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Team Prancer: Local School Professional Realizes Christmas Dream at The White House

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- For many of us, one certain Christmas in our lives has been a marker for a dream come true.

After all, Christmas is all about dreaming -- of good tidings of great joy -- is it not?

For Karen Perry, local school professional and longtime Laingsburg resident, a happenstance incident last summer led to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Meet Karen Perry, official White House Christmas decorator.

It all started on social media. "Believe it or not, I was scrolling through Facebook in August and saw a post about being a volunteer decorator at The White House," Karen explains. "I thought, that can't be real! So, I did some digging around and low and behold, it was legit.

"The initial application just consisted of very general information about myself and I had to write a short essay on why I wanted to be a part of the volunteer team. Lastly we would be notified in September if we were conditionally selected and I was."

Mrs. Perry still had to pass a background check and would again be notified in October that she made the team. "And here we are

today!" she explains. "There were 3,000 applicants, with 300 volunteer decorators picked along with designer teams. Teams were predetermined ahead of time. I was on Team Prancer along with 22 others. Our team consisted of interior decorators, military moms, wives, and those (like herself) in education."

Their official contact was the Deputy Director of the White House Visitors Office that they could correspond with. Each morning the teams reported at 7:30 to the entrance gate on 15th street and Alexander Hamilton Place, providing their ID and confirmation email to enter the grounds. Next was security, scanning ID and bags and going through a metal detector. Then they were free to proceed to the East Wing entrance. "All of our personal belongs, including our



Beneath a photo of former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, Laingsburg's Karen Perry shows off some of her Christmas decorating magic.

phones, had to be left in the coat room. This was the procedure every day," Karen explains.

Her husband, Doug, traveled to D.C. with her, and toured the city while Karen was busy at The White House.

Decorating took place on the ground floor which consisted of every room and hallway with the exception of the Map Room. Areas included the Diplomatic Reception Room, Library, China Room, Vermeil Room, Coat Room and the Ground Floor Corridor.

Decorating proceeded to the 1st floor, or State Floor. Volunteers were in the State Dining Room, The Cross Hall, Grand Foyer, Red, Blue, and Green rooms, and lastly the East Wing Room. Private rooms of the doctor office and The First Lady's office were also decorated.

The project was massive. There were over 142,000 lights inside and out. 34,000 ornaments, 14,975 feet of ribbon, and 22,000 bells, and 98 REAL Christmas trees. Volunteers began the week of Thanksgiving, Monday, November 20 through Wednesday the 22nd, then resumed November 24 through the 26th, working from 7:30-5:00 each day.

"The first 2 days consisted of making ornaments for the First Lady's tree and The Gold Star Tree. We created small books to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Twas The Night Before Christmas," she says. "The end result looked like they were open and very old. These were placed into the First Lady's Christmas tree in her office. The Gold Star Tree, which honors the fallen service men and women of our military, we hand painted the edges of every star to create an older look. The remaining time we decorated the two Christmas trees in the Diplomatic Room, this room is the entrance from the South Grounds for the family and dignitaries. Our group was also involved with decorating the doctor's office tree and the coat room tree."

HGTV was on site filming for their Christmas special, White House Christmas 2023 (check local listings). Karen's team got to meet Jonathan Scott and Drew Scott. "The volunteers were part of the filming which was interesting to watch the process," Karen says.

What was the favorite part of her day? "It's hard to pick just one," she says. "Just being in The White House and seeing all the history, knowing that I walked the floor of so many influential people was mind boggling.

"The camaraderie of all of those I met in our group and the magical childlike feelings walking through the hallways and rooms at the reveal -- those are memories I will always cherish," Karen explains. "I hope this isn't a one-in-a-life-time experience ... I will apply every year in hopes of returning, but acceptance is not guaranteed."

Karen is a design afficiano, as owner of The Vintage Dish Rentals. She and Doug rent their styled china for special occasions like weddings. "We get to really put our design ideas into that," she says.

What does Christmas look like at the Perry home? Oh, it's festive. "Yes, Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. I do a lot of decorating inside my house, and try to have a Christmas tree in every room whether big or small," she explains.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Ovid-Elsie Board of Education held its final meeting of 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023. Highlight of the evening was Ovid-Elsie High School updates and accomplishments presented by Jason Tokar, OE High School principal.

Mr. Tokar noted that the high school is off to a great start. He updated officials on the graduation rate trends, 2021-22 reflection a 100% graduation rate which is rare but usually the district averages in the high nineties. The growth index regarding the M-Step, MI-Access and SAT overall growth index is typically in the high eighties and low nineties. Test scores were reviewed with OE students ranking third in like schools with an SAT proficiency of 39% and in English ranking sixth with 64.8%. OE high school students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities like National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, FFA, band, drama, Business Professionals of American, Middle School performing arts, Quiz Bowl, Language Art Teams, robotics, CAD classes, dual enrollment, AP courses, yearbook, and international students. In addition, students are participating in school outreach which includes blood drives, The Learning Spot (NHS tutoring), local food drives, community Christmas support and a variety of athletes in action activities. Finally, the PBIS program is making an impact regarding student behavior – Be respectful, responsible, do your best, 94% participation. It was noted that 2019-2021 data is unavailable due to statewide assessment exemption due to the pandemic. Attendance is a focus for the remainder of the year and beyond.

Dr. Wayne Petroelje, reported that the non-homestead millage renewal will be on the February 27, 2023 ballot. He stressed that this a renewal request. There will be a Q & A set in January regarding the renewal request. Petroelje has met with Dr. Brooke Wooley regarding the documents in the Live Binder, documents that may need updated, deleted or archived. The documents include past agendas, minutes just to name a few examples. It was decided to narrow the scope to seven documents, updated or putting information all in one space. They will be meeting one more time, then recommendations will be made to the full Board of Education. Second, goal on the timeline is training opportunities, there is training at the RESA in February

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Ovid Public Library Holiday Hours

The Ovid Public Library will be closed December 23 through December 26 for the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 27 at 10:00.

The Ovid Public Library will be closed Saturday, December 30 thru Monday, January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 10:00.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

Trinity Fellowship Church

submitted by Barb Martin

The Trinity Fellowship Church in downtown Ovid invites everyone to their church January 7, 2024 from 10:30-11:30am to enjoy the gospel group from Owosso, "Jesus and Me" who will be singing and are very entertaining.

Concealed Pistol License Class

A concealed pistol license class will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 8:00am-4:30pm at the Ashley Sportsman Club, 8554 S. Mason Rd., Bannister.

Firearms, ammo and classroom material will be furnished. Certified instructors.

Lunch will be available.

Class fee is \$120. Pre-register by calling Norm Martin at 989-834-5628 (home) or 989-277-1002 (cell).

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Laingsburg School District Seeking Applications for Board of Education

submitted by Krissy Pratt

The Laingsburg Community School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the board of education. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position through December 31, 2024 and will be replaced by the individual elected to the position (based upon the November 2024 election results) on January 1, 2025.

Interested persons must submit a letter expressing interest in the board position and their qualifications for the position to the district office no later than 12:00 p.m. on December 29, 2023. Following a review of the submitted materials, the board will schedule interviews with selected candidates. Not all candidates for the board vacancy will be interviewed. If you have any questions concerning the role of the board of education and the responsibilities of a board member, please contact Matt Shastal, Superintendent of Schools, at Laingsburg Community School.



COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

AUSTIN FAMILY ESTATE

Date of Execution:
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent Kenneth Lee Austin, who lived at 9650 Bennington Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848
Died: August 7, 2022

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee of the AUSTIN FAMILY ESTATE within 120 days after the date of publication.

Sherry Galvan
824 Lingle Ave.
Owosso, MI 48867
(517) 899-0775
(12/24/23)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 2023. 6:00 pm at The United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid

Picture this...candles everywhere...carols singing...special music...a meaningful time with family and friends. There's nothing like this special night. There is no other day like it on our calendar. Join our candlelighters, musicians, and our pastor as they guide us through this awesome "real" candlelight experience. (Battery operated candles are also available.) Every year we look forward to inviting our extended friends and family, to this genuinely meaningful service for kids of all ages.

For more information about The United Church of Ovid, please feel free to call 989-834-5958

Laingsburg Area Food Bank 2024 Schedule Change

submitted by Ellen Link

Beginning January 2024, the Laingsburg Area Food Bank will be open:

Mondays: 1 pm to 3 pm

Thursdays: 5 pm to 7 pm

Please note the time change—Thursdays are now 5 pm to 7 pm.

