

## League Champs



**OVID-ELSIE** — The year was 1984. Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team was coached by the legendary Mary Hudecek, and led by all-league standout Mary Perrien.

It was the last time the Marauders would win a conference championship. Until February 18, 2022, that is.

A 67-22 blowout victory over Mt. Morris gave coach Ryan Cunningham's team the outright Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) championship, its first league crown since 1984.

O-E climbed to 17-0 overall, 13-0 in the MMAC, while the visiting Panthers remained winless.

The Marauders jumped out to a 26-3 advantage after one quarter and never looked back. Leading the charge on offense and defense for O-E was sophomore Evalyn Cole, with seven steals and 17 points on 7 of 10 shooting from the field.

"Evalyn did an amazing job at both ends of the floor," coach Cunningham said. "Her energy was contagious and it helped propel us to this monumental win."

Another sophomore, Ava Bates, was the team's second-leading scorer, with 10. Bates also shared the team lead in rebounds with Hailee Campbell at six.

Leading scorer on the year, senior Caitlyn Walter scored nine points.

Marauder Scoring: Rylee Lewis 3 0-0 6, Kaylee Hall 1 0-0 2, Caitlyn Walter 4 0-0 9, Braylon Byrnes 3 0-0 6, Braeden Tokar 3 2-2 8, Evalyn Cole 7 2-2 17, Hailee Campbell 2 5-6 9, Ava Bates 3 3-3 10.

**OVID-ELSIE** — Dylan Carmen led the way with 21 points, and eight different Marauders found the scoring column as Ovid-Elsie's varsity boys basketball team dismantled Mt. Morris, 81-63, in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) action here February 18.

Coach Josh Latz's Marauders maintained a one-game lead over Chesaning (13-4, 10-2) in the MMAC race at 11-1, 15-1 overall. The Panthers kept sending O-E to the free throw line — the hosts shot 35 free throws — and that was a big factor, as the Marauders made 22 of them.

Axel Newell with 14 points and Clay Wittbenberg 13, joined Carmen in double-figures scoring for the Marauders. Adam Barton and Wittenberg each pulled down 9 rebounds.

The Panthers fell to 6-7 in the MMAC, 709 overall with the loss.

**OVID-ELSIE SCORING:** Braxton Stenger 2 2-6 6, Axel Newell 4 5-6 14, Jacob Tomasek 4 1-2 9, Adam Barton 2 2-2 7, Dylan Carman 7 2-4 21, Alex Eichenberg 1 0-0 3, Clay Wittenberg 4 5-9 13, Logan Thompson 1 5-6 8.

## Regional Champ



*OE Sophomore, Talon Parsons captured a Regional Championship on February 19th at Howard City. The 103 pounder touts a record of 33-1 record as he prepares for State competition next Friday, March 4th at Ford Field.*

## Headed to States



*Cole Workman & Talon Parsons*

*Eight area wrestlers are headed to Ford Field to compete in the State Wrestling Finals on Friday-Sunday, March 4th-6th. Representing the Marauders are Talan Parsons and Cole Workman along with Sam Grubaugh and Sharla Juhas. Representing the Laingsburg Wolfpack are Aden Baynes, Seth Sivak, Mikey Brooks and Sean Divine.*

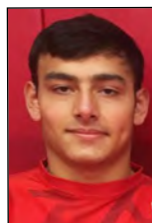
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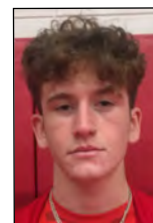
*Sam Grubaugh*



*Sharla Juhas*



*Aden Baynes*



*Seth Sivak*



*Mikey Brooks*



*Sean Divine*

## Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

*by Dawn D Levey*

ELSIE — The regular meeting of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, February 21, 2022, 6 pm. Officials heard from a number of District residents who oppose the artificial turf football field project.

The focus of public comment was the artificial turf approved for the Ovid-Elsie athletic complex. Kevin Nash, voiced his opposition to the replacement of football field with turf and that he was disappointed in the decision that was made. And that the public should have the final say in the spending of these funds. Jason Wenzlik, also indicated that he is also upset about the board decision. Dwight Nash, again, disagreed the decision as well and indicated that the project should have been publicized more. Approximately twelve others were present to support those who spoke.

Finally, Kelly Nethaway, brought up a couple of things regarding the recent hard lock down, that bullying is an issue in the district, and rules not being followed regarding the high school dress code.

On a related issue, Dr. Ryan Cunningham, Ovid-Elsie superintendent, presented officials with the Resolution for borrowing funds for the approved athletic complex updates. After a brief discussion the resolution was adopted.

Michigan International Preparatory School (MIPS) presented their annual report. It has been five years since Ovid-Elsie Area Schools entered into the partnership. MIPS will be requesting reauthorization of the partnership with the charter school. Currently there are 1300 students enrolled, and MIPS has added a recovery program to address the treatment for students with addictions partnering with Well Spring and Holy Cross in this venture.

Building and department updates included reports from the individual buildings. Rachelle Parsons, Leonard Elementary School, reported that the after school program up and running with 60 students participating. The students and staff will be celebrating 2-22-22 with special reading and math activities. Preparations are underway for kindergarten round-up.

Ms. Ormesbee, EE Knight principle, reported that there are also 60 students in the after school program that provides intervention for students. In addition, 3,166 items were collected for the Elsie Area Food Pantry. The comment was made that the school is a very kind and giving community.

Mr. Brian Powell, Ovid-Elsie Middle School, updated officials on the exciting activities and creative instruction that is taking place. The students are preparing pod casts to enhance literacy skills and the FFA program has been expanded to the middle school which has been well received by staff, students and parents.

Mr. Jason Tokar, O-E High School, noted that 20 out of the 32 students recommended are participating in the credit

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**Strieff Signing:** LCC coach Emily Quintero, Lorna and dad / coach JJ Strieff make it official: Lorna's college career will start at LCC. See story on page 9.



