



New police Chief (left) Ron Gwizdala and retired Chief Al Goodrich.

Changing of the Guard

by Deb Price

The City of Ovid will say goodbye to their Chief of Police, Al Goodrich, on Wednesday, December 29th from 3pm-6pm at City Hall. He is retiring from policing after over 40 years of service to the Ovid and Elsie communities. Ron Gwizdala was hired on November 30, 2021 to replace Goodrich. The new chief will fill a part-time position for the City of Ovid. His duties will focus on administration, oversight, training and patrol.

Gwizdala was born and raised in Bay City and started his career in policing in Iosco County as a Deputy with the Sheriff's Department. In 2004, he retired as Detective from the City of Saginaw's Police Department. After retirement, he entered the private sector for the next 15 years with Consumers Energy where he managed their Corporate Security Theft & Fraud Division. "Having worked in both the public and private sector has been beneficial. The things I have learned over the years will be helpful as I begin my new journey here in Ovid. I have met some very nice people in the community and I look forward to serving the residents and working with the City Council as their new chief," explained Ron.

Ron is married and has three adult children and five grand-children. In his spare time he enjoys golf and watching his son who is a fast-pitch pitcher with Team USA. The public is invited to stop by City Hall in Ovid on Wednesday, December 29th from 3pm-6pm and wish Al Goodrich farewell and welcome the new Chief, Ron Gwizdala.

Elsie Baby Pantry Receives Gift

submitted by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Baby Pantry received an early Christmas gift from the members of Elsie Masonic Lodge #238. Mrs. Kathleen Washburn and Mrs. Mary Porubsky received a check for \$1,000, the check was presented by Mr. Rodney Ridgeway, Elsie F & M #238.

(l-r): Mary Porubsky, Rodney Ridgeway and Kathleen Washburn.



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education wrapped up 2021 Monday, December 13, 2021. Officials took action to set the reorganizational meeting of the board for January, 24, 2022.

Josh Miller, board president, took the opportunity to recognize the girl's cross country team and the varsity football team. Both teams won all conference the first time in ten years for the football team and first time for girl's cross country. Members of each team were present and were recognized by the board of education.

Brief building reports were given beginning with EE Knight Elementary the annual holiday shop was very successful and amazing. In addition, Miss Gavenda hosted a gingerbread house contest that was very well received and science club has been taking place two days per week, also very successful.

Mr. Powell, OE Middle School principle, spotlighted a number of the school's employees Karle Delo for all her supports, great activities for staff, tech coaching, assisting with individualized instruction. Also, Jillian Buchard and Trina Pontack who created a spectacular winter land created for the staff and students.

Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School staff reported that the program received two grants from the Ovid-Elsie Community Foundation Grant. One grant was for \$400 and will be used to purchase two pottery wheels for the art department and \$1,000 for field trips. In addition, the new trimester is underway and the program has seen an increase in students.

Mr. Cory Gavenda, high school assistant principal, reported that the welding instructor has resigned and will be effective at the end of the semester. The Clinton County RESA and Mid-Michigan Community College are looking for a replacement. Next, the Juniors won the canned food drive; there are holiday festivities going on and the student council and honor society have adopted families for Christmas.

Officials took action to update the District Calendar. Originally Friday the 17th was scheduled for a half day professional development and half day for students. It was determined to reschedule the PD for a full day of PD February 16, 2022 all staff.

Mr. Randy Barton, assistant superintendent, reported on NWA, I an adaptive achievement and growth, testing will wrap up and will give the district an opportunity to evaluate the academic growth in OE students. It will also help access the needs for second semester.

Melissa Jones, school nurse, reported that testing is decreasing and in the future a report will be written for the district. Currently Jones is working on a webpage – the OE Nurses page; and possibly developing a daily screening process.

Under the agenda topic of public comment Mr. Charlie Green presented each member of the board the inspirational novel Grateful. Green gave a brief history of his family's business, Green Meadow Farms and now he is retired. He further commented that, "my garden is small but there is still work to do."

Next, Kelly Nethaway, took the opportunity to thank the board for listening and addressing the recent situations regarding school safety. She still wishes the district would reconsider the time out of school for COVID contact quarantine, which could be up to ten days without testing and masking.

Finally, officials took action to approve an employee contract for Zachary Loynes, high school paraprofessional.

Officials took monthly action to approve the consent agenda with the addition of field trip request to Zender's by the art program that included approval of the agenda, the minutes of the regular board meeting November 15, 2021, payment of expenditures and the monthly financial reports.

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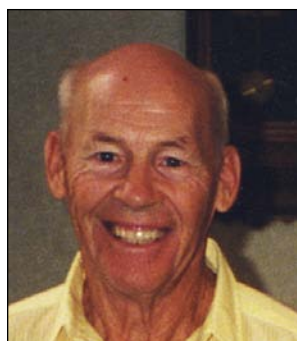
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Bakers Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary

Ross Baker and Rosemary (Foerch) Baker from Grand Ledge, Michigan, will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, with their daughter, Christina Baker. No party is being planned at this time due to COVID. Ross and Rosemary were married December 28, 1971, at the United Church in Ovid, Michigan.



Ovid Public Library

The new year will soon be here and we've got lots of fun things planned for the year ahead. On Monday, January 3 we will be having our Adult Booktasting. This will start at 1:00. This is a fun and informative group where you can share your favorite or current books you are reading and learn what others are reading and enjoying. You just might find your next favorite book!

On Wednesday, January 5 we will be having our Classic Movie. We will be showing 'Christmas in Connecticut' starring Barbara Stanwyck. The movie will begin at 1:00.

