

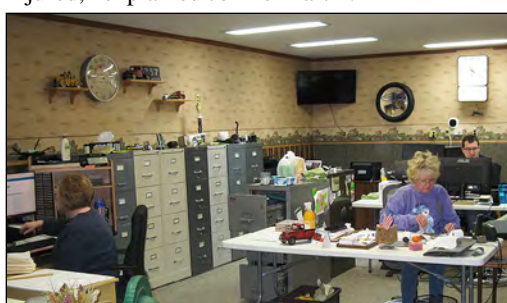


Vehicle Drives Thru Office Windows Thankfully No Injuries

by Deb Price

On Monday, February 20th at approximately 12:45 pm, this Lincoln MKS drove thru the front windows of the Ovid Service Agency in downtown Ovid. The driver, a 71 year old woman from Ovid, mistakenly hit the gas rather than the brake as she pulled up in front of the business. She was not injured in the crash. Luckily, three individuals from the business were not at their desks at the time.

Gregg Martin was the only one in the building at the time. Family members Bev Bovan, the matriarch of the business, was home sick, owner, Jennie Martin was at lunch and son, Luke Martin had just left for lunch. "Had Bev or Jennie been here, surely the outcome of this incident would have been more than just building damage, it could have been life threatening," said business owner Gregg Martin. The vehicle hit a safe that was placed between two desks at the front of the office. It sent the car to the right and to the back of the office. "Had that car not hit the safe and changed the trajectory of the car, I believe my husband would have been severely injured," explained Jennie Martin.



up by 4pm. We didn't miss a beat. We opened the next morning, thanks to our friends Brad & Cindy Kelley who brought us banquet tables to replace our destroyed desks. Computers and phones were rearranged we opened on time Tuesday morning. Our family is so blessed to live in such a kind and caring community and thankful that no one was injured," explained Martin.



Laingsburgs Mikey Brookes received his 100th win during regionals on February 18th.

Photo by Burg Sports

Sports continued on pages 7,8 & 9

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The monthly meeting of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, February 20, 2023 in the O-E High School Auditorium. The evening was highlighted by the selection of Mr. Randy Barton as the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Superintendent.

CCRESA Superintendent Scott Koenigsknecht introduced himself as the new superintendent effective July 1, 2023. Koenigsknecht is originally from the Clinton County area. He gave an overview of his career experiences and is currently employed at the Michigan Department of Education. His goal is to visit each school district in Clinton County annually.

Building department updates. Mrs. Parsons, Leonard Elementary principle, reported that the winter data collection has been completed and students have been assigned groups to improve academic growth and success; parent/teacher conferences have been completed and the kindergarteners celebrated 100 days of school. In addition, a kindness project is currently underway.

Mrs. Ormesbee, EE Knight principle, updated officials on the happenings at EE Knight. The parent/teacher conferences have been completed, a successful book fair was held and 1,918 items were collected for the Elsie Food Pantry and this week students will celebrate Bus Driver Appreciation Day and will reinforce bus behavior and expectations. Finally, preparations are underway for Reading Month with a superhero theme.

Mr. Ormesbee, O-E Middle School, reported that Valentine's spirit week was a true celebration and that school dances and open gym have been a success. Mr. Grandstaff's song writing class presented to their peers and had an opportunity to work with a professional song writer from Nashville and created and published a song. Also, parent teacher conferences will take place in mid-March.

Dan Davenport, Technology Director, updated officials on the \$83,000 grant which will be used to purchase one-to-one devices for three grade levels k-2. The purchase will replace all of the older devices at pre-inflation prices. A great purchase. The department is also working on fiber to connect EE Knight to insure network connectivity. In addition, moving forward with bus garage break-in insurance claim.

Mr. Powell, O-E High School, reported that the sophomores hosted a winter formal which was a huge success and this week is FFA Week and Charity Week.

Officials were presented a Benchmark Goal Reporting 98b by Mr. Randy Barton, interim superintendent. NWEA assessment is used and is aligned with the State standards. On the average students are at 64% which is not unusual with the district's demographics in the majority of the category's students are making improvements. Students did show improvement k-8.

Kelly Nethaway, made her voice heard regarding the need to add public comment at the end of the agenda and the vaping going on in the schools.

Dr. Brooke Wooley presented the superintendent search update. Wooley, reported on the status of the community survey, noting that 137 responses were received. Board members had an opportunity to review the results. The next step, is recommending Mr. Randy Barton to fill the position of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools superintendent and to enter into contract negotiations with Mr. Barton. Discussion followed. The recommendation was approved with one no vote, Kevin Nash

Barton reported that as outlined in the teacher employment contract to receive the retirement incentive those teachers considering retirement must submit their letters of resignation by February 1, 2023. Officials received and accepted with regrets the retirement of: Mrs. Amy Travis and Mrs. Lynn Eichenburg.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included: approval of the meeting agenda, approval of minutes from the January 26, 2023 regular meeting, the February 2, 2023 and February 6, 2023 special meetings; and the financial reports. Action was taken to move financial reports to the last new business item, as requested by Kevin Nash.

Financial reports were reviewed as requested by Kevin Nash. Nash would like to see additional clarity because the bank balances do not align. A refined report will be available at the next meeting. The monthly financial statements were approved.

Josh Miller, thanked the board for live streaming the board meetings, very well received by the public.



Randy Barton

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Social

St. Johns Lutheran Church Break-Out Bazaar

On March 18th the St. Johns Lutheran Church will be holding a Break-Out Bazaar in the church gym from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

There will be arts-crafts and supplies; collectibles; jewelry; jams/jelly; bake sale and more.

There are a few vendor spots left.

Call 989-224-6796 for more information.

RFQ/RFP to Provide Professional Services for Victor Township

Victor Township is seeking qualified consultants to provide engineering services associated with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) SPARK Grant. Qualification statements will be accepted until March 06, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

Questions regarding the RFQ and RFP should be directed to Paula Willoughby by email at treasurer@victortwp.org.

