



Protect Young Eyes at Heartland Church

submitted by Mandi Harden

Protect Young Eyes is a company committed to protecting children from online exploitation and other harmful content that is coming against them in today's world.

Heartland Church is so excited to be hosting this organization as a free event in our community to help educate parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone else who has ears to listen about how to create a tech ready home.

On Wednesday, February 28th from 6:30-8PM, Dan Armstrong from PYE is going to be at Heartland Church to share a wealth of information.

For more information: protectyouneyes.com



Free Financial, Power of Attorney, Estate/Trust Seminar

Ovid businessman, Ed Arthur will be hosting a Free Seminar to the public on Tuesday, February 20th at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid from 6pm-7pm. Topics of the seminar will include IRA'S, RIRA'S, Power of Attorney, Estate and Trust Planning. Light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP to Ed by Friday, February 16th by calling him at 989-834-3300. Doors will open at 5:30pm

Laingsburg Lions Raffle Get Your Tickets Early

Raffle tickets are now available for the Laingsburg Lions Club Springtime Raffle. 1st Prize is a Custom Golf Cart, 2nd, a grill, 3rd, \$500 shopping spree, 4th, \$500 in cash, 5th, E-Bike, 6th, Xbox Game system, 7th, \$200 in cash and 8th, \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Drawings will take place on Monday, May 27th.

Tickets are available from any Lions member or at Sage Market, Leonard Hardware, Twilligers Tavern and the Meridian Weekly.



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Gavin Malek Moves on to States for Ashley FFA

submitted by Amber McAllister

On Thursday, February 8th, Gavin Malek traveled to Delta College in Saginaw to compete in the Regional Leadership Competition. He earned a gold rating and was selected Regional Winner. Gavin will be moving on to States the end of February.

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Many Thanks From Us Both

We would like to say Thank You to everyone on the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department and all who donated to the 50/50 raffle. Thanks also to the United Church of Ovid and Janelle & Paul Keebler for the help with borrowing the wheelchair. To Dana Blank we thank you for reaching out to us with gifts, comfort food and a listening ear. Thank you to Patrick Lombardi & Becky Ruppert Merchand for calls, support and encouragement. Thank You Jane Reiterate, Angie Wittenberg, Ashlie Helmer, Stephanie Shelton and Jodi Skutt for the visits to Gary, flowers and food. To those who sent cards and dropped food off to the house, prayed for us and offered words of encouragement, we thank you for your kindness. Special thanks to the nurses, occupational and physical therapists from Sparrow Home Healthcare.

Gary has been stricken with Reactive Arthritis brought on by salmonella in December. We are far from this being over, however knowing how much all of you care is our reason for pushing thru the hard days. Dr's say it could be as long as six months to a year before recovering completely, if at all. Please continue to keeps us in your prayers and supportive thoughts. Again, thank you all very much for everything.

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Owosso Parkinson Support Group

submitted by Owen Prussner

Owosso Parkinson Support group to meet on Wednesday February 14th at 5:00pm. at Shiawassee Council on Aging. 300 N Washington St., Owosso. Phone 89-723-8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month, Except if there is bad weather during school time. The Council on Aging will be closed.

We will have no speaker for the evening. We will decide during our meeting about subjects, and people we want to hear from.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. \We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support with any questions, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator, at 989-723-6901.

Mid Winter Jamboree

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

The annual Mid Winter Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25th at the Bannister ZCBJ Lodge (401 E Main St). Doors will open at 11:30 am and a potluck dinner will begin at noon. Coffee and table service will be provided. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverages. Very generous and talented musicians will provide an afternoon of favorite Czech and Slovak music.

Admission is free.

St. Johns Class of 1964 Save the Date

submitted by Jan Chick

St. Johns Class of 1964: "SAVE THE DATE" for Saturday August 24th. 2024 for our next reunion at the St. Johns City Park, Main Pavilion at 12 Noon.

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Ovid Public Library

Just a reminder that the Ovid Public Library will be closed for remodeling for the rest of the month. We are hoping the work will go smoothly and we can reopen in mid-March. If you have books checked out we would appreciate it if you could hold onto them until we reopen. There are no late fines being issued.

On Monday, February 19 we will be having our Adult Booktasting. This will be held at the United Methodist Church in Ovid. It will begin at 1:00.

The crafters will also be meeting at the United Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 27 at 1:30. There will be plenty of room for you to spread out and craft!

Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Thursday, February 29th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Durand.

The topic of this educational presentation will be “Stroke: Know the Basics” and will be presented by Memorial Healthcare Vascular Neurologist Dr. Ali Saeed and Stroke Program Manager, Rebekah Hackenberg, BSN, RN.

This presentation will be held at Durand Union Station, 200 S. Railroad Street, Durand. Lunch will be catered by Union Station Smokehouse. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Friday, February 23rd.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org

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Upcoming 34th Annual Walk for Warmth

submitted by Becky Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. announces its 34th annual Walk for Warmth will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Owosso.Community Center (Shiawassee Council on Aging), 300 N. Washington Street, Owosso. Registration opens at 9:00 A.M., the Walk begins at 9:30 A.M.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide effort to raise public awareness of people experiencing heat-related emergencies. 100% of funds raised from Walk for Warmth through the Shiawassee County Walk are used to assist low-income households within Shiawassee County. There are no administrative fees.