# Social



## Ovid Public Library

March is Reading Month and the Ovid Public Library will be having a Reading Challenge. The challenge is open to all ages. We have some fun reading bingo and march reading challenges if you would like to participate in those. Or you can just check out a book to read. We will be giving away books to all who participate. So come on down and check out a book. We have lots to choose from. Many, many new ones! We look forward to seeing you at the Ovid Public Library.

**Friday Fish Frys Will Be  
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## Fish Fry Returns at Holy Family Catholic Church

It's almost time for the first Fish Fry Dinner at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid. Dinner will be served by the Holy Family Activities Club! Or take the meal home. Make plans to join us.

The menu includes: 2 kinds of fish (fried & baked), cheesy potatoes, french fries, baked beans, corn, green beans, orange salad, drink and cookie. All servers will be masked and gloved for your safety.

Dinners will again be served on March 11th, 25th and April 8th. Serving from 4:30-7pm. Prices will be \$14 for adults, Children: 12-6 yrs. old, \$7 and kids under 5, FREE!

Support your community by joining us for dinner, hope to see you for any of the dinners.

## Laingsburg Board of Education Meeting

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a special meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022. The meeting will begin at 2:00 pm in the middle school-media center. Please visit our website at <http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/> for up to date meeting information.

The primary purpose of this special meeting is to conduct a Building and Facilities subcommittee meeting.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

## Middlebury Township March Board of Review Notice

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting Only**  
Appeals will be heard:  
**Tuesday, March 15th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Friday, March 18th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before  
March 1 at: [mholley4444@gmail.com](mailto:mholley4444@gmail.com)

All above meetings will be held at Middlebury Township Hall located at  
7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866  
Any questions phone: 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

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## Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser at Laingsburg UMC March 1

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. – A pancake dinner fundraiser to celebrate Fat Tuesday is scheduled for 5 to 7:30 p.m. March 1 at Laingsburg United Methodist Church. All proceeds will benefit the Core Youth Group, LUMC's middle- and senior-high youth program, which is going on a mission trip in June.

Fresh homemade pancakes, maple syrup, fruit toppings, whipped cream and sausage will be served, as well as beverages. Donations will be accepted. Takeout available.

Twelve people from the Core Youth Group and the church's mission team will travel to Illinois to the Midwest Distribution Center for the United Methodist Committee on Relief – or UMCOR – in June. They'll spend two days helping sort, carry and pack personal hygiene and cleaning kits. They may also learn to sew clothing and linens for homes in need, work with an electrician, repair bicycles or build desks for aspiring entrepreneurs. Midwest Mission specializes in education, health, disaster relief and micro-business supplies. It distributes its kits, resources and supplies locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during times of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

"Core members and those joining them will need to pay for lodging, food, gas, and the material costs required by Midwest Mission," explained LUMC Pastor Tiffany Newsom, who is part of the mission group. "Thanks to the support of our congregation and community, we had a great start to our fundraising effort with a handbell concert in December. We also received a \$430 grant from our blood drives last summer and fall. The youth need approximately \$1,750 toward their trip. We appreciate any support people are willing to give."

The church is located at 210 Crum Street in Laingsburg. For more information, call the church office between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 517-651-5531, or email [youthgroupthecore@gmail.com](mailto:youthgroupthecore@gmail.com).

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## Sparrow Clinton Hospital Opens New Wound Clinic

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital announces the opening of the Sparrow Clinton Wound Clinic, an outpatient facility offering a comprehensive approach for patients with non-healing wounds.

The Sparrow Clinton Wound Clinic team features nurses and technicians with advanced training in wound care.

“Between five and seven million Americans experience at least one form of a non-healing wound annually and the incidence of these wounds is increasing by approximately 10 percent each year,” said Mark Weismiller, M.D., medical director of the Sparrow Clinton Wound Clinic. “Many of these individuals suffer from wounds that refuse to heal despite conventional treatment. These wounds seldom involve a simple answer.”

Patients at the clinic are examined by clinical staff and each patient is evaluated for all possible related conditions, such as diabetes, that could interfere with proper healing. The care team follows an evidence-based clinical analysis to determine why wounds are not healing, then develops individual treatment plans based on the most effective technologies available to provide maximum healing and relief.

“We work with each patient’s primary care provider to ensure seamless delivery of appropriate care for non-healing wounds,” said Kelli Isralson-Brown, DNP, APRN, ANP-C, nurse practitioner for the new Wound Clinic. “With the right approach and the latest evidence-based practices for wound healing, our care team can provide healing and relief for our patients.”

The Sparrow Clinton Wound Clinic is located inside Sparrow Clinton Hospital. For more information about wound care or to schedule an appointment, call 989.227.3345.



Mark Weismiller, M.D., medical director of the Sparrow Clinton Wound Clinic, and Nurse Practitioner Kelli Isralson-Brown helped lead the new clinic.

## Ovid-Elsie cont’ from front...

recovery program. In addition, the robotics program is underway and will be on the road for competitions. It is FFA week at the high school with daily activities for students and staff. A number of the high school staff members are seeking families to host foreign exchange students for the 2022-23 school year.

Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School is preparing for second semester exams. Also, a number of students will be participating in the MAEO Stars Legislative Day, March 16 2022.

Mrs. Melissa Jones, school nurse reported that COVID numbers are declining, and students and staff quarantining less and less. The OE Nurse’s web page up and providing COVID updates and health recommendations. Future goals include enhancing health information, providing more documentation on PowerSchool and working on district wide health emergency plans.

Mr. Randy Barton, assistant superintendent, updated officials on the NWEA Student Benchmark Progress Report. Part of the return to learn plan, is to present test students three times share out results of the benchmarks. The same test is administered each time to students k-8. The results are/will be posted on the district website. All students tested were face-to-face, and the amount of growth shared. It was noted the greatest amount of growth was seen in the lower elementary grades and the percentage growth decreases as the students get older. It was further noted that students were growing in all grade levels k-8. Math continues to be the struggle compared to English Language Arts.

Officials were presented for letters of retirement. Letters were received from Cory Gavenda, high school assistant principal; Julie Keck, high school civics teacher; Dawn D Levey, alternative teacher and director; and Cindy Schoendorf, administrative assistant. All were accepted with regrets and thanked for their service to the district and for students.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included the following: approval of the meeting agenda, approval of the January 24, 2022 regular meeting minutes, payment of expenditures, and the monthly financial reports.

