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(L to R) Natalie Elkins, board trustee; Lisa Shastal, LEAF secretary; Jen West, LEAF vice-president; and Maggie Sayles, school board member and former board president; with a check for over \$25,000 presented by the Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF). (Courtesy photo).

## LEAF Donation Earmarks Five-Figure Donation for Laingsburg Robotics Team

LAINGSBURG — The Laingsburg Robotics program received a generous financial gift recently, with \$10,000 of a \$25,971.93 check presented to the Laingsburg Community Schools.

A large portion of the five-figure donation, presented by the Laingsburg Education Advancement Foundation (LEAF), was earmarked for robotics.

“LEAF has supported robotics in Laingsburg long before we had a team (they sponsored Brandon Woodworth's Lego Robotics class when he was teaching in LMS),” explains Robotics adult team leader Clint Hawks. “The funding comes at a critical time for our program as in 2022-23, we were able to reach a milestone level of having robotics in every building in Laingsburg schools. We are the only school in Shiawassee County to currently be doing this.”

Laingsburg Robotics is under the wider umbrella of “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology” (FIRST) — an international organization which operates youth robotics competitions and aims to inspire students in the fields of engineering and technology. The school currently offers different levels of education in the field: Lego League for grades K-3, Explore for grades 4-5, First Tech Challenge for middle school, and the Red Thunder Robotics team at the high school level.

Six core values are built upon in the robotics program: six core values: teamwork, inclusion, impact, fun, discovery and innovation.

Explains coach Hawks, “The money allows us the ability to keep planning program expansion for all levels, pays our entry fees for this year's events (upwards of \$7,000) and cover some of state or world championship costs, as our goal is to qualify.”



**Gilberts Opens Scratch and Dent Center:** The former Reeves Wheel Alignment building located at 206 S. Water Street in Owosso now houses another option for Gilberts Hardware customers, a Scratch and Dent store which will offer cosmetically damaged appliances at reduced prices. The hardware store has always offered scratch and dent appliances and now has the opportunity to work directly with GE to get those slightly blemished items in truckloads which will give customers more stock to choose from. The store is open daily from 9am-5:30pm. Stop in and take a look.



**AFTER AN EXTREMELY MILD JANUARY,** The Weekly got its first sighting of a snowman on Thursday afternoon ... after a moderate snow finally hit mid-Michigan on January 25. This wasn't just a snowman, either; it was an entire snow family crafted at 6589 Westview Dr. near Lake Victoria.



(Left) Tryce Toaka going up for a layup during the Montrose match up on Jan. 20. (Right) Ellyanna Carman driving down the court against Montrose on Jan. 20. See more sports photos and results on pages 9, 10 and 12.

Photos by Denise Burgess.

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## Library News

### Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

To re-work a well-known quote, "Ask not what you can do for your library, but rather ask what your library can do for you."

When you think of the library, everyone thinks of books. Not everyone remembers that there are DVDs and magazines that can be checked out for free. We have cake pans, puzzles, board games and music CDs as well. That is just the beginning of the story here in the Elsie library....

We have pop top tabs being collected for the local Ronald McDonald House. We collect old eye glasses for the Lion's club. We take your old used batteries and old used ink cartridges for recycling. We collect coupons (even expired ones) that are sent on to our troops. These old coupons can be used on military bases – a really big help to those overseas on a budget. We collect cancelled stamps and old greeting cards. We have a fax machine available for your use. We can copy items for you. We even have notary services here for you at the library.

We have story time followed by crafts and activities for the little ones. Our next special kid's program will be on Feb 4th, 2023. We will be having a Groundhog Day story followed by an edible Groundhog craft (we promise it's not roadkill...lol). And for the ones who have not been in lately, our new sensory bin has proven to be a big hit with our younger patrons. Come in and check it out!

It's all happening at 145 W. Main St. in Elsie. We would love to see you here.

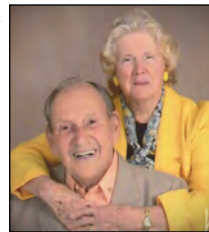
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## DeVries Hosting Sweetheart Sleigh Ride Fundraiser

submitted by Jessica Hickey

Owosso, MI – DeVries

Nature Conservancy is hosting its second annual Sweethearts Sleigh Ride on Saturday, February 11. The event is a fundraiser, with proceeds going toward the support of DeVries educational programs and community events.



The Sweetheart Sleigh Ride is geared toward couples. For a \$150 reservation, guests will enjoy a 30 minute ride in a vintage horse-drawn sleigh along the beautiful wooded trails at DeVries, a professional digital photograph, and a handcrafted chocolate treat. In the event of unfavorable snow conditions, a horse-drawn carriage will be used instead of a sleigh.

DeVries Nature Conservancy is located at 2635 North M-52, ¼-mile north of the Northside Animal Hospital in Owosso. Signs will direct guests to parking near the nature center, with check-in at the bonfire.

This event is sponsored by Northside Animal Hospital and Tom's Western Store. Specialty items are courtesy of Murtle's Homemade Chocolates and JMarie Photography. Horse teams are provided by Ed & Lori Bedell. For more information or to make reservations, call (989) 723-3365.

DeVries Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and demonstration of the natural habitat and agricultural heritage of Shiawassee County.

### Victor Township

### Proposed Public Hearing Minutes of the Victor Township Board January 24, 2023

A Public Hearing to review and hear comments on the draft 2023 Parks and Recreation Plan presented by the Victor Township Planning Commission was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 5:45 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a roll call of board members in attendance: Present: Prange, Willoughby, Conklin, Townsend. Absent: Fickes 3 Citizens in attendance

Motion by Willoughby to approve the meeting agenda. Supported by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Conklin moved to open the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion commenced regarding the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan. Minor changes were made for further review by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Conklin to close the Public Hearing and adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Supported by Willoughby. Roll call: Fickes: yes, Townsend: yes, Conklin: yes, Willoughby: yes, Prange: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dear Andy,

Another Snow Day? Are they kidding? I just do not know what to do with my kids. I feel guilty leaving them on all these snow days. Seems like they could be in school. Safe and learning. My job and most jobs, parents are gone from 7:15 am when the bus picks them up until 5:30 in the afternoon. It's bad enough to have them home 2 hours after school, before I get there. I leave my work and come home to my other job. Last year I think we had 7 snow days. I already take days off when they are sick. I use up my vacation time and personal days so we only end up with long weekends in the summer. Why are there so many snow days and what can I do with them. I do not want the television to be their babysitter.

