

Chief Goodrich to Retire from City of Ovid

For over forty years, Al Goodrich has been a part of policing in the Ovid and Elsie communities. Wednesday, December 29, 2021 will be Chief Al Goodrich's last day of service to the City of Ovid.

Al graduated from Ovid-Elsie in 1975. He and two other locals, Tom Skinner and Gary Bensinger graduated from the Flint Police Academy on April 30, 1978.

Al was hired as a part-time patrolman in 1980 by both the Village of Elsie and Ovid. In 1982 he became the Chief of Police in Elsie serving that community until 1985. He then worked at the Clinton County jail for the next three years. He rejoined the Village of Ovid police department in 1988 as a patrolman, advancing to sergeant for the next 20 years serving under three Chiefs. He was promoted to Chief in 2012 following the retirement of Phil Cooley.

Goodrich currently serves as Captain of the Clinton County Mounted Division. He also served on the Ovid-Middlebury Fire & Ambulance Departments for over 20 years.

"I have enjoyed working with and for the communities of Ovid and Elsie. Age has taken over and it's time for me to switch gears. Forty three years sure went by fast," explained the Chief. He and his wife Corrie live in rural Ovid in the home he was born in. "I look forward to spending more time with my sons Bryant and Ross and my step-children, Shaun, Theron, Nicholas and Cassandra, and our 7 grand-children," explained Goodrich. Future plans for Al include working part-time for Shiawassee County as a Deputy at the Court House.

An Open House for Chief Goodrich will be held on Wednesday, December 29th from 3pm-6pm at City Hall in Ovid. The public is invited to stop in and wish him well.



Chief Al Goodrich

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Winners

The Ovid VFW Post 8964 presented the winners of their essay contest on Wednesday evening, December 15th at the post home. The Patriot's Pen contest theme was "How Can I Be A Good American". Winners included 8th grade students at Ovid-Elsie Middle School, Haley McClung and Lilian Bates each winning \$75 and a certificate. The Voice of Democracy theme was "America: Where Do We Go From Here." Winners included, Ovid-Elsie High School Students: Kaylee Hall (\$100), Luke Follett (\$75), Christina Rademacher (\$50) and Exchange Student, Gianluca Castorina (\$50).



Post 8964 Commander, Leonard Huyck, Lilian Bates, Haley McClung and Post 8964 member, Aaron McClung pictured here with the Patriot's Pen Essay Winners.



Voice of Democracy Winners (l-r) Gianluca Castorina, Kaylee Hall and Christina Rademacher. Absent from photo was Luke Follett. VFW Post 8964 members, Leonard Huyck and Aaron McClung.

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Village Council held the last meeting of 2021 Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Annual action was taken on a number of items.

Susan Lightner, village clerk, presented officials with the 2022 meeting calendar for approval, regular meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month unless there is a conflict with holidays. Officials approved the calendar as presented.

Next, the 2022 monthly recycling calendar was presented for approval. Officials opted to stay with the fourth weekend of each month which was approved.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, reported that half of the American Rescue Act funds have been received. Noting that the village will receive approximately \$92,000. Grinnell reported that the funds will be deposited in a separate account for easy access and accountability.

The monthly Elsie Police Department was provided to officials. Discussion followed regarding the hiring process and the status of hiring a full-time officer. Also, the future staffing of the department was discussed. Grinnell noted that an ad has been posted for four months with the Village receiving two applicants.

Grinnell updated officials on the progress of a number of projects. First, the relocating of the Dorman Gallery House. Currently the biggest hold-up is Consumers Energy regarding the electrical and the gas. The goal was to move the house in December but it could be January. Next, the lift station on north Ovid Street is almost complete, and the lift station by the dam is in progress. Small pieces of asphalt were discovered that have jammed up the works. After multiple flushing's the pump is now running clear and the backup pump is working while the designated pump is being repaired.

Next, a print out from the Silversmith Asset Management program was made available to officials. The sidewalk risk audit was completed and provided on the printout. It was recommended to prioritize the sidewalks based on risk hazards, beginning with the critical sights. The second page was a snap shot of the data entry to date. The program is being utilized daily and provides a very impressive data file and print out.

Officials reviewed the proposed Department of Public Works building drawing. The next step is to bid it out before a formal decision is made to proceed with construction. It was approved to put the building up for bids.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition American Rescue Act funds bank account, the November 9, 2021 minutes, financial reports, and the monthly police report. Action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$65,852.47.

Santa Arrives in the Village of Elsie

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – Only in the Village of Elsie will you not only celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree but also the lighting of the bovine. Saturday, December 11, Santa arrived escorted by a spectacular light parade.

A big thank-you goes out to the Elsie Area Fire Department, Elsie American Legion Post 501 and the Village of Elsie.



