

Laingsburg Boys Regional Champions



Veteran Wolfpack coach Dan Morrill presents the 2022-23 Regional Championship trophy to his team in a post-game celebration at Hanover Horton HS. Photo by Burg Sports
More sports on pages 13 and 16

OE Sports Boosters Reverse Raffle Winners



The OE Reverse raffle was held on Saturday, March 11th at the American Legion Hall in Elsie. The \$2,000 winner was Jeff Wiktorowski. The fifth place thru 2nd place winners are pictured her (l-r) Rachel Winter, \$300 winner, Ken Pangborn, \$500 winner, Mary Perrien, \$750 winner and Vickie Coon, \$1000 winner. The event was well attended and proceeds from the reverse raffle benefit the OE Sports Boosters who in turn helps to provide some of the needs of the sports teams at Ovid-Elsie.



The highest honor given by the Michigan FFA Association, the State FFA Degree was given to five members of the OE FFA Chapter included Dustin Anderson, Bobby Bunn, Jordyn Chant, Chase Kline, Kya Kurka, and Perrien Rasch

Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter Members Receive Multiple State Recognitions

submitted by: OE FFA Officers; Perrien Rasch and Cassidy Harris

On March 8-10, 2023, the Ovid-Elsie FFA traveled to the campus of Michigan State University for the 95th Michigan FFA State Convention. The FFA Chapter and its members brought home numerous awards. Ovid-Elsie FFA is proud of the hard work by its members and that was rewarded at the 95th Michigan FFA State Convention.

The Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter was recognized and received a National Superior Chapter Award by the Michigan FFA State Association.

Individual members were also recognized during the Convention week. Dustin Anderson, Bobby Bunn, Jordyn Chant, Chase Kline, Kya Kurka, and Perrien Rasch received the highest honor given by the Michigan FFA Association, the State FFA Degree.

Several Ovid-Elsie FFA members received the Michigan FFA Outstanding Junior Award for meeting the requirements set by the Michigan FFA Association. Those members include: Willow Evans, Cassidy Harris, Dominic Kline. Ovid-Elsie FFA members received recognition for their high academic achievement.

Juniors receive silver and seniors receive gold level status. Willow Evans and Dominic Kline were awarded Silver (junior grade level), and Jordyn Chant, Kya Kurka, and Perrien Rasch were honored with the Gold (senior grade level) award for academic excellence.

Perrien Rasch and Trinity Ziola were chosen to represent the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter as a delegate to the State FFA Association. Both members traveled to the Michigan Capitol in Lansing with other FFA members from across the State, to meet with Michigan legislators. They also had the opportunity to vote on the 2023-2024 Michigan FFA Association State Officer Team. The delegates also delivered pop taps to the State FFA Association's community service project which takes that money and donates it to the Ronald McDonald House.

Multiple members recognized for the state proficiency awards in each of their respective SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) areas, Bobby Bunn received a bronze award for his proficiency in Diversified Crop Placement, Kya Kurka received a bronze award for Sheep Production, and Jordyn Chant received a gold award for Beef Entrepreneurship.

Emma Fox, Tori Maynard and Caleb Love received second runner up in the corn division for the Crop Management Contest. Abby Thelen, Cassidy Harris, Harris Evans, Jordyn Chant, and Willow Evans competed in and won the State Semifinals in the Agricultural Issues contest, they then moved on to the State Finals where they won second runner up for the state and received a Gold Award.

The chapter is very proud of all of the accomplishments of its members.

More FFA news and photos on pages 8 and 9.

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Scholarships Available

submitted by Daw Reha

Shiawassee County Fair and Shiawassee County Friends of the Fair are pleased to announce the availability of four scholarships. Shiawassee County Agricultural Society Scholarship, David R. White Character Award, Frank J. Corrin Legacy Award and the Gene and Sharon Maynard Leadership Award will be presented during the August 6-12, 2023 Shiawassee County Fair.

Interested students can obtain the application(s) at the Shiawassee County Fair office, visiting www.shiawasseeffair.com, from their FFA Advisor or requesting an application at friendsofshiacofair@gmail.com. Submission deadline is May 1, 2023. You do not have to be currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA to qualify, however, you must have exhibited at the Shiawassee County Fair. For more information contact Dawn Reha at 989-666-4044.

Elsie Lions Club Recycle Eyeglasses

submitted by Richard Easlick

Please help the Elsie Lions Club Recycle Eyeglasses, we have drop boxes in Elsie at these locations, Dollar General, Elsie Public Library, Elsie First Baptist Church and The Elsie United Methodist Church in fellowship hall. These eyeglasses will be recycled and fitted for someone in need. Elsie Lions Club along with other Michigan Lions Clubs have collected over 10,000 eyeglasses recently to help this cause. WE AIM TO SERVE!



Library News

Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

On Tuesday, March 21 the crafters will once again be at the library. Come join them at 1:30. There's lots of room for you to spread out and work on your craft.

Wednesday, March 22 we will be showing the movie Titanic. This is the 1953 version starring Barbara Stanwyck, Clifton Webb and Audrey Dalton. Movie time will be 1:00.

Just a reminder that we are having a kids reading challenge for March is Reading Month. We have logs available for the kids to fill out either for how many books they've read or how many minutes. This is open to all kids 0-18. Please be sure to return your logs by Wednesday April 5. We will draw for winners on Monday, April 10 for two age groups: 0-8, 9 and up.

Ashley UMC Easter Breakfast

The Ashley United Methodist Church will be hosting Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 9th at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Easter Service will follow at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Good Friday Service on April 7th at 7:00p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend both events.



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Elsie Dairy Festival Committee Meeting

submittd by Quinn Bolton

The next Elsie Dairy Festival committee meeting will take place on Tues. March 21 at 7pm at the Elsie Village office.

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CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF CEMETERY MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

A Cemetery meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance, please contact City Office at 517-651-5374 prior to the meeting.