Frustrated Mom,

Dear Mom,

You do sound frustrated. I understand there is typically several days moms and dads need to take days off to care for their children. It's only a short time during your working career compared to the time when children can take care of themselves. You need to buck up...your week long vacations will come with time as you give more time to your company.

Might I suggest, first find or create a support group within your school of other moms in the same situation. Take turns on the days off. You take her kids along with your own on your day, and then rotate the days. You didn't say how old your children are, but I am assuming old enough to be left alone or they would be in a daycare or childcare after school program on snow days.

You need a solid plan of action by planning ahead for the "snow" days. If your kids are old enough to left at home, do something special for them. For example, order their favorite pizza to be delivered. Let the oldest be responsible to pay and tip. Give them ground rules for safety: No strangers or neighborhood kids in the house. Give them a list of jobs: Load the dishwasher, fold clothes, vacuum the living room, brush the dog, sweep their floors in their rooms. It's good to leave them with responsibilities. Take time to make them a "to do" list. Leave your phone or a gizmo to contact you for emergencies. Have an emergency

plan. Know who is home in your neighborhood. Tell them only 1 movie and/or 2 hours of television. A day can be wasted fast by watching TV all day. High School students are also out of school and love part-time jobs. Find someone you know and trust and have them just be there with your kids on snow days or even the 2 hours after school.

Back in my day, we loved snow days. Even at 9 years old I can remember jumping for joy and running for my ice skates. I am sure we all remember how much fun it was to spend the day at the local ice rink. The fire department would flood the baseball fields or tennis courts. There would be a fire glowing to dry our wet mittens and warm our bottoms. (Thank you to that person(s), back in the 50's and 60's, who always provided wood for the fires). Sometimes we would run home for lunch and come back for the afternoon. We were outside playing on snow days. Let's get our kids to play again. Send them outside to use their imagination. Make a plan: Sleds and hot cocoa with marshmallows, of course.

You would think we would want to be at school to learn but Snow Days and Saturdays were like holidays. Make it fun for your kids: Buy a board game, a puzzle or a color by number workbook - save just for snow days. Leave special notes and treats for each child for them to wake up to if you cannot be there. It's part of our lifestyle to raise self-sufficient, independent children.

Don't feel guilty. You're doing the best you can. Snow days are a fact of life. It may look ok outside for playing or driving to work but safety on the busses is #1 priority. Even with a heavy bus the ice can be slippery. Be a happy mom. It is what it is...sometimes. Andy.

### Elsie Historical Society Temporarily Closing

submitted by Nancy Conklin

Due to illness the Elsie Historical Society history room will be temporarily closed.

We will keep the community updated with any information about reopening in the future.

### Victor Township Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of the Victor Township Board January 24, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board to review the proposed township budget for the 2023- 2024 fiscal year was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 6:02 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, Mi. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a roll call of board members in attendance: Present: Fickes, Townsend, Willoughby, Prange, Conklin. Absent: None  
1 Citizen in attendance  
Motion by Fickes to approve the meeting agenda. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.  
The Township Board reviewed the proposed Supervisor's budget and made changes and additions to what was presented. Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Supported by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange, Clerk  
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# Obituaries

## Carol Lee (Schultz) Lehman

Carol Lee (Schultz) Lehman passed away at her home on January 19, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Carol was born on March 17, 1933 at Owosso Memorial Hospital, the daughter of Kenneth C. and Bertha C. (Ehrlich) Schultz.

She graduated from Owosso High School in 1950.

On January 23, 1965, she married Ralph E. "Jim" Lehman, Jr. at Salem Lutheran Church, he predeceased her in 2015.

Carol worked for Universal Electric and Consumers Power prior to the birth of their first son in 1967.

She played softball for the Owosso Merchants softball team. Carol was a skilled bowler, participating in several national individual events in the 1950's and 1960's, along with doubles events with her brother Kenny. She was one of the founders of the Owosso Women's Bowling Association 600 Club. She was a 4-H leader and spent many hours serving her church. In their retirement years, she and Jim enjoyed watching their grandchildren's events, along with occasional senior citizen's bus trips.

Carol is survived by her sons Steve (Julie) Lehman of Ithaca and John (Christina) Lehman of Elsie, along with grandchildren Lauryn, Lyndsey, Lacey, Levi, Abigail, and Rebecca.

She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Kenneth D. Schultz.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at Redeemer Lutheran Church with

Pastor George Zornow officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The family was served by the Nelson-House Funeral Homes.



## Bobbie V. Jones

Bobbie V. Jones, age 80, of Ovid, MI, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 22, 2023, at Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, MI.

Bobbie was born in Screven, GA on December 21, 1942, the daughter of Robert Osteen and Mildred V. (Tootle) Mosley. She graduated from Screven High School, Screven, GA with the class of 1961. In 1962, Bobbie married James Jack Murray in Screven, GA; he preceded her in death in 1994. In 1995, Bobbie married Ronald D. Jones, Sr. in Bradenton, FL; he preceded her in death in 2019.

Bobbie was a very giving person. Strangers quickly became friends. She loved to help anyone in need. She enjoyed cooking and knitting. Bobbie dedicated her life to caring for her family and loved having her home full of family and friends.