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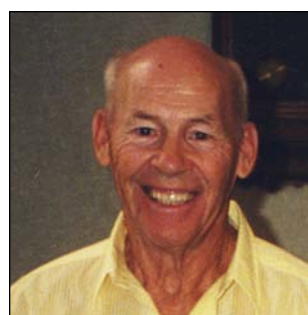
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Stevens Celebrating 95th Birthday

Ron Stevens will celebrate his 95th birthday on December 29th.

Wishes may be sent to Reginald Stevens, 2640 E. French Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879.

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There were lots of smiling faces on Sunday, December 12th, as kids were given a gifts, candy and had the chance to wave & say hello to Santa from a distance during the Christmas "Drive-Thru Event" hosted by the Ovid Carriage Days Committee.



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Christmas Eve Service

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Elsie United Methodist to Hold Christmas Eve Services

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – Elsie United Methodist Church will hold Christmas Eve services Friday, December 24. The schedule of events is 6 pm fellowship gathering in Fellowship Hall, followed by the Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm. In addition, a virtual service will be held at 11:30 pm.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend and to celebrate in fellowship, music and message. Elsie United Methodist Church is located at 160 W. Main, Elsie.

Wall of Fame Nominations

submitted by Krissy Pratt

The Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education is proud to announce two 2021 inductees to the Wall of Fame. Stanley C. Morrill and Robert E Titus Sr., both deceased.

Nominations for the Wall of Fame are reviewed by a community committee. The committee reviews a packet of information that includes letters of recommendation, news articles, awards and other community involvement. Criteria includes, but is not limited to:

Integrity of Purpose, Length of Time, Courage in commitment, Innovation, Unselfishness of time or personal gain, Lasting influence to LCS, its students, and community, Leadership.

The nominations were received, however held for review during 2020 as a community committee could not be convened during COVID. In 2021, the committee was assembled, nominations reviewed, and both were moved forward for board approval.

Both Mr. Morrill and Mr. Titus gave years of service to the district and community. The committee revealed additional information while reviewing and sharing memories of the great dedication from each. A unanimous decision to induct both was sent to the board for final approval in October 2021.

The Board is planning an induction ceremony and open house sometime in the Spring of 2022. A community invitation will be sent to invite all to share in remembering what these two outstanding gentleman brought to the district and community.

Ovid Public Library Holiday Hours

The Ovid Public Library will be closed December 24 through December 26 and will reopen on Monday December 27 at 10:00. We will also be closed December 31 through January 2 and will reopen on Monday January 3 at 10:00. We still have many, many coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks for anyone who needs them. Please stop in and see if there is anything you can use. We are also accepting donations of gently used items.

There will be crocheting/crafting on Tuesday December 21 and December 28 at 1:30. Please come down and join us. There will be someone here to help with anyone who would like to learn to crochet. You are more than welcome to bring any craft you are working on. We love to see what other people are doing.

Have a very happy and safe holiday.



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Obituaries

Dennis Alan Baese

Dennis Alan Baese, age 65, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, Michigan

Dennis was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 28, 1956, the son of Herman Harry Baese and Lyla Jane (Walker) Brush. He graduated from Ovid Elsie with the class of 1974. On January 18, 1975 he married Pamela Jeanne Hufnagel at Duplain Church of Christ.

Dennis enjoyed working on his farm and with the cows. He also enjoyed spending time with young people, his grandchildren were very important to him. He served on many boards, FSA in Clinton County, Elsie Food Bank Board, and was a Duplain Township Board member. His community was important to him also. He was a man of strong faith.

He is survived by his wife Pam Baese; 2 daughters: Christine Baese, and

Elizabeth Baese and Robert Nemeth; his son Will and Renee Baese; 7 grandchildren: Arlexis, Clarissa, Ella, William, Maxwell, Lucas and Kordell; mother Lyla Brush; sister Michele and Bob Powers; brother David Baese. He was predeceased by his father Herman, one brother Glen, and step- father, Rod Brush.

Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

Memorials may be made to Elsie Area Food Bank 225 South Ovid Street Elsie, MI 48831.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



David Charles Moritz

David Charles Moritz, age 70, of Elsie, MI, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

David was born in St. Johns, Michigan on April 5, 1951, the son of Louis T. and Mary Ellen (Damon) Moritz. He graduated from Fowler High School with the class of 1969. Dave married Susan Hess on February 19, 1988 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dave retired from General Motors as a millwright in 2006. Dave and Sue enjoyed successful hunting together on their farm. They enjoyed traveling together to many places including Alaska, Europe and various places in the United States. They loved spending time at their log cabin in Northern Michigan.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fowler. He was also a member of National Society Descendants of American Farmers. Dave and Sue was the first Michigan Ambassador's for the society.

