

Ford Field Here We Come...



Cole Workman and Talan Parsons



Haley McClung, Maddie Miller and
Kaia Spiess

Five Marauders - Boys and Girls - Advance for Ford Field Wrestling Finals

OVID-ELSIE -- It's on to Ford Field in Detroit for a quintet of talented Ovid-Elsie wrestlers. Who'll be representing both the boys and girls teams.

Seniors Cole Workman and Talan Parsons will be making return trips for coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders.

Parsons, at 113 lbs., is not only headed to Ford Field for the 4th time, but he is a 4-time District and 4-time Regional champion. He recorded his 149th, 150th and 151st wins during Regional action at Howard City. Parsons' individual record improves to 42-1 on the year with the win. He is also the back-to-back All-Area Wrestler of the Year, as honored by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Workman finished 2nd at 138 lbs. and advances to the State Finals for his third trip.

Unfortunately, it was the end of the 2023-24 road for Ryker Parsons and Trey Milner at Regionals. Freshman Parsons and Milner, a junior, found some tough competition and both went 0-2 on the day. "Lots learned and they both have another chance next year," said coach Spiess.

At Howell, the Lady Marauders took 5 girls and ended up in 6th place out of 71 teams. O-E's three state qualifiers were: Individual results

- Kaia Spiess, 110 lbs., 4th place, 3-2 record.
- Haley McClung, 120 lbs., 4th place, 3-2 record.
- Maddisyn Miller, 190 lbs., 2nd place, 2-1 record.

Katelyn Wright dropped her only match to the 2nd seeded girl at 100 lbs. to end her season.



Talan Parsons got his 150th Win on his way to his fourth regional championship



Ava Juhas went 2-2, but lost in the blood round to end her season with a 18-7 girls record and a 11-1 boys record, 29-8 overall.

Coach Spiess and coach Frank Goodrich were voted by the other coaches as the Regional head coach and Assistant Girls Coaches of the Year.

(l to r): Asst. Coach Frank Goodrich and Head Coach Kyle Spiess
Photo by Marie Spiess

Three-Peat for OE Girls Basketball



Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Basketball

Team Includes: Danica Bancroft, Isabella Phillips, Alyson Moore, Dannika Campbell, McKenzie Keck, Lilian Bates, Ashton Ehle, Manager Kendall Tokar, Francesca Giacobbe, Tava Kyalevog, Haillee Campbell, Ava Bates, Braeden Tokar, Evalyn Cole, Ellyanna Carman, Coach Ryan Cunningham, Coach Braylon Byrnes, Coach Chris Parker, Coach Jason Tokar, Manager Kaela Campbell.

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Laingsburg Boys Basketball CMAC Champions



Laingsburg Boys Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Vance Klont, Jackson Audretsch, Lucas Matthews, Dom Garcia, Max Powers, Adam Essenberg, Logan Holm, Josiah Hawes. Back row (l-r): Head coach Tim Beebe, Cameron Ballard, Zander Woodruff, Mitchell George, Aiden Maddaloni, Greg Stewart, Ty Randall, Elliott Wilsey, Asst. coach: Rob Porritt. Missing Asst. coaches: Jordan McGee and Evan Rogers.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

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Social

Let's Make History Together

submitted by Kelly Jurman

Join the Clinton County Historical Society, Museum and Archives as we commemorate the exact day, February 28th, 1974 that like-minded community members gathered to organize the Clinton County Historical Society. Browse through photos, memorabilia, and press clippings of the last 50 years.

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Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

March is Reading Month and we will be celebrating with our favorite Sesame Street friends.

At 11:30 every Saturday in March, a different Sesame Street character will be spotlighted with a personal story and craft for our favorite young readers. We are certain you remember that one of Ernie's little friends was a yellow rubber ducky. We will have a "Find the Yellow Rubber Duck Contest" throughout the month of March. Spot the rubber duck, tell the librarian at the desk where you saw him. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a prize. The contest will end on March 30, 2024.

Our "Winter Bingo Challenge" ends on Feb 29, 2024. There is still time to complete your bingo sheet!