Bobbie is survived by three children: Ronald (Sherry) Jones Jr., Karen (Dennis) Laughlin, and Paul (Ashlee) Murray; eight grandchildren: Cory Jones, Jordan Laughlin, Lauren Laughlin, Megan (Scott) McFadden, Nikolaus Murray, Jack Murray, Beau Murray, and Adalee Murray; and five great grandchildren. She is also survived by three siblings: Dinah (Pete) Pye, Cheryl Dunham, and Michael (Patti) Mosley; brother-in-law Glynn Murray, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Jack Murray, second husband Ronald Jones, Sr., and sister Janice Murray.

A cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Bobbie will be buried beside her first husband Jack Murray in Screven Cemetery, Screven, GA.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



## Kirk Vincent Burl

Kirk Vincent Burl, age 81, of Ashley, MI, passed away Friday, January 20, 2023, at his home after a long hard-fought battle with prostate cancer, surrounded by his loving family and cherished friends. He lived his life to the fullest until his last day.

Kirk was born in St. Johns, Michigan on January 27, 1941, the son of Louis and Esther (Vincent) Burl. He was a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns, with the class of 1959.

Kirk retired from Federal Mogul. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, during that time he participated in boxing and the rifle team. Over the years, he played softball, enjoyed golfing and bowling, was in archery and cribbage leagues. For decades one of Kirk's favorite activities was drinking coffee with his buddies at the Hitching Post. He had an energy that would bring great levels of entertainment to all who met him. He certainly had the gift of gab.

Kirk was an outdoorsman, and loved fishing, hunting and trapping. One of his favorite things to do was trapshooting and was in the Michigan Trapshooting Hall of Fame as well as on the All American Team, multiple years. He was a member of the Oak Hill Gun Club where he helped coach the local youth Trapshooting Team. Above all, his favorite time was spent enjoying his hobbies with his kids and grandkids.

He is survived by his spouse Robin Sample of Ashley, MI; son Michael Burl of La Canada, CA; son Mark and Victoria Burl of Fontana, CA; daughter Danielle Sample of Grand Rapids, MI; daughter Jaime Sample of Austin, TX; like a son to him Joel Bohil of DeWitt, MI; brother Mike and Cindy Rademacher of St. Johns, MI; brother Ron and Rhonda Burl of DeWitt, MI; brother Jeff and Judy Burl of Hancock, MI; grandchildren: Orion, Titan, Chiron, Elara, Zachary, and Madison; several nieces and nephews. Kirk was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Burl and Esther Rademacher-Burl, his beloved uncle George Burl, step-brother Dick Rademacher, and niece Lily Burl.

Cremation has taken place and A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Oak Hill Gun Club or a Hospice of donor's choice. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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## Thelma Lucele Goodrich

Thelma Lucele Goodrich, age 93 of Ashley, MI, passed away Friday, January 20, 2023, at the Laurels of Fulton, Perrinton, MI.

Thelma was born in Fairfield Township, Michigan on August 4, 1929, the daughter of Howard and Edna Lucele (Curtis) Horn. She was a graduate of Owosso High School with the class of 1947. Thelma married Lewis Goodrich, Jr. at the Carland United Methodist Church in Carland, MI. Lewis passed away in Feb. of 1983. She was a member of Carland United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son Dan and Mary Goodrich of Ashley, MI; daughter Donna and George Russell of St. Johns, MI; granddaughter Jessica Thompson of Owosso, MI; great-grandchildren Jarrett (Paige Wenzlick) Lohrer, Jayden Lohrer; great-great-granddaughter Lacey Lohrer; step-granddaughters Mary Jo (Jim) Barba, Kelly St. John, and Wendy (Jeff) Harrow; step-grandchildren Madalyn Hier, Baylee St. John, Emma Harrow, and Grace Harrow. Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, daughter Deb Beck, granddaughter Carey Thompson, and sons-in-law: Dave Thompson and Don Beck.

A Memorial Service was held at the United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front Street, Ovid, MI at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 28, 2023, with Pastor Charlene Wagner officiating.

Memorials may be made to Carland United Methodist Church 4002 N. Carland Rd, Carland, MI 48831. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, MI.



## Edward Kennth Canfield

Edward Kennth Canfield, of St. Johns, died peacefully at home on Monday, January 23, 2023 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Edward was born on March 1, 1946 at Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. Johns, Michigan, the youngest of three children born to Earl and Luella (Marten) Canfield. He graduated from Ovid High School in 1964 and shortly after joined the United States Air Force. Ed served in Vietnam, England, Greece and Bay Shore, Michigan. On September 5, 1970, Ed married the love of his life, Cecilia Orr, at St. Monica Catholic Church in Kalamazoo. They made their home in St. Johns, where they raised their three sons.

Ed was kind, outgoing and social and made friends easily — he was optimistic, positive and the embodiment of a “people person”. Following retirement as a Telecom Engineer, Ed became involved with Habitat for Humanity and helped build many houses in Clinton County, which combined his two joys in life: building and helping others. He was a talented handyman and woodworker, who helped build and design many projects, including decks, tree-houses, house additions and sheds. He also loved to be on the water and at the family cottages on Rose Lake and Bear Lake, where he enjoyed fishing, boating and water sports. Most of all, Ed cherished his family and time spent together.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of fifty two years, Cecilia Canfield; sons, Joel (Harmony) of Lakeway, Texas, Nathan (Sharissa) Canfield of St. Johns and David (Julie) Canfield on Lansing; dear grandchildren, Greyer and Emerson, Stella and Ruby and Austin; brother, Ray (Wanda) Canfield; sister, Joan Canfield-Otto; best friend, Wendell Malinak, as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Luella Canfield.

Memorial Visitation will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel on Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 2—8 PM. Rosary and Time of Sharing 7 PM.

Memorial Mass and Military Honors will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 109 Linden Street, St. Johns on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11 AM. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Sparrow Hospice Services, Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity or to St. Joseph Catholic School.

The family was served by McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel.



