

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Laingsburg Boys Varsity Basketball

Team Includes: Jackson Audretsch, Vance Klont, Lucas Matthews, Adam Essenberg, Cam Ballard, Jacob Essenberg, Brayden Thomas, Elliot Wilsey, Brock Johnston, Zander Woodruff, Luke Snyder, Eli Woodruff, Ty Randall, Aiden Maddaloni, Connor Hulliberger.
Coach Daniel Morrill.

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Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Basketball

Team Includes: Bruce Thornton, Tryce Tokar, Perrien Rasch, Braxton Stenger, Dominic Kline, Jamison Custer, Gunner McCreery, Mike Loynes, Toker Loynes, Beau Price, Clay Wittenberg, Mason Ritenburg, Hunter Bates, Justin Cole, Kole Middleton, Logan Thompson, Coach Josh Latz, Asst. Coach Austen Jones, Student Manager Jaksen Jones.



Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Basketball

Team Includes: Rylee Lewis, Izzy Loynes, Kiah Longoria, Hadley Bukantis, Katie Lorio, Murphy Alexa, Malena Diaz Blanco, Madison Thornton, Aubrey Kurka, Ellyanna Carman, Hailee Campbell, Ava Bates, Braeden Tokar, Evalyn Cole. Asst. Coaches Jason Tokar, Chris Parker and Manager: Kaela Campbell, Kendall Tokar, Asst. Coach: Braylon Byrnes, Coach Dr. Ryan Cunningham.

See pages 7, 8 9 for complete stories and more sports

Wyrick Receives 2023 CANR Distinguished Service Award

submitted by Abbey Miller

David Wyrick, of Byron, Michigan, will receive a Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) Distinguished Service Award at the March 10 ANR Awards Program.

The award honors individuals or partners who have made outstanding contributions to Michigan's agriculture and natural resources industries, and who possess high standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of the college.

Wyrick retired in 2021 as an outreach specialist in the Department of Community Sustainability and Michigan FFA State Executive Secretary, a position he held for 16 years. Among other responsibilities as State FFA Executive Secretary, he worked closely with the state FFA officer team, directed the planning of the annual FFA State Convention, and coordinated the many career development and skills contests that occur throughout the year. Prior to his Michigan FFA service, Wyrick was principal of Byron High School in Byron, Michigan, from 1998 to 2005, and an agriscience teacher from 1976 to 1998 at Byron High School. Under his leadership, the Byron Center agriscience program and FFA chapter were recognized as being among the most active in the state, guiding students to five different state officer positions, 21 students earning American FFA degrees, 133 earning State FFA Degrees and five of his former students becoming AFNRE teachers.

Wyrick was instrumental in increasing the number of students attending MSU, especially in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Education (AFNRE) major within the Department of Community Sustainability, thus increasing the number of AFNRE teachers. He created the Challenge 24 program and the AFNRE Career Development, two programs for college students to gain exposure to teaching careers in AFNRE. He also helped secure student scholarship funding for these programs and to recognize the winner in the CDE.

Under Wyrick's leadership, the Michigan FFA membership nearly doubled, from 4,857 to 8,856 members. The Michigan FFA financial position also grew during his tenure. He was the driving force for Michigan becoming an affiliated state and worked with the Michigan FFA Foundation to make AET available to all students in the AFNRE program, at no cost to the district or student.

Wyrick also gave his time to many boards at local, state and national levels. He was an active member of the National Association of Agriscience Educators, serving on many committees which guide the association of teachers. In addition to being an instrumental member of the Michigan FFA Board of Directors, he also served on the Michigan FFA Foundation Board, State FFA Alumni Board and is a member of the MSU AFNRE team. Locally, he has served on the township planning board and has been active on many committees for Burns township.

He earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness and natural resources education from MSU in 1976 and a master's degree in agricultural and extension education in 1984, also from MSU.

Dave Wyrick, graduated from Ovid-Elsie in 1972. He and his wife, Irene (Boose) have three adult sons and three grandsons.



Students Visit Greenhouse: One hundred twenty Leonard kindergarten and pre-first grade students visited Jon Boy's (Simpsons) Greenhouse on Thursday, March 2nd. Planting, Growing & Garden Box projects by the students will take place this Spring. Pictured here are students planting seeds and seedlings. Jon Kelly, owner of the greenhouse explains the growing process. See next weeks Weekly for complete story and photos.
Photos by Deb Price

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Library News

Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

On Tuesday March 7 the crafting ladies will be here. They begin crafting at 1:30. Come on down and craft with them. There's lots of room to spread out and work.

Wednesday, March 8 will be Classic Movie Day. Movie time is 1:00. This week's movie will be "Woman in Gold" starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds.

Adult Booktasting will be Monday, March 13 at 1:00. Come down and join our group. You will hear about all sorts of good books. This is a fun group. Bring a friend and join us.

Friday, March 17 will be children's story hour. This starts at 10:30. Ms. Shelly always has some fun books and games for the kids. We will do a St. Patrick's day craft that day. We are hoping that the leprechauns don't make too much of a mess in the library but maybe they will leave a special treat for the kids.

