$3.50 donation.

On Tuesdays & Fridays at 12:30 pm the center always has bingo. The cost is only \$1.50 and you walk away with 3-5 prizes. Trivia is always the 1st & 3rd Monday's at 1:00 pm and Euchre is from 6:30-8:30 pm on the 1st & 3rd Monday's and 1:00-3:00 pm on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday's.

There is no cost to become a member – just come in and have fun. If you have any questions about the Senior Center, call 989-224-4257.



Second Saturday Supper

submitted by Orilla McHarris

Come to Second Saturday Supper at Mayflower Church! March 14, 5 - 6 p.m. Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, green beans, salad, and dessert. \$10 (children \$5). Takeout is available. Handicapper accessible; ample parking. Everyone welcome!

Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W. Mt. Hope Avenue, Lansing. <https://www.mayflowerchurch.com> info@mayflowerchurch.com . 517-484-3139

NOTICE CITY OF OVID

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates: Organizational Meeting only on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm (Informational only no appeals may be presented).

Appeals will be heard on Monday, March 9, 2020 from 3 pm to 9 pm. and Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 9 am to 3 pm, at the City of Ovid Municipal building in the Council Chambers Room, located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866. If any questions feel free to call at 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

Duplain Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
(Informational only; no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:

Monday, March 9, 2020

3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2020

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Duplain Township Hall, 145 E. Main St., Elsie, MI 48831
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor).
Protests will be heard for the 2020 assessments.

Ashley Schools Kindergarten and Pre-School Round-Up

PRE-SCHOOL:

Wednesday
March 18
6pm

KINDERGARTEN:

Friday
March 20
8:30am - 2:30pm



Location: Ashley District Library

Children who will be 3 years and 6 months old by September 1, 2020 are eligible for Pre-School. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 (or by Dec. 1, 2020 with waiver) are eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten families are asked to call to set up an appointment. 989-847-4000 ext. 1003. Pre-School: ext. 1010

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House Approves Rep. Filler's Plan Protecting Michigan Seniors From Abuse

submitted by Jared Rozycki

The Michigan House today overwhelmingly approved state Rep. Graham Filler's plan to protect Michigan seniors from abuse.

Filler, of DeWitt, said over 70,000 older adults in Michigan have experienced some form of abuse, but suspects the number is actually much higher due to instances being underreported. Filler became familiar with the issue of elder abuse during his tenure as an assistant attorney general and has continues addressing the problem as a member of the State's Elder Abuse Task Force.

Filler's measure is part of an eight-bill package to add legal protections for adults age 80 and older and increase criminal penalties for individuals who financially or physically abuse elder adults.

"Right now in Michigan, there aren't enough protections in place for vulnerable seniors or strict enough penalties to ensure people think twice before targeting or taking advantage of Michigan's aging population," Filler said. "This is a very serious issue that needs to be addressed."

Under this proposal, assaulting a senior could result in up to 25 years in prison and up to \$25,000 in fines while embezzling could result in up to 20 years in prison and up to \$50,000 in fines, depending on the severity of the crime.

"By putting in place stronger protections for seniors and stricter criminal penalties for people who commit elder abuse, Michigan is sending the message that we protect our seniors," Filler said. "People who physically, verbally, psychologically or financially abuse members of our aging population will be held responsible for their actions."

The plan now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Laingsburg FFA

submitted by Beth Eggleston

Districts

On January 30th Laingsburg hosted districts, we had one greenhand conduct of meetings team composed of Sean Divine, Grace Marfio, Josephine Keenan, Cam Koonter, JR Nixon, Trevor Barrett, Taylor Arthur and Sawyer Shastal that competed and got a gold. We had an Ag Issues team composed of Danielle Miller, Alyse Rowley, Ella Kay, Curtis Antcliff, Grant Goetschy, Emily Gutzman who competed and got gold. We had two Parli Pro teams, Parli Pro Blue composed of Mariah Byrnes, Myia Brock, Elena Kozachik, Logan Hagerty and Tyler Flynn-Lacey who competed and got a gold. The Parli Pro Yellow team composed of Gabby Paquet, Amelia Hurst, Saige Wurm, Hayleigh Mertens, Shaily Baynes and Grace Graham competed and got a silver and unfortunately did not advance to regionals. We also had two students compete in Job Interview, Kate Voisinet who scored a gold and Caitlyn Sanders who got a silver. Last but not least, we had two students compete in Creed Speaking, Joy Antcliff who competed and got



Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Team headed to states.



Agriculture Issues Team headed to states.

received silvers at regionals.

Regionals

On February 13th Perry hosted regionals, our Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team competed and were the regional winners and will move on to state finals. Our Ag Issues team competed and also became the regional winners and will also move on to compete at state finals. Our Parli Pro Blue team competed and got a gold and will advance to the state semifinals. Our two Creed Speakers competed and



Parliamentary Procedures team heading to states.

