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Ovid-Elsie FFA Wins Gold and Silver at Regional Contests



Pictured left to right: Harris Evans, Jamie Houska, Nathan Brown, Emma Fox, Clarisse Fitzpatrick, Perrien Rasch, Willow Evans, Cassidy Harris, Matthew Whitaker, Meadow Evans, Abigail Lehman, Josh (JD) Miller, Clarissa Baese, Jeremiah Stewart, Danica Bancroft, Jacob Miller, and Robert Kebler.

submitted by Emma Fox, Chapter 2nd Vice President

On February 23rd, 2022 Ovid-Elsie FFA members competed at Corunna High School, in various leadership contests at the regional level. Junior, Matthew Whitaker competed in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest where he received a gold award. Seniors, Clarisse Fitzpatrick and Emma Fox competed in the Demonstration contest earning a gold award with their demonstration entitled Hop Into Canning. Sophomores Willow Evans and Cassidy Harris and Freshman Harris Evans also competed in the Demonstration contest earning a gold award with their demonstration entitled Fine Swine. Freshman, Jamie Houska competed in the Creed Speaking contest and earned a silver. Junior, Perrien Rasch competed in the Job Interview

contest receiving a gold. Junior High members Meadow Evans, Clarissa Baese, Danica Bancroft, Jacob Miller, Josh (JD) Miller, Jeremiah Stewart, Abigail Lehman, Nathan Brown, and Robert Kebler all received a gold in the Junior High Conduct of Meetings contest.

Moving on to states, which is March 9-11 at Michigan State University are: Matthew Whitaker, Willow Evans, Harris Evans, Cassidy Harris, Meadow Evans, Clarissa Baese, Danica Bancroft, Jacob Miller, Josh (JD) Miller, Jeremiah Stewart, Abigail Lehman, Nathan Brown, and Robert Kebler.

The Easter Bunny is Coming Soon

The annual City of St. Johns Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **S a t u r d a y**, April 16, 2022 – rain or shine – at the St. Johns City Park.



The Easter Bunny will be at the event for photo opportunities. These activities will take place in the pavilion beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The City Police siren will sound at 1:00 p.m. to start the “organized mayhem.” of the egg hunt. Only kids are allowed in the Egg Patch. **NO ADULTS PLEASE.**

There is one egg in each age group that has a special ticket in it to win an Easter Basket filled with goodies, so open your eggs while you are there to claim your prize.

Welcome Spring By Recycling



submitted by Ellen Link

If you believe in recycling as much of your waste as possible as one way to protect our environment, then you'll be glad to know the GLR is there for you. The recycling facility in Laingsburg (7500 Woodbury Rd.) will be open Saturday, March 12; Tuesday, March 15; Saturday, March 26. Saturday hours are 9 am to 1 pm; Tuesday hours are 4 pm to 7 pm. It is open to everyone, regardless of where they live. If you're coming from a distance, as many do, ask your friends and neighbors if they'd like to share loads and alternate trips. If you're connected with a business, contact us for a free waste audit or to see how we can help you save money by recycling. We also want to help schools reduce their waste and provide students with a great public service opportunity.

Things to know if you're new: Materials need to be sorted, fairly clean, and dry; if there are any problems with your materials, we'll gladly take the time to help you learn the ropes. The guidelines on what we can accept change frequently but it's not our fault—really! To better understand what's involved, read “Plastics Explained”, an article from Recycle Ann Arbor at <https://www.recycleannarbor.org/knowledge-base/plastics->

explained. Below is a current list of what we're taking:

Newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal; aluminum (separate); corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books; #1 plastics, clear & transparent green or blue only (bottles and jars—no clamshells, e.g., takeout, berries and salad containers); #2 plastics (milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid color containers); #5 “tub” plastics (e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.; household batteries (please separate into regular, rechargeable, lithium and button); glass bottles and jars (all colors); electronics (there is a \$5 fee for flat screens); and empty inkjets from Canon, Brother and HP. We now also accept dental care products like toothbrushes, spent toothpaste tubes, and floss containers.

The GLR cannot accept plastic bags or polystyrene/Styrofoam. However, the latter is accepted at the St. Johns Lions', Meridian Township and East Lansing sites; and stores like Meijer, Kroger and Walmart take the bags.

You can visit our website--
<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite> or Facebook

page for this and more information—like how to sign up to volunteer for this worthy effort. GLR's recycling drives are run completely by volunteers—a great opportunity for Scouts, honor students, and others looking to do public service. We rely on donations to cover our costs but they are not mandatory. For questions re: what we take or more information about anything mentioned, contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437.



Sophomore, Evelyn Cole goes up for two of her nine points during district action against Flint Hamady. Cole also hit the game winning bucket with seconds left in the game defeating Hamady 34-32. See pages 8-9 for sports story results.

Meridian Weekly Annual Farm Section Coming March 20th

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Advertising Deadline: Wed., March 16th

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Friday, March 11 • 4:30-7pm

Two More Dates:
March 25, April 8

Adults \$14.00
Ages 6-12 \$7.00, 5 and under FREE



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2022 Fish Fry Schedule

No Advance Orders...Drive Thru Only
One Line from North Drive

4:00 pm to 6:30 pm Fridays

March 4th - April 8th TAKE OUT ONLY

Limited Take Out Items: \$12 each



1. Fried Fish w/Steak Fries or
 2. Baked Fish w/Baked Potato
- (Sides include: Green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll)
0 Trans Fat Oil Used

Social

Ovid Public Library

On Monday, March 7 the library will be hosting our Adult Booktasting at 1:00. If you've never been to one of our meetings, come join us. There are lots of interesting books are discussed. Maybe you'll learn about a new author or book you'll want to read!

Classic Movie day will be Wednesday, March 9 is Classic Movie Day. This weeks movie will be River of No Return starring Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Monroe. Movie time is 1:00.