## Matthew James Nichols

Matthew James Nichols, age 37 of Ovid, MI, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Matthew was born in St. Johns, Michigan on July 13, 1985, the son Harold James Nichols and Laura Lynn (Patrick) McGuire. He was a graduate of Ovid Elsie High School with the class of 2004.

There are far too many good things to say about Matt; far too many words to describe him. He could light up the darkest of rooms. He loved spending time with his family and laughing with old friends about the memories they had. When he wasn't doing that he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. Matthew was a Jack of all trades. He was one of the smartest people you knew. He succeeded in his Electrical Career with United Electrical Contractors as a Journeyman Electrician. He developed a family there. He was a good man and an amazing father. Matthew was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his fiancée Justice Moniz of Ovid, MI; daughter Oakleigh Nichols; mother Laura McGuire of Ovid, MI; father Harold and Mary Nichols of Bannister, MI; sister Melissa and Ryan Kosloski of St. Johns, MI; sister Heather and Dustin Thelen of Elsie, MI; sister



Stephanie Racine of West Virginia; brother Tim Deming of Bannister, MI; sister Savannah Hitchens of Ovid, MI; step-brother Frank and Courtney Galvin of Florida; step-brother Alex Kent and Zoey Felsman of Chesaning, MI; step-brother Trevor Kent of Clio, MI; grandmother Mary Nichols of Carland, MI; grandfather Robert Kirby of Weidman, MI. Matt is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and special friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Harold Nichols, grandfather James Patrick, and grandmother Linda Kirby.

There will also be a Memorial Dinner at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at the Ovid VFW Hall. Matt's family encourages visitors to bring any photos they would like to share and display, these photos will become cherished memories.

Memorials may be made to wishes of the family. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

## Timothy J. “Tim” Anderson

Timothy J. "Tim" Anderson, age 63, of East Lansing, MI, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, Michigan.

Timothy was born in St. Johns, Michigan, on April 6, 1959, the son of Samuel C. and Dorris Jean (Morehouse) Anderson. He graduated from Tucson High School in Tucson, AZ with the class of 1977. On March 19, 1999, Timothy married Sandra Kay Sigafoose at the Bannister United Methodist Church.

Tim loved to fish and was one of his favorite activities to do with Sandy. He also enjoyed hunting even though he always missed his first deer due to buck fever. Family outings were always a joy, playing volleyball games and things brought him happiness. Tim loved to eat and always enjoyed a good meal of seafood, but especially loved desserts and sweets. His favorite cook and baker was Sandy. Tim will be fondly remembered for his wonderful sense of humor. Tim and Sandy had a donkey named "Nester" and a mule named "Festus", Tim would even brush Nester's teeth. He also loved to grow flowers in their yard. Tim made the very best beef jerky.

He is survived by his wife Sandy Anderson; sister-in-law Shari Weber; sister-in-law Shelly Sigafoose and David Baese; sister Karen Anderson and Doug Foster; brother John and Paulette Anderson; sister Phyllis and Gordon Squier; sister Jan Anderson; brother Eric and Susan Anderson; brother Dennis Anderson. Tim is also survived by many nieces, nephews.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Everett and Arlene Sigafoose, brothers-in-law: Gary Sigafoose, Steve Sigafoose, and Roger Sigafoose.

Private burial will take place at Union Home Cemetery, St. Johns, Michigan.

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## Allen Lee Baron

Allen Lee Baron, age 82, of Owosso, MI, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Portland Assisted Living with his family by his side.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, with Mrs. Carol Kusnier officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, from 2-8 P.M. with the family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

Allen was born in Owosso, Michigan on February 26, 1940, the son of Louis W. and Mary E. (Kadera) Baron. He graduated from Chesaning High School with the class of 1958. On January 19, 1963, Allen married Carrie Roe Bates at the Chapin United Methodist Church. They just celebrated their 60th anniversary. Carrie was the love of his life.

Allen worked for General Motors for over 35 years, retiring in 2000. He was a lifetime member of the Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 joining in 1962, served as Worshipful Master in 1974. He was a novice photographer, an experienced hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed wood working and working on cars. He was an avid fan of MSU, Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers and his grandchildren's sporting events. He loved to cook and made the best dumplings and apple pie ever.

Allen's nickname was "Big Al". Everything about his personality was big. He filled our world with his smile, his laughter, his love, his kindness and generosity. This was Dad's heart!

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Carrie, three children: Shelly (Leonard) Torrealba of Altadena, CA, Allan Baron II of Lake Odessa, MI, and Lisa (Michael) Allswede of Chicago, IL; five grandchildren: Nicolas (Jessica) Baron, Jenna Baron, Eli Allswede, Marz Allswede, and Katrina Torrealba; four great grandchildren: Nathan, Lukas, Roann, and Vinny; two sisters-in-law: Shirley Baron and Kathy Goldman Lemke; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Louis Baron, mother Mary (Carl) Goldman Sr., grandson Cody Baron, two brothers: Louis Baron and Carl Goldman Jr.; and infant sister Lucelle.

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# Health

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## Don't Let Judgmental People Bother You!

by **LeeAnna Woods**  
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How is it that one can be judged as soon as they walk into a room, by people who don't even know them? Or, how can the owner of a new business in town be judged by another business, who has never seen nor met them before? It happens, and more often than you might think.

Have you ever had the pleasure of being treated differently or judged by others? It's a hard concept to grasp or figure out why the person or people are acting like that towards you, isn't it? Especially when you have done absolutely nothing to them, wrong, or worse, you've never even met them before.

Why does this happen, how does it affect your health, and how should you handle it, if it happens to you?

Getting treated like that can be quite stressful for some people and even hurtful sometimes. It definitely can hinder your health in different ways, if you become too bothered by it.

Constantly feeling the need to look over your shoulder, or worrying about your actions or how you dress because of what others may do or say, can begin to build up within your body and start affecting your health.

The whole process takes a toll on your body both mentally and emotionally. As that toll rises it can lead to physical issues which may become hazardous in your life.

