



Pictured (l-r): Dr. Julie Creighton Sovis, Dr. Michael Kramer, Bethany Pavon, CFNP and (not pictured: Crystal Osmer, LMSW, CAADC)

## Memorial Healthcare Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine Receives Certification

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso, MI - Congratulations are extended to Memorial Healthcare Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, the offices of Dr. Michael Kramer, Dr. Julie Creighton Sovis, Bethany Pavon, CFNP, and Crystal Osmer, LMSW, CAADC on recently receiving Adolescent Champion Gold-Level certification as an adolescent-centered medical facility through the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM).

As health centers across the country often struggle with missed opportunities to provide adolescents the best care, Memorial Healthcare Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine demonstrated Adolescent Champion Gold-Level status in the following areas:

- Adolescent patient satisfaction
- Staff perception of adolescent-centered care within their clinic
- Provider comfort and confidence in caring for adolescents
- Provider and staff knowledge of and attitudes toward confidentiality and minor consent laws

Adolescents experience unique health care needs that often go unmet. Health care centers play a key role in meeting the needs of adolescent patients and empowering them to establish lifelong healthy behaviors.

The Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) is a multidisciplinary organization committed to improving the physical and psychosocial health and well-being of all adolescents through advocacy, clinical care, health promotion, health service delivery, professional development and research.

This organization began with a multidisciplinary group of health care professionals who shared a vision for improving the quality of care provided to adolescents not only within Michigan Medicine, but across the country. With support from Michigan Medicine and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, which transitioned from an inspired idea to a nationally recognized organization and are currently work with primary care, school-based health, and youth-serving organizations across 40 states.

For more information, please contact Memorial Healthcare Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine at (989) 729-4100.

## Village of Elsie Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Village of Elsie was held Tuesday, April 113, 2021 at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie. Officials opted to use the hybrid format with village officials present and visitors and vendors utilizing ZOOM. The evening was highlighted by the resignations of the village clerk and treasurer.

Tom Frink, Village President, presented officials with the resignations of Village Clerk Ann Trierweiler and Molly Frink, Village Treasurer. Officials took action to accept the resignations with regrets.

In related actions officials approved the appointments of Cindy Brzak as Village Treasurer and Susan Lightner as Village Clerk. Both will assume duties immediately.

Shane Grinnell, Village Manager, presented a proposal for the purchase of a sewer camera system. The cost of the system is \$10,103.74 and is available through Bell Equipment. Grinnell approached both the Village of Maple Rapids and Ovid-Elsie Area Schools regarding sharing the cost of the system, noting that both were in agreement to collaborative purchase. The cost for each partner is \$3,367.92. Officials approved the proposal. The sewer will be housed with the Village of Elsie.

Next, Grinnell reported that the Ovid-Elsie Youth League have slated a softball and baseball season this year and they are requesting Village support in preparing the fields at the Village Park for the season. All fields need an application of moon dust, volunteers will prep the fields. The cost for moon dust would be approximately \$900 and DuPlain Township will be asked to share the cost. Officials approved the request, not to exceed \$1,000.

Grinnell, commented that it has been awhile since there have been additions or improvements to the village park. The village has maintained a well utilized green space that the community enjoys. He proposed that officials consider installing a community fire pit at the park. Officials were very open to the idea and directed him to research the cost and funding sources for the next regular meeting.

Monthly action was taken to approve the agenda with the addition of a camera system and moon dust for the ball field, approval of the March 9 public hearings for Ordinance #174, 2021-2022 General and Special Budgets and the regular meeting; financial reports and monthly police report. Officials approved expenditures totaling \$40,407.09.



## Ovid Township Hall Supervisor Hours

Ovid Township Supervisor Deb Shaughnessy will hold office hours at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court every second Thursday of the month from 9-11 a.m. in the supervisor's office.

No appointment is necessary and if you can't attend during this time, other appointments can be arranged by calling Supervisor Shaughnessy at 989-834-4832 or by emailing her at [ovidtownshipsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:ovidtownshipsupervisor@gmail.com).

Supervisor Shaughnessy's first office hours will be held Thursday, May 13th.



Spring Sports is in full swing for area schools! See pages 9-10-12 for sports results.

Photos from Burg Sports and more

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# Social

## His Cup Runneth Over

*submitted by Jenny Fleischer*

His Cup Runneth Over, a free meal ministry, will be doing FREE meals every Tuesday starting Tuesday, April 20th. Free meals will be given out from 11 am to 1 pm at First Congregational Church, 100 Maple Ave., St. Johns. We will be located in the back southwest corner of the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to come and it is free for all who come. For those unable to pick up lunch, please call to arrange for delivery by Monday, April 19th.

If you would like to get involved in volunteering or need a delivery call or text 517-388-2005 or 989-544-5764

## Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary Cinco De Mayo Dinner

*submitted by Cindy Suggate*

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 248 in Laingsburg will be having a Cinco De Mayo dinner, May 5th from 5:00-7:30. The dinner will consist of 2 tacos, rice and beans or nachos and dessert for \$8.00. The dinner will be at the American Legion in Laingsburg, 1240 E Grand River Rd. It will be a dine in or carry out dinner. We hope to see you there.

## Laingsburg Board of Education Meeting

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 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 Budget Update, District Staffing Update, Legislative Update, Bond Construction Update, Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, 2021 Refunding Bonds Update, Personnel, and any other business that may properly come before the board.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

## Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Volunteer Day Camp Sunny Woods

*submitted by Betty Melrose*

Discover how Girl Scout uniforms, handbooks, and achievements have changed over the years. Meet and learn from seasoned adult Girl Scouts. You'll also meet with girls and adults who have earned special Girl Scout honors. Travel is a big part of being a Girl Scout. We'll learn about Girl Scout World Centers and scouting around the world. Meet girls who have traveled and learn about the Destinations Travel Program.

Let your imagination run wild with craft and tie dying Volunteer Information projects. Learn how to build a campfire, cook outdoors, Adult volunteers are always welcome! Parent volunteers sing crazy camp songs, and make new friends! receive a discount for their campers. Adult staff training.

Accepting registrations now until June 1, 2021.