### Duplain Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Appeals will be heard:  
Monday, March 14, 2022  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Thursday, March 17, 2022  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1  
at: mholley4444@gmail.com

Duplain Township Hall,  
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Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor).



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### Middlebury Township Budget Public Hearing

The Middlebury Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023 at the township hall located at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI on March 8, 2021 at 6:45 pm.

\*The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866 or by calling Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk. 989-307-8841

### ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township Board of Review Organization  
Meeting will be held at the Township office at  
109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.**  
**Organizational Meeting**

Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the  
Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.

**Monday, March 14, 2022**  
**from 1pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**  
**from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

Madalin Morris  
Elba Township Clerk

## OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

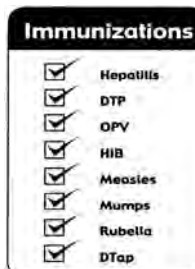
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**The Rademacher Family**

### **Elba Township Ford Cemetery**

Just a reminder that all flowers must be removed from the grave sites by March 15th. Flowers can be replaced again starting April 1st.

*Madalin Morris*  
Township Clerk  
989-847-2097

# Obituaries

## **Glen E. Plowman and Arlene L. Plowman**

Glen E. Plowman, of St. Johns, passed away on February 22, 2022 at The Maples of St. Johns and Arlene L. Plowman passed away on February 2, 2018 at Hazel Findlay Country Manor. Glen and Arlene were married on September 2, 1950 and enjoyed sixty-eight years together.

Glen was born on March 13, 1927, the son of Clyde and Hazel Foerch Plowman in Greenbush Twp, Michigan. He was a 1945 graduate of Rodney B. Wilson. He joined the Navy during World War II on April 16, 1945 and was honorably discharged on August 2, 1946. He was stationed in China on the USS Blackhawk. He worked at Hettler Motors for over forty years and volunteered at the produce food bank for Volunteers of America for more than twenty five years. He enjoyed bowling, golf and having coffee in the morning at Bruno's.

Arlene was born on January 31, 1926 the daughter of John and Auerilla Baur Baumgartner in Bingham Twp., Michigan. She worked in retail sales for several years and enjoyed knitting and quilting.

Surviving are children, Gwen Plowman of St. Johns and Port Charlotte, Florida and James (Deborah) Plowman of Ovid; Arlene's daughter, Linda Bryant of St. Johns; grandchildren, Eric (Mary), Nick (Crystal Sidel) and Adam (Alissa) Plowman, Daniel (Lisa) and Eric Forman, Teysha George; 7 great granddaughters and four great grandsons; Glen's sister, Ruth (Dick) Root; Arlene's sisters, Delores Johnson of Florida and Pat Marton of St. Johns. They were preceded in death by their parents and Arlene's sisters, Helen Baumgartner, Shirley Baumgartner and Dorothy Berlin and her brother, Carl Baumgartner.

The family would like to thank Tom and Jodi from Elara Care, Howard (Jack) Weyers at Family and Elder Law, Katy Johnson, Tammy Hernandez, Dr. Holhzei and The Maples of St. Johns for the excellent care given to their dad.

A Memorial Service for Glen and Arlene will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 11 AM. Military honors and a luncheon will follow. Interment of ashes will take place at Mount Rest Cemetery, St. Johns. Friends may visit McGeehan Funeral Home, St. Johns on Thursday, March 10, 2022 from 5-8 PM and on Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made in Glen's name to The Maples of St. Johns. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel at 989-224-4422 or visit [www.McGeehanFH.com](http://www.McGeehanFH.com)



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**Worship Service**  
10:30 a.m.

### **Bannister United Methodist Church**

103 Hanvey Street  
Pastor: Zella Daniel

**Sunday Worship 11:15am**

### **Duplain Church of Christ**

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**Sunday School**  
10:00 a.m.

**Worship Service**  
8:30am, & 11:00am

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Senior Minister: Andrew Goodrich  
Associate Minister: Matthew Barnum  
Children's Minister: Jessica Prieto  
[www.duplainchurch.org](http://www.duplainchurch.org)

### **FAITH FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**

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Pastor: John Jakus  
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### **ELSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

160 W. Main St., Elsie (989) 862-5239

**Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Pastor: JD Paik**

### **LAINGSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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[laingsburgumc@gmail.com](mailto:laingsburgumc@gmail.com)  
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**Worship Service 9:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 10:45 a.m.**  
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Pastor Phillip Rogers

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**Confession:**  
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### **City of Ovid March Board of Review Meeting Dates**

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.  
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

**Appeals will be heard:**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Friday, March 18, 2022**  
**3:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1 at:  
[mholley4444@gmail.com](mailto:mholley4444@gmail.com)

**Ovid City Hall, 114 E Front Street**  
**Ovid, MI 48866**

**Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)**  
**Protests will be heard for the 2021 assessments**

### **Fairfield Cemetery Notice**

A reminder that all grave blankets, flowers and other decorations must be removed from Fairfield Township Cemetery by April 15, 2022.

*Carolyn Long*  
Township Clerk  
989-277-4826



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## We Are OE...But More than OE Athletics

Dear Ovid-Elsie community,

I am writing today as a concerned taxpayer to bring to light an issue that many are unaware of. In November of 2021 a proposal of Stadium improvements was brought before the board and then approved in December for a \$1.8 million dollar project, some of which will be financed. This project includes correcting much needed drainage problems along with necessary track improvements, but also includes replacing the natural grass surface with an artificial turf surface. How did I miss this reading/hearing about this, especially something which will be a recurring 7-10 year costly expense? Something that will benefit a small percentage of the student population. Many of our children are getting left behind in a time where they crave/need direction and guidance. As a concerned parent I believe our funds could be more efficiently invested in other areas where they will benefit a wider student population.

We are OE, but we are much more than OE athletics. I believe it is time we as a community stand up and let our voices be heard. If you are in agreement I implore you to send an email to our Board of Education letting them know your concerns. The Board of Education members' emails can be found at <https://www.ovidelsie.org/page/board-of-education>.

