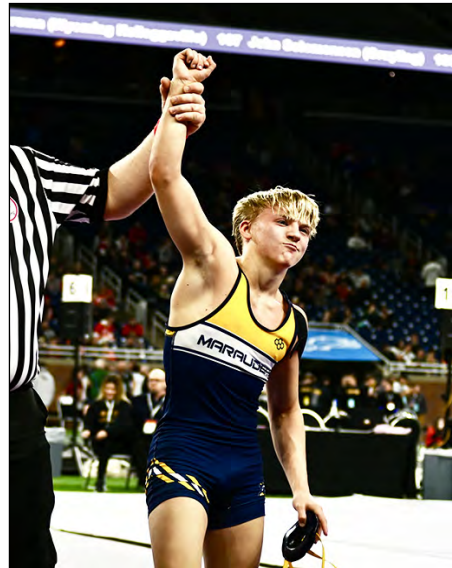


## Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg Athletics Compete at State Finals



(Above): Ovid-Elsie wrestlers Maddisyn Miller and Talan Parsons competed on March 4-5th at Ford Field. Miller placed 3rd and Parsons 2nd. Talan was 3 time regional champion.



(Left): OE Bowlers Devyn Pugsley and Gracie Schultz competed at JAX 60 in Jackson during the state finals. Gracie was the regional champion. Pugsley placed 40th and Schultz placed 17th out of 60 bowlers in boys and girls divisions. Courtesy Photo

(Bottom): Laingsburgs Aden Baynes (top) and Mikey Brooks made the trip to Ford Field on March 4-5 unfortunately neither wrestler placed

Photos by Marie Spiess.  
More sports results and photos on pages 7,8, 9.



## Laingsburg Robotics Makes Alliance Captain at FIRST in Michigan Jackson District Event

submitted by Clint Hawks

Laingsburg's Red Thunder Robotics, Team 7166 was the 7th alliance captain for the FIRST in Michigan Jackson District event this weekend.

Although they were eliminated in playoff match play, the team was recognized for their efforts in team growth with the FIRST Team Sustainability Award. FIRST robotics is so much more than robots - this award recognizes the hard work we put into team growth in our K-12 district, volunteer opportunities, succession planning and giving back to our sponsors and our community.

"Our kids had a great first day, then the event was closed early due to the snowstorm in Jackson," said Head Team Mentor Melissa Kramer. "In our first match of the second day, we bent part of our robot and were chasing the fix all day. Our students really competed hard and kept their robot performing while making minor repairs between matches. They had a great weekend overall."

We are Charged Up to see you in two weeks at Standish HS for our next competition!

Thank you to our sponsors for helping us with our success! Pro-MEC, Laingsburg Lions Club, Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation, Wolfpack Robotics, Alderman's in Lennon, DayStarr Communications, Baker College-Owosso, Polymershapes, Lakeshore Employee Benefits, Meiers Lombardini Lemanski Insurance, TechSmith, Advanced Audiology, and Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing.



The Laingsburg Lions are proud to be major and long-term supporters of this activity which teaches everything from technology to program management to public speaking to social interaction to the joys and frustrations of competition. Here are some of the over 50 students involved, soon to be well over 100, with Lions Mary Christenson, Lori Leonard and Terry Fraidenburg, commemorating the recent Lions donation of \$10,000 to Wolfpack Robotics. When you support the Lions, you are supporting Wolfpack Robotics, one of the overall best activities in the Laingsburg school system.

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## Date and Time Change for LBG School Board Meeting

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting on TUESDAY, March 14, 2023. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm at the middle school in the media center. Please visit our website at <http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/> for up to date meeting information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: 2022/23 Budget Update, 2023/24 Budget Update, 2023-24 Kindergarten Outlook/Preschool Update, Legislative Update, 98b Goal Report Update, Strategic Goal Planning Update, Staff Building Reports, Personnel, and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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

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## Social

## Library News

### Elsie Public Library

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

Guess What??? March is Reading Month!! Our Monday events are as follows: March 13th we will celebrate St. Patty's with a children's story time followed by a craft and a snack. March 20th is the first day of Spring. We will have another story time followed by a craft and a snack. On March 27th, we will be doing Music and Motion. Monday events all start at noon. During Saturdays in March, our library is spotlighting an endangered animal. March 11th will be stories and crafts featuring leopards. On March 18th pandas will be the animal of the hour. And the March 25th story-time will have stories and crafts about koalas. Come and join in the fun.

Just a gentle reminder that we have Kid Kits available here in the library. These kits have food enough to make 6 meals for a child. You may take 1 kit per week per school-age child in your family. These kits are FREE. Also, please follow us on FACEBOOK. When we have free food available, we post the news and a picture on FACEBOOK.

Come see what is happening at 145 W. Main St. in Elsie. We would love to see you here.

### Diabetes PATH Workshop

*submitted by Christine Histed*

Diabetes PATH is a 6-week interactive workshop designed for individuals with diabetes and pre-diabetes. In this workshop you will learn how to meal plan, decrease stress, improve physically activity, balance blood sugar, make goals, improve energy, and more!

Sparrow Clinton Hospital, 805 S. Oakland St., St. Johns, MI, in the White Conference Room (3rd floor)

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To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465

### Blood Drive at St. Isidore Catholic Church

On Monday, March 13, 2023 from 12:00pm to 5:45pm there will be a blood drive at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 310 Crum St., Laingsburg.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. To schedule an appointment log on to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code LKofC or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

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## DJ Breakfast 2023

*submitted by Jordan Brown*

Lansing- It's that time of year again-Girl Scout Cookie season!!! We are excited to kick off our DJ Breakfast campaign to share all of the benefits that girls gain when they participate in the Girl Scouts Cookie Program. In this campaign, we partner with local media outlets that wish to support local Girl Scouts in their entrepreneurial endeavors.