Awards

This year we are giving out 11 Outstanding Junior Awards, 11 State Degrees, Logan Hagerty will be receiving a Silver Degree, and 14 Academic Excellence Awards that recognize students for having good grades and working hard in school.

Other News:

Our Chapter president Logan Hagerty is a state officer candidate for the 2020-2021 election. He will also be participating in the Agriscience Fair this year on the 4th of March.

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

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.

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Middlebury Township Board of Review Meetings

Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.
Middlebury Township Hall

Assessment Appeal Meetings

Monday, March 9, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

&

Friday, March 13, 2020
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Middlebury Township Hall

To hear questions or protests for the 2020 assessments. Any questions, please call the assessor, Mark Holley @ 989-834-5611

Budget Meeting

The Middlebury Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 at Middlebury Township Hall, 7627 W. M-21, Ovid, on **March 11, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.**

Budget is available for viewing by contacting the Clerk at 989-640-3279

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Meeting Dates and Times

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 meeting will be held Thursday, March 5th at 7pm at the Township Hall.

City of Ovid - Meeting has been changed to Monday, March 5th due to Board of Review, 7pm at City Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid.

Laingsburg Lions Club - Next meeting will be March 11

6pm, at Twilligers Tavern, Downtown Laingsburg.

Sciota Township - Meets the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held March 9th at 7pm at the township hall located at 3990 Leland Rd., Laingsburg.

Victor Township - Now Meets the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held March 9th at 7pm at 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg.

Village of Elsie - Meets the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held March 10th at 7pm at 145 W. Main St., Elsie.

Go Positive - Meets March 10th at 6:45 a.m. at Agro Liquid in St. Johns. 3055 W. M-21.

Duplain Township - Meets the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held March 11th at 7pm, at 145 W. Main St., Elsie.

Middlebury Township - Meets the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held March 11th at 7pm at 7627 W. M-21, Ovid.

MMDHD Immunization Clinic

submitted by Linda Gronda

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

Mid-Michigan District Health Department, 1307 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns, MI 48879

March 2: 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 4: 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 11: 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 19: 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 23: 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

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

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

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

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

LOOK WHO'S 50!



The Nash Family is wishing the happiest of birthdays to Pam Nash on March 5th! As busy as she may be caring for the family farm, she never fails to make her family feel loved. All so lucky to have her!!

*Sincerely,
Kevin, Forrest, Jessie, Josie, Jolene,
and the dogs.*

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Obituaries

Thomas “Tom” Rodriguez

Thomas "Tom" Rodriguez, age 72, of Ovid, MI, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2020, at his home.

Thomas was born in St. Johns, MI on October 18, 1947, the son of Ponciano Rodriguez and Rosa (Cruz) Rodriguez. He graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1966. He proudly served his country as a member of the 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery from 1967-1968 in the United States Army during Vietnam.

Tom worked at Sparrow in the cafeteria for several years. He spent many hours volunteering at the United Church of Ovid. Tom loved reading, walking, and his cats Burt and Ernie. His family was very important to him and he treasured the time he spent with them. He was always taking care of and putting others before himself.

He is survived his siblings: Beatrice Clock of Hobe Sound, FL; Joe and Glenda Rodriguez of Big Pine Keys, FL; and Mary and Jeff Hampton of Ovid, MI. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and special friend Mindy Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers: Louis, Robert, and Chris Rodriguez.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Monday, February 24, 2020. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Owosso, MI at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of Ovid. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.



Editorial

God Doesn’t Need You

God doesn't need you. You may have heard the phrase before- God doesn't need you. This is a statement that is true on the surface, but becomes false if pressed too



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

far. Let me explain.

Yes, God doesn't need you or me or anything else. God is the only self-sufficient being in all of creation. God doesn't even need someone to love. Since God is a Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have been in a loving relationship with each other since before time began.

At the same time, we may press this too far and think that God doesn't need me = God can't or doesn't want to use me. This is not true at all.

God both wants to use you and can use you. We see examples of this throughout the Bible.

One is of how Jesus fed over 5,000 people. John records in his Gospel that after a day of teaching, there were over 5,000 people who were hungry and had nowhere to go to get food. The disciples did not have enough money to buy food for everyone, to say nothing of where they would get all of the food even if the money was there.

Then the answer. John records in verse 9, ““Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?””

Jesus took the food, gave thanks for it and then it was distributed to everyone. All who were there ate as much as they wanted.

Jesus used the lunch that a boy brought that day and used it to feed over 5,000 people. They boy was young and the food was nowhere near enough for everyone, but that didn't stop Jesus from using it.

In the Gospels we also read of a woman who acted with great faith. She broke a very expensive jar of perfume and poured it on Jesus' head to anoint His body for burial.

One of the things that Jesus said about her was that “She did what she could.” (Mark 14:8)

God doesn't ask for us to do more than we can. We do what we can and give it to God. We give to God what we have and let Him work with it from there. When we do so, we may be pleasantly surprised at what God does with what we've given to Him. Imagine what the boy thought when he saw Jesus multiply his little lunch to feed thousands of people.