The Superintendent has made available information on the website regarding the stadium project which I encourage you to inspect at <https://dashboard.eidexinsights.com/ovid-elsie> where you can scroll down to the bottom to the 'Stadium' tab. If you would like to have your questions/concerns answered please send an email to [Informed.OE.Decisions@gmail.com](mailto:Informed.OE.Decisions@gmail.com) and we will try to get a forum where you can get the answers you deserve as tax payers in the community on a matter which will have a long lasting impact. Let's make a difference.

Respectfully,  
Pam Nash  
Elsie

## Open Oil/Acrylic Painting

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be offering another session of Open Oil/Acrylic Painting with Philip Ruehle, MFA, Artist/Instructor. The six week session will begin on Wednesday, March 2, through April 6.

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. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. The fee is \$125 for a Member or \$135 for a guest. Pre-registration and payment required. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The classrooms are handicap accessible. Call (989) 723-8354 for questions or registration. A new session will follow.

## Priorities in Question

As a parent and community member actively trying to be more involved, I attended my first board meeting on February 21, 2022. During this meeting I discovered issues that came to light that many in the community are not in agreement with. The consensus I heard that evening seemed to be that the board has lost sight of the bigger picture and their priorities are not in line with the priorities of the community.

I'm not arguing or even discussing the issues of the past, but trying to better the future. In the future, there should be transparency, broad dissemination of information, and mutual respect from both sides of the fence. Board members and community members should work TOGETHER on making decisions that impact our children and the future of Ovid-Elsie area schools.

I call upon the board to:

Create a listserv for members of the community to opt into. This listserv would function to communicate agendas, minutes, and any other board business in addition to the post in the Meridian Weekly.

Release the agenda for the upcoming meeting in the Meridian Weekly the week prior, to allow community members to know what will be discussed at the upcoming meeting, and potentially voted on.

Further, I ask that you create an indicator on the agenda for which information presented will be voted on in subsequent meetings or indicate if a vote will be taken that evening.

That all presentations/information/documents from meetings are hyperlinked into the meeting minutes, providing easy access for all.

Provide a zoom option for all meetings so that the entire public is able to hear the issues at hand.

Take the input of the community into account BEFORE making decisions and distribute appropriate information timely and publicly.

I call upon the community to:

Show up to board meetings

Be more involved

Voice your opinions

Educate yourself about the issues at hand and ask the tough questions

Advocate for our children, the future of this community

Share the information we get with others in the community

Work on having dialogue with the members of the board

This isn't about the you versus them, or me versus you. This is about our entire community working together to invest in the education and well-being of our kids, the future of this community.

Arianna Perrien  
Ovid



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

## Late Season Squirrel Hunting

Squirrel season has been open since September 15th and believe it or not there is only about a month left to enjoy a late season squirrel hunt. While the weather can vary greatly in March so should the tactics used to bag your daily limit of five bushytails. Don't expect to take a casual stroll in light clothing with a small gauge shotgun or .22 LR and expect easy targets above your normal line of sight.

Winter weather and cold mornings still occur in March so semi-hibernated squirrels tend to emerge from their tree nests and dens from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and then scurry to the ground looking for food. While the squirrel population has declined by March so has the supply of easily obtainable food. Squirrels can no longer run limbs and easily harvest fresh mast and nuts. This means you can sleep in and not have to travel during early dawn to get into position. Look for a block of woods with squirrel nests in trees that are bordered to the south by corners and edges of crop fields with unharvested corn and beans. Expect squirrels to be foraging for any kind of grain or nuts that can be found on the ground. Bring a cushion or make sure your snow camo pants are waterproof and find a comfortable tree to lean against. Your hunting jacket should be bark patterned to blend with the tree and your hat of course blaze orange. As for firearms, select your most accurate scoped .17 Mach2 or HMR and possibly even a

.22WRM because shots will start at around 50-75 yards and extend out well beyond 150 yards. While the squirrels you hunt in late season may have food on their minds, never underestimate their skittish behavior because they have been survivors up to this point for a reason.

If you are fortunate to harvest a mess of squirrels the possibilities for making them into a meal are limitless. While there are many traditional Michigan options like a Brunswick Stew or Squirrel & Dumplings, it has become trendy to substitute squirrel for shredded chicken in most Mexican or Asian dishes. By March, even the young and tender squirrels have matured and grown up so skinning will be a challenge no matter what. Plan to get on that task right away with a sharp knife and a squirrel skinning device.

-WS

## Victor Township 2022 Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2022 assessment appeals:

**Wednesday, March 16th**  
**3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Call for an appointment**

**Thursday, March 17th**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
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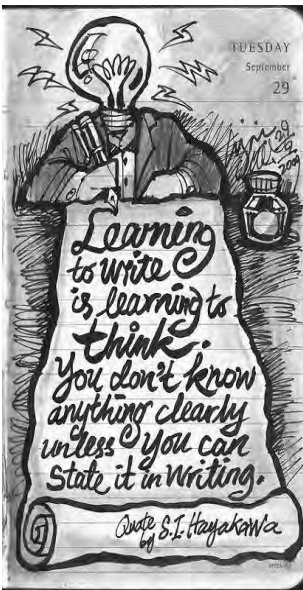
To Schedule an Appointment call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will accept letters of appeals until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

### Victor Township

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Residential	46.88.	1.06655.	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	46.84	.06746.	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Beth Botke  
Assessor



## Ovid Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

**Appeals will be heard:**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022**  
**3:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1 at: [mholley4444@gmail.com](mailto:mholley4444@gmail.com)

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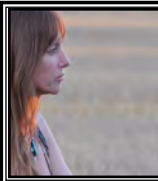
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There are several things that many people believe are true which are simply incorrect. I've spoken with some medical providers and doctors to get as accurate information as possible to help my readers feel more confident and knowledgeable about covid because not everything on Facebook or TV is true. Here are a few things that are misunderstood.

I'm vaccinated so I'm immune to covid. - MYTH  
No, you are NOT immune. You most definitely CAN still get covid even after being vaccinated.

