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VFW Post 8964 Ovid Install Ramp for Veteran

Recently members of VFW Post 8964 Ovid, (Commander Leonard Huyck, Quartermaster Aaron McClung, Adjutant Art Jones), Owosso Memorial VFW Post 9455 (Commander Larry Thayer), and Ovid-Elsie Middle School 8th grader Conor McClung installed accessibility ramps at the residence of WWII veteran Irene Hosking. Irene will turn 106 years young on April 20 this year.

The ramp was repurposed from another Veterans house that no longer needed the ramp. At our last VFW Shiawassee County Council meeting, we identified that Irene would benefit from the installation of the ramp. We assembled the volunteers that were present today for the installation

Left to Right: Art Jones, Leonard Huyck, Conor McClung, Aaron McClung, Larry Thayer. Front:Irene Hosking



New Lion's Club Members



On Monday, February 12th, Deb Price became the newest member of the Ovid Lions Club. She was sworn in by Club Director, Mike O'Bryant and witnessed by Deb's sponsor and Secretary of the Club, Mary Perrien.



On Monday Feb. 12th, John Shipley joins the Elsie Lions Club as newest member.

Pictured from left to right is Lions District 11-C2 Governor Lion Ted Hamilton, Lion John Shipley and Elsie Lions President Lion Rick Longs

Investigation into Elsie Fire Department Asst. Chief

The following statement was submitted to the Meridian Weekly from Fire Board Chairman, Craig Green on Wednesday, February 14th.

In early January it was brought to some of the board members attention that there were concerns within the Fire Department that needed to be addressed.

At a Special Meeting on January 12th, a motion was made by the board to suspend Shane Grinnell from his position as Assistant Chief of the Fire Department for 30 days and to remove him from his role of Secretary/Treasurer indefinitely.

As the board was looking into those concerns, there were things that the board had no experience of how to navigate or were comfortable handling, so a third party was hired to look into how to proceed.

The third party requested more time to complete their investigation so on February 12, 2024, Shane was suspended from his role of Assistant Chief, indefinitely with pay until a final decision is made.

The following statement was read at the Duplain Township Meeting on Wednesday, February 14th.

Assistant Chief Shane Grinnell has been suspended indefinitely from his assistant chief role while the department continues with the investigation. Amy Bowen has been appointed as the Elsie Fire Department Authority Secretary/Treasurer. A number of individuals have rejoined the department, Mark Helt, Dan Chapko and Jason Bowen.

Elsie Village Council

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Officials welcomed back Village President Tom Frink, returning after a health enisode

Tom Frink, president, presented the proposed the 2024-2025 budget, a second budget committee meeting is slated for Friday, February 16, 2024, 3:30 pm, at the village business office. Water rates will be increased due to cost increases, revenue sharing regarding roads increased \$4,251.99, and \$24,000 projected increase of revenue sharing, the budget will reflect a \$10,000 increase. The public hearing on the 2024-25 budget is slated for 6:45 pm prior to the March 12 regular meeting.

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Next, Frink recommended that the clerk/treasurer be added as an official signature on checks and financial related paperwork. The signatories are the manager, village president and now clerk. The recommendation was approved.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce presented the monthly Elsie Police Department report.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce presented the monthly Elsie Police Department report. Police activity during January consisted of suspicious situations and persons many are out of town homeless individuals, animal complaints are on the increase, and property damage crashes at Dollar General are increasing. Several training sessions were attended in January, and to update the FOIA policy and fees for processing. On January 19th, Elsie PD responded to a traffic crash on the west side town. A female driver was unresponsive, Narcan was administered prior to EMS arrival.

In addition, year-end reports have completed. Bryce reported that currently the village attorney Ed Jackson does not specialize in municipal law, which has impact on the tickets written. Mr. Dave Revore, attorney at law, specializes in municipal law and will enforce local ordinances that includes code enforcement which will benefit the village regarding fines and fees collected.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, reported on a dangerous building, first floor of the former Darling's Hardware. The building was looked at by an individual who was interested in purchasing of the building, the floor has caved in. The property owner was notified and encouraged to repair the situation as soon as possible.

Grennell reported that he is working with Consumers Energy on light installation at the Elsie Village Park that would cost the village \$8,000, five contemporary style LED light poles along N State Street and around the curve on the north end of the park. The lights would be maintained by Consumers Energy. He is currently working on the permit process and right of way process and trying to find the paperwork that proves village ownership.

Next, the former Elsie Junior High School project update was given. A quiet title project was addressed, so the former owner cannot come back on the developer. Now, the village can aggressive complete a title search, this should help the grant process.

BNM Trailer sales has requested a letter of support from the Village of Elsie. The support will assist with a project development project to expand their business.

A few meetings have taken place with Tim Farr from Clinton County Catalyst. He has been very helpful in connecting the Village with potential business owners. Noting that Randy Remer is still investigating the possibility of moving forward with a proposal for a sewer dumping facility.

Finally, Grinnell attended a 3-day class on certification of Weights and Measurements for Commercial Vehicles, hosted by Delta College and taught by the Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Division.

Chris Ormes, Department of Public Works, reported that the lift station pump is installed and running well. A shed has been installed to protect the equipment. New street signs have been ordered that will be blue and white. Waiting for a quote on Village of Elsie welcome signs. Vehicle maintenance is ongoing

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Jason Freeman, updated officials on the Elsie Area Fire Authority Board. He stated that there is an active investigation ongoing within the department and that an attorney is involved. No details are available at this time.

Public comment included the offensive flags and political inuendo and the consequences, unfortunately there is nothing that can be done because it is a right under the first amendment. Blight issues were once again discussed.

Officials took monthly action to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of attorney under the manager's report and commissioner prior to public comment and committees fire board update, and the minutes the January 2024 regular meeting. In addition, the financial reports were approved and expenditures totaling \$76,907.80.

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Social

Pancake Breakfast

The St Cyril Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 3rd from 11am-1pm at the Parish Hall at the church. A free will donation will be taken with proceeds to benefit the Elsie Area Food Pantry and Baby Pantry. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, browns, fruit, rolls and beverage.





Fridays: Feb. 23 - March 1, 8,15, 22

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Public Welcome Dine In - All You Can Eat Take-Out Dinners Available - Call 989-224-1225

Baked Fish, Fried Fish, Baked Potato, Steak Fries, Macroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll



\$15 Adults; \$8 Children 6-12; **Under 6 Free** Cash or Check Only **PUBLIC WELCOME**

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

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

Elsie Fall Festival Seeks **Donations For Their Silent Auction**

submitted by Margaret White

The annual Elsie Fall Festival will be held Saturday October 5, 2024 in downtown Elsie. All proceeds will go to the Elsie Area Food Pantry. The event features games, vendors, food, entertainment, a silent auction, and more.

This year we are starting early so we can make it bigger and better", stated Margaret White the volunteer chair of the silent auction at the festival. "I want the entire community to be able to come together and show their support for the event."