God can and wants to use you, friend. Make yourself available to the Lord. Ask Him how He can use you today.

As Paul writes in Ephesians, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”- Ephesians 2:8-10

Greater Laingsburg Food Bank Needs Donations, Volunteers

submitted by Linda Culpepper

Laingsburg’s Food Bank would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who have donated either money or products to help those in our community who are experiencing hard times. We would also like to thank the Brownies Troop, led by Jody Frank, who put together Birthday Bags which include fun food products to celebrate a birthday. We would also like to thank our WONDERFUL volunteers who love to come and help out.

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Have a Question for Andy?
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these snow days. Seems like they could be in school. Safe and learning. My job and most jobs, parents are gone from 7:15 am when the bus picks them up until 5:30 in the afternoon. It's bad enough to have them home 2 hours after school, before I get there. I leave my work and come home to my other job. Last year I think we had 7 snow days. I already take days off when they are sick. I use up my vacation time and personal days so we only end up with long week-ends in the summer. Why are there so many snow days and what can I do with them. I do not want the television to be their babysitter.

Frustrated Mom,
Dear Mom,
You do sound frustrated. I understand there is typically several days moms and dads need to take days off to care for their children. It's only a short time during you working career compared to the time when children can take care of themselves. You need to buck up...your week long vacations will come with time as you give more time to your company.

Might I suggest, first find or create a support group within your school of other moms in the same situation. Take turns on the days off. You take her kids along with your own on your day, and then rotate the days. You didn't say how old your children are, but I am assuming old enough to be left alone or they would be in a daycare or childcare after school program on snow days.

You need a solid plan of action by planning ahead for the "snow" days. If your kids are old enough to left at home, do something special for them. For example, order their favorite pizza to be delivered. Let the oldest be responsible to pay and tip. Give them ground rules for safety: No strangers or neighborhood kids in the house. Give them a list of jobs: Load the dish-washer, fold clothes, vacuum the living room, brush the dog, sweep their floors in their rooms. It's good to leave them with responsibilities. Take time to make them a "to do" list. Leave your phone or a gizmo to contact you for emergencies. Have an emergency plan. Know who is home in your neighborhood. Tell them only 1 movie and/or 2 hours of television. A day can be wasted fast by watching TV all day. High School students are also out of school and love part-time jobs. Find someone you know and trust and have them just be there with your kids on snow days or even the 2 hours after school.

Back in my day, we loved snow days. Even at 9 years old I can remember jumping for joy and running for my ice skates. I am sure we all remember how much fun it was to spend the day at the local ice rink. The fire department would flood the baseball fields or tennis courts. There would be a fire glowing to dry our wet mittens and warm our bottoms. (Thank you to that person(s), back in the 50's and 60's, who always provided wood for the fires). Sometimes we would run home for lunch and come back for the afternoon. We were outside playing on snow days. Let's get our kids to play again. Send them outside to use their imagination. Make a plan: Sleds and hot cocoa with marshmallows, of course.

You would think we would want to be at school to learn but Snow Days and Saturdays were like holidays. Make it fun for your kids: Buy a board game, a puzzle or a color by number workbook – save just for snow days. Leave special notes and treats for each child for them to wake up to if you cannot be there. It's part of our lifestyle to raise self-sufficient, independent children.

Don't feel guilty. You're doing the best you can. Snow days are a fact of life. It may look ok outside for playing or driving to work but safety on the busses is #1 priority. Even with a heavy bus the ice can be slippery. Be a happy mom. It is what it is...sometimes. Andy.

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.

When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.
--Wm. Arthur Ward

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Sports



(l-r): Liz Underhill, Mikayla Kelley, Jocelynn Holton-Pugh, Coach Matt Fabus, Madison Schneider, Morgan Douglass, Chloe Taylor

O-E Bowling - Girls Back to Back Conference Champs

submitted by Matt Fabus

The Ovid-Elsie Varsity Bowling teams were at Colonial Lanes on Saturday, February 22nd. The girls would take first in the conference for the second straight year with a 8-0 conference record.

The girls went up against Lakeville winning 30-0. High games included Chloe Taylor 190, 153; Madison Schneider 145; Morgan Douglass 148; Jocelynn Holton-Pugh 153; Mikayla Kelley 180, 187; Lizzy Underhill 145, 152.

The OE boys would settle for second in the conference. High games included Ian Hehrer 191, 232; Tom Terpening 221; Eian Bushard 136; Steve Zedemont 144; Tray Terpening 214, 195; Corbin Kelley 183, 151.

Regional warm up at Capitol Bowl on Sunday, February 23rd. Format - bowl three singles games, total pins take top 16. Followed by one game match play, high total pins move on to match two.

The girls qualifying for top 16 were Chloe Taylor was in top 5, Mikayla Kelley 9th, Morgan Douglass 12th, Madison Schneider 16th. Chloe made it to top 8 with scores 149, 157, 167. Match play 200, 136.

