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Bonnie Lucille staff (l-r) Stylist, Kristen Harden, Owner/Stylist, Bethany Fulford and Stylist, Angela Regan.
Photo by Deb Price

Bonnie Lucille Salon Opens in Laingsburg

LAINGSBURG -- When Bethany Fulford opened her new salon in downtown Laingsburg -- Bonnie Lucille -- she had plenty of inspiration.

She found inspiration in her family, husband Scott, daughter Aubry and son Dakota, for all their help, hard work and support.

She found inspiration from her close-knit brothers, Ron, Kevin and Floyd, who worked tirelessly helping paint and refurbish the historic building.

She found inspiration in the building owners, Jeff and Gail Geasler, who are not only business comrades but also close friends.

Perhaps most inspiring, however, is the name of the new salon itself. Bonnie Lucille. Named for her late mother, who passed away from cancer in 2006.

"Bonnie Lucille" literally means "Beautiful Light." Says Bethany, "It's a wonderful tribute to my mother."

It's been a long road to get here, but when the salon finally opened its doors on February 2, it completed more than 7 months of planning and refurbishing work on the 150-year-old structure at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Woodhull St. What's left, after all the brick has been pinned, painting completed, lighting installed and the rest of the rework done, is a modern interior with a uniqueness you can see, an "inviting feel" that Mrs. Fulford hopes will put clients in a relaxed mood -- "where they feel like they're at home," she says.

The road to opening the new location is actually more than 21 years in the making. Bethany graduated from Haslett High School in 1999, then earned her cosmetology certification from Douglas J in Okemos. She worked at Stephen Marvin's in Holt for a bit, before moving to Tennessee, where she met her husband, Scott. An accomplished country singer, Scott could be heard on local airwaves like WITL in Lansing. He still sings -- the family is even promising some showcasing in the popular "Music in the Park" series hosted by the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) in the summer months -- and while he pursued his singing career, Bethany maintained her cosmetology career by working for Regis Salons for 16 years.

Returning to Michigan, Bethany opened her own chair at a salon in Haslett, where Gail Geasler was a client. One thing led to another, the Geaslers' had a newly refurbished business space open, and after all the work was completed, Bonnie Lucille was a reality.

Currently, Bethany operates the salon with two stylists -- Angela Regan of Laingsburg, with 21 years experience, and Kristen Harden of Perry, Bethany's niece, with 10 years as a stylist.

Opening a new business during the Covid-19 pandemic has been a challenge, but the Fulfords have been up to the challenge. They're complying with all CDC guidelines, including having customers and stylists mask-up, hand sanitize, and maintain social distancing inside the salon. "We also wipe down and sanitize each station after each guest," Bethany says.

Future plans call for expansion with nail tech services, a massage therapist, esthetician services and tanning. "We want to be a full-service salon," says Bethany.

Bonnie Lucille is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday and Saturday, and other hours by appointment. The phone number is (517) 919-1717.



Anna Fausett is pictured here in the basement of her Ovid home sitting in front of her Juki Sewing Machine and Juki Serger. A peaceful summer scene mural provides a pleasant sight in her workspace.
Photos by Deb Price

Got Ya Covered

by Deb Price

Do you own a boat, pontoon, camper or anything else that may require a new Cover, Bimini, Mooring or Awning. If so, Anna Fausett, AKA, Needle Chick has you covered.

Anna started her career in industrial sewing in 1990 while working for Whitman Saddle Inc. in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She started cutting out reins and bridles, advancing to sewing chaps for English horse riders. After the death of a co-worker, she was asked to start sewing for the company. From 2012-2014, Anna worked for Chrest Marine in Owosso and Quality Awning in Lansing from 2014-2020. "Business last year was greatly affected due to the pandemic, because of that, I was looking at unemployment. My husband Bobby, suggested we start an industrial sewing business out of our Ovid home, thus, Needle Chick was launched in June of last year," she said.

Needle Chick mostly does total re-sews for boat covers, moorings and bimini's. Anna also makes custom boat covers. "I have had many customers who want to bring me their old covers to use as a pattern, I simply won't do it due to the fact that I can't guarantee a perfect fit or snap placement. I do my own measurements and create a new custom cover that I know my customer will be happy with. I absolutely love working with my hands and creating covers for our customers. Our response so far has been awesome," she said. Customers also have the convenience of dropping off and picking up after 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Anna also provides canvas and vinyl replacement for tonneau covers, camper awning bags, grill and air conditioning covers, window replacement, swing covers and much more. She does not offer upholstery or clothing sewing.

As Spring is on the horizon, Needle Chick is gearing up for the rush before the boats go into the water this Summer. Anna is available by appointment by calling (989)666-2422. You can also find her on facebook.



Needle Chick made the boat cover, Bimini and boot for this Round-a-Bout Speedboat.



OE Freshman wrestler Cole Workman finished 5-1 during meets at Ovid-Elsie and Frankenmuth Feb. 19 & 20th. See pages 7-12 for more sports.
Photo by Marie Spiess

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March is Reading Month at the Ovid Public Library

The days are getting longer but the weather is still cold and dreary. It's the perfect time to read a book or two.

The Ovid Public Library will be hosting a Childrens Reading Challenge for the month of March. This is open to kids aged 0-18. The reading challenge will start March 1 and run through March 31.

For every book the child reads they will need to fill out an entry for a drawing which will be held on Friday, April 2. Winners will be able to choose a prize from the prize cart. We will be drawing for three different winners.

Also during the challenge we will be handing out reading bingo cards. For every Bingo the child gets they can pick out a book and add to their collection.

Remember that we are still operating with limited hours and occupancy restrictions. Our current hours are Monday 10-7, Wednesdays 10-5 and Fridays 10-5.

If you have any questions you can call us at 989-834-5800.

Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office Asks for Public's Help

CORUNNA — The Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office is seeking information about a hit-and-run crash that took place just before 5 p.m. Sunday on M-52 that injured one man.

According to a press release, a pickup truck struck a 41-year-old Owosso man who was filling his vehicle with gas along the side of the highway near the intersection of Morrice Road.

The pickup continued north on M-52, according to the press release.

The highway was closed for several hours after the crash. The victim was hospitalized in serious condition.