If you are open to partnering with us, we would like to schedule an interview where girls can share information about the new cookie season! The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led entrepreneur program in the world. To help us continue to empower the girls, we would like to have the girls interview with you themselves. If the interview is in person, we would love to bring an array of Girl Scout Cookies for your staff to enjoy.

We are looking to schedule interviews between March 6th and March 17th to coincide with cookie sales starting up, though we are flexible and grateful for any opportunity to share the excitement of the new cookie this season!

We look forward to hearing from you soon about partnering with us for this campaign.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [jbrown@gshom.org](mailto:jbrown@gshom.org) or 989-399-7205.

## Elsie Masonic Lodge to Hold Monthly Pancake Breakfast

*by Dawn D Levey*

ELSIE – Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 F & AM will hold their monthly free pancake breakfast to support the Elsie Baby Pantry Saturday, March 25, 9-Noon at the Masonic Community Center, 100 E Main Street, Elsie, MI. The breakfast is free, all donations made will be given to the Elsie Baby Pantry. The public is encouraged to support the breakfast.

Mark calendars for the April pancake breakfast that is slated for Saturday, April 29, 2023, 9-Noon.

## Mint City Singers Spring Concert

*submitted by Daniel LeVeque*

The Mint City Singers under the direction of Steven Easterling with accompanist Jeff Richards proudly present "Spring is in the Air" a musical journey through the many colors of the spring season. All The Cats Join In, Take Me To The Water, Oh My Love's Like A Red Red Rose, Blue Moon, Celebrate Music, Thankful, The River Sleeps Beneath The Sky and many more songs.

This concert is on March 31, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis Street, St. Johns, MI.

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## Leonard Elementary Kicks Off March Reading Month

submitted by Marcy Westenberg

Leonard students kicked off March Reading Month with a school-wide assembly!! The assembly pumped students up "Superhero Style" and served to encourage Mrs. Parsons wearing her "Superhero" and motivate students to Read, Read, Read Superheroes! During the assembly Mrs. Parsons, donned a Superhero costume, challenged students to reach their weekly goals, but also challenged students to figure out her true "Superpower".



Mrs. Parsons wearing her "Superhero" Costume to kick off March Reading Month

At the assembly, students learned about grade level reading goals, (kindergarten & pre-first 5 books per week, 1st grade 7 books per week and 2nd grade 100 mins a week). Students also had some fun! Students at the assembly, aka Superhero Sidekicks, were awarded superhero capes and masks, one per classroom, to engage in a web/silly string competition since Leo the Lion could not operate the Silly String to cover Mrs. Parsons. Sorry Leo! Three Kindness is my Superpower books were also given to students during the assembly to jumpstart our Reading is our Superpower March is Reading Month Program. Also, students were challenged to win weekly prizes to continue to challenge them to reach their reading goals. Mrs. Parsons and Leo the Lion will also be making weekly videos to encourage students to keep reading, and the videos will also give clues to what Mrs. Parsons' true superpower is.

If all classes meet their reading goals, Mrs. Parsons will reveal her Superpower! Shazam!

## 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.

## Solid Waste Planning Committee Public Meeting

submitted by Kate Neese

The Solid Waste Planning Committee will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Clinton County Courthouse Board of Commissioners Room to continue reviewing and discussing two requests to amend the Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The requests include 1) one additional county to the SWMP for waste import and export and 2) amend the total area sited for use at the Grand River Avenue landfill located at 8550 West Grand River Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Draft amendments will be reviewed at the April 11th meeting and then made available for public comment once the committee agrees on a draft. Copies of the proposed draft amendments will be made available to all municipal offices, on the Clinton County website (www.clinton-county.org) and through email or regular mail by request.

For additional information, please contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management by emailing recycle@clinton-county.org or calling the office (989) 224-5186.



## Open Enrollment at Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School

by Dawn D Levey

OVID - The third trimester at Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School is slated to begin March 13, 2023. In preparation for third trimester there is a window of open-enrollment March 9 and 10, 8 am-2:30 pm call 989-834-5440 for an appointment.

Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School provides a number of educational options for students who have not been successful in the traditional setting, those who are behind in credits, young parents and students considering dropping out of school. For more information call 989-834-5440.

## 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

## Ashley Pre-School Registration

For 2023-2024 School Year

**Tuesday, March 15, 2023**

**6 p.m. at the Ashley School Library**

### PARENTS ONLY Event

Children are invited to the open house in the fall  
**Questions?**

Contact Ms. Combs, Early Childhood Director at (989) 847-4000 Ext. 1020

**Documentation Needed:** Child's Original Birth Certificate  
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If your child turns 5 after September 1, 2023, but before December 1, 2023, you may sign a waiver so they may attend kindergarten next year.

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## Ashley Schools Kindergarten Registration

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**Documentation Needed:** Child's Original Birth Certificate  
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- Shot Record/Health Appraisal

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Ashley School Library 6:00pm**



# Obituaries

## Ruth M. Miller

Ruth M. Miller age 83 of Bannister, Michigan passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Ruth was born February 9, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of Edward and Eleanor (Norman) Still. Ruth was united in marriage to Mr. Loren "Skip" Miller on March 27, 1982 in Merrill, Michigan. Mr. Miller preceded Ruth in death on October 1, 2010 after twenty-eight years of marriage.