Friday, March 11 at 10:30 is the Pre-school Story Hour. Ms. Shelly will be reading some books and doing some fun things with the children. We will be making a St. Patricks Day craft to take home.

Fenmore Baptist Celebrated 108 Years

Fenmore Baptist Church, the little brick church north of Elsie, celebrated its one hundred and eighth year of service in January. Originally located in Fenmore the congregation moved to the current location in 1999.



Fenmore Baptist Church is a Bible Believing Church that uses the King James Bible to follow Jesus Christ and His word that leads to Salvation. As this time of uncertainty unfolds, we can find understanding, direction and peace in His word, we can know for certain God is in control. It is written in Hebrew's 13:5, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee".

We are currently supporting 16 Missionaries around the world to spread the good news of the soon return of Jesus Christ, including Isreal and the United States. On March 20th missionaries from Uganda will be joining us to present their mission field.

Come join us Sunday at 11:00 a.m., at 7888 North Hollister Rd., Elsie, MI, just north of the railroad tracks ,as we worship our Creator, and find out what is on the horizon for us and the world around us. God Bless, hope to see you there.

Special Training

submitted by Gregory Atwood

On January 9th, 2022 the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department sponsored a Hybrid Vehicle Extrication class. This special training was attended by approximately sixty Firefighters from departments from Clinton, and Shiawassee Counties. This training was designed to help the firefighter become familiar with the new electric vehicles that are now traveling up and down our roads and the new ones that are being produced by every car manufacturer. The class taught how the batteries are placed and how wires are placed from the battery area to the entire vehicle. It was also discussed on how to deal with vehicle fires, and how to extricate trapped persons without being electrocuted by the battery. Students also were able to look at two Hybrid vehicles that were on display.



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March 8th & 9th

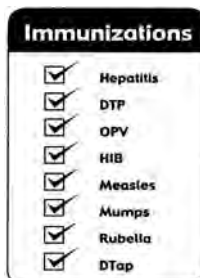
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All parents of children who will be
5 on or before Sept. 1, 2022,
should call for an appointment as soon as possible.

If your child's birthday is after
Sept 1, 2022, but before
December 1, 2022, you may sign
a waiver so they may attend
Kindergarten next year.

If you have a Pre-K student at Leonard or EE Knight Elementary or you are the parent of a new kindergarten student, please contact Leonard Elementary School at 989-834-5029 to make an appointment.



A registration packet and other information will be sent to you after an appointment has been made.

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

THANK YOU

for all the cards
sent to me for my
95th Birthday.
They made my day!
Bob Wilber

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

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

Editorial

Letter to the Editor

I've been hearing things being said about the Ovid-Elsie School District. I'm really curious and maybe other district taxpayers should be too. I guess I'm addressing my curiosity to the people in charge – the school superintendent and assistant, the school board and anyone else with decision making responsibilities for the Ovid-Elsie School system.

IS IT TRUE THAT:

--there was a 2019 bond renewal approved to complete major repair in some restrooms in school district buildings and the work has yet to be completed?

--there is a millage that was approved containing the words "stadium repair" that has now led to a \$1.8 million dollar artificial turf installation replacing the natural grass turf?

--the OE school system will be getting a loan to pay for a large sum of the turf project?

--the loan in question is for 10 years?

--the loan payments will be \$115,000 per year paid from the general fund? So out of \$1.8 million, \$1,150,000 is being borrowed and paid back – at what interest rate? So we have only \$650,000 to put into this project? And what general fund projects will get cut because we are using that money for our "new turf"?

--the warranty for the turf was negotiated for 7 years (2 more years than normal warranty)?

--the loan could outlast the life of the turf?

--the cost analysis presented showing info about the turf project has almost all identical numbers to a generic document found on the internet? Convince me that the OE cost analysis is valid for OE estimates. Was it just copied to "look good" and has no real factual numbers relating to the job at OE?

--that some people making OE school district financial decisions don't all even live in this school district?

--there are other simple issues not being addressed such as rules in place for a dress code at the high school, for bullying, and for hard lock-down actions?

These are just a few of my questions. I'm sure others also have questions. I believe a few people spending money for many people need to be conscientious about what they are doing. Are they making smart, sensible financial decisions for the majority of students or making not so financially smart decisions for just a few students?

Concerned citizen
Sue Moritz
Elsie

FREE Community Zoom Event!

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

O w o s s o , Michigan – Join our Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center team members as they share information about our new medically-based Wellness Center opening this spring!

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about membership, classes, hours, and more! These free presentations are open to all – no registration is necessary. Simply join via Zoom or phone. To submit a question for these events, please visit our website at www.MemorialHealthcare.org/wellness-center and complete the form at the bottom of the page.

The events will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00 pm.

Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/MHCAfternoonWellness>

Via Phone: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 894 1483 6041

And on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm.

Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/MHCEveningWellness>

Via Phone: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 812 8882 0171

For more information, please contact Programming and Wellness Center Manager, Sarah McNamara at: SMcNamara@MemorialHealthcare.org.



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

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

Ovid Township Hall,
1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI 48866
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor).

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

All above meetings will be held at Middlebury Township Hall located at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866
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Ashley Schools Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2022 or Dec. 1, 2022 with waiver are eligible for Kindergarten!



Questions:
Please call the School at
(989) 847-4000
Ext. 103

Documentation Needed: Child's Original Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency - Shot Record/Health Appraisal

Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Ashley School Media Center
6:00pm

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Editorial

People are spatial. Both as individuals and as whole countries, locations are very important. Monuments, memorials, and cemeteries are all places which have their importance because of their location and what happened there or because of who is buried there.

Think of your favorite place. Either as a kid growing up or now. But it has to be a place where you've actually been. No fantasies of Hawaii or Bermuda.

It could be home. Or it could be as far from home as possible, depending on how childhood went.

It could be a friend's house. Grammy and Granpy's house. Fishing at a nearby lake or river. That hunting blind in the wee hours of the morning. Sitting under a tree. That one really special trip that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

Part of having a personal relationship with God is meeting with God in a special place. It's similar to having a special place where you go to be with your friend, relative, spouse or child.

