

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes 2023 New Year's Baby!

submitted by Dianna Vsetula
OWOSSO – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce the arrival of the first new baby of 2023.

Parents McKenzie and Vincent rang in the New Year at Memorial Healthcare in a special way with the birth of their daughter, Zariah Sue. Zariah was born on January 1, 2023, at 2:39 am, weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. She was delivered by Memorial Healthcare obstetrician, Dr. I. Stanley Frye.

The Memorial Healthcare Family Birth Place was recently recognized as one of the nation's leading hospitals for maternity care by US News & World Report. This online resource ranked Memorial Healthcare in the top 20% of Michigan hospitals for providing high-quality care and experience for expectant mothers and families.

In celebration of the 2023 New Year's baby, the family received a basket filled with items such as clothing, diapers, wipes, toys, a carrier wrap, baby shampoo, baby lotion and more.



Pictured (l-r) proud parents McKenzie Rogers, Vincent Breamsy and baby Zariah

Memorial Healthcare Recognized Among Best Hospitals for Emergency Care, Mammograms

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

OWOSSO – Memorial Healthcare, an independent, community non-profit hospital in Shiawassee County, has been recognized by the 2023 Women's Choice Awards in two categories: Best Hospitals in Emergency Care and Best Hospitals for Mammogram Imaging.

Of those surveyed, 71% of patients claimed they would definitely recommend Memorial Healthcare for emergency care, with the hospital ranking in the top 1% of the 4,729 hospitals considered. Survey results placed the hospital within the top 25th percentile for the percentage of patients with stroke symptoms who receive brain scan results within 45 minutes, as well as for adherence to the severe sepsis and septic shock Early Management Bundle measure implemented by CMS in 2015.

"To be recognized as a hospital of choice among women and their families is an honor we at Memorial Healthcare do not take lightly," said Brian Long, FACHE, president and CEO of Memorial

Healthcare. "I commend our emergency and mammography providers and staff on their continued efforts to provide a respectful environment and efficient, timely care for our patients."

The Women's Choice Awards' Best Hospitals program utilizes extensive surveys of women and research conducted with the Wharton School of Business to understand what drives a positive healthcare experience for women. Only the top 10% of U.S. hospitals are awarded, based on publicly available data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services (CMS) and other regulatory organizations which speaks to clinical performance, patient experience, and accreditation.

Qualification for the 2023 Mammogram Award is dependent upon a hospital's breast care center being designated as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence (BICOE) by the American College of Radiologists. Memorial Healthcare's mammography services – which offer patients the revolutionary Genius™ 3D Mammography™ exam – have earned this accreditation, placing them in the top 10% of eligible hospitals with another 71% patient recommendation rating in this category.



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This week at the Ovid Public Library:

Monday, January 9 at 1:00 will be our Adult Bookclub. If you're looking for your next favorite book or want to share something great you just read, come join us.

On Wednesday, January 11 we will be showing the movie "The North Avenue Irregulars" starring Cloris Leachman. Movie time is 1:30. Bring a friend and come enjoy this comedy film.

Friday January 13 will be our Children's Story Hour. This will begin at 10:30. Ms. Shelly will be reading some winter themed books and we are expecting a visit from Chief Rousseau who would also like to read a story to the kids. We will also have a craft to make. We look forward to seeing lots of little ones here!

**Laingsburg Community
Singers New
Members Welcome**

submitted by Cathy Chubb

Do you like to sing and make friends? Laingsburg Community Singers would like to invite you to join us for Spring 2023. We are a community choir that performs a variety of music. Auditions are not required. Rehearsals for our Spring 2023 concerts (April 15 and 16) begin on January 10 (may join on January 17); and are held Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Laingsburg United Methodist Church, 210 N. Crum St., under the direction of Steven Easterling. If you have questions, please contact Steven Easterling at (810) 624-5485 or Janice Hurst at (517) 651-5937. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**The Shiawassee Arts Center
Offering Adult Art Workshop**

submitted by Linda Ruehle

Adult Open Oil/ Acrylic Painting

The Shiawassee Arts Center will begin a new Six week session of Open Painting on Wednesdays, January 11-February 15, 1-4pm. Philip Ruehle, MFA, Artist/Instructor

Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non objective abstract, etc.). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. This may be a good time to get back to your painting! Students need to bring their own supplies and have some prior experience with using their oil or acrylic paints. A new session will follow. Pre- registration and payment required. Call 988-723-8354 to register or for questions regarding any classes.