Ruth had resided in Bannister for many years. Mrs. Miller enjoyed being surrounded by her family, cooking meals, and baking for them and holidays spent together. She also enjoyed playing on her computer, casino trips throughout Michigan and cruises.

Surviving Mrs. Miller are her three loving children: Vonnie Higbee and husband Dennis, Bob Hunt and wife Deb and Jim Hunt and wife Darlene, six grandchildren: Tim Emelander, Jeff Emelander and wife Allison, Jeremy Emelander and wife Tiffany, Shannon Rostar and husband Thomas, Kimberly Hafner and husband Hayden and Kyle Hunt and Danielle Giles, fourteen great-grandchildren: Zach, Alex, Caleb and Emily, Allye and Annie, Jordyn, Madelyn and Connor, Aubrey and Anthony, Mayson and Kane and Peyton, one sister, Shirley Kinney, one brother, Fred Still and wife Michele, one sister-in-law, Carol Still, plus many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Mrs. Miller was also preceded in death by her parents, one infant sister, one brother, Leonard Still and a brother-in-law, Dave Kinney.

Funeral services honoring Ruth will be held Monday, March 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. from Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service, 165 W. Oak St., Harrison, with Mr. Eric Evans officiating. Visitation will take place on Monday, March 13, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until time of services. Burial will be in Fernwood Cemetery, Temple, Michigan.

Memorial gifts in memory of Ruth may be considered to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To share an online memory or condolence with Ruth's family, please visit: [www.clarkstocking.com](http://www.clarkstocking.com). Arrangements and care of Mrs. Miller and her family are entrusted with Clark-Stocking Funeral Chapel and Cremation Center.



## Patricia May Harrington

Patricia May Harrington, age 74, of Owosso, MI, passed away Friday, March 3, 2023.

Patricia was born in Lyons, MI, on April 27, 1948, the daughter of Lester Wayne and Dorothy May (Guild) Harrington. She was a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School.

Pat worked for Lear Corporation for over thirty years and traveled to many other facilities for inspection. She loved to craft and sew. She also loved to make things for others as special gifts. Pat was a member of the The First Church of God in Owosso where she was very active and served as a Sunday School Secretary. Pat was the recorder for her TOPS club and was a past member of the Red Hat Society. She loved watching the Hallmark station, especially around Christmas. Spoiling the children in her family was her greatest joy and very proud to be a great-great aunt. She loved to make birthday cakes for her nieces and nephews. Pat enjoyed taking road trips, taking rides to see the colors, and riding the Polar Express Train.

She is survived by her brother Ray and Sandi Harrington; niece Angela and David Smith; niece Stacy Woodruff; nephew Steven Harrington; niece Karen Crambell and Kevin DeMarias; niece Kathy and Scott Sparks; niece Rachel and Randall Perrien; niece Heather and Chad Hall; nephew Jason and Brandi Harrington. Pat is also survived by many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, sister Ruth (Gene) Woodruff, sister-in-law Tammie Harrington, brother Lester (Sandy) Harrington, and nephew Wayne Woodruff.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, with Pastor April Crump officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Memorials may be made to Owosso First Church of God. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



## Shirley Jean Cannon

Shirley Jean Cannon, age 80, of Ovid, MI, passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Sparrow Health Systems Sparrow Campus, Lansing, MI.

Shirley was born in Elsie, Michigan on January 29, 1943, the daughter of Claude and Ruth (Waggoner) Conklin. Shirley graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1961. She married Gerald Irving Cannon on February 3, 1962, at Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, Michigan. They were blessed with forty-six years of marriage, prior his passing on July 19, 2009.

Shirley worked many places throughout her life including: Vaughn's Seed Company in Ovid, McDonald's in St. Johns, Uncle Johns Cider Mill baking bread in the evenings and cleaning many homes in the area. Most importantly, Shirley was a homemaker who loved cooking, baking and taking care of her family. Shirley and Gerald loved dancing the polka, traveling and spending time up north fishing together. She enjoyed watching soap operas with her granddaughter Samantha, watching cowboy shows, and spending time with close friends and family. She also enjoyed spending time with her late dog Molly and new cat Goldie. She was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son David and Cindy Cannon of St. Johns, MI; daughter Donna and Dale Schafer of St. Johns, MI; grandchildren; Nicole and Jeffrey Curtin, Bethany Cannon and Levi Black, and Samantha Schafer, great-grandchildren: Adalynn and Beau Curtin, brothers: Richard and Nancy Conklin of Elsie, MI, Norman and Joyce Conklin of North Carolina, Stuart and Susan Conklin of Olivet, MI; sister-in-law Barb Conklin of Fenmore, MI. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friend Robert Hyde. She was preceded in death her parents, husband Gerald, father and mother-in-law: Erwin and Vera Cannon, brother Tom Conklin, brother-in-law LeRoy Cannon, and her special dog Molly.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Thursday, March 9, 2023. 'Memorials may be made to Capitol Area Humane Society, Ovid Middlebury Fire and Rescue, or Clinton County Ambulance Service.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



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# Editorial

I'm in the middle of a procrastination situation. It is Thursday afternoon and I don't have my column written yet. It is a work in progress but one that I should have started sooner. Things have been a bit wonky all week and I have kept putting things off on a daily basis. I started to relax after finishing up at the shop and running a few errands. Got home at two. Yup, I relaxed myself up to 3PM and then it hit me hard that I hadn't finished my column and had an hour to do so...I just tried out a new exercise and managed to mess up my right hip. As in, damn that hurts like Hades even if I'm not mobile. I'm hoping that the pain will pass quickly and quit harassing the rest of my body.