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we too need a special place to go where we can meet the Lord. This can be difficult for those who either are in large families or who need to work two jobs to get by. Keep in mind that a special place doesn't always have to be a private place.

It can be in the car on the commute to work and back. It can be some place at home or in the yard.

If you don't have one, look for one, but don't force it. Let the Lord lead and guide you to a place of His own choosing.

After all, it's not so much the place, but the Person that's most important. It's being with the Lord and spending time with Him that is the best.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

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103 Hanvey Street

Pastor: Zella Daniel

Sunday Worship 11:15am

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(3 mi. W. of O-E H.S.)

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service
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Wed. 9:00am

Confession:

Sun 11:30am

We Welcome You to Come...

Obituaries

Pauline Evelyn Smith

Pauline Evelyn Smith, a longtime resident of Ovid, died at home on February 26, 2022. She was 84 years old.

Pauline was born on February 1, 1938 in Howell, Michigan, the oldest of eight children born to Huber and Gladys (Metcalf) Tamlyn. 4-H was a large part of Pauline's life – she was a lifelong participant, leader, superintendent and judge. Her mother, siblings, children and grandchildren share her love of 4-H. In 1952, at the age of fourteen, she met the love of her life, Osmond Smith II, on a 4-H trip. On April 16, 1955, Pauline married Osmond and they celebrated nearly sixty years together. They made their home on a farm in Byron, then Ovid, and together raised five children. Pauline was active on the family farm, raising cattle, chickens, and turkeys. She was giving and thoughtful, always available to help anyone in need, and was a kind and caring mother. She was also strong willed, self-sufficient, and instilled the importance of independence in her children.

Pauline was the family expert on anything related to cooking, canning, raising animals, sewing and flowers. She loved her flower gardens! She was meticulous about her flowers; color coordinated the flower beds and was the Midland County 4-H flower judge for many years. She was an avid seamstress and could sew, hem, mend, or trim any item of clothing. Pauline made bridesmaids dresses for her family, costumes, pillowcases as gifts, a renaissance coat and more.

A woman with a generous heart and kind spirit, Pauline treasured her family and will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Osmond Smith II and is survived by her children, Dyleen (Darell) Lucier, Teresa (Russell) Ayers, Osmond "Jack" (Lindsey) Smith III, Michael (Jodi) Smith and Sara (Gary) Fender; 19 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Phil (Pat) Tamlyn; sisters, Susan (the late Jerry) Boutell, Bonnie (the late Fred) Palmer, Jacquelyn (Lee) Jones and Sharon Davis; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James Tamlyn and Arthur Tamlyn and daughter-in-law, Melanie Smith.

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A Funeral Service was held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

In lieu of flowers, plant a flower or a tree in her memory, or memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

For further information, phone McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, at 989-244-442 or visit www.McGeehanFH.com

William Michael Tillotson

On February 24, 2022, William Michael Tillotson passed away in Lancaster, PA of natural causes. He was 83 years old.

Bill is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gail Mogel Tillotson of Elizabethtown, PA; his son David (Deb) Tillotson of Mount Joy, PA; and his sister, Mary (Al) Porubsky of Bannister, MI. Also 2 nephews Steve (Char) Porubsky of Owosso and Greg (Julie) Porubsky of Bannister. He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Louise Tillotson, of Elsie, MI.

Bill was born on March 22, 1938 in Elsie, MI. He graduated from Elsie High School and went on to Michigan State University where he earned his teaching degree. After moving to Pennsylvania, he loved his career as a math teacher at Garden Spot High School for 25 years. He spent many of his summers working as a park ranger at Cowans Gap State Park in Fort Loudon, PA. He continued his love of education after his retirement by working as a specialized math educator at Columbia High School and as a substitute teacher at various schools. Bill was an active member of the United Methodist Church and lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge.

A private memorial service was held for close friends and family due to Covid concerns. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a local Humane League is appreciated.



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Editorial...cont' on page 10



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Thursday: Things are already shaping up better today than they were yesterday...which felt like I was riding a wild roller coaster without any safety belts or rails. No matter what I did yesterday it seemed like the rails that I ran on shifted from beneath me at every curve. By early afternoon I was running on how could this have happened twice to me with different companies within hours of each other. Things that I have learned is that my insurance company does not post payments on Mondays...oh they give you a receipt but their accounts receivable is not posted. Electronically they have taken your money, given you an electronic receipt and thanked you for your payment. Two days later they dip into one of your bank accounts and retake another identical payment. Of course this causes you much grief, so you call and are first told that a check to repay you for the second payment will be issued on the fourteenth of the month providing that you can show that either payment has cleared your bank accounts(this is the second day of the month and I have one more auto pay to make by the fifth). Now I am broke.

Since I already knew that both payments that were over three hundred dollars each had already cleared I was running on the wicked side of angry. Then I had to contact my bank to get a copy of my account showing that the money had cleared so that my insurance agent could get me a check mailed to me today which is Thursday. This was a problem because for some weird reason, the bank only shows one phone number for their town and all inquiries to it and you must leave a message. It was after 4:30 before I got a call back and was able to give them the email address to send a copy of my account showing that the electronic payment had been removed from my account. You can see why I was more than a bit frustrated. I said that there was a second incident with a debit to my account that had been going on since December, I thought that I gotten it removed...by five last night it was and I'm out four payments of \$47.00 that I never authorized, ain't life grand at times?!? Yes, I'm contacting the better business bureau on that one(this was not the bank's fault).