He is survived by his wife Susan Moritz of Elsie, MI; sisters: Kathy and David Mensing of Tucson, AZ; Ann Becker of Potterville, MI; sister-in-law Ann Moritz of Grand Ledge, MI; nephews & niece Randall Moritz of Grand Ledge, MI; Janet Moritz of Grand Ledge, MI; Jacob and Sarah Mensing of Tucson, AZ; and Marc and Jessica Mensing of Tucson, AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Mary Moritz, one brother Clare Moritz, infant sister Nancy Moritz, and brother-in-law Alan Becker.

Funeral Services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fowler, MI, on Monday, December 13, 2021, with Pastor Paul Clark officiating and Randall Moritz assisting. Burial has taken place at Duplain Township Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fowler, MI, 48835. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Dinah Leah Tyler

Dinah Leah (Boose) Tyler, beloved daughter, mom, sister, aunt and friend, of Grand Ledge, passed on Friday, December 10, 2021 at Sparrow Hospital at the age 68.

She was born on September 18, 1953 in Bay City, Michigan. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1971. She retired from General Motors in April of 2016 after 39 1/2 years of service. Dinah was an exceptional cook. She shared her famous monster chocolate chip cookies and stuffed cabbage with family, co-workers, friends and neighbors. She enjoyed trips to various casinos with her sons, sisters and friends. Her smile could light up a room and her laugh was infectious. She will be missed beyond measure.

Those left to cherish her memory include her Mother, Violet Splan, sons, Christopher Tyler of Portland and Tim & Rakael Tyler of Holt, eight sisters and a brother, Teri Rossman of Florida, Ruth & Mike Benovic of Fruitport, Debbie & Art Price of Ovid, Kris Stevens of Florida, Chris & Bob Campbell of Bath, Irene & Dave Wyrick of Byron, Kathy & Brian Bracey of Ovid, Dan & Sandie Spear of Battle Creek and Karen & Dave Rosquin of West Bloomfield. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews who will forever fondly remember their Aunt Dinah for all the loving support shown to them throughout their lives.

She was predeceased by her Dad, Don Boose and Step-Dad, Lyle Splan. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her life will take place at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to Capital Area Humane Society.





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Happy holidays!

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Editorial

Christmas is barely a week away and like many folks I still have much to do... And believe it or not, I am thoroughly enjoying myself. Yes, I have gifts to wrap and a wonderful Charlie Brown tree to decorate and lots of candy making, four kinds of fudge to do, cookies and my Christmas cards and I do have sage or two. Right now I should Village of Ashley Country Chris



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Because I have had the joy of working with some wonderfully giving and caring folks I have come up with a new cookie recipe and that is thanks to Barb my nut lady. I've had requests to make more of the Cinnamon Cashew Cookies and was told to hold onto some for my regulars. I will comply. Barb and Ruth have brought me in bananas so that I can continue making both the Hummingbird Bread and an old favorite Banana Nut Bread. Deb and Amy help me load and unload and like my nut lady cover my table for me when I'm needed elsewhere. Andrew has helped me with peppermint sticks and frothy lemon drops to enhance my Lemon Blueberry Bread. Amy is making me a sign to hang up for my Farmers' Markets and hopefully I will hang it up here at the Oak Street Market next year. We have meshed well and I'm thankful for having the opportunity to meet them. We are becoming friends and that is a wonderful blessing.

Tuesday afternoon Diane and Brent came over to help me cut down my tree which was sit-



***We are lighting a candle in
each of our funeral homes...***

Since Christmas is a time for remembering, we are lighting a candle in our funeral homes for all the families we have served the past year.

As you enjoy this Christmas season, we hope this gesture will serve to remind you of Holidays past and the importance of family.

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ting on Karen's drain field. We visited with Karen and then we went out to cut down my tree. We trimmed branches and set them aside for decorations. I had expected Brent to bring the chain saw, instead he brought a saw that was as good as the one using it. Brent had expected a much smaller tree trunk and so had I. The tree had gone from a single to a double trunk, first we cut the larger trunk with Diane and I pulling on the tree so that the saw would work. Karen came out with an electric saw to help us topple the tree. In the end we moved up the trunk about a foot and cut off one of the thick branches and loaded half the tree.

We got back to my house and unloaded the extra branches and realized that the tree was about two feet taller than would work in my living room. So, we trimmed more of the trunk off, which made the trunk thinner and had to use four shims to keep the tree upright. Then there were two top branches that were bent by the ceiling. I grabbed the loppers and trimmed the two branches, now my interesting tree stands proudly in the front of the south living room window. I have spent a bit of time armed with my squirt gun to keep the kittens off the tree. Tomorrow I hope to get the lights on and some of the decorations. I am very pleased with my tree, I have plenty of space to fill with gifts and am looking forward to admiring it in the evenings.

I did manage to get some of the branches attached to the south side of my deck this afternoon. I still need to dig out ribbons and silk flowers to dress them up a bit. This morning I was at Sparrow in Lansing from 7:40 until 9:40, William had to have his fistula surgery checked. We then went over to Meijer and I spent a bit of time picking up necessary ingredients and doing a bit of Christmas shopping. I was pleased with kind helpfulness that each of the store employees gave me and the gal at the checkout was fab! After three more stops we made it home by 2:30 in the afternoon. I took a nap and then started on some more projects. I also had a chance to touch base with Ryan who has been finishing up her finals this week. I'm know that she will be graduating in June as a Registered nurse and I'm very proud of her.