All questions shall be submitted via e-mail on or before 2:00 pm on February 28th 2023.

Proposals will be opened at 5:30 pm on March 7th 2023 at Victor Township Hall located at 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Detailed information is provided on our website at victortwp.org

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The internship program is open to college students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about the legislative process and working in Congress. Applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, a resume, and a list of any legislative issues they are interested in. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come basis. The deadline to submit applications is February 28th.

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For more information and to apply for an internship, visit: Moolenaar.House.Gov/Internships.



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* March 9 at the Ovid, Municipal Activity Hall, 114 East Front Street OVID.

* March 14 and 16 at Caledonian Township Hall, 135 North State Rd, in Owosso.

The Time for all evenings is 6:30pm.

Blood Drive at Duplain Church of Christ

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Duplain Church of Christ, 5565 E. Colony Rd., St.Johns on Tuesday, February 28, 12-6p.m.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Spartan Tragedy

The Weekly Sportsman wanted to write this column a week ago but pressed pause for numerous reasons. First, it was too soon after the active shooter event at Michigan State University and many in our community were either still in shock or starting the grieving process. Secondly, the Weekly Sportsman was hoping that what was being reported about the alleged suspect's criminal history was inaccurate. This column will not mention the alleged shooting suspect by name because he simply does not need to receive any more notoriety. Because politicians are using this tragedy to rush/facilitate the passage of a gun control package in Lansing along with protesters visiting the steps of the Capitol Building twice this week it is now appropriate to discuss why this may have actually happened.

There are never any clear answers to why these mass shootings occur. Sure, after some time it comes out that there was a possible motive but what is really disturbing at this point is not only a lack of a really clear motive but that this incident could have been stopped. Were there warning signs or red flags observed by the suspect's father and neighbors? Yes. Was there a history of mental health issues? Yes. Does MSU have some security issues with their antiquated buildings? Yes. Was there a history of criminal behavior and shoddy prosecutorial efforts? Yes, most definitely, and that is the most disturbing part of this whole tragedy when you drill down and learn the details.

Hindsight is always 20/20 and it is almost too easy to play the would've, could've, and should've game. That being said,

most readers will become very angry when they learn that this whole event could have been prevented with current felony firearm laws already on the books in Michigan. The story starts back in 2016 when

Carole Siemon was elected Ingham County Prosecutor. During the next six years of her tenure she did not hide the fact that her office would pursue criminal justice reforms by limiting the prosecution of felony firearm possession charges. She proclaimed that this would reduce racial disparities in the criminal justice system. In 2021 she went even further saying she wouldn't prosecute secondary firearms violations from traffic stops. Fellow democrats like Lansing's Mayor Andy Schor and Ingham County Sheriff Scott Weigglesworth along with many local police chiefs wrote editorials and held press conferences warning against the harm she was doing. Sheriff Weigglesworth said these policies were not worth the cost of a single human life.

The shooting suspect was previously charged in 2019 with illegally carrying a concealed firearm and should have a felony on his record and served time, however, he was allowed to plea it down to a misdemeanor with probation. He completed probation by 2021 and was legally allowed to purchase more firearms. And he did. Siemons kept him out of prison at the cost of the MSU tragedy. It doesn't matter what new laws legislators pass to prevent these mass shootings when current laws aren't enforced and prosecuted right now.

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Ovid Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friday, March 17, 2023
9:00 am to 3:00 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)
Protests will be heard for th 2023 assessments

City of Ovid March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:30 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Monday, March 13, 2023
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday, March 16, 2023
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1 at:
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Ovid, MI 48866
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)
Protests will be heard for the 2023 assessments

Duplain Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Monday, March 13, 2023
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
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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Protest will be heard for the 2023 assessments

Middlebury Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday, March 16, 2023
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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Middlebury Township Hall,
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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, 2023-March 31, 2024 at the township hall located at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI on

March 14, 2023 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.
989-834-9900 or 989-307-8841

Fairfield Township Board of Review Dates 7988 W. Henderson Rd., Eslie (Township Hall)

Appeals-

Monday, March 13th 1:00pm to 4:00pm

6:00pm to 9:00pm*

Tuesday, March 14th 9:00am to Noon*

6:00pm to 9:00pm

(*Assessor Present)

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 7, 2023 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 13, 2023

1:00pm to 4:00pm; 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Tuesday, March 14 from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon
1:00pm to 4:00pm**

Roger Slavik
Elba Township Clerk

Victor Township 2023 Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of
hearing 2023 assessment appeals:

Wednesday, March 15th
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment

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

To Schedule an Appointment call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will
accept letters of appeals until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real prop-
erty and personal property for 2023 are as follows:

Victor Township

Agricultural	47.85	1.04493	Commercial	46.97	1.06451
Residential	45.49	1.09914	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	45.95	1.08814	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Beth Botke
Assessor

Obituaries

Marilyn Joan Easlick

Marilyn Joan Easlick, age 92 died Friday February 17, 2023, at Hazel Findlay Country Manor in St Johns, Michigan with her family by her side.

Jo, as she was commonly known as, was born on November 17, 1930 the second of five siblings to Leon and Julia (Ogden) Slater in Owosso Michigan. After graduating from high school, she married Vincent Hudson on October 8, 1949 in Bennington Michigan. They enjoyed 16 years of marriage until his death in 1965. She later married Max Easlick and they happily united their families together. During her career she worked at Great Lakes Hybrid as the head of the office department for many years.

Jo will be fondly remembered as a supportive and loving woman. Having to raise her three kids on her own after her husband Vincent died, she gained the respect of many. She was always up for an adventure, as she took her kids and grandkids on many trips around the state of Michigan. She was a lighthouse enthusiast, often traveling to see different lighthouses across the state. She had a passion for oil painting and arts. Marilyn also loved playing one of her favorite games bridge.