Paula Willoughby
City Clerk

RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF OVID

THE CITY OF OVID PROVIDES GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY. STARTING APRIL 1, 2023, THE CONTRACT NOW HAS ONLY ONE OPTION.

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UNDER THE NEW CONTRACT THERE WILL NO LONGER BE RECYCLING OFFERED EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2023.

Please take notice of the following holidays that will have a one-day delay in collection:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Granger recognizes the following major holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day only. Collections for observed holidays and the rest of the week following the holiday will be delayed by one day. Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

Obituaries

Susan H. Pease

Susan H. Pease, of Ovid, died at her home on Tuesday March 14, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at the age of 75.

Susan, or Sue as she was known, was born on April 7, 1947, in Lansing MI, the daughter of Warren and Geraldine (Neal) Preston. She was the oldest of five siblings, together growing up in and around the Lansing area. After graduating high school she enjoyed an adventurous life working for many cattle ranches in the Western U.S. where she would develop her skills with horses. Also during her career, she worked as a secretary for the Girl Scouts of America, and helped inmates get back on the right track at the Clinton County jail during her time working for the Sheriff's department. Later, she met the love of her life Harold Pease. They were married on Jan 2, 2000 and together they enjoyed over 23 years of marriage, through it all they were by each other's side until her final breath.

During her life, Sue could often be found with her beloved horses. She had a passion for taking care of horses at her farm, where at one point she had over 30 horses on her property, and grew an enthusiasm for teaching others how to ride and take care of their animal. She found great joy in sharing her love of horses to others as she was an active member in the Clinton County 4H horse program. She led the Pony Posse riding group where she was remembered as being a wonderful instructor. Sue had a very fiery soul and if you knew Sue you knew she would put one hundred percent of her effort into everything she did. Most of all Sue will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, as she would always be there for her family no matter what.

Sue is survived by her husband Harold; children Russ (Machelle) Merritt, Jeff (Sherry) Merritt, Dan Hough, Kevin (Mary) Pease, Shari (Mike) Yawn, and Steve (Michele) Pease; sisters Kathy Preston and Peggy Neal; and many loving grandkids and great grandkids. She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter Leanna (Merritt) Schwab; and sister Pamela Graham.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Clinton County 4H, in honor of Sue.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering will be held in the future on the family farm.

The family was served by McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel.

Have a Question for Andy? Submit them to: ask_andy@aol.com

March Madness

Dear Andy

I feel like March and winter are hanging on forever. We were not lucky enough to escape to Arizona or Florida or Texas. I don't know what to do with my self! Where is Global Warming? I am impatient for Summer!

Dear Impatient, Yes, you are! We have had one of the mildest winters in Michigan in nearly 30 years. According to www.weatherunderground.com January 19, 1994 was the last time we dipped 2 degrees below zero.

As for things to do in March: March Madness...basketball in our schools and on TV sports channels. March is Reading month. Get signed up for your local schools or libraries to read to others in your community. Nursing homes and some elderly neighbors with limited vision would love the company to have someone read to them. Also, March is Stroke Awareness month. When checking on a possible stroke victim know the signs... BE FAST to check their Balance, Eyes, Face, Arms, Speech and Time...to call 911.

March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, Athletic Training month...join a gym or walk 15 minutes twice a day. Volunteer somewhere for non-profits. It is also Colorectal Cancer Awareness month...one of the easiest cancers to detect by getting a Colonoscopy and did you know it is also National Nutrition month, and National Social Work month. Something for everyone.

March is an exciting time to recognize Women's History month. Visit some of our Capitol Cities' Museums to learn about their contributions. The Capitol has tours throughout the week on the hour. Oh my, I could go on and on how to celebrate the month of March. During the week of March 12 - 18th it is Patient Awareness week as well as National Pulmonary Rehab awareness week. So, take a deep breath of fresh air during the early signs of Spring.

And, how about St. Patrick's Day on March 17th? Celebrate the Irish. I heard everyone has a little Irish in them on the day of Green. The traditional foods are at most every restaurant in our area. Fun parades and green drinks at the local pubs.

The best thing about March 2023 this year may be the last year we will need to change the time on our clocks. The Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Protection Act. If the House passes the bill and the President signs, we could have an extra hour of day time until future politician decided it's a great idea to change back. If you agree, call your congressman to vote it in....I know I could use another hour in the day. This, of course, is not the most important issue on the docket but it would be nice to have the change for a permanent Standard Time, for many reasons.

As for many, March is marvelous. The air is brisk, it's not too cold to walk and we can sit with the sun on our backs to warm up from winter. I can see that April showers are in the clouds ready to burst, and then the next season will bring on May flowers. Then, Summertime Fun. Be patient by being active.

Oh, and the question about Global warming. In a short answer, THIS IS global warming, floods, hurricanes, less cold temperatures year around, early springs, early migration of birds and cranberry bogs being relocated into Northern Canada. Our earth is changing. Protect our environment and take care of it like it is our only planet.

Thank you for sending me an email. Keep your comments coming. I am excited to hear what you are wondering or thinking about. ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com or send your inquiries to your local paper. Happy Spring, Andy



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Response to Weekly Sportsman Column

Letter to the Editor:

Reading the Weekly Sportsman article on the Spartan tragedy, I take issue with his comment, he waited because it was too soon. I suspect that for the Sandy Hook and Oxford students that went thru previous shootings, this shooting was too soon! No one can tell how long someone's grieving process will be because everyone has a different relationship to these tragedies.

There are, some clear answers to these shootings; and if we don't start addressing them one by one we will never curtail or stop them. There may be laws on the books that were not enforced. That does not mean other laws should not be enacted. More tools can make the enforcement easier. A person can repair equipment with a pipe wrench, hammer, chisel or screw-driver, but if that person has the correct wrenches and specific tools for the job, the repairs will be faster and more enduring.

Mental illness is a big part of these shootings, so why did Donald Trump sign HJ40 on February 28, 2017 making it easier for the mentally ill to purchase firearms? Hindsight is 20/20, that does not mean that correcting problems of one incident will not resolve future incidents.

