



Village Manager Shane Grinnell inspects the cart owned by David Craig. Photo by Deb Price

First Golf Cart License Issued

On Wednesday, March 10th, Elsie resident David Craig had his golf cart inspected by Village Manager, Shane Grinnell. Craig was issued a license to use his cart on Village of Elsie streets. The issued license does not include streets, roads or trails outside of Village of Elsie limits. To obtain a license from the Village of Elsie, golf carts must have functioning headlights on the front and rear of the cart. Registration stickers will be valid April 1st and expire on March 31st the following year. Carts can be registered at the village office located at 125 W. Main Street in Elsie. Applicants must show proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy or any other form of policy, for coverage of personal injury and property damage resulting from operation of the subject golf cart. A registration sticker will not be issued unless proof of insurance is provided at the time of the inspection.

For more information call the Village of Elsie at 989-862-4273.

Lifelike Barn Owl Carving Donated to IQhub

submitted by Susan Kadlek

St Johns resident Richard "Dick" Woodhams is a 90 year old young man, who began carving after he retired from farming over 20 years ago. He started carving ducks with a friend and then later, his friend encouraged Dick to go to Gwinn, Michigan for carving classes.

From a piece of "Tupelo" wood, Dick set out to carve a Barn Owl in the fall of 2020 and worked on it throughout the winter as his eye sight allowed. With some health issues over the winter, Dick credits his friend for helping him finish the lifelike piece of art. Recently, Dick and his wife Marie, delivered the amazing, lifelike Barn Owl to the IQhub and presented it to AgroLiquid CEO Nick Bancroft. The Barn Owl is on display near the entrance of the IQhub.

Living in Michigan all year long, the beautiful but elusive Barn Owl is easily identified by their beautiful plumage and heart-shaped face. Barn Owls actually nest in many man-made structures including barns, which is where they got their name. Barn Owls, like other owls, are nocturnal and may be spotted at night hunting for small mammals. They are able to track and capture their prey by sound alone better than any other animal ever tested.

AgroLiquid CEO Nick Bancroft stated, "On behalf of the IQhub, we'd like to thank Dick and his friend for this amazing gift that visitors of all ages will enjoy for years to come. Be sure to "look up" for the Barn Owl as you enter the IQhub on your next visit!"



(l) Richard "Dick" Woodhams donates hand carved Owl to Nick Bancroft, CEO AgroLiquid.

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village council was held Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The evening agenda addressed a wide variety of topics and actions.

Prior to the regular meeting public hearings were held regarding the 2021-2022 budgets and the golf cart ordinance. Officials voiced optimism regarding the budget; additional grant funding for roads is anticipated.

Golf carts will be on the landscape in the Village of Elsie with the adoption of ordinance 174 Chapter Section 12-1. Details of the ordinance can be found on the website and at the Village of Elsie business office. Related action was taken with the adoption of resolution 2021-04 regarding golf carts was approved, as well.

The Granger Refuse contract was presented for approval including pricing for a community clean-up in one location and/or a curb side cleanup which does cost more. Most communities take advantage of a community clean-up. Scott Truman representative was present to address questions. The costs \$8.84 per household per month, adding the community clean-up \$10.02, or \$10.94 for curbside cleanup day. Discussion followed regarding increasing the monthly fee from \$10 to \$15 monthly with an annual curbside cleanup. The later was approved and will be effective April 1, 2021.

Officials took action to accept the ten year contract with an annual curbside clean-up day. It was noted that monthly recycling will continue and most residents will be encouraged to utilize the carts provided by Granger.

Next, the personnel committee made the following recommendations regarding the Elsie Police Department. First, the department maintain a part-time police chief with a salary of \$32,500 annually, 50 hours per pay period, with 120 hours PTO annually, and one full-time police officer, \$16.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, 80 PTO hours annually, paid holidays and overtime if needed. Further discussion followed. It was noted that a random rotational schedule be encouraged, but scheduling will be completed by the police chief. Officials were in agreement with the recommendation.

Action was taken to adopt Resolution 2021-05 for the gaming license for the Elsie Area Fire Fighters Association; this is the branch of the department that takes care of fund raising for the department. The Association is a 501c3. This action will allow the association to apply for a gaming license through the Michigan Lottery Commission.

Gene Nethaway, Elsie American Legion, was present to request council permission to begin planning the May 31 Memorial Day remembrance with the assistance of the Village and use of resources. The request was approved.

Officials took formal action to adopt the 2021-2022 regular and special budgets. The action was approved.

Annual action was taken to take approve the annual donation to the Tri-County Office on Aging in the amount of \$1,000. The funds will be utilized for Meals on Wheels. In addition the annual Riverside Cemetery cleanup was slated for April 12, 2021

Ann Trierweiler, village clerk, recommended that the clerk's position become an appointed position similar to the treasurer. These are challenging times and with COVID if something were to happen to the current clerk a special election would be required. If no one opted to run for the position and if a qualified nonresident were interested in the position they would not be permitted to fill it. Trierweiler was directed to research the possibility further.

It was announced that in person meetings will resume April 13, 2021, it was recommended that the meetings be held at the Elsie Public Library. It was noted that social distancing and masks will be a requirement.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, reported that Chris Ormes is now part of the DPW team; Jim Hyland donated funds for new flags for the Village in the amount of approximately \$800, they will be installed before Memorial Day. In the past the Village of Elsie has borrowed a street sweeper for the Village of Maple Rapids to sweep gutters. Maple Rapids has since replaced the equipment is considering selling it. Grinnell recommended that the sweeper and mower be purchased for the village of Elsie; he was directed to make an offer for up to \$700.

Currently the DPW is working on patching pot holes, and gravel on the edge of the roads. A street repair bid of approximately \$10,367 was received from Williams Asphalt, to repair the street near the Elsie Town Tub. Grinnell recommended approval so the repair could be scheduled this season. It was noted that the business owner is interested is assisting with the cost of the repair.

Under the topic of public comment Douglas Sturgis requested permission from officials to use Village street and properties for the Elsie Free Fall Festival with a tentative date of Saturday, October 2, 2021. The event is in the planning stages. Officials were very supportive and offered to assist as needed.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with additions - Gene Nethaway representing the American Legion, Resolution 2021-04 golf carts, in-person meetings beginning in April, resolution to consider making the clerk an appointed position, and street repair bid. Also, approval the minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular meeting and public hearings, the financial reports, and the monthly Elsie Police Department report. In addition, officials approved the expenditures totaling \$47,580.79.