This morning things seem to be moving along at a proper gait. What I learned yesterday was that the folks at the Huntington Banks in St Johns are much easier to work with than at other locations. I find them to be sincere and compassionate people. I also am passing along the phone number which is (989) 224-5970 so that you probably won't have to leave a message. I now have this phone number on my phone's contact list and I also wanted to thank the very kind and sup-

portive lady at the Probate Court office in Ithaca who told me about affidavits and made my life simpler. Since I was in Ithaca I went over to the Mercantile Bank which is also my bank and the ladies there helped me fill out the affidavit and notarized it for me. Even with all the angst that events were showering me with, I also got to work with some very kind and compassionate people. Plus I calmed down enough to make it to our Ash Wednesday services where I repented twice and of course believe in the gospel. Life is good even when it throws you some funky punches.

This morning the coffee really tastes good and I am lingering over it. I have a sink full of dishes to wash and will shortly have a dryer full of clothes to fold. Have you tried the new Bounce dryer sheets that repel pet hair from you clothes? I think that I may be hooked on this product, especially during the winter months when the cats are more indoor then out. It is very nice to not appear like a walking hairball. Tami is coming over at ten this morning to help me and hopefully she can stay long enough to share a cup of coffee with me. At noon, my grandson is supposed to be here to play a couple of games of chess and at three I need to pick up my food coop order. I believe that there are three fifty pound bags of flour that need to get into the house, two seven pound sleeves of co-jack cheese, five pounds of sausage patties, three pounds of cream cheese, and an eighteen pound beef roast to cut up. I probably won't need to place another order before the end of May unless I find other items that I need for baking for the Farmer's Markets.

I need to roll some quarters today and to get them to the bank by this afternoon, I'm sure that this morning would be better but circumstance doesn't always favor good intentions. I had misplaced my purse yesterday afternoon and couldn't find it when I went to church service last night. So I ended up driving into town without my ID which does put a hitch in my get along, I found my purse this morning and am happy to have it back where it belongs. So as the sky lightens so do my thoughts, May God bless you daily, be safe and remember that you are loved.
Crystal Mitchell©2022

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!

Friday Fish Frys Will Be March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 & 15.

Friday Night Fish Fry Every Friday Night Serving 4:00-7:00pm

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3-Piece Beer
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The Fairfield Township Board will meet with the public at Fairfield Township Hall, 7988 W. Henderson Road, at the following dates and times:

Monday, March 14th, 1 pm. – 4 pm. & 6 pm -9 pm *
Tuesday March 15th, 9 am – noon * & 6 pm -9 pm
(*Assessor Present)
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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,
145 E. Main Street, Elsie, MI 48831
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor).

Victor Township 2022 Board of Review

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

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| 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. Call for an appointment |
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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:

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| Residential | 46.88. | 1.06655. | Developmental | NC | N/A |
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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

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Tuesday, March 15, 2022
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Senior Spotlight

A Matter of Balance

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls in an interactive workshop which aims to reduce fall risk, increase physical activity, and reduce the fear of falling in older adults. The workshop includes exercises to improve balance, strength, coordination, and stability but the workshop is not solely an exercise class.

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Senior Citizens Welcome at Senior Center

submitted by Brenda Terpening

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Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Karen Prussner

Owosso Parkinson Support Group to meet on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5:00PM. We meet at Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N. Washington St, Owosso Mi, 48867, phone 989-723-8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group, meets the second Wednesday of each month.

The speaker for the evening will be Jolle MaGuire MSW. She will be speaking about vulnerable adults. Jolle MaGuire works for Memorial Health Care, Home Health and Hospice.

If you or a loved one is diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us with provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support. with You have any questions about Owosso Parkinson Support Group, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator at 989-723-6901.



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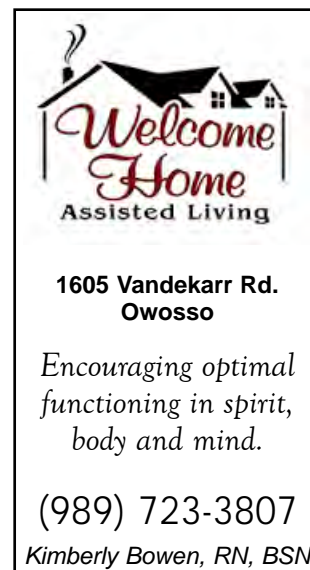
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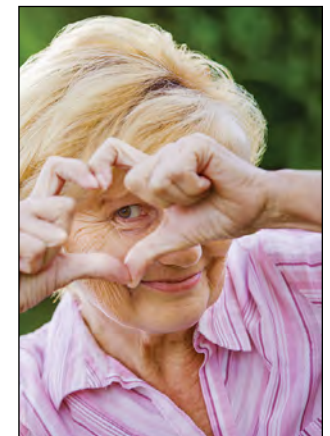


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Senior Spotlight

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Senior Center Seeks 300 Piece Puzzles

submitted by Brenda Terpening

One of the most popular winter activities of senior citizens is putting together puzzles, and most seniors that come to the Clinton County Senior Center like the 300 piece ones. Two weeks ago the center received a large donation of them, but they are now all gone. If you would like to donate any puzzles to the center, you can drop them off at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns on Monday, Tuesday or Friday between the hours of 9 am - 3 pm. If you need them picked up, please call 989-224-4257 and someone will get back with you.



How To Involve Seniors in Your Community

The negative effects of isolation is something the vast majority of the world can now relate to. The COVID-19 pandemic forced people from all walks of life and from every corner of the globe to spend less time with friends, family members, neighbors, and other acquaintances. As the world cut back on in-person interactions to curb the spread of the virus, billions of people recognized just how difficult feelings of isolation can be.

A report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine indicates that roughly 25 percent of adults aged 65 and older are considered to be socially isolated. Seniors are invaluable resources in their communities.

- Promote senior-friendly volunteering opportunities. The importance of volunteers was never more apparent than during the pandemic, when many nonprofits and other organizations were forced to meet their missions without the assistance of volunteers who had been urged to stay home. Communities can facilitate by developing and highlighting senior-friendly volunteering opportunities. For example, libraries can start a program where seniors read to children in person or via Zoom.