What I do know is that I need to get into high gear. I will be doing a paddle party this Saturday evening at St Mary's Catholic School in Alma. Of course, this means that I need to get a bunch of baking done in a big hurry. So I plan on getting some chocolate zucchini bread and some hummingbird bread done, cooled, and bagged tonight before I go to bed. It would also be a good idea if I can get my labels all made and ready to use tonight.

Monday was a good day, all I remember doing was having lunch with Robin and then visiting with Karen. I do know that I managed to fold clothes and get them put away. Darn it, I tried a new exercise today and got the motion right but realized quickly that I should not of done it. It appears that I have managed to either pull muscles or pinch a nerve in my right leg. Today I don't have time for such an inconvenience. Last night I managed to make it to bed without too much difficulty and my body allowed me to sleep for thirty minutes then it started terrorizing me every time that I moved. So the logical move was to come back downstairs and take a muscle relaxant that had been prescribed, roll up a huge towel and put it under my right knee and sleep in the recliner. That worked but I'm still hobbling around... I guess that it is just not my day.

I am making progress. Pru has been out to relieve herself and the cats are eating their breakfast. I keep walking around the house to get things ready for another day. I'm a bit aggravated with myself because I don't have my walking sticks or staff handy...I left them in the vehicles. It would make things simpler if I'd kept a set by the front door. Oh well, I'll just have to deal with it. Note to self, I'm very glad that I did not drag another limb from under the willow tree out to the burn pile. I'm also glad that I had a comfortable place to sleep last night.

Onward and upwards, time for me to get into gear. I know that I will manage to get dressed and out the door to face a new day. No doubt it will be filled with new experiences. I promised a gentleman yesterday that I would get a carrot cake made for today. So I do need to fulfill that promise. Life is what we make of it and the view changes daily.

Sally came in Wednesday morning and added to our poultry collection. Our new fluffy chick is sitting up on the cupboard across from the counter. The little critter does put a smile upon our faces and fits in well with the other cuties. I believe that there is a raccoon, a hedgehog, and a pup that are sharing the same area. Diane just called and told me to use my pickup this morning due to the falling snow. I told her that was my plan.

Time to move now, so may your day be filled with God's blessings both large and small. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2023



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

## CALL TO ACTION

If ever there was a time to contact your state legislators about second amendment rights, the time is right now. Both legislative chambers have spent the last two weeks cranking out

a bill package focused on safe gun storage, universal background checks, and red flag orders. The legislation has been clearly rushed due to the Spartan Tragedy but efforts are being made behind the scenes by some staff, legislators and groups like MUCC to fix errors and oversights to prevent unforeseen circumstances and consequences down the road. Examples of this include making sure provisions are in place for youth shooting and hunting activities. There is an old saying that law making is like sausage making and it is best not to watch, however, this situation requires extreme oversight from all those involved.

Other bills have been introduced during the last two weeks that include creating more gun free zones in state buildings and at polling places along with restrictions on kids with BB guns. A twenty year old law about gun sales and manufacturers lawsuits and liability is also being changed. Age limits and new definitions along with regulations of assault rifles are being proposed. Margins of majority are tight in both chambers and most voting has been along party lines with very little effort put forth on finding mental health solutions. If you care about your second amendment rights and public safety, and those of future generations, then you need to stay informed and stay involved. Despite some legislative offices locking doors and turning phones to voicemail, they still need to hear from their constituency, Please contact them!

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by Dan McMaster

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The Sciota Township board will hold an annual meeting for the fiscal year 2023-2024 at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 13, 2023, at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI. At this time a public hearing will be held on the proposed township budget followed by an annual meeting at about 6:30 pm. A copy of the budget can be seen by contacting the clerk. The Sciota Township board will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities upon a 5-day notice to the clerk by telephoning 517-651-5286, or by emailing, [clerk@sciotatownship.net](mailto:clerk@sciotatownship.net).

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## ELBA TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING CHANGE OF TOWNSHIP MEETING DATE

The Elba Township board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 March 21st at 6:30 PM. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 109 S. Oak St, Ashley.

This notice is posted in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCL 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Elba Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5 days notice to the Elba Township board. Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Elba Township Board by writing or calling the following: Madalin Morris, 109 S. Oak St. P O BOX 209, Ashley, 989-847-2210.

The monthly meeting normally held on the second Tuesday of the month will be held at 7:00pm.

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Josefina Medina, Clerk  
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# Home Improvement

## Did You Know?

Home renovations can improve a home in many different ways. Modifications to kitchens and bathrooms have long been popular projects, but are they the most popular renovations? According to data from Realm, which analyzed the top 10 most popular projects from roughly 2.8 million listings and permit filings in the United States in 2022, certain projects are more popular than others. Nationally, the most common home renovations include interior painting, exterior painting, finishing a basement, installing or replacing windows, and bathroom remodeling. Houzz polls have unveiled that renovating kitchens and bathrooms, new windows and porches, balcony and deck projects are among the most popular.

## Details to Include in a Renovation Work Contract

Contracts provide protection for all parties signing on the dotted lines. According to LegalMatch.com, a contract is an agreement between two parties that creates a mutual legal obligation. Oral contracts are possible, but written contracts are preferred for a number of reasons.



Any time a person sets out to do a home improvement project that involves the use of contractors and other professionals, he or she should have a contract drawn up. A contract can ensure that the work will get done safely, within a given time frame and according to specifications. A contract should contain certain details.

1. A defined scope of work: Here is where the scope of the job should be spelled out in detail. This portion should include the materials being used, what the homeowner has requested, special details, and who will take care of each facet of the job. For example, if the homeowner will be providing the materials, it should be noted here.