Isabella wants a unicorn apron for Christmas, I'm not much good at drawing but Amy stepped in and drew me a beautiful unicorn. For some reason my new printer/copier wouldn't copy the unicorn picture for me. Deb offered her assistance and is making both cousin John and I a few copies. His granddaughter is excited by unicorns and so is my Isabella. Hopefully I will be able to make her a new apron with a unicorn on it. I have a lovely pattern to follow.

I truly hope that your lives are filled with much happiness and joy. I'm looking forward to attending church services on Christmas Eve with both of my children, Diane her husband Brent, his mother Janis and my son William. May God bless you all and may the light of the season shine brightly upon you.

God bless. Merry Christmas!!!

Crystal Mitchell©2021

Makin' a Fishin' in the Dark

As mentioned in a previous column, the Weekly Sportsman recently attended a Nitty Gritty Dirt Band concert at the Kalamazoo Theatre and learned



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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about the drink Fishin' in the Dark. Soon the hours of darkness will outnumber daylight hours almost 2:1. To help fight the winter blues, consider hosting a party or gathering of friends during the upcoming cold winter months and serve this cocktail while playing the song. Before you know it everyone will be singing... when spring is almost over and the summer's come and the days gettin' long... when the crickets are singin' and the lightning bugs are floatin' on the breeze...

Ingredients: Malibu Caribbean Rum, Blue Curaco, Pineapple Juice, Sprite, Swedish Fish and Gummy Worms. Directions: In a drink glass pour one shot of MALibu and one shot of Blue Curaco. Add just a splash of pineapple juice and fill the glass with Sprite until 3/4 full . Stir and then add a couple of Swedish Fish and dangle a Gummy Worm on the rim of the glass. -WS

LETTERS FROM THE NORTH POLE

DEAR SANTA, My name is Jaxson H. I have been a little nauty this year. Please bring me a race car.

Dear Jax, Thank you for your letter. Sometimes everyone is a little naughty. You be a good big brother and Santa will bring you lots. Keep trying to be a good boy. Please leave me cookies & milk. Love Santa

[illegible]

Dear cute little girl. You forgot to sign your name, but I remember you do like to make lots of hearts, and you are a good girl. I will be dropping off lots of gifts for you and your family. Reindeer are messy little magical creatures. I told Farmer Ed at Peacock Road Family Farm you might be visiting. He has reindeer you can visit at his farm. They do not fly. Only magical flying reindeer can live at the North Pole, where it is winter all year long.

I love you, too! Santa Clause

DEAR SANTA, I made a list for you: A Quad, Pokémon cards, watch, Ultra one, money, survival kit and Stem RC car. Kade A.

Dear Kade, I received your list. Tell grandma and grandpa and your mom, too. Everyone can have a choice on what to give you. You have been a good boy. Your printing is getting much better! I am proud of you. Love Santa. P.S. I love Chocolate Chip Cookies.

DEAR SANTA, Nice to meet you at breakfast at Tropps. I want a Nintendo switch and a nerf gun. I hope you enjoy the cookies! Love Lucas B. I am 5 years old.

Dear Lucas B. Thank you for the cookies. I lost track but I am 545 years old. I think! Can you leave a couple of carrots for my magical reindeer please? Be a Good boy. Love, Santa

Sports

Railroaders vs. Marauder Girls Basketball Postponed to Jan. 4

OVID-ELSIE — The December 11 scheduled boys and girls varsity basketball doubleheader pitting Durand at Ovid-Elsie has been re-scheduled for Jan. 4 due to COVID safety concerns.

Durand varsity girls basketball coach Dave Inman said the games on Jan. 4 will still be played at Ovid-Elsie High School.

Marauder girls run past Otisville-LakeVille, 61-16

OVID-ELSIE — After a slow start, the Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders picked things up and finished strong, defeating conference foe Otisville-LakeVille 61-16.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Marauders led 8-3 after the first quarter but then cranked things up with quarter runs of 18-4, 16-2 and 19-7.

"We started off a little sluggish tonight," said coach Ryan Cunningham. "We missed some easy baskets and had some early fouls and I think that frustrated our kids."

Caitlyn Walter had a team high 16 points including 3-3 pointers on the night, while Evalyn Cole finished with 10 points, 4 assists and 2 steals. Walter also added 3 assists and 4 steals.

"We mixed up our rotations a bit tonight," noted Cunningham. "We wanted to bother them with our size and length but I think it threw us off a little bit too. Once we got into our normal rotations, we really gelled from there."