Location: Director Bethel Christian Camp Betty Melrose, 989-725-6789, [bbmelrose@frontier.com](mailto:bbmelrose@frontier.com), 2351 W Brewer Road, Owosso, MI 48867

Please contact for pricing.

Archery is available for older girls. is June 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Everyone must wear a mask at all times at camp to 3:00 p.m. (please bring your own lunch).

Fee includes tee shirt and patch Please RSVP to Betty. Entering grades 1-12 Melrose by June 13.

Dates and Times: June 21-24, 2021

June 21, 22 and 24: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 23: 1-8 p.m. Parent Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Late Registration fee.

Program Aide core training is June 19, 2021, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (bring sack lunch, water, and mosquito repellent). Everyone must wear a mask.

Tots/Boys: Camp volunteers do not need to find a Debbie Srock, 989-666-8193 babysitter. Volunteers' boys and tots may come to [sunnywoodsdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:sunnywoodsdaycamp@gmail.com) camp and participate in their own units.

\*Fees for Campers. Check us out on Facebook:

Camper with adult volunteer discount "Sunny Woods Girl Scout Day Camp" Junior Leader (JL) in training fee Or our web page at <http://sunnywoodsdaycamp.weebly.com>

Junior Leader (JL) in training with adult vol. discount. Junior Leader (JL) \$40 with adult vol. Discount. Tots/boys of volunteers. Adult volunteer \$0.

## Ovid Boy Scout Troop 585/114 Pasty Sale

Pasties will be available for purchase Beef for \$5, Fruit for \$4, on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday, May 1st from 3pm - 5pm at the Lions Hall in Ovid, MI. Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.

*These pasties are a delicious way to help support Scouting.*

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## Duplain Township Activities

by Dawn D. Levey

DUPLAIN – DuPlain Township held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 7:30 pm, at the DuPlain Township Hall. The township continues to utilize a hybrid meeting platform with officials in person, limited capacity for guests and teleconferencing, 425-436-6361, access code 884665, which will continue until the end of the year.

Bruce Levey, supervisor, presented the monthly correspondence noting that to Department of Agriculture notified officials that Jeff Houska has been approved for swine operation. Notification was also received from Tri-County Electric regarding installation and expansion of high speed internet to Duplain Township residents. The time frame is contingent upon the availability of federal dollars for the project.

Levey also reported that the road contracts for the year have been received, and required signatures will be secured within the next few days.

In addition, spring clean-up at the Duplain Township cemetery is slated for Saturday, April 17, 9am. Levey noted that bottled water will be provided.

Dennis Baese, trustee and representative to EFD, gave an Elsie Area Fire Department update. Currently, everything is running smoothly and there were zero runs in Duplain Township during the month of March noting there were 12 total fire runs most of which were grass fires. Elsie Fire Rescue responded to 17 runs in DuPlain Township with a total of 22 runs.

Baese reported that EAFD as new recruits are attending training they are discovering that the current air packs are outdated and in need of replacement. The air packs owned by the department are 15 years old. New air packs will cost \$10,550 for each, however there are 10 demos that are available for \$75,330. EAFD is looking for solutions for the problem. Discussion followed. DuPlain Township officials voted to purchase the 15 for approximately \$130,000, approval was unanimous. The consensus was that the purchase was necessary for the safety of the volunteers. The balance in the EMS contingency fund is approximately \$40,000. Fairfield and Chapin townships will be asked to assist with the purchase.

Stephanie Levey, representative of Ovid-Elsie Youth League, presented officials with a request for baseball and softball equipment, field maintenance equipment and moon dust for the Ovid-Elsie program. The amount requested was \$1737.92. Discussion followed. The purchase was approved. Noting that the Village of Elsie is also committed to approximately \$500 for moon dust as well.

Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner, presented the monthly commissioners report. The monthly COVID update and EOC response was given. The cases in Clinton County are not good. Since Monday, April 12, there have been 250 new positive cases and three new deaths. A month ago there were no quarantines at the court house now staff is scrambling to cover one another. The age of those affected is much younger. The Clinton County Jail is still not allowing visitors and the inmates are growing accustomed to the policy.

Federal money will be coming to all municipalities the guidelines for use has not been disclosed at the time. Clinton County will be receiving approximately 14.5 million dollars, again waiting for guidelines. There are so many unknowns at this time.

Finally, the Local State of Emergency will continue, as long as the county remains, those abiding by the open meetings act can utilize various platforms for meetings – virtual, telephone conferencing, etc. Will this continue in the future for the public, yet to be debated.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting and the financial reports. In addition, officials approved expenditures totaling \$3,407.42.

## Jinger Spaulding Named Memorial Healthcare April EOM

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Jinger Spaulding, Registered Nurse in the Recovery department, as its April Employee of the Month. Jinger has been employed with Memorial Healthcare since 2017.

According to her winning nomination, “Jinger is an exceptional nurse, critical thinker and a leader in her unit. Jinger received a patient after a robotic laparoscopic procedure and when examining the patient, she noticed a serious symptom.

These excellent clinical observation skills led to the patient receiving timely, lifesaving care. She is a collaborative, kind and true advocate for all of her patients.”

Jinger lives in Owosso with her four children, two cats and one dog. Her hobbies include reading, hiking, and watching any sport events my kids are in. A few interesting facts about Jinger are that she worked at a marina on Lake Michigan and lived on a Native American Reservation in Montana. Her goal is to someday own a hobby farm with goats, horses and a mini donkey. Jinger’s personal outlook is, “In a world where you can be anything—Be Kind!”



Pictured (l-r): Robin Owens, Manager, Same Day Surgery, Endoscopy Care Services and PACU; Jinger; and Tom Kurtz, VP of Information Services & CIO.

## Ovid Scout Troops 585/114 Pasty Sale

submitted by Steve Dennis

The Ovid Scout Troops are making and selling real Michigan pasties again!

Delicious handmade Michigan pasties prepared and baked by the Scouts of Troop 585 and Troop 114. We will have BEEF Pasties for just \$5 each. We will also have APPLE or CHERRY pasties for only \$4 each. Proceeds from the sales will help the Scouts attend summer camp and learn leadership skills.

Pasties will be available for purchase on a first come, first serve basis on Saturday May 1, 2021 from 3pm – 5pm at the Lions Hall in Ovid, MI.

Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.

These pasties are a delicious way to help support Scouting.



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**Where:** 1100 N. Ovid Rd. - Ovid, MI 48866

**Time:** 9:30-10:30 Am - Arrival - Free Refreshments – (Coffee, Juice, Baked Goods)

**Biker Service:** 10:30-11:30 am - (Live Music, Encouraging Words)

**Hog Roast:** 11:30 - 1:00...\$5.00 - All you can eat - (Food, Entertainment)

**Ride In bike show:** Entered & Registered by 12:00 noon

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## Obituaries

### Lillian Marie Straub

Lillian Marie Straub, 86, of Elsie, MI, passed away Monday, April 12, 2021, at Laurels of Fulton, Perrinton, MI.

Lillian was born in Bancroft, MI on June 24, 1934, the daughter of Clare and Bermuda (Tullar) DePue. On August 17, 1962 Lillian married Phillip Elmer Straub in Webberville, MI; he passed away on September 14, 2008.

Lillian was a homemaker who enjoyed going to garage sales, doing puzzles and making jewelry. She was a member of Elsie United Methodist Church.

She is survived by 8 children: Marie and Jim Ade of Elsie, MI; Angela Rose of St. Johns, MI; Phyllis and Mike Hammond of Howell, MI; Lou Ann LaClair of Alma, MI; Bill and Jackie Crossley of Bannister, MI; Ralph and Lois Crossley of Middleton, MI; LJ and Debbie Straub of Owosso, MI; and Danny and Deanna Straub of Wisconsin. She is also survived by 29 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Phillip, and two grandsons: James Ade and Douglas Crossley.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Elsie Food Bank, 225 S. Ovid St. Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



### Duane Ronald Hehrer

Duane Ronald Hehrer Jr., age 61 of Owosso, formerly of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at Hurley Medical Center, Flint, MI.

Ron was born in Owosso, MI on February 2, 1960 the son of Duane Ronald and Mary Ann (Vostranski) Hehrer Sr.

He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1978. On October 16, 1982 he married Sheryl Ann Conklin at the Elsie United Methodist Church. Ron enjoyed spending time with his family; he loved racing, photography and semi-trucks. He was an over the road truck driver of more than 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Sheryl Hehrer of Owosso, MI; 3 sons: Duane and Danielle Hehrer of Ovid, MI; Richard and Gabrielle Hehrer of Ionia, MI; Quinton Hehrer of Ovid, MI; 6 grandchildren: Paisley, Kaydence, Emersynn, Stella, Sawyer, and Owen, 2 brothers: Jim Hehrer of Maple Rapids, MI and John Hehrer of St. Johns, MI. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per Ron's wishes he will be cremated and a family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Smith Family Funeral Homes to help the family cover funeral expenses. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



### Janilea Fugate

Janilea Fugate, age 73, of Gaines, died April 12, 2021. Janilea was born February 8, 1948 in Elsie, MI, the daughter of Imogene (Jones, Hendley) Mack and Evert Hendley.

Jan had worked for the Kmart Corporation managing the Cafeteria on Miller Road in Flint, Riverside Grocery in Durand and as a loving daycare provider to many children over the years. Janilea was preceded in death by her loving husband of 45 years, Archie Fugate, her sister, Bonnie Hagon and her parents.

She was a wonderful mother, nanny, sister and friend. She leaves behind, her children, son, Donald Archie Fugate of Gaines; daughter and family, Debra Jean (Fugate) and husband, David Hackett of Swartz Creek; only grandchild, Maegen Janilea Hackett. Brothers, Bill (Sherry) Hendley of Birch Run, Evert, Jr (Sue) Hendley of St. Johns; brother-in-law, Keith Hagon of Fenton, many nieces and nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the: Hurley Foundation Cancer Navigation Fund PNP in honor of Janilea Fugate, One Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48503.

Private services for the family are planned due to Covid 19. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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# Obituaries

## Carol (Knight) Thornton Borst

Carol (Knight) Thornton Borst, of Ovid, MI; passed away on April 11, 2021 at the age of 76.

Carol was born to William and Bernice (Daley) Knight, on May 26, 1944 in St. John's, MI.

She married Marlynn Thornton in 1962 and raised five children.

She is survived by her sister Lissa Williams and by her children: Carl (Annette) Thornton, Mark (Jennifer Rademacher) Thornton, Lynnsue (Craig) Jolley, Shannon (Steve Chapko) Dennison, Josh (Lexi Wakefield) Thornton and close family friend; Shannon (Price) Thornton.

She is also survived by many grandchildren: Jenna Cerny, Blade Thornton, Canyon Thornton, Onie Rademacher, Chaycen Thornton, Eddie Rademacher, Zachary Jolley, Lucas Jolley, Nathan Dennison, Cody Loomis and Faith Loomis.

And also by many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by Marlynn Thornton, Irwin Borst, her son-in-law, Jim Dennison, and her brother, Ed Knight.

Carol enjoyed quilting, reading, photography, interacting with her family, beloved grandchildren, and friends including her (Ovid) Library friends and also her quilting friends.

Carol was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and friend to many and she will be dearly missed. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



## A BETTER CHOICE FOR EDUCATION:

*Letter to the Editor:*

Nurses didn't quit working and hide. Grocery store workers didn't quit working and hide. Pizza workers didn't quit working and hide.

If one looks at the numbers it says that cases are up. Yet the numbers also show that deaths are down - way, way down.

And the stats have shown all along that anyone under 65, that is not obese or in bad health has a 99.9 % chance of survival.

Further - if you are younger - in most cases - it is merely a flu.

If certain schools are not going to educate children, why continue to go to them? Why continue to support them?

If virtual schooling is going to be proposed, why would you not have your child get the absolute best teacher in the world? Whether they reside in your district or half a world away?

We take our children to extra coaching for sports, push to get them on travel teams, take them to special and better coaches/tutors for all kinds of extra curricular activities: Dance, Piano, Guitar, etc.

Then why not look for better alternatives towards their education?

Often the only way for people or organizations to learn lessons, is through their pocket book.

If masses of Republicans and libertarians took their children out of these schools and instead enrolled them in say, Life Tech Academy, for virtual learning (based in Lansing and Grand Rapids), perhaps the schools would get the message.