The Sheriff's Office did not release any details about the pickup. Lt. Rob Herrick said a suspect vehicle was identified; investigators are looking for people who may have seen the crash.

Officials ask that anyone with information call (989) 743-3411, ext. 7223.

Laingsburg Area Food Bank Update

submitted by Linda Culpepper

With the great blessings from our community and the Greater Lansing Food Bank, the Laingsburg Area Food Bank is thankful to announce that we are in abundance of food!

We are also thankful to individuals in our community who have been consistent in donating cereal and canned goods and meats!

With that in mind, we are only asking for donations of Personal Hygiene items. Could be shampoo & conditioner, laundry soap, dish soap, deodorant, feminine products, hand sanitizer, etc.

We have set up a donation can in Sage Market, by the ice melt and salt in the lobby of the building.

Again, we thank you all for your blessings!



SAT Test Scheduled for Shiawassee Scholars

submitted by Renee Dotson

The Shiawassee Scholars program is working with the Cook Family Foundation, Owosso High School, and College Board to ensure a safe testing environment for the potential Shiawassee Scholars, Class of 2025. Health screening and social distancing will be a top priority as the program complies with the State of Michigan orders in affect as well as being in compliance with College Board's regulations for testing.

The March 13, 2021 SAT test for Shiawassee Scholars will be held at the Owosso High School, 765 E North St. This is a NEW LOCATION; it is best set up for social distancing and ability to keep students with classmates from their same district.

Parent drop off is in the East Parking Lot. Due to COVID restrictions, only students will be allowed in the building. Students will bring home necessary documents, i.e. Health Screening Questionnaire to be completed at home the morning of March 13, Student Identification Form and a list of testing items to bring. SAT Admission Tickets are mailed to student's home from College Board.

If you have not registered your 8th grader yet, there is still time! Don't delay, registration closes on February 11. Instructions to do so can be found at shorturl.at/buHW2. If you have further questions, contact Renee Dotson @ 989-743-3471 or dotson@sresd.org.



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Friday, March 5, 2021
by appointment

Ashley District Library Conference Room

Contact: Ms. Combs at
989-847-4000, ext. 1010 to make an appointment



(l-r): Abbie Majzel, Associate VP, Talent Management; Chris Fairchild; and Jaime Messer, RN, Nurse Manager, OR, SPD, PACU

Chris Fairchild Named Memorial Healthcare February Employee of the Month

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Chris Fairchild, Registered Nurse in the Operating Room, as its February Employee of the Month. Chris has been employed with Memorial Healthcare since 2018.

According to his winning nomination, “Chris demonstrates great concern for the welfare of others, whether a patient, patient's family member or co-worker. He bridges the gap and is instrumental in the communication between departments. Chris is an incredible co-worker and emulates warmth, humility and compassion as he serves others and always expresses appreciation to others.”

Chris lives in St. Johns with his wife of 36 years, has three children and five grandchildren. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family. An interesting fact about Chris is that he won a truck for fishing. His goal is to someday make it to the West Michigan Fishing Circuit Classic.

The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. REMOTELY via Zoom to review the following:

A petition for final site plan review has been submitted by 80 North Investments LLC, c/o Joe Palazzolo, to permit the conversion of an existing structure into a four (4) unit multi-family residential dwelling located at 504 E. Grand River Rd. & 500 E. Grand River Rd. The subject properties known as 500 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-006-00) and 504 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-005-00 & 022-40-027-004-00) are within the City of Laingsburg (“City”), and are legally described as the following:

- (Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-006-00)
CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 8 & W 10 FT OF LOT 7 BLK 27
(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-005-00)
CITY OF LAINGSBURG E 40 FT OF LOT 7 & W ½ OF LOT 6 BLK 27
(Parcel Id. # 022-42-027-004-00)
CITY OF LAINGSBURG LOT 9 & 10 & W ½ OF LOT 11 BLK 27

For individuals who wish to give public comment on this issue, the method for providing public comment during this remote-participation meeting is to call the following toll-free numbers:

1-646-876-9923 or 1-312-626-6799 (Meeting ID: 5165368664#)
Participant ID is not required.

Callers wishing to give public comment may call in before the meeting starts and wait in a “virtual waiting room.” These instructions will be included in every official published agenda of the Commission. Those calling in will be able to hear the audio of the Commission meeting, yet their microphone will be muted. Callers who do not wish to give public comment are encouraged to view the meeting live-streamed, with a closed caption option on you tube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzo_7JSRnvML18i8u1LKtGg
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 12, 2021:
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City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-6101 prior to the meeting.

Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

Rep. Frederick Backs Bipartisan Plan to Make Health Care More Accessible, Affordable

State Rep. Ben Frederick is backing a bipartisan plan announced this week to improve the quality of health care while making it more accessible and affordable for people in Michigan.

Frederick, of Owosso, said the plan focuses on three main goals: Lowering the cost of prescription medicine, increasing access to care and making every level of the health-care industry to step up its game and provide a higher standard of care.

“These reforms are long overdue,” Frederick said. “No one should lose sleep at night worrying about whether to pay their bills and put food on the table or pick up the medicine they need from the pharmacy.”

Among the proposed solutions are reforms to cap out-of-pocket costs for insulin and hold drug companies accountable by requiring manufacturers to submit details on how their drugs are priced.

“So many people in our community who struggle with diabetes desperately need insulin, and many simply cannot afford it,” Frederick said. “I’m making it a priority to make sure no one has to ration their medicine or travel to Canada to purchase the life-saving drugs they need.”

Another piece of the plan ensures access to life-saving treatments like oral chemotherapy. Intravenous chemotherapy drugs are typically covered under a health plan’s medical benefit, but oral drugs are usually covered under a health plan’s pharmacy benefit, resulting in higher upfront costs for patients at the counter.

“Our plan makes sure patients in Michigan aren’t forced to pay a higher co-pay, deductible or co-insurance to access oral chemo, which is a less invasive therapy they can use in the comfort of their own homes,” Frederick said.

A full list of proposed reforms included in the plan is available here: <https://gophouse.org/posts/house-bipartisan-health-care-plan>.