Certain types of guns seem to be used in these shootings. Some of those guns have no business in the hands of everyday people. The NRA has pushed these weapons to appease the manufacturers who did not get a contract with the U.S. Military. The NRA used to be an organization of hunters and sportsmen, now they are a lobbyist group for firearm manufacturers.

Schools, churches, shopping centers and residential neighborhoods will continue to be targets until there are more restrictions and safeguards enacted. Until then, we will all wait for a shooting to come to our neighborhood, courtesy of the NRA, gun manufacturers and the GOP.

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Sydney Holek Named Memorial Healthcare March EOM

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Sydney Holek, and Intake Coordinator for the Home Health & Hospice department for being selected as our March Employee of the Month. Sydney has been employed at Memorial Healthcare since September 2017.

According to her nomination, “Sydney is unwavering in her dependability, is a vital part of our department and frequently takes on roles outside of the required job duties. She always displays a smile and shares with all co-workers and patients a true listening ear when needed. Sydney always attempts to problem solve for a smoother, more efficient work environment, goes above and beyond each day and is truly irreplaceable!”

Sydney lives in Owosso with her husband who is a police officer. Her hobbies include camping, hiking, reading, diamond painting, and taking her dog on walks. Sydney’s personal outlook is, “Growth and comfort do not co-exist and to always set intentions for yourself.” She dreams of someday living in a beach house in North Carolina on the ocean. Sydney would like to be remembered as a warm hearted and thoughtful person who live in the moment. On being honored as Memorial Healthcare’s Employee of the Month, Sydney is quoted as saying, “Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success, and I am proud to say I have always been successful here at Memorial Healthcare.”

Orthopedic Surgeon Joins SMG St. Johns Practice

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS – Sparrow Medical Group (SMG) Orthopedics and Sports Medicine St. Johns is pleased to welcome highly skilled orthopedic surgeon, Alex Gilde, M.D., to its practice at 901 S. Oakland, St. Johns.

Dr. Gilde specializes in total joint hip and knee replacements and partners with his patients to determine the best course of treatment for them.

Dr. Gilde is accepting new patients and joins orthopedic hand surgeon, Erich Hornbach, M.D., to service the St. Johns-area community. In addition to joining the St. Johns location, Dr. Gilde provides care to patients at SMG Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, 3394 E. Jolly Road, Suite A, Lansing.

Dr. Gilde completed his Orthopaedic Adult Reconstruction Fellowship at Florida Orthopaedic Institute and his Orthopaedic Surgical Residency at the Michigan State University/Spectrum Health Orthopaedic Residency. He obtained his doctorate degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. He is a member of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Gilde, call 989.227.3545. For more information, visit Sparrow.org/Orthopedics.



SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER

Art Scholarship Available

submitted by Piper Brewer

All students, grades 9-12 in Shiawassee County, Chesaning and Ovid-Elsie are invited to participate in the Shiawassee Arts Center’s 51st Annual High School Art Scholarship Show & Competition April 26-30, 2023. Up to \$2,000 in scholarship awards will be presented at the reception, Sunday, April 30, 1-3pm.

Applications may be found at www.shiawasseearts.org and may also be obtained from high school art instructors. Students do not need to be currently enrolled in an art class. Home school and private high school students are welcome.

Scholarship Chairperson and SAC Arts Education Director, Linda Ruehle states, “Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, more than \$90,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to provide students with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth. Professional artists from out of the district, will be judging the work on originality, creativity, technical skill and presentation.” For more information or questions call (989) 723-8354.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located next to Curwood Castle in Owosso, is open Monday - Friday 10-5pm and weekends noon-3pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome, there is no admission charge and the facility is handicap accessible. SAC, which is celebrating its 51st anniversary in 2023, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts.



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Pathways Adult Education Program at Baker College Honored

submitted by Karen Wagner

The Pathways Adult Education Program at Baker College of Owosso was recently honored by the Michigan Adult Community and Alternative Education Association for surpassing its Measurable Skills Gains Goals for the 2021-22 academic year. Measurable skills gains demonstrate participants' progress towards achieving employment or a credential, such as earning credits towards a high school diploma or passing sections of the GED. This is a notable accomplishment and very few programs in the state receive this recognition. The highly qualified teachers and staff work with students individually to ensure that they are making progress and achieving their educational goals.

Pathways' students have the opportunity to attend free welding classes at Baker College of Owosso. An American Welding Society (AWS) certification is available upon successful completion.

The Pathways' Career Navigator provides assistance with creating individualized cover letters and resumes, increasing job search skills, and applying for colleges and scholarships, if desired.

If you are interested in learning more about the Pathways Adult Education program, please call 989-729-3620 or email pathways@baker.edu.

Mini Watercolor Workshop

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be offering a 2 Day Mini Watercolor Workshop - Introduction to Watercolor with Lisabeth Curnow, an award winning artist from Holt. Thursday, March 23rd & 30th, from Noon- 4PM.

2 Day "Mini Watercolor Workshop - Introduction to Watercolor"

This workshop is for beginning artists, who are interested in learning about the tools and techniques of watercolor painting. We will cover ALL the basics - supplies & tools for painting, water and brush control, glazes, creating texture, color mixing, and more.

If you have been wanting to try watercolor or you are a beginner who has been frustrated with the medium and would like some simple instructions and help getting to the next level - this class is for YOU!

Supplies needed for this class are:

Watercolor paint (a basic watercolor palette of pan watercolors or several tubes of color that include at least one of each primary color - red, yellow, & blue plus an earth tone - brown) and a palette or glass plate to mix on, at least one round watercolor brush (size 8 or 10) and one flat watercolor brush, a pad of watercolor paper (preferably 140 lb weight paper), a roll of paper towel, and 2 water containers. And you may want to bring tape and a ruler.