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March is Reading Month

Adventures at the Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann Trierwiler

March is Reading Month! The Elsie Public Library is presenting many fun activities, which are planned to help get kids and adults excited to read. This year's theme is Kids Favorites.

Every Saturday and Monday morning, we will be having some sort of activity pertaining to reading and special prizes on those days. All of these activities are online. So please visit our website or our Facebook page for more information.

During March, we will be having an ongoing contest on our Facebook page. Using your imagination, we want you to show us your favorite storybook character. See Facebook for more details.

So, don't miss out on all of the fun activities we will be having!

Storytimes

March 13th - "Llama Llama Loves to Read"

March 15th - "Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

March 20th - "Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party"

March 22nd - "Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes"

March 27th - "The Bear's Picnic"

March 29th - "The Berenstain Bears and the Missing Dinosaur Bone"

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

Drive-Thru Easter Egg Event

submitted by Cheryl Hickey

The St. Johns Lioness Club will be hosting a Drive-Thru Easter Egg Event on Saturday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Johns City Park.

Following recommended health and safety precautions, workers will be distributing bags of plastic eggs to children through the age of ten. Eggs will contain toys, wrapped candy, or coins. There will be special eggs provided for children under age three. This is strictly a drive-thru event; passengers must remain in cars and no walk-ups will be permitted.

This community event is made possible through the support of the City of St. Johns and local businesses and groups.

Ovid Public Library February Adult Reading Challenge Winners

The winners of the Ovid Public Library February Adult Reading Challenge were:

1st Place: Britta Astle- large one-item pizza from Main Street Pizza

2nd Place: Nancy Hughson- individual one item pizza from Main Street Pizza

3rd Place: Janell Kebler- individual one item pizza from Main Street Pizza

Just a reminder that we are doing a children's reading challenge for the month of March. If you haven't signed up yet there is still time. You can stop into the library or call us at 834-5800 for more information.

Daylight savings goes into effect this weekend. If you are looking for something to do now that there will be more hours of sunlight, you can come to the library and get a puzzle to do. We have many puzzles here that have been donated. You are welcome to take one. Or if you have extra puzzles you no longer want you can bring them in.

We have also received a small amount of Michigan tax forms. You can also print any forms that we don't have here. Please remember that we still have limited hours. We are open Monday 10-7, Wednesday 10-5 and Friday 10-5.. You are required to wear a mask in the library. We also still offer curbside service for those who would rather not come into the library.

Laingsburg Board of Education Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the middle school in the media center. Please visit our website at <http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/> for up to date meeting information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: 2020/21 Budget Update, 2021/22 Preliminary Budget Update, District Staffing Update, Legislative Update, Bond Construction Update, Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan,

Staff Building Reports, Personnel, and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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“BIG A” (Jason E. Andersen) Scholarship Applications for 2021 Available

submitted by Janice Andersen

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



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

Applications are available for pick up at the Counselors Office at Laingsburg High School. All applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2021, or post marked by April 30, 2021 and mailed to BIG A Scholarship, %Janice Andersen, 514 E. Broad Street, Chesaning, MI 48616 to be considered. Questions can be referred to 989-666-2696.

Moolenaar Meets With Michigan National Guard Members at the Capitol

Congressman John Moolenaar joined other members of the Michigan congressional delegation to pass out food and gift cards to Michigan National Guard members who are serving in Washington, D.C.

“The men and women of the Michigan National Guard have served honorably, and I am glad they will be able to return home to their families very soon,” said Congressman Moolenaar. “It was an honor to spend time with them today and thank them for serving our nation.”

Numerous Michigan National Guard members have reported food-related illnesses since they arrived in Washington and media reports have shown pictures of the undercooked and inedible food they have received while serving their mission. Last week, Moolenaar and the Michigan delegation sent a letter to General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, calling for the termination of the contract providing food to the Michigan National Guard members.

Legion Breakfast Returns

Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 has restarted their Sunday morning breakfast. The public is welcome to come enjoy breakfast from 8am-11am every Sunday. The Legion is located at 1240 E. Grand River in Laingsburg.

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ORDINANCE #174

CHAPTER 12: TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES: SECTION 12-1 OPERATIONS OF GOLF CARTS IN THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE.

Village of Elsie Golf Carts - Rules and Regulations

Definitions

Village means the Village of Elsie in County of Clinton, State of Michigan.
 Decal means the sticker displayed on the left rear of every registered golf cart within the Village, which are obtained by completing and submitting the proper registration form to the Village of Elsie

Driver license means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to MCL 257.329, as amended, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.

Golf cart means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.

Maintained portion means that portion of a road improved, designated or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

Operate means to ride in or on, or be in actual physical control of the operation of the golf cart.

Operator means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a golf cart.

Registration means the authorization through which every person intending to operate a golf cart on roads or streets within the Village must follow.

Street means a road, roadway, street or right-of-way within the Village of Elsie street system, but does not include a private road. The terms road, roadway, street and right-of-way are interchangeable.

Sunset and sunrise mean that time determined by the National Weather Service on any given day.

Operation of golf carts on Village streets - A person may operate a golf cart on Village streets, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

(2) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648, as amended, that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

(3) All golf carts are required to have permanently attached functioning head lights on the front and permanently attached function taillights on the rear of the golf cart that shall be visible from all distances up to 500 feet.

(4) The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.

(5) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(6) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of the Village, using the most direct line of crossing.

(8) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street, or on the left or right of traffic, in an unoccupied lane, in the case of a one-way street.

(9) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 25 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a roadway or street with a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour except to cross that roadway or street. The Village may designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts.

(10) Golf carts can be operated one-half hour after sunrise until one-half hour prior to sunset.

(11) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.

(12) A golf cart shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(13) Golf carts shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent manner, endangering any person or property, or obstructing, hindering, or impeding the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways or parks.

(14) Off-road vehicles, such as Gators, quads, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles

(ATVs), a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, or like-vehicles are not considered golf carts.

(15) This section does not apply to a police officer, Village officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of Village duties.