According to Sue Peterson- treasurer of the Elsie Area Food Pantry-" It is our mission to provide for families in need in our community and surrounding areas.

We helped over 300 families in 2023, adding 20 new families since the first of the year. We offer several different programs at the food pantry allowing families to choose what best meets their needs. Our Pantry is open twice a week for families to come and shop for items such as shelf stable foods, produce, meat, eggs, cheese, and milk. Each family can use this twice a month, as well as receive personal care items once a month. We have three Produce distributions a month where families can pick up a prepared box of food curbside. We also distribute Kids Backpack Kits filled with non-perishable, easy to prepare foods. The Food Pantry is also available after hours as the need arises. It is our commitment to make sure our families are not hungry and are treated with the upmost respect and dignity.

Margaret states "We are looking for entertainers- musicians, dancers, or singers to perform the day of the event We are also accepting donations for the silent auction- examples of items would be gift cards, vouchers or passes to events, themed baskets, or single items.'

Individuals, church groups, service organizations, or businesses can all join in to help. The Elsie Area Food Pantry is a 501(3((c). Your donation is tax deductible.

Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, providing entertainment, or donating to the silent auction please contact Margaret White by email ihswamh@gmail.com

> 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

Holy Family Fish Dinners

submitted by Cindy Broome

Holy Family Fish Dinners will be served on Feb. 23rd, March 8th and the final one of the season on March 22nd! Dinner starts at 4:30 and runs until 7 pm (or until the food is gone!). Dine in or order a Take out Meal!

Menu includes: COD fish -- Fried & Baked, cheesy potatoes, French fries, baked beans, tropical salad, coleslaw, green beans, corn, dinner roll, pickles, condiments, choice of dessert and drink. To keep everyone safe, we will serve you.

Adults \$16, children 6 to 12 years old \$8, and kids under 5

Man-Eaters of Tsavo Presentation

submitted by Cathy Cramner

Join Daniel L. McMaster at the Corunna Branch of the Community District Library on Thursday, February 29th at 6:30pm. McMaster will be sharing the strange tale of "The Man-Eaters of Tsavo".

The talk will follow the true tale of a pair of man-eating lions that terrorized Tsavo, Kenya and halted the construction of a railroad bridge in 1898. McMaster will give a thorough view of literature and film related to the captivating story.

McMaster is an outdoor writer. His column, the Weekly portsman, appears every Sunday in the Meridian Weekly.

This presentation is suitable for older teens and adults.

Seating is limited, so pre-registration is required. Please register online under events at www.mycdl.org or call the branch at 989-743-4800. The library is located at 210 E. Corunna Avenue directly east of the Historic Shiawassee County Courthouse.

Middlebury Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment For the February 27, 2024 Primary Election

To the qualified electors of the Middlebury Township, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the February 27, 2024

Testing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. at the township hall at 7627 E. M-21.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the require ments of Michigan electronic law.

Jamie Aldrich, Clerk Middlebury Township

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

Laingsburg Lions Free Spaghetti Dinner

The next spaghetti dinners, hosted by the Laingbsurg Lions Club in conjunction with the American Legion Post 248, will be held on February 20 from 5 p. m. to 7 p.m.



A new addition to the menu this year will be meat-

balls. The dinner also includes spaghetti, garlic bread, a beverage and dessert.

Carry-outs will be available; sorry no deliveries. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy a great evening of community fellowship. All are welcome!

The Legion hall is located at 1240 W. Grand River Ave., Laingsburg.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **RE: APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE TO BE HELD MARCH 4, 2024**

The City of Laingsburg will hold a public hearing to receive input on the proposed commercial facilities exemption certificate. To participate, the public may appear at the hearing in person, by counsel, or by personal representative. The public hearing will be held during the regular March 4th, 2024 City Council Meeting at 7pm in Laingsburg City Hall Council Chambers (114 N Woodhull Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848).

Written comments on the application for the commercial facilities exemption certificate will be received at the City Hall before or at the public hearing by in-person delivery or by mail (see address below). The City of Laingsburg will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk (including by using the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1/TDD) not less than five (5) days before the public hearing.

Sincerely, Kim Hamilton City of Laingsburg Clerk PO Box 178 Laingsburg, MI 48848 Tel: 517-651-5374 Web: www.laingsburg.us

Notice of Public Hearing City of Laingsburg, City Council 219 W Grand River Special Assessment March 4th, 2024 at 7:00pm, at City Hall Council Chambers

To the owner of the following described property:

Parcel #022-40-001-005-00, more commonly known as 219 W Grand River, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

TAKE NOTICE that the Laingsburg City Council intends to assess expenses incurred by the city to the above listed parcel, for the amount of \$600.00

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Laingsburg City Council will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 114 N. Woodhull Street at 7:00 p.m., on Monday March 4th, 2024, to review the special assessment roll prepared by the City Assessor and hear complaints by any person to be affected by the incurred charges. The special assessment roll is available for public viewing at the City Clerk's Office located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan during normal office hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal, and that an owner or party in interest, or their agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file their appearance or protest by letter and their personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

Laingsburg City Hall is barrier free. Individuals needing assistance should contact the City Clerk at (517) 651-5374 at least 24 hours prior to the meet-

Kim Hamilton Clerk

Mid Winter Jamboree

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

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. music. Admission is free.

Coffee and table service will be provided. Guests are welcome The annual Mid Winter Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday, to bring their own beverages. Very generous and talented musicians will provide an afternoon of favorite Czech and Slovak