Our children's programming for Mondays in March will be Story Time on March 4th and March 18th. We will have the very popular Music and Motion on March 11th and March 25th. All Monday programs begin at noon.

Special note to our Book Club members. The March meeting has been carried forward to April 11th at 6PM. Our current book is "Code Breaker" by Walter Isaacson. Please see the circulation desk for a copy of the discussion questions. We would love to see you at our April Book Club meeting.

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Elsie American Legion Accepts Award for Exceeding 100% Membership

submitted by Brian Valentine

The Elsie American Legion has proudly accepted an award of attaining 100+% of 2024 membership goals! As Commander of Elsie Post 502, I would like to thank all the members that promptly paid their annual membership dues. The dues not only support our local Post but our District, State and National organization. We exceeded by members asking fellow veterans to join our post, as all honorably discharged military veterans are eligible and encouraged to join.

If interested in joining either email the Commander Brian Valentine at elsiepostcommander@gmail.com or go to www.legion.org Thank you

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.



For Fairfield Township

The meeting on the proposed Fairfield Township Budget will be held at the Township Hall, corner of Henderson and Vincent Roads for the purpose of finalizing the 2024-2025 years budget at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

The public is welcome to attend, those persons requiring special assistance to attend please contact Carolyn Long at 989-277-4826 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Carolyn Long, Clerk

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Inspired Women Network Offers Interactive Self-Care Workshop

submitted by Ruthann Large

Owosso — Inspired Women Network programming continues with Practicing Self Care 5:30-7:30 p.m. February 28 at Aviator Jayne, 110 W. Main St., Owosso. Sponsored by Memorial Healthcare, the workshop focuses on taking care of yourself in today's fast-paced world.

Whether they're seeking balance, renewal or simply a moment of tranquility, this event is designed for women of all backgrounds to come together, support one another and prioritize their well-being. Light refreshments, including wine, seltzers, sparkling water and appetizers, will be provided.

The event features Reverend Deb Grazier of First Congregational Church UCC speaking on self-care practices, and Carol Boyer of Tap Into Self Care, discussing tapping, a powerful technique to send calming signals to the brain.

Self-care enthusiasts will also lead activities at tables throughout the store. They include Lizzie Frederick with Breathwork, Mindfulness and Yoga for the Office, nutritionist Rachel Munoz leading Nurturing Nutrition for Long-Term Success, entrepreneur Donna Wettig Hitz sharing Beading Bonds: Creating Community, and Chrystal Langford, hair and skin stylist and owner of Willow & Co. Spa.

Inspired Women Network is the new women's leadership program of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce. It was born out of a desire by women in the Shiawassee County region to have social, networking and professional development opportunities.

IWN events continue through June. Upcoming events include Financial Planning & Literacy Webinar March 21 at noon; Champions for Change April 24, Spring Social Hour May 22, and the Chamber Annual Dinner and ATHENA Leadership Award Celebration June 13 at the Z Hall in Owosso. With the exception of the webinar, all events are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Locations for the April and May events will be announced soon on the Inspired Women Network (IWN) Facebook page.

Register for Practicing Self Care by Feb. 27 for a \$25 entry or pay \$30 at the door. Inspired Women Network is generously underwritten in part by an anonymous donor.



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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.

City of Ovid Public Hearing and Regular Meeting February 12, 2024

Open Public Hearing:

Mayor Lasher called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call:

L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, B. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn-Absent

Guests- There were 14 guests present

Business

Mayor Lasher read the Notice of Intent and showed intended streets for watermain project.

Public Comment: Time Opened: 7:03PM Time Closed: 7:03 PM None

Public Hearing Closed: 7:03 PM

Regular Meeting Opened: 7:03 PM

Agenda

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Minutes

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve January 8, 2024 Regular meeting minutes; January 19, 2024 Special Meeting minutes, and January 29, 2024 Special Meeting as presented. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Invoice/check register

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from January 10, 2024 thru February 13, 2024. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Public Comment: Opened 7:06 pm Closed 7:09 pm

Mayor's report

Treasurer's Report

Attorney's Report

Police Report

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to dispose of the salvage from the basement. Council Member M. Perrien seconded.