Left to cherish her memories are her children Benjamin (Brenda) Hudson, Sugar Hudson, Jeff Dingey, Joyce (Jack) Wassa, Barb Miller, Richard (Raelene) Easlick; grandchildren Laurie, Corbin, Ross, Jacob, Josh, Joey, Mark, Kristi, Nichole, Jodie, and Mandy; and many more loving family members. She is predeceased in death by her husbands Vincent Hudson and Max Easlick; children Tim Hudson and Kari Dingey; and Son-In-Law Dick Miller.

A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday February 21 at 11am at McGeehan Funerl Homes, Keck-Coleman Chapel.



Robert (Bob) Clair Bigford

Former Laingsburg resident, Robert (Bob) Clair Bigford, age 85, passed away on December 7, 2022 at his home in Copperas Cove, Texas.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Grove Bible Church at noon. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Dr. Brendan Holmquist will officiate the service.

The church is located at 6990 E. Price Road, St. John's. Michigan, 48879. Interment will take place on Monday, March 13, 2023 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan beginning at noon.



Sharon Kay Darling

Sharon Kay Darling, age 83, of Owosso, MI, passed away Monday, February 20, 2023, at Medilodge, East Lansing.

Sharon was born in Owosso, Michigan on July 15, 1939, the daughter of Charles Franklin and Helen Margaret (Ruess) Smith. She graduated from Owosso High School with the class of 1957. She has lived all of her life in Shiawassee County. On May 7, 1966, Sharon married Lary Dee Darling at the Corunna United Methodist Church. They were blessed with 56 years of marriage.

Sharon was a farmer's wife. She loved working outdoors and spending time in her garden. She was a great cook and baker. She also enjoyed crocheting, reading, and watching the birds. Most of all Sharon loved her family and being together with them.

She is survived by her husband Lary, son Shawn (Amy) Darling and their daughter Claire of Bath, MI; brothers: Robert (Jane) Smith, and Barry (Kathleen) Smith. She is also survived by sister-in-law Karen (Arthur) Kelley, brothers-in-law: Gary Darling, Bary (Lorelei) Darling, and Leigh "Pete" (Carol) Darling; aunt Izola Ruess, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister-in-law Evelyn Darling.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, with Pastor Mona Kindel officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Fairfield Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice (2260 E. Saginaw Street, Suite A, East Lansing, MI 48823) or Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor (1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.) Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Elizabeth Sue "Sue" Hardaker

Elizabeth Sue "Sue" Hardaker, age 84 of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at her son's home.

Elizabeth was born in St. Johns, Michigan on October 17, 1938 the daughter of Dr. George Wilcox and Mary Louise (Wilbur) Bennett. She was a graduate of Elsie High School. She married Robert L. "Bob" Hardaker, Sr. on December 5, 1956, in Elsie, Michigan. They were blessed with fifty-four years of marriage, prior to his passing on November 4, 2011.

Sue had a deep interest in genealogy; she enjoyed researching her own family history and helping others in their search. She was involved in the Elsie Historical Society for many years. Sue was a gifted piano and organ player. She was faithful in her devotion to Christ and her church, the First Baptist Church of Elsie where she played the organ for many years. She had a love of animals, especially cats. Sue worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Elsie for forty years, serving as the Postmaster for the last twenty years.

Sue is survived by her son Robert and Marcia Hardaker, II of Owosso, MI; daughter Darlene and Curt Nickels of Ovid, MI; grandchildren: Stephanie (Scott) VanLoven, Robert (Brianna) Hardaker, III, and Logan (Carolyn) Schultz; and great-grandchildren: Beau Hardaker, Bryer Hardaker, BrennLee Hardaker, Madison VanLoven, Mackenzie VanLoven, and Monroe VanLoven; sisters: Helen Bennett of Clawson, MI; Nancy and Richard Conklin of Elsie, MI; and Linda and Bruce Moore of Aledo, TX; brothers-in-law: Mic and Barb Stoddard of Petoskey, MI; Mike Beuerle of Freeland, MI; Jim Turner of Brant, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son-in-law Greg Schultz, sisters-in-law: Melody Weidman, Sandra (Ken) Ackerman, Kim Turner, and Gail Beuerle.

Private Family Services will be held. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.



In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shiawassee County Humane Society, Elsie Historical Society or First Baptist Church of Elsie. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



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I can hear the ice pelting the house and gradually covering the surrounding trees. There is a constant clicking noise and yet the semi's are moving swiftly down the road. Maybe their weight keeps them from sliding into the ditches...

Other than that I have heard few pickups or cars moving. I am glad that I'm not at the coffee shop and that I changed my appointments for later on in March. I have done enough slip sliding around for me this year. I just checked the front door and I can open it so I will be happy with that.

It must have been a busy week, I just can't seem to figure out the why of it. I still have dishes to do and need to get the floors mopped. I have already dismantled the puzzle and have it back into the box. I have another one that I should open and get the edges put together and the pieces sorted by color. Who knows, I may actually manage to get two different puzzles done. For me that is a novel event, my mother used to put together one thousand piece puzzles and she enjoyed it. My sister and I usually got volunteered to help. Don't know how my sister felt about it, but I loathed it. It just was not my cup of tea. The reason that I'm doing a few now is because it is a good brain exercise. And believe me, my brain needs all the exercise that it can get.

Sunday after church I did a restock shopping trip for the coffee shop. Then on Monday after my appointment with Dr Zia I did some visiting and a bit more shopping. Prudence was thrilled when I got home which was a couple of hours later than I had intended. As we all know, the road is paved...

and at this time of year it is also filled with potholes. Time for me to move onto a different subject.

Can you believe this, I'm at a lose for words? Diane made another batch and a half of old fashioned donuts, a batch of sugar cookies, and a batch of raspberry fried pies. Of course she also decorated them beautifully. Mostly I watched today and did dishes. Yesterday I peeled six pounds of carrots and made a carrot cake. I also made homemade bread. Friday I have a special order for another carrot cake and two loaves of onion bread. Of course I shredded the carrots and put some into the freezer. I also need to make cinnamon rolls.