NOTICE OF ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Bath Charter Township Clerk	Precinct 1 - Bath Township Hall, 14480 Webster Rd., Bath				
Brenda L. Butler-Challender,	Precinct 2 - Bath Community Center, 5959 Park Lake Rd., Bath				
517-641-6728	Precinct 3 - Bath Middle School Auditorium, 13675 Webster Rd., Bath				
011 011 0120	Precinct 3 - Bath Middle School Additionally, 13073 Webster Rd., Bath Precinct 4 - Spirit of Christ Church, 8170 Coleman Rd., Haslett				
	Precinct 5 - Bath Fire Station, 5633 Drumheller Rd., Bath				
Bengal Township Clerk	Bengal Township Hall, 6586 W. M-21, St. Johns				
Sharon Bassette, 989-640-4750					
Bingham Township Clerk	Bingham Township Hall, 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns				
Amy Wirth, 989-403-8468					
Dallas Township Clerk	Dallas Township Hall, 225 S. Main St., Fowler				
Melinda Schafer, 989-307-0356					
DeWitt City Clerk	DeWitt City Hall, Community Room, 414 E. Main St., DeWitt				
Sarah Stoltzfus, 517-669-2441					
DeWitt Charter Township Clerk	Precinct 1 & 2 – Dewitt Middle School, 2957 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt (off of Panther Dr.)				
Adam Cramton, 517-668-0270	Precinct 3 & 4 - Herbison Road Fire Station, 1445 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt				
	Precinct 5, 6 & 7 - DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Rd., Lansing				
Duplain Township Clerk	Elsie Public Library/Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main St., Elsie				
Dawn Levey, 989-927-6258					
Eagle Township Clerk	Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan St., Eagle				
Laurie Briggs-Dudley, 517-526-7548					
East Lansing City Clerk	Precinct 17 – Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 1800 E. State Rd., East Lansing				
Marie Wicks, 517-319-6881					
Essex Township Clerk	Maple Rapids Community Center, 209 W. Union St., Maple Rapids				
Tim Karasek, 989-307-0425					
Greenbush Township Clerk	Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns				
Ramona Smith, 989-224-3993					
Lebanon Township Clerk	Lebanon Township Hall, 10990 W. Colony Rd., Fowler				
Daniel Smith, 989-593-2193					
Olive Township Clerk	Olive Township Hall, 1400 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt				
Elizabeth June, 517-275-0006					
Ovid City Clerk	City of Ovid Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid				
Susan Tomasek-Swan, 989-834-5550					
Ovid Township Clerk	Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid				
Claudia Pluger, 989-834-4830					
Riley Township Clerk	Riley Township Hall, 7110 W. Pratt, DeWitt, MI 48820				
Lisa Powell, 517-819-6132					
St. Johns City Clerk	Precinct 1 & 3 - First Baptist Church, 512 S. US-27, St. Johns				
Mindy Seavey, 989-224-8944	Precinct 2 - Nazarene Church, 515 N. Lansing St., St. Johns				
Victor Township Clerk	Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg				
Lianne Prange, 517-651-2094	Design 4.8.0. Well-se Well-se Well-Supposite Outselfour 40000 C. Wesself Rd. C				
Watertown Charter Township Clerk	Precinct 1 & 2 - Wallace Watts Community Center/Gym 12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge				
Carolyn Brokob, 517-626-6593	Martin File Township Hell 40050 Doub DJ Washin His MI 40004				
Westphalia Township Clerk	Westphalia Township Hall - 13950 Pratt Rd., Westphalia, MI 48894				
Heather Platte, 989-587-3411					

For the purpose of nominating the following:

President of the United States

Also, to vote on the following proposals:

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP:
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL OF .9968 MILL FOR FOUR YEARS BEGINNING IN 2024 FOR CONSTRUCTING, PRESERVING, IMPROVING, REPAIRING, AND MAINTAINING ROADS AND BRIDGES

OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS:

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 17.8795 MILLS FOR 10

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS:
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 20.8113 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 18 MILLS FOR 4

MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$36,800,000

MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL 1.1487 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

<u>FULTON SCHOOLS:</u> SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL 3 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

Full text of ballot proposals may be obtained by contacting your township/city clerk or county clerk. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote

Absentee ballots are available for all elections: registered voters may contact their local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting your local clerk in advance of the election. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact their local clerk's office

This Notice is given by authority of the County Clerk of Clinton County, Michigan

Debra A. Sutherland, Clinton County Clerk (989) 224-5140

<u>Obituaries</u>

Kitty "Kit" English Payne

Kitty "Kit" English Payne, 73, of St. Johns, Michigan, died February 7, 2024, at home.

She was born February 9, 1950 in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of Robert L. and Ada Marie (Hayes) English. She attended East Lansing High School.

On April 27, 1974, she married Lee Payne.

Kit earned her Ph.D from Michigan State University, and held degrees in Child Development and Human Ecology. She taught at MSU and Central Michigan University as well as teaching and consulting at school districts throughout Michigan, China and Japan.

Kit lived a well rounded life. She was an expert rated skydiver, a licensed balloon pilot and an avid bicyclist. Kit was just as comfortable getting out of a plane at 17,000 feet at night, as lecturing her college students.

Kit was a published author, excellent poet, creative seamstress, gardener and a darn good cook!

Kit is survived by her husband, Lee; sisters Mary Vericolli, Phoenix, Az; Laura (Roger) Ruginis, Kalkaska Mi.; brotherIn-law Richard Payne, Harbor Springs, Mi.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and sister Roberta English.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

At Kit's request, there will be no services-but feel free to tip a cold one.





Church Directory

Advertise In Our Church Directory! Call (989) 834-2264

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

163 W. Main St., Elsie Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Watch Sunday Service on YouTube at elsiebaptist Pastor Phillip Rogers

Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg 517-651-5531

Worship Service: 10:30am Minister:

Rev. Tiffany Newsom

Middlebury United Methodist Church 8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid

989-834-2573 Minister:



Rev. Tiffany Newsom
Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street Pastor: Zella Daniel Sunday Worship 11:15am

FAITH FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH Corner of Price & Chandler, St. Johns Poeter, John Jakus

ner of Price & Chandler, St. Jol Pastor: John Jakus Sunday School: 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am 517-651-6210

ELSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: JD Paik

United Church of Ovid

Office Hours: 9-1 Mon - Tue - Wed 9-Noon Thur • Closed Fri

Sundays am: 11:00 - Worship Sunday School during Worship Ages 3yrs thru 6th Grade

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or on Facebook
Pastor Bryan Simon

St. Cyril Parish of Bannister

Mass: Sun. 10:30am, Tues. 9am, Fri. 9am Adoration: 9:30-10:30 517 E. Main St. Bannister We Welcome You to Come...

Father Raj

Michael Martin Hudecek

Michael Martin Hudecek, 62, passed away peacefully at hospice after a battle with cancer on January 13, 2024 in Toledo, Ohio. He was born on October 17, 1961 in Lansing, Michigan to Robert and Mary (Shultz) Hudecek.

Mike graduated in 1980 from Ovid-Elsie High School, where he was a 4 year letterman in baseball. He also played a pivotal role as a starter on the 1978-79 varsity basketball team that posted a stellar 23-1 record. Mike went on to play baseball at Hillsdale College. In 1984 Mike and the love of his life Terri were married in Owosso. Mike and his family moved to Toledo, where he worked 27 years for American Interiors. Mike loved playing sports, especially golf, and was an avid fan of the Michigan State Spartans. He loved all types of music and played percussion with the "Junkanoo Brothers". Most of all, Mike loved his family, and enjoyed being a doting "Bumpa" to his two grandkids.



Mike is survived by his wife, Theresa (Craft) Hudecek; daughters, Ashley Hedges and Lauren Hudecek; grandson, Bradley Bunce; granddaughter, Skylar Westfall; sister, Kristi (Neil) Stambersky; brothers, Scott (Gina) Hudecek and Brad (Denise) Hudecek; sisters-in-law, Sandy Kirby, Bonnie Cook, and Chris Sinicropi; brother-in-law, Steve Craft; as well as several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mary Hudecek, as well as his brother, Mark Hudecek.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, from 12:00pm-4:00pm at The Back 40, located at 5215 Monroe St, Toledo, OH 43623.

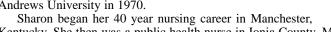
In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital in his name.

Sharon Rose Mosher

Sharon Rose Mosher, age 78, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Ingham County Medical Care Center, Okemos, Michigan.