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Ovid Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

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(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
3 pm to 9 pm
Friday, March 12, 2021
9 am to 3 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 8 at: mholley4444@gmail.com

Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court
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James Vincent Wiezorek II

James Vincent Wiezorek II, 32, of Ovid, MI, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.


James was born in Lansing, MI on September 26, 1988, the son of James Vincent and Teresa Lee (Dart) Wiezorek. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 2006.

James was outgoing and friendly. He liked walking around town to visit his friends. He enjoyed watching wrestling on TV. James was a fan of Star Trek and MSU.

James is survived by his father Jim. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1998.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel , Ovid, MI.





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Obituaries

Michael J. Doerr



Michael J. Doerr, and though he left this world on Tuesday, Feb. 16, he left plenty of tall tales, laughter and vivid memories in his wake. It's safe to say the Fat Tuesday celebration in the sky was a lively and well-attended reunion of relatives -- Mike being the center of attention, of course.

Mike was born to Frank and Kathryn (Stadtfield) Doerr at Mecosta, MI on September 17, 1935. He attended St. Michael's Parochial and Remus consol. Dated schools, graduating in 1953. He was an Air Force veteran as a C-130 mechanic. He loved his country. Mike was proud of many things in his life, but working for Oldsmobile for 37 years, 29 as a millwright, was right near the top of the list. He was a Michigan man. Michigan men made cars for the nation. The large ruby Auto Workers of America ring was always on his finger. That, along with a wall clock from General Motors, were his prized possessions. Plant 3 and 5 in Lansing was his home away from home.

Mike loved to hunt spending many of his hunting trips in Wyoming as well as up in the Blanchard/Remus area with family and friends.

He loved his sports - playing and coaching softball and bowling but generally, he was like-ly watching his beloved Michigan State Spartans on the hardwood or gridiron. Tigers baseball wasn't just background noise in the summer for Mike. Somehow, somehow, he was invested to the end.

Then there was "Barbie," Mike's beloved wife of 60 years. They celebrated that milestone on New Year's Eve, 2020. What began as a young military man and his beautiful bride, produced all of that love. Mike would often wander into Horrocks Farmers Market in Lansing, holding Barbara's hand. Barbie wanted to smell the spring flowers.

Their unfiltered devotion to each other set the tone and example for generations.

What would this world remember most about Mike? Well, that answer is about as simple as the man himself. Family. That came first. His many friendships, some lasting decades. Mike loved his riddles and one-liners. He was always "Gooder than hell" when you asked. He had nicknames for everyone, especially those grandkids. They were often on the wrong end of his intense six-handed -- not four -- Euchre games, too. You likely weren't beating him in cribbage either.

Along with that grin always came the twinkle in his eye. He wasn't simply telling you a story, he wanted you to live it with him.

He loved his crossword puzzles in the morning paper and he was never too far away from his trusty drinking cup. If he wasn't swigging on it, one of the kids surely was.

When you ask Mike's family, they all refer to him as the "glue."

The glue that held his very large family together.

The glue that made family reunions a priority - his much-anticipated Doerr Reunion, which would reach into the hundreds of people.

Keeping his legacy alive is now his ultimate goal.

Mike wouldn't have wanted a normal obituary. His life -- and larger-than-life personality was much more impactful than lines of names and a funeral date. We will always remember that smile, the stories and the unwavering love he gave. Whether you were a neighbor, a stranger, or Tom Izzo calling to wish you a happy birthday, everyone was family to Mike.

Michael J. Doerr is survived by his loving wife Barbara Ann (Newhall). He is also survived by his children: Vincent (Vicki) Doerr of Casper, WY, Michele (Warren) Tack of St. Johns, MI., Susan (Tim) Brawner of St. Johns, MI, Laura (Alan) Post of Bannister, MI, Frank Doerr of St. Johns, MI, and Dianne Doerr of Ovid, MI. Thirteen grandchildren: Michael, Carmen, Anthony, Jessica, Emilee, Jamie, Joel, Jayson, Jeffrey, Stephanie, Michaela, Jordan and Jaxson, and 11 great-grandchildren and one due in July.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, on Friday, February 26, at 11AM with the Rev. Fr. Michael Williams officiating. (Mass may be viewed via Livestream on the church YouTube page. Full Military Honors will be held after Mass.

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Lansing Urgent Care- Mason, 132 S Cedar St, Suite 3, Lansing, MI

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Editorial

William “Bill” John Strpko

William "Bill" John Strpko, age 97, of Ashley, MI, passed away peacefully Friday, February 19, 2021, at Sparrow Carson Hospital, Carson City.

William was born in Toledo, Ohio on September 26, 1923, the son of William and Anna (Stvartak) Strpko. He graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1941. Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army and Air Force during WWII as a Staff Sergeant.

Bill married Peggy Jane Dougherty on October 27, 1951 at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, Michigan; Peggy passed away on March 9, 2012 after 60 years of marriage.

Bill was a man of many talents and interests. He owned and operated Strpko Radio and TV Sales and Service in Ashley for many years. He was a school bus driver for Ashley Public Schools for 34 years. Bill was Superintendent of the Village of Ashley Water Department. Bill was a musician and artist all of his life. He began playing the accordion at the age of 13. He played in many Polka bands over the years. As a life long resident of Ashley, Bill was the local historian and photographer for the Ashley area and a charter member of the Ashley Lions' Club since 1953.

Bill is survived by 4 children: Kathrine (John) Guerrero of Ashley,

Michael (Janice Seperic) Strpko of St. Johns, Tina (Ernie) Block of DeWitt, and Gary (Libby) Strpko of Lansing; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters: Helen Townsend and Josephine (Art) Baker; sister-in-law Delores Strpko and many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, wife Peggy, siblings: Frank Strpko, Anton "Butch" Strpko, and Anna (Walter) Gregory; and brother-in-law Ted Townsend.

Private Funeral Services was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, with Mr. Thomas J. Bradley officiating. Burial has taken place at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI. A public Celebration of Bill's Life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ashley, Michigan History Museum (make checks payable to "Village of Ashley" designate for Museum in Memory of Bill Strpko - P.O. Box 158 Ashley, MI 48806) or Ashley Lions' Club (PO BOX 177, Ashley, MI 48806-0177). Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



Gary Wayne King

Gary Wayne King, sge 73 of Ovid passed away Friday, February 19th, 2021 in his home with his family by his side. He passed away due to complications due to COPD.