Friday January 14 we will be having our Preschool Story/Craft time. This begins at 10:30. There will be stories and a craft to make and take home. We look forward to seeing lots of little ones.

Our hours this week will be: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 10:00-7:00. We will be closed the rest of the week for the New Year Holiday. We will reopen on Monday January 3 at 10:00. Have a safe and happy New Year!

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**Merry
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 & HAPPY NEW YEAR
 2022**

A Thank You to the Ovid Community

We want to thank the Ovid Community for coming together and making Christmas feel more like normal this year. We want to thank everyone who masked up and filled close to 50 family boxes and made available a wonderful display of clothing, toys, and many other items for the families to shop for Christmas. We want to thank the Dick Ehlert and Chuck Spiess family for their special effort. Also Bob Sauer, Ovid Public Library, United Church and the Ovid Lions Club for serving as collection sites so everyone in Ovid could contribute.

Thank you also to the Meridian Weekly for publishing all our informational information. We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Ovid Christmas Program



Obituaries

Charles Arthur Wadell

Charles Arthur Wadell, born February 15, 1940 in St. John's, Michigan went to the Lord Thursday, December 16th, 2021. His pain and suffering from cancer has passed.

Charles graduated Elsie High School in 1957 while only 17 because he completed two grades together at the local one room schoolhouse. He loved to read and to learn. He was a well-educated man without the benefit of a college degree. Charles lived history; born just after the Great depression and into the time of the Nazi occupation. He experienced rationing during WWII. He remembered his mother taking eggs to market to sell, him churning butter, surviving on potatoes, no indoor plumbing, and their big work horses. As technology advanced to the Elsie area, the Wadell family had a neighborhood phone with which they relayed messages to neighbors. Charles lived when neighbors needed help, help would be there right away. He grew up when handshakes were honored and there was no such thing as boredom.

In his free time, Charles was an avid water skier and snow skier. He could ski off a dock and land gliding onto a beach without his hat flying off or trunks getting wet. Charles shot guns and arrows, though not really for hunting. He loved to go to the Grange Music Hall, taking his sister Janice. Although not a dancer, he loved polka and country music. Charles was active in Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs. He developed his carpentry skills by building his gun cabinet and a full-sized boat.

He would later use these skills as a carpenter in the Army and Air Force Reserves where he had to pick locked doors for military leaders. His favorite military assignment was at Selfridge Air Force base. In Georgia, he witnessed the injustice of separate drinking fountains.

On September 15, 1967 Charles married Gail Harte at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, MI. We found out the best conversations with Charles happened in the cab of a tractor. They had to happen there because he worked long hours. He did everything on the farm, milking, treating animals, harvesting crops, planting, cleaning barns, and birthing baby calves that came at any hour and in any weather. Charles was a 50+ year member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. Charles even had a license to use dynamite and operate his HAM radio. He calmly figured out their first computer in the 1980s and the dreaded "A:" prompt. Charles loved his cows, the fields, the woods, his family, Jesus, and life.

Evidence of this was his staunch support of the Right to Life cause and his membership in the Knights of Columbus. He wanted everyone to have the chance God had given them. Charles loved to travel but especially enjoyed the ocean, alligators, and sunshine in Florida. He was a supporter of MSU, but cheered on whatever school his family was a part of. He loved to watch Michelle's basketball and Jeff's football games at St. Johns. Charles loved life. He rarely used the word "I" or spoke about himself. He gave others the credit and went back to work. He is dearly missed.

He is survived by Gail, his devoted wife of 54 years; his children: Douglas (Karie) Wadell, Jeffrey (Amy) Wadell, Michelle (James) Socha, and Melissa (Scott) Smith; his 8 grandchildren: Eric, Abigail, Noah, Kyle, Zachary, Megan, Malachi, and Annabelle; his brother Lyle (Kathy) and sisters; Janice (David) Yallup and Betty (Mervin) Hallead. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law's: Robert and Barb Harte, Bruce and Janice Harte, Barbara Harte, James and Ellen Harte, and Sheri and Stephen Willis, and his 26 nieces and nephews, and numerous great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Mary Wadell, his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Don Clark, and his brother-in-law Harley Aylor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Joseph Church Education Fund, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.

David "Dave" Ellis Watson

David "Dave" Ellis Watson, 64 of Freeland, passed away Sunday, December 19, 2021, at MidMichigan Medical Center surrounded by his family. He was born August 8, 1957, in Ovid, son of the late Robert and Shirley (Sloat) Watson. Dave grew up in Ovid and attended Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Dave was employed as a truck driver for most of his life. He drove for many companies and retired from Dave Hausbeck Trucking, Inc. On September 25, 2004, he married the love of his life, the former Julie Mowery in Ovid.

Dave was a hardworking man who enjoyed spending time with his family, especially on vacation to Tee Lake Resort, camping, boating, and farming with his brother Dean, with whom he shared a special relationship. Dave was also very active in dog rescue.

Dave is survived by his wife, Julie; children, Robert Watson, Jason (Heather) Watson, Kyle (Andrea) Watson and Brian Mills; nine grandchildren; beloved brother, Dean (Kay) Watson; sister, Barb (Victor) Higgins; his BFF, David Spyker, and many, nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law; Cheryl and William Hartman

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Cancer Society. Online condolences to the family may be expressed through wswfh.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Homes, Midland.



Rose A. Chapko

Rose A. Chapko, 88, of Elsie, MI, passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, at MyMichigan Medical Center, Alma, Michigan.