- Give seniors a chance to teach. One great way to shed light on local history is to invite local seniors to speak about how life in their communities has changed and how it's stayed the same. Themed speaking series can attract locals with specific interests. For example, local veterans can be asked to share stories of their time in the service, while retired business owners can offer insight and advice on running successful local businesses.

- Develop nature-based programs. A 2019 study published in the journal Scientific Reports found that spending just 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with better overall health and improved well-being. Nature-based community programs, such as planting days at local parks, hiking clubs or even beach or lakeside cleanups, is a great way seniors, to get their weekly

dose of nature and spend more time with their neighbors.

Many seniors routinely confront feelings of isolation. Community leaders can take steps to help aging residents by developing and promoting programs that are inclusive and senior-friendly.



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Sports

Lady Bears Lose to Wolverines

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Lady Bears traveled to take on the Wolverines from Vestaburg in a league matchup for the second time in a week. Ashley lost the game 56-39. "We got off to a slow start especially on the defensive end and struggled to rebound the basketball going into halftime down 16. We played a better second half effort wise but couldn't overcome the slow start" expressed Coach Shaw.

Jenna Wirt led the team with 20 points and 7 rebounds, Ashleigh Jelinek scored 14 points grabbed 9 rebounds and had 5 blocks. Savannah Beebe had 4 points and Savanna Denman added a point.

Ashley Battles Bay City All-Saints

The Lady Bears battled the All-Saints in their last home game of the season. Ashley once again struggled to score even though they had good looks at the basket and ended up coming up short, losing the game 46-37.

"We struggled to score the ball in the first half only scoring 11 points while having many good looks at the basket. We battled for the whole second half, but Bay City was able to score enough baskets to keep us at an arm's length" said Coach Shaw.

In their final home game as seniors Jenna Wirt scores 19 points, while her fellow seniors Ashleigh Jelinek scored 9 points had 9 rebounds and 5 assists. Savannah Beebe chipped in 5 points and Allyson Emmendorfer had 4 points.

Lady Bears Take Loss to Bulldogs

Ashley traveled to St. Charles to take on the top team in the league to end their regular season. Jenna Wirt scores 12 points and had 4 rebounds, Ashleigh Jelinek had 2 points and 5 rebounds and Savanna Denman chipped in a bucket.

"St. Charles played well tonight and stayed in position to win their second straight MSAC championship" commented Coach Shaw.

Ashley Ends Season with Loss to Breckenridge

The lady Bears of Ashley traveled to Vestaburg to take on neighboring Breckenridge in the pre-district round on Monday. Ashley played a close first quarter only being down one point but struggled a little in the second quarter and then continued to play catch up the rest of the game. The Bears couldn't get over the hump and ended up losing the contest 46-32.

In their final game as a Bear the team was led by its two seniors. Jenna Wirt had 18 points and 11 rebounds, Ashleigh Jelinek had 9 points, 14 rebounds and 5 blocks. Savannah Beebe chipped in a three-point bucket and Alexys McAllister had a bucket and 9 rebounds.

"We played a strong first quarter with Breckenridge only holding a one point lead going into the second quarter. We struggled a little on the class in the second, giving up too many second chance points, which found us trailing at half time 32-19. We battled in the second half holding Breckenridge to only 14 points but struggled to find was



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Lady Marauder Defense Stifles Hornets as O-E Wraps up 19-1 Regular Season

NEW LOTHROP — The Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders blanked New Lothrop in the first quarter 16-0 en route a 38-26 MMAC (Mid-Michigan Activities Conference) victory here February 25.

The win completed a 19-1 regular season and a perfect 14-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference. New Lothrop dropped to 15-5 on the year and 11-3 in the MMAC.

"We got out to a great start and held a 32-6 halftime lead," said O-E head coach Ryan Cunningham. "But they made some adjustments at halftime and played with a lot more intensity than we did in the second half and it got a bit scary."

The Hornets outscored the Marauders 12-2 in the third stanza and cut the lead to 34-18 and followed it up with an 8-4 advantage in the fourth quarter but Ovid-Elsie was able to hang out for another double digit win.

"They hit a couple big shots in the second half and we struggled to score and convert at the free throw line," said Cunningham. "Again, our defense was stout and although we struggled to score in the second half, we didn't quit on the defensive end and that paid huge dividends for us. We also had to battle through some foul trouble. But, a win is a win and we are going to celebrate this one just like any other and get ready for districts."

Ava Bates led OE with 10 points and 3 steals while Evalyn Cole added 9 points, 5 rebounds and 6 steals. Hailee Campbell chipped in with 6 points and 5 rebounds while Caitlyn Walter (4 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) and Braylon Byrnes each scored 4 points, Kiah Longoria 3 points and 6 steals, and Rylee Lewis 2 points. Braeden Tokar added 5 rebounds for the Lady Marauders.

Ovid-Elsie handed out 12 assists on 14 made baskets and collected 22 steals off of 30 New Lothrop turnovers. The Hornets held a 32-27 rebound advantage over the Marauders.

The Marauders entered District play against the winner of the Corunna-Flint Hamady first round matchup.

Marauder girls survive and advance into March Madness District Final past Hamady, 34-32

OVID-ELSIE -- March Madness ... survive and advance.

That sentiment never rang more true than Wednesday night as Ovid-Elsie downed Flint Hamady 34-32 to advance to the District Finals March 2 against the winner of Owosso and Chesaning.

"I thought our kids played as hard as they have all season," said O-E head coach Ryan Cunningham. "Hamady came to play tonight and they gave us all we wanted for this semi-final."

Hamady led 9-6 after the first quarter but Ovid-Elsie used a 10-3 second quarter surge to lead 16-12 at halftime. In a back-and-forth game, Hamady tied things up 23-23 with a 14-10 third quarter run of their own.

"Our girls came to the bench at the end of the third and said 'It is zero to zero for eight minutes'", noted Cunningham. "That told me they still had some fight in them."