**Audrey
Bancroft
Turning 99**

Audrey Bancroft will be turning 99 years old on January 15, 2023.

Those wishing to send her birthday greetings may send them to her at her residence.

The Laurels of Fulton, RFD #1, 4735 Ranger Rd., Perrinton, MI 48871.

**Owosso Parkinson Suport
Group Meeting**

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group is to meet on Wednesday, January 11th at 5:00PM at Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300N Washington St., Owosso. Contact number 989-723-8875.

After being off for 3 months the group is resuming meeting the second Wednesday of each month.

There will not be a speaker for this month. Will work on those issues members would like to know more about. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support.

Please contact Karen Prussner, Facilitator at 989-723-6901.

**Ovid-Elsie High School Drama
and Choir Perform
"GREASE"**

On January 13th & 14th at 8:00 p.m. and January 15th at 3:00 p.m. the OE Drama Club and Choir will perform GREASE at the Ovid-Elsie High School Don Thayer Auditorium.

You can buy tickets at the door or reserve seats online at <https://oedrama.ludus.com/20800>

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

\$10 - Adults. \$5 Students and children, 4 and under free.

**Memorial Healthcare
Auxiliary Hosts a Shoe
Sale Event**

Owosso — The Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary will be hosting a 2-Day Shoe Sale on Thursday, January 12 from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm and on Friday, January 13 from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium. Proceeds from this event will benefit future hospital projects.

The event features trendy, comfortable medical shoes, socks and accessories from Outside The Box Shoes. Choose from popular name brands such as Cherokee, Dansko, and KLOGS for comfort and style all day long. Cash, checks, credit/debit cards, and payroll deduction for qualified Memorial Healthcare employees will be accepted. Open to the public!

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(l-r): Cayleb Carman, Doug Sturgis, Mark and Becky Miller

Ovid-Elsie Athletes Sign Letters of Intent May 8, 2022



Colin Fluharty will also attend Alma College where he will join the wrestling team. He is the son of Justin & Krystal Fluharty. He chose Alma stating he felt a family atmosphere there when he visited the campus. Colin will be seeking a nursing degree. He was introduced by O-E wrestling coach, Kyle Spiess who believes there are good things in store for Colin at the next level.

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Caitlyn Walter will play basketball for Mid-Michigan College in Mt Pleasant. She is the daughter of James & Kara Walter. She chose Mid-Michigan because the coaches there were so welcoming during her visits and she felt like they really wanted her there. She was introduced by O-E girls basketball Coach Cunningham. Mid-Michigan basketball assistant coach, Joe Purvis was also in attendance.

Alexis Hart-Butcher will be heading to Adrian College to wrestle. She is the daughter of Dennis Butcher and Jennifer Hart. She loved the close-knit campus feel and knows she's will be comfortable there. She will be pursuing a Business degree. She was introduced by her OE coach, Kyle Spiess and assistant coaches Frank Goodrich, Justin Potter and Kam Arnett.



Mary Draher will attend Alma College to play LaCrosse. She is the daughter of Jeff & Brenda Draher. She chose Alma College because she liked the feel of the campus and the fact that it's close to home. She plans to pursue an Early Education degree. She was introduced by her Dad/Coach to those in attendance at the signing.



Alex Eichenberg will continue playing on the gridiron at Hope College. He is son of Eric & Lynn Eichenberg. He chose Hope College because it has a big school feel, is close to Lake Michigan and most importantly is the best school for his planned Major in Exercise Science. He was introduced by his football coach, Travis Long who wished Alex good luck at the next level.