Imagine \$8,000 per child, NOT going into districts that refuse to do their jobs.

10 kids gone, and that hurts a bit.

100 kids leaving, and that's real money.

Or homeschool your children. Or spend this summer and get 10-20 kids together and form your own school. The possibilities are endless.

I watch the Amish down by me. They closed their school for 2 weeks early on and then they decided the cure was worse than the problem. They were right.

We've watched several states remain open and suffer no worse than closed states.

We've watched private schools remain open, and yet, many public schools just keep pushing fear as an excuse to not do their jobs.

The choice is in your hands.

Use the power of the money the State allots to these schools for each and every one of your children - in your favor. Get your children into schools that are going to truly educated them.

Carl Thornton

Colon, MI  
Formerly of Elsie

## Laingsburg Lions Chicken Dinner

The Laingsburg Lions Club will hold their chicken dinner that is normally held during the Springtime Festival on Saturday, May 8th. The one day only event will start at 11am and end at 6pm. The DRIVE-THRU only event will take place at the ECEC Building. The menu will consist of 1/2 BBQ Chicken, corn, cole slaw and a roll. The cost is \$10 per dinner. To pre-order dinners, call Ed Arthur at (517)896-5338 or the Lions at (517)525-4598. Call today and place your order and help support the Lions who in turn support the Laingsburg Community.

The Springtime Festival raffle tickets are also now on sale and are available from any Lions member or at Sage Market, Leonard Hardware, Twilliger's, Meridian Weekly in Ovid or Carts-R-Us in Owosso. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. First prize is a Custom Golf Cart, 2nd prize, \$500, 3rd prize, Grill from Leonard Hardware, 4th prize, \$400 meat bundle and 5th prize is a mystery prize. The drawing will be held on Monday, May 31st at 3pm. You need not be present to win. The 2021 Laingsburg Springtime Festival will kick off on Thursday evening, May 27th and run thru Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st.



## A Little Common Sense

*by Crystal Mitchell*

I'm a bit curious, have I mentioned the avid bird watchers who have been populating our back roads? I'm talking about the "short eared owl watchers". Sometimes there are five or six of them parked along a half mile stretch of Taft Road at the same time. Apparently they have some minor misconceptions.....I've stopped to ask them to shut their car doors which are open roadside so that another vehicle can pass without causing damage. Sometimes they park hood to hood and sometimes on opposing sides of the road. Somehow they seem to believe that as long as the watchers are there that the rest of the world who uses the road on a regular basis can ride the ditch banks in an attempt to get past their parked vehicles.

Monday afternoon Karen, Rolayne, and I pulled over between their vehicles to let another local through. One of their white suburban's followed the local for a bit, then stopped to visit with a couple of the other watchers.....after waiting about five minutes we applied the directional so that perhaps he would move. Finally he did move so that we could go on our way.....I had told others about the bird watchers but it was the first time that Karen and Rolayne had been exposed to the owl guard's cavalier treatment. They should be leaving in the next few days when the owls leave for Washington State.....like the owls the watchers will be back this fall.

Wahoo, I'm practically pinching myself...it is only the tenth of April and I have just finished mowing my lawn. I also have last year's growth clipped off from my sedum plants. Correspondingly I have pulled the last of the dried burdock and got it into the burn pile. And then it started to rain...before I could do any of this I had to give my lawnmower a spring cleanup. The dang birds had been sitting on the rafters above the mower all winter long and they had crapped all over the mower. Plenty of 'Awesome' and warm water did the trick....plus it was wonderful seeing the dainty blue snowdrops, daffodils, jonquils and mini daffodils in blossom. It has been idyllic to watch the lilacs and snow ball bushes fill out with their leaves. And yes, I do have my first sunburn of the season. So now it rains...

I don't know about all of you but I'm getting excited again at the prospect of working the Farmer's Market in St Johns. I know that it won't be open until the first weekend in June but I'm still getting antsy about it being started. I've been experimenting with making old fashioned cake donuts. Lots of folks asked for them last year and though I considered making them I was in a bit of a time crunch and didn't think that I could fill the bill. Well, I have been trying my hand at them and they have been turning out well. Unfortunately they go from lips to hips in a hurry so I will be looking for tasters. I also would like to find a good chocolate cake donut recipe.

Oops, it is almost eight and I still have eggs to deliver to the Food Bank. My daughter, Diane and her best friend Dena have been pooling their extras and I have been delivering them. Last week was a baker's dozen egg cartons and this week I believe that I have fourteen and a half dozen eggs. The girls have a variety of chickens so the eggs are from bright white, to shades of brown, with some shades of green from Dena's Americana's. Their size also varies a bit, the white eggs are the largest and the Silky's eggs are smaller but seem to be favored by many because of their flavor. It is amazing to see how many shades of brown are being laid by the Barred Rocks hens and Rhode Island Reds. Between the girl's flocks you definitely get an international flavor.....

Life is good and spring has arrived.....I'm enjoying the flowers and the changes that are happening in my piece of paradise. My garlic bed is flourishing and my new apple trees made it through the winter and the deer..... Plus this year Diane and I are opening our food wagon known as "Our Taste of Michigan".... May God bless you daily.

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## CITY OF OVID HEARING NOTICE

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# Spring Car Care

## Did you Know?

It's easy to underestimate the level of know-how required to be an automotive mechanic, and just how essential the job is. There are an estimated 30,000 parts on the average car, and data from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers indicates around 74,705,000 cars were produced in 2018. Auto mechanics are in high demand. Although many high schools offer adequate training to prepare individuals for a job in automotive mechanics, most mechanics are now expected to have completed an associate degree or certificate program in automotive training to keep up with ever-evolving vehicle technology. Students can enroll in a vocational education program, receive a certificate and then go on to employee training. Upon completion of that training, students can become master mechanics. Training and schooling typically takes two years. Salary.com reports that the average automotive mechanic salary in the United States was \$38,551 as of December 2018.

## Vehicle Maintenance Tasks Drivers Don't Want to Overlook

Savvy drivers recognize that maintenance is essential to keeping their vehicles running strong for years on end. Such maintenance ensures vehicles are safe to take out on the road, and basic upkeep also protects drivers' financial investments in their cars and trucks.