The Laingsburg Area Food Bank welcomes and provides our neighbors in need with food and resources. Dedicated volunteers and extraordinary community support make this assistance possible.

Winter Euchre League

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

Are you ready for a fun winter activity? Come join our Euchre league at The America Legion Post 248 located at 1240 West Grand River. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. League runs weekly for 12 weeks starting at 7:00pm. Last year topped 50 players. Still room for more. Need not be a member of the Post. Come early the first night to sign up. Partners are drawn weekly. New players are welcome...even if you are just learning. Food and Beverages are available. The last week is celebrated with the famous Poorman's Ponderosa Prime Rib dinner during the final awards night. Any questions call George Gavenda @ 517-290-4292 or Brad Schleicher @ 517-420-4753.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Grove Bible Church will be hosting a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 24th. We will be singing Christmas Carols, sharing the Christmas Story, and having fellowship with cookies and hot chocolate following the service.

Christmas Eve Services

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie area Christmas Eve services will be held at Elsie First Baptist Church Sunday, December 24, 2023, 4 pm, 163 W Main Street with Pastor Phillip Rogers officiating.

Elsie United Methodist Church, Sunday December 24, 2023 services, weekly service 9:30 am; Christmas Eve service 5 pm fellowship and refreshments followed by 6 pm service with Pastor JD Paik officiating. Elsie UMC will be open with Christmas music playing from 11 pm to midnight.

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Obituaries

Gene Allen Dunsmore

Gene Allen Dunsmore 85, of St. John's Michigan, passed away peacefully in his home December 15, 2023.

Gene was born December 22, 1937 to Leroy and Irene Dunsmore. June 1, 1957 Gene married the love of his life, Helen Bohil. Gene was a master carpenter, a jack of all trades. When you wanted it built right, Gene was your man.

He and Helen shared 65 years together. They raised three children, Leroy (Carol) Dunsmore, Gene (Sue) Dunsmore, and Marea (late Joe) Menovske. Three brothers: John Dunsmore, Gordon Dunsmore, and Kenneth Perry. He enjoyed 9 grandchildren, 7 great grand children, and several nieces and nephews. He was proceeded in death by his parents.

Special thank you to hospice of Lansing!

A memorial service will be held January 13th, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Faith Fellowship Church on Price and Chandler Rd with a small luncheon to follow.



The City of Ovid is calling to Establish Ordinance #143 Golf Carts on City Streets on Council Regular Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the City of Ovid Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI

ARTICLE VI. GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

Sec. 32-140. Operation of golf carts on city streets.

A person may operate a golf cart on city streets, subject to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, as amended, being MCL 257.657a, in conformance with Public Act 491 of 2014 and by the following restrictions:

- (a) A person shall not operate a golf cart unless he or she is at least sixteen (16) years old and licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
- (b) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
- (c) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one (1) proceeding in the same direction.
- (d) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway (M-21). This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a city street, using the most direct line of crossing.
- (e) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path.
- (f) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street or on the left or right of traffic in the case of a one-way street, in an unoccupied lane.
- (g) A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians or on or across a cemetery or burial ground.
- (h) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than thirty (30) miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.
- (i) A golf cart shall not be operated on the Fred Meijer CIS Rail Trail.
- (j) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.
- (k) This article does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.
- (l) A golf cart operated on a city street under this article is not required to be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code for purposes of section 3101 of the Insurance Code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.
- (m) As used in this article, "golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this article.
- (n) The operator of a golf cart shall obey all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.
- (o) Golf carts shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent, careless, or reckless manner so as to endanger any person or property, or to obstruct, hinder, or impede the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.
- (p) Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be penalized as a civil infraction as described in Sec. 1-13.

(Ord. No.143)

Ordinance #142

City of Ovid

Clinton County, Michigan

ARTICLE X. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sec. 20-300. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Criminal acts shall mean those acts which violate state laws, this Code or other ordinances of the city and shall include traffic violations. Habitual offender shall mean one who commits two (2) or more criminal acts, or three (3) or more traffic violations within a twelve-month period. Minor shall mean any person under the age of seventeen (17) years residing at the home of the parent, guardian or other person as defined in this article or as interpreted by state law. Parent shall mean the mother, father, legal guardian or any other person having the care, custody and control of any minor or such other adult with whom a minor may be found to reside with.

Parental neglect shall mean failure to supervise to a degree of parental control which would result in the minor committing any criminal act as defined herein or to permit a minor to become delinquent as defined in the state probate code pertaining to juveniles.

Sec. 20-301. Legislative findings.

The city council finds that offenses against the laws of the United States, the state and the ordinances of the city by persons under the age of seventeen (17) years are increasing at an alarming rate; that in a great many of the cases a lack of proper supervision and control of the minor child by his parents or guardian is evident; that the increasing problem of criminal offenses by children will not be solved by sanctions imposed upon the children alone but that it is necessary that sanctions be imposed upon parents whose neglect of their duty to properly supervise and control their children is a proximate cause of the delinquency of those children.

Sec. 20-302. Parents contributing to child becoming neglected or delinquent.

Any parent, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of a child under the age of seventeen (17) years who shall by any act, or by word, or by failure to act, or by lack of supervision and control over the child, encourage, contribute toward, cause or tend to cause the child to become neglected or delinquent so as to come or tend to come under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Division of the Probate Court as defined in Section 2, of Chapter

12a of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, as added by Act No. 54 of the Public Acts of the first session of 1944, any amendments thereto, whether or not such child shall in fact be adjudicated a ward of the probate court, shall be responsible or guilty of an offense.

Sec. 20-303. Malicious Mischief Generally.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, remove, damage, alter or in any manner deface any property not his or her own, or any public school building, or any public building, bridge, fire hydrant, alarm box, street light, street sign, traffic control device, railroad sign or signal, parking meter, or shade tree belonging to the city or located in the public places of the city, or mark or post hand bills on, or in any manner mar the walls of, any public building, or fence, tree, or pole within the city, or destroy, take, or meddle with any property belonging to the city, or remove the same from the building or place where it may be kept, placed, or stored, without proper authority; or disturb, tamper with, disconnect or damage any city water meter without proper authority.

State law reference(s)-Malicious mischief, MCL 750.377 et seq.

Sec. 20-304. Aiding and abetting minor to violate the law generally.

(a) Any person of the age of seventeen (17) years or over, assisting, aiding, abetting, allowing, permitting or encouraging any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to violate the provisions of the state law, including the Probate Code, this Code or other ordinances of the city, regarding minors, being their first offense, shall be responsible of a civil infraction. Any subsequent offense committed by the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 20-305. Aiding and abetting minor to violate specific state laws.

(a) Any parent, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of any child under the age of seventeen (17) years who shall assist, aid, abet, allow, permit or encourage the minor to violate the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 41 of the Public Acts of 1960, as amended, either by overt act, by failing to act or by lack of supervision and control over the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The fact that a child under the age of seventeen (17) years is apprehended while on the public streets, highways, alleys or parts thereof during the hours defined in said Act No. 41, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section on the part of the parents, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of the minor child.

(b) Any person who shall by any act, omission, or by any word, procure, counsel, aid, abet, encourage, contribute toward, cause or tend to cause any minor to become delinquent so as to come under or tend to come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the probate court, as defined in MCL

712A.2, whether or not such child shall in fact be adjudicated a ward of the probate court, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 20-305. Notification of responsibility.

(a) Whenever a minor shall be arrested for the commission of any criminal act within the city or becomes delinquent as defined in the Michigan Probate Code, the parent of such a minor shall be immediately notified by the police department advising the parent of such arrest, the reason therefor and his responsibility under this article.

(b) A record of such notification shall be kept by the city police department.

Sec. 20-306. Penalty.

(a) The first violation of Sec.20-304 of this Chapter shall be a civil infraction, the Court shall impose a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as provided for in Section 7.04 of this Code and any other costs or fees permitted or required by law, unless the person is specifically charged under Sec. 20-305 of this Chapter as a misdemeanor. If said person is charged under Sec. 20-305 of this Chapter, the penalty shall be as described in Sec. 20-306(b).

(b) Upon the second or subsequent violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a misdemeanor, the Court shall assess fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in addition to any costs or fees permitted or required by law. In addition to such fines and costs, the Court may impose a jail sentence of up to ninety (90) days. In addition to such fine the Court shall, unless it makes a specific finding that probation is inappropriate, exercise its authority to sentence the Defendant to a term of probation with such conditions as the Court deems appropriate.