Donations may be mailed to: CACS, Shiawassee County Access Center, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso MI 48867

If you are hesitant or unable to "join" with a group, please feel free to "walk anywhere at anytime". For further information, please contact our office at: 989- 723-3115. Pledge sheets are now available.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to keep families warm this winter and prevent homelessness due to home heating related emergencies.

Moolenaar Announces 2024 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman John Moolenaar invites high school students in Michigan's Second Congressional District to participate in the 2024 Congressional Art Competition.

The winning student from the Second District will have their art displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for a year. Additionally, two regional winners will have the opportunity for their art to be displayed in Congressman Moolenaar's offices in Caledonia and Clare.

The deadline for students to enter their artwork is Friday, April 12, 2024. All entries should be mailed or personally delivered to Congressman Moolenaar's Caledonia office at 8980 North Rodgers Court SE, Suite H, Caledonia, MI 49316, or his Clare office at 431 North McEwan Street, Clare, MI 48617.

More information on the rules and how to enter the 2024 Congressional Art Competition can be found online at Moolenaar.house.gov. Participating students who need assistance transporting their art to Congressman Moolenaar's offices or who have any questions about the competition should call his office at (616) 528-7100.

City of Ovid March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:30 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
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 2024 assessments

Duplain Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Monday, March 11, 2024
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday, March 14, 2024
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 2024 assessments

Township of Sciota County of Shiawassee Resolution to Establish Township Treasurer Officers Salary Resolution 2024-02

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices -of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustee beginning fiscal year 2024 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and
WHERE AS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of the treasurer is warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2024, the salary of the office of treasurer shall be \$14,838.84 per year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 11, 2024, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on December 11, 2023, is properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member: Phillip Matthews
Supported by board member: Mike Reed

Upon a roll call vote,

The following voted yes: Vaughn Vondrasek, Kimberly Palmer, Mike Reed, Jamie Parker-Wing, Phillip Matthews

The following voted no: None The following were absent: None •

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted December 11, 2023.

*Jamie M. Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk*

Middlebury Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
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 2024 assessments

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF OPTICAL SCAN and AUTO-MARK VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a public Election Commission Meeting and an Accuracy Test of the optical Scan Voting System and Auto-Mark Machine to be used in the February 27, 2024, election on:

Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:45 p.m.
(or directly after the township board meeting)
Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848

This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798), 1) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law; and 2) the open meetings act as required by law (1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261).

*Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
(517) 651-5286*

Township of Sciota County of Shiawassee Resolution to Establish Township Clerk Officers Salary Resolution 2024-03

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustee beginning fiscal year 2024 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and
WHERE AS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of clerk is warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2024, the salary of the office of clerk shall be \$14,838.84 per year, plus \$1,000.00 additional compensation per regular or special election.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 11, 2024, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on December 11, 2023, is properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member: Phillip Matthews
Supported by board member: Mike Reed

Upon a roll call vote,

The following voted yes: Vaughn Vondrasek, Kimberly Palmer, Mike Reed, Jamie Parker-Wing, Phillip Matthews

The following voted no: None The following were absent: None .

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted December 11, 2023.

*Jamie M. Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk*

Township of Sciota County of Shiawassee Resolution to Establish Township Supervisor Officers Salary Resolution 2024-01

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustee beginning fiscal year 2024 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and
WHERE AS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of the supervisor is warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2024, the salary of the office of supervisor shall be \$14,338.84 per year, without assessing duties.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 11, 2024, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on December 11, 2023, is properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member: Phillip Matthews
Supported by board member: Mike Reed


Upon a roll call vote,

The following voted yes: Vaughn Vondrasek, Kimberly Palmer, Mike Reed, Jamie Parker-Wing, Phillip Matthews

The following voted no: None The following were absent: None .

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted December 11, 2023.



*Jamie M. Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk*



Thank You

The Family of Dee Holley is grateful to God for her life.

For your friendship, your kindness and your prayers, we thank you all.



Ashley UMC Ash Wednesday Service

submitted by Pastor Zella Daniel

The Ashley United Methodist Church invites everyone to Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ashley United Methodist Church, 102 N. New St., Ashley, Michigan. The public is most welcome to attend.

Ash Wednesday is a reminder of our mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

OE All School Reunion

submitted by Pat Courter Jorae

Save the date! EHS/OE All School Reunion will be held Sunday, July 14, 2024. Group lunch will be held at the Elsie Legion.

We are looking for a current mailing list. If you have one please mail it to: Elsie Historical Society, P.O. Box 125, Elsie, MI 48831.

Watch for more information.



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Obituaries

Barbara Sue Miller

Barbara Sue Miller, age 77, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Green Acres Assisted Living, Cedar Springs, MI.

Barbara was born in St. Johns, Michigan on November 17, 1946, the daughter of Alfred James and Wilma (Bashore) Miller.

Barb retired from Michigan State University after thirty-five years as a secretary to the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Mathematics. She loved working in her garden, cooking, and time spent with her friend Bob Foreback. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and three great-grandsons. Barb was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church where she helped organize Thursday night dinners.