I am glad that I haven't had any power outage. I've become rather spoiled and like going to the sink for fresh water. I also enjoy the option of throwing in a load of clothes to be washed when I wish it to be done. Though I do try to do it in the off hours. I'm also happy that I have a capable refrigeration unit which currently abounds with sliced cheeses and deli meats. This reminds me that I did make a run up to the Mission Road store north of Mt Pleasant on Monday afternoon. I tried some of their Farmer's cheese and it is nothing like what my Mom used to buy. Must be different farmers? What Mom used to buy was rather dry and crumbly and good on salads. What I bought is a little lacy and tastes and looks more like a mild Swiss. I'm also thankful for having heat. I'm feeling well blessed.

I'm surprised at how many folks are out and about this morning. Mason has already been plowed and I hope salted and the white pickups have zipped by here on Roosevelt a couple of times. Normal is as normal does, some of us slow down and others seem to rev up, it certainly makes life interesting.

Yesterday I had a gentleman come in to buy a few items. First he wanted sugared donuts until he noticed the flower shaped fried pies and changed his mind. He was ready to get some of the sugar cookies that had a lemon icing but changed his mind because I mentioned the carrot cake. I believe that he was happy when he walked out the door with the carrot cake and raspberry pies. May your lives be filled with God's blessings both large and small.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

“Die Rich”

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul (Mark 8:36)?”

“I can't control getting old, but I can control getting fat.” This is what I told the woman at our new gym that toured me around the facility. Her co-worker said, “Hey! That's good! I'm putting that on our Facebook page.” So began my costly gym membership.

When your age (62) passes your birth year ('61), it's time to take the long-view. Most Americans set January goals, and the vast majority of them involve their body and their finances, which can be condensed — Die Rich. That's crass, and we may not say it out loud, but that's the gist on Monday morning. Live as long and as well as you can, right?

Spin that however you like, but it's probably true for you as well. Delay death and aging, and make as much money as you can to enjoy life...now. But what did the Son of David say about this “now” retirement strategy? Jesus said it's shortsighted; even if you get everything you want, your true treasure, your soul, is in jeopardy if you die in your sins.

Consider “The Rip Van Winkle Caper,” a favorite Twilight Zone episode. A scientist named Farwell steals \$1 million dollars in gold with three accomplices, and with his skill they enter suspended animation for 100 years in a desert cave, hoping to wake up safe and rich. Things go awry upon waking; greed and murder take them all out but Farwell.

He dies at the end too, in the desert, offering his last gold bar to a passing stranger to save him. The man returns to his wife in their futuristic car to explain the tramp's delirium. “Can you imagine that? He offered this to me as if it was really worth something.” He tosses the gold bar away into the hot sand, promising to send the police back for his body.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

“Wasn't it worth something once?” she asks. “Didn't people use gold for money?”

“Sure, about 100 years or so ago...before they found a way of manufacturing it,” he says.

Our thieves woke up to a world with a whole different value system. Put another way, in 100 years, what will matter most to you? Here's a hint...in Heaven they use gold for asphalt. The answer to what is truly “precious” and “imperishable” will take you a little gold digging. It's in the Apostle Peter's first letter, chapter one (1 Peter 1:3-5 and 17-19).

Rod Serling wraps up the 1961 TV lesson with black and white biblical wisdom: “The last of four Rip Van Winkles, who all died precisely the way they lived, chasing an idol across the sand to wind up bleached dry in the hot sun as so much flotsam, worthless as the gold bullion they built a shrine to.” They foolishly chased a counterfeit security.

Security here...now, is a fallacy; death comes and riches stay. We can die rich, poor, or forgiven, but we all die. You can't control the leaving, but you can control a secure arrival. So please, take the long-view and join His gym. It's free today (Romans 6:23).

Victor Township Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from February 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Victor Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:01 pm and the pledge to the flag was given. Attendance: Present: Prange, Conklin, Townsend, Willoughby, Fickes. Absent: None. 8 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Fickes to approve the February 14, 2023 agenda. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 10, 2023 special meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fickes to approve the January 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 24, 2023 special meeting minutes. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Townsend to approve the January 24, 2023 public hearing minutes. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the January 2023 treasurer's report. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to pay the January 2023 bills. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 28727-28740 in the amount of \$23,286.22.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse January 2023 payroll and related payroll expenses. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12425-12434 in the amount of \$14,351.40.

Melissa Schutt, executive director of Clinton Transit (“Blue Buses”) gave a presentation on providing this essential service to our community. They partner with Beacon of Hope, Clinton County Meals on Wheels and Basic Needs Center of St. Johns to deliver groceries, prescriptions, meals and other necessities to our County neighbors. They provide reliable,

affordable and safe public transportation to not only senior citizens and those with disabilities, but also to people needing rides to work, appointments, and various other destinations. For more information on riding the Blue Bus, visit mybluebus.com or call 989-224-8127.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Discussion regarding recommendations for improvements and additions to Victor's parks and recreation projects. The Parks and Rec plan is near completion and will be submitted to the DNR.

LSW: Continued discussion on new chairs to be purchased for the Victor Fire Hall.

Maintenance report: The basketball hoops are installed in the parking lot and ready for play! Discussion regarding lighting at the Reed Church and Dennison School. The Township kitchen remodel project is underway.

Unfinished Business:

•**Broadband:** Board member Fickes reported on ongoing progress concerning Broadband in the County and Township. The application will be submitted by Clinton County by the March 14th deadline.

•**Roads:** The 2023 Annual Township Meeting with the Clinton County Road Commission will be Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 12:10 p.m. at the Road Commission office.

•**Parks and Recreation Plan:** Prange moved to adopt Resolution # 2023-02-01 Victor Township Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2027. Fickes supported the motion. Roll Call vote: All in favor. Motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

•**Spark Grant Application:** Willoughby provided information regarding hiring a professional firm to prepare the grant application. RFP's to be handed in to Willoughby by March 6, 2023 to be opened March 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Decision will be made at the March 14th regular Board meeting.