Such conditions may include participation in, and completion of, programs or therapies deemed appropriate by the Court in light of the facts of the particular case community service and/or work crew. Restitution shall also be required to make whole any victim or third party who has suffered financial loss in connection with the charged violation. Should the Court choose not to sentence the Defendant to a term of probation or should the Court suspend all or any portion of a fine, costs or restitution assessed against the Defendant, the Court shall so state on the record and shall state the reason or reasons for its action. In addition to the penalties provided for in this subsection, the Court may also impose any penalties otherwise provided for by law.

Sec. 20-307. - Parental Duties.

(a) It is the continuous duty of the parent of any minor to exercise reasonable control to prevent the minor from committing any delinquent act.

(b) No parent of any minor shall fail to exercise reasonable parental control over such minor. The exercise of reasonable parental control shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Keeping drugs out of the home and out of the possession of the minor, except those drugs duly prescribed by a licensed physician or other authorized medical professional.

(2) Keeping firearms out of the possession of the minor except those used for hunting in accordance with local ordinance and state law and with the knowledge and supervision of a parent.

(3) Requiring the minor to observe the curfew ordinance of the City of Ovid.

(4) Requiring the minor to attend regular school sessions and forbidding the minor to be absent from class without parental or school permission.

(5) Arranging proper supervision for the minor when the parent must be absent.

(6) Preventing the minor from maliciously or willfully destroying any property which belongs to any other person.

(7) Forbidding the minor from keeping stolen property or alcoholic beverages.

(8) Seeking help from appropriate governmental authorities or private agencies in handling or controlling the minor, when necessary.

(9) Assisting and cooperating with governmental authorities in their efforts to handle or control the minor, including production of the minor for juvenile court appointments and hearings.

At the regular meeting of the City of Ovid Council held on December 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Council Member L. Perrien made the motion to adopt and enact Ordinance #142 Parental Responsibility.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted NAY: None

Adopted on this 11th day of December 2023.

William Lasher
Mayor, City of Ovid

Susan Tomasek Swan
Clerk, City of Ovid



Obituaries

Holly Marie Schueller

Holly Marie Schueller, age 43, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, December 15, 2023, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing surrounded by her family.

Holly was born in Lansing, Michigan, on December 19, 1979. She was a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School with the Class of 1998.

Holly loved country music, she and her twin sister sang in many local talent-shows. They were invited to Nashville, TN to sing a cable television show. She enjoyed playing Skip-Bo and taking pictures whenever they were out, this was a way for her to keep special memories. Holly was a loving mother and devoted her life to caring for her children, especially the special care she gave Alexis.

She is survived by her daughter MacKenzie Schueller and Colton Jacot; son Gage Coohon; mother Tammy Perry; father Robert and Tamara Schueller; brother Benjamin and (Amanda Johnson) Schueller; twin sister Heather and Brad Torrey; brother Justin and Dory Miller; sister Rebecca Miller; brother Jordan and Becky Miller; sister Brittany and Greg Watts; and brother Ryan and Alyssa Schueller. Holly is also survived by many nieces and nephews and her special step-family the Rowley family. Holly was preceded in death by her daughter Alexis Schueller, Grandma & Grandpa Schueller, Grandma & Grandpa Perry, step-father Mike Rowley also many great-grandparents.



In Memory of Dr. Earl M. Slagh

Born March 1st, 1908 in Holland, Michigan.

Died Christmas Day 1989.

For those of you who have a father, tender him with care, for you'll never know the heartache till you see his empty chair.

Love Kathryn, Michael, Mary, Talina,
Chloe & Toby Slagh



Church Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

163 W. Main St., Elsie
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Watch Sunday Service on
YouTube at elsiebaptist
Pastor Phillip Rogers

Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg
517-651-5531
Worship Service: 10:30am
Minister:
Rev. Tiffany Newsom

Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid
989-834-2573
Minister:
Rev. Tiffany Newsom
Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street
Pastor: Zella Daniel
Sunday Worship 11:15am

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Pastor: John Jakus
Sunday School: 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
517-651-6210

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Patrick David Bisson, Sr. "Pat"

Patrick David Bisson, Sr. "Pat" - of Flushing, age 83, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15, 2023, following his battle with cancer.

Pat was born on November 24, 1940, in Muskegon, MI to Lawrence Francis and Yolanda (Longoni) Bisson. He was raised on a family farm in Aetna, MI and graduated from Fremont High School in 1959. He graduated from General Motors Institute in 1964 and became an Engineer for General Motors, working in the Oldsmobile and Buick divisions. He owned Pat Bisson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership in Eldora, IA and finished his career at Troy Design. During retirement, he enjoyed working part-time at the Flint Auto auction.

Pat was a man of faith who also loved all things automotive. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and served on its board for over 25 years, the Society of Automotive Historians and past board member, and the Retired Men's Fellowship of Greater Flint. He was also a member of the National DeSoto Club and served on the local Great Lakes DeSoto chapter, proudly displaying his 1949 DeSoto and 1954 Desoto. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, serving on the board for over 15 years and an active member for 49 years. Pat is also a 4th Degree Knight.

Pat is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sandra of Flushing, MI; his children, Patrick D Bisson Jr. of Flushing, MI; Craig A. (Lynette) Bisson of Ovid, MI; Ann T. (Joseph) Seykora of Eaton Rapids, MI; Keith A. (Dana) Bisson of Palo, IA, his grandchildren Megan, Nicolaus, Alexandra, Olivia, Aaron(Bryn), Austin (Cyndi), Elizabeth, Stephanie, CJ and Addison; Kaitlyn and Emily; Jayden (Zach), Jake, and Ashley; great grandchildren, Riley, Everett, Logan, Claire; Elliana and Jaylee, Emery and Luca Patrick (born three weeks ago on Great Grandpa's birthday!); his sisters, Marianne (Mick) Erickson and Janice (Mike); brothers-in-law Jerry, Brian (Ellie) and Tim (Donna), and sisters-in-law Peggy, Sue, Lisa (Rob) and Amy, and many nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by father Lawrence Francis Bisson Sr., mother, Yolanda Bisson, father-in-law, Terrance Rosa, mother-in-law, Audrey Rosa, brother Lawrence "Larry" Bisson, sister Kathleen "Kathy" Stratton, brothers-in-law Terry Rosa and Randy Rosa, sister-in-law Carole Rosa, grandson Creigh Bisson.

A Mass of Christian Burial has taken place on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Montrose - 400 N. Saginaw St, Montrose, MI. Father Jonathan Perrotta officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid, Michigan. Memorial Contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, or the Knights of Columbus Council #8669.



We would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness shown to us during Jim's illness and passing.

A special thanks to the Elara Caring Team for being with us through it all, "They are the Best." It was all so very much appreciated.
The Family of Jim Simpson, Sr.



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Obituaries

Phyllis Charlene (Dorman) Acre

Phyllis Charlene (Dorman) Acre, age 90, a longtime resident of Elsie, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2023.

Phyllis was born on December 29, 1932 in Berthoud, Colorado, the second of three children born to James and Esther (Wooton) Dorman. She grew up in Missouri and moved to Elsie as a teenager with her family, graduating from Elsie High School in 1950. It was in High School that she met the love of her life, Sydny Ray Acre, and the couple married on June 19, 1954. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Michigan State University and taught at the Colony Schoolhouse and E.E. Knight for a time.

A creative and artistic spirit, she found joy in the simplest things in life and loved being outdoors. She started painting in her 70s, penned poems, and was a proficient baker and gardener. Phyllis loved to knit, sew, read and do crafts. She handcrafted her children's clothing, stayed up late making Easter dresses, and crafted magical Christmas villages. Known for her thoughtful and loving nature, she raised four children with unwavering devotion and love.

She had a passion for singing and was a proud member of the Sweet Adelines for over thirty years, where she was a part of River Castles Chorus in Owosso and Song of the Lakes Chorus in Davidson. Phyllis was a fervent fan of MSU basket-



ball and football, and also followed the Detroit Tigers' games keenly.

She was a hard worker, not only managing the household but also assisting her husband in caring for their farm for over thirty years. Her commitment extended even to her husband's later years when she served as his dedicated caregiver. Phyllis was a steadfast member of Duplain Church of Christ, where she participated actively in the choir and Missions programs. She had an infectious smile and bubbly personality that could light up any room, and her gentle, patient nature made everyone feel welcome and cherished.