Gary was born November, 18th, 1947 in Ionia, the Son of Elwin and Velma (Barton) King.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army June 10th 1970. Where he was later honorably discharged. He married his first wife Ada (Jones) King of Ionia in 1964. He later married Juanita “Neta” (Weeks) King of Manton in 1974.

Gary enjoyed sharpening knives, hunting, fishing and going to the races. He always looked forward to spending time with his family and friends. He most enjoyed spending quality time with his grandchildren and teaching them “all the lessons of life”. He was often found on the front porch with his closest friends, Clay, Tony, Tim and Eric drinking beers, smoking cigarettes and telling tales.

He was a jack of all trades and had the ability to fix just about anything. He spent most of his years working as an industrial sewing machine mechanic.

Gary is survived by his wife Neta King of Ovid, children Gary (Debbie) King of Alma, David (Becky) King of Manton, Rick King of Ithaca, Quentin

(Kristi) King of Tustin, Casey (Jim) Ziola of Elsie, niece Vicki (Bill) Randolph; 16 grandchildren (Brogan, Amber, David, Ryan, Amanda, Renee, Megan, Christian, Rickey, Christopher, Chasie, Kayden, Kirera, Tristin, Trinity, and Trentin) and 8 great-grandchildren (Parker, Clark, Colten, BriLee, Luther, Ellie, Collen, and Simone)

He was predeceased by his mother and father Elwin and Velma (Barton) King, sister Thelma King and brother Gordon King.

A celebration of life luncheon will be held 1pm Sunday, February 28th, 2021 at the Ovid VFW hall in Ovid MI.



As you all know, last week was a major pain.....I ended up calling my well repair guru and he spent about twenty minutes fixing my water problem. The heater hadn't been placed in the right place so the water froze the pipes at the base of the bladder tank.

This will not happen again, I will now supervise the placing of the heater..... That way there can be no misunderstanding of the heater's designated site.

The refrigerator problem was not so fixable.....unless I was willing to wait for six or more months for the mother board and other parts totaling cost of parts over four hundred dollars. Since I've always had a fridge I don't see myself going without one, I chose to find one, it needs to fit into the recessed space or I may need to make the opening larger. Terry is looking for an American made one that will fit, I believe that it will be a Whirlpool and I hope that it is not a smart version. So I'm using a cooler with ice to keep the milk chilled.....sort of going back in time with other amenities....like running water (not out to the pump) and indoor plumbing. Such is life! Did I mention that I bought the refrigerator just three years ago?

My great granddaughter gave me a lesson in vocabulary and what certain words mean. Isabella spent Friday at my daughter's and they got into an interesting conversation. Isabella wanted to know if Diane had any pictures of me when I was human. Of course Diane laughed until it hurt and then assured Isabella that I was quite human. They argued about my humanity for several minutes then Diane asked me to send over some photos of me through the years. Since I had been sorting through my storage items I was able to comply. I took some pictures of these photos from my past and texted them over. They were both delighted with the photos and Isabella noted that I hadn't always been old and was human when I started. Apparently age is a loss of our human qualities.....Isabella turns six the beginning of March.

This morning, my son, William and I addressed the water situation that was plaguing the washing machine. The washer had to be eased out of its space so that the screens on the intake of the machine could be cleaned. It isn't easy when the screens can't be moved but using Q-tips worked well. As we are trying to do this the herd of felines kept trying to be of assistance. They failed and wouldn't move until I hissed at them. Usually after the hiss comes the squirts of water.....they are smart little beggars and left before the water started streaming.

I went over to have my taxes done yesterday.....and that didn't happen. My tax lady had gotten violently ill, her Gal Friday said that she (Gal Friday) had called to cancel but no one had answered the phone. She didn't leave a message either. Gal Friday then offered to do my taxes; she had gone into their computer system but couldn't find any info on me. So she made a wrong assumption, I ended up leaving my information at the tax service with my directions and explanation for needing to have them done. The reason was to fix the IRS's error concerning the second stimulus check which I never got. I know after talking with the IRS's representatives that there are a lot of us who should have gotten the stimulus check but didn't.

Be happy and enjoy your life and experiences.....fortunately I don't believe in my Izzy's version of aging....I'm still human. Count your blessings and view your life with humor....it is a wonderful blessing. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2021



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township board of Review Organization Meeting will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.

Tuesday March 2, 2021 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Organizational Meeting.

Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the Township office at 109 E. Oak St. in Ashley.

Monday March 8, 2021 from
1:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Tuesday March 9, 2021 from
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March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only

Tuesday March 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9 am to 3 pm

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

3 pm to 9 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 8 at:
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The mental state of people in general has taken a huge hit during these times and actually began even before this past year of chaos started.

There are more people with mental instability now than ever before. Perhaps it's because more people rather bury their heads in the sand than ever admit to having something wrong. Like mental health issues.

Mental health disorders (aka; mental illness) affects the person's mood, thinking and behavior. Signs and symptoms can vary depending on which disorder the person has along with the circumstances and other factors, but still has an impact on their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors, such as:

Confusion • Feeling down or sad • Reduced concentration • Excessive worries, fears • Extreme guilt • Mood changes from high to lows • Withdrawal of activities and friends • Low energy, tiredness, sleeping problems • Loss of reality like paranoia or hallucinations (delusions) • Unable to cope with problems or stress from day to day • Inability to relate and understand people and situations • Problems with addiction of alcohol or drugs • Excessive anger, hostility or violence • Major eating habit changes • Suicidal thoughts • Sometimes physical pain • and others.

The causes of mental illnesses are believed to be from a variety of genetic and environmental factors. It's more common in people whose blood relatives also have a mental illness. This is known as inherited traits. While certain genes may increase the person's risk of developing mental illness so will their life situations that could trigger it at any time.

The person's environment even before birth, such as stressors, toxins, alcohol or drug use while in the womb, can also be linked to mental illness.