Discussion regarding projects monies, if approved. Pickle Ball courts, walking paths, additional swings, and adding sensory play equipment were discussed.

•**Cemeteries:** Cemetery tree contract is completed. Stilson Cemetery has 2 additional trees to be removed in the amount of \$2,700.00. Townsend moved to have these trees removed. Willoughby supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Work to be done by original contractor.

Willoughby moved to remove the fence at Stilson Cemetery. Conklin supported the motion.

Discussion regarding the removal of the fence at Stilson Cemetery. Motion carried with 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Willoughby moved to consult with the Planning Commission regarding ideas for the historical section of the fence. Fickes supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

•**Tree Removal and Landscape at Township Hall:** Willoughby moved to have First Choice submit a landscape design plan for the front of the Township Hall in the amount of \$350.00. Supported by Fickes. Motion carried.

•**2023-2024 Township Budget:** The Township Board will further discuss the 2023 preliminary Township budget at special meeting on February 28, 2023 at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI. 48848 at 5:30 p.m.

•**Township Insurance Policy:** The Township Insurance policy is up for renewal. The Supervisor and Clerk will review and present information to the Township Board.

•**Resolutions:** Motion by Willoughby to approve Resolution 2023-02-02, waiving the penalty for failure to file property transfer affidavit. Supported by Conklin. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

•Motion by Willoughby to approve Resolution 2023-02-03, taxpayers may protest property assessment changes by letter to the board of review. Supported by Prange. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

•Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange, Clerk

Health

As Valentine's Day comes and goes each year, we take the time to think about those we love and even give gifts to show acknowledgement of those feelings to that special person or people in our life that we are grateful for and cherish.

Yet, the one person that really needs to see, know, and feel our love, seems to never receive it. We go day by day ignoring them and even talking harshly to them without ever blinking an eye. The way we treat this person is completely ludicrous, especially when we know that it has a tremendous effect on us. Yet, our behavior is so demeaning towards them, there is hardly any respect in regards to their feelings. How is it possible to treat other people in our life so kind and loving while at the same time acting like a monster to the main person in our life!

This conduct creates different unnecessary health issues that can be completely avoided if



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we would simply be kind. The only things we get out of our negativity is stress, low self-esteem, lack of confidence, mental health issues, decreased motivation, along with many other problems. Shouldn't we want to avoid all of that?

It's been said that you can't truly love another human being until you love yourself and that is the main person you're treating so poorly. That's correct, it's you that is getting neglected by yourself. Understand that self-talk is the same as, if not worse, than someone else speaking to you in a demeaning manner. How you treat yourself is the very essence of how you feel and think about yourself. So, the next time you start to call yourself a name or put yourself down, STOP! The consequences of your actions are more important than you think and the negativity is more devastating than you can imagine. Being kind to yourself can open up a new way of thinking and provide balance within. The positive affirmations and self-talk will create a better outlook in every day-to-day life and build your confidence as well as improve your health. It all starts with you treating yourself with the love and respect you deserve. So be kind!

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How to Protect Long-Term Cognitive Health

Cognitive health is not something to take for granted. Although a certain level of memory loss can be expected as people age, when the ability to clearly think, learn and remember is compromised, those changes can affect an individual's ability to perform daily activities and should serve as a cause for concern.

Brain health should be a priority for everyone. The National Institute on Aging says brain health is an umbrella term that encompasses a host of factors, including:

- cognitive health, which is how well you think, learn and remember
- motor function, or how you make and control movements
- tactile function, which is how you feel sensations; and
- emotional function, or how emotions are interpreted and responded to.

Individuals can safeguard brain health — particularly cognitive health — by taking these steps.

Be more health-conscious

Working with doctors, individuals can put their health first. This includes getting routine screenings, managing chronic health problems, limiting or avoiding alcohol and nicotine products, and getting the recommended amount of sleep each night.

Manage high blood pressure

All chronic conditions cause long-term repercussions, but the NIA indicates that observational studies show having high blood pressure in mid-life increases the risk of cognitive decline later in life. Lowering blood pressure lowers the risk for mild cognitive impairment and possibly dementia.

Challenge your brain

Harvard Medical School says nurturing social contacts, engaging in stimulating mental activities like reading and doing puzzles, seeing new places, and learning new things can help keep the brain in top form.

Manage stress

Stress can take its toll on the body, and there is reason to believe that it may adversely affect cognitive health as well. Make every stride to reduce stress, whether that involves taking vacations, meditating, laughing with friends and family, or engaging in relaxing activities that relieve stress.

Get enough vitamin D
Vitamin D is linked to a host of health benefits, including its potential to promote a healthy brain. Individuals can get more time outdoors to get vitamin D naturally from the sun and eat foods rich in vitamin D. If doctors find that vitamin D levels are exceptionally low, supplementation can help.

Pay attention to hearing loss
Certain hearing loss has been linked to cognitive decline, says Healthline. Researchers in Italy concluded that people with central hearing loss had a higher risk of mild cognitive impairment than those with no hearing loss or peripheral hearing loss. Individuals with central hearing loss are urged to speak to their physicians to determine if they can take preventive action to stave off further decline.

Cognitive health should be a priority. Adults can employ various strategies to reduce their risk of cognitive decline as they age.