If you have watercolor supplies - bring what you have been using. If you do not have supplies - bring at least the minimum as listed above. We will have a thorough discussion about supplies that you can always add to once you have a better understanding of the medium.

Pre-registration and payment required. Call The Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 to register or for questions regarding any classes. The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The classrooms are handicap accessible.



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I've been out and about this snowy morning and the kid in me is getting excited with this packing snow. I'm remembering the tall snowman that my Mom helped us kids get together when we lived in the Eaton Rapids area. My sister and I rolled the base pieces until we couldn't move them anymore, then Mom finished them up for us. The snowman was huge, over six foot tall, and Mom was a mere five foot five. My sister and I remember her hoisting the snowman's head up on its body. Of course she made it look simple. Mom was holding his head above hers and quickly placed it on the torso and packed snow around it. The base was huge, 'cause he was no skinny fellow. From our view he was three stories high. A carrot was used for the nose and black stones were used for his eyes and smile. Yes, he had a hat and a long flowing scarf. At the time we girl's were maybe three and a half foot tall and our brothers were cute toddlers, they got over that. Fond memories are like a casket of jewels that sparkle and shine for us. Thank the good Lord for good memories and Mom's that make them.

Right now, I'm reconnoitering my recipe files, drawers and books. I've misplaced my hummingbird bread recipe. I want to get some made and am at odds with myself for misplacing it. I probably could make a similar one but I have a tendency of making adjustments to the original and writing down what I have done to change it to enhance my taste. Most bakers and cooks that I know make these adjustments but never seem to forget them. Wahoo, found it. It was in the new recipe box which is much roomier than my old one. Speaking of recipes, I just asked Mary Ann if she would share her soup recipe with me and she was very agreeable. Her minestrone soup is fabulous, no changes necessary. I had a bowl of her minestrone soup at the soup and sandwich meal Tuesday evening at the Bannister Methodist Church.

This is how my Tuesday occurred... I was at the shop by 5:30AM, turned on the coffee pot, the grill, and put water on to boil. Also made a small pot of coffee. I quickly got the sausage gravy filling the air with its aroma. Made a batch of pie dough and started the cinnamon roll dough. Diane was held over at work and was exhausted when she got there and then she made our old fashioned donuts and was filling up the display case before the doors opened. Technically only a door opens when we turn on the open sign, put out the open flag and put the sandwich board out on the sidewalk. Diane left in an exhausted state and I fared well until Noah made it in at ten. It is interesting when I realized that we have three generations working together at least once a week. I was out the door at 12:15 PM when we closed for the day. I then headed southwest to pick up our eggs and on into St Johns to do our banking. Finally I headed north to the Gateway that belongs to Phillips Orchard on US27 where I took advantage of their apple sale. I bought a half bushel of Ida Reds and another half of Gala apples,(only five dollars a half bushel) I do believe that it will be an applesauce weekend. I made it home by ten to two, took up my soup and cornbread up to the church for the evening meal. Of course I took Prudence with me because she had an appointment at the groomers in Alma. I was fifteen minutes early and dropped her off while I made a quick run up to Mt Pleasant on an errand, made it back to Wal Mart in Alma to get a couple of items and received a text saying that Pru was ready to be picked up as I walked out to my car. Such efficiency is amazing, especially when I manage it. I had Pru back in the car with me within five minutes and the pair of us headed home. I think that I made it up for the church dinner at 5:15 where I got to visit with others. When I got home I baked three fresh apple cakes and putzed around until nearly eleven and then I curled up for a long winter's nap. I'm glad that all of my days are not as busy as Tuesday was...

My nap wasn't very long but it was enough for me to enjoy the beginnings of another day. May your life be full and filled with many of God's blessings.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Editorial

Tractor Tools for Planting Wildlife Habitat

Whether you are planning to plant a food plot, cover, or trees it is important to start with the right tools. Small micro-plots tucked away far and deep in the woods can be done with hand tools but larger areas should have plans to be worked with tractor mounted three point hitch equipment. It is important to keep all equipment somewhat narrow in width to make trailer transport easy and traveling down trails and two tracks a possibility. Most three point equipment can also be adapted and attached to some sort of pull behind electric wired cart or hitch to use with four wheelers and other atv's like gators, rangers, and scouts.

First step when creating habitat is to clear the land to prepare an adequate firm seedbed and rid unwanted vegetation. A brush hog or rotary cutter can shred any vegetation and trash residue on the soil surface and a few applications of Round-up from a sprayer will help reduce unwanted grass and weeds. These two tools will see multi-seasonal use every year to maintain and regenerate plots and other tasks. To break ground consider a combination of a moldboard plow, rear mounted tiller, and or a disc. If you plan to use summer fallowing to kill weeds consider a field cultivator which can also be used later if planting corn, beans, or sunflowers in rows.

Planting options vary and there are several different methods and types of planters to use. The easiest and probably most common method for extremely small seeds is to use a broadcast spreader and then follow up with a cultipacker. This method works well with all sizes of seeds. For more accurate and even distribution of seeds a drill may be used. Old farm grain drills are usually too wide and worn out but Great Plains and Truax currently manufacture compact five to six foot models. The Truax is probably the most precise but also requires greater maintenance of inner working parts. Other brands include Plotmaster Systems and Tarter which have simpler design and fabrication and usually tillage tools like disc gangs along with some form of cultipacker or finisher on the rear.

Next up is to use unit row planters that mount on toolbars for seeding items like corn, peas, beans,beets, sorghum, sunflowers, etc. Examples of row unit planters include John Deere 70 and 71 or International Harvester 185 and 295. While almost identical in external appearance they differ in paint color and internal seed plates used. Some parts are interchangeable as both companies outsourced their production to Yetter with their inception in the 1950's. Still available today thru Yetter as the model 71 they offer flexibility in both between row spacing and in the row seed spacing. It is easier to set up for a single or multiple row options depending on your tractor tire width and cultivating options Plates for just about any imaginable type and size of seed can be sourced thru www.Licolnagproducts.com. There are other similar and possibly cheaper options on the market like Field Tuff's version to plant corn and beans but the Yetter style row unit models have been field tested and proven for over seventy years.