I'm vaccinated so you're safe around me. - MYTH  
NO, people are not safe around you because you got vaccinated. You most definitely CAN still infect other people with covid even after you're vaccinated.

If I go into the hospital, they'll draw blood to check my labs. - FACT Yes, most likely that will happen and it'll tell the medical team caring for you where they should begin. One prime lab they look at is a level of a marker that indicates blood clots. With this, they can determine if you should have a CT scan done to look for blood clots in the lungs. This marker is also elevated when the person has covid.

Covid is just like getting a cold or flu. It's no big deal. - MYTH  
Covid can damage the body's organs such as the lungs, heart, kidneys, liver and more, a cold or flu does not. Covid can create blood clots in the lungs, a cold or flu does not.

Covid raises the iron levels and liver values to dangerous heights even months down the road after having it, a cold or flu does not.

Covid takes months to heal from, a cold or flu does not.

Covid affects the mind and thinking abilities, a cold or flu does not.

Covid is not a simple cold or flu.

Covid affects people differently. - FACT  
This is one reason people are confused by the severity of covid. Everyone is different. We have different DNA, pain tolerance, mental and emotional status, health variables, and so on.

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## Covid... cont' from page 6

. Therefore, covid does and will react differently for each and every one of us. Although the damage it can cause inside the body is not known by the person.

Everyone should get vaccinated. - MYTH

There are some people who are not a candidate to receive the covid vaccinations. Some peoples' doctors say it is not in their best interest to receive the vaccinations. Their medical information is best left between them and their doctors to decide. Don't be the one to judge others. Someone who is vaccinated is no less a threat to you than someone who isn't vaccinated. Here's a concept, it's working together instead of attacking each other for our choices and beliefs.

Vaccinations help you to not get As Sick, if you get covid - FACT.

Most people who get vaccinated and come down with covid seem to not be affected as severely by it. Although there have been reports of some still getting very ill, but not dying. Just remember, even being vaccinated, you CAN still spread covid. There are many people who are not able to have the option of getting vaccinated and that's why everyone (both vaccinated and not vaccinated) need to help each other instead of arguing which is better and who is right. The bottom line is; if you're going to point fingers, judge, or push your beliefs on anyone else, then you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. And Covid Wins!

Now here are some tips from the doctors and medical providers I've spoken too about what can help if you get or have covid. Not all of these items are feasible for everyone. For example; a person that has heart issues may not be able to take the decongestants listed below or a woman who is susceptible to UTIs won't be able to soak in baths, nor is it wise to give percussion to someone who has blood clots in their lungs. So, by all means talk with your doctor and use the protocol that's correct for your individual self.

Here are some tips professional doctors and medical care providers are suggesting;

· **STAY HOME** - It doesn't matter if you are vaccinated or not. If anyone in your home is diagnosed with covid the entire household should stay home to control the spread. · **Boost** - Take vitamin C, vitamin D, and zinc, to help boost the immune system. · **Water** - Drink lots of fluids like water, orange juice, cranberry juice, to flush the body and help with dehydration issues. · **Over the counter** - Take DayQuil and NyQuil or Robitussin, to help break up the congestion. · **Soak** - Do Epsom Salt baths which are good for soothing the body's aches, relaxing muscles, and may decrease joint inflammation along with detoxification for the body in a gentle manner. · **Eat** - Even if you're not hungry, continue to eat. The body will use energy from food to continue its fight against covid and heal, plus food will help the stomach absorb the medications and keep you from feeling nauseous. · **Oils** - Use essential oils to help fight the germs, boost the immune system and uplift your mood for a better outlook.

• Anti-viral essential oils: Lemongrass, Lavender, Thyme, Cinnamon o Anti-inflammatory essential oils: Ginger, Thyme,

Eucalyptus, Lavender • Immune boosting essential oils: Eucalyptus, Lemon, Rosemary, Tea Tree • Antioxidant essential oils: Orange, Ginger, Peppermint, Lime, Lemon, Lavender, Lemongrass

· **Facedown** - Lay on your stomach. This actually helps the lungs work better and get more oxygen easier. · **Melatonin** - Try taking melatonin at night. This is helpful towards covid, although they haven't quite figured out why it helps so much, they just know it does. Plus, it'll help you sleep better too.

· **Percussions** - Having percussion done to the back will help loosen congestion. · **Rest** - It is important to get plenty of rest. If you ever asked anyone who has had covid, most will say they're exhausted so resting isn't an option, it's a requirement. · **Bloodwork** - After a few months, getting lab work rechecked might be a good idea. In some cases, people have had a large increase in their iron levels and liver counts. So,

getting a blood draw is suggested as high levels can create other health problems. · **Breathe** - If you have trouble breathing or your symptoms are getting worse go to the emergency room or call 911.

· **REMEMBER** - Covid is not something to ignore, take lightly, or to think it's just a joke. It's not a cold or flu. It is Very Serious!

· **Hint** - If you need to ask if you should go to the emergency room, then you already know the answer... Go!

It is highly recommended to speak with your doctor or healthcare provider before trying any of the things mentioned to determine which is best for you and your unique health situation. Let's do our best to stay healthy and support one another in every way we can.

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# Sports

## Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The OE Varsity Bowling Teams competed against Bentley on February 19th for a non-conference match.

The girls won 28-2, high games included Kloe Bigelow 121; Ashland Particka 162, 140; Morgan Douglass 146, 136; Gracie Schultz 168, 137.

The boys lost 3-27, high games included Austin Smith 121; Tobin Clark 125; Brandon Grieder 133; Hunter Maxa 121, 134.

The Varsity Girls were in action at B's Bowling Center on Monday, February 21st at the Best of the Best Tournament for all conferences.

12 teams bowled 2 Petersons - total pins. Top 8 moved on to match play. The O-E girls took 6th in the first round. Flushing was the opponent for 2 Baker games the total pins win and move on. OE 132, 175 for 307 and Flushing 169, 111 for 280. Next up was Flint Kersley. OE 112, 108 for 220 and Kersley 192, 121 for 313.