2. Procedure for changes: To be comprehensive, renovation contracts should note the process that will be followed for any alterations or additions to the project.

3. Floor plans: In some instances, the contract will include floor plans, architectural drawings and other details.

4. Indemnity clause: The contract should include a clause that indemnifies the property owner against legal liability should any damages or injuries take place on the property.

5. Work schedule: The contract also should include a work schedule that identifies the requested start time and estimated end time for the project. Parties should understand that inclement weather or other delays could affect the schedule.

6. Cost: The contract should reference the agreed upon bid price, highlighting the agreements for procedures if additional materials are needed or if the job runs long.

7. Warranty: If a warranty is being offered, the details should be included in the contract. Homeowners should expect a reasonable one-year warranty to cover any defects in the contractor's work.

Renovation contracts are essential any time there is an agreement between homeowner and contractor. Good contracts will include various components.



HOW TO PAINT VINYL SIDING

## Did You Know?

Vinyl siding is not something that many homeowners may consider painting, but it can be done. However, some contractors may not recommend it as the best option to overhaul a home. Painting siding means it will only be as durable as the paint used. It's also essential to determine if painting vinyl will void any warranties. Wood or engineered wood or fiber cement siding tend to be better options than vinyl should you want to switch colors down the line. But vinyl siding can be painted if it is done right, and it can be an affordable way to change the look of a home without investing in new siding. According to Benjamin Moore Paints, vinyl siding that will be painted will need to be cleaned thoroughly, including the removal of any mildew, chalk or dirt, to enhance paint adhesion. Pitted or porous vinyl siding always must be primed, but others may not require priming. Choose an exterior paint designed for painting on vinyl. Benjamin Moore has a palette called Colors for Vinyl that can be used in select exterior paint lines. Two coats of paint are recommended. According to BobVila.com, paint for vinyl has acrylic and urethane resins that accommodate the expansion and contraction of vinyl and help the paint stick. Also, for the best results, the home improvement experts on the site advise painting when temperatures are mild and there is low relative humidity and an overcast sky.

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# Sports



The Wolfpack's Connor Hulliberger (5) and Jake Essenberg (2) secure a loose ball in Laingsburg's 74-50 District semifinal romp over the Bath Bees. Photo by Burg Sports

## Undefeated Wolfpack Season Rolls On, 74-50 in District Semifinal Over Bath

NEW LOTHROP -- Laingsburg's Zander Woodruff and Brayden Thomas ripped the nets open from long range in the first quarter ... but the Bath Bees seemed up to the task.

The Fighting Bees closed to 16-11 early; then lost their buzz.

Coach Dan Morrill's unbeaten Wolfpack (22-0) ripped off a 22-4 advantage in the second quarter to lead 40-14 at halftime. Game over. It was Laingsburg's third victory of the season over their CMAC rival, the Bees finishing 8-14.

The resulting 74-50 final score catapulted LHS into the MHSAA Division 3 District Final opposite 18-4 Ovid-Elsie.

Woodruff repeatedly broke down the Bath defense on easy drives to the bucket in the second half, finishing with a game-high 38 points. The third quarter quickly evolved into an offensive track meet — not the kind of game the Bees wanted to play.

Thomas, the Wolves' senior point guard, added a season-high 17 for the Wolfpack as he demonstrated his shooting touch — including 9-of-10 from the free throw stripe. Jake Essenberg scored 2, Eli Woodruff 6, Cam Ballard 2, Luke Snyder 2, Connor Hulliberger 2, Ty Randall 4 and Elliott Wilsey one in the romp.

Devondre Chandler had 17 for the Bees.



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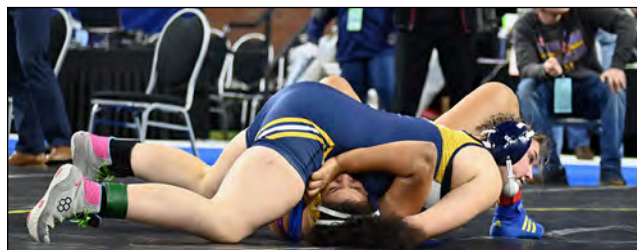
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Maddisyn Miller pins her opponent to finish 3rd at Ford Field during state finals. Photos by Marie Spiess

## Boys' Parsons 2nd, Girls' Miller 3rd O-E Cements Itself as top Mat Program

DETROIT — With a runner-up finish in boys' 113 lb. weight class, and a girls' 3rd place showing in the 190 lb. division, that was just the beginning of the story for the Ovid-Elsie wrestling program at the 2022-23 MHSAA State Finals here March 3-4.

Coach Kyle Spiess' up-and-coming Lady Marauders were second in the state with most qualifiers by team — including most underclassmen representatives by school — and marched out Maddisyn Miller, Ava Juhas, Kaia Spiess and Haley McClung under the bright lights at Ford Field.

The tradition-rich Marauder program was also feted with a 2nd place showing by Talan Parsons at 113 lbs. in the boys' field, after finishing a sterling 50-1 for the season, moving up a weight class from 106 lbs. He was the defending 106 lb. State Champion from 2022, and will return for a shot at another Michigan title as yet another outstanding underclassman for O-E. Coach Spiess said he believes the loss “... will further drive Parsons to win his second state title as a senior in 2024.”

In a dramatic finish, Parsons was nipped in a back-and-forth, technical fall, 2-1 to Grand Rapids Catholic Central freshman Dale Gant. Neither Gant nor Parsons scored any points in the first period of their match. Gant broke the tie with a two-point takedown of Parsons late in the second period. Parsons got on the board early in the final period with an escape but wasn't able to complete the comeback as time expired.