If your habitat plans include planting conifer, deciduous, and fruit trees using bare root seedlings then it is worth time to track down a transplanter made in Holland, Michigan by one of two companies; Mechanical Transplanter or Holland Transplanter.

Like a lot of things in life, anything worth doing is worth doing right. Initial investment in all new tools can be expensive but often when starting out it is easy to buy used or rent, borrow, and co-invest.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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NOTICE

The Village of Ashley will be accepting bid proposal for the Village of Ashley Lawn Mowing, please contact Paul Beck at (989)640-4314 for acreage and more details. Bids will be accepted through March 31, 2023 and can be received at the Ashley Village Office at PO Box 158, Ashley, MI 48806 or sent by email to villageclerk@ashleyvil-

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President, Ann Paksi.

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Sciota Township Accepting Bids for Lawn Care Services 2023 – 2025:

The Township of Sciota is accepting requests for bids with a 2-year contract for lawn care services for Sciota township hall and Putnam Cemetery locations. Contractors are asked to submit bid estimates by either method, #1) by cost per mow + number of mows per week/month; OR #2) by cost per season, April - October. Mowing acreage is at 2 locations. Location #1 is approximately 0.25 acres at the township hall, 3990 Leland Rd, and 0.9 acres at the township parking area across from the township hall. Location #2 is approximately 2.5 acre at the Putnam Cemetery on Putnam Rd. Specifications include grass height, for both locations, to be kept at an average of 3.0" - 3.5" inches. In addition to mowing services, the bid should include: 1) weed trimming for approximately 110 headstones at the Putnam Cemetery, as needed; 2) tree limb/trash pick-up and removal in mowing areas. In addition to the preceding requirements, the township requests that lawncare services be provided as close to national holidays as possible (i.e., Memorial Day, July 4th holiday, Labor Day). Bidder must clearly state any specifications they will be unable to provide. Bidder must carry business liability and auto insurance policies and worker's compensation.

Bids are due by Friday, March 31st, at 4:00 p.m. to the township clerk. The township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Sciota Township is a municipal local governmental unit, and as such, is exempt from all state and federal taxes. All questions should be directed to the clerk.

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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.

NEWS FOR FARMERS

Michigan Farm Bureau Takes Home top Honor for National 'Harvest for All' Program

by Farm News Media, Michigan Farm News

In its mission to end hunger, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) took top honors in the "Harvest for All" program, raising \$372,716 in 2022.

Numerous fundraising activities conducted by Michigan county Farm Bureaus and the Agent Charitable Fund, coupled with "double-up" grants, helped Michigan reach its fund total. Included was a month-long challenge that encouraged members and county Farm Bureaus to partner with communities and raised enough funds to provide 655,000 meals to Michigan families in need.

Now in its 21st year, American Farm Bureau Federation's Harvest for All is spearheaded by members of its Young Farmers and Ranchers program, with members across the nation contributing to the effort. Their participation helps ensure Americans who are facing food insecurity can enjoy the bounty of food farmers and ranchers produce.

"This just shows what we can accomplish when we all work together to eradicate hunger," said MFB President Carl Bednarski. The organization started its "For-Purpose" effort in 2022 to end childhood hunger in Michigan.

"I am proud of the work of our county Farm Bureaus and Agent Charitable Fund. Remember: This is just a beginning. There's still work to be done to end hunger."

According to AFBF, farm and ranch families nationwide donated 25.3 million pounds of food and raised more than \$1 million through the Harvest for All program. Combined, the monetary and food donations totaled the equivalent of 31.1 million meals. Farmers and ranchers also tallied 13,827 volunteer hours assisting local hunger groups in 2022.

Criteria for tracking Harvest for All donations included dollars and pounds of food donated by state and county Farm Bureaus, as well as volunteer hours, reported from the grassroots up as part of the annual campaign.

"The reality is that addressing hunger is a concern for people from all walks of life, including many rural Americans and residents of farming communities," said Matt Fimon of Virginia, chair of AFBF's YF&R Committee.

"Farm Bureau remains committed to helping put food on the tables of those in need through Harvest for All."

Florida Farm Bureau donated the most food in 2022 at 18.7 million pounds. The state Farm Bureau also tallied the most volunteer hours (6,400). This included time collecting and delivering food and supplies to community members impacted by hurricanes. Members involved in YF&R programs in several counties also participated in gleaning projects, helping local farmers pick produce from fields after harvest for donation to local food pantries.

With the help of Nationwide, Michigan and Florida received a \$500 grant (for each type of contribution) for donation to a local food bank of their choice or for another Harvest for All project.

Second-place winners were New York Farm Bureau for 6.4 million pounds of food donated, Tennessee Farm Bureau for \$256,500 in donated funds and Illinois Farm Bureau for 4,153 hours of donated volunteer time.

Each of the second-place winners received a \$250 grant from Nationwide to donate to the local food bank of their choice.

In addition, the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee received a \$250 grant from Nationwide for "most innovative" program for hosting a March Madness NCAA basketball tournament fundraiser. Participants made donations to submit their brackets and the winner donated funds to Feeding Illinois, the association of Feeding America food banks that serve Illinois.

AFBF presented the awards during AFBF's 2023 FUSION Conference, held March 3-6, in Jacksonville, Florida. Since launching Harvest for All, Farm Bureau families have collected 437 million pounds of food, logged more than 237,000 volunteer hours and raised more than \$11 million in donations.



During Hunger Action Month in September, more than 100 MFB staff members volunteered at various food banks in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Flint, Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Oak Park to help sort and pack grocery goods for families in need. Photo by Farm News Media

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in Job Interview



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Ashley FFA Successful at State Convention

submitted by Amber McAllister

The Ashley FFA had a very successful week down at State Convention on the campus of MSU. The Chapter earned Superior Chapter, National Chapter with a Silver Ranking, and 8th in Speak AG. Academic Excellence Awards were received by Logan Drummond earning a Gold and Clayton Juhas earning a Silver. Leslie Bockheim earned her State Degree and Logan Drummond earned a Silver Ranking in Job Interview.