Born in Edmore, MI to Carl Bruce and Laura Maxine (Stevenson) Mosher on May 19, 1945, Sharon's first home was the boys' dormitory at Cedar Lake Academy where her father was the dean.

At the age of five, Sharon was among the first dozen children to receive corrective open heart surgery in the U.S. When she was seventeen, Sharon was in an automobile accident. Her injuries led to neck surgery when she was twenty. These early medical experiences sparked her interest in nursing. After graduating from Grand Ledge Academy in 1964, Sharon earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in nursing from Andrews University in 1970.

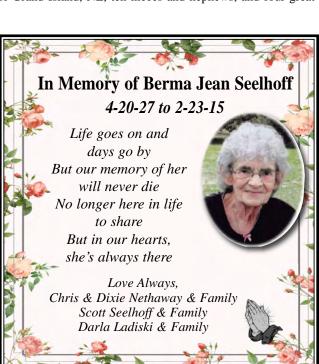


Kentucky. She then was a public health nurse in Ionia County, Michigan, and worked nineteen years at Sparrow Hospital. Sharon was a practicing private nurse in Ovid, Michigan before retiring.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by two brothers, Robert (Marijane) Mosher of Haslett, Michigan, David (Misako) Mosher of Hiroshima, Japan, foster sister Kelly Donaldson Hohlen of Grand Island, NE, ten nieces and nephews, and four greatnieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Johns Seventhday Adventist Church, 1400 South Oakland Street, St. Johns, MI, 48879, on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. Burial will take place at Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Kidney Fund or the Dobie Road Foundation (Ingham County Medical Care). Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Good morning world, I was told that a big storm was going to hit us today, so far nothing unusual is going on. I just checked the weather online and there is supposed to be mixed rain and snow from 7:10 until ten...ish this morning. Of



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

course it appears to be clear at five, the cats are munching on their food and Miss Prudence has made her outside run. Whatever is coming has not got the group hunkering down or preparing for a storm. The crew members aren't hurriedly devouring their food or being agitated with each other's presence. Of course it could start up as we are putting up our open flag or placing our menu board on the sidewalk this morning. It is a breakfast burrito day and I'm gladly looking forward to eating one and taking a couple home to put in the fridge. I warm them up in the oven in one of my loaf pans with a pat of butter, cover the pan in the aluminum foil that the burrito is wrapped and place in a heated oven for about twenty minutes. Good stuff.

Diane is picking me up this morning. I need to get my truck out of the shop, it had sensor issues with the oil gauge. Of course it happened to be one of those timing issues, because I am forking out almost a grand for vehicle insurance and am a bit short on cash because of it. Oh well, I fortunately do not have a lot of expenses but it still bites.

No snow at 6AM, but the ground is covered with that white stuff by 6:50AM. Wow, how quickly things change. I got to shovel snow and clear out the sidewalk in front of MG's Perx & Pastries. Brent then repeated the process by nine. I missed the opportunity to make a snowman. But my hair is rainwater soft and was dried twice with paper towels this morning. My coat and my gloves got soaked as well as my hair. I had to scrape off a couple of feet of snow from the hood of my truck and fill up my gas tank. And it was still snowing heavily, hence being soaked. Impressive, the weather folks were right this time.

I hope that you all had a marvelous Valentine's Day. Diane surprised me with a wicker basket filled with six books, it was from Brent also. This morning I chose to clear off the sidewalk. Diane tried to finish it but I held out. Just so everyone understands, I'm not forced to work, even though I hate doing dishes, I seldom do them. I enjoy myself and get to gab with everyone that comes into the shop. I get ideas and stories from those who come into our shop. I have the luxury of getting different points of views on a daily basis. My life is illuminated with laughter, consideration, and kindness. I am blessed.

When I got home this afternoon the roads hadn't been plowed. Mason Road was a sloppy mess and I did meet a couple of full sized pickups pulling cattle trailers. In my opinion, those vehicles were speeding because their trailers were fish tailing. I was happy that they didn't slap me as they passed. As I got to my road, I got to meet the snow plow headed south. Such is life. I was thrilled to get changed into my night gown and heavy robe. My feet were covered with my tied fleece blanket and Pru was on my lap. It didn't take me long to become cozy and warm. Next thing I knew I was taking a nap. I woke up with the phone ringing and got to have a pleasant conversation with Karen. Then I popped a breakfast burrito into the oven and set the timer. I then tried to call Robin and her phone was busy. Shortly after my call, Robin returned it and we had a wonderful conversation. Robin had spent the day painting not one of her favorite tasks. Have you ever noticed that we often do jobs that are our least favorite...reason being that we do them to help others. Not always for family or friends, sometimes just for someone in need. It is part of the human experience.

As heavy as the snow was this morning, I still had drifts in my yard. That's correct, I live where there are high and sometimes gusting winds. One of my live traps was sent skittering across the west end of my deck today. Actually it didn't do much skittering, it was more like plowing through the snow. Life is a matter of perception. I was blessed with a positive attitude. May God bless you with a positive outlook. Enjoy life and seek new perceptions.

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The Poacher

I was feeling on my way, I was twelve years old. Walking under a blanket of West

Virginia coal, I walked by a No Trespass sign. Yeah, the grass looked greener 'cross the property line



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

I told myself that I would not shoot. And if anybody asked, I took the scenic route

My hands started shaking, I let a round go. From the .223 polk stock powder load, bye bye I was born this way, who am I to be ashamed. It's the Indian blood in the poor man's veins I did it that time and i did it again. Started selling meat to all my friends

And they'd buy, yeah, they'd buy. 'Cause there's a whole lot of people who like the wild food But they can't go hunting ,cause the monthly bills are due. The farmers grow bread and the kitchen cooks soup. So I fed a lot of purpose with the deeds that I do

In the trees I found my sweet by and by, by and by. Well, I had to put the fear in the DNR So I slashed their tires when they were parked. The whole administration, they had done get scared. But a young new trooper caught a wild hair. He pulled me over with a hefty load But the law don't own the mountain. So I left him in the smoke

Well, the doctors and the lawyers, they're good at what

they do. But a man needs a license just to hunt for some food

The farmers grow bread and the kitchen cooks soup. But the Lord gave me a purpose with the deeds that I do

Back in the trees I found my sweet by and by, yeah the sweet by and by

'Cause there's a whole lot of people who like the wild food

But they can't go hunting, cause the monthly bills are due

The farmers grow bread and the kitchen cooks soup

So I fed a lot of purpose with the deeds that I do

Back in the trees I found my sweet by and by, by and by

The above lyrics are from a song recently released by Brad Brownfield and Taylor Demp. Brownfield is a West Virginia farm boy who holds a masters degree in civil engineering from MIT and served as a platoon leader in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. His genre of music is an interesting hybrid of country grunge and Appalachian outlaw and although most may not care for his voice the songwriting is incredible. In addition to The Poacher, other songs like Tacoma and Road Back Home also show his giftedness as a songwriter.