Drivers who are not mechanically inclined tend to put their vehicles in the hands of a trusted mechanic to perform routine maintenance like oil changes. But there's a host of simpler vehicle maintenance tasks that drivers don't want to overlook, some of which can be performed without visiting the auto body shop.

- **Brake inspections:** Brake inspections are best left to the professionals, who can check the thickness of brake pads and look for other indicators of excessive wear. The automotive resource Cars.com recommends having brakes inspected during routine tire rotations, which many automotive professionals suggest should be done every six months.

- **Car wash:** Car washes might not be the first task drivers associate with vehicle maintenance, but they can prevent long-term damage to cars and trucks. Damage from bird droppings and road salt and ice melt products in the winter can damage a vehicle's paint job and its undercarriage. Wash the car on your own at home or visit a professional car wash to perform this simple yet vital maintenance at regular intervals and whenever you notice significant buildup of dirt and grime on the car's exterior.

- **Air filter:** The air filter on a car or truck prevents debris, dirt and other contaminants from getting into the engine. The auto insurance experts at Allstate® advise drivers to inspect their vehicle air filters once a year. Air filters in need of replacement may appear dirty, and reduced fuel economy, unusual engine sounds and reduced horsepower are some other potential indicators that an air filters needs to be replaced.

- **Windshield wipers:** Windshield wiper blades are easily overlooked, but various automotive experts recommend replacing wiper blades every six to 12 months. Old wiper blades won't perform at peak capacity, dramatically reducing visibility during heavy rain and snowstorms. Anyone can replace their own windshield wiper blades in a matter of minutes, and new blades won't break the bank.

Vehicle maintenance is not exclusive to tending to what's under the hood. Keeping a car running smoothly for years involves routine tasks that many drivers can perform without professional assistance.



## DIY Vehicle Maintenance Tasks

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, many people looked for ways to save money. One way to live a frugal life is to take on more projects. In addition to lawn and garden upkeep and minor home improvements, a number of people may be able to tackle some auto repair and maintenance jobs themselves.

Performing routine vehicle maintenance tasks on one's own is an ideal way to reduce automotive expenditures. The following are several vehicle maintenance jobs skilled DIYers may be able to handle on their own.

- **Replace the air filter:** An air filter should be changed annually or more frequently if you reside in a dry, dusty climate. A clogged filter can stress the vehicle's air conditioning system and reduce heat capacity in the winter. Check the location of the air filter in the owner's manual; pay attention to how it is placed before removing. Then replace it with a clean filter that can be purchased for around \$15.

- **Replace the wiper blades:** When wiper blades are worn out, visibility in rainy or snowy weather is reduced. Choose a quality wiper blade, as they usually are made with high-quality rubber, clean better and have more UV protection than manufacturer-provided blades. Follow the installation instructions on the package, and be sure to refer to the particular manufacturer's buying guide to get the right size for your make and model of vehicle.

- **Replace spark plugs:** The money management site Money Crashers says spark plugs need to be replaced after around 30,000 miles or as indicated by your owner's manual. Vehicles will have four, six or eight plugs, depending on how many cylinders the car has. The plugs need to be changed in a certain order, so only remove the first wire and spark plug. Remove and replace plugs one by one with a spark plug socket, wrench or ratchet.

- **Change the oil and oil filter:** Because changing the oil in a vehicle requires jacking up the car or truck and getting a little dirty, some people prefer to leave it to an oil change center. However, at an estimated cost of \$20 versus nearly double or more what you'll spend elsewhere, it can save money to do it yourself. Never change the oil while the engine is hot. And remember to lubricate the rubber gasket on the new oil filter and allocate enough oil to fill the filter with about 2/3 of new oil in addition to what is put in the engine.

- **Replace headlight bulbs:** Replacing headlight bulbs is a fairly easy project and will only take around 10 minutes to do after you purchase the right bulbs for your vehicle. Each vehicle is different, but many bulbs

are housed inside of a bulb holder, which is shaped like a trapezoid with three wires coming out of it, advises U.S. News & World Report. Remove the old bulb and put in the new. Plug the wires back in and test to see if the headlight works.

The above automotive tasks are just some that people can try themselves to save time and money.

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## Spring Car Care Tips



1. Wash your car, especially the undercarriage and wheels, to remove road salt and debris.
2. Vacuum the vehicle's interior and use an enzyme cleaning product to remove melted salt, snow, dirt and grime from interior surfaces.
3. Replace your wiper blades.
4. Check tire pressure and inspect tires for safety.
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# Spring Car Care

## Why is Tire Rotation so Important

Vehicle owners need to keep maintenance on the mind to ensure their cars and trucks are operating at peak capacity. Various components should be checked and serviced at key intervals. Oil changes and fluid top-offs are part of routine maintenance, but it can be easy to forget about other important parts of the vehicle, including tires.

Rotating tires is vital to their upkeep. Bridgestone Tires advises that tire rotation involves routinely repositioning a vehicle's tires in specific patterns from front to back and side to side. According to Big O Tires, the front tires tend to wear on the outside edges because the tire leans over when a driver turns a corner. The rear tires just follow the front ones, so they usually wear more evenly. By leaving tires in place, the outside edges on the front tires will wear down much faster than the rest and those tires will need to be replaced sooner. Rotation may be required by tire warranties. Rotation also keeps the tires working properly.

Experts generally advise tire rotation every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, even if they do not show any signs of wear. It is challenging to determine if weather treads are uneven or how much wear has been sustained just by looking at them. Rotating tires can prolong the life of tires and decrease how frequently they need to be replaced.

Rotating tires keeps the tread depth uniform and helps maintain traction and consistent handling across all four tires. Bridgestone says the tire rotation pattern that is best for a particular vehicle depends on the type of tire being used. Patterns are recommended by the standardizing body of the tire industry, called The Tire and Rim Association, Inc. Individuals can consult with professional mechanics about the proper way to rotate tires. Many tire manufacturers or automotive stores that have sold customers tires also will do tire rotations — some free of charge.