Rose was born in Shepherd, Michigan on January 26, 1933, the daughter of August and Josephine (Dobroski) Michalovic. She married Anthony John "Tony" Chapko on November 6, 1954 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Shepherd, Michigan. They were blessed with 59 years of marriage; prior to his passing on October 11, 2014.

Rose was a very devoted, loving mother and grandmother. Anyone that knew her knew her family and faith meant everything to her. She was a beautiful soul inside and out. She was always so caring, compassionate and was truly unique and one of a kind. She never wanted anything for herself but wanted and gave the world to everyone around her. Cooking was her passion and she showed her love through her cooking. She was always ready to cook for you even if she wasn't expecting you "just in case someone would stop by". When she asked who her favorite child was, she always said, "You all are my favorite." She was a beautiful gift from God and we were very blessed. To us, everyday was Mothers Day, she will be truly missed. Rose was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, Michigan.

She is survived by her children: Donna and Dale Adolph of Ithaca, MI; Kenneth and Bernice Chapko of North Star, MI; Laurence and Janis Chapko of Owosso, MI; Ronald and Amy Chapko of DeWitt, MI; Patrick Chapko of Ashley, MI; Peter and Angela Chapko of Perry, MI; Kathleen and Thomas Speer of Elsie, MI; Martin and Kelly Chapko of St. Johns, MI one daughter-in-law Sheila Chapko of Elsie, MI. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Tony, 3 children: Edward, Daniel, and Rosanne Chapko.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, Michigan on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, with Rev. Fr. Bill Gruden presiding. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan.

Memorial may be made to St. Cyril's Catholic Church. 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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Obituaries

Editorial

Karen Lee Schultz

Karen Lee Schultz, a long time resident of Ovid, Michigan, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on December 22, 2021 at the age of 73.

Karen was born in Concord, New Hampshire, on April 22, 1948 the daughter of Thomas Franklin Carter and Barbara June (Moy) Carter and grew up in Concord. The family later moved to St. Johns, Michigan where she was a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School. She married the love of her life, Roger Schultz, on January 7, 1967 and were blessed with two children. She and Roger made their home in Ovid for many years and enjoyed fellowship with Lowe United Methodist Church.

Throughout her life Karen loved shopping, bowling, softball, playing cards and trips to the casinos. But most important to her was her family. She loved them dearly and relished opportunities to get them together, plan family gatherings throughout the year, and watch her family grow with grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by them all.

She is survived by Roger, her beloved husband of nearly fifty-five years; her daughter, Tammy (Don) Hartman; her son, Mathew (Maria) Schultz; grandchildren, Lynden (Lyle) Perrien, Brett Ehrlich (Lindsay Wildwerding), Darcie Schultz, Gracie Schultz, Laura and Leah Hartman; great grandchildren, Damon & Colt Perrien, and Owen Roger Ehrlich; brother, Thomas (Karen) Carter, Jr., Kitty (Keith) Beard, Claire Carter, and Richard (Kelly) Carter; sister-in-law, Janet (Bill) Good; brothers-in-law, Gary Lawrence and Allan (Sharon) Lawrence, and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends.

Visitation will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Monday, December 27, from 2-4PM and 6-8PM. A Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, December 28, at 11AM with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Memorials may be made in her name to Hospice of Shiawassee County.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home, St. Johns at 989-224-4422 or visit www.McGeehanFH.com



Robert “Bob” Gale Blemaster

Robert “Bob” Gale Blemaster, a resident of Ovid, died peacefully on December 21, 2021. He was 73 years old.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Blemaster; children, Ernie (Tracey) Bannister and Paul (Ronda) Bannister, Robin (David Malenfant) Blemaster and Bobbie (Chris Orweller) Blemaster; grandchildren, Nichole, Samantha, Brittany, Jacob, Destony, Paula, Thomas, Dylan, Heather, Kaytie, Jasmine and Ethan; numerous great-grandchildren; as well as brothers, sisters, extended family member and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gale and Joyce Blemaster; brother, Karl and sister, Sandy Hall.

Bob was born on April 16, 1948 in Mount Clemens, Michigan, the oldest of nine children raised by Gale and Joyce Blemaster. Following high school, Bob enlisted with the United States Army and was stationed in Germany during Vietnam.

From a young age, as he learned alongside his father, it was evident that Bob was mechanically inclined. When he returned from his service time in the U.S. Army, Bob began his long career as an honest, gifted, and knowledgeable backyard mechanic. He worked for the City of St. Johns, Ford, CarQuest, Sundance and in his own garage, which became a popular weekend hangout space.

Bob and Carolyn’s lives were always meant to intersect; beginning with Carolyn’s frequent stops to a gas station where he worked, to Bob later finding Carolyn at a restaurant in Maple Rapids where she was waitressing. Bob embraced Carolyn and her two young sons, and after a brief courtship they eloped to Florida and were married on October 1, 1976. The young family eventually made their home in Ovid and together raised Ernie, Paul, Robin, and Bobbie.

Bob loved hunting and fishing, and especially looked forward to the yearly Father’s Day Catfish tournament in Maple Rapids with his family and friends. He was looking forward to hunting this year with his new rifle.

A Funeral Service will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 11 AM. Burial Middlebury Township Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 from 4-8 PM and on Thursday from 10 AM until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Wounded Warrior Project.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel at 989-224-4422 or visit www.McGeehanFH.com



Ask Andy

Have a Question for Andy?
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You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly
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Merry Christmas Everyone from Andy

After viewing several "Dear Andy" emails regarding the excitement, stresses, expenses and mixed emotions, requests for gift ideas and recipes for the Holidays. Here is some advice, I hope will help.