Carried on voice vote

Council Member E. Bown made the motion to purchase the Chevy Silverado and move the equipment from the 2018 Ford for a total \$65,980.00. Council Member M Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to support the City of Ovid Police Department to apply for a grant for accreditation. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

DPW Report

Report Approval Motion

Council Member M Perrien made a motion to approve the reports from the Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

New Business

a. Salvage of cabinet, desk printer/copy machine. Council Member E. Brown made the motion to advertise the salvage items for 10 days for free on Facebook and then dispose of any remaining items. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote

b. Resolution 2024-02 Opening an account at The State Bank. Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to

adopt Resolution 2024-02, Opening Account at The State Bank. Council Member M. Olger supported the resolution.

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

Absent: E. Starn

Adopted

c. Sewer Relief-. Council Member E. Brown made the motion to grant the sewer relief of \$22.00 to William Lasher for February due date water bill. Council Member L Ordiway seconded the motion.

Ayes: four

Nay: one- M. Perrien

Carried on voice vote.

d. Water Bill Credit for Inconvenience use of driveway and yard-

e. Solar and Wind Ordinance - Council Member L Perrien made the motion to have the city's attorney develop a solar and wind ordinance Supported by L. Ordiway.

Carried by voice vote.

f. Adjusted lobby hours -. Council Member L. Ordiway made a motion to adjust lobby hours to Monday and Tuesday 9 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Thursday and Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. for a two-month trial. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to extended the meeting by 30 minutes. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Committees:

a. Personnel - Council Member E. Brown made a motion to have council board meeting go into close session to discuss Personnel Committee recommendations. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Entered into Closed Session at 8:48 pm

Exited Closed Session at 9:03 pm

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to extended the meeting by 30 minutes. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Council Member M. Olger made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Personnel committee on the employee issue. Council Member L. Ordiway supported the motion.

Carried on Voice vote

Boards and Commissions

a. Board of Review (BOR)- Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve appointment of Katy Hogsett to the Board of Review. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Final Comments:

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by
Susan Tomasek Swan
City of Ovid Clerk*

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Health

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Board-Certified Urologist to Owosso

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Dr. Prudnick is a board-certified urologic surgeon. He earned his medical degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his urological surgical residency at MSU/Sparrow Hospital. Dr. Prudnick has special interest in robotic and minimally invasive urologic procedures. He treats patients with prostate cancer, kidney cancer, enlarged prostate, urinary incontinence, testosterone deficiency, blood in the urine, kidney stones, urinary leakage, sexual dysfunction and numerous other urologic concerns.

Dr. Prudnick has authored and co-authored numerous publications and scholarly medical articles. He is also a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS), the American Urological Association (AUA), and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

Dr. Prudnick is currently accepting new patients with most insurances.

To learn more visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.



Sparrow Community Hospitals Offer Scholarships to High School Seniors

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, MI – Sparrow Community Hospitals are pleased to announce a scholarship program for area students.

Sparrow Carson, Sparrow Clinton, Sparrow Eaton and Sparrow Ionia Hospitals are offering scholarship opportunities to local high school graduating seniors who intend to pursue higher education in a health-related field.

To be eligible for the \$1,000 scholarships, candidates must be a resident of Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ionia or Montcalm counties and submit a copy of their most recent completed school semester transcript. The deadline to submit a scholarship application is Friday, March 29, 2024.

The funds for these scholarships have been generously donated by benefactors of Sparrow, including the Merten and Geraldine Whyman Health Careers Scholarship Endowment Fund for Clinton County residents. Scholarships are awarded annually.

For more information, eligibility requirements, or to submit an application, visit Sparrow.org/Scholarships.



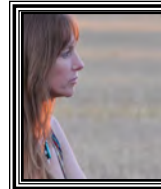
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Tension

by LeeAnna Woods

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Tension Many times, our body will be sore and we cannot figure out exactly why or what was done to cause it. Everyone holds stress in different ways and every day has some form of stress for our body to handle. Most people will carry their daily stressors in the muscles of their body, which creates tension throughout. It begins by tightening the muscles with each tense moment, no matter the severity of the stressor, which soon turns into tightening the muscles more often, and by then the muscle memory is trained, meaning they'll become tight and stay tight causing pain and discomfort. All of this happens over time and is rarely noticed as it is occurring. Only afterwards when the pain and stiffness start. This is when the person tries to figure out exactly why they hurt and what happened to cause it. They're not understanding the true reason is a much bigger picture, the one simple thing, but a whole slew of different things built up over the months and even years.