Kalista Bancroft will attend Alma College to play volleyball. She is the daughter of Mike & Erin Bancroft. She too chose Alma College due to it being so close to home and that she was able to check off all her list of wants she was looking for in a school. She was introduced by former volleyball coach, Courtney Miller who enjoyed coaching Kalista and wished her well at the next level.



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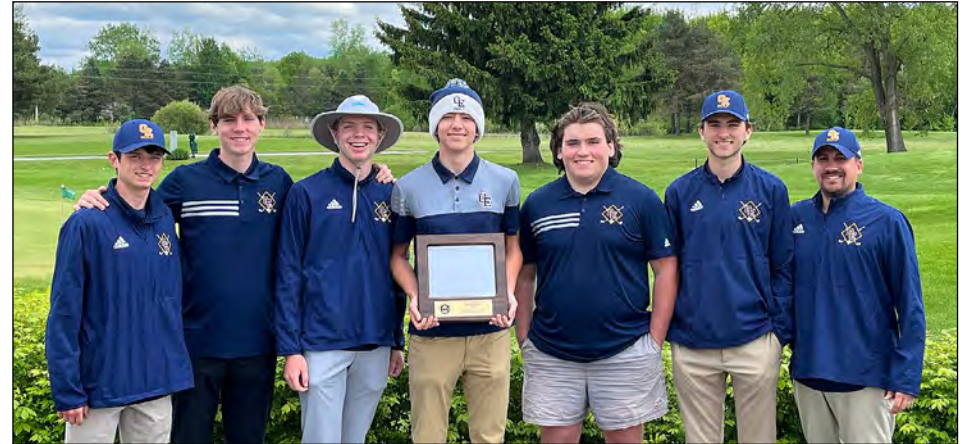
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Marauder Ladies win 3rd straight MMAC soccer crown May 15, 2022



The team includes: Caitlyn Walter, Genevieve Hills, Kendahl Smeltzer, Rian Kirby, Sophia Sweet, Madison Thornton, Kiah Longoriah, Averie Knickerbocker, Captain Evelyn Cole, Aubrey Arnett, Katie Lorio, Captain Audrey Bates, Kalista Bancroft, Ava Bates, Hailee Campbell, Murphy Alexa, Hadley Bukantis, Emma Del Bosque, Head Coach Craig Thelen, Ast. Coach Chris Parker, Manager Lillian Bates, Manager Dannika Campbell, Ast. Coach Justin Fluharty.

Ovid-Elsie Golf Team Wraps Up MMAC Title Since 2005 May 29, 2022



(L-R) Brayden Phillips, Adam Barton, Clay Wittenberg, Beau Price, Tyler Bancroft, Dylan Carman and Coach Josh Latz.

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Tokar Wins MHSAA State Pole Vaulting Championship June 12, 2022



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The Greens (l-r) Velmar, Darcy, Margaret, Corbie and Craig.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I thought that maybe I should explain what I did not write about last week. It was a year ago today that my son William died. On the seventh of this month his close cousin Warren also passed. And today was that day that a memorial was held for him in Michigan. To the day, it was one year from the day that William collapsed. Mostly I have handled things, meaning my emotions quite well and yet I seem to be crying more than I did last year. I am very thankful that I have buckets full of happy memories for both of our boys, I do wish that I could have spent more time with both of them, to be honest mostly with William. It is a mother thing. I am very thankful that I have a daughter who tolerates me well, even when I'm being sharp...which does happen. This is all a part of life and I have more blessings than many.

I've been thinking about becoming a minimalist. My house would be less cluttered and I might be able to find my table tops...maybe even have bare ones. How novel is that? I have also realized that I lack enthusiasm when the sun goes down. I am no longer availing myself to either early or late travel. I just don't like the dark. I do enjoy star filled skies filled with recognizable constellations, and full moons glowing. But I don't want to drive in the dark. I would rather curl up with a good book with Prudence on my lap and read. This works well, as long as I don't have to be at the coffee shop on the morrow.