We all want to make our special holidays memorable. So...don’t set yourself up for disappointment. We have limited time, limited money, and lots of reasons we celebrate the holidays. Be realistic. Have Fun. Eat well and drink wisely....and that includes eggnog. 8oz = 223 cal. Parties, fudge, cookies and seasonal treats are yummy but accept the fact that putting on weight is inevitable. (That’s why we make New Year’s Resolutions) Don’t deny yourself but be reasonable, just because someone else or the boss is buying doesn’t mean you need to over-indulge.

Some questions, we could to ask ourselves: Would the kids rather curl up and watch a family holiday movie? Make some hot coco and popcorn ? Or watch you stress over every bulb on the tree finding the ‘perfect’ spot and being ‘verbal’ about the tilting Angel or Star on the Tree.... Give yourself a break.

Another idea to try... when you ask for a list from the kids or those you buy for, ask them to list 5 things they are happy to already have and what they appreciate. You might be surprised. Teaching your family appreciation through awareness can be a wonderful life lesson learned. Our children don’t need as much as you might think. Then ask for 5 suggestions for this year. Have fun playing games and watching movies in your PJ’s, eating waffles or scrambles eggs and cinnamon rolls on Christmas morning.

As for gifts for others, baked goods are always appreciated by the mailman, your hairdresser, and your neighbors and friends. And, it doesn’t have to be your own homemade fudge or goodies. Check out your local bakery or Candy store. It’s a time to share our bounty and blessings. Give away what you want and see something remarkable happen to you.

Don’t forget our many shut-ins and elderly in assisted living and nursing homes, the homeless shelters and families in need of conversation, groceries, snow shoveling, and just helping your neighbors. Don’t know what someone might need...ask them! Some might just need a ride to the store, or an errand run or just the kindness of making an effort will bring joy to others.

Regardless of your spiritual beliefs, holidays are about family togetherness. Don’t solve family issues or rehash old wounds, we all have them. Holiday dinner is not the time for discussing the family plots, money, inappropriate jokes, politics, or why sissy doesn’t have a boyfriend. It is no time for crying, it can mess up the gravy. Set up a ‘No Complaints’ policy about anything, especially the obvious, Grandpa grump.

During the Holidays, many people just cannot cope for many reasons. When one is unable to be with a loved one, when there is sadness for the loss of a loved one, the bombardment of advertising and commercialism of the holidays, can all cause emotional stress. Some feel the presser of unrealistic expectations and many are just tired and need to sit down with a cup of tea and listen to some holiday music. Now, that’s a great idea!

Always do what’s best for you and your family. After the holidays are over, watch for post holiday blues. It can happen in children, teens and adults. After exciting events, our moods can spiral out of control. Be mindful of others and your own emotions. Life can get back into a wintery and sometime dull routines. Make new plans, such as discussing the family Spring vacation and enjoy life to its fullest. Exercise, watch what you eat, and lift your spirits by being active, volunteer at the local human society, do something nice for someone and if you went into debt this year again....make a plan to get out of debt.

Have you got an opinion your would like to share or in need for some advice? Just send an email to: ask_andy@aol.com Merry Christmas.... from Andy

PUBLIC NOTICE

VICTOR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2022 REGULAR MEETING DATES

TO the residents and property owners of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Victor Township Planning Commission will meet on the following dates for 2022. All meetings will take place electronically and/or at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	DAY	June 27 for July	Monday
January 3	Monday	August 1	Monday
February 7	Monday	August 29 for September	
March 7	Monday		Monday
April 4	Monday	October 3	Monday
May 2	Monday	November 7	Monday
June 6	Monday	December 5	Monday

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City of Laingsburg, City Council

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Laingsburg City Council will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 114 N. Woodhull Street at 7:00 pm., on Monday January 10, 2022, to review the roll and hear complaints by any person to be affected by the incurred charges.

Laingsburg City Hall is barrier free. Individuals needing assistance should contact the City Clerk at (517) 651-5374 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Paula Willoughby
Laingsburg City Clerk

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a day filled with child like wonder and a reverence that appreciates why we celebrate. May this Yuletide season be filled with the laughter and love that influences your family, your friends and yourself. If everything is not as perfect as you wish that is okay, in fact those little imperfections bring back and make memories. For those of us who must travel to be with loved ones I wish you safe travels and wondrous reunions when you arrive. God bless us all.

Wahoo, my Charlie Brown tree is up and decorated... My daughter trimmed the boughs and queried about the missing lights. Oh, there are lights on the tree but I won't be plugging them in until I find my extension cord. Which isn't on my top priority, I have other things that are of more concern. Packages to be wrapped, ribbon-ed and tagged, then put under the tree, in hopes that the kittens won't shred them. I may end up going with stick on bows because I believe that they would cause less temptations to the little stinkers. So far the squirt gun has dampened their appetite for knocking off the ornaments and they haven't climbed the tree yet and it has been up for a week.

Did I mention that I really do like my tree, I don't believe that I have ever had one that was so spacious between its branches. Brent, my son-in-law pointed out some of the tree's good qualities...mainly that it had plenty of space in which to stack the gifts and it does. I wonder if that was a hint? But it also delights me to look at it and according to Diane, I need to get a skirt on it and a topper. The topper that I have may not work because the tree has three tops and I don't believe that my angel's skirt will fit over all of them at the same time. The tree skirt that I have is for a much smaller tree so maybe I will be making a last minute purchase to enhance my Charlie Brown.