(16) The operator of the golf cart involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or property damage or some person acting for him/her, or the owner of the golf cart having knowledge of the accident shall immediately by the quickest means of communication notify 911 and or the Clinton County Central Dispatch.

Parking Regulations - The parking, stopping, and standing regulations provided in the Village Code, shall also apply to golf carts operated in the Village, as if they are motor vehicles under those provisions.

Registration and Decals-

(a) Prior to operating a golf cart on Village streets, the owner of a golf cart shall register the golf cart annually by making application to the Village of Elsie. Such application shall include proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy, or in any other form of policy selected by the applicant, for coverage of personal injury or property damage resulting from operation of the subject golf cart. The Village of Elsie shall review and approve or deny each application, and provide a list of registered golf carts to the Elsie Police and the Code Enforcement departments.

(b) There shall be a \$10.00 charge for the registration of a golf cart, and each approved golf cart shall be issued a registration decal. The golf cart owner shall affix each decal provided by the Village of Elsie Department on a clearly visible place on the left rear of the golf cart near the taillight. The decal shall be valid for one year. Effective for 1 year beginning April 1st and expiring March 31st

(c) Operating a golf cart on a Village street without registering or with an expired registration is prohibited.

(d) The Village of Elsie retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any registration decal from any golf cart for any reason that is felt appropriate to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Village.

(e) Any Elsie police officer or Elsie code enforcement officer or designee may temporarily suspend any registration decal, and ban further access on any public street or public property by any golf cart, when in the opinion of that officer the golf cart is being used in a manner to cause damage to public property or members of the public.

(f) The Village Council reserves the right to waive the registration requirements of this ordinance for special events that utilize golf carts.

Violations and Penalties-

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be responsible for a civil infraction and a fine in the amount in accordance with the Civil infraction and fine chart specified in section 7.5-3 in the Village of Elsie Ordinance book.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance will become effective on April 1, 2021. (Effective date must be not less than 20 days after adoption and after publication as required by law.) THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD THE NINTH (9) DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2021.

The above Ordinance was moved by Councilperson Witt and supported by Councilperson Carroll

Yeas: S. Frink, J. Ondrusek, D. Ornelas, J. Freeman, K. Witt, T. Frink, and T. Carroll.

Nays: None

Absent: None

THE ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Village of Elsie at a meeting held on Tuesday, March, 9, 2021, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and was published as required by law.

Ann Trierweiler, Village of Elsie Clerk

ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township will hold its budget meeting on March 16th at 6:00pm. The meeting will be virtual on ZOOM. Elba Township's monthly meeting will be moved to March 16th at 7:00pm on ZOOM.

Madalin C. Morris

Township Clerk

989-847-2097

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Obituaries

Dan Edward Acre

Dan Edward Acre, age 73, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, MI.

Dan was born in Owosso, MI on March 24, 1947, the son of Paul O. and Bessie Herrick (Woods) Acre. Dan graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1965.

Dan was a lifelong farmer. His love for the land and the cattle it fed began as soon as he could be carried to the barn. He enjoyed watching each year's crops grow and every new calf that came along. Dan especially enjoyed the holidays and watching the Lions play on Thanksgiving.

He is survived by his brothers: David Acre of Elsie, MI, Dean and Ronda Acre of Elsie, MI, nephews: Michael Watson and friend Kristi of Oxford, MI; Corey Acre of Elsie, MI; and Ryan and Jamie Acre of Elsie, MI. He is also survived by his favorite nieces: Hope Watson of Oxford, MI and Holly Watson of Oxford, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Bessie Acre.

The family would like to thank Herm Kaufman, Rod Kiger and family, and Kevin Nash and family.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., with Mr. Dennis Baese officiating. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to Ovid Elsie FFA, the Elsie Historical Society or Elsie Area Fire and Rescue. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



Josephine Annette Borst

Josephine Annette Borst, age 87 of Elsie, MI, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 7, 2021, at 3:00 PM with family by her side. She said she was, "ready to go be with Jesus," and lived the last few days of her life with great dignity and grace.

Josephine was born in Laingsburg, MI, on April 18, 1933 to Edward and Josephine Waterous, although the hospital incorrectly recorded her birthday as April 19. She grew up with her older sister, Laura, and her younger brother, Jerry. Jerry and Josephine were quite a pair growing up, raising a little mischief as children. They remained very close until his passing last fall. Josephine graduated from Laingsburg High School. She married Irwin William Borst and together they raised 7 children. Josephine was a homemaker, mother and a jack of all trades. She truly was gifted with the knack for carpentry and was eager to learn many things, including plumbing, minor electrical repairs, and stained glass. She could repair almost anything, so much so that her granddaughter, Mickayla, once took a dead rose stem to her and asked her to fix it because she was sure Grandma knew how. She was great at the art of observation, which came in handy learning so many skills, but she also observed and marveled at nature. She often sat still and as she would say, 'listened to the silence.' Her favorite Bible verse was, "Be still and know that I am God." Josephine had a way of uniquely touching the lives of all who met her. She was cherished by so many. She was full of sage advice and had a way with words. She could say so much in so few words. She often said, "Say something profound," because she wanted to hear what the response would be, always trying to glean wisdom from others. Yet, many who met her would say she was the wisest person they knew.

Josephine is survived by her children: Rose Mary Borst of St. Johns, MI; Edward Borst of Flint, MI; Eric Borst of Council Bluffs, IA; Laura Reppenhagen of Elsie, MI; and son-in-law Dennis Reppenhagen of Elsie, MI. She is also survived by her grandchildren; Maggie Jo Borst, Darrell J Borst II, Anna Borst, Leslie Borst, Emily Borst, Mickayla Reppenhagen and Allison Reppenhagen. Josephine was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Josephine Waterous, sister Laura Fell, brother Jerry Waterous, beloved ex-husband Irwin Borst, son Darrell Borst, daughter Carol Ann Borst, and son Henry Borst.

Josephine requested to be cremated and her remains will be buried at Riverside Cemetery in Elsie, MI. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Donations are not being collected but if you wish to memorialize her, plant a tree or plant in her honor and smile at it. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI



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Obituary

Janet Louise MacFarland

Janet Louise MacFarland, age 75, of Elwell, MI, formerly of Elsie, MI, passed away Friday, March 5, 2021, at Samaritas Senior Living of Saginaw.