She is survived by children: Tracy and Tim Slais of Fennville, MI; Darcy and Rob Oberdorfer of Sand Lake, MI; and Brad and Tanya Ginther of Denver, CO; grandchildren: Kali (Stuart) Haas, Kendahl Oberdorfer, Kyle Oberdorfer (fiancé Kendra Kalmbaugh), Taylor (Thomas Timmerman) Slais, and Tianna Slais, great-grandchildren: Liam Haas, Karter Oberdorfer, Emerson Haas, and two more on the way. She is also survived by her sister Judy Miller of St. Johns, M; two brothers: Charlie Miller of Montana; and Mark and Becky Miller of Elsie, MI; and her sister-in-law Barb Miller of Elsie, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Richard "Dick" Miller, and James "Jim" Miller, and one niece Trudy Rogers.

Cremation will take place and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Chapter 25200 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100 Southfield, MI 48033 or Green Acres Cedar Springs - Memory Care, 420 S. Main, Cedar Springs, MI 49319 or Interim Healthcare Home Care and Hospice, 1971 E. Beltline Ave. NE, Ste. 219, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Cindy Marie Wilson

Cindy Marie Wilson, age 64, of Ashley, MI, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2024, at her home.

Cindy was born in Lansing, Michigan on June 24, 1959, the daughter of Carl E. and Ada Mae (Mohn) Boog. Cindy graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1977. She went on to Central Michigan University and obtained her bachelor degree in art. Cindy married Thomas Wilson on November 1, 1986, at East Washington United Brethren Church, Ashley, MI.

From the time she was in high school Cindy developed a passion for art. She carried that throughout her entire life, majoring in art in college, owning and operating a screen printing business, eventually working seasonally for Uncle Johns Cider Mill and additionally volunteering at the Ashley Care Center which later evolved into becoming an activity coordinator there. She shared her gift of art through producing beautiful scrapbooks, invitations and greeting cards for family and friends.

After Cindy and Tom welcomed their sons, John and Carl, she became very involved in their school & fair activities. She was a member of the Ashley Community Schools Board of Education for more than 20 years. She enjoyed attending tractor pulls and she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandson Thomas.

She is survived by her husband Thomas Wilson of Ashley, MI; two sons: John Wilson (Hillary) of Bannister, MI; Carl and Krystin Wilson of St. Johns, MI; her grandson Thomas James Wilson; her mother Ada Boog of Bannister, MI; her sister Tammy and Bill Terrell of Bannister, MI; sister -in-law Julie and Jim McMahon of South Carolina. She is also survived by nieces and nephews: Jenny and Eric Fabus, Jamie and Alex Jones, Billy Terrell (April), Bryan and Morgan Terrell, Craig, Patrick and, Eric McMahon and great-nieces and nephews: Bryce and Blayne Fabus, Macy, Maddie, and Colton Jones. She was preceded in death by her infant brother, father Carl Boog, father and mother-in-law Bill and Ethel Wilson, grandparents, and many aunts and uncles.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Thursday, February 8, 2024, with Pastor Zella Daniel officiating.

Memorials may be made to Ashley Community Schools Athletic Scholarship or the National Kidney 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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Minister:
Rev. Tiffany Newsom

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Minister:
Rev. Tiffany Newsom
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Bannister United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship 11:15am

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is very much on the marvelous side of gorgeous weather this Thursday afternoon. The sun is shining and the breeze is comfy and I don't need to wear a coat. This is early February, how could we get such delightful weather? No doubt, Mother Nature is going to lambaste us with some nasty antarctic or arctic winds that will give us a case of freeze dried brain...if we are lucky we will be thawed out by May. And here I was graciously informed that the ground hog had not seen his shadow and that spring was coming early this year. So it must be time for sharing my hoard of seeds and maybe even getting my grow boxes ready for planting. It doesn't hurt to dream and since I've been in procrastination mode for a long time, I may make it. Oh, drat the potting soil is still in the shed.

This morning I was up at the shop before five. I had eight dozen rolls to make (yes from scratch) and delivered before eleven. Diane and Brent were pleased because I had two dozen extra for them to take home. I'm glad that I didn't throw in a jar of homemade strawberry freezer jam to go with them or I might have invited myself over to enjoy the rolls and jam. I do believe that it would have been delightful. They would also have been wonderful with butter and peanut butter served with Mom's hot chocolate. Yummy, and filled with many good memories. Dang it, I can almost taste them, I may start drooling.

Tuesday was a very busy day. Yes, I was up at the shop and I did make the dough for cinnamon rolls (Diane finished them up and they are beautiful) and I managed to get the double chocolate chip cookies put together and baked. I then ran to town to pick up much needed supplies. When I got back from the supply run, Brent came out to carry in the supplies. I got to chat with the nice folks who stopped by for a cup of coffee. Of course, there were some dishes to do in the mix. Left there shortly after noon and zipped up to St Louis to get my hair cut and styled. Finished up by seeing my chiropractor who administered his skills upon my left side. Felt great when I came home.