In addition to proper traction, minimizing uneven tire treads causes the vehicle to be more balanced, advises Wrench, a mobile auto repair and maintenance company. This enables the driver to have more control even when roads are slippery. Many auto service centers will then align and balance tires after they have been rotated. At this time the mechanic will likely check brakes as well, since it is easy to see and reach them when the tires are off.

Tire rotation is an important component of vehicle maintenance. Check with a qualified automotive professional to see if it's time to have your vehicle's tires rotated.



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# Editorial



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Cornelian Cherry Tree

If you are fruit tree shopping this spring for something unusual and different the Weekly Sportsman suggests planting a Cornelian Cherry tree. Commonly grown across Europe and into Turkey this tree is actually an ornamental Dogwood Species that produces beautiful springtime acid yellow blossoms and yields small fruit in late August to mid-September. Normally grown as a tree that can reach up to 25 feet tall with a similar spread it can also be pruned and grown as a bush or hedge. It favors well drained soil and full sun and grows well in mid-Michigan urban settings.

The small fruits are usually deep red to purple when ripe and have a unique taste like a cross between Michigan tart cherries and cranberries. To describe the fruit as small is probably an understatement as it's oval shaped size is comparable to a mulberry with a pit the size of a pine nut. Hand harvest is near impossible as the fruit is ripe when it falls to the ground. The most efficient method of harvest is to lay sheets or tarps on the ground and let gravity do the work. The fruit and pit are not easily separable so investing in a fruit juice steamer for your stovetop is a wise investment. The end juice product can be combined with sugar to make jelly and is often used in the preparations of many deserts. Several decades ago The Weekly Sportsman had it served to him for breakfast with very hard rolls on multiple trips to Europe. Occasionally the flavor presents itself in locally made Czech pastries like kolaches. Of course like every other juice found on planet Earth it has been fermented and distilled into alcohol for centuries. While other cultures have used this fruit dried or juiced as a medicinal answer for inflammation and as an antioxidant, current modern scientific research in the United States currently shows promising results for common ailments.

Consider planting a Cornelian Cherry Tree not only for ornamental value but also for its fruit if you are willing to be creative and tired of paying top dollar in the store for Michigan grown valued added cherry products. If you like making unique jellies, deserts, and even alcohol to give as gifts to friends and family it's hard to beat harvesting the fruit from your front yard. Worst case scenario it makes excellent firewood and burns extremely hot for a long time due to its very dense composition but be prepared to use a hydraulic log splitter and let it be seasoned for a year or two.

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## Protect our Environment: Celebrate Earth Day-April 20th

Dear Andy,

Recently I have been traumatized by the "Earth's Pollution" reports on television programs which includes stories of global warming, loss of our rain forest, radon in our basements, too much carbon in the air, contaminated drinking water, our sea life and birds with stomachs filled with plastic debris and trash flowing in the oceans currents. We want to be part of the solution not a part of the problem.

We love nature and hiking, swimming, bike trails and outdoor activities, all year around. What can we do "locally" as a family or individuals to keep our earth healthy and to make a difference? Concerned Family

Dear Concerned Family,

It all starts with family at home. Educating and teaching your children how to conserve resources and treat the earth with respect is a first step. Not running water while brushing your teeth, limit time length of showers, turning off lights when not needed, lower heat and cooling temperatures to conserve energy. One way to save the earth from trash is to never buy water in a plastic bottle or use plastic store bags. According to earth-policy.org, a trillion single-use plastic bags are used each year around the world; that is nearly 2 million each minute. The amount of energy required to make 12 plastic shopping bag could drive a car for 5 miles. Large reusable bags from grocery stores are only \$1 - \$2 each. It is worth it to use your own grocery bags. Low cost lunch containers and reusable glass food storage containers are a smarter decision. Stock up and use them!

My niece was just telling me she only has one box of large resealable bags; and for 2 years is still using the same box. She only uses them when she is sending home food with guests. To wrap her food at home, she has made and reused her own left over covers and sandwich bags. She cuts a 10 x 10 piece of fabric, zig zag to finish the edges, (leave raw edges if you do not sew); grate a layer of bees wax over the fabric; next place a parchment paper over it; use a hot iron until the wax is melted; when it cools, peel off the parchment paper. Vola! Years of baggies and food wrapovers. Wash in warm water after each use. Pinterest.com

Drinking filtered cold water from the refrigerator taste better than most bottled water at the cost of \$1.25 per bottle or more. Instead of throwing out 50 million plastic water bottles in the U.S. every day, use the non-throw-away tumblers. Wow...if you measured a 16 oz bottle, about 8 inches tall, it would results in 6,313 miles of bottles. There are unbelievable statistics of waste from paper towel usage to electronics to drinking straws. Recycling and reusing is a necessary option to be a part of the change. I have been using the same set of plastic dishwasher safe straws for over 4 years. I carry them with me. It feels good not to need a straw when I place a beverage order. I may have saved a sea animal or a rare bird. Cut up your plastic for trash and recycling.

Some families have stopped buying new clothing. They are taking everything to the donation centers. Many families are generating limited amounts of trash by compacting, reusing and refurbishing. Sadly, we are a "throw-away" society. We can change that reputation. I know my family can easily fill a kitchen trash bag daily. Monthly, we are taking boxes to Goodwill or Salvation Army instead of throwing unwanted

items into the trash. You can be a part of the change you want to see. Start at home.

Not everyone can travel to the ocean to clean up. However, all streams and rivers end up in the Great Lakes and eventually the ocean. We are fortunate to live in a Water Wonderland. Michigan borders four of the Great Lakes and there are 62,798 inland lakes. Many groups of volunteers donate tireless hours to keep our Michigan waters clean. Just in our community there are 2 major rivers --the Maple and the Looking Glass Rivers, as well as many watersheds, ditches and small lakes that are protected by associations with stringent bylaws and volunteer organizations to keep our waters clean. Be a Clean-up Volunteer when every you have the opportunity!