We are once again holding a March is Reading Month Challenge for the kids. Come into the library to get your reading log. We will have two age groups. 0-8 and 9 and up. The younger kids need to read (or have read to them) and fill in a clover for each book they read. Older kids can fill in a clover for every 10 minutes that they read. When they finish their log, bring it into the library and they can enter their name into a drawing to win a prize.

We would like all our patrons to know that if you have overdue books and we try to call you or send you a letter, please don't ignore us. We are always willing to work with you and figure out what to do. You don't have to be afraid of our librarians. We are a pretty friendly bunch. We mostly just want to get our books back in a timely fashion. At this time we do not charge late fines. But we are always willing to accept donations.

Soup and Sandwich

There will be a "Soup/Sandwich" after "Stations of the Cross" at 3:00pm at St. Cyril's Parish Hall in Bannister on Friday, March 10 and March 24.

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 and enter sponsor code LKofC or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR
Clinton County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Victor Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall and on the Victor Township website, www.victortwp.org.

This Notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the Township at 517-651-2094.

Lianne Prange, Clerk
6843 E. Alward Rd.
Laingsburg, MI 48848

Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owen Prussner

Owosso Parkinson Support Group will be meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 5:00PM. We meet at Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300N. Washington St, Owosso, MI 48867. Phone 989-723-8875. The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month.

We have a special guest speaker, Stephanie Woznak a social worker, with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Stephanie Woznak will be speaking about new ways to keep support groups involved with MPF. MPF will be Zoom chatting about different topics. Keeping support groups involved and sharing information we need for members., and how they can help us.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us, we provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support.

If you have any questions about Owosso Parkinson Support Group, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator at 989-723-6901.

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2023 Fish Fry Schedule
Fridays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm Public Welcome
No Advance Orders...Drive Thru Only
Limited Take Out Items: \$15 each (cash/check only)
1. Fried Fish w/French Fries or
2. Baked Fish w/Baked Potato
(Sides include: Green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll)
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Victor Township
2023 Board of Review
The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2023 assessment appeals:

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

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

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

Victor Township

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

Beth Bolke
Assessor

Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program Meetings

Are you or your loved ones suffering from DEPRESSION OR ANXIETY? There is hope! The Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program is an evidence based, holistic mental health education program in which you will learn how to identify depression and anxiety and their causes. You will also learn how to deal with loss and trauma. Your energy levels, sleep quality, mood, relationships, and emotional intelligence will be enhanced as you implement lifestyle changes and thinking habits of this program. The Time for all evenings is 6:30pm.

Attend one of their FREE introductory DVD presentations;

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

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



City of Ovid March Board of Review Meeting Dates

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

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

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

Ovid City Hall, 114 E Front Street
Ovid, MI 48866
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)
Protests will be heard for the 2023 assessments

TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR Clinton County, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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*Lianne Prange, Clerk
6843 E. Alward Rd.
Laingsburg, MI 48848*

Duplain Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

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

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

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

Duplain Township Hall,
145 E. Main Street, Elsie, MI 48831
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)
Protest will be heard for the 2023 assessments

TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
8430 W Parker Rd
Laingsburg MI 48848

Elsie Lions Club Meeting

submitted by Richard Easlick

At the recent Elsie Lions Club Meeting, Lions Club President Rick Jones presented a \$300 to the Ovid-Elsie FFA in supporting the organization. Pictured left to right is Lion Rick Jones, Abby Thelen, Jordyn Chant, Cassidy Harris, Harris Evans, Willow Evans and Ovid-Elsie FFA Instructor Tracy Hoffman.

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

Appeals-

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

6:00pm to 9:00pm*

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

6:00pm to 9:00pm

(*Assessor Present)

ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

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

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 6:00pm to
9:00pm.
Organizational Meeting**

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

**Monday, March 13, 2023
1:00pm to 4:00pm; 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, March 14 from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon
1:00pm to 4:00pm**

*Roger Slavik
Elba Township Clerk*

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.

Middlebury Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

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

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

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

Middlebury Township Hall,
7627 W. M-21. Ovid, MI 48866
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)
Protests will be heard for the 2023 assessments

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.

FORD CEMETERY

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

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Obituaries

Wanieta Elaine Bigelow

Wanieta Elaine Bigelow, age 86, of Elsie, MI, passed away Sunday, February 26, 2023, at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, MI.

Wanieta was born in North Star, MI, on September 21, 1936, the daughter of Clinton Alonzo and Hazel Thelma (Carothers) Kimmel. On April 8, 1952, Wanieta married Russell William Nieman. He preceded her in death on March 12, 1974. On June 20, 1975, Wanieta married Alton Kenneth Bigelow at their home in Elsie, MI. They have been blessed with forty-seven years of marriage. Wanieta worked for ITT Hancock (Lear) for nearly ten years.

Wanieta liked to snowmobile at the cabin up north. She and Alton rode bikes all over and walked in Elsie regularly. They enjoyed traveling with their camper for many years. They liked to take trips with Joe and Ruth and took a trip to Alaska. She loved working in her yard and tending her flower beds. When she could no longer have dogs, she began collecting stuffed animals of all sorts. She and Alton were members of Ovid Trinity Church.