Corbin Kelley qualified 1st to move on to top 16. He made the top 8. His scores were 203, 178, 224. Match play 187, 143.

Ian Hehrer qualified 2nd to move on to top 16. He also made top 8. His scores were 179, 197, 221. Match play 253, 198.

The girls competed in the Best of the best at Holly lanes on Monday, February 24th. Varsity girls would bowl two persons to make top 8 out of 14 teams, 5th out of Top 8. They went up against Lapeer in 1st round bowling 2 bakers losing 297-360.

The boys best of the best was cancelled.

Freshman Fab Four Lead Wolfpack into Mat Regionals

WHITMORE LAKE -- At the end of the 2019-2020 wrestling season, coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack was led by The Four Freshmen.

No. This isn't a 1960s-era rock 'n roll group. Nor is it a boy band from the 1990s.

Aden Baynes, Sean Divine, Kyle Boettcher and Caleb Boettcher -- all of them 9th graders -- advanced to the MHSAA Individual Regionals at Whitmore Lake HS, establishing a rock-solid foundation for the Wolfpack mat program for years to come.

Baynes and Kyle Boettcher lost in what is called the "blood" round. This is round is the match that determines who will wrestle for third and fourth places; finishers 1 through 4 advance to the State Finals. If a grappler loses in the "blood" round, he was one win from qualifying for the Finals.

Sean Divine and Caleb Boettcher lost in the second round of the MHSAA Regional.

The future is bright for the LHS wrestling program.



Front: Sean Divine & Caleb Boettcher.
Back: Aden Baynes & Kyle Boettcher

Ovid-Elsie Girls Shut Down Mt. Morris 55-37

by Tim Zwick

ELSIE – The Lady Marauders upped their Mid-Michigan Activities Conference record to 9-4 with it's 55-37 victory over Mt. Morris in a game played here on February 21st. O-E now stands 13-5 overall for the campaign.

Lauren Barton finished with 22 points to pace Ovid-Elsie. Caitlyn Walter added 11 points while Madison Cunningham chipped in 10 points to go along with seven rebounds and three steals. Barton and Tristin Ziola added six rebounds each. Kalista Bancroft also notched seven points for the victors.

"Despite the score, I didn't feel we played very well tonight," noted Marauders head coach Ryan Cunningham. "I thought we played well in stretches but not for four quarters and at this point in the year, we need to be able to put together a solid effort from start to finish if we're gonna make a run in the tournament."



Lauren Barton

Lady Marauders Stop Spartans 40-15

ELSIE – The Ovid-Elsie girls basketball squad continued their winning ways with a non-conference win over Webberville 40-15 in a game played here February 25th. With the win, Ovid-Elsie improves their season record to 14-5.

Caitlyn Walter led the O-E attack with nine points and five rebounds. Lauren Barton, playing in her last home game as a Marauder, added eight points to go along with 12 rebounds and four steals. Braylon Byrnes also scored eight points for the hosts.

"We've been battling some sickness this week," said head coach Ryan Cunningham. "We were without our point guard tonight and I think it affected our rhythm a bit."

Tristin Ziola chipped in with six points, Kalista Bancroft three points and Onie Rademacher two points while Allison Reppenhagen added a free throw and hauled down five rebounds.

The MHSAA District Tournament has been set and the Marauders will play Durand on March 4th in Chesaning. The winner of that game will advance to the finals on Friday, March 6th against the winner of Chesaning, Corunna or Owosso.



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Sports

Fowler Gets the Best of Wolfpack Girls as 2020 Season Winds Down

FOWLER -- The hot-shooting Eagles once again got the best of Laingsburg's girls basketball team here February 20.

"Both times we played Fowler (this season) they have certainly been hot shooting - with a good field goal percentage," said veteran LHS coach Doug Hurst.

The end result was a 49-38 victory for Fowler, which dropped the Wolfpack girls to 8-5 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 11-6 overall.

"We played hard tonight, but just had a few to many mistakes that Fowler took advantage of," said Hurst.

Grace Graham again led LHS with 13 points and 5 rebounds, but she couldn't stay on the floor. "We got into some foul trouble with three players early, one of which was Grace and when she's not on the court it gets tough for us, being our point guard, and one of our scoring leaders," Hurst explained.

For the red-and-white, Kara Mahoney contributed 10 points, 5 steals and 5 rebounds; Lorna Strieff 7 points and 5 rebounds; Erica Wade 6 points; and Saige Wurm 2 points.

Wade, Mahoney lead Lady Wolfpack to big win over Saranac, 56-48

SARANAC — Erica Wade's career night helped Laingsburg bounce back from Friday's loss to Fowler with a 56-48 win Monday over Saranac.

Wade had a career-high 14 points in the win. Kara Mahoney led Laingsburg with 16 points and finished with six boards and five assists.

The Wolfpack improved to 12-6 overall and 9-5 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

LHS swept the Redskins this season, after a 49-34 victory on January 10. Saranac fell to 2-12 in the CMAC, 6-12 overall with the loss.