Janet was born in Engelwood, New Jersey on December 20, 1945, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Reynolds) MacFarland. She attended school in Asbury Park, New Jersey and later graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1987. Janet worked for Lear Industries for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2005.

Janet loved shopping for her family. She enjoyed doing crafts and making blankets. Janet was a member of the Red Hatters Society and always looked forward to time with her friends. She was a very giving person and was ready to help whenever someone was in need. Most of all, Janet loved spending time with her family.

Janet is survived by 4 children: Patricia (Shad) Parks of Elwell, Robert (Tracy) Ordway Jr. of Ithaca, Randy (Tracie) Ordway of Shelbyville, KY, and Roger Ordway of Elwell. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 4 siblings: Doug (Sarah) McFarland, Donald (Libby) McFarland, Larry (Kathy) McFarland, and Peggy Alexander. Janet was preceded in death by her parents, one brother David MacFarland, and brother-in-law Jerry Alexander.

Janet's wishes were to be cremated with a family graveside service at Mount Calvary Cemetery, NJ, where she will be buried with her family at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Louis, Michigan.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

For all Christians, everyone has his or own work. Someone may be known nationally and even internationally. Or you may be known only by your church and local community. And there are people everywhere in between. The main thing is that we are doing what the Lord has called us to do, "...as the Lord has assigned to each his task," as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:5.

God knows who needs to do what in the church. Later in the Letter, Paul will talk about spiritual gifts and say that, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines."

- 1 Corinthians 12:11

That's an exciting thought! This means that everyone who is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has something to do for the Lord. Everyone has a function. Everyone counts. No one gets left out. No one is unimportant. Everyone has something to do for God.

Some may know what it is they are to do and they are doing it. Praise God! Others may know what they need to do, but need some help in getting started. Perhaps you are fearful for some reason or just aren't sure how the pieces are going to fit together. Others may have the desire to serve the Lord, but not know what to do. For these last two groups of people, I encourage you to talk about it. First, talk to God. Ask God for courage, wisdom, whatever it is you need to know what His will is and for Him to give you what you need to be able to do it.

Second, talk to others. Ask your pastor and other Christians how they think you can be used by God. Make a list of things that you like to do and that you know you are good at, then take the list to God. Ask Him to reveal to you what He can use for His Glory.

God made you and therefore you are no accident. God has given you your personality, talents and at least one spiritual gift to be used by Him. You may be young in the faith or young in physical age, but God still wants to use you. You may have served the Lord for decades and be getting up in years. But if you are still here with us, then God still wants to use you.

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SafeCenter Virtual Fundraiser

submitted by Hannah Gottschalk

SafeCenter Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties will be hosting their first ever virtual fundraising event on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm on their Facebook page (facebook.com/thesafecenter.org). The event is FREE of charge and takes the place of the usual annual in-person dinner event, due to continued restrictions with COVID-19. All are welcome to attend. Those interested in attending can simply log into Facebook and watch live, interacting with organization personnel throughout the event's duration. Donations will be accepted online via their website (www.thesafecenter.org), in-person at the Owosso and St. Johns Office, and/or by mail: PO Box 277, Owosso, MI 48867 before, during, and after the event.

SafeCenter has been fully operational since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, providing a variety of services to adult and child survivors. Although the Emergency Shelter has only been able to operate at 50% capacity due to CDC guidelines, individuals in high danger have been moteled in a safe location off-site when the Shelter is full.

Over the past year, the need for SafeCenter services has only increased as many victims have been isolated and quarantined with their abusers. SafeCenter staff have been on the frontlines, offering 24-hour emotional support via the crisis hotline, providing emergency shelter to those actively fleeing dangerous situations, responding to the hospital for domestic and sexual violence emergencies, as well as providing ongoing advocacy and counseling sessions to adults and children.

By attending this event and giving to SafeCenter, you partner in the mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate, and Prevent and provide essential services to adults and children who are in dangerous and potentially lethal situations. Your contribution also provides SafeCenter with the ability to partner with other community organizations across the area and hold those who seek to do harm to others accountable for their actions. We can't do this work alone. Take a stand against Domestic and Sexual Violence this April, support SafeCenter, and help make our community a safer place to live, work, and play for all.

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SOS Temporarily Unavailable During Major Update

submitted by Jake Rollow

While the Department of State installs a major technology upgrade, online services, self-service stations and branch office appointments and booking will be unavailable from 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11, until 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 16.

The Michigan Voter Information Center, Michigan.gov/Vote, will not be impacted and online voter registration and other services will continue to be available.

The upgrade securely combines tens of millions of driver and vehicle records into one integrated customer record system and moves the department forward from decades-old technology. Starting March 16, the upgrade will enable new online services for customers and expand the capability of self-service stations to include many driver's license and state ID transactions.

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DuPlain Township Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – The monthly meeting of DuPlain Township was held Wednesday, March 10, 2021. The evening was highlighted by the announcement of the DuPlain Township Annual meeting slated for March 27, 2021, 10 am.

Dennis Baese, trustee and representative to the Elsie Area Fire, presented the monthly report 1 fire run and 2 mutual aids; rescue run 12 in Duplain, 1 in Fairfield, 2 mutual aides. To date 42 rescue runs and 15 fire runs. Baese noted that the fire budget will not change for 2020-2021 with Duplain committed to \$71,740.86.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, noted upcoming annual meetings. The DuPlain Township annual meeting is slated for March 27, 2021, 10 am with the major action item approval of the 2021-2022 budget. The annual meeting with Clinton County Road Commission is Wednesday, March 17, 8 am, this is a ZOOM meeting, the purpose is to identify recommended road projects.

DuPlain Township received a PA116 application request from Moore Seed Farm, which was approved and will be forwarded to Clinton County. It was noted that it involves the purchase of the Hanachek farm.

Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner, presented the monthly report. The Commission voted to continue the re-munumentation identifying and setting corners of the county and now the townships. In other action they are reviewing the Comprehensive Plan, for land use planning. Noting that the process may be slowed down because of COVID, many of these meeting must be in-person. Washburn recommended that townships should note changes they would like to see.