When a person's brain chemistry is impaired, by not allowing the neural network to function properly and move chemicals to carry signals for the body the way it should, it leads to depression and other

mental and emotional disorders for them.

Some other risks in develop mental health issues can be;

Family history of mental illness within blood relatives, such as parents or siblings. Stressful life situations, like the death of a loved one, divorce, or financial problems. Chronic ongoing medical conditions. Traumatic brain injury, like a violent blow to the head. Traumatic experiences, military combat, assault, etc. Alcohol or drug usage. Childhood history of abuse or neglect.

When mental illness goes untreated it can cause severe emotional, behavioral, and even physical health problems. Mental illness is actually a leading cause of disability. When left untreated, mental illness can be linked to;

Medical conditions • Heart disease • Weakened immune system • Unhappiness in life • Conflicts • Relationship difficulties • Alcohol or drug problems • Work or school issues • Legal or financial problems • Social isolation • Self-harm, harm to others • and more.

Understand that mental illness is common. In fact, about one out of five adults has a mental illness in any given year. Mental illness can occur at any age, although most cases do begin earlier in a person's life.

Effects of mental illness can be temporary or long lasting and some people can have more than one mental health disorder at the same time. If you are having signs of mental illness, see a medical doctor or a mental health professional. Mental illnesses, in most cases, don't improve on their own and can cause serious problems when left untreated.

For a loved one showing signs of mental illness, be open and honest while discussing your concerns with them. It'll be more helpful to offer encouragement and support for them to seek medical care. Help them find a qualified mental health professional and help make their appointment. If they are doing self-harm or considering to do so, then take the person to the hospital or call for emergency help immediately, their life may depend on it.

Taking steps to lower and control stress levels, boost self-esteem and increase the ability to recover quickly from difficult situations may help keep the symptoms of mental illness under control. It's important to work with a medical doctor or trained therapist for proper treatment, care plans and receive routine checkups to keep a steady handle on the mental illness.

Also, taking well care of yourself is another preventative that should be utilized. Eating healthy, doing physical activities, getting sufficient sleep, and maintaining a regular schedule will help in many ways.

Remember, if you have any medical concerns, contact a healthcare provider or if you feel it's an emergency then go to the hospital or call 911 for help.

Mental illnesses can range from a number of different kinds including but not limited to; clinical depression, Anxiety disorder, Bipolar disorder, Dementia, Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, Schizophrenia, Obsessive compulsive disorder, Autism, Post-traumatic stress disorder, Eating Disorder, and Addictive Behavior.

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Ovid-Elsie Wrestling Team Gets off to a Fast Start

OVID-ELSIE -- Coach Kyle Spiess' Marauder wrestling team is off to a good start, scoring wins over Byron and Essexville-Garber in heavy action to start the 2021 season.

On Friday, February 19, O-E hosted a home quad. Team scores were Ovid-Elsie 39 vs. Byron 21, OE 21 vs. Freeland 48, OE 25 vs. Millington 51, leaving the Marauders' team record 1-0 in the MMAC conference and 1-2 overall. Talan Parsons (Fr.), Cole Workman (Fr.), and Max Spiess (Jr. at 135 lbs.) all went 3-0 on the evening. Sam Grubaugh, Gavyn Perry and Josh Everden all went 2-1.

"It was great to be back on the mats," said coach Spiess. "Due to the new rules we are only allowed to have 4 teams at an event. Also new this year is we get to wrestle all the teams at a quad (3 dual meets) when in previous years we could only have 2 matches in a meet held during the week. We are enjoying every meet we get at this point. We can only have 2 spectators per athlete this season so if you want to watch, go to NFHS.com or MHSAA.com and through a subscription, people can watch most meets online."

Ovid-Elsie also celebrated their senior wrestlers since it was their only home meet this season. Coleten Towsley-Wagner (140), Cecilia Eldridge (112) and Kameron Arnett (Hwt) are the seniors on the team. Coleten and Kameron are both 4-year letter winners. Coleten was a regional qualifier his sophomore season. Kam currently has the most career wins on the team and was one match from qualifying for the state meet last season. Cecilia is a 3-year letter winner and also capped off



(l)Max Spiess and Talan Parson finished 6-0 for the first matches of the season.
Photo by Marie Spiess

her Junior season with a 4th place finish at the MHSAA Girls Wrestling State Meet last season. Cesa is only the second girl to place in the state for Ovid Elsie.

"I would like to thank these three for all the years of hard work and dedication they put into Marauder Wrestling," said coach Spiess.

-- **MARAUDERS IN MAT ACTION AT FRANKENMUTH:** On February 20, Ovid-Elsie hit the mats at the annual Frankenmuth Quad. Team scores were OE 23 vs. New Lothrop 54, OE 30 vs. Frankenmuth 54 and OE 42 vs. Essexville-Garber 18.

Following the action, the Marauders were 1-1 in the MMAC conference and 2-4 overall on the season.

Talan Parsons (103) and Max Spiess (135) for the second night in a row were 3-0 putting them both at 6-0 on the season. Cole Workman (112) is 5-1 now and only lost 2-3 to a New Lothrop grappler who placed 5th in the state last season. "That is pretty impressive for a freshman," said coach Spiess.

Cecilia Eldridge (112), Sam Grubaugh (125), Gavyn Perry (130) and Coleten Towsley all racked up 2 wins at Frankenmuth, " ... helping us win our second dual meet on the season," coach Spiess expalined. "It takes a whole team to win dual meets and we have a lot of holes due to injuries. We com-

Clinton County, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board March 8, 2021

The Victor Township Board invites the public to attend a special meeting on the proposed Victor Township Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. The meeting will be held electronically. Please visit victortwp.org for updates. You can join the meeting electronically at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84229186630> or by calling:

1 253-215-8782 or 1 301-715- 8592 Meeting ID: 842 2918 6630 on February 18, 2021 at 6:30pm.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection by appointment at Victor Township Hall at 6843 E Alward Rd Laingsburg, MI 48848 Comments may include those submitted by in writing, email, fax or by attending the meeting and commenting during public comment periods throughout the electronic meeting.