OE girls would finish third in the tournament.



Gracie Schultz



Hunter Maxa

## Ionia deals Ovid-Elsie just 2nd loss of boys basketball season

OVID-ELSIE — The Ionia Bulldogs dealt Ovid-Elsie's varsity boys basketball team just its second loss of the season, 49-44 here February 22.

Axel Newell scored 15 points and Dylan Carman added 11, but Ionia overcame the Marauders by hitting 77% at the free throw line (17-of-22).

The Bulldogs improved to 14-3 with the non-league win, while dropping coach Josh Latz's Marauders to 15-2.

Logan Thompson added six points for the Marauders, who got four assists from Braxton Stenger and three from Carman.

OVID-ELSIE SCORING: Braxton Stenger 1 0-1 2, Axel Newell 5 4-6 15, Adam Barton 2 0-0 5, Dylan Carman 3 2-2 11, Clay Wittenberg 2 1-3 5, Logan Thompson 1 4-4 6.



Axel Newell



Dylan Carman

## Wolfpack Cagers Continue Winnings Ways, 76-28

LAINGSBURG — The Wolfpack varsity boys basketball team played host to Saranac on February 18 and LHS continued its winning ways, 76-28.

The 48-point winning margin was the largest of the season for coach Dan Morrill's Wolves.

The Wolfpack's Eli Woodruff led all scorers with 16 points. Zander Woodruff had 13, and Ethan West 10.

The Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) win boosted Laingsburg to 9-5 overall, 9-3 in the CMAC. Isaiah Morgan led Saranac (5-11, 2-9) with 8 points.

Next up for the Wolfpack was a non-league trip to Leslie, to play the Blackhawks.

## Fowler Boys Use Late Free Throws to Nip Wolves, 62-61

LAINGSBURG — Fowler edged the host Wolfpack in a tightly contested CMAC boys basketball battle on February 23.

Coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves grabbed the lead inside the last minute, before Fowler guard Jacob Halfmann got the benefit of a foul call with :02.7 seconds left. Halfmann calmly hit both free throws to put Fowler up 1.

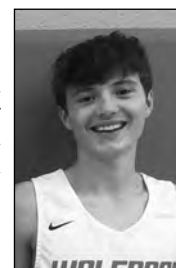
That's the way the score ended, Fowler's 62-61 victory pushing the Eagles to 10-6 overall, 7-6 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). The Wolfpack fell to 9-5 in the CMAC, 9-6 overall.

Halfmann and Andrew O'Rourke had 21 to lead the way for Fowler.

Zander Woodruff had 18 and Luke Snyder had 14 for Laingsburg.



Eli Woodruff



Zander Woodruff

## Ovid-Elsie Soph Talan Parsons Captures Regional Mat Championship; Headlines Six Area Wrestlers to States

HOWARD CITY — Ovid-Elsie sophomore captured a MHSAA Regional individual championship here February 19, headlining six local grapplers who qualified for the State Wrestling Finals at Ford Field in Detroit.

Parsons, taking the mat for coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders at 103 pounds, is now 33-1 this year and is the second-ranked wrestler in his weight class by MLive.com. After finishing as a Division 3 state runner-up as a freshman in 2021, Talan captured top honors in his weight class at Howard City.

To qualify for States, a wrestler must finish in fourth place or better in Regional action.

The Marauders other qualifier coming out of the Howard City Regional was sophomore Cole Workman (34-5), 3rd at 119 pounds.

At Ithaca HS, veteran Laingsburg coach Shawn Baynes mentored four of his matmen to State Finals qualification:

- Aden Baynes, Laingsburg, Jr. (35-4) - 2nd at 130 pounds
- Seth Sivak, Laingsburg, So. (26-14) - 3rd at 160 pounds
- Mikey Brooks, Laingsburg, Jr. (36-3) - 2nd at 189 pounds
- Sean Divine Laingsburg, Jr. (32-8) - 3rd at 215 pounds



Talan Parsons



Cole Workman



Aden Baynes



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- Girls Basketball Districts
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Sports



Teammates surround Lorna Strieff as she celebrates signing her National Letter of Intent with LCC.

Third of Strieff Sisters Signs National Letter of Intent to Join LCC Volleyball Team

LAINGSBURG -- Advancing to compete in athletics at the collegiate level has become a tradition in the Strieff family.

Lorna Strieff, a senior three-sport standout at Laingsburg High School, signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her volleyball career at Lansing Community College, in formal ceremonies February 23 at the LHS gymnasium.

With dozens of family members, teammates, friends and school administrators looking on, Lorna joined her older sisters, Sylvia and Sophie, in carrying on a family tradition.

Their dad, J.J. Streiff, is the varsity volleyball coach for the Wolfpack. He got the daughters -- which also includes current LHS varsity player Bella Strieff -- involved in a love for volleyball at a young age. "My Dad is the person I look up to the most," Lorna said. "He has played and coached volleyball (for much of his life), and he passed his love of the game down to all of us. He has been so encouraging and supportive."

Lorna, who also stars in basketball and soccer for the Wolfpack, says she will limit her focus on volleyball after graduation in June. The LCC Stars' season starts in August, under veteran coach Emily Quintero. "We look forward to Lorna bringing a lot of athleticism and stability to our team," she explained. "Lorna is an exceptional all-around athlete, and is an excellent addition to our program. We are thrilled to have her."

Lorna currently holds the Wolfpack season record for volleyball serving accuracy at 89.1 percent. She is also a rebounding "machine" on the basketball floor, holding the Wolfpack single-game record and closing in on the career carom record for the varsity Wolves.

LHS athetic director Jason Beverly said, "Lorna is more than just a great athlete. She is a great student and a senior leader in our high school. Her family has much to be proud of."

Lorna's looks to attend Michigan State University after her commitment to LCC is complete. She hopes to continue playing volleyball, with perhaps an eye on coaching in the future.

Ovid-Elsie Lauds Class of ‘22 During Senior Night at O-E Pool

OVID-ELSIE — Chesaning captured a 151-112 victory over Ovid-Elsie on the Marauders' Senior Night, February 22, as the Marauders paid tribute to the graduating Class of 2022.