She is survived by her husband Alton, four children: Robert Eugene (Lyn) Nieman Sr. of Alma, MI; Debra Lee Thayer of Ithaca, MI; Michael Russell (Sue) Nieman of St. Louis, MI; and Cindy Lou (Mark) Tullar of Crossville, TN; thirteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and eleven great- great grandchildren. She is also survived by: three sisters: Ruth Malek of Ashley, MI; Sharilyn Chilcoat of Ithaca, MI; and Rosemary Bancroft of Bad Axe, MI; two sisters-in-law: Sandra Kimmel of Brant, MI; and Judy Kimmel of Ithaca, MI; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Russell Nieman, father & mother-in-law Albert and Florence Bigelow, five brothers: Lester, Duane, Ronnie, Ivan, and James; infant sisters: Connie, Bonnie, Joyce, Phyllis and Twilla; sister-in-law MaryLou (Tom) Rickman; three brothers-in-law: Joseph Malek, Joe Bancroft, and James Chilcoat.

A cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Wanieta's Life will be held at a later date. Wanieta will be buried beside her first husband at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Jack Leroy Tyler

Jack Leroy Tyler, age 76, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2023, surrounded by his family at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns.

Jack was born in Owosso, Michigan on August 4, 1946, the son of Richard and Thelma Arlene (Lindberg) Tyler. Jack graduated from Owosso High School, with the class of 1964. He married Kathryn Harmon on December 24, 1977, in Elsie, MI.

Jack proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He was a machinist mate on the USS Bordelon. After the service he went to work at Lear in Elsie and retired in 2003. Jack and his wife Kathy owned and operated Tyler's Diner from 2001-2009 in Elsie. He helped out on his daughter and son-in-law' farm and milked his first cow at the age of 60. Jack and Kathy served as grand marshals for the Elsie Dairy Festival in 2008. He was a member of the North South Skirmish Association for many years. He was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church where he also ran their sound system. Jack enjoyed line dancing, drinking coffee, and reading the newspaper, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Tyler of Elsie, MI; three children: Donna and Eric Smith of Azle, TX; Elizabeth and Timothy Heinze of Sheboygan, WI; Shayne and Debbie Tyler of St. Johns, MI; grandchildren: Serina, Alex (LaTonya), Jacinda (Fiancé Alex), Shelbie (Ben), Jasmine, and Kariana; and great-grandchildren: Ava and Ezra. He is also survived by his twin sister Jacqueline Souders of Ovid, MI; brother Rex Tyler of Taylor, MI; brothers and sisters-in-law: Richard Harmon of Ovid, MI; Mary and Mike Rummell of Owosso, MI; Bill and Tammi Harmon of St. Johns, MI; nieces and nephews: Chris and Lacey Tyler, Amanda and Adrian Smith, Timothy and Brandi Tyler, Jessica and Kurt Rupprecht, Bill and Colleen Souders, and Pam Krull; and many great-nieces and nephews. He also is survived by his good friend Don Lloyd. He was preceded in death by his parents, three grandchildren: Tyler, Kathryn, and Faith Heinze, and infant sister Rita Tyler.

A Celebration of life will be held in August when all of his children can be home. Memorials may be made to the National Niemann Pick Disease Foundation. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

11:00am

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Associate Minister: Matthew Barnum
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Morning Service - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor Scott Seelhoff

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Sunday School: 9:00am

Worship Service: 10:00am

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ELSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: JD Paik



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Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I am so very excited this afternoon. Why? I have finally cracked the code for making fluffy soft cinnamon rolls. I have followed several different recipes and instructions over the last few years and until this morning I never had any success. I am in like a totally 'wahoo' stage. Everyone who tried them this morning was wowed at their softness. I believe that I was told that it was like biting into a fluffy pillow...only much much better. I was and am amazed that something finally worked, so March second will become one of my red letter days. It is a good thing to learn a new skill or function. So if you have time and you like cinnamon rolls you should stop by our little coffee house. I think that you will be pleased.

This has been a very interesting week and I'm overjoyed with the help that others have freely given me without my asking. Last Friday (I think that it was Friday) after the ice showers, I got stuck going into the parking lot across from MG's Perx & Pastries. Yes, I was driving my little Ford Focus, and it was too low and couldn't make its way into the lot. Fortunately, I wasn't hanging out into the street, so when the plows came through to clean up to the curbside I didn't get hit. What did happen, was that my son-in-law was trying to push me out and didn't have enough rhythm so my car wasn't rocking well. Along comes my second knight in shining armor in a black pickup. He pulls over to the side, jumps out and helps Brent push. The car rocked and they got me out onto the street. What a wonderful kindness on both of their parts.

I honestly don't remember when the trees got caked with ice. I know that they sparkled beautifully and appeared to be covered in diamonds. The sunlight playing on their icy surfaces with the crystals working at reflecting a rainbow of beauty that was awe inspiring. I like being inspired but was a bit dubious of the gorgeous display. My poor weeping willow tree took quite a hit, three good sized branches are down and numerous small ones litter the area. Of course there was a great deal of noise as the limbs broke and plummeted to the ground below. Note to self, I need to call Ferrall's to have them address the willow's shortcomings. They do good work!