Laingsburg girls romp past Fulton on Senior Night

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack romped to a quick 12-0 lead and celebrated big-time, on a night made for celebration.

It was Senior Night at LHS for the Wolfpack girls, a 55-15 CMAC victory, with a nice added touch. Said coach Doug Hurst, "This is the type of game as a coach you just love ... plus to top off the special night we also honored a wonderful person, Nancy Brown, for her long years of volunteer service to Wolfpack volleyball, basketball and soccer.

"Nancy has kept the books for basketball, both boys and girls for years, often driving 4-5 night a weeks all over to help. Her kids graduated over 11 years ago, but she continued to volunteer. She and her husband Jose' have done so much for girls basketball. Flowers, cookies, full meals on long post-season bus rides, team dinners. They're great people and the honors are well deserved to Nancy."

Laingsburg's Kara Mahoney led all scorers with 19 points, as well 6 assists, 5 rebounds and 4 steals. Grace Graham poured in 11 points, along with 6 rebounds and 9 steals. Erica Wade added 9 points, Lorna Strieff 7 tallies, Bree Schlaack 3 points and 6 rebounds, Saige Wurm 3 points, Hayleigh Mertens 2 points, and Gabby Paquet 2 points.

Hurst explained, "This was a very special night Senior Night for Bree and Kara, and both played well, as did the rest of the team. They came out in warmups and you could tell they were fired up. And that's the way the game started with everyone playing well and jumping on Fulton before they knew what hit them. It was four quarters of good basketball and everyone got to play good minutes."



Grace Graham

Wolfpack Boys Squeak Past Fowler to Keep CMAC Title Hopes Alive



Justin Grandy goes up for shot against Fowler Feb. 21st.

LAINGSBURG -- Back to back Friday nights. Two wins decided at the buzzer.

The Wolfpack keeps its CMAC boys basketball hopes alive.

Living with providence, the Wolves stayed hot on the heels of Pewamo-Westphalia (12-1) with a harrowing 58-57 home victory over Fowler. For the second Friday in a row, the visitors -- in this case, Fowler leader Carter Pline -- got a good look at the basket, but his shot to win it came up short.

"Fowler is a matchup nightmare for us," said Wolfpack coach Daniel Morrill. "They are the complete opposite of us. We like to push it up-tempo, and Fowler is slow, methodical, work the ball

around and around for a shot. We were fortunate to pull out a clutch win over a team (that's better than their record indicates)."

Laingsburg improved to 13-3 overall and 11-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). Fowler fell to 4-8 league play, 5-10 overall. The most valuable player in the CMAC right now is the scoring table at Potterville, which received even more complaints after the Wolfpack girls played there recently. But that's another report for another time.

With the Wolfpack boys a mere half-game behind P-W -- if that margin stands through the rest of season -- CMAC officials will meet March 2 to vote on the final league standings. The issue remains up in the air at this juncture, following Laingsburg's official complaint over the scoring of a January 7 game at Potterville, "won" by the Vikings 68-67. Wolfpack officials claim a phantom layup attributed for the Vikings' "winning" point total.

Hosting Fowler, LHS jumped out to an early lead and maintained a 31-27 lead at halftime. After the intermission, however, the Eagles came out red-hot, hitting their first five shots. Eventually the visitors built a 6-point advantage, Laingsburg staying close behind clutch baskets from Gabe Hawes and his brother, Zach. As time was winding down in the third quarter - just 3.5 seconds left -- Connor Thomas took an inbounds pass and drove the length of the floor unimpeded and hit a floating jumper from the free throw line at the buzzer, keeping LHS close, trailing 46-42.

The red-and-white tied it up at 6:31 of the final quarter, when Gabe Hawes drove the length of the floor to score on a lay-in. After another Gabe three-pointer knotted the score 49-49, senior Aidan Soeltner starred in two key possessions -- first hitting Gabe with a pretty assist for a layup, then draining a three-ball that put LHS up for good, 54-52.

Pline missed a free throw that would have tied the contest at the 1:42 mark, and Gabe's assist to brother Zach for a layup accounted for the final 58-57 tally. But not until Fowler ran the last 1:14 off the clock, playing keep-away, before Pline missed a 10-footer in the lane.

Pline led all scorers with 27 points, and Chase Pung tallied 15 for the Eagles. Gabe Hawes led the 'Pack with 26 and brother Zach had 13. Thomas chipped in 10. Soeltner added 3, Zach Fortino 2, Jesse Gugel 2 and Colt Wurm 2 to the Wolfpack cause.

O-E Boys Make it 17 Straight Over Mt. Morris 69-49

by Tim Zwick

ELSIE -- The Marauders boys basketball team kept their perfect season in tack with a 69-49 win over Mt. Morris in a MMAC league match-up played here on February 21st. O-E moves to 17-0 overall and 13-0 in conference action with the victory.