It might sound a bit silly at first when thinking that stress levels can grow from worrying about how other people may treat you, but for those who have been in the situation of being judged, it's no joke and they'll completely understand the strenuous feelings or even anxiety caused by being around judgmental people.

It's human nature to want to feel accepted and fit in, so naturally when you get judged for any reason, it creates emotional stress on your body. Either fear, hurt, or confusion, about what happened and why. Some people even become angry from their feelings of fear and the idea of being treated unfairly by the situation. These emotions begin to build and as they grow, they can manifest thoughts creating a mental marker by lowering and/or increasing different hormones in your body. Which in turn, helps the subconscious develop feelings so the body can cope, such as the fight, freeze, or flight response.

The tension from experiences like this causes muscles in the body to tighten, creating physical pain. After a period of time, these emotions can cause other elements like depression

or anxiety. It can even become debilitating for some people, to the point of not wanting to go anywhere in public. Some people may even become physically ill just to avoid going out and not even know why they're all of a sudden not feeling well. Over time, being judged can hinder a person's life severely and dramatically.

So, why do people judge others and how should you handle it if it happens to you? Well, the first thing about judgement, is understanding that the people who judge others, actually have deeper problems with themselves, and it has nothing to do with you. Knowing this makes handling the judgment of others much easier. Typically, the judgmental person is nothing more than a jealous one. They view the target (you), as a threat in one form or another, which leads them into their defense of judging. It's easier for them to do this instead of dealing with their own traumas or personal issues.

Knowing that puts a different emphasis on the subject, doesn't it?

Judgmental people have the need to be better than others because in their minds they are not good enough. Therefore, they will begin to pick away at the person they find as a threat. The reasoning behind this can actually be anything under the sun, because most judgmental people are judging the people they don't know or have never met.

Perhaps the target is a threat because they look better in some manner or perform a task better or easier than the person judging can. See how the list of reasons can expand to a large size.

In business however, it typically comes down to them not being secure enough about their own capabilities, services, or whatever they are offering the community. They view the "new business" as competition, instead of a colleague in their field.

Again, this is due to their own lack of experience or confidence in themselves, and has nothing to do with the target at all.

Now that you can look at being judged from this angle and understand the reasoning behind the attacks, it should make it easier for you to handle if it does happen to you. After all, they're only viewing you as someone you're not, and making themselves look bad in the attempt of downgrading your character. Therefore, it's not necessary to do anything about it. Just continue being your truest self and allow them space. The best reply to use is the simple "I'm sorry they feel that way" and say nothing more. After a while, with no reaction by you, they may begin to drown in their own misery of negativity. It sounds like a mean thing to do but in reality, it could be the only thing that will push them into receiving the help they need. They're not going to hurt you because the people who know you won't listen and the people who know them already know how they are. So, there's no reason for worries about anything a judgmental person says or does.

Remember, a judgmental person is their own worst enemy, and they don't deserve your time, energy, or power, including your worry.

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# Health

## MDHHS Urges Michigan Residents to Get Screened as Part of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

submitted by Lynn Sutfin

LANSING – At the start of the New Year, many people make resolutions and begin routines to improve their health. As January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is urging Michiganders to make a resolution to be regularly screened for cancer. By staying current on cervical cancer screening, people could improve their health in 2023, and prevent cervical cancer in the future.

In Michigan, the rates of new cervical cancer cases and deaths due to cervical cancer have remained relatively low but steady since 2011. Approximately 75% of cervical cancer diagnoses and 60% of cervical cancer deaths statewide occur among women ages 30-64. Furthermore, Black non-Hispanic residents experience significantly higher rates of late-stage cervical cancers and cervical cancer deaths than white non-Hispanic residents.

"In its early stages, cervical cancer may not cause any symptoms," said Dr. Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Routine cervical cancer screening is the most effective way to detect cervical cancer early, when it is most treatable, and the first step is talking with your health care provider."

Screening for cervical cancer is recommended to begin at age 21 and as follows:

Women ages 21 to 29:

Pap Smear every three years.

Women ages 30 to 65: (one of the following options)

Pap Smear every three years OR

A laboratory test for high-risk human papillomavirus infection (HPV) every five years OR

A Pap Smear and HPV co-test every five

MDHHS has openings for program-eligible individuals to receive free cancer and health screenings through two of its programs.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP), available statewide, provides free breast and cervical cancer screening services to low-income women. This may include follow-up care if a screening abnormality is found. Although the BC3NP does not pay for cancer treatment, women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer may be eligible for a special Medicaid program that provides cancer treatment.

The WISEWOMAN Program, available in select areas of the state, helps participants understand their chronic disease risk factors and make healthy lifestyle choices. Every participant receives a free health screening. A health professional will review the results of the health screening, and the participant will have the opportunity to work with a health coach. In addition, participants can choose to participate in a number of free support services, such as the Diabetes Prevention Program, Weight Watchers, Take off Pounds Sensibly or Cooking Matters.

To learn more about Michigan's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program and the WISEWOMAN Program, call 844-446-8727 or visit [Michigan.gov/cancer](http://Michigan.gov/cancer). For Spanish resources, call 800-379-1057.