I do know that I have been driving my pickup because it has this wonderful four wheel drive option that works well with the icy mess that has plagued us this past week. I have a deep affection for my truck, I enjoy driving it and it fills a wonderful purpose. I drive my little car because it is very fuel efficient but I like the view that I get while driving my truck. Need I say more, I'm just a country gal.

I do know that I made it to Church on time. I also took some food up for our weekly schmooze session but don't remember just what I supplied. I did have a chance to speak with Deb and knew that I was making another soup for our soup and sandwiches on Tuesday evening. When Tuesday came, I had my soup made but didn't get it delivered until almost 5:00 PM when the meal started. I had come home from the coffee shop and made numerous long lasting phone calls. I relaxed for a few minutes and fell asleep while sitting upright in the recliner. I received a call at twenty after four and then someone else was trying to reach me. I apologized to Karen for interrupting our conversation and talked with Diane who was calling me on her way to work. As I talked to my daughter I asked what time it was, of course I found out that I was running behind again. I had to hang up on her and hustle to get my soup delivered, first I had to get from comfortable to presentable. I did make the delivery on time but did not stay to help and I did apologize to those hard working folks and found out that I had disappointed a few because I had not put barley in my soup this time. I too missed the barley, win sometimes and sometimes it's a draw.

May your days be filled with interesting happenstance and your blessings be numerous. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2023

March Recycling News

submitted by Ellen Link

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers hope the promise of spring weather will bring lots of folks out to recycling in March. Our drive-thru recycling facility is a breeze and available to one and all, regardless of where you live. We'll be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (March 7 & 21), 4-6 p.m., and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays (March 11 & 25), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The reason we ask you to sort your materials, especially plastics, is that, in order for them to be made into new items, they must be grouped together by type. The numbers printed on plastics, which are simply resin identification codes, don't tell the whole story, as those of you know who have had #1 "clamshells", e.g., containers for fruit, salad greens and pastries, rejected because they can't be recycled along with other #1's. We used to have to reject #2's that didn't have a seam on the bottom (like oleo and yogurt tubs), which are different from those that do (like detergent bottles), but they're now generally depicted as #5 polypropylene, which has become quite recyclable. For a better understanding of this confusing subject, check out Recycle Ann Arbor's website under "Knowledge Base." (<https://www.recycleannarbor.org/knowledge-base/plastics-explained>)

If you're already a recycler, you no doubt know that April brings opportunities to recycle materials that don't usually fit the mold, like hazardous household waste. This year two of those special collections—in Shiawassee and Ingham counties—will take place on Earth Day, April 22. Clinton County will hold its recycling event on April 29. We'll provide some details in next month's announcement. The GLR will also hold an as-yet-undetermined event on Earth Day to recognize and honor our Mother Earth. We accept, clean and separated: Newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal, separated from aluminum; corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books; plastics—#1 bottles and jars, no clamshells, #2 (milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid colors), and #5 ("tubs", e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.); non-corroded household batteries (please separate into regular, rechargeable, lithium and button); glass bottles and jars only (all colors)—no windows, mirror panes or drinking glasses; electronics; empty inkjets; and dental care products like toothbrushes, spent toothpaste tubes and floss containers. Our denim collection is still on pause (but don't give up). Please minimize your use of plastic bags and take them back when emptied.

For details on what we accept, visit our Facebook page or website--<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>. Questions? Contact Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. Let's work together to build a sustainable future in our own backyards.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

A British publication once offered a prize for the best definition of a friend. The winning definition read: "A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

Bits & Pieces, July, 1991.

There are many ways that we can be good friends to others. Here are three for today:

1. Make sure they truly know God.
2. Help them out of sin.
3. Encourage and strengthen them in the faith.

Some think that they know God and are going to Heaven when they die, but they are really trusting in their good works to save them. They may think that since they've been baptized or are a faithful church member, that they are good to go, but neither of these things can bring us into a relationship with God.

Salvation is received through faith alone in the full humanity and full deity of Jesus Christ. That He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the full payment for all of our sins.

Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Second, a mark of a true friend is that he or she will help others to repent of their sin and turn to God for forgiveness and for the strength and help to live a more godly life.

As James writes, "My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins."

— James 5:19-20

In regards to point number three, Paul writes the following—"We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, dear friends, is for your strengthening."

— 2 Corinthians 12:19

This is what God's people and the local church should be known for. Building up. Encouraging. Strengthening.

As Paul wrote, "... encourage one another..."

— 2 Corinthians 13:11

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 lawn care 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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Victor Township Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of the Victor Township Board February 28, 2023

The **SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING** of the Victor Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 5:33 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, Mi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a roll call of board members in attendance: Present: Willoughby, Conklin, Townsend, Fickes, Prange.

Absent: None

2 Citizens in attendance.

Motion by Willoughby to approve the meeting agenda. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: Review of preliminary 2023-2024 budget.