Ovid-Elsie out scored Hamady 8-6 in the final stanza behind 5 points from Evalyn Cole in the 4th quarter including an offensive rebound and put back to take the lead and the game winner with 6 seconds to go.

"Hamady played tough," said Cunningham, "but give our kids credit because they battled all night and hit some big shots down the stretch. And Evalyn Cole definitely earned her stripes tonight with a huge five point run on her own in the 4th including the game winner."

Caitlyn Walter (3 assists and 3 steals) led the Lady Marauders with 10 points while Cole finished with 9 points and 3 steals, Hailee Campbell 7 points, Kiah Longoria 4 points, Ava Bates 3 points and Braylon Byrnes a free throw to round out the Marauder scoring.

Bates also gathered 10 rebounds and 3 steals while Hailee Campbell added 4 rebounds.

"I have to give a 'shout out' to Campbell because she stepped in when Braeden (Tokar) got hurt and played amazing," added Cunningham.

The Lady Marauders (20-1) handed out 8 assists on 12 made baskets and held a 22-18 rebound advantage for the game. Ovid-Elsie was also able to create 20 Hamady turnovers while gathering 10 steals.

Hamady shot 50% from the field (13 of 26) while OE shot 34.3%. Hamady also bested OE from the free throw line 66.7% to 40.9%, respectively.

The District Finals were played at Ovid-Elsie Friday night at 7:00 p.m.



Kiah Longoria scores 4 points for OE during District Finals on March 2nd.

Photo by Denise Burgess



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Sports

Wolfpack Girls Get Revenge Over Byron

BATH — Almost exactly one year ago, the Laingsburg girls basketball team couldn't find an answer late in the game as unbeaten Byron — at the time — rode senior all-stater Sarah Marvin to a District final championship on the Wolfpack's home floor.

The loss ended the 2021 season for coach Doug Hurst's Wolves.

February 28 at Bath, in the 2022 inauguration round of the MHSAA girls basketball tournament, the Lady Wolfpack found their answer.



Lorna Strieff got a triple-double against Byron



Isabelle Strieff on defense for the Wolfpack

Drawing the Eagles in the opening round, LHS employed smothering full-court pressure and ended Byron's season at 5-16, with a 48-18 victory. Hurst's charges improved to 9-12 entering a District semifinal matchup with Dansville (13-7).

Laingsburg was led by senior standout Lorna Strieff with a triple-double — 18 points, 10 rebounds and 11 steals. Ellie Baynes added 18 points; Julia Starr 5, Ella Merrell 4 and Kyleigh Luna 3.

Jordan Huhn led BHS with 6 points.

Dansville Defeats Wolfpack 49-40

BATH -- Dansville outscored Laingsburg 25-12 in the second half, exacting a three-game sweep of the Lady Wolfpack this season, and ousted LHS from Division 3 District play here March 3.

The Aggies' 49-40 victory -- much closer than it sounds -- ended a learning campaign for coach Doug Hurst's Wolves at 9-13. DHS improved to 14-7 and advanced to the District finals.

"We played a great game, and the girls executed the game plan perfectly," said coach Hurst. "It was a much closer game than the score shows. We played a great first half, making our shots.

"In the second half we continued to play well on defense and getting good shots off, but this time we just couldn't get them to fall. If we get just a few shots go and the momentum stays in our favor who knows what would have happened. But credit Dansville for playing hard as well. Based on improvement from start to finish this season, as well trying to overcome two season-ending injuries to Erica Wade and Grace Borgman, this team finished well above .500 based on that. I'm proud of them."

A high-scoring first quarter settled into a Laingsburg lead at halftime, 28-24 -- possibly the Wolfpack's best half of the season. Ellie Baynes led LHS with 14 pts., 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals. Bella Strieff contributed 9 pts. and 5 rebounds; Lorna Strieff 6 pts. and 9 rebounds; Ella Merrell 5 pts., Julia Starr 3 pts., and Callie Clark 3 pts.

Said Hurst, "A shout out to Ellie and Lorna for being consistent all season as our court leaders. Also, Lorna broke three school rebounding records: most in a game, most in a season, and most defensive rebounds in a season. Congratulations to Lorna, and thank you to all five of our seniors -- Grace Borgman, Brooke Putnam, Julia Starr, Lorna Strieff and Erica Wade."

Ovid-Elsie Boys Wrap Up MMAC Basketball Crown

NEW LOTHROP — Axel Newell poured in 17 points, and Dylan Carman added 14, as Ovid-Elsie secured the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) boys basketball championship here February 25.

A convincing 58-45 victory staked coach Josh Latz's Marauders to a 13-1 finish in the circuit, and boosted them to 16-2 overall. Ty Kohlmann scored 19 points for the host Hornets (8-9, 7-6 MMAC).

Clay Wittenberg added 11 points, Adam Barton 10, and Braxton Stenger 2 for the Marauders.

The Marauders nosed out Chesaning for the 2021-22 league crown. The Indians, a 64-55 victor over Mt. Morris on Friday, finished 12-2 in the circuit, 15-5 overall, after dealing O-E its only league loss earlier this season.



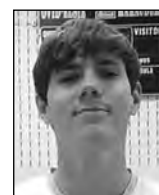
Axel Newell



Dylan Carman



Clay Wittenberg



Adam Barton

Marauder Boys Stumble to 16-3 overall record

LINDEN — Ovid-Elsie suffered just its third defeat of the season Tuesday, 58-43 at Linden.

Coach Josh Latz's Marauders (16-3) lost for just the second time in three games. The host Eagles finished the regular season with a 12-8 record.

Clay Wittenberg led O-E with 12 points. Dylan Carman added 6, Jacob Tomasek 5, Axel Newell 5, Adam Barton 4, Gunner McCreery 2 and Colin Fluharty one for the Marauders.

Latz's charges now advance to MHSAA District play this Wednesday, facing the winner of Monday night's Chesaning vs. Corunna matchup.