Brent has become infatuated with the welfare of my little tripping expert. In fact I had decided to start calling him "Tripper" which would have necessitated me taking possession of the stinker. Fortunately Brent had already started calling him Thomas and has agreed to become his foster parent. Brent likes him because he is such a friendly cat and I will be happy to see that trip hazard going to a good home. Thomas will have a new home shortly and I will have one less cat to feed providing that the little tortoise colored cat is not out in the shed with a batch of kittens. Remember how five you cats were dumped at my place, I have an appointment to get four of them neutered in March. The one that has already been neutered before showing up here is now letting me pet it, so now I will be doing the naming and professing ownership. Ain't life grand? Interesting at any rate.

I'm excited because on March 5th, we will be extending our hours to have a "Taco Tuesday". They will be soft shelled and served with a side of Spanish rice. The plan is to stop serving breakfast at eleven and then staying open until two for the tacos. This is an experiment for us at MG's Perx & Pastries and I hope that it will pan out. We had our State inspection last Friday and passed in flying colors, the inspector was a very nice young man and very interesting to talk with. I learned a lot while conversing with him. I do like approachable people. Anywho, he was able to help us with Google and updating what is on it about our shop, such as hours of operation. I'm so glad that he explained to Diane how to take ownership of the post-ings. It will be nice that others will get the correct information now.

Tuesday evening I went north east of here to the 'auction' and spent a bit of cash and had a great time. On the way home the oil gauge on the pickup went bonkers so that will be one of those unexpected expenses that keep us on our toes. May God bless you daily and enjoy this unusual weather.

Crystal Mitchell©2024



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions
off to: Meridian Weekly
P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Dear Andy, Your advice was right on about the wife who wrote in about her grumpy husband. There are plenty of grumpy and sad people in the world. We need to choose happiness. There is a book I would like to recommend to you and your readers. It is entitled A Complaint Free World by Will Bowen. It offers a 21-day challenge that will help you stop complaining. The author challenges the readers to "Start Enjoying the Life You Always Wanted". It changed my life! I have to still be reminded now and then that just because it is a fact, it is still a complaint. Happy and Positive

Dear Happy and Positive, I read the book and I am taking the challenge. Many of my emails are people complaining: I am exposed to negativity too often. I am guilty. Consider our readers informed of this grand opportunity. It starts with positive individuals for others to become positive and for our negative mindsets to change into a compliant-free world. Let's give it a try. Start with our spouses, best friends, families, co-workers, and our communities. "Being Positive is Contagious." Thank you for YOUR advice. Happier and a more positive, Andy



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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What is it like to know that you are going to die?
Unless Christ returns first, we are going to die at some point in time.

People with risky jobs or with diseases like cancer, may think that they will die soon, but it's not necessarily so.

What if it turned out that the timing of your death was not going to be as a senior- say in your mid to late 90's, but when you are in your early 30s? In the prime of life and in great health?

What would you do?

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus told this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

- Luke 12:16-21

A different time Jesus said, "...those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

- Luke 13:4-5

Since no one knows when he or she will die, the best thing that you can do is to believe in God and ask for forgiveness for your sins or wrongdoings.

God forgives all people who come to Him in faith. There is no need for certain religious rituals like being baptized. No need to try to have your good works outweigh your bad. No need to get your life all straightened out before God will accept you.

Just come to Him in faith- faith that Jesus was fully human and fully God. That He lived a perfect life, died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the full payment for all of your sins.

Do this and ask God for forgiveness and He will forgive you of all of the bad things you have ever done, ever thought, ever said. And God will bring you into a personal relationship with Himself that will last forever.

Why wait?

Petition Drive to Amend Law

Letter to the Editor:

Our State Government in Lansing passed a law last year which took away the rights local communities have to control wind and solar facilities and gave those rights to three unelected bureaucrats on the Michigan Public Service Commission. Our ballot initiative will restore those rights to local communities where they belong.

A petition drive is being conducted to amend the recent law. Petitions will be available to sign at the next Duplain Township meeting on February 14th at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of placing the amendment on the November 5th ballot.

Please come to the meeting to see how you can help.

Please also see www.micitizenschoice.org for further information.

Gail Wadell
Duplain Township
Elsie



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Spicy Pheasant Peanut Stew

The Weekly Sportsman participated in a cookbook club night a few weeks ago at the Corunna Branch of the Community District Library. The ten participants all had to select a soup recipe from Pamela Ellgren's book Soup & Comfort: a cookbook of homemade recipes to warm the soul. Spicy Chicken Peanut Stew on page 165 was selected and prepared for sharing with the group but the Weekly Sportsman made a second batch and substituted pheasant for chicken along with adding some habanero peppers for a slow burning fruity heat. Consider maybe even using some wild turkey later this spring. The recipe below will serve 8-12 people and fill a 4.5 qt crock pot and store in a refrigerator for three days or can be frozen. This stew is a stand alone meal or works well over some ramen or rice. Think of those little ramekins of peanut dipping sauce at Thai restaurants but now you can finally eat as a meal.

4 tablespoons olive oil 2 onions, diced
2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
2 tablespoons minced garlic
3 cups natural peanut butter
2 teaspoons minced lemongrass
2 quart chicken broth and either a cooked pheasant or chicken shredded 4 cups roasted spicy peanuts, roughly chopped
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper Sea salt
Freshly ground black pepper 4 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 cups fresh basil leaves, roughly chopped 2 cups fresh cilantro, roughly chopped
3-4 finely chopped habanero peppers Sour cream

In a very large pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Cook the onions, garlic, ginger, and habaneros until fragrant and soft. This should take about five minutes. Be careful not to burn the garlic as nobody likes the smell and bitter taste of burnt garlic. Add in the peanut butter and let it melt completely. You should be able to stir without meeting and resistance.