This morning I'm up and baking again...but not for the multitudes. Just single batches so that I may be able to drop off some goodies to my friends and neighbors. It does seem quite novel to be doing single batches, and my intentions are to only make three different kinds of breads not five. The timer should be going off in about ten minutes...no rush involved. I also have the last platter of goodies to deliver this morning at ten in St Louis, then I will go on my last shopping trip with Diane to JC Penney's in Lansing to get the last gift. I do hope that we will have time to stop at Barnes and Noble also.

When I get home this evening I hope to get the sauce for the lasagna started. If not today, then tomorrow will work as well. At any rate I need to get some more items packaged and wrapped for under the tree before Friday at one when the house will be filled with Christmas cookie decorators. I have a surprise for one of the families, I have put together a kit for them to make chocolate covered cookies and pretzel rods. I will also add some Rice Krispies to the mix for making clusters and maybe some peanuts... I just have to recheck my supply.

Oops, I spoke too soon about the joy of doing single batches...being a single batch is good...too bad that I failed to put every ingredient into the mix. My pumpkin bread failed to meet my expectations so now the birds are getting a treat providing that the cats leave them alone. Right now the chocolate zucchini is in the oven but I have the pumpkin ready to follow...just add four eggs and be done. I probably should get the stand mixer into gear, I need to make frosting for the cut out cookies and I still need to choose which ones to make for this platter. Decisions, decisions so many to make so early in the day. I believe that I will opt for trees, stars, bells, and snowmen and decorate them with colored frosting, sprinkles, and translucent crystals. They should turn out well with a bit of whimsy.

May your eyes be filled with merriment, your hearts with love, and your time filled with making new memories and enjoying family traditions. May God especially bless those who have lost much and need his loving touch. Have a Merry Christmas and be at peace.

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Bannister ZCBJ Lodge and St. Cyril's Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner and Program

The Bannister ZCBJ Lodge and St. Cyril's Knights of Columbus joined together for a Christmas dinner and program at the lodge hall. Following dinner the youngest children entertained the audience by playing Christmas carols on their rhythm band instruments. The young musicians included Alicia and Abigail Baynes, Rachel Ladiski and Bentley Flachs. Then Svate Mikulas (Rev Roger Kurmich) arrived with an Angel (Sarah Bradley) and Devil (Kirk Amman) to tell the story of Christmas. As the story was told in word and songs, the older children formed a live Nativity scene on stage. Mary (Lexie Ladiski) and Joseph (Jaxon Ladiski) were joined by angels, shepherds and kings (Alyse Ladiski, Rachel Ladiski, Alicia and Abigail Baynes, Jaren and Brady Paradise, and Isaac Bradley).

The Angel gave an apple to all who had been good and the Devil had some coal just in case there were any troublemakers! The sound of jingling bells announced the arrival of Santa and his elf (Roger Reha and Rachel Fornusek). Svate and Santa gave a large candy bar to all and then distributed gifts to all the children.

ZCBJ Lodge #225 and the Knights wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



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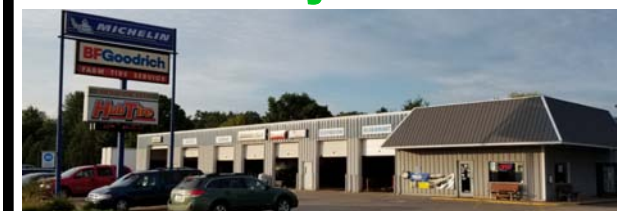
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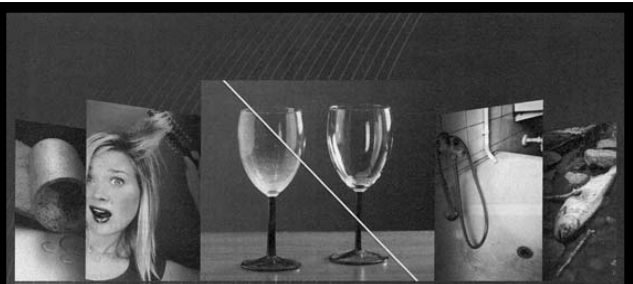
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Ovid Boy Scout Troop 585/114 Pasty Sale

The Ovid Boy Scout Troop is making and selling real Michigan pasties again!

Delicious handmade Michigan pasties will be prepared and baked by the Boy Scouts of Troop 585/114. We will have beef pasties for just \$5 each. We will also have sweet 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 Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 3-5pm on a first-come, first-served basis at the Lions Hall on Main Street in Ovid. Pasties may be frozen to ensure quality.

These pasties are a delicious way to help support Scouting.



Hair Donation

Jace Dunkel, 9-year-old boy decided to donate 9inches of hair to wigs for kids. Like everyone else, during the pandemic it was hard for anyone to get their haircut. So Jace decided why not just grow it out.

A year later Jace decided he liked the look of his long hair,so decided to keep growing it out. Out of nowhere on December 15th Jace decided he wanted to cut it off, and donate to a little kid that needs it more than he did. "We could not be prouder of him says Eric & Brandi Dunkel" What a great gift a child may get for Christmas.



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Health

The winter months and holiday seasons seem to be a struggle for many people. It's as if hell rains over many of their lives. From having health issues, becoming seriously ill, to losing loved ones and more. They're all hard roads to travel.

Yet, that time of year is when we're told to be merry and be thankful but that's hard for many people to do, especially when they become tangled up in a web of negativity. Which is common after getting hit in so many directions. They soon become sad, depressed and some feel hopeless or completely numb inside.