Chesaning senior Gwen Lapine had a hand in three victories — winning the 500-yard freestyle, the 100 backstroke and was a member of the team's 400 free relay victory.

Sophie Grover was first in the 200 individual medley and first in the 100 butterfly. The Indian swimmers (2-9) also won the 200 free relay.

Personal bests this season for coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders have been turned in by Wyatt Dahlke in the 50 fly (:42.08), Luke Spitzley in the 50 breaststroke (:40.25), Natalie Leavitt in the 50 backstroke (:45.03), Jayden Mulder in the 100 free stroke (1:41.66) and Caleb Love in the 50 freestyle (:41.13).

Season leaders for the Marauders are Gabe Kvalevog in the 50 free (:25.15) and 100 free (:54.74), Sam Harden in the 200 free (2:10.28), 500 free (5:56.40), 100 breast (1:06.03), 100 fly (1:02.02), and 200 IM (2:16.77), and Ethan O'Brien in the 100 back (1:41.42.).

Lady Marauders Run Unbeaten Steak to 18 Games. 54-49 Over Oakland Christian

OVID-ELSIE — The Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders got all they wanted out of a non-conference tilt with Auburn Hills Oakland Christian on February 21, as OE prevailed 54-49 to stay unbeaten on the season.

"We knew we were in for a battle and it seemed like every time we'd make a run, they would come storming back," said Head Coach Ryan Cunningham.

Ovid-Elsie held a 9-6 first quarter advantage after Evalyn Cole drained a buzzer beating three-pointer. But it was a 17-7 second quarter surge that ultimately propelled the Marauders.

"I think our pressure finally got to them in the second quarter and we were able to turn them over and build a decent halftime lead," noted Cunningham.

Oakland Christian would hold a slight 11-9 third quarter advantage but it was a 25-19 Lancer advantage in the fourth quarter as the Lancers started to heat up from the outside and convert at the free throw line. Oakland Christian connected on three from down town and shot 8 of 10 from the charity stripe.

"We had a couple of defensive breakdowns and they capitalized," said Cunningham. "Plus, we missed some easy transition and breakaway buckets that are uncharacteristic of us. But when it counted, we also went 8 of 10 from the foul line down the stretch."

Caitlyn Walter paced OE with 16 points while sophomores Ava Bates and Braeden Tokar chipped in with 13 points each. Bates collected 5 rebounds and 3 steals as well. Evalyn Cole (5 assists) and Braylon Byrnes each added 3 points while Rylee Lewis, Kiah Longoria and Hailee Campbell each added 2 points.

Ovid-Elsie handed out 12 assists on 18 made fields goals and shot nearly 44% from the field. Oakland Christian held a 22-15 rebound advantage and out shot OE from the foul line 80% to 63%, respectively. The Marauders were able to collect 14 steals off of 24 Lancer turnovers.

Lady Marauders handed first loss of season, 39-25 at Goodrich

GOODRICH — February 22, the Goodrich Martians handed the Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders it's first loss of the season, 39-25.

Ovid-Elsie fell to 18-1 on the season while Goodrich improved to 13-6.

"We knew this was going to be a battle and a great test to see where we are at," said Head Coach Ryan Cunningham. "Goodrich is a very good team and play in a tough conference."

The Marauders led for most of the game including 8-5 after the first quarter and 15-12 at halftime.

"It was a real defensive battle," noted Cunningham. "Neither team was giving much ground and scoring was hard to come by all night."

Again, Ovid-Elsie managed a 9-10 third quarter to lead 24-22 at the end of the third, but then the Martians started to heat up and outscored the Lady Marauders 17-1 in the fourth quarter.

"They hit some big shots in the fourth quarter and we couldn't buy a bucket," said Cunningham. "On top of that, we failed to execute at the free throw line."

O-E went one for eight at the charity stripe in the fourth quarter and finished 6 of 14 on the night. Also, the team a dismal 17% from the field on the night.

"I think our shooting percentage really tells the story," added Cunningham. "Playing back to back against two really good teams took a lot out of our girls. We're not making excuses, they out played us in the final stanza, but if I am being honest with myself (and my team) I know that we just didn't have the legs. Truth be told, I am extremely pleased with how hard our kids played and the fact that they kept fighting and never quit."

Caitlyn Walter had a team high, game high 11 points while Evalyn Cole added 4 points and 4 rebounds. Braeden Tokar chipped in with 3 points and 7 rebounds while Hailee Campbell (5 rebounds, 2 steals), Ava Bates (6 rebounds, 3 steals) and Kiah Longoria (4 rebounds, 4 steals) each added 2 points.

Ovid-Elsie was only able to assist 4 times on 9 made baskets and was out rebounded by the Martians 38-32. The Lady Marauders were able to collect 15 steals on 24 Goodrich turnovers.



Caitlyn Walter



Evalyn Cole

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## Keeping the Tradition Alive! Basket Weaving Workshop

*submitted by Linda Ruehle*  
The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering a one day Basket Weaving class with Sue Collins, Basket Weaver Extraordinaire, on Friday, March 18 from 10am - 2pm. SAC is excited to offer another Basket Weaving workshop! This project is appropriate for all levels of weavers from beginning to more experienced. Make a functional market basket for your home or for a gift. Invite a friend! Bring a snack or sack lunch – coffee and tea provided. The fee is \$30 for a SAC member or \$35 for a non-member.  
Call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for questions or registration. Please register early so that adequate supplies are prepared. Pre-registration and payment required. The classrooms are handicap accessible. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso.

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## Editorial

I slept in this morning, I didn't actually get up until eight and only then to let the critters out or in depending upon their location. I had been up at five to let Prudence out and of course five of the felines followed suit. Pru came back in but the others stayed outside. It must be this spring like illusion, lots of ice, minimal snow, no gusting wind, and firm ground to walk upon. I went back to bed. Of course I had to go through this routine at eight because the same parameters existed. Pru went out but none of the cats came back in. I made a pot of coffee and played some solitaire to help myself focus. Now that I may be focused my brain is a bit blank.