Tuesday and Wednesday Tammi came over to help me get back to my abnormal self. She cleaned the kitchen and the bath for me. I made headway in the living and dining rooms and the hallway. I carried a few totes upstairs but have decided to leave that function for the youngsters. I will put stuff in the hallway and ready it to be migrated up the stairs. I have until New Year's Day to get this accomplished because I have invited several folks over for a lasagna dinner. So tomorrow morning I will head out to St Johns to pick up the cheeses that I need to get it made and yup I'm cheating on the garlic bread, I will buy the frozen kind. I also need some milk and fresh veggies for the salad. The milk is for me to drink and the veggies are for the tossed salad. No frozen garlic bread to be found, so it looks as if I will need to make French bread and garlic it well.

By the first, the house looked pretty decent with a few pockets of clutter. In the midst of doing things I added potting soil to my plants and even watered them. They are most appreciative. I had the table set and ready to rock before anyone got here which is a good thing because I had four guests that were unexpected but welcome. I quickly added the needed dinnerware and silverware and was ready when they walked into the house. Everyone seemed to enjoy the lasagna meal, some more than others. All and all it was a good way to start the New Year.

On this Monday I started canning venison for my cousin Bill. He had asked and I said no problem. I just did not realize how big his buck was. Usually when I can venison I have between twenty-five and thirty pounds to work with. I had sixty pounds of trimmed meat, so far I have sent back fourteen quarts plus twenty-four pints. I have eight more pints ready and waiting for the pressure cooker plus about twelve more pounds of venison to be placed in the canning jars with onions and such. I just told him that it probably not be ready before Saturday afternoon because the packages were still frozen in the center.

Have you noticed how quickly plans can change overnight? I left the shop yesterday planning on playing euchre Thursday afternoon. Today is Thursday and that part hasn't changed. I'm still playing but the location has become my living room providing that I had a cushioned chair to sit in and the house must be warmer than the shop. I usually heat the house to sixty-six degrees and grab a throw if I get cold or if I have guests I turn up the furnace. I didn't realize the shop is cold. Maybe because I'm zipping around getting things done. It's probably a good thing that I don't know how to use the grill or I'd probably sweat a waterfall from that heat. Plus I'm getting that age when I'm not real keen on learning more than I must. Yup getting lazier every day. Thank God Diane is a dynamo.

May God bless you all and be wise and learn what you must. Laugh, love your family and friends and don't forget your faithful pets.
Crystal Mitchell©2023

Frederick Thank You

Letter to the Editor,

It's hard to know where to begin when thinking back on the 15 years I've been granted to serve in public office for this area, so I'll simply say thank you.

Serving on the Owosso City Council, as mayor of Owosso and as state representative for Shiawassee and rural Saginaw County have been true honors. I want to thank all those who offered encouragement, mentorship, prayers, and correction along the way as I sought to grow professionally and be an effective voice for our region. I look back without regret on the worthwhile efforts we pursued together over years of both hardship and renewal.

I wish to thank my parents Michael and Barbara for always supporting me even when I know these pursuits took them far out of their comfort zones. I can also never express my appreciation adequately to my wife Lydia and our children Devlin and Katie for the sacrifices they made over the years. Long nights away and full weekends create tremendous strain on a family; yet, by God's grace, we persevered and are looking forward to a new chapter as a family.

Thank you also to the people of my hometown of Owosso, who have stood with me over a combined five elections as I've sought to serve in varied capacities. My family is grateful to continue to call such a special place our home.

This season of elected service may be at an end for me, but I still feel the same hope and optimism I did back in 2007. To those who are taking office and carrying forward the work, thank you. It's never been a more difficult time to be effective in politics, which is what makes sacrificial leadership by people of sound character even more essential. Civility and sound ethical governance; these are choices that must be actively pursued by those who take on the burden of the public trust, the stewardship of a public office, and the management of public resources.