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Sports



Maddie Miller captured 1st place at Regionals on February 19th. Photos by Marie Spiess

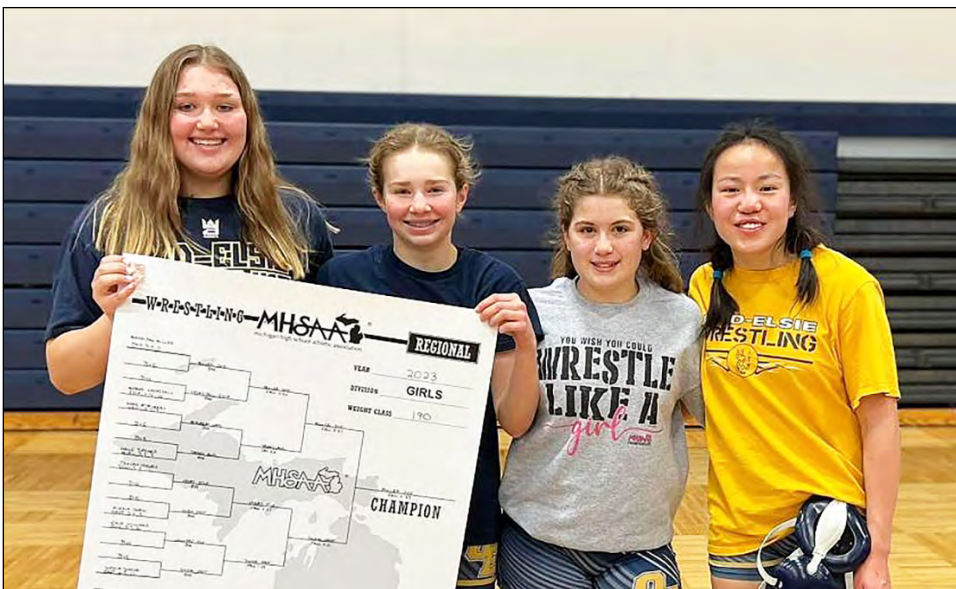
Miller Captures MHSAA Regional Wrestling Honors; O-E Sending 4 to Girls State Finals

KALAMAZOO — Ovid-Elsie is sending 4 young ladies to the MHSAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament. In addition, the Marauders have been honored with a Regional Coach of the Year.

Maddie Miller captured 1st place, Ava Juhas 2nd, Haley McClung 3rd and Kaia Spiess 4th in their respective weight classes, each earning a trip to individual states at Ford Field on March 4th.

The Ovid-Elsie Athletic Dept. also sent out congratulations to coach Frank Goodrich, feted as the Regional Girls Assistant Wrestling Coach of the year.

Frank "Coach Grandpa" Goodrich was honored as Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year



(l-r): Maddie Miller, Ava Juhas, Haley McClung and Kaia Spiess will be heading to state wrestling finals at Ford Field on March 4th. Photo by Marie Spiess



Aden Baynes



Mikey Brooks

Baynes, Brooks on Their Way to States as Qualifiers fro Mat 'Pack

DETROIT — Aden Baynes and Mikey Brooks our are on their way to the MHSAA State Wrestling Finals, representing the Laingsburg Wolfpack mat team.

Baynes was Regional champ at 138 pounds, while Brooks was 4th at 190 pounds. Brooks also earned his 100th win at the tournament.

The two wrestlers will compete at the Division 3 Individual Finals at Ford Field in Detroit on March 3-4.



Talan Parsons in the zone during his regional bid to go to Ford Field for States. Parsons will be competing on March 4th for another State Championship. Photos by Marie Spiess



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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

OE Varsity Teams took to the lanes at Chesaning Pintown to go against Montrose.

The girls won 26-4 with high scores of Olivia Burt 161, Ashland Particka 146, Gracie Schultz 188, 142.

The boys lost 5-25 with high scores of Gunnar Barrett 142, Tobin Clark 161, Hunter Maxa 156, 173 and Devyn Pugsley 211, 223.

The singles tournament at Colonial Lanes in Flushing on February 12th results: Landyn Adkins missed out of top 32 by two spors to end up 34th, his scores for 4 game set 188, 197, 158, 174.

Devyn Pugsley placed 26th to make it in 1st round. He won his match 211-176 to make top 16 then lost his match 218-280. Both boys bowled well. It was a great learning experience for the freshman Devyn and sophomore Landyn.

Next up was action at Colonial Lanes in Flushing against Durand. Both teams were on the winning side.

Girls won 27-3, boys won 27-3 to end the conference season.

The girls ended up 2nd with a 5-2 record, boys ended with a 4-3 record.

Girls high scores were Karina Custer 136; Olivia Birt 135, 132; Ashland Particka 149, 157; Gracie Schultz 226, 170.

Boys high scores were Austin Smith 152; Landyn Adkins 140; Tobin Clark 194 155; Hunter Maxa 140, 131; Devyn Pugsley 259, 157.

The teams bowled in the Regional Tune Up at B's Lanes in Flint.

Both teams bowl four bakers, 2 petersons. The teams made it to the 2nd round and ended up 4th for the day.

High scores were Kloe Bigelow 145; Karina Custer 120; Olivia Burt 170; Ashland Particka 132; Gracie Schultz 124, 122 and Ella Powell 120.

The boys high scores were Landyn Adkins 127; Tobin Clark 139, 163; Devyn Pugsley 224, 170.

At the tournament the teams took top 7. Devyn Pugsley placed 2nd with his score 224 170 for a 394.

Next up is Regionals Feb. 24 & 25 in Essexville.

Coaches remember to submit your results each week so the Meridian Weekly can include them in our publication!

LHS' Motz One of Five Albion Wrestlers to National Championships

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — Second year as a program. Five National Qualifiers.

In the NCWWC Regional, the Albion College women's wrestling team saw five wrestlers punch their ticket to the National Championship on Saturday afternoon. Briton freshmen Gabby Motz, Hannah Palise, Danielle Ruiz, and Hannah Arledge join sophomore Jayla Oberst at the national stage.

Motz, a 2022 graduate of Laingsburg High School, punched her ticket following a 2-2 day at 109. She pinned her first opponent in just 1:14 before dropping her next match. The freshman pinned the next opponent in 2:29, eventually taking fourth at 109.

The five Britons will compete at the NCWWC Nationals in Cedar Rapids, Iowa beginning on Mar. 3.



Gabby Motz

Wolfpack Season Keeps Rolling to 18-0 with 69-35 CMAC Win at Bath

BATH — Laingsburg's boys basketball Wolfpack pulled away early here February 17 to win their 18th game of the season — against zero losses — and defeated Bath in CMAC action, 69-35.