Next, add the lemongrass, broth, chicken or pheasant, peanuts, and cayenne pepper. Season with some salt and pepper.

Add the contents to a pre-warmed crockpot and continue heating at a lower temperature so it thickens slightly. Add lime juice just prior to serving with a ladle into soup bowls. Basil, cilantro, and sourcream should be placed in small bowls near the crockpot.

Tune into WOES 91.3 on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. for the Weekly Sportsman Report!

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Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Two Board-Certified Nurse Practitioners to Owosso

submitted by
Dianna Vsetula
Owosso, MI –
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board-certified Nurse
Practitioners, Allyson
Palazzolo, MSN,
FNP-BC, RNC, C-
EFM, and Lukas
Veith, MSN, AGNP-C
to Owosso!



Allyson
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Lukas
Veith

Allyson is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner with extensive experience caring for labor and delivery patients. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Michigan State University, her Master of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University, and her Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Saginaw Valley State University. Allyson joins Memorial Healthcare from the Sparrow Health System where she provided direct care to pregnant, laboring, and postpartum patients including those with high-risk pregnancies. Allyson is accepting new patients with most insurances at Memorial Healthcare OB/GYN.

Lukas is a board-certified Nurse Practitioner with experience in caring for a wide range of patients, including patients with every day health concerns to those who are critically ill or injured. He received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Spring Arbor University and a Master of Science in Nursing/Adult and Gerontology Nurse Practitioner from Spring Arbor University. Lukas joins Memorial Healthcare from Saint John's Internal Medicine where he worked for several years treating patients with preventative health conditions including the treatment and management of acute and chronic illnesses in patients. Lukas is accepting new patients with most insurances at Memorial Healthcare Internal Medicine – Owosso.

To learn more visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee, In Need of More Volunteers

submitted by Helen Howard

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee is seeking persons to consider giving Respite Volunteering a try. The nonprofit serves adults who have ongoing health and medical challenges Shiawassee County, and is based on availability of volunteers for each community. Volunteers are matched with one person and their family members caring for them, to provide friendly visits to the person, and respite (a gift of time) to the family caregiver. Many of the persons served are elderly, and may live alone, and feel more isolated this time of year.

Respite volunteers typically spend 1-3 hours a week of time with the person they are matched with, in their own community. The volunteers may play cards or board games, help the person with hobbies, go for walks, help someone write a letter, read a book, or just visit. With each other. The family caregivers may need time for grocery shopping, go to their own physician appointments or even to meet a friend for coffee or lunch.

In addition to visiting someone, there are multiple other volunteer opportunities; helping at the office in Owosso, helping with events, helping with special projects, sharing information about the program in your own community and church.

The program staff are willing to schedule Volunteer Trainings at a mutually convenient time, usually at the office in Owosso, but are also able to schedule trainings at other locations.

For more information; office@respitevolunteers.org or 989-725-1127, or stop by the office.

Adults with health and medical challenges, and their family caregivers may also contact Respite Volunteers to request an evaluation to receive Respite Volunteer case management and volunteer services. Area Employers wanting to provide information to their employees, who are also family caregivers may also call to schedule presentations, and individual meetings for their employees could also be provided.

The office is at 710 W. King St. Owosso, the historic brick home just east of Memorial Healthcare hospital, please use the main entrance, which is on the parking lot side (north side). Interested persons, can request to meet with the Respite Volunteer staff prior to the workshop. The office is usually open M-F 8 am -4 pm.

Shiawassee Arts Center Painting Classes

submitted by Linda Ruehle
The Shiawassee Arts Center, 206 Curwood Castel Drive, Owosso, will be offering another series of adult Independent Painting classes with Artist/Instructor, Philip Ruehle, MFA. This six week series will begin Wednesday, February 28 and continue until April 3, noon - 3pm.

Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New session will follow.

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Sports

Wolfpack Wrestlers Make History Bringing Home First-Ever CMAC Championship

PERRY — Warm up the presses. The T-shirts are being printed. For the first time in program history, the Laingsburg Wolfpack are Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) wrestling champions.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack ruled in five of 14 weight classes, won the team championship by a full 22 points, and literally dominated the February 3 tournament hosted by the Perry Ramblers.

The Wolves amassed 232 team points -- which may be a CMAC record -- and claimed five of 14 individual weight class 1st-place finishes. Perry finished a distant second with 210 points, followed by Saranac with 99 team tallies.

All this from a team that endured personal tragedy just last June, when they lost two of their to a tragic automobile accident on Colby Lake Rd. Two who had come up through the Laingsburg wrestling program Dustin Winans, 16, and Keegan Schneeberger, 13, were lost in the accident. 16-year-old Sophia Cisneros was hospitalized but survived.

Sophomore Ethan Schneeberger, Keegan's older brother, also survived the wreck. He ruled as a conference champ for LHS at 106 pounds, joining freshman Cooper Mund at 113, junior Marlon Graham at 120 and seniors Jack Borgman at 165 and Alex Forcier at 190 as the five individual titles titlists.