This wears on the body in many ways and causes more health problems for the person. Mental fatigue from trying to process everything happening; physical problems as the body responds from all of the stress; emotional exhaustion created by the highs and lows of what each day brings; and spiritual doubts as things keep building, are only some of what the person experiences.

Lately, all of these are becoming more intensified and a lot of people are trying desperately to find their way through these trials, now more than ever before.

But what can help when the negativity of life threatens to keep growing beyond a tolerant level? Well, that will depend on which side you are on.

If you're on the outside looking in at someone suffering through a turmoil mess, then perhaps you can be the light for them by letting them know you're there, checking in on them, surprising them with doing a small task for them or anything else you can think of that may help them during their rough times and days, just so they know they're not alone.

However, if you're the person who is in the middle of chaos, take a deep breath and slow down to get your bearings. It will be a challenge to work through it all but you can do it and there is light at the end of your tunnel no matter what stage you feel like you're in.

Just know that everything is connected and if you can listen to your body, it'll let you know through warning signs before any issues become too bad to handle, so be kind to yourself and make time for your health.

Some things that can help you and your body to continue forward are;
Getting adequate sleep · Making time for personal care; (Epsom salt baths, naps, walks in nature, etc.) · Massage · Yoga · Meditation · Reiki · Qigong · Tai Chi

Anything to relax you and lower the level of stress will help and all of these will do that.
Sleep and personal care can help calm down the emotional exhaustion so the roller coaster ride can slow down.

Massage and yoga can give the body relief from physical pain while lowering the stress level and helping the body in different ways.

Meditation, Qigong, and Tai Chi can slow the mind so it can refocus and clear out the fog of mental fatigue.

While Reiki can help heal and provide clarity, release doubts and provide inner balance and peacefulness.

Each of these are great for lowering stress, becoming more focused, relaxing the body and mind, plus boosting the immune system which will help heal the body.

It's up to you to make it happen though. You've got to step up and begin. Find that source which drives you to push forward and then you'll receive freedom from the negativity and be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel.



Fight

by **LeeAnna Woods**

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A great jumpstart to feeling more positive would be smudging the home. There's scientific proof that smudging the home changes the negative ions and energy into a positive atmosphere, all done with the burning of sacred plants. It's something to try if you haven't yet.

Knowing that whatever is going on, there's always help and you're never alone, is definitely a good thing to Remember. But you should call your doctor for any health issues no matter if it's mental, physical, emotional or spiritual, they are there to help you. Or if you're the one on the outside, be the light... by being the one to take the person to their doctor.

After all, staying united is stronger than standing alone. Give help when you can and ask for help when you need it.

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Sports

Pack Grapplers Continue Hot Early Season With Wins Over Aggies, Hawks

LESLIE — The Laingsburg wrestling varsity continued their outstanding opening to the 2021-22 season with big wins over Dansville and the host Blackhawks on December 15, at the Leslie Quad Invitational.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack scored a 63-12 win over the Aggies, and bested Leslie 65-10, to keep their dual meet record unblemished.

In the Dansville win, Carter Schlaack at 285 lbs., Aden Baynes at 135, Bryce Smith at 145, Kyle Boettcher at 152 and Mike Brooks at 189 all scored wins by pin. Seth Sivak scored a 10-4 decision at 171, and Sean Divine at 215, Gabby Motz at 112, Dustin Winans at 119, Noah Genther at 140, and Caleb Boettcher at 160 all notched wins for forfeit, Troy Matthews won by fall is 3:30 in an exhibition match at 145 lbs.

The Wolves were even better vs. the Hawks, with falls by Brooks, Divine, Genther, Caleb Boettcher and Miguel Ramirez (at 125 lbs.) Aden Baynes added a technical fall, 17-1 victory over Leslie's Evin Yeomans at 135. In an extra session match, the Wolfpack's Wyatt Stanfield scored a 2:30 fall at 215 lbs. Motz, Winans, Marlon Graham, Smith and Sivak all chalked forfeit victories in their respective weight classes.

Coach Baynes' mat team is back in action after the holidays, on January 5 at the Olivet Eagle Quad.



Carter Schlaack



Aden Baynes

Wolfpack JV grapplers impress at Clinton tourney; Motz also shines at event

LAINGSBURG -- The holiday period offers some unique experience for local wrestling teams -- events they don't usually see during the regular season.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Laingsburg JV grappling team wrestled at Clinton High School on December 18, and turned in an impressive performance.

There was also a Girls Tournament at Clinton, and LHS standout Gabby Motz won the tournament, with all first period pins.

Wolfpack results included:

- Boys 112: Falk Schroeder 5th place, 7.0 team points.
- Boys 119: Dano Winans 4th place, 11.0 team points.
- Boys 119: Dustin Winans 3rd place, 16.0 team points.
- Boys 125: Jacen Smakal 3rd place, 13.0 team points.
- Boys 125: Miguel Ramirez 2nd place, 18.0 team points.
- Boys 130: Marlon Graham 1st place, 20.0 team points.
- Boys 140: Garrett Matthews 4.0 team points.
- Boys 140: Martin Meyers 0.0 team points.
- Boys 145: Troy Matthews, 4th place, 7.0 team points.
- Boys 145: Bryce Smith, 1st place, 26.0 team points.
- Boys 145: Zach Grandy 2nd place, 18.0 team points.
- Boys 152: Jack Borgman 3rd place, 19.0 team points.
- Boys 160: Alex Forcier, 2nd place, 16.0 team points.
- Boys 171: Charlie Porubsky scored 0.0 team points.
- Boys 189: Jay Montgomery 4th place, 13.0 team points.
- Boys 215: Wyatt Stanfield scored 4.0 team points.
- Boys 285: Carter Schlaack scored 4.0 team points.
- Girls 110: Gabby Motz 1st place, 20.0 team points.