Ava Bates (9 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) and Hailee Campbell (8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) each chipped in with 8 points, while Braylon Byrnes added 6 points and 4 steals, Braeden Tokar (7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) and Izzy Loynes each added 4 points, Rylee Lewis 3 points, and Kaylee Hall 2 points.

"We had a lot of kids step up and contribute tonight," said Cunningham. "We are still a bit of a 'work in progress' but I like how we were competing. And, I gotta give a lot of credit to (Kiah) Longoria and Cole who held their best player to one point on the night until the final couple of minutes."

Ovid-Elsie outrebounded LakeVille 38-27 and collected 25 steals while turning the Falcons over 33 times. The Lady Marauders also handed out 23 assists on 26 made baskets while only committing 13 turnovers on the night.

The Marauders improve to 4-0 (1-0 MMAC), while LakeVille falls to 1-2 (0-2 MMAC).

Ovid-Elsie traveled to Mt. Morris on December 17 for another MMAC tilt with the Panthers.



Caitlyn Walter

Marauder Cagers Keep it Rolling 59-49 over Portland

OVID-ELSIE -- Senior Dylan Carman scored 20 points with seven rebounds in Ovid-Elsie's 59-49 nonconference boys basketball win December 13 over Portland.

Freshman 6-foot-4 forward Axel Newell had 13 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and two steals for the Marauders (2-0). Logan Thompson scored nine points and Braxton Stenger added seven and two assists. Adam Barton had 13 rebounds and three steals.

Ovid-Elsie enjoyed a 48-29 rebounding advantage.

Explained coach Josh Latz, "We are really proud with how we played tonight in our home opener and on a Monday. Portland is so well coached, we did a great job with executing our game plan and got some really nice contributions from many guys. Axel Newell played a great all around game and is becoming more and more comfortable in just his 2nd high school game."

"Dylan Carman was very active scoring around the basket for us and made some big plays late. Adam Barton played huge inside snagging 13 rebounds for us, and Braxton Stenger did a tremendous job defending their all-state player. A great all-around team win for us."

Marauder cagers move to 3-0 with 61-25 trashing of Lakeville

OVID-ELSIE — The boys basketball Marauders improved to 3-0 with a 61-25 trashing of Otisville-LakeVille on December 14.

"This was a nice win in that we responded well playing back to back nights," said veteran coach Josh Latz. "Our depth really showed as we were able to get 12 of our 15 guys in the scoring column. We were proud of our unselfishness as we had 15 assists, and excited for everyone's success."

Ovid-Elsie stat leaders were Axel Newell with 10 pts, 7 rebs, 3 stls; Dylan Carman 10 pts, 3 rebs, 2 assts; Alex Eichenberg 7 pts; Clay Wittenberg 6 pts, 3 rebs; Jake Tomasek 6 pts, 2 rebs; Beau Price 5 pts; Adam Barton 3 assts; and Collin Fluharty with two charges taken.

LakeVille fell to 0-1 in their 2021-22 season opener.



Dylan Carman



Axel Newell

Perry Stays Unbeaten, Squeaks Past Laingsburg in Wolfpack Opener

PERRY — Laingsburg visited Perry tonight for their opener of the 2021-22 boys basketball season, and the Ramblers improved to 3-0 by squeaking out a 44-40 non-league victory.

"It was a physical battle," veteran Wolfpack coach Dan Morrill said, as his team fell to 0-1.

Blake Lantis led the way with 16 points, 16 rebounds, two steals and one block. Jack Lamb added 11 points, three assists and two steals. Cody Swain had nine points and six rebounds while Jacob DeJarlais had seven assists.

LHS was led in scoring by Eli Woodruff with 15, followed by brother Zander Woodruff with 8 and Jacob Essenberg with 7.

Wolfpack boys open CMAC slate with big win over Bath

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack hit 14 three-balls on its way to a 62-45 victory over the Bath Bees here December 16.

Coach Dan Morrill's Wolves evened their record at 1-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) opener for both teams.

Eli Woodruff led the Pack in scoring with 13, followed by Brayden Thomas, Jack Byrnes and Ty Randall with 10.

Bath was led by Josh Kares with 16 tallies and Colin Kuhn with 7.

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Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Wrestling

Front row (l-r): Cole Workman, Alexis Hart, Sharla Juhas, Talon Parsons, Manager- Kaia Spiess. 2nd row (l-r): Luke Follett, Sam Grubaugh, Clayton Juhas, Max Spiess, Kaden West. 3rd row (l-r): Josh Everden, Hunter Hufnagel, Dylan Taylor, Trey Milner, Gavin Perry, Richard Rushton, Dylan Coven. 4th row (l-r): Coach Goodrich, Coach Potter, head coach- Kyle Spiess. Missing from photo: Gianluca Castorina.

Marauder Wrestling Team Fills Weight Classes, Vows to be Competitive in 2021-22 Mat Season

OVID-ELSIE -- A lot of smaller-school wrestling programs grapple with the problem of not being able to fill weight classes -- which results in an automatic 6-point forfeit.