Everyone holds tension differently and are affected by stress in their own unique way. What stresses one person to the max might not affect another person at all, so how can we figure out the way to stop it? The only way to know is to learn your very own stressors and triggers within your own life. Fortunately, the ways to help are the same for everyone, with only different preferences on who likes doing what better. Getting a handle on your stress levels will help in avoiding them and will lower the tension within your body muscles. Although, caring for your body will be a necessary thing to do for relieving pain and discomfort from the tension already built up. Even if you don't know where the stress is coming from, it's important to start caring for your body now to limit the severity of muscle tension. You can always identify the causing stressors in your life at a later point, after some of the pain issues are resolved or at least lessened. This will help the mind focus clearer to assist in finding some of the causes.

Tension in muscles can lead to serious issues if left untreated. Stiffness, lack of range of motion, circulation problems, headaches and even severe migraines can be caused by tension, along with many other things. The best way to get control over the tension is through self-care. Simply taking the time to care for your body will begin the cycle to a healthier you. Meditation slows the racing mind, helping the nervous system to calm down. Massage improves circulation throughout the body, relaxes the muscles, lowers tension, promotes endorphin changes, and distressed the body, all while retraining the muscles to relax instead of being on high alert constantly. Yoga, when done properly, slowly lengthens the body muscles forcing toxins out, strengthens muscles, and builds positive energy within oneself. There are many other things along this line of things to do that will help resolve the tension issues inside the body.

The hardest part will be you actually starting to do them. Even doing something just once a month is better than nothing, but you need to make yourself a priority in order to improve your own health. Why haven't you done it yet? Perhaps it's time you do it now!

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Sparrow Honors Outstanding Nurses with DAISY Award for Compassionate Care

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, MI – E.W. Sparrow Hospital recently recognized three highly skilled nurses with the DAISY Award, celebrating the compassionate and super-human work they perform for those who cannot care for themselves.

Sparrow Emergency Department Nurse Jordan Neill, BSN, RN, received a DAISY Award after being nominated by his peers for going above and beyond to help a patient who had been unable to brush her own hair for months. Jordan traveled to the patient's bedside in the neuro-trauma ICU and gave her a much-needed haircut.

"He treated her like she was at the salon," said Sparrow Nurse Olivia Geers. "He gave her the perfect pixie cut and brought so much light into the patient's eyes that I am certain no other person at the hospital could have done."

Kimberly Fleming, BSN, RN, who works on the hospital's surgical specialties unit, was honored for demonstrating the true meaning of compassion: listening to her patients, taking action to help, and advocating for their needs. She recently went above and beyond to treat an 84-year-old patient with dementia with kindness and dignity.

"As my mom's dementia has gotten worse - I have witnessed people discard her, ignore her and act like she isn't a worthwhile person," the patient's daughter said. "Kimmy was so kind and treated my mom with respect - she talked directly to her and there was no judgement, only help, when my mom (and I) most needed it."

Sparrow Emergency Department Nurse Devin Hopkins, RN, was named DAISY Award honoree for taking extra time to listen to the concerns of a patient's family. She even helped them brainstorm how to best continue caring for her at home with Sparrow's palliative care team.

"Devin showed patience and respect with my mom who has difficulty with speech," the nomination said. "Because she listened, Devin was able to ask for my mom's opinions on things and take her wishes into consideration."

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day.

"As a nurse we have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our patients," said Kathy Marble, E.W. Sparrow Hospital's chief nursing officer. "By providing outstanding support, care and compassion, our nurses have now built trust and lifelong relationships."

All three nurses received a certificate of recognition, a DAISY pin to wear at work, and beautiful serpentine stone sculpture carved by the artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. The special "Healer's Touch" sculpture, designed for leaders, depicts the relationship nursing managers have with their caregivers and embraces the relationship nurses have with their patients.