Motion by Willoughby to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, Michigan on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Motion supported by Prange. Roll call vote: Ayes: Conklin, Townsend, Fickes, Prange, Willoughby. Nays: None. Motion carried. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall and on the Victor Township website, www.victortwp.org.

Moved by Conklin to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Supported by Fickes. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange, Clerk
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Senior Spotlight



Did You Know?

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that as much as 5 percent of older adults living in the general community are suffering from clinical depression. Those figures are even higher among older adults who are hospitalized (11.5 percent) and those who require home health care (13.5 percent). The National Council on Aging reports that older adults are at an elevated risk of developing depression, though there's no single, specific cause increasing that risk. Chronic conditions, which the CDC estimates affect as much as 80 percent of older adults; decreased functional ability; reduced mobility; loneliness; and financial issues related to retirement are among the potential causes of depression in older adults. As difficult as depression can be, the NCOA notes that treatment has been found to be just as effective for seniors as it is in younger populations. Aging individuals or those concerned about an aging relative are encouraged to visit the American Psychological Association website at psychiatry.org to learn more about the many ways depression can be treated.

Did You Know?

The Alzheimer's Association® reports that remaining socially active throughout adulthood can possibly delay the onset of dementia. And that's not the only benefit to remaining socially engaged as an adult, which researchers have linked to reduced rates of disability and mortality. The Alzheimer's Association® also indicates that social engagement may reduce the risk for depression in older adults. That's a significant benefit, as the National Council on Aging notes that the risk for depression is elevated among older adults compared to young adults. Retirees can consider a host of ways to remain socially engaged, whether it's volunteering, participating in clubs or

moving to communities tailored to individuals 55 and older. Such communities may facilitate social engagement among residents by establishing or promoting clubs, organizing group sightseeing trips and arranging for other opportunities for inhabitants to get to know their neighbors.



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MDHHS Urges Michiganders to Take Precautions to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning During Winter Storm Power Outages

submitted by Lynn Sutfin

LANSING- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges residents impacted by this week's winter storm who are without power to stay safe when using gas-powered generators, kerosene or propane heaters or other alternative heating or power sources.

Such equipment can cause carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning when not used properly. CO is an invisible, tasteless, odorless gas formed when fuel is burned. The only way to tell if it is present is with a CO detector.

CO can build up to deadly levels within minutes in enclosed spaces. At high levels, CO can cause death within minutes. If you suspect you may be experiencing CO poisoning, or your CO detector alarm goes off, go outside immediately and THEN call 911. If you have more questions about CO poisoning, call the poison control center at 1-800-222-1222.

The National Syndromic Surveillance Program indicates a spike with 27 emergency department visits for CO poisoning throughout Michigan from Thursday, Feb. 23, through Friday, Feb. 24. Most of these visits were in Washtenaw and Wayne counties, with Allegan, Hillsdale, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Oakland and Van Buren counties reporting CO visits as well.

Warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include flu-like symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness and confusion, but not a fever. CO poisoning can lead to coma and in extreme cases death. To prevent CO poisoning when the power is out:

Generators should be run at a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home. Never run a generator in the home, garage or right next to windows or doors.

Never run a gasoline or propane heater or a grill (gas or charcoal) inside the home or in an unventilated garage. Any heating system that burns fuel produces CO.

Never run a car in an enclosed space. If a vehicle is running, you must have a door open to the outside.

Place a carbon monoxide detector in the hallway, outside bedrooms in all sleeping areas.

Additional preventive tips residents should follow if the power is out for an extended period of time:

Discard any potentially hazardous food (meat, dairy, eggs, cut melons and cooked vegetables) that has been above 41° F for four hours or more, reached a temperature of 45° F or higher for any length of time or has an unusual color, odor or texture.

Wear layers of clothing to help keep in body heat.

Avoid downed power lines and use electric tools and appliances safely to prevent electrical shock.

Additional carbon monoxide poisoning and poisoning prevention information is available at the following sites:

MDHHS CO Poisoning Resources:

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Factsheet

Portable Generators Factsheet

MDHHS Learn More About Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon Monoxide and Generators Video, YouTube

Michigan Prepares – Winter Weather

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has a series of resources related to heat-related illness and CO poisonings:

CO Exposure Prevention Guidance

CDC - Carbon Monoxide Poisoning – Translated Fact Sheets

CDC Power Outages - Health and Safety Concerns

**Tips To Prevent
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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Bowlers Fair Well at Regionals

submitted by Matt Fabus

Varsity teams were at Alert Lanes in Essexville on February 24 & 25 for high school regionals.

Friday was team event, each team bowled 8 Baker games and 2 Petersons, the top 3 teams go on to states.

Out of the 13 girls teams, OE ended up 6th with high games of: Bakers 134, 127, 129, 153. Petersons high scores were: Ella Powell 146; Olivia Burt 189; Ashland Particka 141, 142; Gracie Schultz 141, 189.