Ovid-Elsie FFA Brings Home Gold From State Convention

The Ovid-Elsie Ag Issues Team on earning GOLD and being 2nd runner-up. We are so proud of all the hard work you put into your presentation.



Academic Excellence Award Recipients L to R: Willow Evans, Perrien Rasch, Jordyn Chant.

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Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter Members Receive State Recognitions



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Local FFA Students to State Capitol for Tour

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, met with FFA students from schools in Byron, Chesaning, Corunna, New Lothrop, Ovid-Elsie, Owosso and Perry on Thursday, March 9 at the state Capitol in Lansing. FFA is a youth career and tech organization that promotes and supports agriculture education for middle and high school students. The students, who are serving as FFA chapter delegates to the state convention being held this week at Michigan State University, went on a personalized tour of the House floor with Rep. BeGole.

Michigan Farm Numbers

The number of farms in Michigan in 2022 was 44,300. Land in farms was 9.2 million acres, down 500,000 acres from last year. The average size farm in Michigan was 208 acres per farm, down from 211 acres in 2021.

The number of farms in the United States for 2022 is estimated at 2,002,700 down 9,3550 farms from 2021. Total land in farms, at 893,400,000 acres, decreased 1,900,000 acres from 2021. The average farm size for 2022 is 446 acres, up from 445 acres the previous year.





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USDA ‘Sent a Shot Across the Bow’ to the Corn Market During Ag Outlook Forum

By Eric Pfeiffer

USDA held their annual Agricultural Outlook Forum on Thursday and Friday this past week, providing their initial forecast for the ag economy, commodity markets, and trade in 2023. They also provided acreage estimates for this year.

“USDA really sent a shot across the bow on the corn market for ‘23-’24 on several fronts,” says Brian Basting, market research analyst with Advance Trading. USDA bumped their corn acreage estimate up to 91 million acres.

“I’d remind your listeners that we planted 88.6 million acres in 2022, so nearly two and a half million acres there. And a real big, big note there was that they put in a record yield. Now, this is just a number on the wall. Anything can happen between now and the time the combines roll in October, but a 181.5 national average yield. For perspective, last year, it was 173.3.”

Wheat acres across the country are expected to climb to 49.5 million acres, up nearly 3.8 million acres. Soybean acres remained flat from 2022 at 87.5 million acres. Basting is skeptical about that soybean number.

“I don’t know if that’s going to happen or not. With all the extra wheat acres we planted last fall, I would think that if the soybean market holds together in the summer here, and the wheat harvest comes off in a timely fashion, we may see more double crop soybeans planted than maybe the market has factored in.”

If that happens, it would ultimately lead to a rise in acreage for all three- corn, soybeans, and wheat. Where’s that acreage coming from? Well, USDA Chief Economist Seth Meyer says we ended up with higher than normal prevented-plant acres out west in 2022.



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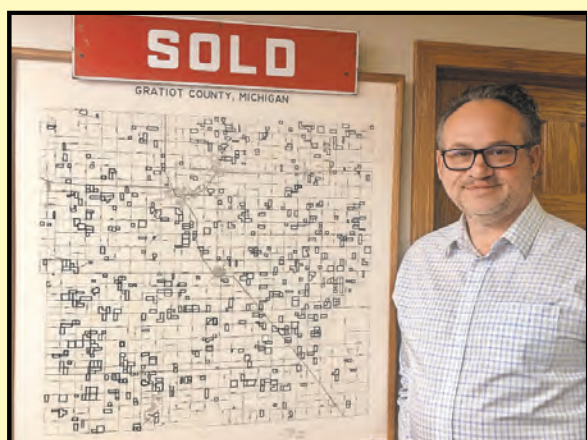


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Lansing LLS Event 'Perfect Environment' for Ag Advocacy

by Farm News Media,
Michigan Farm News

Michigan Farm Bureau members from districts 2 and 5 were able to get one-on-one time to share their thoughts and concerns with lawmakers thanks to MFB's regional Lansing Legislative Seminar (LLS), which held its district-level event in Lansing on March 1.

The day kicked off with in-depth updates on key issues from MFB staff members before shifting to an informal lunch and discussion that was attended by multiple elected officials representing areas in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee and Shiawassee Counties.

Rep. Brian BeGole (R-Antrim Township) said LLS was a "perfect environment" to hear from his constituents, most of whom knew him well from his more than three decades of experience as Shiawassee County Sheriff.

"It's really helpful to get everyone together in one locale because the district is so spread out, there's so many different meetings going on and some happen at the same time so you're obviously not able to be everywhere at once," BeGole said.

"Fortunately, I know many of the Farm Bureau members because they're active in their community and through that relationship there's a great exchange of information."

Hillsdale County Farm Bureau member Ron Oates spoke with two lawmakers from his area, joining others to share their concerns about the proposal to reclassify the Prairie River.

"We have a lot of investments into irrigation systems that we won't be able to use if that happens," Oates said.

He's been to multiple LLS events in the past but added that he liked the different style of this year's gathering, including being able to walk through Lansing and make a visit to the state capitol.

After meeting with their legislators, MFB members were able to watch a House session in-person and learn about how to effectively share their stories with lawmakers during formal testimonies.

MFB at-large Director Paul Pridgeon has attended two



Rep. Brian BeGole (above, center) said the regional Lansing Legislative Seminar event was a "perfect environment" to hear from his constituents and praised MFB members for being active in their community.

Photo by Michigan Farm Bureau

an opportunity for you to continue to make a relationship with somebody in your community so that they know what your concerns are and what's important to you."

regional LLS events so far this year and received positive feedback from members who felt they were able to have more time with their lawmakers at the district-level events. He said it's important for Farm Bureau members to remember that legislators are people and they're just like them.