Ah, yes, I did allude to the attack of the shredders. Last week as I was having a genial conversation with Karen as we sipped our coffee the kittens were in high gear. Granted, their antics were humorous and they put smiles upon our faces. Karen and I were sitting at the dining room table and the kittens would scamper through as they argued over the ownership of the catnip mouse. Thunder and Lightning would knock each other aside to grab the mouse and run. They became a bit diabolical when they realized that the adult cats were also getting our attention. Hence, the attack began.

First the opportunistic little heathens slipped into the bathroom to see where the toilet paper was, there was a dull thud as they knocked it off the pony wall and proceeded to shred it into slivers of paper. Having accomplished their first goal they slipped silently into the kitchen searching for the new bundle of paper towels. Yup, they found them but couldn't do as much damage because the package was still wrapped in plastic. All of this time, Karen and I were enjoying our coffee and were petting the more mature cats, the fifteen month old Paws, Tiny Terror, and Tigger. These three hadn't welcomed attention from anyone except me for awhile so it was a pleasant surprise to us both. Or possibly they were part of the plot to disembowel the old red chair in the living room. At any rate when Karen left I went back into the living room to read and found a pile of old yellowed cotton padding on the floor, on the chair seat, under the love seat and dispersed about the northeast quadrant. There were many hand fulls and it took a bit of time to clean up their dispersal. I realized that the zipper on the cushion was open and I was surprised when I found a set of innersprings under the padding. Now I know why sitting in that chair was like sitting on a cement block.

Other things that I have learned this month are that clumping cat litter is a pain to use. I am now a certified supporter of the non-clumping variety. I can hardly wait for spring to really get here so that the cats spend most of their time outside. My plant population is down to a minimal of four until I can keep the kittens out of the pots. Part of which is my fault. I like the plants because they keep the air in the house from being filled with carbon dioxide. I'm looking forward to no more heating bills, because then I can stock up on other necessities such as a winter's worth of kitty litter. I have given away a bunch of Mother-in-law's tongue and still need to re-pot more of it. Any takers out their?

Today, I need to contact Probate Court, Huntington Bank, Ferrell's Tree Service in Elsie, and fill out a couple of questionnaires and get the burnables out to the burn pile. Seems like I had something else to attend but I can't remember what it was at this time. Onwards and upwards, I'm sure that I will catch a clue as I make my calls. I also need to call Al-Par Peat and Troy Luznak. All but one call is done and now the felines have let me know that even though the sun is shining brightly it is much warmer lazing about the windows in the sunshine in the house than it is outdoors. I did stock up on empty boxes and need to get them into the house and filled with non essentials...downsizing is taking more time than I had anticipated.

I almost forgot, that I need to put some advertisements into the Weekly. I have a 2003 Ford pickup to sell, a Play Station 4 with 2 controllers and three games and a few other things. Hopefully I will get that done before the paper goes to press. May you days be filled with God's blessings and amusing events even if they are a bit catastrophic. Enjoy your life, enjoy the sun rises and the sunsets. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2022



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

## Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 Supports Habitat for Humanity

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The members of Elsie Lodge #238 donated \$1,000 to Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity. Rodney Ridgeway and Bruce Levey presented the check to Dawn Parker, Community Outreach Coordinator.

In addition, the Elsie Masonic Building Association, recently remodeled the former Courter Drug Store, which is available for events up to 50 people. For more information, contact Rodney Ridgeway at 989-666-4838 or Bruce Levey, 517-599-0192.





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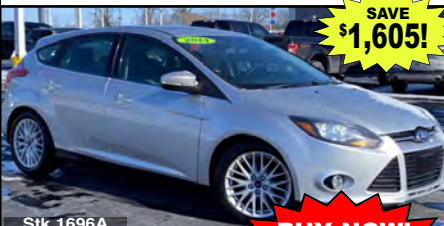
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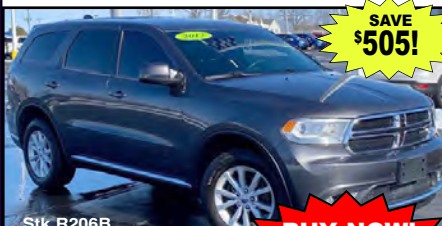
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## Andrea Trzil Named Memorial Healthcare February Employee of the Month

*submitted by Melissa Neuhaus*

Owosso, Michigan – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Andrea Trzil, a Certified Medical Assistant at Memorial Healthcare Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine – Mitchell Building, 3rd. floor as our February Employee of the Month. Andrea has been employed with Memorial Healthcare since 2019.

According to her winning nomination, “Andrea consistently shows her commitment to the job by jumping in to help wherever it is needed, always ensuring her co-workers are taken care of and providing the best possible patient care daily. She has a beautiful heart for everyone and her positivity shines. Andrea deserves to be recognized for employee of the month for always exceeding expectations!”

Andrea lives in Lennon with her husband, Jeremiah, and their eight month old son, Preston. Her hobbies include traveling with friends, going to concerts, getting pedicures and taking a good nap. Andrea is looking forward to becoming a homeowner this year and hopes to expand her family in the near future. An interesting fact about Andrea is she has on her bucket list to get her pilot's license. Andrea's future goal is to become a labor and delivery nurse, but her ultimate dream is to work for NASA. She would like most to be remembered as a great mother, caring friend and reliable coworker to her Memorial Healthcare family. Andrea is quoted as saying on being honored as our February Employee of the Month, “I absolutely love working with the pediatric team at Memorial Healthcare. I view them more as my family rather than just my coworkers. Being honored as Employee of the Month is humbling and I appreciate our entire team.”



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Please consider being a volunteer for this project. A meeting will be held to discuss the future of the festival on Monday February 28th at 7:30 pm. at Foo-Gee's in Elsie. Some long time volunteers need to step back for various reasons but will help in a smaller way.

PLEASE put this date on your calendar and attend the meeting pertaining to the future of the Dairy Festival. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in helping please contact Carolyn Long at 989-277-4826 or carolyn.long@century21.com.

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