She is survived by her four children, Wendy Acre of East Lansing, MI, Tim (Joy Ellyn) Acre of Hoffman Estates, IL, Lori Acre of Rogers City, MI and Keri Acre of Kansas City, MO; grandsons, Kyle (Annie) of Blair, NE and Timothy James "TJ" of Owosso, MI; great-grandchildren, Levi, Olivia and Lila; her brother, Darrel (Marion) Dorman of Junction City, Oregon, as well as extended family members and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sydny Ray Acre; parents, James and Esther Dorman and brother, James Dorman Jr.

Funeral Services were held at Duplain Church of Christ, 5565 E. Colony Road, St. Johns on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Burial Riverside Cemetery, Elsie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Duplain Church of Christ Mission Programs or to Sweet Adelines.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.

Terry Lee Juhas

Terry Lee Juhas, age 76, of St. Johns, MI, devoted husband and father, passed away after a courageous battle with renal cancer Friday, December 15, 2023, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI.

Terry was born in Alma, Michigan on January 3, 1947, the youngest son of Andy Frank and Lula Helena (Hahn) Juhas. He graduated from Breckenridge High School with the Class of 1966. It was in high school that he met the love of his life, Diane (Mizer). On May 24, 1968, Terry married Diane Mizer at the Breckenridge Methodist Church after proudly serving his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Terry and Diane resided in Breckenridge where Terry worked for International Harvester for 10 years before working in Skilled Trades for General Motors; and moving to St. Johns in 1984. Terry retired from General Motors and spent time working for the Community Outreach Program where he helped at Gateway Elementary, Woldumar Nature Center, and Hazel Findlay. He later worked at Kurncz Farms as a part-time mechanic.

From his early childhood on, Terry was always found outside, enjoying nature in all its forms. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends and family. Terry was very proud of his garden and sweet corn patch. He was a gifted craftsman that could make anything with his skillful hands, his tools, and his many lathes. Terry was a talented mechanic and was always willing to help others by fixing their cars or tractors. He loved garage sales and collecting many treasures. Terry liked riding his motorcycle and driving around the countryside in his golf cart looking for wildlife and enjoying the out-of-doors. He was known for his mischievous nature, quick wit, and strong sense of humor, which made everyone laugh and smile. He could carry on a conversation with anyone and often did.

Terry, whose first priority was always his family, is survived by his wife Diane, daughter Sheila Remenar, son Brian (Carrie) Juhas, six grandchildren: Daniel Remenar, Paige Remenar, Sharla Juhas, Clayton Juhas, Ava Juhas, and Dana Juhas; sister-in-law Barbara Juhas, close cousin Gary (Leona) Maylee, many nieces and nephews, and extended family mem-



bers. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Marvin Juhas and Harold (Maryann) Juhas; and infant sister Mary Lou Juhas.

In keeping with Terry's wishes, a cremation has taken place and a celebration of Terry's life will be held at VFW Post #4113 in St. Johns, MI, on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 3-8 P.M.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.

Notice of Public Hearing (1)

City of Laingsburg, City Council Notice of Special Assessment
January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm, at City Hall Council Chambers

To the owner of the following described property:
Parcel #022-40-001-005-00, more commonly known as 219 W Grand River, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

TAKE NOTICE that the Laingsburg City Council intends to assess expenses incurred by the city to the above listed parcel, for the amount of \$600.00.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Laingsburg City Council will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 114 N. Woodhull Street at 7:00 p.m., on Monday January 8, 2024, to review the expenses incurred and hear complaints by any person to be affected by the incurred charges. The incurred charges are available for public viewing at the City Clerk's Office located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan during normal office hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal, and that an owner or party in interest, or their agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file their appearance or protest by letter and their personal appearance shall not be required.

The owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

Laingsburg City Hall is barrier free. Individuals needing assistance should contact the City Clerk at (517) 651 53 74 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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Victor Township
Clinton County, Michigan
6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed
Board Minutes from December 12, 2023

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Attendance: Roll call: Conklin, Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes, Prange.

Absent: None. 7 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: Kendel Darragh, Briggs Library Trustee, was present to promote Library Services for the Briggs District Library, St. Johns. For information regarding Briggs Library, contact www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org, kdarragh@briggsdistrictlibrary.org, or by calling 989-224-4702

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Conklin to approve the December 12, 2023 agenda with additions. Seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to approve the November 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the December 12, 2023 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Fickes to disburse the November, 2023 bills (Paid December 12, 2023). Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 28958-28980 in the amount of \$15,611.63.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse November 2023 (Paid December 12, 2023) payroll and related payroll expenses. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13018-13026 in the amount of \$11,024.35

County Commissioner Val Vail-Shirey: The County Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting is January 2, 2024 at the Courthouse in St. Johns.

Victor Township Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission will be January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.

Unfinished Business:

Broadband: The ROBIN grant challenge process provided additional funding opportunities for applicants that were not awarded funds in initial grant awards. The challenge process for this second round has started and will close on December 21st. Once the challenge process closes late December, another MIHI announcement will be released and show final batch 2 awards.

Emergency Services (Ambulance): Victor Township is working with MSU Extension in planning a public meeting on the subject of providing ambulance services for Victor Township residents.

Motion by Fickes that she reach out to the 3 providers for Victor Township and ask for proposals on how they can best serve the Township residents. Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Budget: Supervisor Conklin submitted preliminary 2024-2025 budget to board members. The board will hold a budget workshop to discuss the 2024-2025 budget on January 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Poverty Exemption: Motion by Prange to adopt the guidelines for poverty exemptions to be implemented by the Board of Review for 2024 (pursuant to PA390 of 1994 (MCL 211.u) as amended by PA 620 of 2002). Seconded by Willoughby. Roll call: Yes: Conklin, Prange, Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes. Noes: none Absent: none Abstain: None Motion carried. Resolution No. 2023-12-01

Copies can be obtained at the Township office.

Board of Review: Motion by Conklin to pay Victor Township Board of Review members for all scheduled work meetings (March, July, December). Seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Girl Scouts: The Girl Scouts requested to use the Township Hall for an all night "lock-in" this winter. Motion by Willoughby to allow the group to use the township facilities. Seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk

Blood Drive in Bannister

The Bannister ZCBJ Lodge and St Cyril's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Dec. 28 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm at the lodge hall (401 E Main St. Bannister).

Appointments can be made on line at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RedCross.

Please share the gift of life this holiday season.



Ordinance #141

City of Ovid

Clinton County, Michigan

ARTICLE II. OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATION VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS

Sec. 32-24. Operation of off-road recreation vehicles (ORVs) on city streets.

Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, an individual may operate an ORV on city streets subject to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, Act 300 of 1949, in conformance with Public Act 451 of 1994 and by the following restrictions:

(a) No person under twelve (12) years of age shall operate an ORV.

(b) A person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall not operate an ORV unless the person is in possession of a valid driver license or under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian and the person has in his or her immediate possession an ORV safety certificate issued pursuant to Part 811 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Protection Act or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada. These requirements are in addition to any applicable requirements of state law in MCI 324.81129, as may be amended.

(c) All ORV operators eighteen (18) years of age or older shall have in their immediate possession a valid drivers license.

(d) A person shall not operate an ORV at a speed greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour or a lower posted ORV speed limit or in a manner that interferes with traffic on the street. In no event shall a person operate an ORV at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, or in a careless manner, having due regard for conditions then existing.

(e) Unless the person possesses a valid driver license pursuant to MCI 257.25, as amended, a person shall not operate an ORV if the ORV is registered as a motor vehicle, and either is more than Sixty-five (65) inches wide or has three (3) wheels.

(f) ORVs shall travel single file except that an ORV may travel abreast of another ORV when it is overtaking or passing, or being overtaken and passed by, another ORV.

(g) ORVs shall display a lighted headlight and lighted taillight at all times.

(h) A person shall operate an ORV with the flow of traffic on the far right of the maintained portion of the street, in a manner that does not interfere with traffic on the street.

(i) Operation of ORVs is not allowed on the Fred Meijer CIS Rail Trail.

(j) A person shall not transport any passenger in or upon an ORV unless the manufacturing standards for the vehicle make provisions for transporting passengers.

(k) A person shall not operate an ORV unless the vehicle is equipped with a braking system that may be operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration at fourteen (14) feet per second on level ground at a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour; a brake light, brighter than the taillight, visible from behind the vehicle when the brake is activated, if the vehicle is operated during the hours of one-half (-) hour after sunset and one-half (-) hour before sunrise; and a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.