Public service should and still can be an honorable pursuit, yet it falls to each new generation to ensure. Thank you for the opportunity granted me to pursue this work in the hopes of leaving things a little better.

Ben Frederick
State Representative
85th House District



Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Wanted: Local Apiarist

As a devout conservationist, an avid vegetable farmer, and a lover of honey products the Weekly Sportsman is always on the lookout for a local apiarist. If you didn't know, apiarist is a fancy word many use to name beekeepers. They are becoming increasingly important on our planet as the bee population continues to decline. Many readers probably already know that bees are responsible for assisting with production of 1/3 of the food supply along with 1/2 the world's fibers, oils, and other raw materials. Not to mention food for wildlife, medicines, and the prevention of soil erosion. Over 120 fruits and vegetables require bees for pollination along with 80 percent of all flowering plants.

If you want to help out locally and globally consider attending a free beginner beekeeping workshop on January 21st. Coordinated by the Clinton Conservation District guest speakers will include Dave Anthony and Leo Stevens from AWS Bees, LLC and Gale Moore from the Michigan Beekeeping Association. The three hour event starts at 9:00 a.m. at Smith Hall in St. Johns and will cover everything you need to know as a first year beekeeper. If interested in attending this workshop please RSVP by January 18th by calling 989-224-3720 ext. 5 or register online at www.clintonconservation.org

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Laingsburg Welcomes New DDS to Family Dental July 17, 2022



The staff at Laingsburg Family Dental includes (seated, L to R) Sandy Turek and Linda Smith; (standing, L to R) Wendy Dedic, Leslie Crowell-Powell, DDS and Lenna Robertson.

Custom Heating & Plumbing Now Open in Downtown Ovid September 4, 2022



Heating & Cooling Business changes hands. Bill Calverly, owner of Bill's Heating & Cooling is pictured here with his brother-in-law, Dan Rons, the owner of Custom Heating & Plumbing.
Insert Danielle Willoughby, Office Manager.

Carriage Days Parade Marshals Ray & Josy Medina September 4, 2022



Fully Staffed Police Department October 2, 2022



(L-R) Part-time officers, Rick Hogle, Bobby Watson, full-time officers, Jaclyn Allen and Andrew Mason and Chief, Lisa Rousseau. Missing from photo, part-time officer, Ben Helms.

Laingsburg Homecoming Royalty October 2, 2022

On Friday, September 23rd, during Homecoming half-time ceremonies, Laingsburg crowned Sean Divine, King and Kathryn Magyar, Queen. The Wolfpack held off Bath to win the game 33-20.



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Sports

Ashley Boys Basketball Lose to Mustangs

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears took on Montabella in the first game back after the Holiday break. Ashley got off to a slow start scoring while the Mustangs did not. Ashley went down 36-14 at the half and continued struggling to score, falling 71-28.

Logan Drummond had 9 points, 3 assists, 4 rebounds and 4 steals. Carson Litwiller had 7 points and 6 rebounds.



Logan Drummond



Carson Litwiller

Lady Bears Take on the Mustangs

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley hosted Montabella in a conference match-up fresh off the Holiday break. The Bears played a very competitive first half of basketball going into halftime trailing 21-19. The Mustangs came out the second half and turned up their defense while the Bears missed some key shots and free throws. Montabella took the game 55-26.

Leading for the way for the Bears were Karissa Brady with 8 points and 5 rebounds, Marissa Brady with 6 points, and Ellie Drummond with 4 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals.

Ovid-Elsie Girls Roll on Home Court, 55-44 Over Yellowjackets



#33 Ava Bates going up for 2 with #21 Ellyanna Carman and #14 Evalyn Cole looking on.

Photo by Denise Burgess

OID-ELSIE

Evalyn Cole led the way with 12 points, four steals and four assists as Ovid-Elsie handed Ithaca its first loss in girls basketball play this season, 55-44, here January 4.