Gabby Motz placed 1st at the Clinton Tournament on December 18th.



O-E Wrestling Team Wins 1st Place at Fowlerville Round-Robin Tournament

FOWLERVILLE -- The Ovid-Elsie varsity wrestling accumulated 114 team points to bring home gold from the Fowlerville Gladiator round-robin tournament here December 18.

Coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders outlasted the host Glads (108.8 points) and Linden (108) in a very, very tight three-way race for the top spot.

"Our team is improving every day and this first place shows it," said coach Spiess.

Both varsity and JV matches counted in the scoring.

Individual Marauder varsity results included:

- Talan Parsons 1st place with 5 pins, 5-0 at 112 lbs.
- Sharla Juhas 7th place 1-4, earning her first win.
- Cole Workman 1st place with 5 pins, 5-0 at 119 lbs.
- Sam Grubaugh 8th place at 125 lbs.
- Clayton Juhas 5th place 3-2 at 130 lbs.
- Max Spiess 1st place with 5 pins, 5-0 at 135 lbs.
- Gavyn Perry 1st place with 5 pins, 5-0 at 140 lbs.
- Luke Follett 2nd place 3 pins, 4-1 at 215 lbs.
- Dylan Taylor 5th place, 1-4 at 285 lbs.



Max Spiess ended the day perfect with 5 pins and taking 1st place for 135lbs at Fowlerville on December 18th.

Photo by Marie Spiess

- Richard Rushton 6th place at 285 lbs.
- JV RESULTS**
- Hunter Hufnagel 1st place, 2-0, 2 pins at 125 lbs.
- Kaden West 1st place, 2 pins, 2-0 at 189 lbs.
- Dylan Coven 2nd place at 189 lbs.
- Trey Milner 1st place, 2 pins, 2-0 at 285 lbs.
- Ovid-Elsie returns to mat action on December 30th at Ionia.

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Merry Christmas
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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Girls Rank Among Mid-Michigan High School Girls Basketball Top 10

OVID-ELSIE — Coach Ryan Cunningham's Marauder girls basketball team has been ranked among the Top Ten teams in the mid-Michigan area, by Lansing media.

The undefeated Lady Marauders have eight players returning, and have earned a #7 ranking area-wide. And it shows with a 5-0 start so far. Their best win this season so far is a 54-52 triumph over Ionia. Coach Cunningham has a nice mix of youth and experience that will likely help them down the road.

Here's a look at the remainder of the top 10 teams in the Lansing area in girls basketball at the holiday break.

Honorable Mention: Leslie (4-1): The lady Blackhawks would move into the top 10 if they beat Dansville on Tuesday night in the finals of the Leslie Invitational. They won a district title last season, And they have four very good freshmen to supplement veterans Emma Smieska and Dana Coltrain. A GLAC title and another district are possible again.

Honorable Mention: Morrice (5-1): The lady Orioles are off to a very good start, with their only loss coming to Lansing Christian back on December 3rd. They'll have a chance to improve their ranking when they face unbeaten Portland St. Patrick on January 3rd at home.

#10. Dansville (5-1): The lady Aggies can stay in the Top 10 if they beat Leslie on Tuesday in the championship of the Leslie Invitational. Their only loss has been to P-W so far. But a brutal CMAC schedule awaits for them after the first of the year. But it's been a good start so far.

#9. Pewamo-Westphalia (5-1): The lady Pirates only loss is to Portland St. Patrick. But coach Steve Eklund has gotten a fairly young team playing well early on. They have good wins over Ionia, New Lothrop, and Dansville so far, and are looking for another deep run in the state tourney in March.

#8. Fowler (5-1): The defending Division 4 champs are looking strong again so far. The Riley sisters (Mia and Emma) lead a very good squad that looks to contend for the CMAC title and Division 4 honors again.

7. Ovid-Elsie (5-0)

#6. Portland (5-0): The defending Division 2 state champs are undefeated once again. Head coach Jason Haid has loads of experience returning to the floor. They play unbeaten Lansing Catholic twice, and that will likely decide the CAAC White title this season.

5. Lansing Catholic (5-0): Head coach Kacee Reid may have her best team yet. Their top six players in their rotation are back. And they've already beaten arch-rival Williamston this year. The two games against Portland will likely decide the CAAC White title. After that, one only knows...

4. Holt (4-0): The Lady Rams have seen a couple of games postponed, so they'll have a loaded schedule after the first of the year. First-year coach Tori Brooks has four seniors and lots of experience back. But a loaded CAAC Blue will make it tough if they want even a share of the CAAC Blue title. We'll see.

#3. DeWitt (4-0): Even though they have only one starter back, head coach Bill McCullen has the lady Panthers off to another undefeated start. They lost starting guard Alexa Ashley for the season to a knee injury. But if the youngsters keep improving like they have so far, they could be a factor in the league as well as the Division 1 district come March.

#2. Portland St. Pats (6-0): The legendary Al Schrauben has the lady Shamrocks looking terrific so far. Their win over P-W on December 10th is one of the best of the season so far. Gobs of experience litter this roster. And, barring injuries, they could make a deep run in Division 4 this season.