The boys finished 7th out of 15 teams. High games in Bakers 127, 130, 159, 180, 217. Petersons high scores were: Austin Smith 1233; Landyn Adkins 203, 143; tobin Clark 140, 156; Hunter Maxa 138; Devyn Pugsley 167, 197.

Saturday was the singles event. There were 76 girls and 85 boys competing.

O-E had two make the top ten to go on to States.

Gracie Schultz brought home the win. Her scores for the 6 game qualifier were 169, 195, 143, 187, 217, 234 =1145. Second place had 1138.

Devyn Pugsley took 4th place with scores of 133, 213, 187, 209, 227, 189 = 1138.

States are in Jackson on Saturday, March 4th starting at 8:30 a.m. The format will be 60 boys and girls bowl six games to make cut to top 16 bowlers advancing to match play.

Other high scores for girls during singles at regionals were: Olivia Burt 20th - 137, 164, 139, 151; Ashland Particka 23rd - 136, 158, 129; Kloe Bigelow 60th - 113, 128; Karina Custer 106, 113; Ella Powell 106, 108.



Coach Matt Fabus and Devyn Pugsley

Boys high games were: Hunter Maxa 24th - 136, 177, 178, 145, 201; Landyn Adkins 45th - 141, 148, 150, 173; Tobin Clark 46th - 144, 141, 190; Austin Smith 82n - 111, 115.

Good luck at States O-E Bowlers

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	Ashley		
		Friday, March 10 7:00 p.m.	
Portland St. Patrick			
Monday, March 6 7:00 p.m.			
Fulton	Wednesday, March 8 7:00 p.m.		
	Fowler		

2022-23 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 81 held at: New Lothrop High School, 9285 Easton Rd., New Lothrop, MI 48460			
Boys Basketball			
Bath			
Monday, March 6 5:30 p.m.			
Byron	Wednesday, March 8 5:30 p.m.		
	Laingsburg		
		Friday, March 10 7:00 p.m.	
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Sports

Ashley Boys Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley boys' basketball team's season is winding down. These past two weeks the Bears have faced some tough opponents, starting with Mayville. Mayville got off on a fast start going up 15-4 at the end of the first quarter, Ashley struggling to keep up and ended up losing the contest 53-32. Logan Drummond lead the way for the Bears with 10 points and Carson Litwiller added 5.

Ashley also took on St. Charles in a league match-up where they fought a hard game scoring 23 points in the fourth quarter fighting to come back but falling short 54-40. Logan Drummond again lead the way for the team with 14 points and 5 rebounds, Carson Litwiller scores 11 points and had 8 rebounds and Gibby Jason chipped in 11 points and had 10 rebounds.

Sacred Heart also hosted Ashley this past week where the Irish won 70-40. Drummond again lead the way with 14 points and 4 rebounds, Robert Kral scored 11 points and Carson Litwiller scored 10 points and 5 rebounds.

Wolfpack Rolls to 19-0, Clinches CMAC Championship, 66-44 over Potterville

LAINGSBURG — The Wolfpack raced out in new uniforms, without their notable "racing flag" trim adorning their shorts. Instead, they sported an old-time classic-script "Wolfpack" across their jerseys and understated light-gray stripes down their sides.

A new look for LHS basketball? Perhaps. But to be certain, little new was in evidence as coach Dan Morrill's Wolves stuck to their winning ways.

Zander Woodruff and Braeden Thomas rained down threes in the first quarter, Jacob Essenberg broke inside for six quick points, and LHS raced to a 22-7 first quarter lead. Potterville didn't know what hit them.

The resulting 66-44 rout moved the Wolfpack to 19-0 on the season and clinched at least a share of the 2022-23 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) championship at 12-0. "Unbeaten" is rarified air Laingsburg has savored just twice this late in a season — the first time in 25 years.

An Eli Woodruff dunk off a Thomas' feed put an exclamation point on the first half that saw the Wolves' characteristic defense stifle the Vikings (9-10, 5-6). The score was 34-15 at halftime.

Zander Woodruff led all scorers with 19 points, followed by Essenberg with 17 and Eli Woodruff with 12.

Chris Hicks led the Vikings with 14.

Wolfpack rolls to unbeaten CMAC season, 70-29 over Hawks

LAINGSBURG — Saranac hadn't won a game in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) boys basketball competition.

The host Wolfpack hadn't lost a CMAC game.

The result was predictable as coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves wrapped up their 2022-23 league championship season at 14-0 with a 70-29 rout of the Redhawks here February 27.

LHS moved to 20-0 overall, while the Hawks slumbered to 0-13, 4-17 overall. With the victory, Morrill's charges tied the school record for regular season wins, with one non-league contest remaining against the Clio Mustangs.

Zander Woodruff led all scorers vs. Saranac with 27 points. His brother, Eli Woodruff, and Luke Snyder, each scored eight points.

Sam Sterzick had 8 points for the Redhawks.

Zander Woodruff led all scorers against Saranac with 27 points on Feb 27.

Photo by Burg Sports



Wolfpack Girls Headed to District Finals Again, 31-22 Over Perry Ramblers

DANSVILLE — For coach Doug Hurst's Lady Wolfpack, it was a return to familiar territory.