“Talan has represented the O-E community well. We are so proud of everything he's accomplished,” said coach Spiess.

Parsons went 3-0 in Friday's qualifying rounds.

Miller went 2-1 on Friday earning a guaranteed place in the Finals. “The other 3 girls were out, but they went down fighting,” explained Spiess.



Talan Parsons falls short 2-1 during final match against GRCC Dale Gant.

## O-E Bowlers at States

submitted by Matt Fabus

Two of O-E Bowling team qualified for singles at the state finals in Jackson at Jax 60.

60 girls and boys competed in this event. The format was six petersons for total pins to move to top 16.

Gracie Schultz would miss the cut by 14 points to settle for 17th place. Her scores were 148, 188, 231, 176, 153, 155 for 1051.

Devyn Pugsley would end up in 40th. His scores were 177, 153, 208, 186, 148, 182 for 1058.

Another great year of bowling for both teams. The girls finished 2nd and boys 3rd in the conference.

The banquet is March 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The Annual Golf Outing is July 15th.

We would like to say thank you to all of the people who helped out. Parents. Support from the community. Riverbend Bowling Center in Corunna.



Carson Litwiller



Logan Drummond



Gibby Jason

## Bears Lose to Comets

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears traveled to Coleman in a league match-up last week. The game was close at first and then Coleman took over on their senior night. Logan Drummond lead the way for Ashley with 18 points, Gibby Jason followed with scoring 10 points and grabbing 6 rebounds and Carson Litwiller scored 10 points and also had 6 rebounds. The Final score was 75-49



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# Sports

## Host Aggies Oust Ice-Cold Lady Wolfpack From District

DANSVILLE — Laingsburg's girls basketball team started the game ice-cold with their shooting touch ... and against a red-hot team like Dansville, you're going to get burned.

The host Aggies shut out the Lady Wolfpack in the first quarter, 8-0, and rolled to a 23-8 lead by halftime, ousting coach Doug Hurst's Wolves from the MHSAA District tournament. Dansville took home its second-straight District title with a 47-28 victory here March 4. The contest was moved back one day due to heavy snow and ice the night before.

LHS couldn't shake that icy feeling. "This season had many emotions for everyone," said Hurst. "This night was no different. We went into the game feeling we could win. Early on we just couldn't get baskets to fall changing the game atmosphere; instead of being up we found ourselves down 8."

The No. 6-ranked Aggies beat Laingsburg for a third time this season, while repeating as a Division 3 district champion. Dansville (20-2) remained home to face Springport the following Tuesday in the Regional phase of the tourney; Ovid-Elsie (20-4) also advanced to the same Division 3 Regional tournament, opposite Grass Lake.

Hurst explained, "This season we had tough times, frustrating times, but also positive growing times, fun times and many laughs. This group of girls return 8 of our 9 players next season and hopefully with that much more experience and leadership. They have the potential.

"We're fortunate to only lose one senior, and yet very unfortunate to lose a skilled player like Ellie Baynes. She was our top scorer, and one of our top rebounders. So we have big shoes to be filled."

Baynes played her final game for LHS, averaging 11 points, 6 rebounds and 3.4 steals per game her senior season.



Laingsburg's Bella Strieff boxes out Dansville's Emily Tringal as Ella Merrell snares the rebound in the Wolves final game of 2022-23 -- a 47-28 loss in the District Final at Dansville. At left, Aggie guard Gracie Taylor breaks back to defend. Photo by Burg Sports

## Seniors Feted on Historic Basketball Night; Wolfpack Dispatches Clio, 63-20

LAINGSBURG — A graduating class that helped pave history was honored on Senior Night here March 2.

The Wolfpack boys basketball set a school record for regular season wins and climbed to a remarkable 21-0 with a 63-20 dominance of non-league Clio.

It has become commonplace to see all sorts of media clamor to Wolfpack games as the winning streak continues. Thursday night, Bally Sports Detroit was in the house. Coach Dan Morrill's have moved to #3 in the state in some polls, #2 in the Associated Press poll, entering this week's district play at New Lothrop.

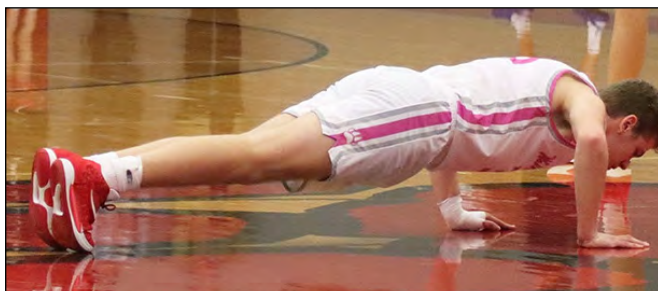
LHS graduates five seniors in a few short weeks: Jacob Essenberg, Eli Woodruff, Connor Hulliberger, Luke Snyder and Brayden Thomas. "Our senior class has been a group that worked and committed to the process," said Coach Morrill. "They have bought into leading on the defensive end and individually they are all tremendous young men that I am proud to be associated with."

Thursday vs. an outmanned Mustang team, brothers Eli Woodruff and Zander Woodruff led the way for LHS with 19 points apiece. Snyder chipped in with 8.

For Clio, Robert Diment had 9 points.

Dominance? Credit it to defense. With 3:30 left in the first half, the score was 25-3 before Clio hit its second shot of the night. LHS responded with four-straight buckets and two minutes later it was 34-6. The Wolfpack led 38-6 at halftime.

This week in District play at New Lothrop, Morrill's charges earned a first-round bye and will play the winner of Bath vs. Byron on Wednesday evening at NLHS.