Without doubt the Weekly Sportsman does not condone the poaching of natural resources. This song may just be a song that paints a fictional picture of a young Robin Hood in the hills of West Virginia using his skills to harvest wildgame to sell (probaby cheap) to those so poor they work nonstop and don't have time to hunt. American folklore and history, especially in poor Appalachia, has often been filled with characters who are romanticized when providing for the community despite local games laws and wildlife management practices. A debate could rage on for hours, maybe even days, if it is ethical or unethical to take the King's deer and other wildgame with the sole purpose of feeding hungry people. Please don't confuse this with antler collecting and wanton waste. In a perfect world, most hunters or shooters should never have to make the decision to take game out of season to feed the hungry, however, we don't live in a perfect world. Think about all the deer within less than 800 meters of the boundaries of Laingsburg, Ovid, Else, Bannister, Ashley, and Shepherdsville; now think of all the hungry children and adults within that area who probably could use some wildgame protein to supplement their dietary and nutritional needs. Food for thought, both literally and figuratively, rabbit and squirrel are now fair game but it takes a lot to equal the amount of table fare provided by a single deer. Could this be one of the solutions to local hunger problems and anoverpopulated deer herd?

Remember this is just a song much like Steve Earle's tale of Copperhead Road in eastern Tennessee where it is still illegal to distill and grow, however, the Weekly Sportsman is curious what you think. Send an email to the Weekly Sportsman and share your view on this subject and where you personally draw the line.

Remember to catch the Weekly Sportsman's Report on Friday's at 3:00 p.m. on WOES 91.3. -WS

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 a.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

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

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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

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

Ovid City Council Meeting

by Deb Price

On Monday, February 12th, Mayor Lasher opened a Public Hearing at 7pm with one agenda item, the USDA Notice of Intent. The council took action on that agenda item and the public hearing was closed. The mayor then called to order the regular monthly council meeting with all council members in attendance with the exception of Eric Starn who was absent. The agenda, minutes of the January 8th meeting and the invoice/check registers were approved.

Linda Applebee, representing the Greater Laingbsurg Recyclers attended the meeting and offered information during public comment. She invited City of Ovid residents to come take a look at what Laingbsurg has to offer those who recycle. She explained they were an all volunteer group and that all are welcome to use their facility. She reported that in 2023 they collected over 212,000 pounds of materials that didn't go to landfills. She also made the council aware that the group accepts

Mayor Lashers report included discussion regarding cameras in the DPW building. A representative from New Look gave an assessment on the electrical capability at the site. His recommendation was that a new 200 amp service should be looked into to prevent the interruption of cameras working due to power surges, outages or the unplugging of devices due to electrical inadequacies. The council will get an electrician in to get more information as to upgrading the electrical at that build-

The Treasures report and Attorneys report were given and accepted. Police Chief Rousseau introduced Sgt. Chris Hamilton from the Bath Department. He spoke to the council about the SOT Team (Special Operations Team) in Clinton County, how it operates and what their needs are. He explained that the number of calls for the team have increased by more than double over the past few years and that mental health issues are involved with most calls. The council will reach out to other neighboring local governments as to their level of support and see if Ovid can help by way of donation to the SOT Team.. Chief also informed that council that a dangerous house

has been identified in Ovid. Lastly she presented details for the purchase of a 2024 Silverado truck as the next police vehicle. The cost would be \$51,522.00 for Cecile and an additional \$14,458.00 to transfer all equipment from one vehicle to another for a total of \$65,980.00. After discussion the purchase of the truck was approved. Lastly, she discussed the topic of Accreditation for the department and the council approved moving forward with the process.

Under new business, the council approved a \$22.00 sewer relief request (4-1) for a resident and took no action on another residents request for water bill credit for inconvenience. The City Offices will be closed from noon-5pm on Wednesdays starting February 14th for the next two months as a trial period and will be reassessed at the April meeting.

At 8:47pm, the council went into closed session to discuss an employee discipline matter. Once back in session, committees were heard from as well as board and commission reports. The next meeting of the Ovid City Council will be held at 7pm on Monday, March 11th.

RESOLUTION 2024-02 CITY OF OVID OPENING ACCOUNT AT THE STATE BANK

WHEREAS: at a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 12th day of February, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., with the following Council Members present

PRESENT: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien ABSENT: E. Starn

A motion was made by M. Perrien, seconded by M. Olger to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS; to authorize the Treasurer to open an ICS and Checking account at The State Bank; and

WHEREAS; The following officers whose signature will appear on the associated signature cards were duly authorized to endorse and sign checks,

drafts, and orders for the payment of money on these accounts NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The City of Ovid hereby agrees to all rules and regulations governing these accounts Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted AYE: M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, M. Olger, L. Perrien, L. Ordiway

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NAY: None

This resolution is declared adopted on the 12th day of February 2024.

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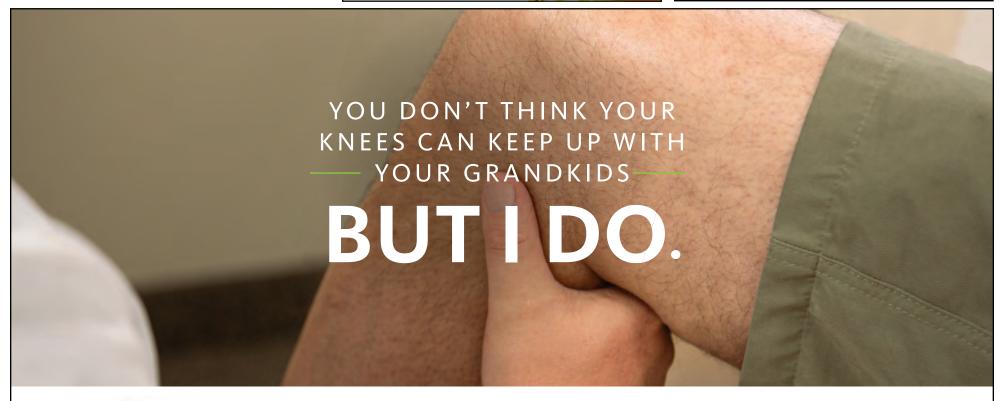
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Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The monthly meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, February 12, 2024 in the Ovid-Elsie Media Center. The evening was highlighted by reports presented by the school nurse, PBIS updates presented by Amber Foster and the superintendent of schools.

Mrs. Melissa Jones presented the school nurse update. What does a school nurse do - medical care plans, nursing and education, educate school personnel, keep students in school. 21% of OE students report a chronic condition - allergies, seizes, genetic conditions, asthma, and heart conditions. 7% of the students require a daily or emergency medication at school. 6% either have a medical need, plan or medical support during the school day. The whole school, whole community, whole child model used. In school health providers is a key component of the model. The school nurse's duties include coordinating care, staff training and support, communicable disease reporting, IT and documentation, classroom education k-12. This is the third year of having a school nurse and Ovid-Elsie is very fortunate to have a school nurse on staff.