Laingsburg turned back Perry, 31-22, Wednesday in a Division 3 district semifinal at Dansville. It earned the Lady Wolfpack another trip to the District Finals — where Hurst has led them 7 of the past 8 seasons. In 2017, the Wolves made it all the way to the State Semifinals at MSU's Breslin Center.

They played Dansville (19-2) Friday night for the MHSAA District championship.

The Wolfpack (9-12 overall) got 10 points from Ellie Baynes and seven points from Callie Clark in the 9-point win over the Ramblers.

Perry (6-17) got 13 from Abigail Cochrane.

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Sports

Marauder Boys Clinch Share of MMAC Crown With LakeVille Romp

OVID-ELSIE — Coach Josh Latz's Marauders boys basketball team bid a fond farewell to their home court in championship style here February 25.

They grabbed a tri-share of the 2022-23 MMAC championship when Durand gift-wrapped an 11-point victory over previous league leader Chesaning the same evening.

O-E, Durand and Chesaning all finish 12-2 in conference play. The Marauders' share came with a tougher-than-expected 66-52 win over winless Otisville-Lakeville (0-14, 0-20) that sent the Ovid-Elsie seniors out in style. For Latz's charges, it was their 5th MMAC crown in the past six years.

Senior forward Clay Wittenberg again led O-E with 19 points, eight rebounds and two assists. Fellow senior Logan Thompson joined him in the double-digit column with 13 points and four steals. Braxton Stenger contributed eight points, seven steals, five assists and four rebounds, while Gunner McCreery added eight points, four rebounds and three assists.

The Marauders closed out their regular with games opposite non-league opponents Eaton Rapids and Portland — a good test before entering MHSAA District play at New Lothrop this week.



Braxton Stenger scored 8 points in LakeVille Romp

Ovid-Elsie Girls Complete Perfect MMAC Season, 60-28 Over LakeVille

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie completed a perfect conference season with a 60-28 win over Otisville-LakeVille here February 24.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders finished a perfect 12-0 in the MMAC (18-4 overall) — with their second-straight Mid-Michigan Activities Conference championship, following a 40-year drought.

Otisville-LakeVille fell to 3-9 in the league and 9-12 overall.

The Marauders had four players reach double figures over the visiting Falcons. Ava Bates led O-E with 16 points and 3 rebounds, while Braeden Tokar knocked in 14 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. Tokar shot a perfect 5-for-5 from the field including 3-for-3 from behind the 3-point arc. Evalyn Cole added 12 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists and 6 steals, and Kiah Longoria chipped in with 10 points, 3 assists and 2 steals.

"This was a great way to put a stamp on our conference championship," said Cunningham. "We had four girls hit double digits and every player got in the game and contributed. It was a fun night and a great way to end our regular season."

Rylee Lewis knocked down another triple to finish with 3 points, while Hailee Campbell and Murphy Alexa each scored two points. Madison Thornton added a free throw to round out the Marauder scoring.

OE Photos by Heidi Loynes



Kiah Longoria scores 2 of her 10 points vs LakeVille

Lady Marauders Nip Bath to Earn Trip to District Finals, 41-37

BATH — Ava Bates scored 19 points with nine rebounds and three blocks to lead Ovid-Elsie past Bath, 41-37, in a Division 3 district semifinal here March 1.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Marauders advanced to the District championship game opposite Pewamo-Westphalia-Westphalia (16-6 overall) last Friday night. For O-E, it was the 19th win in 23 games.

"We knew we had our work cut out for us," said Cunningham. "Bath is very physical and they play in a great conference (the CMAC), so night in and night out they are playing great competition — and it's not just that they play great competition, they competed all year and had some close losses against some very good teams."



Logan Thompson led OE with 19 points against Portland

Clutch shots elude Marauders in 68-63 overtime loss at Portland

PORTLAND — As a team not accustomed to losing, all you ask for is a chance to show your mettle at crunch time.

Preparing for a MHSAA tournament run here February 27, Ovid-Elsie got those chances in a late-season, non-league tuneup.

Those late chances didn't fall, as coach Josh Latz's Marauders lost for just the 4th time in 20 games. It took the Portland Red Raiders overtime to do it ... but the hosts escaped with a 68-63 victory that improved their record to 9-11 overall.

Logan Thompson scored 19 points to lead O-E, with 18 points from Clay Wittenberg and 15 from Tryce Tokar.

"We didn't have our best stuff tonight, but we found a way to get it done and gave ourselves a chance to play again Friday night."

Braeden Tokar had 10 points and two steals for the Marauders, while Evalyn Cole had seven points, five rebounds and three assists. Kiah Longoria added four steals. Hailee Campbell added a clutch free throw, 4 rebounds and 3 steals to aid the Lady Marauders.

In the fourth the quarter, the Lady Marauders hit some big shots and some clutch free throws to capture the final stanza, 9-3.