Wolfpack seniors kissed the wolf paw at center court on Senior Night. The final game on their home floor set a school record for regular season wins at 21-0. Photo by Burg Sports

## Marauders Grab 17th to Close Out Regular Season, 74-59 Over Greyhounds

OVID-ELSIE — After one quarter, the host Marauders led by 9 points. At halftime, they led by 15. And after three quarters, the O-E lead was up to 29.

As so often was the case in what turned out to be Ovid-Elsie's 17-4 regular season, Josh Latz's Marauders methodically wore down their opponent — this time, non-league Eaton Rapids — and rolled to an easy victory.

Clay Wittenberg scored 20 points, Logan Thompson 18 and Braxton Stenger 12 on a Senior Night, 74-59 victory to remember at O-E.

"It was a tremendous way to send our seniors out with a win on our home floor tonight in our regular season finale," said veteran coach Latz. "All 7 of them have been an integral part in continuing to build on our tradition, and sustaining the success and standard of the program. We want to thank all of them for all they've done for us. We move on to a brand new season (this week in District play at New Lothrop), and we are looking forward to it."

Wittenberg added 7 rebounds and 3 assists; Thompson 4 rebounds, 3 steals; Stenger 7 steals, 6 assists; Tryce Tokar 6 points, 4 steals; and Tucker Loynes 5 points and 3 rebounds to the winning cause.



Logan Thompson scored 18 points against Eaton Rapids on senior night.

Photo by Heidi Loynes

## Marauders Go To Work, Slug Out 63-52 Triumph Over Perry to Earn District Final

NEW LOTHROP -- Ovid-Elsie found its shooting touch in the second half, gritting their way into the Division 3 District boys basketball final here March 8.

Coach Josh Latz's Marauders trailed throughout most of the first half after several good looks at the basket refused to fall. The free throw shooting was ugly and marksman-ship behind the arc wasn't any better.

Yet, the Marauders played tough on defense and on the boards — including 13 offensive rebounds — and outlasted the Perry Ramblers in a semifinal slugfests, 63-52.

O-E vaulted to 18-4 overall and earned a matchup in the District Final vs. 22-0 Laingsburg. In the process, the Marauders snapped Perry's 5-game win streak and ended the Rambler season at 10-14.

This contest was much closer than the final score indicated. It was 31-30 after three quarters and anyone's ballgame.

"We struggled to shoot the ball tonight especially early as we came out sluggish and with nerves," said coach Latz. "We started off really slow, but did a better job in the second half of getting to the basket. (Tryce) Tokar really stepped up and made some big plays for us down the stretch, and our guys did a good job of securing the win in the 4th quarter."

Tokar (5 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists) and Thompson (2 rebounds, 2 assists) ended up leading the way for O-E, each with 16 points. Season leading scorer Clay Wittenberg contributed 14 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Hunter Bates was big in the middle — again — with 8 points and 10 rebounds. Braxton Stenger closed out the Marauder stat sheet with 7 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals.



Season leading scorer Clay Wittenberg contributed 14 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals during the district match up with Perry on March 8th.

Photo by Heidi Loynes



## Sports

## Second-Straight District Crown for Lady Marauders, 42,36 Over P-W

BATH — Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders went on a 16-5 run to start the game on the way to claiming a Division 3 district title victory over Pewamo-Westphalia (16-7) here March 3.

Ovid-Elsie, moving to 20-4 overall, rolled to a 27-11 lead at halftime, in advancing to the Regional semifinals to face Grass Lake (16-7) at 5:30 p.m. at Dansville.

"We came out and executed beautifully in the first half, offensively and defensively," Cunningham said. "They beat us earlier in the season by 4, so we threw in a few wrinkles to try and confuse them offensively."

P-W was able to make some adjustments at halftime and won the third quarter, 15-7, then the fourth stanza, 10-8, but O-E did just enough to hang onto the lead. Clutch free-throw shooting by Braeden Tokar down the stretch sealed the win for Ovid-Elsie.

"Ava Bates played outstanding but in my opinion, the player that deserves a ton of credit is Hailee Campbell. I challenged to stop P-W's 6'1" girl and not let her be the X-factor in the game ... and Hailee delivered," Cunningham explained.

Bates finished with a team-high 21 points (4-for-4 from the charity stripe) and three steals, Campbell notched 11 points and six rebounds and Evalyn Cole dished out five assists to help Ovid-Elsie repeat as District champions. Tokar contributed 4 four points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals. Kiah Longoria and Ellyanna Carman each added a bucket.

## Gritty Lady Marauders Advance to Regional Final, 37-34 Over Warriors

DANSVILLE — Evalyn Cole and Ava Bates scored crucial buckets in the final moments of the contest, and Ovid-Elsie's battle-back Lady Marauders advanced to the MHSAA Regional Finals here March 7.

After a back-and-forth game, coach Ryan Cunningham's Marauders secured a 37-34 win over Grass Lake in the Regional Semifinals to advance to the championship game on March 9 against host Dansville.

Trailing 34-33 with 1:33 to go in the game, Cole picked the pocket of a Grass Lake guard and took it in for a layup to put OE back up 35-34. After a couple of missed shots by both teams, Braeden Tokar came up with a huge offensive rebound and tipped it over to Bates, who laid it in with 25 seconds to go in the game and gave O-E a three-point lead and the eventual win.

"Our kids battled all night and played with grit," said Cunningham. "We have a lot of fight in us and it showed tonight. It was a gutsy, hard-fought win and I couldn't be more proud of these kids."

Trailing 7-8 after the first quarter, Ovid-Elsie put together a solid 11-7 second quarter and lead 18-15 at the half.