"They're no different than your neighbor or the person you sit next to at church or at a restaurant. If they don't know what's happening on your farm, then that's concerning," Pridgeon explained.

"And the only way they're going to know what you know is if you come and tell them. It's



Dairy Business Builder Grants Now Accepting Applications

submitted Chelsea Lewis-Parisio

LANSING - The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) has opened their Dairy Business Builder Grant for 2023. Grants are distributed to dairy based farms and processors in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

In September of 2022, MDARD joined the federal DBIA program. DBIA aims to support small-to medium-sized dairy business in diversifying on-farm activity, creating value-added products, enhancing dairy by-products, and creating or enhancing dairy export programs.

Since its creating in the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, the DBIA has administered technical assistance and over \$3.7 million in grant to dairy businesses in five midwestern states. Additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now supporting an expansion of the program's service area to include Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio.

A "Helpful Hints" webinar was recorded on February 21st and will be posted to the website soon. Applications are due April 13, 2023, at 6pm EST. Michigan dairy farms and processors are encouraged to apply for the grant.

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Sports

Quarterfinal Classic: Blissfield Takes Control Late in 45-41 Oustng of O-E Girls

SPRINGPORT — Diehard basketball fans were rewarded here Tuesday evening, March 14.

The Blissfield Royals turned a midcourt steal into a three-point play, then added a final free throw, in the last minute of play to win a MHSAA girls basketball Quarterfinal game over Ovid-Elsie, 45-41.

The showdown was two games away from either team qualifying for the Division 3 State Final — but it was championship basketball at its best from both squads.

End-to-end layins. Three point buckets off the break. Clutch rebounds and steals. At times, an exhilarating pace.

“We played a great game,” said veteran O-E head coach Ryan Cunningham. “We have nothing to hang our heads about. This loss will sting for a while but eventually, we’ll be able to look back at all we accomplished.”

“I am proud of these girls and hope our school and community are proud of them, too. We came up a little short, but these girls deserve a ton of credit and respect.”

O-E jumped out to a 15-10 first quarter lead and the advantage help up at the half-time break, 24-22. The Royals hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to end the third quarter, tying things up 35-35. Excitingly, the two combatants played to a 6-6 standoff in the 4th stanza before Blissfield tallied the final four points in the last minute of play.

Blissfield did own a noticeable advantage in free throw attempts; the Royals shot 10-of-15, while O-E managed just 2 of 3. “It’ll sound like sour grapes, but the foul situation was odd,” explained Cunningham. “On two different occasions, they awarded us free throws, then reversed their calls and took us off the free throw line. Fifteen to three from the foul line is a big discrepancy and we only committed two more fouls than they did on the night.”

The Marauders outrebounded Blissfield 21-19 and shot a superb 50% from the field to the Royals’ 41.5%. O-E had one more turnover than BHS, 17-16, and dropped 18 field goals, one more than Blissfield.

Braeden Tokaer had a team-high 12 points for O-E, to go along with 5 rebounds, 4 steals and 2 assists. Ava Bates added 11 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Evalyn Cole chipped in with 10 points, going 5-for-5 from the field, adding 3 rebounds and 4 assists. Kiah Longoria (3 rebounds) and Hailee Campbell (5 rebounds, 2 steals) each scored 4 points in Ovid-Elsie’s 2022-23 finale. The Lady Marauders won 22 of 27 games this season.

Blissfield (26-1) advanced to MSU’s Breslin Center to take on Madison Heights Bishop Foley (21-5).

Senior guard and superb defender, Kiah Longoria #4, played in her last game as a lady Marauder on the hardwood on March 14th at Springport during the quarterfinal game against Blissfield.



Ovid-Elsie's Evalyn Cole blocks Avery Collins' drive to the bucket during Tuesday's Division 3 quarterfinal game at Springport.

Photos by Keith Kingsbury



Wolfpack Humbles Ovid-Elsie in District Finals, 62-22

NEW LOTHROP —

Laingsburg’s 2nd quarter run, into the 3rd period, sent school officials scurrying for the record books.

The unbeaten Wolfpack went on an unprecedented 32-0 blitz on Ovid-Elsie, opening up a tight 13-10 lead into a monstrous 45-10 joyride. The final score was 62-22, sending Daniel Morrill’s Wolves onto the Regional Semifinals at Hanover-Horton.

While the inside looks for LHS piled up, this blitzkrieg was all about defense. O-E was shut out in the second quarter, and that was just the beginning. The Marauders, who played tough against LHS in a 12-point loss just three weeks earlier, didn’t have a scorer in double figures.

“They ratcheted up their defense and we kind of panicked a little bit,” veteran Marauder coach Josh Latz said. “And we got into a little foul trouble ... like I told my guys, it’s nothing to hang your heads about. They are 23-0 for a reason. They’re obviously really good and it’s a total package. It’s not just one guy.”

Beau Price drilled a three-point shot from deep on the baseline at the first quarter buzzer, pulling O-E within 13-10. After that, it was all Zander Woodruff and LHS. Woodruff finished with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals — and the Wolfpack shared the love. Jake Essenberg scored 10, Eli Woodruff 14, Ty Randall 8, Luke Snyder 6 and Connor Hulliberger 3, while Essenberg and Brayden Thomas ran the offense flawlessly.

While the Wolves controlled the action, they held onto the ball. By contrast, the Marauders were plagued by numerous turnovers — including five on six consecutive possessions in the 2nd stanza.

Morrill said assistant Tim Beebe was the one who suggested switching to the stifling 2-3 zone that keyed the team’s 2nd quarter blitz. “It’s something that we pulled out of our scouting reports and we played the passing lanes a little more and worked on some trapping and I think they were a little uncomfortable with it,” Morrill said.

O-E went scoreless for 13 minutes, until the 3:00 mark of the 3rd stanza, when Bruce Thornton hit a 3-point bucket.