Senior big man Justin Moore posted another double-double to pace Ovid-Elsie, dropping in 18 points while hauling down 14 rebounds. Aaron Hurst added 17 points and Shayne Loynes finished with 14 points to go along with five assists and four steals.



Justin Moore posted a double double during against Mt. Morris on Feb. 21st.

Marauders Magical Run Comes To An End 54-53

WEBBERVILLE -- The Ovid-Elsie boys basketball team's quest for a perfect regular season came tumbling down in a heart breaking loss to non-conference opponent Webberville 54-53 in a game played here February 25th. The loss drops the Marauders to 17-1 for the season.

O-E got down early and trailed by double digits at half time due to some timely Spartan shooting and a bit of foul trouble.

The Marauders battled back and had a couple shots to win the game in the final seconds but couldn't find the bottom of the net.

Marauders workhorse Justin Moore provided another yeoman's effort totaling 23 points on 8-for-11 shooting to go along with 12 rebounds, three steals and three assists. Shayne Loynes added 15 points and Aaron Hurst chipped in with 10. Webberville (14-4) was led by Nate Walker's 15 points.

Ovid-Elsie hits the road to close out the regular season on Tuesday, March 3rd with a trip to Perry to take on the Ramblers. Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m.



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Lady Bears Take on Mustangs

The Ashley Lady Bears traveled to Montabella in the final regular season game against conference foe the Montabella Mustangs. Both teams struggled to score throughout as the final score was only 30-21. Ashley went down 7-4 at the end of one quarter and was able to cut it to one at the half trailing 12-11. Ashley struggled a little coming out of the locker room at half time and was only able to score 3 points, going down 21-14. In the fourth quarter Ashley fought to get back in the game, but came up short 30-21.

“We put together a good effort tonight playing a competitive game right until the end. We just needed a few more shots to fail, especially in the third quarter when we only scored three points” expressed Coach Shaw.

Once again Jenna Wirt led the team with 10 points, Isabele Kremer added 5 points and 11 rebounds, Kellie Brown scored 3 points and Makenzie Stoneman scored a bucket and had 6 rebounds.



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will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan to review the following:
A petition for site plan review has been submitted by Mallory Building Contractors to construct an addition to an existing mini-storage facility located at 7415 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848. The subject property known as 7415 Woodbury Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-60-072-003-00) is legally described as the following:

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Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than March 16, 2020:

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P0 Box 178
114 N. Woodhull Street
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Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

Ashley Lady Bears Take Loss from Vestaburg

Ashley traveled to Vestaburg for a conference matchup to take on the Wolverines. Ashley was able to keep the game close to start the game going down 11 to 4 after the first quarter and then 24-11 at the half. The game got away from them in the third quarter as they went down 40-20 and ending the game 51-33 in favor of the Wolverines.

“We put together a much better effort tonight, trimming the lead to 10 in the fourth quarter before running of out gas. Another slow start only scoring 4 points in the first quarter put us in a deep hole to try and climb out of right out of the gate. We need to put together more consistent efforts both in games and practices” commented Coach Shaw.

Jenna Wirt led the team with 11 points 8 rebounds and 3 steals, Ashley Gavenda added 7 points and 6 steals, Isabele Kremeer scored 6 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, Kellie Brown added 5 points and Makenzie Stoneman scored 4 points and had 3 steals

Morrice Takes One from Ashley

Ashley took on another tough opponent traveling to Morrice. The Bears struggled to score on the night against a Morrice team who just out maned them. Ashley lost the game 56-16.

Jenna Wirt scored 8 points and had 6 rebounds, Isabele Kremer scored 4 points and had 4 rebounds and Kellie Brown added a bucket, while Makenzie Stoneman had a bucket and 3 rebounds.

“Morrice was another quality opponent that was very good defensively. We have to continue to challenge ourselves every day to improve” stated Coach Shaw.

Shamrocks Shake Down Bears

The Shamrocks from Portland St. Patrick visited the Ashley Bears in a nonconference matchup where Portland took the win 57-13.

“Portland is a high quality team, they are long, athletic and rebound and shoot the ball well. We worked hard to compete the whole night but turned the ball over too much and shot a poor percentage from the paint” exclaimed Coach Shaw.

Isabele Kremer scored 6 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, Jenna Wirt scored 4 points and had 5 rebounds, Ashley Gavenda added 3 points.

Wolfpack Boys Cagers Rescheduled Due to Snow

LAINGSBURG -- Due to heavy snows last week, among the local contests postponed was the Laingsburg boys’ basketball contest against Fulton. That Central Michigan Athletic Conference game has been rescheduled to Monday while Laingsburg’s original Monday game against Portland has been pushed back to March 4.

District Heartbreaker for Wolfpack Mat Team

DANSVILLE PREVAILS FOR DISTRICT CROWN, 38-36 LAINGSBURG — The score was 12-11.

One match point. That’s how close Laingsburg wrestling came to a Division 4 team district wrestling championship February 13. Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack fell 38-36 to Dansville, falling just short of a come-from-behind victory.