(l) An individual who is operating or is a passenger on an ORV shall wear a crash helmet and protective eyewear that are approved by the United States department of transportation. This subsection does not apply to an individual wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt if the ORV is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds United States department of transportation standards for a crash helmet.

(m) An ORV shall not be operated on any state trunkline (M-21) right-of-way, except that the operator of a vehicle may cross a street, county road, or highway, other than a

limited access highway, at right angles, for the purpose of getting from one (1) area to another, if the operation can be done in safety. The operator shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before proceeding across a street, county road, or highway, and shall yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic.

(n) These requirements are in addition to any applicable requirements of state law in Part 811 of Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as may be amended.

(o) Equipped with at least one (1) mirror securely mounted and positioned on the ORV in such a manner to be able to clearly view traffic approaching from behind. It is lawful for city employees or city contractors to operate a city-owned ORV for any purposes within the scope of city operations.

Sec. 32-25. Responsibility.

(a) The operator of an ORV involved in any accident resulting in any property damage, personal injury, or death shall report such accident to the local police immediately.

(b) The operator of the vehicle is liable for damages to private property caused by operation of the vehicle under this chapter, including, but not limited to, damage to trees, shrubs, or growing crops, injury to other living creatures, or erosive or other ecological damage. The owner of the private property may recover from the individual responsible nominal damages of not less than the amount of damage or injury.

Sec. 32-26. Penalties.

(a) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or impoundment of the vehicle. In the event an ORV is impounded, the owner of the ORV must pay the cost of transportation, towing, storage, and prove ownership of the ORV before it is released to that owner.

(b) In addition to the fine provided for herein, a court shall order violators of this section to pay the cost of repairing any damage to the environment, a street, county road, or highway, or public property as a result of the violation pursuant to MCI 324.81131(17).

(c) The city treasurer shall deposit fines and damages collected for violations of this section into a fund to be designated as the "ORV Fund." City council shall appropriate revenue in the ORV Fund as follows:

(1) Fifty (50) percent to the Ovid Police Department for ORV enforcement and training.
(2) Fifty (50) percent to the Ovid Public Works Department to be used for repairing damage to streets and the environment that may have been caused by ORVs and for posting signs indicating ORV speed limits or indicating whether streets are open or closed to the operation of ORVs under this section.

At a regular meeting of the City of Ovid held on December 11, 2023, Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt and enact Ordinance #141 Operation of Off-Road Recreation Vehicles (ORV). Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn. Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted NAY: None Adopted on this 11th day of December 2023.

William Lasher
Mayor, City of Ovid

Susan Tomasek Swan
Clerk, City of Ovid

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after that time training will be discussed further. The RESA training will involve legislative updates that reflect a lot of changes. The event is slated for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30 RESA training at the Agri Liquid facility.

Old business item included the NEOLA policies, this is a second reading five revised plus one new policy 53-35 change part A) food allergies (instead of peanut specific). No other changes. Officials approved the policies with the one change. All approved as read.

Under agenda item new business officials set the date of the organization board meeting for January 22, 2024 6:30 pm followed by the regular meeting 6:40 pm in the high school auditorium.

Sex Education Advisory Board (OESEAB) update was presented by Brian Powell, OE High School assistant principal. The following recommendation co-chairs, with an opportunity to serve five-year terms. Melissa Jones, Ovid-Elsie school nurse and Becky Williams, parent representative. Numerous applications were received, with the remainder of the nine-member board to be recommended in the near future.

The board retired in closed session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's contract and evaluation. Upon returning in open session officials took action to extend Dr. Wayne Petroelje superintendents contract through the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Petroelje also received a highly effective evaluation.

Officials took monthly action to approve the consent agenda that included: approval of the meeting agenda, the minutes of the November 20, 2023 regular meeting, payment of the expenditures and the monthly financial reports.



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

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

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

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Thank You to the Ovid Community

Submitted By the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee

Saying THANK YOU to the Ovid Community just doesn't seem to be enough! We saw a large increase in the requests for Christmas Baskets this year and you responded. Seeing the area businesses, churches, schools, organizations, and community members come together to make Christmas brighter for 70 families is truly an amazing sight and defines the Christmas spirit.

Many thanks to the Leonard Elementary families who donated to the food drive sponsored by the SOS group, the Spiess Family for their annual drive that provides so many of our toys, personal hygiene and food items and Chelsea Goodrich for organizing the food drive during the Ovid Carriages Days Country Christmas light parade. We were able to donate all extras to the Elsie Food Bank.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the following:

- Mary's Country Kitchen and their staff and volunteers that do so much to provide the Ovid Community Thanksgiving Meal that brings in monetary donations to help provide gift certificates in the baskets.
- Main Street Pizza, Applebee Oil and Propane and Ovid Village Food Pride for your assistance with gift certificates.
- Stay Dry for the donation of turkeys.
- The Ovid Lions Club for the use of the hall and Greg Martin for keeping track of the finances.
- Ovid Public Library for collecting donations.
- The Weekly for collecting donations and providing advertising.
- A wonderful group of hunters for providing venison we could offer to the shoppers.
- Ovid Holy Family Catholic Church for your continued support of generous donations
- Ovid United Church for your continued support of generous donations, boxes, and use of carts for the distribution
- Heartland Church for reaching out and providing donations this year.
- Middlebury and Shepardsville Churches for sponsoring individual families.

Thank you to the individuals and families that have provided monetary support and donations of gift cards and items, these baskets are possible because of you! And lastly, THANK YOU to the many volunteers that showed up and worked so hard on Sunday and Monday to sort items, fill the boxes, set-up the shopping area, and distribute, this couldn't be done without the time you volunteer to assist.



Woman Donates Over 60 Knitted Hats to Memorial Healthcare

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - The Memorial Healthcare Professional Nurse Practice Council (PNPC) group recently received a generous donation of over 60 knitted hats from Jackie Robinson, a 76-year-old woman from Flushing.

In 2022, Jackie donated 75 hats to the Memorial Healthcare Behavioral Health department. This year, along with her donation to Memorial Healthcare, she donated 75 hats to a women's shelter in Saginaw.

"My mom truly enjoys making her hats to help others," said Terri Taylor, a Sterile Processing Supervisor at Memorial Healthcare and Jackie's daughter. "In her mind, she is doing something special and just glows."

The PNPC group plans to donate the hats to a local women's shelter in Shiawassee County.



Merry Christmas & A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all my family and friends in the Ovid Community!
Mary Lou Hebler
"Queen Bee"

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A Huge Thank You to the Elsie Community

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - The Elsie Community Christmas committee would like to thank the community organizations and churches for their kind donations, the individuals, and Ovid-Elsie Area Schools for supporting this project with monetary donations and donating items. Working together our community was able to make Christmas special for area families. Also, a huge thank you for all those who donated their time and talents. The Ovid-Elsie area is made up of a true community.

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Future of the Township/Your Tax Dollars

Letter to the Editor:

OVID TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The integrity of the Ovid Township, and the overall availability of services are in jeopardy and need your assistance. Here are the reasons for my concerns:

1. The roof on the Township Hall has been in need of repair since March 2021 (verified in the Board Meeting minutes for that month). The issue has been pushed from one board meeting to another, with no resolution – 33 months total. Supervisor West has been recommending a steel roof, but the other Board members voted against this without adequate supporting documentation. At the December Board meeting Trustee Hibbard reported that a special meeting had been held on November 16 2023, and the Board decided to replace the roof with a polymer asphalt roof, but a contractor and cost still had not been determined.

2. Supervisor Jennings West reported that earlier on Thursday the Clinton County Road Commissioner had provided the Supervisor with a map of the township roads and bridges that were in various degrees of damage. Instead of being concerned with the issue, Clerk Barrett Pluger stated that the issue was not on the agenda and should not be discussed. Supervisor West provided pictures of the damaged bridges and the board members agreed that something had to be done, stating that the County was responsible for the roads and bridges. Supervisor West provided the costs for the immediate repairs that were needed as well as those coming in the future. The Supervisor also suggested a Road Millage be placed on the ballot in the next voting event as the Township does not have the funds to pay for such extensive repairs. The Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee all rejected that idea stating that it would never be approved and they didn't want to raise taxes anymore, and that the County was supposed to take care of the roads and bridges. Supervisor West stated that the option was road closures which would negatively impact the township residents, and informed the board members that the Road Commissioner meets with the Township Supervisor, reviews the roads and bridges needing repair, provides the cost to the Township Supervisor, and then the Township has to pay for it. The Board members all disagreed.