Zander Woodruff led coach Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack, and all scorers, with 28 points. Cam Ballard and Connor Hulliberger each added 10.

For Bath, Jacob Kuhn had 6 to lead the Bees.



Zander Woodruff

Back to Back Mid-Michigan Titles for Ovid-Elsie Girls Basketball Champs

CHESANING — After a 40-year drought, the Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders have now won back-to-back Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) championships, this one coming on the heels of a 53-24 blowout win at Chesaning.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders opened up with an 18-4 first-quarter lead and then cruised into halftime with another 14-4 effort to lead, 32-8. After a 19-2 third quarter, Ovid-Elsie would lead by as many as 41 points which put a running clock into play.

Evalyn Cole had a game-high 15 points to go along with 7 steals and 4

rebounds while Ava Bates (5 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 blocks, and 3 assists) and Braeden Tokar (3 rebounds, 4 assists) each knocked down 12 points. Kiah Longoria added 7 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists while Hailee Campbell scored 4 points while leading the team with 7 caroms. Ellyanna Carman added two points and Aubrey Kurka a free throw to round out the OE scoring.

All 15 players were able to enter the contest at some point.

Ovid-Elsie out-rebounded Chesaning 29-20 and handed out 16 assists on 23 made baskets. The Lady Marauders also collected 16 steals on 28 Indian turnovers. Ovid-Elsie shot at a 44% clip while holding Chesaning to just 23%.

The Lady Marauders will enter into District play at Bath on Wednesday, March 1st against the winner of Bath and Carson City.



Evalyn Cole scored 15 points during the game against Chesaning. The Marauders have won back-to-back conference championships.

Photo by Heidi Loynes



GOOD LUCK ASHLEY, LAINGSBURG AND OVID-ELSIE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS AT DISTRICTS!!



2022-23 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 111 held at: St. Charles High School, 881 W. Walnut St., St. Charles, MI 48655			
Girls Basketball			
Breckenridge			
February 27 5:30 p.m.			
Ashley			
	March 1 5:30 p.m.		
	St. Charles		
		March 3 7:00 p.m.	
Merrill			
February 27 7:00 p.m.			
Fulton			
	March 1 7:00 p.m.		
	Midland Calvary Baptist		

2022-23 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 88 held at: Dansville High School, 1264 E. South St., Dansville, MI 48819			
Girls Basketball			
	Perry		
	March 1 5:30 p.m.		
	Laingsburg		
		March 3 7:00 p.m.	
	Danville		
	March 1 7:00 p.m.		
Byron			
February 27 7:00 p.m.			
Brighton Charvyl Stockwell Prep			

2022-23 MHSAA DIVISION 2 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 87 held at: Bath High School, 6175 Clark Rd., Bath, MI 48808			
Girls Basketball			
	Pewamo-Westphalia		
	March 1 5:30 p.m.		
	Ithaca		
		March 3 7:00 p.m.	
	Ovid-Elsie		
	March 1 7:00 p.m.		
Carson City - Crystal			
February 27 7:00 p.m.			
Bath			

Sports

Wolfpack Girls Struggle for Consistency in Loss to P-W

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA — Ellie Baynes paved the way with 16 points and 4 steals, but the LHS girls varsity basketball team struggled to find consistency in a 47-31 loss to the Lady Pirates here February 14.

"We have showed improvement this season, but we just haven't found a way of being consistent all 4 quarters and it always comes back to bite us," said veteran Wolfpack coach Doug Hurst.

For the red-and-white, Mallory Woodbury contributed 5 points, Ella Merrell 3, Ashley Hawes 3, Bella Strieff 2 and Callie Clark 2 tallies.

Wolfpack girls Senior Night honors Baynes in loss to Aggies

LAINGSBURG — The Lady Wolfpack took on #1 ranked Dansville on the Wolves' home floor ... on the LHS Senior Night, to boot.

The visiting Aggies ran into a buzzsaw, but managed to escape with a 33-23 CMAC girls basketball victory. The home floor sent off standout senior Ellie Baynes after a solid 7 point, 7 rebound night.

"Tonight was our Senior Night for our one senior, Ellie Baynes. It was a nice presentation to start off the game, honoring Ellie and as well Dansville seniors. Not a easy Senior Night against an outstanding Dansville team.

"But our girls executed our defensive plan perfectly, holding Dansville to 11 points in the 1st half. Credit Dansville defense as well, they got a few turnovers that resulted in points, and unfortunately we had multiple good looks that didn't find there way through the hoop.

"I'm still very proud of how hard our girls played."

Both teams got off to a slow start, Dansville clinging to a 1-0 lead after one quarter. A 10-4 run in the third quarter proved to be the big burst for the Aggies.

LHS got 8 points and 4 rebounds from Mallory Woodbury, 3 points and 7 rebounds from Bella Strieff, 3 points from Callie Clark, and 2 points from Ella Merrell.

Laingsburg moves on as a #2 seed in MHSAA District play, and will take on Perry on Wednesday, 5:30 pm, at Dansville High School.



Gritty Tribe Squeezes Three-Point Win Over O-E; OT Victory Clinches Share of MMAC Boys Title

CHESANING — The host Indians clinched a share of their second-straight MMAC championship with a 42-39 victory over Ovid-Elsie here February 21.

The contest, originally postponed due to weather, was worth the wait. The Tribe (16-3 overall) needed overtime to hand coach Josh Latz's Marauders (15-3) just their third loss of the campaign. In a title showdown, CHS moved to 12-1 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), dropping O-E to 11-2.

"Tonight is why you play high school sports," said Chesaning coach Matt Weigl. "The environment was incredible and both teams played their hearts out. O-E has a tremendous program and we feel very fortunate to come out on top tonight. I can't say enough about mental toughness — all 12 of our guys showed up tonight."

Clay Wittenberg led the Marauders with 13 points. Logan Thompson contributed 12, Hunter Bates 6, Braxton Stenger 5 and Tryce Tokar 3. Bates pulled down 11 rebounds and Stenger 8, while adding 5 assists and 5 steals.