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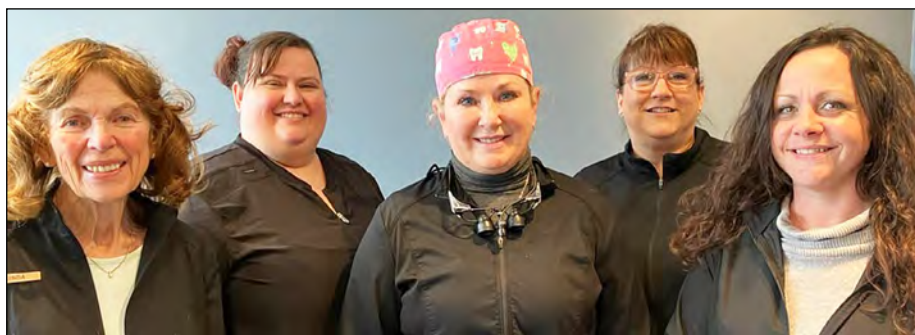
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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

My house just got invaded by five of the cats, lucky for me they willingly zipped back out the door when I fed them their second meal of the day. That is an all but...Ms Rambo who decided that she would stay inside unless I was willing to give her and her mates some snacks. Preferably savory salmon "Temptations". She is still in the house because I'm not ready to use the snacks to get my way. As I walked in this afternoon, I gave Prudence a bowl of mixed meat and scrambled eggs. She was delighted with the luncheon variety. Of course she was also pleased because I had added a new pull toy to her pile of cotton socks. I did have to tie a knot in it so that it signified her ownership and also let her know that it was not one of my socks. Prudence is a smart little dog.

There seems to be much going on in my life. I have more decisions to make and hopefully they will work out as I need them to do. I have finished canning the pork and am now getting into dry beans. I have about ten pounds of kidney beans, forty some of navy beans and another fifteen pounds of organic black beans to get canned. I'm looking forward to the three bean salads, chili and good old baked beans to enjoy. All I will need to do is pop open a can, that does make life easier. I have two turkeys left in the big freezer and am getting a hankering to fix them. My neighbor Ed, was very kind to me and dropped off a dozen brand new wide mouth quart jars and a half a dozen others for my use. When I look at the jars I'm thinking of getting them filled with peaches this coming August.

Something happened at the shop today that just floored me, I had a customer come in for coffee and she treated one of us like a peon. I don't do well at people ordering me around and even less when it is done to others. It darn near makes the hair on the back of my neck to stand up. This of course means that my temper is getting ready to avail itself to the public. This is not a good thing, I was born a red head and do have the temper still even though my hair is silver. Normally it is well controlled but it can slip to being out of hand.

As I'm puttzing around I have managed to displace my canning text. By memory I know how to can venison, beef, and pork. I haven't done enough of the dried beans to commit it to my memory. So, I've been a bit put out because my canning book has disappeared. It was on my dining room table but it seems to have migrated elsewhere. I'll have to give Linda another call to check on the procedure, and I really would like to get most of the beans done in the next couple of days.

Speaking of days or maybe daze... I'm looking forward to our next Soup and Sandwich dinner on the thirty-first of January. I believe that is from 5PM until 6:30 PM. I made some red meat, barley, vegetable soup for the first one and haven't decided what to do for this one. I need to check with the ladies to see what is needed. Also, this Sunday afternoon at 4PM Jerry Garcia is coming to the Bannister United Methodist Church to sing for us and of course being Methodist we will be serving a luncheon to follow. So far, I know that there will be some ground bologna sandwiches in the mix and of course I'm checking to see what else is needed. Maybe I will make another three layer carrot cake, which is what I had furnished the last time that Jerry Garcia sang for us. Yes, he will be at the Ovid Methodist Church this Sunday at noon.

I need to be hustling my hustle because I have an appointment to get my hair styled this afternoon. I also need to stop at a candy shop in Alma to get a few things to make some Valentine's candy. I have a few cute molds to work with and I'm looking forward to the results. Diane and I will be making some big chocolate chip and silo chip cookies shaped into hearts. Also a few cup cakes and one layer heart cakes to help out the givers in our lives. I also have a bit of caramel to make some turtles. May God bless you and yours, share and enjoy your skills.

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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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## Winter Ramblings

Michigan Wild Turkey

One of the greatest conservation comeback stories ever told in Michigan is that of the wild turkey. The continuing success of this species on the landscape is dependent on many tools including the online turkey observation report. If you have been seeing turkeys it is important to go online and report your findings. [www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ORS/Survey/11](http://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ORS/Survey/11) Probably the most effective management tool is the spring turkey hunt and the application period will end on Feb. 1st.

Green Comet

This coming week on Feb 1st and 2nd during the early dark hours of the morning just before dawn a once in every 50,000 year Green Comet named C/2022 E3 (ZTF) will appear in the sky. If you have any interest in astronomy, or know someone close to you that does, make sure to set the alarm for zero dark thirty and hope for clear skies. As a bonus the tail has been slowly separating due to a solar storm. If you are wondering about the green color it is caused by a rare type of carbon gas composed of two carbon atoms bonded together. Don't miss out!

Groundhog Day!

Don't forget that Feb 2nd is groundhog day and it is when our favorite summertime varmint target emerges and becomes a weather prognosticator. This day is also a cross quarter day because it falls between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. Make sure your Christmas decorations have all been put away or you may be subject to some bad luck according to German tradition.

-WS

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The Village of Ashley reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all proposals, and to make the award in the best interest of the Village.

President, Ann Paksi.

# Sports



Veteran LHS coach Daniel Morrill directs his charges during a 2nd quarter timeout at Potterville.

## Wolfpack Takes Another Major Step Towards CMAC Basketball Title, Winning at Potterville

POTTERVILLE — Midway through the second quarter, Dan Morrill went to his bench and asked his next player up, "You ready to go to work?"

The answer was affirmative.

There was no questioning it. Laingsburg's varsity boys basketball team "Did Work" in a critical CMAC game — that wasn't their best offensive performance.

The Wolves' defense carried the day over a talented Potterville team, in the CMAC's showcase of the week, holding the Vikings to 15 points in the first half and helping deliver at 59-35 victory that kept Laingsburg's unbeaten record intact, through 11 games, for the first time since 1997-98.

Veteran coach Morrill's Pack stayed atop the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) at 11-0 overall, 6-0 in the league, meantime dropping the Bikes' record to 7-5, 3-2 in the circuit.

In a contest with a frenetic pace, Laingsburg's tenacious defense ruled the day. The Vikings found very little room to move, to "create." Led by singular, athletic players like DaMarion and Chris Hicks, the Vikes were definitely looking to create.