As a family you can volunteer to pick up trash in your own neighborhood for a start and make conscious decisions about positive changes in your own home. Locally, you can join organizations that are part of the established efforts to help keep our waters clean. Many area lakes schedule clean up days, during the month of May and over the summer. Find more information for scheduled clean up days and meetings via:

[facebook.com/FriendsoftheMapleRiver](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheMapleRiver) or <http://www.lookingglassriverfriends.org>. Both are local non-profit environmental action groups. Their common goals are to promote positive changes and environmental education within our watershed communities. They provide opportunities for all of us to be a part of making a difference by helping out financially or as a volunteer. Andy @ [ask\\_andy.com](mailto:ask_andy.com)

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"... "and it can change the World" — Mother Teresa.

## Thank You Laingsburg Girl Scout Leaders! April 22, Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day

Letter to the Editor:

This past year has shown us all that life can change quickly, and that we need to adapt. Our small community of Laingsburg has so many people that make a difference every day. But today I would like to highlight a few outstanding people that make the difference in the lives of 100 girls within the Laingsburg Community. Like everyone else our Girl Scout Leaders have been dealing with all the changes that COVID has brought us. As Girl Scout Leaders, our number one goal was to keep our girls safe both physically and mentally.

We are lucky enough to have 25 women that adapted what our normal meetings look like. They held Virtual meetings and sometimes just reached out to the girls to let them know they were there. These leaders knew that continuing the connection for our Girl Scouts was so important during these trying times to bring a bit of normalcy to an abnormal time.

These leaders help our girls to find their place in the world by exploring new things and by building their courage, confidence and character. April 22 is Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day. Take a moment to thank a Girl Scout Leader, past or present for the difference they have made in your life or within your community. Also, remember the volunteers that assist us during our meetings and field trips and the numerous other ways they help.

Please take a moment to thank the following Laingsburg leaders for helping our girls become all that they can be: Adrienne Mertens; Amanda Conklin; Mikaela Steffens; Linda Wright; Jessica Sebenick; Jamie Boyle, Jamie Nixon, Monica Erickson; Nicole Fickes; Mindy Merrill; Nicole Justice, Ashley Foster; Gretchen Highfield; Amanda Aldrich; Leslie Sandin-Brink; Kristyna Baynes; Krista Story, Bekah Allen and Becky Nanasy. We would also like to give a shout out to Cory Highfield for his assistance as our Area Treasurer. We couldn't do it without him.

With your leadership you make our community better by guiding our girls along the path of making a difference in the world.

Thank you all for the great job you do,

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Laingsburg Girl Scout Service Unit 321 Manager  
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# Sports

## Marauder Thinclads Get a Jump on 2021 Season at Pewamo-Westphalia Early Bird

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA — Coach Doug Long's Ovid-Elsie thinclads got a jump on the 2021 track season at the Pewamo-Westphalia's Early Bird Invitational on April 9.

The Marauders went 1-2 in the 400-meter dash with Gavyn Leavitt (55.75 second) and Jacob Schaub (56.84).

Ovid-Elsie's Christian Schmidtfranz placed second in the 200 dash (25.20), trailing only Pewamo-Westphalia's Garrett Schafer (23.78). Schaub placed third (26.12).

Ryan Gavenda placed second in the high jump for the Marauders, clearing a personal-record 5 feet, 6 inches. Eddy Evans placed second in the pole vault (9-6) while Clay Wenzlick took third in the long jump (16-7 1/2).

Ovid-Elsie's Isabella Loynes set a personal record in the 200 dash, placing second in 30.8 seconds. Valentine was close behind in third with a personal best time of 31.27 seconds.

Kaia Spiess cleared a personal best 7 feet to take third place in the pole vault for the Marauders, while Samantha Snider edged out Morrice's Savannah Miles for second in the long jump (12-5 1/4).

## Softball Marauders Sweep Past Johannesburg-Lewiston and Superior Central at O-E Invite

OVID-ELSIE -- The Lady Marauders eeked out a late lead and defeated Johannesburg-Lewiston, 7-5, at the Ovid-Elsie Softball Invitational on April 10.

The game was tied at 4-4 with the Marauders batting in the bottom of the fifth when Ashland Particka singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

The visiting Cardinals got things started in the first inning. Crandell drove in one run with a single.

Olivia Burt earned the victory on the rubber for O-E. The righty went six innings, allowing four runs on four hits, striking out five and walking one. Gracie Schultz threw one inning in relief, and recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

Vermilya took the loss for Johannesburg-Lewiston. The Cardinal righthander surrendered seven runs on seven hits over six innings, striking out five and walking one.

O-E smacked one home run on the day, Burt sending touching all the bases in the fifth inning.

Zoe Baiz led OE Marauders with three hits in four at bats.

Burke went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Johannesburg-Lewiston in hits.

-- OVID-ELSIE 19, SUPERIOR CENTRAL 5: An early lead helped OE Marauders defeat Superior Central 19-5 on Saturday. The Marauders scored on a single by Jolene Nash in the first inning., then piled on 12 runs in the second frame to win going away.

The visiting Cougars made the trek all the way down from Eben Junction (near Munising) in the Upper Peninsula. Superior Central scored four runs in the third inning; the big inning for SC came thanks to singles by Tyner and Johnson and a double by Charlebois.

Olivia Burt, Skylar Bowen, Alexis Butcher-Hart, Zoe Baiz, Ashland Particka, and Gracie Schultz all contributed to O-E's big second inning with RBIs.

Schultz got the win for OE Marauders. She lasted three innings, allowing six hits and five runs while striking out three. Kaitlyn Fry threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen. Fry recorded the last three outs to earn the save for O-E.

Rutter took the loss for Superior Central. The Cougar righty surrendered 17 runs on seven hits over two innings, striking out two.

The Marauders totaled eight hits. Fry and Nash all collected multiple hits, with Fry going 3-for-4 at the dish. O-E was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Particka had the most chances in the field with six.

Lampinen led Superior Central with two hits in two at-bats.

## Laingsburg Boys Win Whitmore Lake Relays, Girls take 3rd Place

*submitted by Clint Hawkes*

On Friday (April 9), Laingsburg's Track team took 23 boys and 9 girls to the Whitmore Lake Relays at Whitmore Lake HS. The boys team won 10 of 15 events enroute to a dominant 52 point margin of victory over Whitmore Lake, Charyl Stockwell Academy, Novi Christian, Melvindale, St Louis, Huron Valley Lutheran and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Wolfpack won the varsity 4x200m, 4x100m, 4x400m, Sprint Medley, shot put, high jump, long jump and pole vault relays along with the frosh 4x100 and 4x400m relays. The girls took wins in the varsity 4x100m and pole vault relays, and four second place finishes.