Hunter Bates scores 2 during the match up with Chesaning on Feb. 21.

Photo by Heidi Loynes



Ellie Baynes going up for 2 of her 7 points against Dansville on Feb. 21.

Photo by Burg Sports

Editorial



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
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You can also mail or drop questions
off to: Meridian Weekly
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Dear Andy,

My dad passed away suddenly and way too young. I am feeling so much guilt of not spending more time with him. I should have invited him over for his favorite dinner more often. I should have invited him to more of my kid's activities and there are so many things I should have included him in our lives. I cry every time I think of him. It has been two months and I still can't seem to pull myself together. What can I do to handle this grief.

Sad Daughter

Dear Daughter,

I am sorry for your loss. Sadness and grief are normal. Regrets often cause the grief. You will eventually be able to remember the good memories and learn how to deal with loss. We are fortunate to have many resources in our area. There are in-person groups and virtual support groups that meet regularly. Counseling with others offer empathy and understanding by sharing personal experiences. Bereavement services are at no cost through local churches and Hospice. Call your local Hospice chapter or contact Sparrow.org/Hospice for a schedule that will work for you or for a recommendation close to you.

Short-term counseling and support groups, and even call services are many of the options offered throughout our community. Hospice is not just for end-of-life planning or dealing with long illnesses. It is an educational program designed for specific losses. Loss of a child, a parent or a spouse. Some groups focus is specifically designed for men and children and especially meeting the need of a daughter.

As a busy mom that wrote your many "should have's" it is time for you to take care of your grief so you can be there for others. Loss is an emotional fact of life. Plan to attend a session that is right for you. It will make you a better mom and a happier daughter.

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REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The draft minutes may be requested at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, or you may view them on the City's website at: www.ovidmi.org

Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Perrien, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, and Mr. Starn.

ABSENT: Mrs. Olger

EX OFFICIO: Present: Lisa Rousseau—Chief of Police and Patti Kieffer—Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Josy Medina—Clerk, Liza Kusnier—Treasurer, and Rich Simpson—DPW Superintendent

VISITORS: Cody Syers, Jaclyn Allen, Holly Hibbard, Vivian Hrncharik, Jami Anderson, Dawn Levy.

AGENDA: Ms. Perrien requested an item (F) to be put on the agenda. The appointment of a council member as a spokesperson to contact the city attorney. A motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Perrien to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINTUES: A motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to accept the January 9, 2023 minutes with corrections.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Starn to approve the invoice/check registry for January 11th through February 14th, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

POLICE: A motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Ordiway to accept the police report.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Mr. Brown to purchase the tasers for the initial payment of \$5,000.00 and to pay the remaining balance of the taser #7's over a 5-year period.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Perrien to authorize the Police Chief to sign the Michigan Township Participating Plan grant for the tasers.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, supported by Ms. Perrien to forgive the sewer portion to the average for the months of September, October, and November. Mayor Lasher asked the Deputy Clerk to take roll call: YEAS: Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Perrien, Mr. Brown, Ms. Perrien, Mr. Starn. NAYS: Mayor Lasher. **ABSENT:** Mrs. Olger

MOTION CARRIED

2. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to form a committee to review all City Policies and Ordinances.

MOTION CARRIED

3. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to approve the bid from Granger for our garbage contract, to put a pause on the recycling center until a solution can be made, and to authorize Mayor Lasher to sign the garbage contract.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Discussion was held on the mold in the evidence room in the basement. No action taken. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to table the mold issue until next month and to get 2 more bids and see the reports.

MOTION CARRIED

5. A correspondence was discussed. No action taken.

6. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to have Mr. Brown be the spokesperson for the City Council to the City Attorney.

MOTION CARRIED

PERSONNEL: A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to accept the recommendations of the personnel committee and to make the changes in the policy.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to increase the Police Chief wage from \$33.00 per hour to \$34.32 effective 1-1-23.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Brown to increase Officer Allen's hourly wage from \$22-.95/hour to \$23.95/hour effective 1-1-23 and to \$24.95/hour effective 8-26-23.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Starn to add the terms of "with the exception of COLA" in the DPW step salary scale.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Perrien to revise the purchasing and credit card policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Starn to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

CEMETERY: A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to accept the cemetery committee's recommendation to the cemetery rules, upon the correction on the fee schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

CAASA: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Starn to approve the 23-24 CAASA budget.

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Brown to accept the resignations of Noah Boise and Lyle Perrien from the Planning Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk
City of Ovid

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Nettie P. Wood, unmarried

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Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Date of Mortgage:

December 4, 2008

Date of Mortgage Recording: March 20, 2009

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$274,016.92

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Playmakers and Playmakers Fitness Foundation to Take Over Hosting Michigan Mile

Submitted by John Foren

LANSING – Playmakers and the Playmakers Fitness Foundation have agreed to host and carry forward one of the area's great family events, the Sparrow Michigan Mile.

Playmakers will take over from Sparrow in leading the one-mile fun run, annually attended

by thousands of kids of all ages. Sparrow has hosted the event for over 25 years, with Playmakers serving as its long-standing partner. The Michigan Mile has been a wonderful way to promote fitness and positively impact families throughout the community.



"Playmakers and the Playmakers Fitness Foundation are excited to receive the baton from Sparrow and continue hosting the Michigan Mile," said Joe Dimambro, of Playmakers Fitness Foundation. "We have always appreciated working with the Sparrow team in a collaborative effort on this event, and are honored to now be leading the charge with Sparrow's support. We look forward to continuing the tradition of this amazing kids event that helps all of Greater Lansing move more and move better, and can't wait to see everyone on Sunday, June 11, for the 2023 Michigan Mile!"

Sparrow officials said they were looking to turn the event over to experts in fitness and health and wellness, and Playmakers was a natural fit.

Event information and registration for the 2023 Michigan Mile can be found at MiMile@playmakers.com. For questions, contact Joe Dimambro at joe@playmakers-foundation.org.

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