Next he presented the COVID update, 364 days the of EOC instituted, the county has handled the situation as well as possible. Clinton will continue to implement the Local State of Emergency which is updated monthly addressing current issues. Clinton County makes decisions regarding events and property uses like the 4-H Fair, the Mint Festival and park uses. These uses are currently under consideration. Smith Hall, located at the Clinton County Fairgrounds is being used for jury selection and will be utilized every Friday for Health Department COVID vaccinations. The availability of vaccine is increasing, but are received in random amounts. The funds coming from the newly approved RELIEF package will be approximately 15 million available for county governments over two years; county commissioners are considering the uses of those funds. On a down note, there has been a spike in COVID within the county offices, and the county March 10 it was reported a 6% positivity rate, a week ago it was 1.3%. The cause of the spike is unclear.

Clinton County Commission is considering face-to-face meetings May 1, 2021. Going forward they may maintain a virtual platform. It was noted that there is more public awareness and participation.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, the minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting, minutes of the special meeting held March 4, and the financial reports. Action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$2441.56. Related actions included amending the budget: \$5.00 446-956 Roads, Street and Bridges; and \$305.00 253-702 Treasurer, Salary Wages.



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Home Improvement

Should I DIY? 3 Questions to Determine If it's Best to Renovate on Your Own



A do-it-yourself mentality has taken hold in millions of households across the globe. Popular television channels like HGTV and DIY Network as well as accessible home improvement content on apps like YouTube has inspired many homeowners to tackle renovation projects around their homes. Taking such initiative is admirable, though it also can prove costly if homeowners end up biting off more than they can chew.

Home improvement videos and television shows have a tendency to oversimplify renovation projects, potentially giving homeowners a false sense of confidence in their DIY abilities. A concerted effort on the part of homeowners to determine if it's best to renovate on their own or hire a professional should always be the first step of any renovation project. No two homeowners are the same, but the following three questions can help homeowners determine if DIY is their best option.

1. Can I afford to DIY?

Professional home improvement projects are costly for a variety of reasons. Materials can be costly, but so are the tools and labor necessary to do the job right. Homeowners may not have the tools necessary to complete complicated projects.

Specialty tools can be expensive to purchase or even rent, and the cost of acquiring such tools should be included in any DIY project cost estimates. Labor also factors heavily into professional projects, and for good reason. Talented contractors have unique skills that have been developed and perfected over many years. Those skills can ensure projects are completed quickly and correctly. Labor may seem costly, but such costs may ultimately prove to be a bargain compared to the cost of fixing DIY mistakes. Projects that are minor in scope and don't require the use of potentially costly specialty tools may be better suited for weekend warriors than more complicated renovations.

2. Do I have the time?

Homeowners must determine how much time they have to complete a project before deciding to do it themselves. No one wants to spend months staring at an unfinished renovation project. Homeowners who are already pressed for time may not be able to complete projects in a timely fashion, which can make homes less comfortable and even less safe.

3. Can I pull this off?

DIY projects can instill homeowners with a sense of pride in their homes, but it's imperative that homeowners considering the DIY option conduct an honest assessment of their skills. A lack of renovation experience does not necessarily mean a homeowner cannot successfully complete a DIY project. But in such instances, it may be best to start with small, straightforward projects and then gradually move up to bigger, more complicated projects as skills are fine tuned. And homeowners who have never been at their best with a hammer in hand should not be ashamed to leave the work to the professionals.

Television shows and online tutorials can make renovations appear easier than they actually are. Homeowners considering DIY renovations can ask themselves a handful of questions to determine if they're ready for the challenge of renovating their homes on their own.

Lawn Watering and Fertilizing Techniques

A lush, green lawn is a sight to behold. Many variables are involved in growing and maintaining grass, and water and fertilizer are among the most important components.

Knowing how much water and fertilizer to apply and when to apply it can make a big difference in the appearance and health of a lawn. That's because a well-fed and watered lawn will develop a better root system, which makes the lawn less vulnerable to stressors like drought, mowing, foot traffic, and heat.

Fertilize: There is no magic formula governing when to fertilize a lawn. The type of grass and how well-established a lawn is must be considered. Experts suggest having the soil tested to determine its pH levels and if any nutrients are lacking. A fertilizing schedule can then be developed after testing.

Keep in mind that overfeeding a lawn will not make it grow any better and actually can damage the turf. Several small applications of fertilizer during the lawn's most active growing period may be helpful, advises the home improvement resource Tools Around the House. An annual application (late spring for warm-season grass or fall for cool-season grass) may be all that's needed.

Certain fertilizers need to be applied and watered in. Others may be combined with weed-control products and must be set on top of damp grass. Read packaging to determine the right application.

Water: The right watering schedule and techniques can help a lawn thrive. Scotts® says adjusting for climate and nature can help grass to grow strongly. A lawn that has a grayish cast or appears dull green is telling an owner that it needs water. Another test is to step on the lawn. If footprints disappear quickly, the grass blades have enough moisture to spring back.

Water the lawn in the morning before 10 a.m. when it's cooler and the winds tend to be calm so that the water can soak in. For those who must water at night, do so in early evening so that the water can dry before nightfall and will not contribute to disease.

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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The OE Varsity boys and girls bowling teams continued their winning streak Saturday, March 6 against Montrose.

The girls came out on top 27-3. High scores included Emma Fox 131; Morgan Douglass 173, 146; Gracie Schultz 162, 191; Mikayla Kelley 181, 158; Lizzy Underhill 186, 195.

The boys won 30-0. High scores were Evan Hehrer 141; Clay Wenzlick 160; Tommy Terpening 174, 168; Steve Zedemont 202, 150; Ian Hehrer 162, 166; Corbin Kelley 213, 212.

Next up is Saturday, March 13th at Richfield Lanes at 1:00pm.

Regionals for the boys will be Friday, March 19th at 9:00am. Girls will be Sunday, March 21st at 9:00am. Both at Northern Lanes in Sanford.



Corbin Kelley



Liz Underhill

Corunna Swim Team gets Past Ovid-Elsie, 103-73

CORUNNA — Ovid-Elsie got individual wins from Sam Harden and Gage Kvalevog, but Corunna completed its dual-meet season at 5-2 with a 103-73 victory Tuesday over the visiting Marauders.

Grant Kerry won the 50-yard freestyle (24.18 seconds) and the 100 free (54.12) for Corunna.

Ayden Henry won the 500 free (5 minutes, 57.62 seconds) and 200 free (2:07.72) for the Cavaliers.