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 24 hour notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.517-651-2094 x102

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e

Amanda L Conklin, Clerk
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Ovid-Elsie Reverse Raffle Update

The OE Sports Boosters along with the Marauder wrestling program have decided to hold this years event virtually. The 2020 event was cancelled due to the Pandemic and so far this year hasn't looked any better for an in-person event so the event will be held virtually on Sunday, April 11, 2021. Organizers realize that ticket holders from last year would be looking forward to the dinner party as in previous years. If you hold a ticket from last year wish to return it for a refund please contact Kyle Spiess, Carl Thornton or Amy Knickerbocker. Watch the Meridian Weekly for event details in the coming weeks.




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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Squirrel Cafe

COVID has changed and halted a lot of things in our world. Life as we know it has encountered numerous delays, cancellations, and closures. Normalcy no longer exists with activities

like school, sports, church, work, and dining out. However, in the world of urban squirrels the quality of life has actually improved with the creation of the squirrel cafe.

When most readers hear the term "squirrel cafe" an image of some college town hippy dippy coffee shop serving over priced food and beverages with a squirrel logo may quickly come to mind. However, this new concept has nothing to do with coffee shops and instead was born out of boredom during COVID lockdowns when people were looking out their window and watching squirrels eat and play. Numerous individuals around the country quickly started creating feeding stations built out of miniature picnic tables along with dining table and chair sets. Add in a fence and some small statues and you have a squirrel cafe in your front yard. Amazingly enough, squirrels will actually sit down on the chairs and eat the corn and bird seed placed on the tables. Hard to believe but the internet is filled with pictures of such cafes with a "full house" of squirrels dining.

For those readers wanting to build such a cafe but not skilled in the craft of building miniature furniture one only needs to look to Amazon or Ebay. COVID and the making of squirrel cafes has actually created a cottage industry with the manufacture of squirrel furniture. While any wood can be used most of these upstart businesses are using cedar as their primary building material. Some even offer cloth table red and white checkered tablecloths. Expect delays in production and shipping as demand currently exceeds the supply.

-WS



Have a Question for Andy? Submit them to: ask_andy@aol.com
Or Mail or drop off to Meridian Weekly P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Give Joy and Receive JOY Everyday

Dear Andy,

Since being off work for the last year, I have taken some of your organizational tips and advice. I am amazed on how easy it is for me to prioritize and get things done! I organized my sewing projects into different containers, along with the supplies needed to complete the project. I have Tuesday as my stay in my PJ's all day...read a good book and drink coffee. My other projects, such as organizing cupboards, closets, drawers, canning, and organizing years of pictures took many days along with my usual chores and exercising regularly. I love being organized now.

My problem is the sewing and quilting projects. I have given several people some of my projects as gifts. I made a few things for myself and my home. As well as some special keepsakes for my grandchildren. It has been the best use of my time. I have spent years collecting fabric and supplies. This past year as been so productive. I have seen and felt so much joy in sharing my talent as gifts to others.

I have spent endless hours cutting, piecing, designing, and my latest quilt project is all hand stitched. I am nearly finished with my hand stitched project and scheduled to give it to my cousin who will appreciate it beyond measure. Each time I complete a project I get very emotional and have trouble giving it up. I have never regretted giving my projects away but this last project I am having a difficult time letting go. I have been telling myself: I could make a better one for her, I could just keep it but, it is not even my style or taste. I think I am just excited for how well it turned out and it stresses me to think how much time I gave to it. Andy, what should I do?

Feeling like a selfish quilter

My Dear Quilter,

You are not selfish. Sounds like you are proud of your accomplishments. It's ok to have some emotional feelings. You are a generous, passionate, and talented person, doing the right thing. Take a picture of it. Be grateful for your talent, for the time, for the cotton pickers and weaver who made your fabric and thread. The Quilt shop where you bought the supplies. Be thankful for any others who have allowed you this opportunity to develop your talent. Be grateful for your sight, your sewing machine, and bobbins. Gratitude shows appreciation from others and for others.

You made this quilt, specifically with her in mind. Give her the quilt and the joy she deserves as much as the joy you feel for giving it to her. Then get to your next project and continue your quest to give joy by sharing your passion and talent. Ask Andy @ ask_andy@aol.com

Sports

OE Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The Ovid-Elsie boys and girls varsity teams competed at Grand Blanc Lanes against Bentley on Saturday, Feb. 20th.

The girls team won 28-2. High scores for the girls were Morgan Douglass 187; Gracie Schultz 179, 151; Mikayla Kelley 153, 158; Lizzy Underhill 166.

The boys came out with the win 28-2. High games for the boys included Clay Wenzlick 157; Tommy Terpening 152, 153; Steve Zedemont 224, 231; Ian Hehrer 160, 159; Corbin Kelley 193, 197.

Next up Saturday, Feb. 27 at Richfield Lanes in Flint against Atherton.

Wolfpack Grapplers Rout Marshall, Olivet; Fall to Grass Lake on Non-League Triple-Dual

OLIVET -- Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack wrestling team carved out a 2-1 record at the Olivet Eagles' (non-league) triple dual match.

A young Wolf wrestling squad downed Marshall, 58-12, and Olivet, 48-30, while narrowly falling to the Grass Lake Warriors 38-36 on February 19.

In the match opposite Marshall, both teams opened with a double forfeit at 103 lbs. LHS scored its first win with Martin Meyers scoring a :24 second fall over Seth Fields at 119 lbs., then followed that up with wins by Desire Knoblauch at 125, Dakota Dysinger at 135, Aiden Baynes at 140, Noah Gentry at 145, Kyle Boetcher at 152, Seth Sivak at 160, Brice Smith at 171, Sean Divine at 215, and Iain Hart at 285. Zach Grandy and Wyatt Stanfield also wrestled "extra" matches for the Wolfpack, scoring wins by fall at 140 and 189 lbs., respectively.

A double forfeit also opened the match vs. Olivet, before the red-and-white pulled away with wins by Gabby Motz at 112, Dysinger at 135, Baynes at 140, Gentry at 145, Smith at 171, Stanfield at 189, Divine at 215, and Hart at 285. In an "extra" match, Laingsburg's Jack Borgman scored a 1:33 fall over the Eagles' Brennen Ebson at 160 lbs.