"I'm proud of this team and what they have accomplished this season," said Baynes. "They are a fun group to coach. They are always having fun and joking around, but they take practice and competition very seriously.

"They are a true family. I'm looking forward the post season and seeing what else is out there for us."

Laingsburg opened the post-season at Team District 177 at Corunna last Wednesday.

CMAC Championships Weight Class Results:

-- 106: 1. Ethan Schneeberger, Laingsburg, So. 113: 1.

Cooper Mund, Laingsburg, Fr. 120: 1. Marlon Graham, Laingsburg, Jr. 126: 1. Jackson Porter, Perry, Sr.; 2. Dano Winans, Laingsburg, Sr. 132: 1. Luke Paxton, Potterville, So.; 2. Logan Robinson, Laingsburg, So. 138: 1. Alex Baker, Dansville, Jr.; 2. Aiden Turner, Perry, So.; 3. Garrett Matthews, Laingsburg, Sr. 144: 1. Evan Mouch, Saranac, Sr.; 2. Troy Matthews, Laingsburg, Sr. 150: 1. Josh Nance, Perry, Sr.; 2. Landen Winsor, Saranac, Jr.; 3. Logan Storey, Dansville, Jr.; 4. Martin Meyers, Laingsburg, Sr. 157: 1. Reed Vanwormer, Perry, Sr.; 2. Bryce Smith, Laingsburg, Sr. 165: 1. Jack Borgman, Laingsburg, Sr. 175: 1. Nolan Rowley, Bath, Jr.; 2. Seth Sivak, Laingsburg, Sr. 190: 1. Alex Forcier, Laingsburg, Sr. 215: 1. Cameron Doody, Perry, Sr.; 2. Wyatt Stanfield, Laingsburg, Sr. 285: 1. Caleb Knickerbocker, Perry, Sr.; 2. Riley Kiffer, Laingsburg, Jr.

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Mid-Michigan Girls Basketball Showcase: Hornets Slide Past O-E

OVID-ELSIE — In a nip and tuck game that saw 15 lead changes, the Williamston Hornets (10-4) came out on top, 44-34, over Ovid-Elsie (11-2) — halting the Lady Marauders' four-game winning streak.

The Hornets led 12-8 after the first quarter but the Lady Marauders used a 10-7 second quarter run to close the gap to 19-18 at half. After a 9-7 OE advantage in the third, Williamston closed the game out with an 18-7 fourth-quarter run.

"We made some costly defensive errors about mid-way through the fourth quarter and they capitalized on them," said Marauder coach Ryan Cunningham. "They hit back-to-back three-pointers and we turned the ball over three times in that stretch. It was too much to overcome against a solid team like Williamston."

Braeden Tokar paced the Lady Marauders with 10 points and added 3 rebounds while Evalyn Cole scored 8 points, grabbed 6 rebounds, and handed out 3 assists. Hailee Campbell also scored 8 points while nabbing 4 boards. Francesca Giacobbe added 3 points while Ava Bates (7 rebounds, 3 steals) and Ellyanna Carman (3 rebounds) each scored two points, and Dannika Campbell a free throw to round out the Marauder scoring.

"I think a game like this shows that we are capable of playing with anyone," added Cunningham. "But we also need to take a hard look in the mirror at ourselves and hold ourselves accountable for the mistakes that we made."

The Lady Marauders will be back in action next Tuesday evening at Stockbridge for another big non-conference matchup before playing host to Byron on Friday night, which will also be Senior Night.

Ovid-Elsie Girlss Take It to Stockbridge, Win 64-50

STOCKBRIDGE — Senior point guard Evalyn Cole scored 19 points, adding seven assists, three steals and a block, and teammate Ava Bates also finished with 19 points as Ovid-Elsie pinned a 64-50 girls basketball loss on the host Panthers.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders won for the 12th time in 14 outings, while staying perfect in road games at 8-0 on the 2023-24 campaign.

Shooting a blistering 46.8% (11-24) from behind the 3-point arc, Ovid-Elsie forced Stockbridge out of their preferred zone defense and the Panthers opted to focus on Bates, creating opportunities for Cole and sophomore guard Lily Bates, who pitched in 12 points.

Senior #23 Hailee Campbell had a solid defensive game.
Photo by Denise Burgess



#33 Ava Bates going straight up for 2 after a fast run up the court. Photo by Denise Burgess



Sports

Ovid-Elsie Basketeers Fall to 10-5 Overall with Loss to Raiders

OVID-ELSIE — Playing on the non-league hardwood here, Ovid-Elsie's varsity boys basketball team fell to the Portland Raiders, 67-38 -- dropping the Marauders to 10-5 overall on 2023-24 campaign.

The good news is: coach Canyon Walker's team is still in the thick of the league hunt at 8-1. That was of little consequence here, though, as Portland (4-5 in its league) also moved to 10-5 overall.

The Red Raiders rolled to a quick 8-2 advantage, increased it to 13-6 at the end of the first quarter, then led by 11 at halftime -- limiting the hosts to just 12 first-half points.

Junior Tyrce Tokar led the way offensively for O-E with eight points and classmate Tucker Loynes finished with seven.