3. The Treasurer, Clerk, and at least one Trustee are all against publishing the meeting minutes on a monthly basis, citing cost and a lack of resident interest. The cost is \$80.00/month, \$960.00/year. Treasurer Hughson and Clerk Barrett Pluger stated that 90 – 99% of the residents do not even read the paper. When asked for the data to support this, Treasure Hughson stated that she knew based on the number of residents who come to her office asking questions. Both the Clerk and Treasurer received pay increases of \$1,110.00 early in 2023, which would have covered the cost of keeping the township residents informed.

The future of the Township, condition of the roads, bridges, and quality of the services available to the residents, needs your help. We need you to come to the board meetings, 7 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at the Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, in the same area as Journey Federal Credit Union and let your voices be heard.

We also need volunteers to consider running for a Board office. We need Board members who are concerned with the needs – current and in the future – and support the Township Supervisor, who display commitment, integrity, and full transparency to the Township residents.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
WILLIAM KEITH JONES
Ovid Township Resident



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Faith Focus

by Phil Hopersberger
Graham Community Church

“Isaiah Hark Dude”

“I am coming and I will live among you... (Zephaniah 2:10-11).”

Christmas Eve always held a wonderful magic for me as a small boy. It almost tingled.

There was a midnight church service with carols, incense, and candles, and then home to try to sleep before the cascade of presents filled our living room. I didn't quite understand it all, but Jesus and Santa had a major role. It was like a jigsaw puzzle with no box lid to see how to finish the puzzle, but I got cool toys. That much I understood.

As I got older, that magic faded. I understood more — Santa was my parents and the picture on the lid was a nativity scene of an important baby who would die on a cross, but now I got clothes. For me, Christmas became more like a big birthday. Where was that special magic? I still didn't see how it all fit together. Now the puzzle pieces seemed to be flipped over, all gray. The answer had to be in that other jigsaw puzzle — the Bible.

There was an answer in Isaiah 48:16...“Draw near to Me, hear this: Since the beginning, I have not spoken in secret. From the time it existed, I was there. So now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit.” So God had intended all along to come to us. Christmas was not a secret (Isaiah wrote this about 700 years before Jesus was born, but God had planned it well before that, from the very beginning of time). Sounds magical, but why?

According to Isaiah, that manger baby in swaddling clothes was sent by God...and was God Himself — Immanuel means God with us (Isaiah 7:14). A Christmas carol flashed to mind, “Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity (Hark! The Herald Angels Sing).” More lyrics helped flip the puzzle pieces over to see God’s big picture, “God and sinners reconciled!” Ah, it’s about reconciliation with God (Isaiah 61:1-2).

So, the picture on the lid was the Bethlehem nativity, but in the background was the point, Jesus on the cross. Our sin separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2). God came as a baby, the King of all kings, to die for us to end sin and death (Isaiah 53:1-12), “Born that man no more may die; born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.” His death would remove our sin, raise us up from the dead like Jesus, and reconnect us to God in a new way (John 3:1-15). So Easter was in Christmas? That’s tingle-magic too!

But if Christmas holds no magic for you, and it’s all gray, try flipping over these Isaiah pages. You just need to hark... which means, “Dude! Listen up!” Or as the Spirit said through Isaiah, “Come near to Me, listen to this...I have not spoken in secret.” That means Hark, and that’s looking up these Bible passages. You can start with Isaiah 9:2-7.

Harking is really that simple. Just read. Christmas is not a secret. Then, just receive His reconciliation gift by faith, like a small child (John 1:12-14). Isaiah. Hark. Dude!

Thank You, Laingsburg Community , for your Amazing Support of the Laingsburg Area Food Bank

Letter to the Editor:

We'd like to give a huge thank you to our Laingsburg residents and local church congregations for their generous individual donations and continued support. And a shout-out to the Dairy Den and Spirit Expressions for their competitive personal product drive, the Laingsburg Middle School students for “12 Days of Thanksgiving,” and the Winterfest “Stuff the Bus.” It is because of your help that we can serve our friends and families in need. Together, we are able to make a difference. Thank you again.

Cindy Dolan, Food Bank Coordinator



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Wow, just a few days until Santa takes his wondrous ride around the world to fill all those stockings and leave presents underneath all those trees. Prudence and I are getting into the spirit by sharing our Christmas cut out cookies. No they are not sugar free but I did not frost them yet. Pru and I both seem to like them plain, great with either a glass of cold milk or a hot coffee. Of course they are also good with a cup of hot chocolate. Yes, I have been busy at the shop but am happy that I am done making fudge and peanut clusters. Working on the special order pies. Had to make an additional batch of onion bread today, it turned out well, so maybe I will have a loaf to take home with me on Saturday.

I wish that you could see MG’s, it is very cozy and filled with our Christmas memorabilia. On the south wall there are plastic gift plates from the fifties, and on the short east wall is chain of little white lanterns from that time period. We’ve only had one ‘Bah, humbug’ in our group of regulars...I think that he may have been having a bad day. The lights are up, the tree stands above a sleigh full of gifts with old fashioned tinsel ropes and small ornaments to make them pop. Yes, the boxes are empty but I’m thinking that maybe next year I could hide some of my Christmas shopping in that sleigh. Not much fudge left and only a few bags of peanut clusters and more pretzel sticks that I realized. Oh, well a nice crunchy snack for the season. Our faithful scarecrows have even stepped up to show off their winter attire.

I need to apologize for not having anything written in my column last week. Yes, I have been busy but that was not the problem. The week before I had had an old fashioned hangnail and I tried to pull it off. It was not my smartest option but I did believe that it would relieve the issue. It didn’t, the darn thing pulled out halfway down the side of my finger nail bed. It hurt a great deal, but I just soaked it in an Epsom salt bath several times. That did not take care of the problem. My finger swelled up and turned red. I finally went to Ouch Urgent Care in St Johns. I was amazed at how quickly they got me in and addressed the ouch. My digit was lanced and much of the infection was forced to the surface. I was told to continue the salt soaks and given antibiotics. By this last Sunday I could see that it was healing and the swelling was mostly gone. I could even start keying messages on my computer. Last night all of the dead skin peeled off and today my finger is almost back to normal. I was floored when the doctor told me that this affliction was or is fairly common. Boy am I glad that my last hangnail was over thirty years ago, so I should be well past a hundred before it occurs again.

Folks have been enjoying our biscuits and gravy and seem to have taken a real shine to Diane’s breakfast burritos. I told her today that a young man from St Johns had voiced his opinion that we should have them every day. If we had enough traffic and if I was more willing to learn how to make them it could happen. This is one of Diane’s many well liked specialties and I think that I had said that I didn’t want to learn anymore skills. I need to rethink that statement...it would appear that it would be beneficial if I did learn and Diane is a good instructor.

On the more serious side of this season I hope that your lives are filled with many good blessings. I’m looking forward to spending extra time with my family, all four generations and am blessed because I don’t have to go far to enjoy visiting with them. I am fortunate to have a good roof over my head that I can afford to heat. I have been blessed with good friends and a caring family. And yes I have Prudence to keep me company and she does a good job at keeping my lap warm. The cats seem a bit perturbed at times because they no longer have access to the house but are still pleased with me because I keep them well fed and pet them daily. From my home to yours I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, peace and contentment. God bless you...remember the reason for the season.

Crystal Mitchell©2023

Sports

Wolfpack Mat Team Captures Sand Creek Individual Tourney

SAND CREEK -- Laingsburg's Wolfpack varsity wrestling team outdistanced Jackson HS by more than 60 points to claim the Sand Lake Individual Tournament here.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves accumulated 227 team points to easily get past Jackson (163 points), the host Aggies 143, Adrian 142.5, Reading 136.5, Blissfield 115, Hillsdale 114 and Onsted 112.

Teams from Grass Lake, Grosse Ile, Riverview, Concord, Morenci, and Camden-Frontier rounded out the field, which gives prep grapplers a barometer for wrestling strength from around the state and helps prepare them for later tournament action.

Marlon Graham (9-2) helped lead the Wolves, placing 1st and totaling 28.0 team points.

Dano Winans (9-3) at 126 also placed 1st and scored 30.0 team points.

At 165, Jack Borgman (9-2) was also an individual champion for LHS and scored 26.0 team points.

Scarlett Ruhf wrestled for LHS at 106 lbs., receiving a first round bye before falling in the quarterfinal and consolation rounds.

Ethan Schneeburger was also at 106 lbs., going 5-2 and placing 2nd and with 22.0 team points.