The razor-thin loss to Grass Lake veered back-and-forth after opening with a double forfeit at 103. The Warriors strung together five-straight victories at 112 through 135 lbs., before LHS stormed back with wins by Baynes, Gentry, Kyle Boetcher, Caleb Boetcher, Divine and Hart. Trenton Holden delivered the winning points for Grass Lake with a 3:05 win by fall at 189 lbs.

At 135 and 152 lbs., respectively, the Wolves' Garrett Matthews and Alex Forcier grappled the "extra" matches, with Forcier scoring a :40 second fall over Antoni Malinowski of Grass Lake.

Middlebury Township March Board of Review Notice

March 2nd at 1:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Board of Review

Wednesday, March 10th from 9 am to 3 pm

Friday, March 12th 3 pm to 9 pm

All above meetings will be held at the township hall located at
7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866

In order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the board of review, the Township of Middlebury hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL 211.30(8) of the General Property Tax Act, that the board of review shall receive letters or emails of protest regarding assessments from resident and non-resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

If you do not want to appear in person, appeals may also be submitted by March 12 in writing to PO Box 622, Ovid, MI 48866, or by email at mhol-ley4444@gmail.com

Middlebury Township Budget Public Hearing

The Middlebury Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022 at the township hall located at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI on **March 9, 2021 at 6:45 pm.** *The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866.

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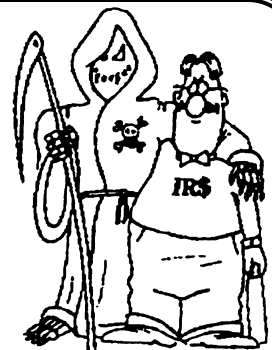
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Sports

Wolfpack Girls Improve to 3-0 with 44-31 Victory at Saranac

SARANAC — Laingsburg senior point guard Grace Graham delivered 19 points and five steals Thursday and coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack improved its basketball record to 3-0 with a 44-31 win at Saranac on February 19.

Ellie Baynes scored eight points with nine rebounds and three steals for the Wolfpack (2-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference). Erica Wade scored seven points. Lorna Strieff added eight rebounds and four points.

Laingsburg led 14-8, 24-13 by halftime and 37-19 after three quarters.

"Our first two games went really well and we executed very well but tonight we struggled a little bit," said Laingsburg coach Doug Hurst. "At times it was ugly but we got the win." Saranac fell to 0-2 and 0-1 in the CMAC.

Lady Wolfpack scoring looked like this: Grace Graham 7 5-8 19 points, Hayleigh Mertens 1 0-0 2, Ellie Baynes 3 2-4 8, Erica Wade 2 3-4 7, Gabby Paquet 1 0-3 2, Lorna Strieff 1 2-3 4 and Julia Starr 1 0-0 2.

Fowler makes home comeback, nips Lady Wolves in CMAC, 40-38

FOWLER -- The visiting Wolfpack raced to a 27-19 half-time lead, but Fowler played off a determined defensive effort in the 2nd half and handed the LHS girls their first loss of the season, 40-38, here February 24.

It was a hard-fought game, said veteran Wolves coach Doug Hurst. "We had a solid 1st half and played hard," Hurst explained, after watching his team fall to 2-1 in the CMAC, 3-1 overall. "In the 2nd half give credit to Fowler, they had some runs, and we just couldn't get our offense back on track to match them to keep our good lead.

"The 4th quarter was a hard fought game by both teams. Unfortunately for us a call with 0.8 seconds, that I can't understand, put Fowler on the line. Give credit to Fowler; they made both. And credit to our girls who after my timeout, actually got a shot off at 3/4 court and hit the front of the rim. Two very good teams; it was just a shame for it to end the way it did."

Laingsburg was led by Grace Graham with 11 pts, 5 rebs.; Lorna Strieff 8 pts, 10 rebs.; Hayleigh Mertens 5 pts.; and Erica Wade 4 points.



Ellie Baynes blocks a shot of Saranac player during the Feb. 19th game.

Photo by Thomas Westbrook

OE Girls Drop 68-18 Bomb on Flint Southwestern Cagers

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team turned back Flint Southwestern 68-18 on February 19, in a game that was scheduled late that week after both teams had cancellations.

Braden Tokar had 13 points, eight rebounds, three assists and four steals to pace the Marauders (3-1). Hailee Campbell added 11 points and Tristin Ziola scored 10.

"It was their first game so I give them a lot of credit for making the trip on short notice," O-E coach Ryan Cunningham said of Flint Southwestern. "Our girls played hard and executed well. We need to keep getting game experience because we're young and finding that chemistry is important. We still have a lot of things to work on as league play starts Monday."

Scoring for the Lady Marauders looked like this: Kaylee Hall 2 0-0 5 points, Kiah Longoria 2 2-2 6, Tristin Ziola 5 0-0 10, Caitlyn Walter 3 0-0 7, Braylon Byrnes 3 0-0 6, Braden Tokar 6 1-1 13, Evalyn Cole 1 0-0 2, Hailee Campbell 4 3-4 11, Madison Cunningham 1 2-2 4 and Ava Bates 2 0-0 4.

Ovid-Elsie girls rout Montrose Rams, 43-15

MONTROSE — Ovid-Elsie did not have a double-digit scorer but still defeated Montrose by 28 points on February 22.

Caitlyn Walter scored eight points with four rebounds for the Marauders (4-1, 1-0 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference), who ran out to a 17-4 first-quarter lead which swelled to 29-7 by halftime. Tristin Ziola scored seven points with four steals. Kiah Longoria, Braylon Byrnes and Ava Bates all scored five points.

Adding three steals apiece for Ovid-Elsie were Braeden Tokar, Hailee Campbell and Bates.

"We're glad we were able to pick up a conference win on the road tonight," Ovid-Elsie coach Ryan Cunningham said. "Montrose did a great job of packing their zone defense in and making us take difficult shots. But we got off to a good start with our early offense and transition."

Scoring for the Lady Marauders went like this: Kiah Longoria 1 3-5 5, Tristin Ziola 3 1-2 7, Caitlyn Walter 3 0-0 8, Braylon Byrnes 2 1-2 5, Braeden Tokar 2 0-0 4, Evalyn Cole 1 1-2 4, Hailee Campbell 2 0-2 4, Madison Cunningham 0 1-2 1 and Ava Bates 2 0-2 5.