Amber Foster, PBIS coordinator and coach, Positive Behavioral Interventions Supports – recognizing the good behavior, teaching and rewarding, evidence-based, and community supports. Working with students, staff, parents and the community. Purpose is to increase attendance, improves the school culture, and reduces disciplinary behaviors. Together improves academic performance. The Marauder theme – "Be respectful. Be responsible. Be your best." The expectations are clear and stressed for each grade level. These are life-long skills. The goal is to recognize as many students as possible for "good" behavior. Motivational staff members are also recognized. Next the program will focus on individual students and providing additional support to assist students in becoming the best they can be and to experience success.

Dr. Petroelje, superintendent, presented his monthly report. Non-homestead millage renewal is on the ballot Tuesday, February 27. Board members are encouraged to attend the county wide school board meeting, Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in the evening at the Clinton County RESA, St. Johns. The district emergency procedure review is slated for Tuesday, February 13, and will be conducted by an outside individual. Staffing for the 2024-25 school year is being reviewed as part of the budget process. It is anticipated that there will be a reduction in students for the 2024-25 school year.

Mr. Chris Winters, District Athletic District, provided information regarding the middle school softball and baseball programs. It is time to bridge the gap between the middle school and high school baseball and softball programs. The OE Summer Youth Program is willing to support the program financially. They are looking for a playing space and transportation projected investment \$1,500.00 for officials and transportation. Youth organization will provide coaches, uniforms, and equipment. It is a ten-game season; double headers. Total program cost \$5,000.

Under new business officials took action on board policies. The ten polices were provided to board members prior to the meeting to be reviewed and officials were to be prepared to pass or not. Officials took action to pass the updated and revised policies.

Officials accepted with regrets the retirement of Marcy Westinburg, kindergarten and Linda Snelling kindergarten teachers, and the resignation of para-professional Beth Spencer. Effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Dr. Petroelje presented the 2023-24 amended budget.

ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD **MEMBER VACANCY**

Ashley Community Schools Board of Education is seeking candidates to fill a vacant board seat through December 2024. Interested persons must be a resident and registered voter of the Ashley School District and are asked to submit a letter of interest and qualifications for the position no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 26, 2024.

> **Ashley Community Schools Central Office** PO Box 6 Ashley, MI 48806

Following a review of the submitted materials, the Board will conduct interviews with selected candidates on February 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 989-847-4000, ext. . 1000 with any questions.

Petroelje reported that revenue was better than anticipated with an increase of \$1,391,828.00 from \$18,195,530 to \$19,587,348. He reminded officials that the original budget was a projection. Expenditures did see an increase due to additional revenue – originally \$18,687,956.00 to \$19,682,269.00 an increase of \$994,313.00. Officials approved the revised 2023-24 budget.

Next the revised Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School Calendar was presented for approval. It was noted that there is no change in total hours, and days, just dates. It was approved as recommended.

The proposed Book Worms literacy/reading curriculum was presented for approval. It was noted that officials were given a presentation by Karle Delo at the January 2024 regular board meeting. The new curriculum is very strong on phonics, back to the basics and was approved by officials.

Board members received three bids for the financial audit

bids for the three-year period 2024, 2025, and 2026 years. It was recommended that Y0 & YO be awarded the bid, submitting the low bid of \$40,000. It was noted that they perform the Clinton County RESA audits.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, approval of the January 2024 meeting minutes and the financial reports.

Elsie Dam Update

by Dawn D. Levey
DUPLAIN – Duplain IIII Township officials would like to update the community on the state of the Elsie Dam and the progress of the project. First, the Elsie Dam continues to deteriorate with each major water event. As a result, there will be zero tolerance regarding trespassing violators will be cited. The site is unsafe for public activities.



Officials are aggressively seeking grant funding to remove the dam and to develop a safe park area for fishing and non-motorized watercraft. Applications have been submitted for three grants. Two are in phase two and one is in the third phase at the national level. Officials remain optimistic.



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Elba Township Board of Review Organization Meeting will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley. Tuesday March 5, 2024 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Organization Meeting

Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley. Monday March 11, 2024 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM. 6:00 PM. To 9:00 PM. Tuesday March 12, 2024 from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM. to 4:00 PM.

Email: elbatownsip@elbagratiot.com

Phone: 989-847-2210

Assessors Office Hours: Mondays 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Saturdays by appointment.

Address: Elba Township, PO Box 209, Ashley, Mi. 48806

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test for the February 27th, 2024 Presidential Primary Election will be held at the Fairfield Township Hall at 7988 W. Henderson Road Elsie at 9:00 am on Tuesday February 20th,

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law

Sincerely Carolyn Long

Ovid Township March Board of Review

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only Monday, March 4, 2024 at 11 a.m.

> Appeals will be heard: Monday, March 11, 2024 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2024 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1, 2024 LIDGARDASSESSING@COMCAST.NET

> Ovid Township Hall 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI 48866 (517) 669-1205 (Assessor) Protests will be heard for the 2024 Assessments

Victor Township 2024 Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2024 assessment appeals:

Wednesday, March 13th 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 14th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 14, 2024

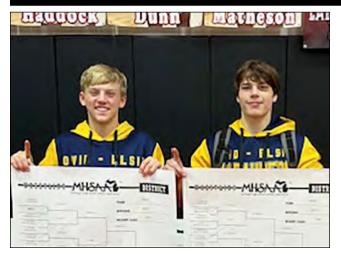
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows: Victor Township

Agricultural	46.90	1.07526	Commercial.	48.30	1.03519
Residential	44.46	1.12460	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	52.01	.096135	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Beth Botke



Sports



Talan Parsons and Cole Workman secured Division 3 Individual wrestling titles on February 10th.

Marauder, Wolfpack Wrestlers Advance in MHSAA at **Montrose Individual District Tourney**

MONTROSE — Ovid-Elsie's Talan Parsons defended his Division 3 Individual Wrestling titles and Cole Workman winning his first Division 3 Individual wrestling title, as several local grapplers advanced to the MHSAA Regional level here

The top four finishers in each class advance to Regional action, trying to advance to the Individual State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit to end the 2023-24 season.

O-E senior Parsons (113 pounds) improved to 39-1 on the season, pinning Birch Run freshman Sean Cox in 3:31. Fellow Marauder senior Cole Workman (33-4) took home the crown in the 138-pound class, defeating Birch Run senior Aiden Tornberg in a 4-2 decision.

Along with the district champions from O-E, the following local wrestlers advanced: Wyatt Stanfield (Laingsburg, 215 pounds, fourth place); Trey Milner (Ovid-Elsie, 285 pounds, third place); Ryker Parsons (Ovid-Elsie, 120 pounds, fourth place) and Seth Sivak (Laingsburg, 175 pounds, second place).

Lady Bears Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The last few weeks have been up and down for the Lady Bears. They took on a tough team from Breckenridge losing 69-24. Ellie Drummond scored 8 and had points rebounds. Karissa Brady scored 6 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, Marissa Brady scored 6 points and had rebounds "Breckenridge is a very good team, especially defensively. They were able to use their length to force us into a lot of and turnovers shots" said Coach Shaw.