"This was the type of game we wanted. We wanted to slow them down and limit their possessions," added Cunningham. "We're okay with low-scoring games."

Ovid-Elsie saw their lead slip to two points after a 10-11 third quarter but the Lady Marauders took the fourth quarter 9-8 en route to the victory.

Bates had a game-high 15 points to go along with 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals while Tokar recorded a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds. Tokar also had a steal and 2 blocked shots. Cole (3 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3 steals) and Kiah Longoria (4 rebounds) each had four points while Hailee Campbell (8 rebounds) and Ellyanna Carman (3 rebounds, 2 assists) each chipped in with a bucket.

Ovid-Elsie's gritty defense held Grass Lake to just 24.5% shooting on the night while shooting at a 31% clip.

March 9, the Lady Marauders (21-4) traveled back to Dansville to take on the Aggies for the Regional crown. Dansville (21-2) defeated Springport 68-55 in the other semifinal game.



Ovid-Elsie Girls Basketball team and the MZone with Regional Trophy after a win over Dansville on March 9th.  
Photos by Heidi Loynes

## 1st in 40 Years: Lady Marauders Absolutely Stifle Dansville in MHSAA Regionals, 35-12

DANSVILLE — Throughout their 21-2 run to the MHSAA Regional Finals, the Dansville Aggies torched teams by getting to the bucket for easy, inside hoops.

No go here. Not opposite Ovid-Elsie. In the biggest game of the season, on the Aggies' home floor, no easy bunnies. Only hotly contested looks, no matter where on the court.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders unloaded a withering defensive effort — nothing came easy for the Aggies — and made Ovid-Elsie basketball history with a 35-12 stunner over top-rated Dansville. The win advanced the Marauders to the Quarterfinal round in the MHSAA tournament — the first time since coach Mary Hudecek's 1983 and 1984 O-E girls' teams — with a sterling 22-4 overall record.

Ovid-Elsie opened with a 10-2 lead in the first quarter, then advanced it to 22-4 at halftime ... as jaws dropped in Dansville's home gymnasium.

"We knew we had to slow down their top scorers and we are certainly okay with keeping the game in the 30's," said Cunningham. "Our girls played great defensively all the way around but I give a ton of credit to Hailee Campbell and Izzy Loynes. They were tasked with stopping their best players (who combined for 41 points in a Regional semifinal win over Springport). Our girls held them to 10 total points tonight. That won't show up in the scoring column, but those girls are a huge part of our success."

Braeden Tokar had a game-high 16 lints to go along with 5 rebounds, 2 blocks and 3 steals — while Evalyn Cole added 10 points and 8 assists. Kiah Longoria added 6 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists; Ava Bates contributed two free throws and Ellyanna Carman one charity toss.

"This was a very physical game and when Dansville got frustrated, it got more physical. But our girls didn't back down. We showed some real toughness tonight and our kids stayed locked in."

Ovid-Elsie will travel to Springport HS this Tuesday evening to take on Blissfield (25-1) at 7 p.m. The Lady Royals beat last year's champion, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep, 50-38 in their Regional Final.



Hailee Campbell played a great defensive game against Dansville



Ovid-Elsie's Braeden Tokar displays the kind of grit it took to get past the Grass Lake Warriors in the Regional Semifinal.

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**MORTGAGE:** Mortgagor(s): Russell E. Hopper Jr, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: May 19, 2016 Recorded on June 13, 2016, in Document No. 5241980, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Eighty-Six and 94/100 Dollars (\$147,086.94) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Commencing at a point 100 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 40 rods; thence East 165 feet; thence North 40 rods, thence West 165 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 1661 W Cutler Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda L. George, an Unmarried Woman and Terri Davis, aka, Terri L. Davis, an Unmarried Woman, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 23, 2013 and recorded August 1, 2013 in Instrument Number 5204410 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, N.A. as Successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One and 52/100 Dollars (\$93,171.52). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 12, 2023.

Said premises are located in the City of Saint Johns, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 113, Walker & Steel's Subdivision, City of St Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat in the frame on the wall in the Office of the Clinton County Register of Deeds.

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Firm Name: Orlans PC  
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel L. Baker, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for E Mortgage Management, LLC D/B/A EMM Financial, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 9, 2020 and recorded April 14, 2020 in Instrument Number 5291578 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MSR Asset Vehicle LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Fourteen and 2/100 Dollars (\$180,014.02).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 5, 2023. Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

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Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 17, Rosewood Hills 1 Condominium, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the Master Deed thereof as recorded in Liber 805, Page 270 through 330, inclusive, Clinton County Records; being designated as Clinton County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 15, with amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 901, Page 307, Clinton County Records, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed, as amended and pursuant to Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, including amendment of Act 538 of the Public Acts of 1982 and Act 113 of 1983.

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In spite of thoroughly nasty weather, the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers welcomed two newly elected legislators, State Sen. Sam Singh (28th District) and State Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (75th District), to their recycling center in Laingsburg on Monday, February 27; Rep. Brian Begole (71st District) was unable to attend. Also on hand for the event were Laingsburg Schools Superintendent Matt Shastal, School Board President Jason Michels, and City Treasurer Paula Willoughby along with some GLR members.

## Sparrow Carson Hospital Nurse Earns DAISY Award Honor

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Hull joined Sparrow Carson in 2020 and quickly became an integral part of growing the Medical Surgical unit. She provides highly skilled compassionate care and always advocates for her patients.

The DAISY Award is an international program established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes. Created in Pat's memory, The Foundation is dedicated to recognizing extraordinary nurses for the enormous difference they make in the lives of their patients every day.

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