Other solo winners for Corunna were Jackson Reid (100 backstroke, 1:15.77), Kai Heck (diving, 171.75 points) and Caden Earl (100 butterfly, 1:12.78).

Corunna also won the 200 free relay with Kerry, Heck, Calvin Cody and Xavier Staubs (1:48.48) and the 400 free relay with Henry, Cody, Stabus and Kerry (3:56.74).

Harden in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.49) and Kvalevog in the 200 individual medley (2:35.26) placed first for O-E.

Coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders also won the 200 medley relay with Gavyn Leavitt, Ryan Gavenda, Harden and Kvalevog (2:07.43).

Marauders Win Battle of MMAC Unbeatens; Down New Lothrop, 46-30

NEW LOTHROP — Dylan Carman drained back-to-back 3-pointers to start the second quarter to stake the visiting Marauders to a 16-2 lead, and Ovid-Elsie stayed perfect in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) with a 46-30 road win here March 5.

Carman, a 6-foot-2 junior, finished with a team-high 13 points, with nine coming in the second quarter. He shot 4-for-8 from the field. Carman said some kick-backs were open and the Marauders were able to take advantage with six 3-pointers — three in each half.

Ovid-Elsie (7-1, 4-0 MMAC) took a 19-8 lead into the halftime locker room and kept New Lothrop at bay in the second half. The Marauders extended the lead to 34-16 after three quarters.

Ovid-Elsie limited itself to just seven turnovers while forcing New Lothrop into 15.

Adam Barton finished with eight points for the Marauders, with Jackson Thornton adding seven points and nine rebounds.

Other scoring for the Marauders: Cal Byrnes 0 2-2 2 points, Colin Fluharty 2 0-0 2, Clay Wittenberg 2 0-1 4, Logan Thompson 1 3-5 6, Jacob Schaub 0 1-2 1 and Jacob Tomasek 1 0-0 3.

Drew Kohlmann led the Hornets with 8 points, and Matt Kieffer added 7.

Bath Bee boys shock Ovid-Elsie cagers, 38-34

OVID-ELSIE — The Bath Bees shocked Ovid-Elsie, 38-34, in nonconference play here March 8.

Dylan Carman scored 10 points with five rebounds and four assists for the Marauders, who fell to 7-2 overall. Clay Wittenberg scored seven points for O-E while Jackson Thornton scored five points with six rebounds.

Bath improved to 7-3.

Scoring for Ovid-Elsie: Cal Byrnes 1 0-2 3 points, Jackson Thornton 2 1-3 5, Clay Wittenberg 3 0-0 7, Alex Eichenberg 2 0-0 4, Dylan Carman 2 5-6 10, Logan Thompson 2 0-0 4, and Jacob Schaub 0 1-2 1.



Cal Byrnes going for a lay up March 5th against a tough defense of New Lothrop.

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Dylan Carman scored 10 points during the March 8th game against Bath.
Photos by Jody Thornton

Sports

Laingsburg Rallies to Down Dansville, 57-50, in CMAC Boys Cage Showdown

LAINGSBURG -- Zach Hawes led the host Wolfpack with 16 points " ... and then there was a ton of balance," said coach Dan Morrill, in Laingsburg's come-from-behind 57-50 victory over Dansville on March 5.

"It was a huge win for us," said coach Morrill. "I felt really good going into halftime. Zach Hawes is our most athletic and our best player. He had to miss some time at the beginning of the game, so I felt good with the fact that we played them even and then we had him coming in in the second half.

"That made a big difference, he makes a big difference for us," Morrill continued. "He's the most wonderful kid and I was really happy that he was able to finish the game the way that he did."

Josh Baker added 8 points, Addison Goff 7, Lucas Woodruff 6 and Noah Hagerty 6 as the Wolfpack moved to 4-2 on the season. Dansville, led by Carson Voss with 28 points, dropped to 8-2, 4-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

Baker's 3-pointer at the third quarter buzzer proved to be the turning point in the contest, propelling the Wolfpack to a 34-27 lead. The Aggies would come no closer in the contest.

Laingsburg (4-2 in the CMAC) struggled to find rhythm in the opening minutes, but strong 3-point shooting from Noah Hagerty and Jack Byrnes late in the frame allowed the Wolfpack to escape with a 12-11 lead after one.

Dansville kept the defensive pressure throughout the second quarter, limiting Laingsburg to just six points to take a 19-17 halftime lead. The Wolfpack, bolstered by Hawes, took control in the second half, stretching the lead to as many as 14 in the fourth quarter.

Sam Hodgson had 11 points and Jalen Nelson had six for the Aggies.

Potterville boys rally, stun Laingsburg, 74-72

LAINGSBURG — Cole Krause sank two free throws with two seconds left to give Potterville the two-point victory at Laingsburg on March 8.

"Potterville forged a big 4th quarter comeback," said Wolfpack coach Daniel Morrill. Down 59 to 45 entering the 4th quarter, the Vikings utilized some strong post play and good shooting at the free throw line to close the gap and eventually win the game at the line.

"We had the ball with 30 seconds left and it was a tie game. Zach Hawes missed a 3 with a few seconds left and Potterville secured the rebound. A foul was called on the rebound and with 2 seconds left Potterville was sent to the line. Krause made both free throws and sealed the game," said coach Morrill.

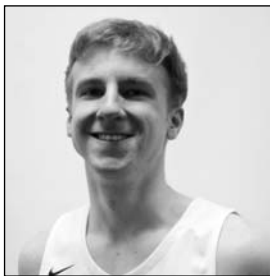
Hawes led all scorers with 24 points for the Wolfpack (4-3, 4-3 CMAC) while Eli Woodruff scored 20 points.

Krause and Nathan Ackley each scored 21 points for Potterville (5-2, 4-1 CMAC).

O-E Swim Team Raffle

The Ovid-Elsie swim team is selling raffle tickets to benefit their swim program. The tickets are \$10 each and are available from any swim team member, The Meridian Weekly and Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial from Ed Arthur or by calling Jackie Leavitt at 989-277-0052.

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Josh Baker



Zach Hawes

Bulldogs Take it to Lady Bears

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley took on the top team in the conference the Bulldogs of St. Charles and took a hard loss 71-12. Ashleigh Jelinek scored 8 points and had 4 rebounds, Jenna Wirt chipped in 3 points and had 5 rebounds and Lydea Ergon added a point.