Ashley also took on Marissa Brady

Ellie Drummond

Montabella and had a slow start, struggling to score. Defensively the quarter for the Bears was helpful as they held Montabella to only 8 points in the first quarter. "We struggled to score tonight and struggled defensively after the first quarter that allowed the game to get away from us" stated Coach Shaw.

Carson City visited Ashley in a battle where Ashley came up short losing 43-41. "This was a tough loss as we led the whole night until the last 20 seconds of the game. Give Carson City credit they made a couple big plays down the stretch to earn the win" exclaimed Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond scored 15 points had 5 rebounds and 3 steals, Karissa Brady has a double-double with 14 points grabbing 10 rebounds and adding 6 steals and 3 blocks, Marissa Brady also had a double-double scoring 10 points nabbing 12 rebounds and adding 4 steals, Savanna Denman added a bucket.

The Lady Bears also took on the top team in the conference, the Bulldogs from St. Charles, losing 68-26. "St. Charles is a strong and experienced team and they were able to use that to get out to an early advantage that we were not able to overcome" said Shaw. Although, Ashley took the loss, they battled all night and put in a good effort against a really good team. Ellie Drummond scored 11 points adding 5 rebounds, Karissa Brady had 9 points and 7 rebounds while Marissa Brady had 6 points and 9 rebounds.

Woodruff Goes Off for LHS Record 52; Wolfpack Knocks off Division 2 Freeland

FREELAND -- Zander Woodruff broke the school record with a careerbest 52 points to lead the Division 3 Laingsburg Wolfpack over the Division 2 Freeland Falcons here, 72-

The Falcons were ranked No. 6 in Division 2, while the Wolfpack were ranked No. 1 in Division 3 and staved perfect at 19-0. Over the past two seasons, coach Tim Beebe's are a glittering 44-1 overall.



Zander Woodruff

Laingsburg led 15-11 after the first quarter, but Freeland had a 23-21 edge in the second to cut it to 36-34 at the break. The Falcons then outscored the Wolfpack 18-13 in the third quarter to take a 52-49 edge, but Laingsburg answered by outscoring FHS 23-13 in the fourth to win it.

The loss snapped a 14-game home winning streak for the Falcons. Wilson Huckeby led Freeland (16-2) with 27 points, while Tristan Comer added 18 points.

Lady Wolves Nip Lansing Christian on LHS Floor, 36-33

LAINGSBURG — The Lady Wolfpack roared back from a fourthquarter deficit with a 14-4 run, stunning CMAC foe Lansing Christian ere February 9 by a 36-33 count.

Coach Doug Hurst's Wolves were led by senior Bella Strieff, with eight points, eight rebounds, four steals and five blocks, displaying a well-rounded



Ella Merrell and Callie Clark each

chipped in with six points

The win moved the Wolfpack to 9-7 on the year and 7-6 in Central Michigan Athletic Conference play. Lansing Christian fell to 6-9, 4-9 in league play.

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Sports

Bates Nets 25, O-E Lady **Marauders Improve to 13-2**

BYRON -- Senior Ava Bates knocked down 5 three-pointers en route to her game-high 25 points to help lead the Lady Marauders past Byron Friday, 64-10.

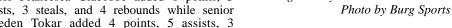
Ovid-Elsie improved to 13-2 and remained undefeated in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC).

Ovid-Elsie took a commanding first-quarter lead (23-5) and followed it up with a 22-1 second quarter to lead 45-6 at halftime. The Lady Marauders also held a scoring advantage in the third (14-2) and fourth (5-2). O-E led by as many as 54 points during the contest.

"Our girls have been locked in since the Williamston loss," said veteran O-E coach Ryan Cunningham. "We've been shooting the ball well and we have been playing with a lot more intensity on the defensive side.

Bates also added 4 rebounds and 4 steals. Fellow senior Evalyn Cole added 15 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals, and 6 assists while senior Hailee Campbell chipped in with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, and 2 blocked shots. Evalyn Cole scored 15 pts. for OE during Senior Francesca Giacobbe added 6 points, 3 the win against Byron. assists, 3 steals, and 4 rebounds while senior Braeden Tokar added 4 points, 5 assists, 3

the team defense record books.



rebounds, and 3 steals. Juniors Tava Kvalevog and Ellyanna Carman added 4 points and 2 points, respectively, to round out the scoring for Ovid-Elsie.

Tonight was senior night and it was awesome to see our seniors lead the way," said Cunningham.

Lady Marauders inch ever closer to 3rd-straight MMAC title

BYRON -- With a commanding 65-13 win at Byron, the Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders were one win away from securing their third straight MMAC title. Ovid-Elsie (14-2, 9-0 MMAC) still had three conference games to go.

Ava Bates paced O-E with 19 points, followed by Evalyn Cole's 12 points and 9 steals. Braeden Tokar and Fanscesca Giacobbe each chipped in with 7 points while Ellyanna Carman added 5. McKenzie Keck added 4 points while Tava Kvalevog knocked down a triple to round

Lady Marauders limit Corunna to 8 points, roll to 15th win in 17 games OVID-ELSIE -- O-E's 53-8 girls basketball victory sent Marauder stat keepers scurrying for

The dominant defensive victory lifted the Lady Marauders to 15-2 overall, as Braeden Tokar had a game-high 14 points. Tokar also added 5 steals and 3 assists.

The Lady Marauders jumped out to a commanding 25-2 first-quarter lead behind some stingy defense and some quick buckets in transition. After the Cavalier's first bucket in the first quarter, O-E only relinquished six more points, all off of free throws

We had some great energy to start the game off," said veteran O-E coach Ryan Cunningham. "We were able to knock down some threes and get into the middle of their zone early on and that helped build our confidence.'

Evalyn Cole filled the stat sheet with 11 points, 5 rebounds, 6 steals, and 5 assists while Ava Bates added 9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Ellyanna Carman knocked down a couple of triples en route to her 8 points. Hailee Campbell (3 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists) and Francesca Giacobbe each scored 4 points, Dannika Campbell 2 points, and Danica Bancroft a free throw to round out the Marauder scoring.

Dropping their fourth consecutive contest, Corunna fell to 2-15.

Ovid-Elsie looked to clinch their third Mid-Michigan Activities Conference championship in a row when they traveled to Durand to battle the Railroaders (10-9, 5-5 MMAC) last Friday.

Lady Marauder Bowlers Victorious, Boys Fall to Montrose at Colonial Lanes

FLUSHING — The Ovid-Elsie girls bowling team kegled to a big win over Montrose, while the Rams turned the tables on the Ovid-Elsie boys in prep action at Colonial Lanes here.

The Marauder girls easily dispatched the Lady Rams, 24-6, while Montrose scored a 22-8 win over coach Matt Fabus' male Marauders.

Top rollers for the girls were Lily Saylor 82, Victoria Dennis 101, Kyra Pupova 88, Grace Goetschy, Alexa Heckman 119-106 and Brooke Pugsley a red-hot 238-176.