Traditionally, that has not been the case at mat-mad Ovid-Elsie. The Marauder program is steeped in tradition.

It won't be a problem this season.

"We will fill most weight classes this year, so we will be very competitive," says head coach and former Marauder standout Kyle Spiess. "Three of the 8 teams in our conference and ranked in the Top Ten in their (MHSAA) division, so we have huge challenge ahead of us."

As they rise to meet that challenge, the Marauders will be led by returning wrestlers Talon Parsons, Cole Workman, Alexis Hunt, Kaia Spiess, Sam Grubaugh, Gavyn Perry, Max Spiess, Josh Everden, Rudy Morales and Luke Follett.

Newcomers include Sharla and Clayton Juhas, Hunter Hufnagel, exchange student Gianluca Castoring, Dylan Coven, Kaden West, Trey Milner and Richard Rushtoh. "Sharla and Clayton are strong competitors from over from the Ashley Schools, that will contribute a lot to the team thanks to our co-op with Ashley," says coach Spiess. "Our newcomers have little experience (so we'll try to get them up to speed quickly)."

Spiess, who will be joined again on the coaching staff by long-time assistant Frank Goodrich and Justin Potter, says the returning group is deep and strong. "Our returners give us a strong group of experience," says the coach. "Talon Parsons was 2nd in the state last year, Cole Workman was a state qualifier, Max Spiess and Gavyn Perry only had five losses combined going into individual districts last season."

Are the Marauders up to the stiff challenge posed before them? Stay tuned.



Lorna Strieff

Lady Wolfpack Scores Big Over Perry 59-29

LAINGSBURG -- Lorna Strieff led the way with 11 points, 14 rebounds and 10 steals, and the Wolfpack girls basketball team more than doubled-up on Perry here December 15, in non-league girls basketball action.

The Wolves' 59-29 victory over the neighboring Ramblers was not all rosy, however, as coach Doug Hurst lost senior guard Erica Wade to a knee injury.

Ellie Baynes led the Pack in scoring with 21 points, followed by Julia Starr with 12, Ella Merrell 6, Grace Borgman 3, Ashley Hawes 3 and Wade 2. Starr drained four three-pointers for the hosts, who evened their record at 2-2 while dropping the Ramblers to 1-4.

"Our girls played a much better game tonight," said coach Hurst. "Everyone contributed both as a team and some top performers like Lorna and Ellie and Julia. That's our goal, every practice and each game to do our best and make progress. Tonight they did exactly that."

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Sports



Ashley Girls Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Sophia Wirt, Makiah Dennis. 2nd row (l-r): Allyson Emmendorfer, Jenna Wirt, Savanna Denman. Back row (l-r): HC Joe Shaw, AC Meggan Andrews, Alexyss McAllister, Ashleigh Jelinek, Savannah Beebe, Manager Gracy McAllister, AC Frank Sourek.

Ashley Girls Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Lady Bears are returning most of their teams from last year with two newcomers. Joe Shaw is also returning as their coach. The team finished last year 0-17 overall last year and 0-16 in the MSAC, but are looking to grab some of those close games they were in last season this year.

Seniors Jenna Wirt and Ashleigh Jelinek lead the team this season with Juniors Allyson Emmendorfer, Alexyss McAllister, Svannah Beebe, returning along with sophomore Sophia Wirt. Also joining the team this year are junior Makiah Dennis and sophomore Savannah Denman.

“We return two seniors who were honorable mention all MSAC last year who we will look to for leadership. Our juniors will need to show improvement from last season as we look to become a competitive basketball team in most of our games this year” expressed Coach Shaw.

Shaw also says that the team could struggle because of the lack of depth as the team only has 8 players and those 8 players are also undersized so rebounding could be a challenge as well.

Lady Bears Take Loss from Mustangs

Ashley hosted fellow MSAC team Montabella in a home match this week. Ashley struggled to score but also got frazzled in the first quarter and gave up too many points to try to stay in the ball game

“Montabella put a lot of pressure on us in the first quarter and we struggled against it quite a bit, getting sped up and allowing 23 points in the first quarter. We need to work on slowing things down and not getting forced into bad shots and turnovers” expressed Coach Shaw.

Ashleigh Jelinek scored 7 points and had 3 rebounds, Alexyss McAllister scored 4 points, and Jenna Wirt had 4 points and 8 rebounds.

Merrill Beats Ashley

The Ashley Girls Basketball team took on the Merrill Vandals in a league match up. Once again they got off to a rough start, turning the ball over too many times in the first half quarter and giving up too many lay ups.

“Tonight, our energy was bad right from the beginning and we never really allowed ourselves to be in the basketball game, making a lot of silly mental mistakes. We had quite a few good looks at the basket but have to focus on knowing where the rim is and finishing our shots strong” said Coach Shaw.