Cooper Mund was 3-1 at 113, placing 5th and with 15.0 team points. Also at 113, Alex Grandy (1-3) received a first round bye before falling in the quarterfinal and winning in the consolation round.

Calvin Stier at 126 scored a 4-4 win by fall over Ethan Nieswender (Reading HS) 2-4 (Fall 0:31) to open his tournament. He lost in the quarterfinal and consolation rounds.

At 132, Logan Robinson (4-7) scored 3.0 team points.

At 144, Garrett Matthews (4-4) placed 4th and scored 15.0 team points.

Troy Matthews (4-3) at 150 placed 5th and scored 17.0 team points.

Bryce Smith (6-5) at 157 placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points. Also at 157, Camren Betts (3-5) earned a consolation round bye before falling in consolation round 2.

Charles Dehnert (2-4) at 175 earned a consolation round bye before falling in consolation round 2.

Seth Sivak (10-1) at 175 lbs. was another Wolfpack champion and tallied 28.0 team points.

Gus Larson (0-5) and Alex Forcier represented LHS at 190 lbs.

At 215, Wyatt Stanfield (10-3) placed 5th and scored 17.0 team points.

Riley Kiffer (9-4) at 285 placed 6th and scored 13.0 team points.

Lady Marauders Defend home Floor, Flatten Chesaning by 20 Points, 67-47

OVID-ELSIE --

Throw records out the door, when it comes to Ovid-Elsie and Chesaning it is still a rivalry game. However, senior Evelyn Cole refused to let the Indians enter the Marauder gymnasium to try and hand the Lady Marauders their first loss. The Lady Marauders would come out on top, 67-47.

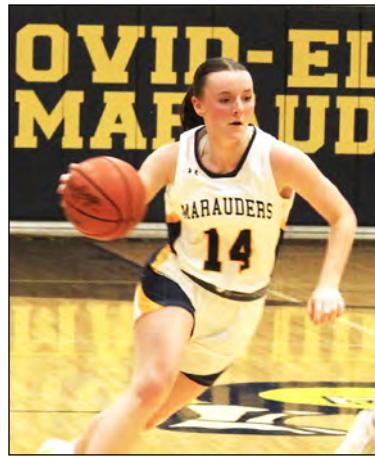
Cole scored 19 points in the first half en route to a 30-point night, including 5 rebounds and 9 steals in just 24 minutes of action. Ava Bates also hit double digits with 12 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists while Braeden Tokar (4 assists) and Ellyanna Carman (3 rebounds, 3 steals) each chipped in with 7 points each. Hailee Campbell (3 assists, 3 steals) added 5 points while Dannika Campbell added 3 points, Francesca Giacobbe added a pair of free throws and Alyson Moore also added a free throw to round out the Marauder scoring.

"I thought Evelyn put on one of the best performances any player has put on at OE in a long time. She brought a great deal of energy and intensity to the game when we needed to pick things up," said veteran O-E head coach Ryan Cunningham.

Ovid-Elsie led 16-6 after the first quarter but saw their lead dwindle to 8 at halftime after a 14-16 quarter that favored Chesaning. After an 18-9 third-quarter edge, the Lady Marauders would push the lead to as many as 24 points before capturing the 4th stanza 19-16.

"Defensively, we didn't have our best effort tonight and that's on me as a coach. I need to do a better job of getting us ready for a rivalry game like this," said Cunningham. "We know we have a target on our backs and every night we are going to get everyone's best shot. So give Chesaning credit for bringing the fight to us, but also give my kids some credit for fighting back."

The Lady Marauders (6-0, 4-0 MMAC) will head into the break for some much-needed rest before returning to action on January 5th at home against Durand. Chesaning falls to 1-4 on the season and 0-3 in the conference.



Evelyn Cole scored 30 points for OE during the game against Chesaning.

Photo by Denise Burgess

O-E Boys Lead MMAC Along with Chesaning

OVID-ELSIE — The Marauder defense came up big, the hosts limiting New Lothrop to 13 points over the final three periods, in a 44-23 MMAC romp here.

It was the fourth straight victory for coach Canyon Walker's Marauders (4-1 overall), who maintained the MMAC lead, tied with Chesaning, both teams at 3-0 in league play.

"We had a big sickness bug directly after the Montrose game," said Walker. "Jake Bowen, Travis Milner and Mason Ritenburg missed two practices before the New Lothrop game. (The Hornets) are a good opponent with a lot of good guards, so we decided to go with a smaller lineup to start the game.

"Some guys who may not of gotten many minutes in the past few games had to step up and step up they did."

Javen Belil and Jamison Custer started for the Marauders and got things going -- the hosts playing a great defensive game, allowing just 10, 5, 4, 4 quarter scores.

"I am super proud of the guys for stepping up," said coach Walker.

Tucker Loynes, who finished with a team-high 14 points, including 10 in the first half, canned with two 3-pointers for the night -- including a 3-pointer off an inbounds pass at the first half buzzer to give the Marauders a 22-15 halftime lead.

Loynes added six rebounds for the Marauders. Jamison Custer scored nine points, while Thornton scored six while Mason Ritenburg and Gunner McCreery each scored five points.

New Lothrop (1-4, 0-3 MMAC) was led by Jorey Galloup's seven points.

Marauders continue blazing early-season pace, 65-48 over MMAC foe Montrose

MONTROSE — Gunner McCreery tossed in a career-high 21 points, and coach Canyon Walker's O-E boys basketball team finished with 21 assists and only eight turnovers while defeating Montrose on the road, 65-48, Tuesday.

"It was a hard-fought road win," said coach Walker. "Shots were not falling in the first quarter and Montrose went up early. We had outstanding leadership from Mason Ritenburg, Gunner McCreery and Bruce Thornton to settle us down at halftime and we came out guns blazing."

Walker's charges surged to 3-1 and 2-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), while Montrose fell to 1-4 and 1-1.

McCreery shot 7 of 10 from the floor. Bruce Thornton added 11 points while Tucker Loynes and Travis Milner each sank nine.

Old-Time Atmosphere, Overtime Finish; Chesaning Nips O-E Boys

OVID-ELSIE — Chesaning needed two overtimes but stayed undefeated at Ovid-Elsie's expense, 43-38, on the Marauders' home floor.

The Tribe moved to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the MMAC, while handing coach Canyon Walker's Marauders their first league loss. Overall, O-E stood 4-2 overall following the exciting action.

"This felt like an old school high school basketball game," said coach Walker. "The parking lot was filled, the fans from both teams made the gym have an incredible atmosphere. My guys played a great defensive game holding Chesaning down."

Hunter Bates led O-E with a game-high 16 points, outscoring Chesaning standout Mason Struck (13 tallies). Gunner McCreery hit for 8 points, Bruce Thornton 7, Jamison Custer 3, Tucker Loynes 2 and Mason Ritenburg 2 to round out the Marauder scoring sheet.

"O-E has a tremendous program and they are extremely well-coached," said Chesaning coach Matt Weigl. "We feel very fortunate to be able to pull this one out."

Explained Walker, "We just could not close out the game. We had around 5-6 opportunities to finish but we had some errors late that didn't allow us that separation."

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Draft

Public Hearing and Regular Meeting December 11, 2023

Open Public Hearing:

Mayor Lasher called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 pm

Roll Call:

L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, B. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 19 guests present.