Sophomore power forward Kayden Dickerson paced three Raiders in double figures with a game-high 12 points and junior guard Dom Novara added 11.

The Marauders play at Byron in MMAC play on the road on Monday in a contest that is being made up from Jan. 12.



#12 Tucker Loynes and #15 Jake Bowen denying the panther player the ball
Photo by Denise Burgess

Wolfpack Girls Back on Winning Track With Three-Straight Triumphs

PERRY — The roller-coaster season campaign for Laingsburg's girls basketball team continued here -- with coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack now the owners of a three-game winning skein.

"Our girls continue to play hard, and everyone continues to chip in," said Hurst. "We really have improved a great deal from the 1st game. Our biggest hurdle now is being consistent, but we're improving on that as well."

Moving to 8-7 overall and 6-6 in CMAC play, LHS was led by Laingsburg seniors Ashlee Hawes with 10 points and 9 rebounds, and classmate Bella Strieff with 10 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals.

Callie Clark contributed 5 points, Kyleigh Luna 5 points, Mallory Woodbury 5 points, Lilli Morrill 5 points, Ella Merrell 4 points and Payge Woodworth 3 points and a team-high five assists.

Perry suffered its third-straight loss to fall to 5-11 (2-10 CMAC).

-- LAINGSBURG 64, FULTON-MIDDLETON 36: "This was back-to-back solid wins for us," said Hurst following his team's win at Fulton on February 5. "It's nice to see multiple girls scoring. We really don't have anyone who leads every night in scoring, it can be different all the time. Nice problem to have. Bella Strieff does a great job taking up the key on defense and rebounding for us on a consistent basis."

Strieff led the club with 12 points, 10 rebounds and a trio of blocks. Clark hit for 11 points, Merrell 9 points and 3 steals, Hawes 8 points and 4 assists, Morrill 8 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists, Luna 7 points and a pair of steals, Woodbury 5 points, 7 rebounds and 2 steals, and Harper Strouse 4 points.

-- LAINGSBURG 45, POTTERVILLE 24: LHS snapped its 5-game losing skid with a dominant win at Potterville on February 2. "After 5 tough games I was curious to see how we would come out," explained the coach. "I was very happy to see the girls taking care of business from the beginning. Multiple girls contributed in many different ways, but Callie had the hot hand tonight and the girls knew to feed her the ball."

Clark poured in a career-high 17 points. Merrell scored 7, Woodbury 7, Strieff 4 to go along with 11 rebounds, Woodworth 4, Luna 3, Strouse 2 and Morrill one point.



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Sports

Wolfpack Moves to 16-0, 66-47 Over Ramblers

LAINGBSURG — It was tougher than it looked.

Yet Laingsburg kept its historic run in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) boys basketball intact, easing past the Perry Ramblers, 66-47.

Wolfpack fans are witnessing one of the greatest two-year surges in the tough-as-nails CMAC, traditionally one of the strongest Class C-D conferences in the state.

Coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack made it to 16-0, matching last year's mark after 16 games. Over two seasons, only one loss has marred the LHS record -- a post-season, Quarterfinals loss to Ecorse last March.

At LHS, the Ramblers brought defensive pressure early and held Wolf senior Zander Woodruff scoreless -- for awhile. The Mid-Michigan scoring leader wouldn't be denied, however, and ended up with a game-high 29 points.

Perry led early, 12-7, and kept the pressure up through the middle of the contest, before the Wolves went on an 8-0 tear, then finished things up with a 24-8 advantage in the final quarter.

Mitchell George and Ty Randall joined Woodruff in double figures for the Wolfpack, scoring 15 and 14, respectively. Jey McGraw-Allen paced Perry with 23 points and Tristan Krupp finished with 12.

The win moved the #2-ranked Wolfpack to 12-0 in Central Michigan Athletic Conference play, while Perry fell to 10-6 overall and 7-6 in the CMAC.



Ty Randall

Owosso Rolls Past Ovid-Elsie Marauder Swimmers, 142-41

OWOSSO — The Owosso Trojans hosted Ovid-Elsie in the pool and came away with a 142-41 victory -- despite a dominant victory for Carter Hebel in the 100 breaststroke, by nearly :09 seconds over his nearest competitor.

Peyton Dwyer had an excellent night for the home team, finishing first in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100 butterfly. He also contributed to first-place finishes in on the 200 medley and freestyle relay teams.

Coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders earned points in the following events:

— 200 medley mixed relay: Jolene Hebel, Lillian Kennedy, Pau Gifre, David Lohr, 3rd, 2:28.87.

— 200 freestyle: Jacob Kast, 4th, 2:36.24. J. Hebel, 5th, 2:36.51.

— 200 IM: Audrey Bensinger 4th, 3:04.09. Kennedy 5th, 3:19.99.

— 50 freestyle: Lohr, :33.17. Cheyenne Kline, 5th, :35.50.

— 100 fly: Bensinger, 2nd, 1:22.76. Michael Rinehart, 5th, 1:55.95.

— 100 freestyle: C. Hebel, 3rd, 1:07.39. J. Hebel, 4th, 1:10.99.

— 5000 freestyle: Kline, 4th, 7:27.49. Adalynn Roberts, 5th, 8:20.12.