Yet the Wolves' solid, fundamental approach settled the matter in terms of rebounds, limiting turnovers; hitting key shots.

"We've put our self in a good position winning against all the top schools in the league on the road and now getting to enjoy hosting those teams on the back half of our season," said Morrill.

Eli Woodruff led all scorers with 21 and Zander Woodruff added 17. Luke Snyder chipped in 7.

Potterville was led by Chris Hicks with 19 and Damarion Hicks with 11.

"Starting 11-0 has been a lot of fun," explained Morrill. "The kids have worked hard and earned it and it's my job to remind them what got them there — because a mid-season record doesn't win anything."

### OID TOWNSHIP Public Notice of Annual Budget Meeting

The Ovid Township Board will hold a budget meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 1 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI, to discuss the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting."

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk  
Ovid Township



# Sports

## Lady Marauders Keep MMAC Record Perfect, Running Past Montrose, 50-21

OVID-ELSIE — Ava Bates had a game-high 17 points to help lead Ovid-Elsie past visiting Montrose, 50-21, in MMAC girls basketball action here January 20.

Bates, a junior sharpshooter, connected on 3-of-5 from behind the arc and shot nearly 80% from the field.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Marauders used a stifling defense to hold the Rams in check for most of the game which saw O-E win the first three quarters 11-4, 19-6, and 15-3 before surrendering the fourth quarter 5-8.

Ovid-Elsie was once again sharing the basketball as they handed out 15 assists on 19 made baskets and collected 17 steals on 25 Montrose turnovers. The Rams held a slight rebound advantage over OE, 26-25.

Braeden Tokar went 5 for 5 from the foul line en route to 11 points. She also added 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals while Evalyn Cole knocked down 8 points and added 5 rebounds, 5 assists, and 2 steals while Ellyanna Carman (4 rebounds) and Hailee Campbell (6 rebounds) each added 6 points. Katie Lorio added a bucket and Hadley Bukantis handed out 3 assists.

Ovid-Elsie (10-2, 8-0 MMAC) traveled to New Lothrop (7-3, 6-1 MMAC) for a critical conference match-up on January 24.

### Marauder gals face down New Lothrop challenge, win 40-29

NEW LOTHROP — After a slow start, Ovid-Elsie's Lady Marauders picked things up and turned away the New Lothrop Hornets on January 24, by a 40-29 count.

The win put a two-game cushion between Ovid-Elsie and New Lothrop. O-E stood 11-2 (9-0 MMAC), alone in first place, while New Lothrop fell to 7-4 (6-2 MMAC).

After an 11-5 first-quarter deficit, the Lady Marauders outscored the Hornets 35-18 in the final three quarters and led by as many as 13 points.

"New Lothrop had been off for a week so they had a chance to really scout us and prepare for us," said veteran O-E coach Ryan Cunningham. "Once we settled in and made a few adjustments, we started hitting some shots and playing better defensively. To be honest, it was good to be tested a bit because it showed our resolve."

Ava Bates had a game-high 17 points to go along with 5 rebounds and 3 steals while Evalyn Cole added 8 points, 4 rebounds, and 5 assists. Braeden Tokar added 7 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 steals while Hailee Campbell added 6 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals. Ellyanna Carman rounded out the Marauder scoring with 2 points to go along with her 3 rebounds.

"I thought Izzy Loynes did an outstanding job on their point guard defensively tonight," added Cunningham. "She hurt us last time but Izzy did a phenomenal job and kept her in check tonight."

The Lady Marauders tied New Lothrop on the boards with 23 caroms a piece, but Ovid-Elsie was able to collect 13 steals off of 23 Hornet turnovers. Ovid-Elsie also handed out 9 assists on 17 made baskets while shooting at a 40% clip.

The Lady Marauders hosted Portland St. Patrick on Thursday night for a non-conference showdown due to Mt. Morris canceling the remainder of the girls' basketball season.



#33 Ava Bates going up for two in the middle of the whole darn NL team. Bates scored 17 points during the New Lothrop game Jan. 24th and also against Montrose on Jan. 20th.

Photo by Denise Burgess

## Ovid-Elsie Boys Win for 9th time in 10 Outings with 76-47 Rout of Rams

OVID-ELSIE — The start wasn't pretty, but senior leadership helped provided an impressive end as Ovid-Elsie's boys varsity basketball team won for the 9th time in 10 games with a 76-47 rout of Montrose here January 20.

"After a bit of a sluggish start," said coach Josh Latz. "We went on a nice run at the end of the 2nd quarter and into the 3rd quarter where we were able to finally pull away from a good Montrose team to get a big league win."

O-E improved to 9-1 overall, 7-1 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), with the Rams fading to 7-5 overall.

Clay Wittenberg led the Marauders' 6th-straight triumph with 26 point and 7 rebounds. Other big contributors for O-E were Logan Thompson 10 pts, 5 rebs, 2 assists, 2 steals; Tryce Tokar 9 pts, 4 rebs, 2 assists; and Braxton Stenger 4 pts, 5 assists and 3 steals.

Explained Coach Latz, "It was awesome to see all 14 guys contribute, as all 14 guys scored. Our seniors did a great job of leading us tonight, and we will look to continue to improve each day."

### Marauder boys overcome slow start in 58-40 win at New Lothrop

NEW LOTHROP -- Braxton Stenger shut down New Lothrop's Ty Kohlmann on defense, helping lift Ovid-Elsie varsity boys basketball team to another MMAC victory here January 22.

"Stenger did a tremendous job in holding New Lothrop's leading scorer (who was averaging 27 points to 13), and was really the piston in our engine," said Marauder coach Josh Latz, whose team moved to 10-1 overall. "Tryce Tokar also played a very solid game tonight and hit 4 big threes to get us going as well. This was a very nice road win for us."

The host Hornets — seen as a MMAC favorite entering the season — fell to 4-7.