Eight days before, the same two teams faced each other. “We lost by 25 to (Dansville) last Wednesday so we came back with a new plan, put some people in different positions, put a lot of pressure on kids,” coach Baynes said. “Almost our entire lineup was different this time around. The team stepped up to (the challenge) but we just lost some close tight ones.”

The Wolfpack — which finished its team wrestling campaign with a 9-10 record — opened the night with a 49-23 win over Webberville while Dansville made quick work of an undermanned Bath squad, 65-12.

In the championship match, the Aggies won five of the first six opening matches, winning two by fall and one by technical fall, while the lone Laingsburg win came on Aden Baynes’ 48-second pin at 130 pounds.

Coach Baynes said he expected a close one and got it.

“There was a plan (going in),” Baynes said. “I knew how some of the matches would go. There was only one match that I thought would go the other way. But, in any case, I knew this was going to be a three- or four-point dual either way.”

Down 23-6, the tide turned in favor of the Wolfpack as Devin Nash pinned his 152-pound opponent and kick-started not just a Wolfpack run but a streak of pins.

Laingsburg won four of the next five matches, all by fall, as the streak was only interrupted by a Dansville 11-second pin at 189.

With the score 36-35 in favor of Laingsburg, Gabby Motz stepped onto the mat to try and seal the win for the Wolfpack. But it just didn’t fall into place. After a back-and-forth match which was 2-2 after one period and 8-7 after the second, Motz lost 12-11.

“Wish it could have went our way but it’s alright,” Baynes said. “We have a lot of young people, we’ve only got two seniors, we’re going to be good for awhile.”

For coach Baynes the focus is now on the future of Wolfpack wrestling.

“This season was about putting in the work,” Baynes said. “Next season is about trying to do something special and continue to move forward with our young group.”

Wolverines Beat Bears

The boys from Ashley also took on Vestaburg in a close one where they ended up running out of steam as well. The first quarter ended with Ashley up one point 16-15, but then Vestaburg scored 18 points in the second quarter to take the lead into halftime. Ashley got out scored again in the third and fourth quarters and came up short losing 65-53.

Korvin Bradley scored 25 points on the night and grabbing 6 rebounds, Cole Keller also added 21 points and added 10 rebounds making that a double double on the night.

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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2020 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 110 held at:
Fulton High School, 8060 S. Ely Hwy., Middleton, MI

Boys Basketball

Fulton March 9 6:00 p.m. Breckenridge	March 11 5:30 p.m. Ashley	March 13 7:00 p.m.
	Vestaburg March 11 7:00 p.m.	

2020 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 110 held at:
Ashley High School, 104 N. New St., Ashley, MI

Girls Basketball

Coleman March 2 5:30 p.m. Breckenridge	March 4 5:30 p.m. Vestaburg	March 6 7:00 p.m.
Fulton March 2 7:00 p.m. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart	March 4 7:00 p.m. Ashley	



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2020 MHSAA CLASS C DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 81 held at: Bath High School, 6175 Clark Rd., Bath Twp., MI				2020 MHSAA CLASS C DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 81 held at: Dansville High School, 1264 E. South St., Dansville, MI							
Bath March 9 6:00 p.m. Byron		March 11 5:30 p.m. Brighton Charyl Stockwell		Boys Basketball		Laingsburg March 2 5:00 p.m. Danville		Stockbridge March 4 5:00 p.m.		Girls Basketball	
		Dansville March 11 7:15 p.m. Laingsburg		March 13 6:00 p.m.		Perry March 2 7:30 p.m. Byron		March 4 7:30 p.m. Bath		March 6 7:30 p.m.	



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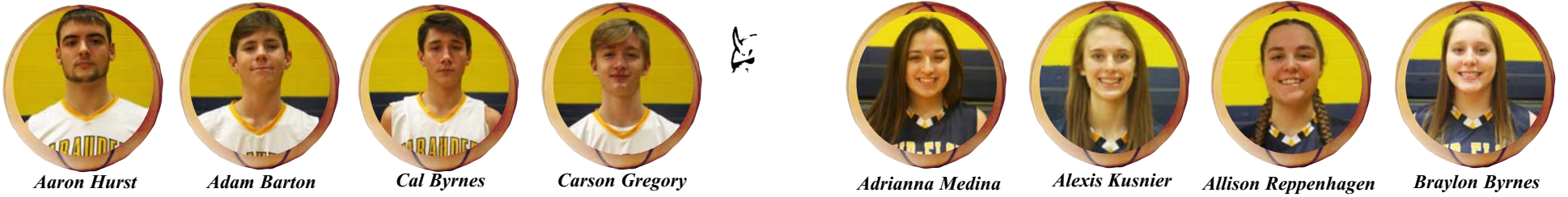
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2020 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 40 held at: Corunna High School, 417 E. King St., Corunna MI				2020 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 40 held at: Chesaning High School, 850 N. 4th St., Chesaning, MI			
Ovid-Elsie		Boys Basketball		Corunna		Girls Basketball	
March 9 5:30 p.m. Durand	March 11 5:30 p.m. Corunna	March 13 7:00 p.m.		March 2 6:00 p.m. Chesaning	March 4 5:30 p.m. Owosso	March 6 7:00 p.m.	
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LANSING -- Laingsburg grad Georgia Hill had a game-high 20 points with five rebounds, four steals and three assists, but it wasn't enough as the Stars fell 58-55 to Grand Rapids Community College.