Yellowjacket stand-out Delaney Seaman came into the non-league contest averaging 33 points per contest, but that didn't dissuade coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders.

"We still wanted to play our style of basketball," Cunningham said. "We felt that if we could keep her in check, we'd

have a great chance to win this game."

Kiah Longgoria and Izzy Loynes drew the tough assignment of keeping Seaman in check, limiting the Ithaca sharpshooter to just 7 points on the night.

The Marauders moved to 6-2 overall with Ava Bates contributing 11 points, eight rebounds, three steals and three assists. Braeden Tokar added 10 points, six rebounds and two blocks. Longoria and Hailee Campbell each scored nine points in an outstanding team effort.

Ithaca fell to 7-1 on the season.

"It was a big win for us tonight against a previously-unbeaten Ithaca team," said Cunningham. "Longoria and (Izzy) Loynes did a great job on their top player. Tokar was huge at the line tonight, after Ithaca started using their fouls with about 4:00 to go and when Braeden got to the line she delivered."

Loynes and Ellyanna Carman each scored a bucket to round out the Marauder scoring.

MSU Choral Union to Hold Auditions

submitted by Michael Sundermann

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan State University Choral Union will hold interviews/auditions for its upcoming season on Wednesday, Jan. 11 and 18, at 6 p.m. Auditionees should meet outside of Room 147 of the MSU Communication Arts and Sciences Building, 404 Wilson Road, which is at the southeast corner of Red Cedar and Wilson on the MSU campus. The first rehearsal will also be Wednesday, Jan. 11, so those auditioning should be prepared to stay for rehearsal that evening and on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Auditionees should be prepared to vocalize and sing the first verse of The Star-Spangled Banner. Previous choral singing experience is desirable, but not required. No appointment is necessary but auditionees are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. for a general information session. Private individual auditions will follow immediately.

This spring, the ensemble will perform Mozart's Missa brevis in F, K. 192, and selections from Brahms Requiem. The concert, titled "A Celebration of Legacies" will be held on Saturday, April 29 in the Cobb Great Hall of Wharton Center for Performing Arts.

The ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. Members pay a \$53.50 per semester registration fee (\$41.25 for high school or college students). Scores will be provided at no cost.

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Sports

Marauders Romp to 4th Win in Five Games, 57-34 Over Ithaca

ITHACA — Logan Thompson tossed in 12 points and pulled down 5 rebounds as Ovid-Elsie won for the 4th time in 5 games to start the 2022-23 boys basketball season here January 4.

"Tonight we played our most complete game of the season," said veteran coach Josh Latz. "We're really proud of some improvements our guys have made over break during the holidays. That's a huge credit to our players and their mentality and our assistant coaches in preparing us to play a quality program like Ithaca."

"Playing all 15 guys is tough, and all 15 contributed to the win tonight." The Yellowjackets fell to 5-2 with the non-league loss.

Latz's Marauders got 10 pts, 10 rebs, 5 assets, 3 steals from Clay Wittenberg; Gunner McCreery 9 pts, 2 blocks; Tryce Tokar 7 pts, 5 rebs, 4 steals; Bruce Thornton 5 pts; Tucker Loynes 5 pts; and Braxton Stenger 2 pts, 5 assists in a big team win.



Logan Thompson



(l-r): Dawson Taylor, Talan Parsons, Cole Workman, Luke Follett

OE Fairs Well at Ionia Invitational

IONIA — 7 Ovid-Elsie wrestlers made the trip to Ionia for the Mike Adamson Invite, the only holiday week tournament. The team finished 7th with only 1/2 of the racking up team points. The rest of the team was on hiatus due to vacations, illness and couple injuries.

120lbs - Talan Parsons 5-0 1st place; 138lbs - Cole Workman 5-0 1st place; 190lbs Luke Follett 4-1 2nd place; 215lbs Dawson Taylor 2-3 4th place.