"St. Charles is a quality team and very long and athletic. They were able to control the game from the opening moments. We worked hard to try and stay in the game but were not able to make enough shots" expressed Coach Shaw.

Ashley Loses to Breckenridge

The Lady Bears took on the Huskies from Breckenridge and this game ended in a loss for the Bears 63-21. Jenna Wirt scored 14 points and had 7 rebounds, Allyson Emmendorfer scored 3 points, Ashleigh Jelinek scored 2 points and had 4 rebounds and Savannah Beebe scored 2 points and had 3 rebounds.

Ashley Loses Close One

Ashley hosted Montabella in a conference game and the Lady Bears stayed with the Mustangs for most of the game, but came up short losing 56-42. "Tonight was our best effort of the year as we got off to a strong start leading by 5 at halftime. Montabella came out and shot the ball really well in the second half hitting 8 three pointers to come back and build a lead. We hurt ourselves down the stretch missing too many free throws in the fourth quarter with a chance to keep the game within reach" exclaimed coach Shaw.

Jenna Wirt lead the team with 25 points 8 rebounds and 3 steals. Ashleigh Jelinek scored 10 points had 8 rebounds and 2 steals. Alexyss McAllister chipped in 3 points, Savannah Beebe added a bucket and both Allyson Emmendorfer and Sophia Wirt had a point a piece.

Merrill Beats Ashley

The Bears played a pretty even first quarter but struggled to score in the second and third quarters making the game run away from them a bit, taking the loss to the Vandals 48-26. "We struggled to score in the second and third quarters even though we had some good looks at the basket. We bounced back and played a nice fourth quarter to hopefully build some momentum for next week" said Coach Shaw.

Jenna Wirt once again led the Bears with a double double scoring 14 points and grabbing 11 rebounds and also dishing out 2 assists. Ashleigh Jelinek scored 10 points, had 6 rebounds and 3 blocks.

Good Defensive Game for Lady Bears

The Lady Bears of Ashley traveled to take on the Eagles of Carson City. Ashley played a very good defensive game holding the Eagles to 29 points, but were unable to score to keep the game close.

Jenna Wirt scored 8 points had 3 rebounds and 2 assists and Saige Slowinski scored 4 points and had 3 rebounds.

"Defensively we were able to slow the game down and force them to take jump shots and did a nice job of holding Carson to only 29 points. We struggled with scoring against their zone defense" commented Coach Shaw.

Ashley Boys Struggle Against MPSH

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley Boys Struggle Against MPSH

The Bears of Ashley took on the Irish from Sacred Heart in a conference game. The Bears were down 11-5 after the first quarter but gave up 21 points in the second quarter and struggled to score the rest of the game and ended up losing the game 60-21. Evan Litwiller scored 5 points and had 3 rebounds, Aaron Drummond scored 6 points and had 6 rebounds, while Logan Hardman added 5 points and had 2 rebounds.

Bear Suffer Loss to Huskies

Breckenridge took it to Ashley in a conference match up scoring 77 points to finish the game to Ashley's 28. Ashley started the game struggling to score, only scoring 7 points in the first half, but was able to add to the score board in the second half.

Logan Drummond scored 13 points and had 7 rebounds, Logan Hardman had 6 points and Aaron Drummond scored a bucket but grabbed 7 rebounds.

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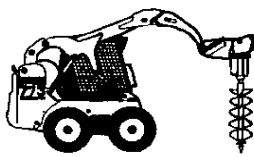


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Sports

O-E Girls Down New Lothrop in MMAC Girls Showdown

NEW LOTHROP — She's only a freshman, but Ava Bates came up big for Ovid-Elsie.

Bates, a 5-foot-11 forward, scored 15 points, including four 3-pointers and the Marauders handed New Lothrop its first loss in four Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) starts Friday, 42-39.

New Lothrop (5-2, 3-1 MMAC) senior guard Brooke Wenzlick scored 19 points, including 13 in the second half. Wenzlick added five assists and four steals.

The Marauders led 39-36 with 31 seconds left when New Lothrop took possession after a ball bounded out of bounds. New Lothrop, however, was stymied with 20 seconds left as Kiah Longoria intercepted a pass in the lane. Caitlyn Walter then sank two free throws with 18 seconds left to make it 41-36 and Ovid-Elsie hung on down the stretch.

Bates scored 11 of her points in the first half while sinking three of her treys. Ovid-Elsie (7-3, 3-1 MMAC) built a 19-13 lead thanks to a 10-6 second-quarter outburst featuring the freshman's eight points. The ninth-grader shot 4-for-7 from 3-point territory and finished 5-for-9 from the floor.

Walter scored 10 points with five rebounds for Ovid-Elsie. Braeden Tokar, another freshman forward, scored six points before suffering a second-half leg injury which sidelined her for the remainder of the game.

Marissa Rombach and Alexis Miller each scored seven points for the Hornets with Miller pulling down 10 rebounds and three steals. Makayla Lienau had seven rebounds.

Ovid-Elsie scoring went like this: Caitlyn Walter 3 3-6 10 points, Braeden Tokar 3 0-0 6, Evalyn Cole 2 0-0 5, Ava Bates 5 1-2 15, Hailee Campbell 2 0-0 4, and Madison Cunningham 1 0-0 2.

Ovid-Elsie girls chug past Railroaders, 67-34

OVID-ELSIE — Four Ovid-Elsie players scored in double figures to lead the Marauders past the Durand Railroaders, 67-34, on March 9.

Caitlyn Walter scored 17 points, Ava Bates had 12, Tristin Ziola 11 and Evalyn Cole 10 points for Ovid-Elsie, which shot 8-for-20 from 3-point range. Walter and Bates each hit three 3-pointers.

The Marauders (8-3, 3-1 MMAC) trailed 9-6 after the first quarter, but bounced back with a 21-7 second-quarter run. Madison Cunningham cleared nine rebounds with Ziola adding seven. Cole had three assists and three steals.

"We got off to a really slow start tonight but then we settled in defensively," Ovid-Elsie coach Ryan Cunningham said. "Evalyn Cole did an amazing job at point tonight. She is becoming a real leader for us at the point guard position."

The Lady Railroaders fell to 4-6 and 1-3 in the MMAC.