— 200 freestyle relay: Gifre, J. Hebel, Lohr, Bensinger, 3rd, 2:09.64. Kennedy, Norah Wilcox, Noah Hugnagel, Kline, 4th, 2:36.64.

— 100 backstroke: Lindsay Washburn, 3rd, 1:14.39. Kast, 5th, 1:15.96.

— 100 breaststroke: C. Hebel, 1st, 1:14.76. Gifre, 5th, 1:30.60.

— 400 freestyle relay: Kast, Gifre, Washburn, C. Hebel, 2nd, 4:36.78. Kline, Wilcox, Colton Sempstrott, Roberts, 4th, 5:46.24.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Bannister UMC

submitted by Deb Smith

There will be a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Bannister United Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 20th from Noon-3pm.

Note New time. We will be serving

lunch at noon. Please come & join us! Our next lunch will be on Tuesday, March 19th so mark your calendars!

We will also be trying something new on Saturday, February 10th from noon-3pm: Saturday Fun Day! Lunch from noon - 3PM followed by more fun, fellowship, board games, card games &/or conversation! JOIN US! Free will offering.

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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 6, 2024. 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): Nicholas Crockett, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership Date of Mortgage: October 7, 2022 Date of Mortgage Recording: October 10, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$330,201.35

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: The part of the South 30 acres of the West 1/2 of the Northwest fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Bingham Township Clinton County, Michigan described as follows: Beginning at the Intersection of the Easterly limited access right of way of Scott Road, and the North line of said South 30 acres, said North line also being the centerline of existing Avery Road, said intersection lying North 02 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West, 1091.43 feet; thence South 88 degree 13 minutes 16 seconds East 199.10 feet from the West 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence continuing along said centerline of

Avery Road, South 88 degrees 13 minutes 16 seconds East 274.52 feet; thence South 01 degrees 48 minutes 44 seconds West, 485.64 feet to the Northerly limited access right of way line of US. 27; thence along said right of way line, North 89 degrees 48 minutes 09 seconds West, 286.43 feet; thence North 02 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds West, 165.77 feet; thence South 87 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds West, 40.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds West, 192.75 feet; thence North 31 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East, 121.69 feet to the end of said limited access right of way; thence along the accessible right of way line of Scott Road, North 31 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East, 37.89 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 1048 Avery Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879-9331

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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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This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: February 4, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Sports



Workman, Parsons Earn Third MMAC Individual Wrestling Crowns

MONTROSE — Ovid-Elsie seniors Talan Parsons and Cole Workman earned their third individual titles over an impressive four-year Marauder career at the annual Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) Wrestling Championships here.

While coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders finished 6th as a team, the Otisville-Lakeville Falcons showed that, while not setting the MMAC on fire in other sports, they rule on the league mats. The Birds earned the most team points at the MMAC championship tourney, taking home the team title with 200.5 points.

New Lothrop was second with 141, followed by the Durand Railroaders (135), Mt. Morris Panthers (118.5), Montrose Rams (114), Ovid-Elsie Marauders, Chesaning Indians (62) and Byron Eagles (19).



Ryker Parsons, Talan Parsons, Cole Workman and Trey Milner.
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Trace Taylor grappling with opponent during conference championship in Montrose.
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Parsons pinned Mt. Morris junior Ethan Trumble in just 1:28 in the 113-pound championship match and Workman won a 4-1 decision over Lakeville senior Jon Huggler at 144 pounds.

Complete MMAC Championships Weight Class Championship Results: 106: 1. Blake Wendling, New Lothrop, Jr. 113: 1. Talan Parsons, Ovid-Elsie, Sr. 120: 1. Cameron Bacchus, Durand, Sr.; 2. Ryker Parsons, Ovid-Elsie, Fr. 126: 1. Quinton Everett, Chesaning, Jr. 132: 1. Noah Szwed, Montrose, So. 138: 1. Miguel Quintanilla, Mt. Morris, So. 144: 1. Cole Workman, Ovid-Elsie, Sr. 150: 1. Landyn Thornburg, Montrose, Sr. 157: 1. Drew Alward, Durand, Jr. 165: 1. Fred Hammond, Lakeville, So. 175: 1. Jack Kulhanek, New Lothrop, Sr. 190: 1. Colton Symons, New Lothrop, Sr. 215: 1. Ethan Hammond, Lakeville, Sr. 285: 1. Doug Hoyt, Lakeville, Jr.; 2. Trey Milner, Ovid-Elsie, Jr.

Wolfpack, Marauder Grappling Teams Fall in District Semifinals

CORUNNA — Corunna downed the Laingsburg Wolfpack, 52-24, and the Durand Railroaders nudged past the Ovid-Elsie Marauders, 43-35, in Division 3 MHSAA District wrestling semifinal action here last Wednesday.

Setting up a District final pitting Corunna vs. Durand, the hosts captured 48-33 team win in the championship meet to keep Division 3 team district wrestling crown at CHS. It marked the Cavaliers' second district championship in the last three years and the program's sixth in the last 15 campaigns and the 20th in school history.

Both teams now turned their attention to the Individual State Wrestling Tournament, where several local grapplers are considered top contenders to bring home MHSAA gold.

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