For the boys, Peyton Holmes rolled 145, Collin Julie 114, Gage Wiktorowski 175-202, Matt Vanderhof 128, Brayden Gruesbeck 182-208 and Devyn Pugsley 167-149.



Brooke Pugsley



Brayden Gruesbeck

Marauder Men Clobber Byron in Home-and-Home Cage Games; Remain One Game **Behind Tribe**

OVID-ELSIE — In a rare home-and-home showdown with MMAC foe Byron, two resounding victories kept coach Canyon Walker's O-E boys basketball team in the thick of the league race.

Ovid-Elsie defeated Byron 73-31 on Friday in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC)action, then followed that up with a 69-16 victory the next Monday to move to 12-6 overall and 10-1 in the MMAC. The while Eagles dropped their 12th-straight game and fall to 3-16 (1-11 MMAC).

A double-double by junior Tryce Tokar -- with 18 points and 11 steals -- led the Marauders in the first victory. Bruce Thornton added 11 points and 3 assists.

The second win featured two double-doubles, with freshman Travis Milner Jr. chalking up 11 points and 10 steals, and senior Hunter Bates 21 points and 13 rebounds. Tokar added 10 points and 4 steals.

'We played great defense in both Byron games, outscoring them 142-47," said coach Walker. 'We had great pressure on defense with 24 steals total in the first game, and then 21 steals in the second. We shared the ball very well in both games with 17 assists in the first and 17 assists in the second.

"This is the time we need to be peaking with a couple more league games coming up and Districts about to start. We have some goals we are planning on achieving still and I have a feeling we have not played our very best ball yet."

In game two, senior Owen Thomas led the Eagles with 11 points, followed by sophomore Braylen Brown with seven points and junior Bryce Ritter with five. Ritter also recorded seven rebounds and two blocks.

'Huge congrats to our freshman, Travis (Milner), on his first career double-double. We have a feeling that is not going to be his last with his time here at Ovid-Elsie," said coach Walker

With a two-game lead over Durand for second place in the MMACstandings, Ovid-Elsie waws back in MMAC battle last Friday, squaring off with the Railroaders in a crucial late-season

Corunna eeks past Marauders in non-league boys basketball, 59-49

CORUNNA -- Junior guard Tryce Tokar paced the Marauders with 18 points and senior center Hunter Bates tallied 13, but the host Cavaliers escaped in a boys basketball battle of former league opponents here February 13.

With their third-straight win, and fifth in their last seven games, the Cavaliers improved to 10-9, while Ovid-Elsie sawtheir two-game win streak come to an end, falling to 12-7 overall.

The Cavs were powered by a combined 44 points from seniors Braylon Socia and Wyatt Bower.

Coach Canyon Walker's Marauders opened the game on a 6-0 run spanning the first 2:48, but Socia and the Cavaliers found their stride and rallied back to take a 15-12 lead by the time the quarter wound down. Corunna began to take control of the game by outscoring the Marauders 19-10 in the second frame to take a 34-22 margin into the halftime break.



Travis Milner

Tryce Tokar

Ovid-Elsie stood in second place in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference at a sparkling 10-1 in the league, behind only the 19-0 (12-0) Chesaning Indians following the non-league action. The Marauders squared off with MMAC foe Durand (15-4, 9-3) last Friday.

Ovid-Elsie Season-Best Swimming Times Posted

OVID-ELSIE -- With the 2023-24 swimming season winding down, coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders are flashing progress -- as evidenced in the top times posted, by event, throughout the

Here are the top times in each individual event (relay events not included):

- 50 freestyle: Men, Jacob Kast, :27.95. Women, Jolene Hebeler, :31.93.
- 100 freestyle: Pau Gifre, 1:05.32. Women, Lindsey Washburn, 1:08.13.
- 200 freestyle: Men, Pau Gifre, 2:32.35. Women, Lindsey Washburn, 2:34.18.
- 500 freestyle: Jacob Kast, 7:06.85. Women, Lindsey Washburn, 6:29.02. • 100 backstroke: Jacob Kast, 1:15.96. Women, Adalynn Roberts, :54.39.
- 100 breaststroke: Men, Carter Hebeler, 1:13.64. Women, Jolene Hebeler, 1:29.38.
- 100 fly: Jacob Kast, 1:220.66. Women, Audrey Bensinger, 1:19.44.
- 200 IM: Men, Pau Gifre, 2:47.07. Women, Lindsey Washburn, 2:50.66.

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COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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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:

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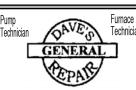
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Editorial

Take a Drive

Letter to the Editor:

If you love Michigan farm land like I do, please take a drive north on Old 27 to 57. Travel east to the Crapo Road/ Blair Road area. Then drive north and observe the crazy amount of solar panels going up between Garfield and Hayes Roads. It's unbelievable! Before you decide how you will vote on laws permitting or stopping solar & wind farms in Clinton County, please go look and see what our beautiful Clinton County farm land could look like if our land owners have the opportunity to turn their agricultural farm land into solar and wind farms.

Karen Andrews, Olive Township

Editorial

We Need Your Help

Letter to the Editor:

1. I used to attend the monthly board meetings until my job change in 2017. I did not see any issues with the board members or their actions.

- 2. In September of 2023, I retired and once again started attending the monthly board meetings. And am very disappointed at what I have seen.
- 3. Decisions are being made by the board members without input from the township residents. This is due to the limited number of residents who attend.
- 4. Contracts with local businesses/contractors are not well-defined. As a result, if discrepancies or complaints arise, there is difficulty with enforcing the contract.
- 5. Township ordinances and resolutions (including salary increases for the board members) are not available on the Ovid Township website. So if a resident has a concern about zoning, blight, or noise, the ordinances cannot be enforced since they are not available to the public.
- 6. Financial audits are not published in detail and not available to the public.

Taxes are going up again this year, as we all know. Do you know what your tax dollars are being used for? Are you aware of the issues/projects that the board is faced with, or working on? Is there something that you need assistance with, from the board?

I understand about employment schedules preventing some residents from being able to attend the meetings. Health issues affect others. However, we need as much attendance as possible at the meetings. As residents, we need to insist on full transparency and integrity from our elected board members. The board needs to respond to the needs of township residents, but we need to let them know what those needs are. We need to hold the board members accountable for what we expect.

W all need to help each other, and that can start with your attendance at the Township Board meetings. The next one is scheduled for March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, next to the Fire Station on M-21.

Also, there is an election coming up. We all need to vote for those who will show the high levels of commitment, full transparency, and integrity needed to support the needs of the township.

> William Keith Jones Township Resident



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greenbush Township Board will be holding their annual budget meeting for the 2024-2025 FY. It will be held Wednesday

February 21, 2024 at 3pm at the

Greenbush Township Hall,1883 E.French Rd. St. Johns MI.

At this meeting only future budget items may be discussed.

The meeting is open to the public.

For more info call 989-224-3993 or contact your Township Clerk.