Also racking up team points for the Marauders was Ava Juhas, Chaycen Thornton and Trey Milner.

New Lothrop Opens MMAC Mat Season with 68-6 Win Over O-E

New Lothrop — Ovid Elsie opened Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) action opposite the #2 state-ranked Hornets here January 4.

Talan Parsons stayed perfect but so did New Lothrop's wrestling team with a 68-6 victory that was dominated by NL's participation in all weight classes.

"We made some great improvement from the previous week and we were very close during three matches on scoring a fall," said veteran O-E coach Kyle Spiess.

Parsons continued with his win streak by defeating the #2 ranked Daven Lockwood, 5-0. The Marauders' Cole Workman also scored a win over #4 ranked Dalton Birchmeier, 3-1.

Ovid-Elsie fell to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the league.

Wolfpack Prevails Over Host Cavaliers to Bring Home Holiday Honors at Shiawassee Shootout

CORUNNA — Laingsburg brought home the 2022 holiday-season Shiawassee Shootout championship and remained undefeated with a big win over Corunna, 68-50.

For the host Cavaliers, it was their first loss of the season. They had advanced to the title game with an easy win over Perry; coach Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack advanced by downing previously unbeaten Durand.

Laingsburg was led by Zander Woodruff with 31 points. Eli Woodruff chipped in 11 and Brayden Thomas had 7.

Corunna was led by Peyton Termeer with 13 points.

The Wolfpack (5-0) led 15-7 after one quarter and 31-22 at halftime and then held Corunna scoreless for the first 4 minutes of the third quarter. Zander Woodruff scored 16 of his points in the final quarter and had three of Laingsburg's six 3-pointers.

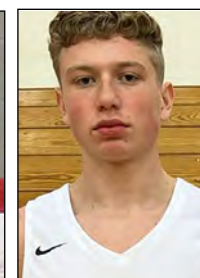
"We have not started fast all year," veteran coach Morrill said. "We've been talking about it as a coaching staff and we were thinking of telling the kids and now it turns out we don't have to. They just knew that with this Corunna team and the athletes that they have, we had to get after it."

"Probably the biggest key to the game was that our kids moved their feet really well and we rebounded well."

Team scoring for LHS looked like this: Zander Woodruff 11 6-8 31, Ty Randall 2 0-0 6, Eli Woodruff 4 2-2 11, Connor Hulliberger 1 0-0 2, Luke Snyder 2 1-4 5, Brayden Thomas 2 2-3 7, Jackson Audretsch 1 0-0 2, Adam Essenberg 0 2-2 2, Lucas Matthews 0 2-2 2.



Zander Woodruff



Eli Woodruff

Wolfpack Boys Keep Special Start to Season Rolling 68-23 over St. Pats

PORTLAND — Coach Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack boys basketball team improved to 6-0 for the season, opening up a big lead early and never looking back in a decisive 68-23 victory at Portland St. Patrick.

Morrill's Laingsburg squad improved to 2-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference with the win. St. Patrick fell to 1-2 in the CMAC, 1-3 overall.

The Wolves shot 57% from the field — 50% from three-point land — and dealt 17 assists in a big team win.

Zander Woodruff led the way with 28 points, with 13 LHS players breaking into the scoring column. Ty Randall scored 7, Eli Woodruff 7, Cam Ballard 6, Brock Johnston 4, Brayden Thomas 3, Adam Essenberg 3, Connor Hulliberger 2, Eliot Wilsey 2, Vance Klont 2, Jacob Essenberg 2 and Luke Snyder 2 in a dominant road victory.

Thomas dealt six assists and Randall led LHS with six rebounds.

Wolfpack stakes major claim to CMAC title, 64-46 over Pirates

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Laingsburg just staked its claim: the 2022-23 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) boys basketball title will run through Wolfpackland.