Ashleigh Jelinek had 6 points and 5 steals.



Ashley Boys Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Michael Kiefer, Logan Hardman, Logan Drummond, Jon Snider.

Second row (l-r): Gavin Malek, HC Steve Hardman, Dillan Beebe, Chase Kral. Missing: Carson Litwiller, Evan Litwiller.

Ashley Boys Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

Steve Hardman is returning to coach the Ashley Boys Basketball team for the 2021-22 season. The team finished 0-16 in the league and 1-17 overall last season but are looking for improvement this season. The team has five returners from last year’s team and four newcomers.

Returning for the Bears are seniors Evan Litwiller and Logan Hardman, junior Logan Drummond, sophomore Chase Kral and freshman Carson Litwiller. Newcomers for this season are senior Dillon Beebe and freshman Gavin Malek, Jon Snider and Michel Keifer.

Coach Hardman says that the team’s strengths are speed and that they have a great work ethic but at the same time they are inexperienced and young. He expects to finish in the middle of the league this season.

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

The OE Keglers were back in action on December 11th at Grand Blanc Lanes. Teams would go against New Lothrop.

The girls won 30-0 with high scores for Ashland Particka 142, Morgan Douglass 145, 155, Gracie Schultz 158, 162.

The boys lost 0-30. High games included Hunter Maxa 132, Gunnar Barrett 134, 128, Brandon Grieder 146, Clay Wenzlick 172, 199.

Next up will be Chesaning on December 18th at Galaxy Lanes.

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Obituaries

Barbara Ann Klarich

Barbara Ann Klarich, age 88, of Elsie, MI, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, December 5, 2021 after a short stay at McLaren Flint. Barb was a talented and fun-loving individual who had a good life. Barb never met a stranger and was a friend to everyone.

Barb was born in Flint, Michigan on February 19, 1933, the daughter of Luther N. and Virginia A. (Heideman) Waggoner. While Barb grew up in Flint, Michigan, as a child she spent her summers in Elsie, Michigan working on her grandparent's farm.

During her senior year at Flint Central High School, Barb met the love of her life, Charles F. Klarich (Chuck), when he sat on her lap the first day of class and proclaimed that he was going to marry her one day. They ended up eloping on December 9, 1950.

Barb and Chuck built their first home in the Berry Patch (Flint) where they also met many life-long friends. While raising 3 children, Barb and Chuck started building [by hand] a retirement home on Rush Lake in Atlanta, Michigan. Building the home was a family affair, with the children and family pitching in.

Barb enjoyed living on the lake and spent hours each day fishing on her pontoon boat; a skill she learned from her father. She, in turn, taught her children and grandchildren the sport. The couple lived in Atlanta for many years and Barb met many very nice people whom she added to her list of life-long friends.

Barb longed to be reunited with her brother, Jack Waggoner and her sister-in-law Barb, and her many cousins, great-nieces and nephews in Elsie, Michigan. Barb and Chuck built a home in Elsie and moved there for the remainder of their retirement years. They had a wonderful life in Elsie, enjoying the company of their family and friends, eating breakfast and dinner at Cooters Bar almost every day, and participating in the local events.

Barb had a delightful sense of humor. She often told people from out of town that she spent her day at the Bar, just to watch the look on their face. Barb had essential tremors and used them as a way to make new friends. She would find jokes related to shaking and laughed while she told them to make everyone around her more comfortable with her condition.

Barb was a giver. She won almost daily on scratch off tickets or the lottery. If she won, she bought breakfast for the gang at Cooters. If she thought someone needed the money more than her, she would hand it to them, or stuff it in their purse or coat pocket. If you visited her home and admired something, she would say, "Take it. Take it now so you don't have to wait until I die to enjoy it!" She also enjoyed knitting mittens and would carry several sized pair in her large purse to give them away to people she saw without gloves or mittens, while she wore mismatched colors and sized mittens herself. She got her first computer at age 60 and was quite technically savvy. She would make personalized address labels and print out pictures and surprise friends and family with them.

Barb was in tune with nature. She loved all the animals around her homes and made sure her "little critters" were fed. She spent time waiting for her furry or feathered friends to show up at the feeders so she could capture their image. Barb had the gift of being able to use a divining rod and was successful at helping people, free of charge, find water on their properties before they drilled their wells.

Barb was a rebel. She wore her blue jeans and sweatshirts even to formal events. She spent years riding her motorcycle around what she called "The North Country" with her husband, both parents, brother, and her children riding by her side. She also loved riding her 4-wheeler around their properties and taught her grandchildren to ride.

Barb liked to have fun. Barb and her sister-in-law, Barb Waggoner, loved to frequent the casino, and just like a couple of teenagers, would laugh and giggle the whole way; sometimes even getting pulled over by the police for driving too slow on the back roads late at night. Once when an officer asked if they were drinking, Barb laughed and said, "We're not drunk, we're just old."