Coleman Comets Beat Lady Bears

Ashley traveled to Coleman for a league game against the Comets last week. In past game the Bears struggled to score from the start of games and in this game that wasn't the problem, it was a scoring drought that came after the first quarter, which resulted in Ashley losing 57-16.

Coach Shaw expressed, "We got off to a decent start offensively scoring 8 points in the first quarter and then went

through a long drought with too many turnovers and the inability to make a shot."

Jenna Wirt lead her team with 9 points and 7 rebounds, Ashleigh Jelinek chipped in 2 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, Savannah Beebe and Saige Slowinski both chipped in a bucket and Alexyss McAllister scored 1 point.

Lady Bears Lose to Carson City

Defense plagued the bears as they weren't able to stop the scoring of the Eagles in their match up with Carson City along with their turnovers and slow start. Jenn Wirt scored 8 points and Ashleigh Jelinek chipped in 6 points and had 5 rebounds in the Lady Bear loss to Carson City 47-14.

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FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for 2021 taxes in the Township of Fairfield, County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan: That the Assessment Rolls of said Fairfield Township as prepared by the Township Assessor will be subject to inspection. At which place, and on each of said days as listed below, said board of Review will be in session and upon the request of any person who is assessed on said roll, or of his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct the assessment as to such property in such manner as will in their judgement make the valuation thereof relatively just and equal. After said Board shall complete the review of said rolls, a majority of said Board shall endorse thereon, and sign a statement to the effect that the same are the assessment rolls of said unity of government for the year in which it has been prepared and approved by the Board of Review.

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The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2021 assessment appeals:

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To schedule an Appointment and Receive your access information call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will accept letters of appeals until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021, at Victor Township, 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

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Sports

Wolfpack Boys First Win of 2021 Basketball Season

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack won the battle of the boards and eventually began to pull away in a 63-25 rout of Saranac on February 19.

The Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) win was the first of the season for coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves, who squared their record at 1-1. The Redskins fell to 0-3 with the loss.

LHS also relied on a great defensive effort in the 3rd quarter, holding Saranac to 2 points to start putting the game away. Laingsburg was led by Senior Zach Hawes with 23 points (10 in the opening quarter), sophomore Eli Woodruff with 12 and Josh Baker who chipped in 7. Saranac was led by Adrian Simms with 7.

Morrill said his team responded well after a bit of a layoff. The Wolfpack hadn't played since Feb. 13, after dropping its opener to Pewamo-Wesphalia and having its second game against Pottersville canceled February 17 due to Covid-19.

"We had a whole lot of almost-opportunities," Morrill said. "I think that's 'pandemic hangover,' a little bit. We're still knocking the rust off. This is just our second game and Wednesday's been pulled from us unfortunately. Pottersville had a COVID issue. We played once and it was a week ago."

"We're not there yet, but what we've got is some nice individual athletes that know how to make plays," Morrill added. "They're great kids, buying in and playing defense. They're utilizing offense to create their offense. I think that was probably the difference tonight. We were able to make plays on the defensive end and spark some things on the offensive end."

For the red-and-white, Miguel Fajardo with five points, and Addison Goff with four. Eleven players scored for Laingsburg, whose lead stretched to 34 at one point late in the third quarter.

Wolfpack boys drain trifectas, run past Fowler

LAINGSBURG -- Coach Dan Morrill's Wolfpack boys defeated Fowler in a CMAC matchup on February 24, 68-40, for their second-straight win.

Led by a special night from Zach Hawes, Laingsburg dropped in 12 three-balls. Hawes hit 5 himself and ended the night with 29 points, despite drawing 2 early fouls and missing time in the first half.

Also for the Wolves (2-1 in the CMAC, 2-1 overall), Noah Hagerty chipped in 10 points and Eli Woodruff and Cooper Wilson both added 9.

Fowler was led in scoring by Dominic Horak with 14 and Chase Pung added 11.



Zach Hawes scored 23 pts. against Saranac on Feb. 19th.
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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Boys Paste 61-28 Loss on Montrose

MONTROSE — Jackson Thornton had nine points, seven rebounds, two blocks and two steals to lead Ovid-Elsie past Montrose, 61-on February 22 as coach Josh Latz's Marauders stayed unbeaten.

The Marauders — benefiting from 11 different scorers — improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference.

Logan Thompson scored eight points, while Adam Barton and Clay Wittenberg each scored seven. Dylan Carman had four assists and joined Jacob Tomasek with six points.

Ovid-Elsie held Montrose to single digits in every quarter and led comfortably — 46-22 — after three quarters.

Montrose fell to 1-4 and 1-2 in the MMAC.

Scoring for the Marauders went like this: Cal Byrnes 2 1-2 5, Jackson Thornton 4 1-4 9, Adam Barton 3 0-1 7, Gavin Godfrey 2 0-0 5, Clay Wittenberg 3 0-0 7, Dylan Carman 3 0-0 6, Logan Thompson 4 0-3 8, Carson Gregory 1 0-0 3, Brayden Phillips 1 0-0 3, Jacob Schaub 1 0-0 2 and Jacob Tomasek 3 0-2 6.

Jackson Thornton dunks during Montrose game on Feb. 22nd. Thornton scored 8 pts.

Photo by Jody Thornton



Ashley cont' from page 9...

“We were able to put together a decent second half, especially in the fourth quarter after a poor effort in the first half that featured way too many turnovers” exclaimed Coach Shaw.

Ashley Takes Loss from Wolverines

The Lady Bears once again got off to a slow start scoring wise to begin their game against Vestaburg but were able to score more in the second half but just couldn't decrease their deficit. “We got off to a slow start and struggled to score in the first quarter and first half. Credit to Vestaburg's defense as they were able to speed us up some and force us into mistakes. The second half we were able to begin to figure some things out and did a nice job scoring 25 points” commented Coach Shaw.

Jenna Wirt scored 22 points, Lydea Ergen scored 5 points and had 3 steals and Ashleigh Jelinek scored 4 points grabbed 8 rebounds and had 2 steals.

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