Tryce Tokar led O-E with 8 points, Thornton 5, Braxton Stenger 3, Mason Ritenburg 3 and Price 3. The Marauders, finishing a sterling campaign at 18-5 and with a league championship in hand, went to the free throw line just twice.

Laingsburg advanced to play the Jonesville Comets in the opening game of the MHSAA Division 3 Regionals on March 13 at Hanover-Horton HS.

Wolfpack defender, Zander Woodruff applies defensive pressure against OE's Trace Tokar in District Final action in New Lothrop.



Ovid-Elsie senior guard Braxton Stenger drives on Laingsburg defender Cam Ballard in District Final action at New Lothrop. LHS improved to 23-0 with a 62-22 victory, ending an outstanding O-E season at 18-5.

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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 here-of 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. 201 E Lincoln St, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 12, 2023 File No. 23-001853 Firm Name: Orlans PC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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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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This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: March 26, 2023 File No. 22-008982 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 3, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): John M. Hobbs Jr., Trustee of The John M. Hobbs Jr Living Trust dated June 19, 2014 and any amendments thereto Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Finance of America Reverse LLC Date of Mortgage: November 16, 2016 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 22, 2016 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$193,248.62 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 11, except the South 8 feet thereof, Sibley Acres No. 2, City of DeWitt Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Clinton County Records.

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Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

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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Sports

Wolves Advance in MHSAA Regional, 61-54 Over Gritty Jonesville Comets

HANOVER HORTON — They only get tougher the more games you play.

That's been the mantra — the intent — of the MHSAA boys basketball tournament since its inception. You advance at your own peril.

Unbeaten Laingsburg faced its toughest challenge in weeks, particularly in the 4th quarter, but was finally able to subdue Jonesville in a Division 3 Regional, 61-54, here March 13.

The Comets, champions of southern Michigan's Big 8 conference, ended their season at 19-6.

They did not go quietly.

Coach Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack jumped out to a quick 11-5 lead. Every time the Comets got close, the Wolves would put together a scoring run. When Jonesville closed within 17-16 in the 2nd quarter, Laingsburg zipped off a 7-0 spurt to quickly regain control.

When Eli Woodruff scored on a tough hanger from the key, falling down (no foul called), LHS seemed in control, 42-31, at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Hold it. Not so fast.

Jonesville's full-court pressure forced repeated Laingsburg turnovers, many on back-taps, in the 4th stanza. After the Comets hit back-to-back three pointers in the final two minutes, things were tight at 57-53 with just 1:11 left to play.

The Wolfpack capitalized on 9-of-15 free throws down the stretch, as the Comets were forced to foul. While it wasn't always pretty, the Wolves' prowess at the charity stripe — plus a couple of long three-balls — were able to hold the Comets at bay.



Using a screen from teammate Jake Essenberg, Laingsburg's Zander Woodruff goes off a three-pointer in Regional Semifinal action vs. Jonesville. The Wolfpack prevailed, 61-54. Photos by Burg Sports



Luke Snyder scoring a basket during the regional game against Jonesville.

Wolfpack Moves Into MHSAA State Quarterfinals, 63-42 over Center

HANOVER HORTON — Like a classic novelist, coach Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack boys basketball team penned itself into school history here March 15, as MHSAA Division 3 Regional Champions.

Call it A Tale of Two Halves. It was the best of quarters ... and the worst of quarters.

Well. "Worst" may be overstating it a bit, but Michigan Center used their physicality to spurt to a quick 6-0 lead and lead 17-13 after the first period. Then, with a 30-foot buzzer-beater to end the first half, the Cardinals led 30-28. LHS kept trying, but their 3-point shooting was off (3-for-16) in the first half.

Yet, sorry Center. End of story line.

"We tried some different things with a 1-3-1 zone to try to make them go east and west a little more," said Morrill. "We had some spot success with it in the second quarter. We didn't feel like they were getting past us in the first half as much as muscling us down to the paint."

Laingsburg's 63-42, Regional Championship victory was spearheaded by a lock-down defensive effort in the second half, limiting Center (18-6) to just 12 points. The Wolfpack roared to a 52-41 lead in a game-changing third quarter, then limited the Cards to just one point in the final period. At one juncture into the 4th period, the Pack rolled onto a 22-4 scoring run.

Laingsburg remained unbeaten at 25-0 — a new LHS record — and became the first Wolfpack team since the 2014-15 girls to advance to the MHSAA Quarterfinals. The LHS boys also won Regional Championships in 1997 and 2013 under iconic coach Greg Mitchell.

The third quarter blitz was led by the Lansing area's leading scorer, Zander Woodruff, who shocked Center with 17 of his game-high 30 points in the period.

The Wolves will next play the Ecorse Raiders (19-4), a 69-58 victor over Plymouth Christian. The Quarterfinal will be played in Ypsilanti on Tuesday, March 21. In the other Quarterfinal games, Detroit Loyola will take on Flint Beecher, St. Ignace vs. Traverse City St. Francis, and Pewamo-Westphalia vs. Niles Brandywine.



Cam Ballard attempts to block a shot from a Michigan Center player during quarterfinals.



Zander Woodruff was on fire scoring 30 points in the state quarterfinal game against Michigan Center.

Photo by Burg Sports

That's right: the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) has two of the state's eight teams still advancing through the tournament, cementing itself as one of the historically-best Division 3 conferences in Michigan.

"The (Laingsburg) school history thing is really cool," explained Morrill. "We have great respect for our program's history and to be mentioned in the conversation with those teams that had success is an honor. It's a credit to the kids who wanted it bad enough to put the work in."

"No LHS team has ever been 25-0 and the players should be very proud of that, I know I am proud of them."

Eli Woodruff was big, again, with 13 points for LHS. Brayden Thomas and Ty Randall each scored six points, and Jacob Essenberg turned in another huge floor game for the Wolves, launching critical drives to the bucket in the 4th quarter.

Adrien Putnam scored 16 points to lead the Cardinals.



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