Public Comment: Time Opened: 7:02 PM Time Closed:

7:02 PM None

Public Hearing Closed: 7:03 PM

Regular Meeting Opened: 7:03 PM

Agenda

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Minutes

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve November 13, 2023 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Invoice/check register

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from 11/15/2023 thru 12/12/2023. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Public Comment: Opened 7:09 pm Closed 7:12 pm

Mayor's report

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to pay active city employees as of December 1st a bonus as follows: Full-time employees \$300.00 and Part-time employees \$150.00 on the next payroll check in December. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Treasurer's Report

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to close office lobby on December 14th for a meeting, records and equipment organization Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Report Approval Motion

Council Member Ordway made a motion to approve the reports from Mayor, Treasurer, Police and DPW reports. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

New Business

a. Resolution 2023-11 Meeting Calendar Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-11 as presented and resolution will be published in its entirety in the The Weekly. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NAY: none Adopted

b. Resolution 2023-12 FY 2024 Budget Council Member E. Starn made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12 as presented and resolution will be published in its entirety in the The Weekly. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NAY: none Adopted

c. Resolution 2023-13 Board and Commissions Compensation Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-13 as presented and

resolution will be published in its entirety in the The Weekly. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NAY: None Adopted

d. Key Authorization Council Member E. Starn made the motion to authorize the president, vice -president and secretary of planning commission to have a council room key. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried by voice vote

e. Salary Schedule for 2024 Council Member E. Starn made a motion to accept the salary schedule with correction of Election Chairman's wages to \$17.00 per hour. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to accept the DPW salary schedule as presented. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

f. ARPA funds Council Member E. Brown made a motion to use ARPA funds to pay sludge removal invoice from Biotech Agronomics. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

g. Act 51- Council Member E. Starn made the motion to move 25 percent of the Major Street funds into the Local Street fund as allowed by Act 51. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

h. Watermain Contract 1 Pay application approval Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve Watermain Contract 1 pay application. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Old Business
Golf Cart Ordinance- Council Member E. Brown made a motion to put the Golf Cart Ordinance #143 out for review and publication. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

a. Parental Responsibility Ordinance Council Member L. Perrien made the motion to adopt Ordinance #142 Parental Responsibility. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted NAY: None Adopted

b. ORV Ordinance Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance #141 Operation of Off-Road Recreation Vehicles (ORV). Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted AYE: L. Ordway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted NAY: None Adopted

Final Comments: None
Adjournment-
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
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Sports

Fowler Hands Lady Wolves 50-18 Loss in CMAC Cage Opener; Then Pummel Potterville and Perry

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg suffered a 50-18 defeat at the hands of Fowler in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) opener here, falling to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in league play.

The visiting Eagles improved to 2-1 and 1-0 in the CMAC.

Coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack then got things rolling on December 14, breaking the ice on their CMAC season with a convincing 48-28 victory at Potterville. Laingsburg built a 27-14 lead by halftime and rolled behind Lilli Morrill's 11 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals.

Payge Woodworth added 11 pts., 4 reb.; Ashlee Hawes 8 pts., 7 reb.; Ella Merrell 6 pts.; Bella Strieff 6 pts., 9 reb.; and Callie Clark 5 pts. and 6 rebounds to help spark the Wolves.

"It was a good win for us after starting out the 1st week shaky," said coach Hurst. "Our girls played well the entire game."

LHS followed that up on December 19 with a 49-25 conquest of non-league Perry, outscoring the Ramblers 21-5 directly after halftime to blow the game open. Morrill again led the way with 11 points and 4 steals, getting help from Hawes' 11 points and 4 rebounds.

Merrell added 9 points; Strieff 8 points and 11 rebounds; Clark 4 points; Woodworth 4 points and Harper Strouse 2 points.

Laingsburg went into the Christmas break at 2-2 overall, and 2-1 in league. Explained coach Hurst, "We put together two solid games this week; great way to go into break. The girls are playing better and gaining confidence as they go. This team has a lot of potential, and over time -- as they continue to gain confidence -- can certainly be a solid team."

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

On December 9th both teams were at Grand Blanc Lanes, they both had a bye week.

The keglers would line up with Durand due to Flint Beecher not showing up.

The girls were short three bowlers due to sickness. High games were Victoria Dennis 103; Kyra Pupava 132, 112; Brooke Pugsley 167,169.

Boys high games were Peyton Holmes 173; CollinJulie 163, 157; Gage Wikdopowski 186; Brayden Gruesbeck 146, 214; Devyon Pugsley 148, 186.



Bella Strieff added 6 points and 9 rebounds for Laingsburg during the game against Fowler.

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Ashley Comes Away with a Win Heading Into the Holiday Break

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Lady Bears played in three games this past week. First, they took on the Huskies from Breckenridge in a conference matchup. "We ran into a tough Breckenridge team, who put a strong defensive effort together that was too much for us to overcome" stated Coach Shaw. Karissa Brady and Ellie Drummond each had 4 points, Marissa Brady had 2 points and 7 rebounds and Paige Larsen had 2 points.

In the second game of the week Montabella visited Ashley. The Lady Bears fought all game keeping it close but couldn't come out on top. "Tonight's game was competitive the whole way as it was a 4-point game with 4 minutes left, we just made too many mistakes to overcome and Montabella was able to pull away late in the game" exclaimed Coach Shaw. Karissa Brady lead the team with 16 points 6 rebounds and 7 steals, Marissa Brady chipped in 11 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, Ellie Drummond had 7 points and 6 rebounds and Paige Larsen had 2 points.

Ashley game out on top against Owendale Gagetown winning 40-36. Ellie Drummond lead the team with a double double scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Marissa Brady had 6 points and 6 steals, Karissa Brady had 3 points, Peyton Rohn had 2 points 7 rebounds and 3 steals, Adalyn Polash scored 2 points from the free-throw line, and Paige Larsen had a free-throw make. "We got off to another sluggish start tonight getting down by 7 points early, however we were able to bounce back and take a 4 point lead into halftime. We were able to extend out lead in the third quarter and then finish the game strong to hang on for the win going into the holiday break.



Ellie Drummond

Wolfpack Cagers Hold Off Fowler for Critical CMAC Boys Basketball Win

FOWLER — Senior guard Zander Woodruff scored a career-high 41 points and unbeaten Laingsburg defeated Fowler, 67-57, in CMAC boys basketball action here.

Woodruff, a First-Team Division 3 All-Stater last season and the All-Area Player of the Year, did most of his scoring on strong drives to the basket and by converting his free throw attempts.

Jackson Audretsch scored eight points for the Wolfpack (4-0 overall, 3-0 Central Michigan Athletic Conference) while Ty Randall, playing his second game this season after being cleared to play following Tommy John surgery last summer), scored six points.

Jacob Halfman scored 24 points with five 3-pointers for Fowler, the Eagles falling to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in league play.



Zander Woodruff

Wolves Prevail in Neighborhood Tussle, 69-45 Over Perry Ramblers

PERRY — It's Christmas time, when it's supposed to snow. Instead, Laingsburg made it rain here in the Wolves' in a pre-Christmas romp, running past the host Ramblers, 69-45, in boys varsity basketball action.

The win kept coach Tim Beebe's Wolves unbeaten at 6-0, a perfect 5-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference

(CMAC). The Ramblers dipped to 5-2, 3-2 in the CMAC.

Zander Woodruff poured in 14 points in the first quarter, finished with five triples, while Vance Klont drilled three '3's', Cam Ballard added a pair of treys, Jackson Audretsch added 9 points and Mitchell George supported with 7 points in a convincing win. Woodruff led all scorers with 32 points — and is averaging over 30 ppg in the early season.

Perry got within 47-37 in the final quarter, before LHS closed out the contest with another trio of three-pointers in the final stanza.

Editorial

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Time for family, time for fun, seems as if the Christmas season has just begun,

After this week and the silver glitter is done, the bills need to be paid before the next Sun.

No regrets, the cakes and candy are almost gone, the leftovers are in the freezer,

Calories are forgotten until you get on the scales, only to know it is just a teaser.

The new year will be here, and we all make a wish,

To be better than last year, until February ice cream is served in a dish.

The ice storms will cling to the trees and the cars,

As we sit around the house watching TV and eating candy bars.

Soon it will be Ground Hogs Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter, too

and you'll be anxious for when you can go outside or to the Zoo,

The shortest day of the year is gone.... bet you can last...

The sun will shine and our dark season will be in the past.

Stay in the moment and embrace what is new

Make plans with your families and friends. And, don't get the flu.

I am tired, sleepy and it's getting late, time for bed

This writer is getting sugar plums dancing in her head

I am out of time tonight and words to write.

Send me your questions anytime, day or night.

Andy has time to listen to your woes and fights,

it is better to forgive than to always be right.

Make decisions with all your might,

And if you're wrong, take a right.

good night...andy @ ask_andy@aol.com

The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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Christmas Wish List 2023

This year the Weekly Sportsman is certainly not looking for certain materialistic items under the Christmas Tree or wishing new products to be introduced later in the next year. This year's wish list is filled with hopes of memory making experiences that make presents under the tree seem insignificant.

1. The Weekly Sportsman's eldest son has been studying abroad for the last three months and finishing up his mechanical engineering degree from Kettering University. Safe travels from Germany, along with a timely return, should make him arrive home in time to celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with the entire family.

2. This next week, during the late doe season, could potentially be the first time that the Weekly Sportsman has had both sons together in the woods pursuing whitetails.

3. Hopefully, both sons will be able to have an early morning breakfast together and then enter as a team in the Shiawassee Conservation Association Squirrel Derby on January 27th.

Merry Christmas!

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