Wolfpack Boys Pick Up Another CMAC Victory

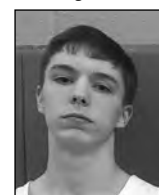
LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack boys basketball team got a CMAC win over the Portland St. Patrick Shamrocks last Tuesday night here.

The 69-35 win boosted coach Dan Morrill's Wolves to 10-7 overall, 10-5 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). St. Pats stumbled to 2-17 overall, 2-14 in the circuit.

Zander Woodruff and Connor Hulliberger both led the Wolfpack with 11 points. Jack Byrnes added nine and Alex Brown had 8. Shane Cook led St. Pats with 14.



Zander Woodruff



Connor Hulliberger



Jack Byrnes



Alex Brown

Aggies Loss to Wolfpack

LAINGSBURG -- Sophomore guard Zander Woodruff hit for 25 points -- all in the first half -- as the host Wolfpack beat Dansville, 69-35, in CMAC boys basketball play on Thursday night.

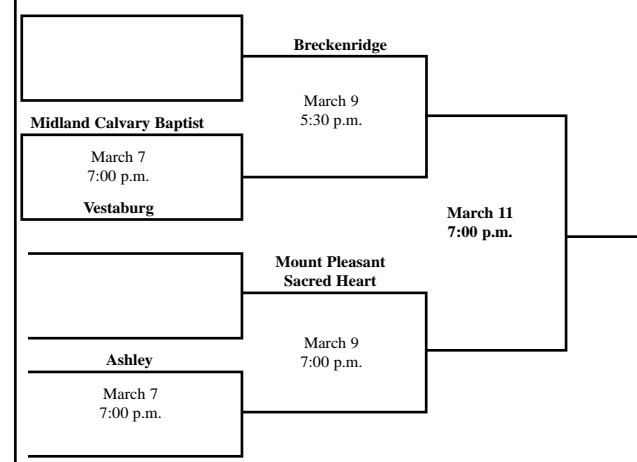
Coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves ran to their record to 11-6 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 11-7 overall. The loss ended the Aggies' regular season at 6-14 overall, 5-11 in the CMAC -- including a 60-44 loss to LHS on January 28.

Woodruff's 25 included six 3-pointers, five in the first frame. Noah Hagarty added 10 points, Jack Byrnes nine and Luke Snyder 8 for Laingsburg.

Zach Sykes had 15 for Dansville.

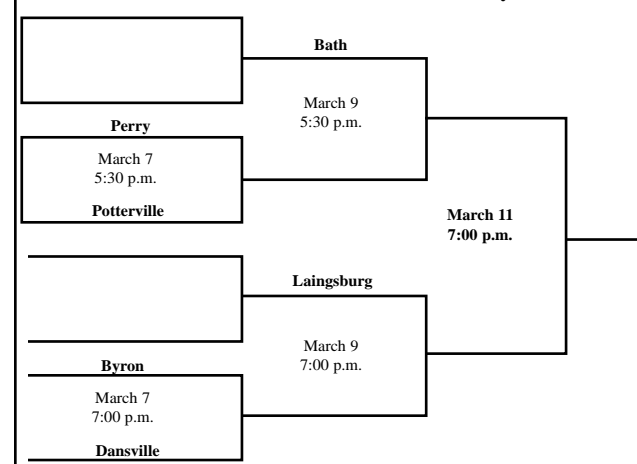
2022 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 111 held at:
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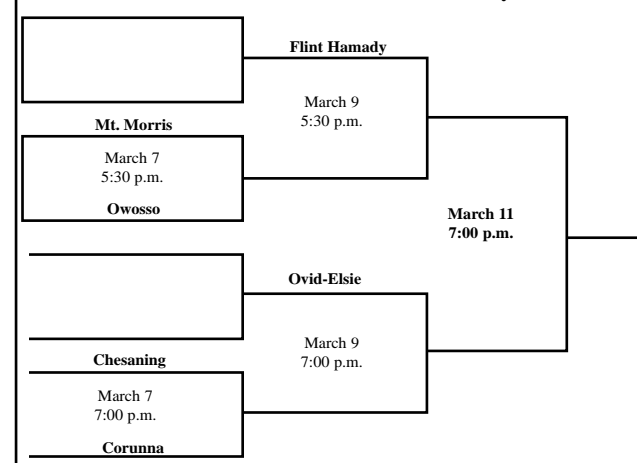
2022 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 81 held at:
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Victor Township
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI
Proposed Board Minutes from February 14, 2022 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Jim Conklin at 7:02 pm.
Attendance: Present: Jim Conklin, Paula Willoughby, Julie Townsend, Nikki Fickes & Amanda Conklin
Agenda: Motion by Fickes to approve the agenda with the addition of new business items: Board of Review Resolutions and ADA OMA. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.
Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to approve the January 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Supported by J. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 13, 2022 special meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in Favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 19, 2022 special meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
Treasurer's Report: Motion by A. Conklin to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
Approval of bills: Motion by Willoughby to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$8,550.59 using checks #12295-12302, EFT 155 and stub #11. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Willoughby to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,899.96 using checks #28423-28436. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
Reports:
Victor Township Planning Commission: The broadband internet grant application is still being reviewed. The next PC meeting will be held electronically and in person on March 7th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Zoom meeting ID 83394750325 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83394750325>
Maintenance & Facilities: The new 911 monitor and air compressor were installed in the fire barn. Quote for the replacement light pole was reviewed. Motion by A. Conklin to sell the air compressor for \$200.00. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
Unfinished Business:
• Round Lake Weeds SAD – Motion by Willoughby to accept and direct Clerk Conklin to continue with the reestablishment of the Round Lake Special Assessment District. Supported by J. Conklin All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to file the plans and estimates with the Township Clerk for public examination. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to approve Resolution 2022-02-001 Declaration of Intent to Make Public Improvements & Reestablishment of Special Assessment District & Notice of Public Hearing. Supported by A. Conklin. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Agricultural Cannabis – Motion by J. Conklin to move forward with _____ to assist in the preparation of a resident survey. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Resident Contact Database – Clerk Conklin has been working with Constant Contact to determine whether we can use our own privacy/terms & conditions and if we can include cannabis in our surveys and emails. While these options may be available it will require an upgraded subscription. Clerk Conklin to continue to work on this.
• Broadband – The township has not received any updates on the status of the grant application. Stellar Broadband provided a draft MOU to review if the grant is approved. Stellar plans to continue to work to bring broadband access to the township regardless of grant award.
New Business:
• Budget 2022-2023 – Motion by Townsend to hold a budget special meeting on February 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm and to hold the budget public hearing on March 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.
• 2021-2022 Budget Purchases - Motion by Willoughby to approve the purchase of a 10x12 shed for Reed Cemetery. Supported by Fickes. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by A. Conklin to purchase 12 new picnic tables. Supported by Willoughby. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Budget Adjustments - Motion by Willoughby to approved budgets adjustments dated 01/19/2022. Supported by Townsend. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Charter Resolution – Petitions have not been received. Motion by Willoughby to approve Resolution 2022-2-002 Resolution of Intent Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township. Supported by Townsend. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Hazard Mitigation – Fickes to attend meeting on behalf of Victor Township.
• Copier Lease – Motion by Willoughby to direct Clerk Conklin to sign documents related to the lease. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
• Board of Review – Motion by Willoughby to approve Resolution 2022-2-003 Resolution Authorizing a Resident Taxpayer to File a Protest Before the Board of Review by Letter Without a Personal Appearance. Supported by Townsend. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby to approve Resolution 2022-2-004 Resolution Authorizing Alternate Dates in March for the Board of Review and to Set Alternate Meeting Dates for the July and December Board of Review Meetings. Supported by A. Conklin. Roll call vote. All in favor. Motion carried.
• ADA Open Meetings Act – Attorney General Nessel's opinion on ADA and OMA was discussed. Supervisor Conklin to reach out to township attorney and request his guidance in writing to the board for next meeting.
Extended Public/Board Comment – Office Administrator vacancy has been posted. Office hours will vary until a replacement is hired.
Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 8:59 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