With a convincing 64-46 victory at Pewamo-Westphalia on Thursday night, coach Dan Morrill's Wolves broke the Pirates' 30-game home winning streak. T

Zander Woodruff scored 22 points in leading the 'Pack to a perfect 7-0 record, 3-0 in the CMAC.

"It was a battle that started out as a defensive deadlock before things opened up," said coach Morrill.

Jacob Essenberg and Ty Randall chipped in 7 points for LHS, while Eli Woodruff and Luke Snyder added 6.

P-W was led by Grady Eklund with 13 tallies. The Pirates fell to 5-2 overall, 2-1 in the CMAC with the loss.



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O-E Homecoming Royalty October 9, 2022



Colin Veith and Alexis Spitzley were crowned Homecoming king and queen during half time at the OE vs Chesaning. Ovid-Elsie came out on top with a 49-13 win over long time rivals Chesaning Indians.
Photo by Michelle Ladiski

DG Hair Design Opens in Laingsburg October 30, 2022

Jo Hopkins popped in for a quick haircut at DG Hair Design. Dawn offers a look at the finished product.



Dawn Giampa, of Laingsburg, has opened DG Hair Design in downtown Laingsburg.



Ovid-Elsie FFA Brings Home 2 National FFA Awards for Michigan FFA Association November 6, 2022



(l to r): Willow Evan, Cassidy Harris, Jordyn Chant, Harris Evans



(l to r): Tristin Ziola and Madeline Gavenda



(l to r): Samantha Snider, Clarisse Fitzpatrick, Olivia Phillips, Adele Jones

O-E Cross County 2nd MMAC League Title October 16, 2022



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Cross Country girls team won their 2nd straight MMAC league title. This back-to-back championship is the first in the schools history for the sport. Pictured here are: Front row: Alexis Spitzley, Clarissa Baese, Kaia Spiess & Piper White. Second row: Izzy Loynes, Maddie Thornton, Audrey Bensinger, Ella Powell, Alyse Ladiski & Hannah Koutz.

Laingsburg Football CMAC Conf. Champs October 16, 2022



VICTORY: Laingsburg Wolfpack varsity football team earned a share of the CMAC conference championship on Friday, October 7th defeating Fowler on the road 27-14. Photo by Burg Sports





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November 13, 2022



Pictured here, standing are Ashlands proud grand-parents, (l-r) George & Carol Bishop and Gerald & Nancy Particka. Seated (l-r) Step-dad and Mom, Matt and Lori Hitchens, Ashland and Dad, Jason Particka.

New Owner at Owosso Speedway

November 13, 2022



Destiney Biston, Jody Hoffman, Jeff Parish, Rex Wheeler-new owner, Dennis Wheeler
Photo by Deb Price

Alexis Spitzley Signs with Madonna University

November 18, 2022



Pictured here (l-r) Brother, Brock, Mom, Dana, Alexis and Dad, Duane. Standing is Madonna University Cross-Country Coach, Patrick Daugherty.

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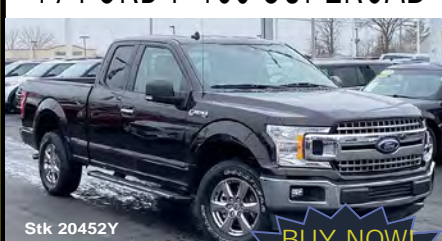
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Back row (l-r) Devon Burzmor (Traveling coach), Felicia Gingrich (OE Softball Coach), Grandparents, David & Becky Kebler and Shaelynn Goedtel (Traveling coach). Front row (l-r) Brother Tyler, Dad Jason, Olivia, Mom Leisa.

Reform Wellness Opens in Laingsburg

December 25, 2022



Pictured here (l-r) LCBA members, Allison Cummings, John & Rhonda Liske, Theresa Fadul, Gaye Pizzi-Peters, Tiffany & Daniel Wyrembelski and their children, Eliza and Levi, Amy Goethe and LCBA Members, Andy Wirostek and Roy Liske. The studio is located at 101 E. Grand River, Laingsburg.

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