Barb was an avid writer. She wrote children's stories that included her 'little critters' and her grand-children, humorous short stories, and newspaper articles. Unbeknownst to many, she spent years performing clerical work on behalf of the Masons and the Township.

Barb loved music. She was a huge fan of Rock and Roll and Elvis Presley. Barb and Chuck loved to dance the jitterbug and Barb could often be seen snapping her fingers and dancing from one end of her home to the other to Elvis music.

Barb is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Gary Sovey, granddaughters: Andrea and Josh Havener, Erica Sovey and Matt Vaughn, daughter-in-law Vickie Klarich, grandchildren Kelly and Carl Sharkey, Luke and Tiffinie Klarich, 5 great-grandchildren Kourtney and C.J. Sharkey, Ella and Josie Klarich, Sullivan Havener, and her beloved brother Jack Waggoner. She is also survived by many wonderful cousins and great nieces and nephews who are from the Elsie area. She was preceded in death by her much-loved husband Charles F. Klarich, sons: Charles L. Klarich and Steven R. Klarich, and sister-in-law Barbara Waggoner.

Per Barb's request, cremation in her blue jeans and sweatshirt has taken place, and in lieu of a service, a private family party will be held in celebration of her life.

Barb requested her family and friends make contributions to their favorite charity, a family or person in need, or to the Elsie Area Food Bank, P.O. Box 311, Elsie, MI 48831.

Barb's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at McLaren Flint for their care and thoughtfulness during her short stay.

The family requests that no flowers be sent in honor of Barb. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes.



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Sports

Marauder Mat Team Runner-Up at Concord Invite

CONCORD — Ovid-Elsie's varsity wrestling team found success at their first invitational of the 2021-22 season at Concord.

Coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders Team finished 2nd out of 12 teams behind champion Union City. "We wrestled really good for the experience level of our team," said coach Spiess. "It takes an entire team to accumulate points so every match counts. Don't give up pins and get the pin when you have a chance was our game plan."

Individual standouts for the Marauders were:

Talan Parsons (So) 1st at 103 lbs. Luke Follett (Jr) 1st at 215 lbs. Cole Workman (So) 2nd at 125 lbs. Max Spiess (Sr) 2nd at 135 lbs. Gavyn Perry (Sr) 2nd at 140 lbs. Gianluca Castorina 4th at 152 lbs. Gianluca is an exchange student and had never wrestled before this year.

Richard Rushton (Sr) at Hwt (3-2), was one match from placing. "This was his first tournament ever and he wrestled like it was his tenth season," said coach Spiess.

Alexis Hart (Sr) got her first win in her first season competing. "This is huge as she rarely gets to wrestle other girls," coach Spiess explained.

Sharla Juhas (Sr) from Ashley, "...wrestled with tenacity and had an awesome takedown and put her opponent on their back to begin her career," coach Spiess said.

Clayton Juhas (So) from Ashley went 1-2, gaining his first varsity win. "Sharla and Clayton take advantage of the co-op O-E / Ashley has in place for them to wrestle at Ovid-Elsie. We are happy to have them and they bring great work ethic and some experience on the mat," coach Spiess explained.

"The amount this team has improved already this year is amazing and I can't wait to watch them keep this trend going. There were lots of positives and a few areas that need work. What a fun day!"

Ovid-Elsie returns home for the MMAC conference quad on Wednesday January 12th at 5:30 p.m. The Marauders then host two events, one on Friday 1/28/22, a girls-only tournament and then on 1/29/22, a boys tournament.

Wolfpack Mat Team Gets off to Solid 2021-22 Start


LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's first week of varsity wrestling competition went well.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack sent 16 JV wrestlers to the Olivet varsity wrestling tournament, and they placed 5th out of 9 teams. Receiving medals from Olivet were:

Dano Winans - 3rd place. Miguel Ramirez - 3rd place. Zach Grandy - 3rd place. Troy Mathews - 2nd place. Alex Forcier - 2nd place. Jack Borgman - 4th place. Carter Schlaak - 1st place


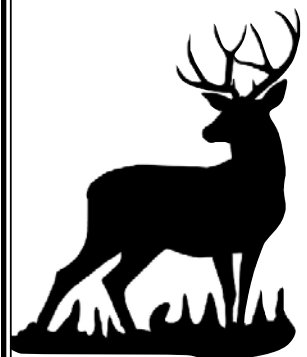
The Wolfpack varsity then competed at Lansing Eastern's Don Johnson Invitational and they placed 3rd out of 17 teams. Receiving medals from Eastern were:

Gabby Motz - 3rd place. She was the only female to place in the tournament. Aden Baynes - 2nd place. Bryce Smith - 3rd place. Noah Gentner - 6th place. Kyle Boettcher - 5th place. Caleb Boettcher - won the consolation bracket. Sean Divine - 5th place. Mikey Brooks - 1st place.



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