Victor Township,
Clinton County, MI
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI

Proposed Special Board Minutes from February 23, 2022 meeting
The special meeting of the Victor Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Jim Conklin at 5:02 PM.
Attendance: Conklin, Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes and Conklin
Public Comment – None
Agenda: Moved by Fickes to approve the agenda. Supported by A. Conklin. All in favor. Motion carried.
New Business
• **Budget:** The Board revisited items on the draft budget requiring final numbers. Draft budget finalized.
Extended Comment – A. Conklin reported that two applicants have applied for the vacant office administrator position. Conversation regarding hours, future plans for the position and the clerks intention to offer the position to one of the applicants discussed.
Moved by J. Conklin to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm, Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Applicant/Owner - Expert Lawn and Snow, LLC

Site Location - 101 N. Laing St. & 118 Crum St., Laingsburg, MI 48848;
Tax ID# 02242-002-001-00 & 022-42-002-002-00.

Request - To review the site and conditions, as well as accept public comment regarding the need for additional sound buffering for Expert Lawn and Snow, LLC, a contractor's establishment without outside storage.

Ordinance Reference - Section 707, Compliance with Special Land Use
Legal Description: CITY OF LAINGSBURG WEEK'S ADD W 45 FT OF LOT 1 EX N 45 FT THEREOF, BLK 2 & WEEK'S ADD N 45 FT OF W 45 FT OF LOT 1 ALSO S 8 FT OF W 45 FT OF LOT 2, BLK 2

Note: On September 14, 2020, Expert Lawn and Snow, LLC was approved for a special use permit and final site plan to operate a contractor's establishment without outside storage. At the time of approval, the Laingsburg City Council placed a condition on the special use permit that "[a]fter one (1) year of operation, the Planning Commission will review the site and conditions, as well as accept public comment, regarding the need for additional sound barrier requirements as offered by the applicant as an alternative and at the applicant's cost."

Any persons wishing to address this issue should attend the meeting in person, by counsel, by personal representative, or they may submit their concerns in writing no later than March 18, 2022:

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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

Alert Lanes in Essexville was the setting for Regional Bowling on February 25-26 for Ovid-Elsie Varsity Teams. Both teams were in action Friday for team event and Saturday for singles. The format for teams was six baker games, three petersons.



Coach Matt Fabus and Gracie Schultz

The girls came up 39 pins short of qualifying for States. They take the top three from each region, OE was fourth out of 16 teams.

The boys finished 13th out of 15 teams.

High scores for the girls were Karina Custer 128; Kloe Bigelow 129; Olivia Burt 144, 130; Ashland Particka 152; Morgan Douglass 183, 174; Gracie Schultz 198, 155, 190.

Boys high games were Brandon Grieder 136; Gunnar Barrett 140; Tobin Clark 135, 165; Hunter Maxa 138, 166, 130; Austin Smith 143, 138.

In the Singles event there were 91 girls and 87 boys, top 10 out of each go to States.

Gracie Schultz placed eighth to advance to States, the only girl for OE. Her scores were 135, 224, 191, 110, 201, 169.

Ashland Particka 34th; Morgan Douglass 45th; Olivia Burt 52nd; Kloe Bigelow 55th; Karina Custer 70th.

Hunter Maxa 39th; Brandon Grieder 51st; Tobin Clark 65th; Austin Smith 77th; Gunnar Barrett 83rd.

Sam Harden Breaks Own Record

submitted by Karl Dahlke

Tuesday night, March 1st was the "second shave meet" at Grand Ledge. This meet is for swimmers to have one more chance to make times drops before the end of the season and states.

OE only sent two swimmers, Sam Harden and Gage Kvalevog. Gage swam the 50 yd free and the 100 yd free. Gage got lifetime bests in both.

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