Nurses and nursing leaders are nominated for the award throughout the year by patients and patients' families.

To learn more about the DAISY Award, go to Sparrow.org/DAISY.



Sparrow DAISY Award winners (from left) Kimberly Fleming, Jordan Neill, Devin Hopkins pose with their awards.

Health



Congressman Moolenaar with Michigan Primary Care Association members after being presented with the Distinguished Community Health Center Advocacy Award.

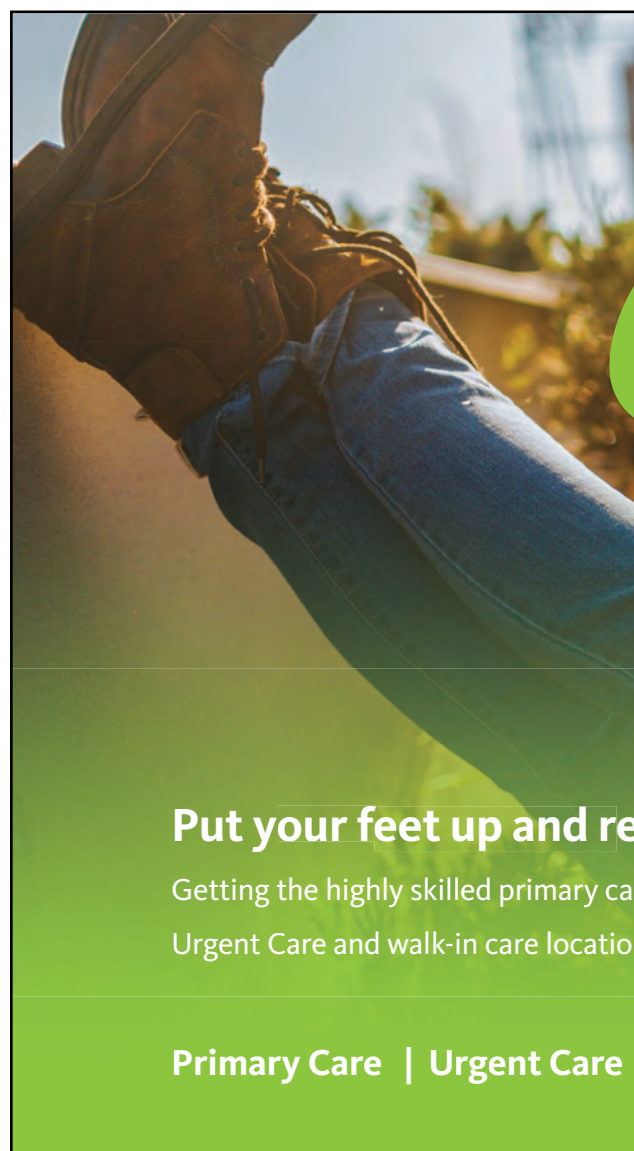
Community Health Care Providers Honor Moolenaar

Congressman John Moolenaar has been awarded the Distinguished Community Health Center Advocacy Award by the National Association of Community Health Centers. The award was presented to Moolenaar by members of the Michigan Primary Care Association who work in community health centers in Michigan's Second Congressional District.

"I am honored to receive this award from our community health centers, who are an essential resource for Michigan families, especially in rural communities. I will continue my advocacy for them on the House Appropriations Committee so they can continue to provide vital health care services to residents for years to come," Moolenaar said after receiving the award.

"Congressman Moolenaar is very deserving of NACHC's Distinguished Community Health Center Advocate Award," said Frank Waters, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs of the Michigan Primary Care Association.

Moolenaar is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies.



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Obituaries

James (Jim) Lee Monroe

James (Jim) Lee Monroe, age 76, of Lansing passed away in his home February 12th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Cindy, brothers Wells and Douglas (Artis), Children Scott (Amy) and Jimmy (Jennifer), Grandchildren Connor, Darin, Samantha, Madison, Mckynzie, and many nephews and nieces.