Ovid-Elsie alumnus Erin Witt played two minutes off the bench.



Hill also started and had six points, four rebounds and two assists in a 67-54 loss to Jackson College. Witt had one rebound.

Paint With Us at Ashley Sportsman's Club

by Dawn D. Levey

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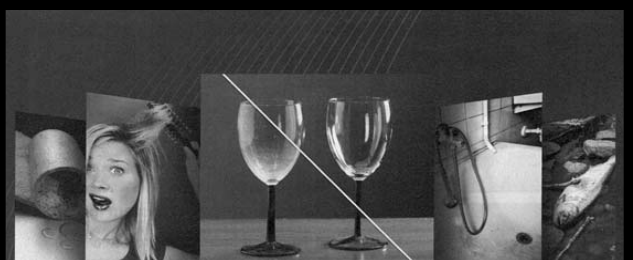
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Senior Spotlight

Clinton County Senior Center

submitted by Brenda Terpening

If you are 55 years or old, come and check out the Clinton County Senior Center. There is always something to do like playing games, putting together puzzles, using the exercise equipment, enjoying lunch meals, playing bingo, dice or Euchre, socializing and much more. The Senior Center is located at 201 E Walker St. in St. Johns and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The center is open to any senior citizen aged 55 or older. Here are some of the daily activities going on in March:

Senior meals - Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday a nutritional meal is served at Noon for senior citizens. The meals are available for a suggested \$3.50 donation. Some of the meals in March include Corned Beef, Stuffed Green Peppers, Macaroni & Cheese and Baked Chicken. For a complete schedule, call the center, 989-224-4257 or stop in and pick one up.

Bingo - Bingo will be held every Tuesday and Friday, 12:30 pm. The cost is \$1.50 and every player will win 4-5 items. Prizes include things like canned goods, personal care items, cereal, peanut butter, snacks, cookies and chocolate.

Euchre tournaments – On March 9, 23 & 30 a Euchre tournament will be held 1-3 p.m. If you eat lunch at the center before cards the tournament is only \$1. If you come just for the tournament it is \$2. On March 2 & 16 the tournament will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. and everyone pays \$2. The tournament is pretty fast paced so you need to know basics of the game, but you don't have to be a great player to come and have fun.

Trivia Contest - On Monday, March 2 & 16 there will be a no cost Trivia Contest from 1-3 p.m. There are a lot of clues given, so don't worry about being the smartest person in the room. Small prizes are awarded throughout the contest.

Birthday Party - Each month the center celebrates the birthdays of any member that is celebrating a birthday in that month. Members get free lunch, cake and ice cream and a special sweet treat. The party for March Member birthdays is planned for Wednesday, March 11.

General Public Lunches - Every Monday lunch is open to the general public - no matter what age. The fundraiser meal is made by volunteer cooks each week in their licensed kitchen. The cost is only \$5 for the full meal. Meals in March include Mar 2-Chicken, Mar 9-Lasagna, Mar 16-Mexican, Mar 23-Cabbage Rolls and Mar 30-Salads. Homemade pie is also available for only \$1.50 a slice. Monday meals are served between 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Take outs are available.

If you don't think you are old enough for the center, but want to support them in some way, consider donating items they can use for the center such as fabric, quilt batting, pillow stuffing, puzzles, stuffed animals or items for their gift shop (glassware, decorations, etc). The two gift shops at the Senior Center are open all hours the center is open.

Once you start coming to the center you will be invited to attend a monthly FUN Party. At this event there are games, a great lunch and then an afternoon Euchre tournament. The cost is never more than \$3 to attend for that day.

If you have any questions about the Senior Center stop in or give them a call at 989-224-4257.

Donations Needed

submitted by Brenda Terpening

The Clinton County Senior Center is an activity center for individuals aged 55 and older. Throughout the week coffee, meals and snacks are served so they go through a lot of various products. Therefore the center is always seeking donations of Coffee (Regular and DeCaf), Hot Chocolate or DeCaf Tea Packets, Creamer, Sugar & Stirrer Sticks.

The center also accepts items for bingo prizes such as beanies or stuffed animals, chocolate bars, canned fruits, glassware, nic nacs, puzzles, books, magazines, etc.

And if you are doing some Spring Cleaning and find a lot of fabric you will never do anything with they will accept that, along with quilt batting and pillow stuffing.

You can drop donations off at the center at 201 E Walker Street in St Johns on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 9:00 – 3:00 pm or if you need things picked up call 989-224-4257 to make arrangements.



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