Shaily Baynes broke her own school record in the girls pole vault by clearing 10'-5". The girls set 9 personal records, the boys set 19 personal records in the event.

The Wolfpack have a home CMAC meet on Wednesday afternoon vs. Bath, Potterville, Dansville and Portland St. Pats.

## Laingsburg Boys Dominate at Whitmore Lake Track Invite

WHITMORE LAKE — Coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack boys track team captured nine of 14 events, setting 19 personal records, en route to a dominant victory in the Whitmore Lake Relays Friday at Whitmore Lake High School.

The Wolves placed first among six teams with 58 points, outscoring Whitmore Lake (48), Charyl Stockwell Academy (27) and Ann Arbor Greenhills (24).

Lucas Woodruff took part in four relay victories, helping the Wolfpack place first in the 4-by-100 relay (47.7 seconds), 4-by-200 relay (1:41.25), 4-by-400 relay (3:42.73) and sprint medley relay (2:51.44).

Alex Brown was first in the pole vault at 12 feet. Caleb Clark (5-10) and Tyler Henne (18-8) won the high jump and long jump, respectively.

Shaily Baynes broke her own school record in the pole vault, clearing 10 feet, 5 inches to claim the event as Laingsburg's girls track team placed third with 34 points, trailing St. Louis (50) and Whitmore Lake (48).

Baynes placed first in the high jump (4-8) and joined Emma Kribs, Kezzie Dietz and Alexa Weathers to secure the 4-by-100 relay (57.53).

The Wolfpack also had second-place finishes in the 4-by-100 relay, 4-by-200 relay and sprint medley relay.



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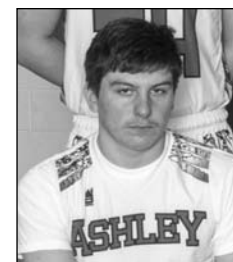
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## Bears Receive League Honors

*by Ashleigh Shaw*

Two brothers were selected this basketball season to receive honors from the Mid State Activities Conference this 2021 season, Aaron Drummond and Logan Drummond.

L. Drummond averaged 8.7 points, 1.3 assists and 3.4 rebounds per game, while A. Drummond averaged 4.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game.

We congratulate these two on their accomplishments this season.



Jenna Wirt



Ashleigh Jelinek

## Lady Bears Receive Conference Honors

*by Ashleigh Shaw*

Two Lady Bears from Ashley were honored with receiving honorable mention for the 2021 season.

Jenna Wirt, who averaged 10.8 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.2 steals a game and Ashleigh Jelinek who averaged 4.4 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.6 steals a game.

Great job ladies accomplishing this during such a unique season.



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## Marauders Sweep Otisville-Lakeville Behind Strong Pitching

OVID-ELSIE — Carson Gregory pitched a complete game and struck out nine in the opener to help Ovid-Elsie to a 11-1, 12-6 sweep Monday against Lakeville.

Gregory surrendered one hit over five innings. Jacob Tomasek went 3-for-3 with 3 RBIs in the contest, while Gregory added two hits of his own, scoring three runs.

Tomasek notched three hits and three RBIs to lead the Marauders to victory in game two.

Dominic Wilkinson picked up the win in the second game for Ovid-Elsie, with Gregory recording the save.

## Wolfpack Boys Finish 4-3 in CMAC; Land Hawes, Baker on All-League Team

LAINGSBURG -- In their second weird, Covid 19-shortened season in a row, the Wolfpack boys basketball managed to carve out a winning record.

Coach Dan Morrill's Wolves just would have liked more games to prove themselves.

LHS was limited to just 7 games in 2021, finishing 4-3 -- with all games played vs. Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) competition. Pewamo-Westphalia won the circuit at 8-0, followed by Pottersville 6-2, Dansville 5-2, Laingsburg 4-3, Bath 4-2, Fulton 3-5, Fowler 2-6, Portland St. Pats 2-6 and Saranac 0-8.

Morrill's cagers never got a shot at a MHSAA District appearance, as the Covid pandemic canceled their post-season chances.

Their season officially ended with the naming of the All-CMAC honor team for 2021.

Senior leader Zach Hawes was the Wolves' top honoree, leading the 1st Team with 18.7 points scoring average, 5.3 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 2.8 steals and 1.7 blocks per contest.

Josh Baker received plaudits on the Honorable Mention squad, with averages of 3.7 points, 4.5 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 2.3 steals per outing.



Zach Hawes  
1st Team



Josh Baker  
Honorable Mention

## Wolfpack's Graham, Baynes, Strieff, Wade Join Honors Contingent on All-CMAC Girls Team

LAINGSBURG -- Fowler navigated through a tough Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) girls basketball race in 2021, finishing 7-0 in the league as circuit champs, and joining Laingsburg with four players on the All-CMAC girls basketball team.

The Eagles faced perhaps their toughest test against coach Doug Hurst's Wolves, pulling out a one-point victory at Fowler. Later, the Lady Eagles ran through the MHSAA post-season field enroute to a Class 'D' state championship.

Final league standings looked like this: Fowler 7-0, Laingsburg 6-2, Portland St. Patrick 6-2, Dansville 5-2, Saranac 3-4, Bath 2-4, Pottersville 2-6, Pewamo-Westphalia 1-5 and Fulton-Middleton 0-7. The disparity in games played will be chalked up to a crazy season dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cat-quick guard Grace Graham led the Wolfpack as a 1st team All Conference selection. Grace averaged 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 5 steals, and 1 block per game as the 2021 LHS senior leader.

Ellie Baynes, just a sophomore, was a 2nd team All-CMAC honoree for the red-and-white. Ellie averaged 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals and 1 block per game as an impressive newcomer to the lineup.

Honorable Mention picks for the 'Pack included Lorna Strieff, a junior forward, averaging 8.4 pts, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals and one block; and junior guard Erica Wade, with an average of 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals per contest.



Grace Graham  
1st Team



Ellie Baynes  
2nd Team



Lorna Strieff  
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