Scoring for Ovid-Elsie looked like this: Kiah Longoria 3 0-0 6 points, Tristin Ziola 5 1-1 11, Caitlyn Walter 5 4-4 17, Braylon Byrnes 0 1-2 1, Evalyn Cole 3 3-5 10, Hailee Campbell 1 2-2 4, Madison Cunningham 2 1-2 6, and Ava Bates 4 1-1 12.

Laingsburg Grapplers Win 2-of-3 at Oiler Invitational

MOUNT PLEASANT — Laingsburg posted a 2-1 record at the annual Mount Pleasant Oiler Wrestling Invitational on March 8.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack defeated Mount Pleasant, 44-36, and Montabella, 51-30, but lost to Coopersville, 73-5.

Aden Baynes finished 3-0 for Laingsburg at 135 pounds, including the Wolves' lone win vs. Coopersville, a 5:00 technical fall (18-1) over Trevor VanOffelen.

In the tight win over Mt. Pleasant, the red-and-white bounced back from early 6-0 and 24-6 deficits with key wins by Gabby Motz at 112 lbs., Baynes at 135, Dakota Dysinger at 140, Kyle Boetcher at 152, Seth Sivak at 160, Caleb Boetcher at 171, Brice Smith at 189, and Sean Divine at 215 with a 0:00 fall over the Oilers' Blaine Brown. Alex Forcier, Jack Borgman and Wyatt Stanfield all turned in victories for LHS in the extra matchups.

Laingsburg won for the 5th time in its last six team duals with a convincing 51-30 triumph over Edmore-Montabella. This time out, the Pack got out to a quick start with wins at 103 by Blake Goetschy and at 112 by Motz. Desire Knoblauch at 125, Garrett Matthews at 130, Baynes at 135, Noah Gentry at 145, Borgman at 160, Caleb Boetcher at 171 and Divine at 215 all helped stake LHS to its winning advantage.

Wolfpack wrestlers improve to 10-5; down Sexton and Perry in double-dual

PERRY -- The Laingsburg varsity wrestling team strung together critical wins in three-straight weight classes at 152, 160 and 171 lbs. here March 10 to move past the host Ramblers, and improve to 10-5 on the season.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves swept the non-league double-dual competition, 42-28 over Perry and 66-16 over the Sexton Big Reds.

The Wolves' blowout win over Sexton was highlighted by wins at 103 lbs. by Blake Goetschy, 119 by Martin Meyers, 125 Desire Knoblauch, 135 Aiden Baynes, 140 Dakota Dysinger, 145 Noah Gentry, 152 Kyle Boetcher, 160 Seth Sivak, 171 Caleb Boetcher, 189 Brice Smith and 215 Sean Divine as LHS rolled to a 66-8 lead and never looked back.

Kyle and Caleb Boetcher, along with Sivak in the middle weight classes strung together wins that staved off Perry in a tight win over the Ramblers. After wins by Goetschy at 103, Gabby Motz at 112 and Meyers at 119, Perry hung tough, trailing 21-9. Garrett Matthews scored a :45 fall over Kallei Brown of Perry, and the Wolves were off and running. Dysinger at 140, and the wins at 152-160-171 gave LHS the points it needed, though the Ramblers closed out the match with straight victories at 189-215-285.

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Fowler Hits From Long Range to Pin 52-26 Loss on Laingsburg Girls

LAINGSBURG — Fowler got wide-open looks from long range and hit them, jumping out to an early lead over Laingsburg and never looked back, winning 52-26 to take possession of first place in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference.

Laingsburg coach Doug Hurst said his girls came out sluggish, and defensive mistakes allowed the Eagles to get wide-open looks from long range. They took full advantage, making nine three pointers, and beating the Wolves for the second time in two meetings in 2021.

“The scoreboard says it all,” Hurst said. “We came out flat and we weren’t ready to play. They were. They took it to us. I got a little impatient with the starters so I sat them. When you’re wide open, you have that chance (to make threes). That was our halftime speech. They hit seven threes (in the first

half). Credit to them for hitting them. Not credit to us for letting them have them.”

Fowler (5-1, 4-0 CMAC) went on a 20-0 run to open the scoring. Laingsburg didn’t score until there was just over one minute left in the first quarter. At the end of the first, Fowler led 22-4.

Laingsburg (2-1, 2-1 CMAC) trailed 30-13 at halftime, and 39-22 at the end of the third quarter.

Mia Riley led Fowler with 17 points, followed by Emma Riley with 12 and Emma Halfman with 10.

Scoring for the Lady Wolfpack: Lorna Strieff 5 0-0 10 points, Hayleigh Mertens 1 1-3 3, Grace Graham 1 0-0 2, Ellie Baynes 1 0-0 2, Erica Wade 1 0-0 2, Dakota Ballard 1 0-0 2, and Gabby Paquet 1 0-0 2.

Laingsburg girls come out big on Senior Night vs. Vikings, 46-28

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg captured a 46-28 Senior Night victory on March 8 over Pottersville, starting an all-senior lineup of Grace Graham, Hayleigh Mertens, Shaily Baynes, Gabby Paquet and Saige Wurm.

Graham finished with 15 points, nine rebounds, six assists and six steals for the Wolfpack (6-2, 5-1 Central Michigan Athletic Conference). Lorna Strieff added 12 points and eight rebounds while Erica Wade and Wurm each scored seven points.

Laingsburg led 17-6 after one quarter and 23-9 by halftime. “It was our Senior Night and I have 5 seniors and they all had the opportunity to start, and all 5 got lots of time throughout the game,” said veteran LHS coach Doug Hurst. “The seniors all did a great job tonight, and all scored as well. It was a solid game by everyone on the team, a great way to play our Senior Night.” Ellie Baynes was sick and couldn’t play.

Laingsburg’s next test came on March 10, in a key CMAC matchup opposite Dansville (6-3, 3-2 CMAC). “They are legit,” coach Hurst said.

Laingsburg scoring vs Pottersville looked like this: Grace Graham 7 0-0 15 points, Hayleigh Mertens 1 0-0 2, Shaily Baynes 1 0-0 2, Erica Wade 3 1-2 7, Gabby Paquet 0 1-2 1, Lorna Strieff 6 0-0 12 and Saige Wurm 3 1-2 7.

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