Lady Bears Basketball Season Ends

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Lady Bears played their final three games of the season last week, first taking on Bay City All-Saints. Ashley got off to a slow start which was hard to overcome. "Turnovers and shooting a poor percentage put us at a big disadvantage" expressed Coach Shaw. Karissa Brady lead the Bears with 8 points and 7 rebounds while Marissa Brady chipped in 5 points.

Ashley also hosted in Fulton in their last game of the regular season. Fulton came out to a quick start and the Lady Bears struggle to get the ball to fall in the basket. Ellie Drummond lead the way for the Bears with 9 points and 8 rebounds, Karissa Brady added 5 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

In District play Ashley took on neighboring Breckenridge at St. Charles High School. Ashley once again got off to a slow start and had some close shots that just wouldn't fall, and fell behind quickly. Ashley lost the contest 72-31. Karissa Brady lead the team with 10 points and 4 rebounds followed by Marissa Brady who scored 9 points and had 5 rebounds and Ellie Drummond scored 9 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. "We finished our season against a strong Breckenridge team. We got off to a slow start in the first quarter and got into too big of a deficit to come back from" stated Coach Shaw

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
Estate of Ernest Lee Haviland
Date of Birth 9-1-1955

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 22-31393-DE Decedents Estate
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ernest Lee Haviland, who died on December 1, 2021. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nicole Masters, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kurt Olson
370 E. Maple Rd., 3rd Floor
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Estate of Richard E. Otto
Date of Birth 6-9-1928

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard E. Otto, who died on January 5, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the co-Trustees of Richard E. Otto Trust dated May 1, 2003, at 12885 Paradise Drive, DeWitt, MI 48820; 13625 Sienna Pass, DeWitt, MI 48820 and 18477 Pellett Drive, Fenton, MI 48430 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Lorayne B. Otto, co-Trustee
12885 Paradise Drive
DeWitt, MI 48820
517-668-8149
Luanne B. Stilwell, co-Trustee
13625 Sienna Pass
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
Estate of Paul A. Wardin
Date of Birth 1-24-1967

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 23-31746-DE Decedents Estate
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Paul S. Wardin, whose address was 4833 Hawk Hollow Drive, Bath, Michigan 48808, died on January 8, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Heidi S. Wardin, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 5, 2023
Heidi S. Wardin
4833 Hawk Hollow Drive East
Bath, MI 48808
(920) 517-2587
Craig S. Gerard P66855 The
Gallagher Law Firm, PLC 6025
N. Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 853-1510

(03-05)

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.

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 APRIL 5, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the 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.

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:

Commencing at a point 42 rods North of the Southeast corner of Section 7; thence West 15 rods; thence North 3 rods 11 feet; thence Easterly to a point on the East line of Section 7, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan; which point is located 45 rods 12.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 7; thence South 3 rods 12.5 feet to the point of beginning.

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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 5, 2023
File No. 22-008982
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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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 March 29, 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):
Nettie P. Wood, unmarried
Original Mortgagee:
Financial Freedom Senior
Funding Corporation
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust
Date of Mortgage:
December 4, 2008
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 20, 2009

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

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.

Common street address (if any):
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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 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 damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Ovid-Elsie FFA Competes in Leadership Contests

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Ovid-Elsie FFA was well represented at District and Regional levels in multiple Leadership Career Development Events. On February 2nd 2023, students competed in district level competitions at Corunna High School. Perrien Rasch and Dominic Kline competed in the FFA Job Interview Contest, both earning a Gold Award. Perrien Rasch earned a spot at the Regional competition. Our Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team consisting of Danica Bancroft, Clarissa Baese, Tayton Kline, Blake Fabus, Josh Miller, Robert Kebler, and Jillian Williams, earned a Gold Award and a spot at the Regional competition. The Agricultural Issues team earned a Gold Award and the team moved onto the Regional competition. The Ag Issues team is made up of Abby Thelen, Cassidy Harris, Willow Evans, Harris Evans and Jordyn Chant. Additionally, Abigail Lehman competed in Creed Speaking and received a Silver Award.

Regional level leadership competition was held February 21, 2023 at Durand High School. Perrien earned a Gold Award at Regionals in his Job Interview contest. The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team did a great job earning a Regional Silver Award. The Ag Issues team earned their way to the State Semifinals and earned a Gold Award at Regionals.

The State Leadership Contests are being held March 8-10, 2023 on the campus of Michigan State University. The Ag Issues team will be competing in the State Semi-Finals. In order to make it to the State FFA Finals, these OE FFA members needed to place in the top 2 of the semi-final.



Ag Issues (L to R): Jordyn Chant, Cassidy Harris, Harris Evans, Willow Evans and Abby Thelen who competed in the Ag Issues contest.



Greenhand Conduct of Meetings (L to R): Back row: Josh Miller, Blake Fabus, Robert Kebler, Tayton Kline, Front row: Danica Bancroft, Jillian Williams and Clarissa Baese who competed in the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings contest.



FFA Creed: Abigail Lehman competed in the FFA Creed Speaking contest.



Job Interview (L to R): Dominic Kline and Perrien Rasch who competed in the Job Interview contest.

Ashley Pre-School Registration



For 2023-2024 School Year

Tuesday, March 15, 2023

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