Clay Wittenberg led O-E with 15 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Other key Marauders on offense were Tokar with 14 points, 3 assists; Logan Thompson 11 pts, 4 rebs; and Stenger 7 points, 9 assists and 5 steals.

Said Coach Latz, "After a sluggish first 12 minutes or so, we really did a great job of closing the 2nd quarter on a 12-0 run to take the lead into the half. We were able to make some shots and play more of our style with tempo-which switched the momentum in the game."

"We couldn't be more proud of the way we defended tonight."

Marauder scoring included Hunter Bates 1 0-0 2, Mason Ritenburg 1 0-0 3, Perrien Rasch 1 0-0 2, Beau Price 1 0-0 2, Bruce Thornton 0 2-2 2.



Braxton Stenger making a quick lay-up for 2 of his 7 points. He also had 9 assists and 5 steals, holding NL top scorer to fewer points.

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# Sports

## Ovid-Elsie Bowling

The OE Varsity Keglers wer in action at Colonial Lanes in Flushing against Bentley.  
The girls won 29-1 with high scores of Kloe Bigelow 125; Ashland Particka 127, 150; Gracie Schultz 147, 179.  
The boys took a loss 12-18 with high scores of Austin Smith 134; Landyn Adkins 125; Gunnar Barrett 168, 128; Tobin Clark 192, 179; Devyn Pugsley 177, 150.  
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## Wolfpack Wrestling Team Runs Away with Napoleon Team Title

**NAPOLEON** — Laingsburg's varsity wrestling team got championship finishes from Aden Baynes and Mikey Brooks, running away with the team title of the Napoleon Wrestling Invitational here January 21.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves dominated the 14-team field with 220.5 points, winning over the host Pirates with 172.5 team points, Reading 151.5, Whitmore Lake 121.5, Dundee 120, Columbia 98.5, Dexter 78.5, Eaton Rapids 71, Danville 65, Battle Creek Pennfield 60.5, Onsted 51, Kalamazoo Loy Norris 50.5, Grass Lake 47 and Stockbridge 25.

Individual results for the Wolfpack included:

106 lbs. Ethan Schneederger (23-8) placed 2nd.  
120 Dustin Winans (20-10) placed 4th.  
126 Marlon Graham (24-7) placed 2nd.  
138 Aden Baynes (30-1) placed 1st.  
144 Bryce Smith (23-9) placed 4th.  
150 Kyle Boettcher (20-10) placed 2nd.  
157 Jack Borgman (23-8) placed 2nd.  
165 Seth Sivak (24-5) placed 2nd.  
175 Caleb Boettcher (24-9) placed 4th.  
190 Mikey Brooks (24-1) placed 1st.  
285 Carter Schlaack (22-9) placed 2nd.

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# Sports

## Ashley Sportsman Club to Hold Annual Squirrel

submitted by Dawn D Levey

BANNISTER – The annual Ashley Sportsmans Club squirrel will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023. ASC will be introducing a number of changes to the event. Each team will consist of two people, the charge is \$20 per team. There is a 10 squirrel limit per team. Registration is slated for 6:30 am – 9:00 am at the ASC clubhouse located at 8554 S Mason Rd., Bannister, Michigan and both team members must be present for registration. Squirrel check-in will be from 3-4 pm and teams must be line by 4 pm for the bag limit to count.

Additional rules are as follows. No hunting on ASC property, hunting must take place in Michigan, hunters must abide by hunting regulations, and air rifle and/or rim fire rifles only.

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(l-r): Chaycen Thornton, Talan Parsons, Luke Follett, Cole Workman and Clayton Juhas  
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## Parsons, Workman, Follett Lead Weight Classes at Ithaca Wrestling Invitational

ITHACA — Ovid-Elsie's varsity wrestling team entered 10 grapplers and finished 7th in the team standings at the annual Ithaca Invitational.

"The was a lot of great wrestling and big improvement happening in our team," said veteran coach Kyle Spiess.

Top placers for the Marauder matmen were: 1st place 120 lbs. Talan Parsons; 1st place 138 lbs. Cole Workman; 1st place 190 lbs. Luke Follett; 2nd place 150 lbs. Chaycen Thornton; 5th place 132 lbs. Clayton Juhas

This Wednesday Ovid-Elsie travels to Byron for the final MMAC quad against Byron and Chesaning. Friday, January 27 the Marauders host their Girls invitational at home followed by the Boys Invitational on Saturday, January 28 at O-E HS.

## Lady Wolves Move to 7-6 with 18-Point Victory Over Potterville

LAINGSBURG — A stifling Wolfpack defense limited Potterville to 12 points in the second half, rallying to a 49-31 CMAC girls basketball victory here January 18.

The big second half — triggered by a 15-2 third-quarter run — spearheaded coach Doug Hurst's Lady Wolves to a 7-6 record thirteen games into the 2022-23 season. LHS improved to 3-4 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), dropping the Vikings to 1-5 in the CMAC, 8-5 overall.

Junior Bella Strieff delivered a career-high 16 rebounds to go with 13 points for the Wolfpack and senior teammate Ellie Baynes was another double-double player, supplying 12 points, 11 rebounds and five steals. Ella Merrell scored nine points including seven in the pivotal third-quarter. Ashlee Hawes hit a 3-pointer in a big third quarter run.

"I thought we played really well other than the first 3 or 4 minutes of the game," coach Hurst said. "After that we settled down and started playing much better ball ... I did challenge them and I challenged them during the game."

Kaylee Bush led the Vikings (8-5 overall, 1-5 CMAC) with 16 points including 10-for-12 free throw shooting.

Laingsburg scoring included: Ellie Baynes 5 1-2 12, Bella Strieff 5 3-8 13, Ella Merrell 4 0-0 9, Callie Clark 2 0-0 6, Mallory Woodbury 2 0-0 4, Ashlee Hawes 1 0-0 3, Kyleigh Luna 1 0-0 2.

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