#1 Haslett (6-0): Head coach Ross Baker have three experienced juniors in the starting line-up in Grace Isenhath, Emily Homan, and Ellie Humble supplementing a pair of good seniors. They have great wins already this season over East Lansing, Grand Ledge, and perennial state power Jackson Northwest. If they stay healthy, a deep run in March is possible.

Two area teams who are defending state champs in Portland (Division 2) and Fowler (Division 4), while East Lansing (Division 1) won a regional title. And Lansing Catholic (Division 2) and Leslie (Division 3) won district titles last season.

Other teams around the area to look out for are: In the CAAC Blue, East Lansing and Grand Ledge. In the CAAC Red, watch for Williamston and Fowlerville in addition to Haslett. In the CAAC White, Ionia and Charlotte are off to decent starts as well.

In the GLAC, Stockbridge, Olivet, and Lansing Christian look good.

And the stacked CMAC also has quality teams like Pottersville, Laingsburg, and Saranac challenging the top teams that you see in the Top Ten list.



The Ovid-Elsie 7th grade boys placed 2nd in the Red Cedar End-Of-League Tournament that was held on December 11th and 12th. Pictured here are the team members and coaches. Assistant Coach, Travis Milner, Kohl Brown, Logan Brown, Jason Harrell, Julian Medina, Travis Milner, Head Coach, Ray Medina, Jr., Chase Fabius, Brody Howard, Kenyon Kuesch, Brooks Lohr, Hunter Smith, Dylan Henning and Ryan Pfeiffer. Not pictured, Andrew Brown. Congrats young Marauders.

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The OE Varsity Teams were at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc to go against Chesaning.

The girls were on the winning side 16-14 with high games including Karina Custer 131, Olivia Burt 141, Ashland Particka, 126, 147.

The boys lost 8-22. High games included Hunter Maxa 127, Gunnar Barrett 205, Brandon Grieder 150, 137, Tobin Clark 134, 135, Clay Wenzlick 160.

Teams are off until after the first of the year.

The remaining Winter Sports team photos for O-E will publish after photos are taken on January 3rd.

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Proposed Board Minutes from December 13, 2021 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Jim Conklin at 7:02 pm.

Attendance: Present: Jim Conklin, Nikki Fickes, Amanda Conklin, Paula Willoughby & Julie Townsend

Agenda: Motion by Fickes to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the November 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion Fickes to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of bills: Motion by Willoughby to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$8,048.97 using checks #12278-12286. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supported by Fickes. Motion by Willoughby to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,912.00 using checks #28398-28416, notating two checks that should be addressed by the attorney before disbursement. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

County Officials: Clinton County Commissioner Stacey reported on results of the Clinton County Small Business Relief Grant.

Reports:

Victor Township Planning Commission: The Master Plan Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm has been published. The parks and recreation plan is being reviewed for updated requirements. The next PC regular meeting will be held electronically and in person pending meeting restrictions, on January 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID 83394750325 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83394750325> Maintenance & Facilities: Paper towel holders have been replaced. Outlets in the hall have been installed. The materials for the fire hall monitor and outdoor WI-FI beacon have been purchased.

Unfinished Business:

• Master Plan – Posting for the master plan public hearing has been published.

New Business:

• Stellar Broadband –Results from the NTIA grant application have not been released. Motion by Fickes to authorize the internet workgroup to reconvene. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried

• Victor Township Board Regular Meeting Schedule 2022 – Motion by J. Conklin to hold the 2022 meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting schedule to be published.

• Budget – Motion by A. Conklin to hold a budget work session on January 10, 2022 at 5:30-6:30 pm (subject to attendance). Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

• Audit – Tabled until a meeting with the auditor has been completed.

Extended Public/Board Comment – Motion by J.Conklin to continue offering meetings via internet and phone via Zoom. Supported by Fickes. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried. A. Conklin spoke about monthly floor mat and cleaning product service. She will submit information about services at the January 10, 2022 board meeting.

Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

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Editorial

Michigan Rudolph Stew

The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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If you are looking for a different kind of venison dish to serve for the upcoming holidays then consider preparing some Michigan Rudolph Stew. In Scandinavian/Nordic countries local reindeer herders and farmers often make reindeer stew commonly called renska. Preparing this dish is relatively easy with the simple ingredients of almond potatoes, frozen reindeer meat, wild mushrooms, onions, and a topping of lingonberries. With some slight variations this dish can be made to the same taste and can feature all Michigan ingredients.

The first layer of traditional reindeer stew consists of Almond potatoes. Named after their shape they are very similar to fingerling potatoes and are grown in very cold climates due to their lack of disease resistance. Often produced in white they can also be found in yellow and blue. For Michigan Rudolph Stew simply substitute Michigan grown white potatoes and mash them up and place on a plate. Reindeer are not always processed the way Americans are used to. It is often quartered and stashed in the snow for safe winter keeping. While the meat is still frozen, shavings or very thin slices are made whether they are of tough or fine cuts of meat.

Using butter, onions, and wild mushrooms the frozen meat is sauteed and then placed on top of the potatoes. You can substitute whitetail venison for reindeer and use morels to create a very similar flavoring. Still slice the venison while frozen because it allows thinner pieces compared to thawed out meat. Deglaze the pan for a very light gravy. If you can't find lingonberries and don't want to spend a fortune on those sour berries grown on evergreen bushes in the tundra then

consider a simple cranberry sauce drizzled on top. Probably best to be prepared for questions from inquisitive youth if Santa is coming down your chimney this year and you are serving Michigan Rudolph Stew!

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May 9	Monday	December 12	Monday
June 13	Monday		

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