Jim was in born on January 29th, 1948. He grew up in Ovid, MI where he attended Ovid HS class of 1966. After graduating he joined the Navy and attended the Great Lakes Naval Academy becoming a Navy Corpsman.

Although, never on a ship, he served in Rota Spain then a tour in Vietnam attached to Marine 1st Recon Echo Company.

Jim settled with Cindy in Lansing where he completed his schooling and became a registered nurse. He worked in various hospitals around Michigan until retirement.

Outside of work, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, wood-working, vintage cars, and spending time on the water or in the woods of northern Michigan. Most of all he enjoyed sharing his time and experiences with his boys and his grandchildren.

Our family is grateful to know that Jim is at peace, and he will be dearly missed. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at One North Kitchen and Bar: 5001 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917 on Sunday March 3rd at 12- 4pm.

In lieu of flowers we prefer donations to a charity of your choice on Jim's behalf. Condolences and any family donations can be given at his celebration or mailed to Cindy Monroe.



Helen Marie Slowinski

Helen Marie Slowinski, age 87, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2024, peacefully at her home.

Helen was born in Lansing, MI on December 11, 1936, the daughter of Andro and Mary (Kusnier) Bernath. She was a graduate of Elsie High School with the Class of 1956. Helen married Harold D. Slowinski on September 5, 1959, at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister, MI. They were blessed with forty-six years of marriage prior to his passing on February 4, 2006. She was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church.

Helen loved to garden. She enjoyed sewing, embroidery and making quilts. Helen made many quilts for her family. Going to garage sales was a favorite of hers, and she loved supervising her family garage sale during the Elsie Dairy Festival, but mostly loved visiting with everyone who came to the sale. Helen donated her time to working at the Elsie Baby Pantry. Family and friends will miss her wonderful baking and the kolacky she made. Helen's door was always open and enjoyed her visits. She was a caregiver at heart and loved taking care of her grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters: Theresa and Doug Clark of Lakeland, FL; Mary Jo and Ryan Ackels of St. Johns, MI; two sons: Mark Slowinski and Loni Plowman of Elsie, MI; Paul and Sandy Slowinski of Ashley, MI; six grandchildren: Jennifer, Andrew, Josh, Courtney, Jacob, and Saige; six great-grandchildren: Briseyda, Lukas, Angelee, Zuriel, Emerson, and Evie; brother Martin Bernath of Elsie, MI; sister-in-law Margaret Ann Bernath of Ovid, MI. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harold, her brothers: Thomas Bernath and John (Marilyn) Bernath, and infant brother Albert.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to Elsie Baby Pantry. 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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Neil Stinson Sr.

Neil Stinson Sr. of Carland passed away peacefully at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing on Sunday, February 18, 2024. He was 84 years old.

Neil was born on October 23, 1939, in Owosso and lived his entire life in the Carland area. Raised on the family dairy farm, he graduated from Ovid High School in 1957 and worked at the Carland Elevator for 42 years, retiring in 2001.

Along with being an avid hunter and fisherman, Neil enjoyed dogs, woodworking, tinkering in his workshop, caring for his lawn, rooting for the Lions and Red Wings and, above all else, spending time with family and friends. He had a tremendous sense of humor and loved nothing better than sharing a good laugh, a good meal, and a good, cold beer or two.

Neil is survived by his wife of 34 years, Yvonne, three children, Cindy Teffner of Gladwin, Beth Kellogg of Owosso, and Brent (Heather) Stinson of Ovid, stepdaughter Julie (Dave) Johnson of Sierra Vista AZ, sister Mary St. John (Dan Goodrich), sister-in-law Betty Stinson, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, along with many others whom he loved as his own children. He was predeceased by his parents, Vern and Molly Stinson, eldest son Neil Stinson Jr., son-in-law Pat Teffner, brother Grant Stinson, brother-in-law Lloyd St John, and the mother of his children, Susan Stinson.

A memorial luncheon will be held at the VFW Hall on Main Street in Ovid on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. All those who knew and loved Neil are invited to bring memories to share and enjoy a celebration of Neil's life. A graveside service will be held at a later date.



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I've come to learn so many things.
For you have been there by my side
My inspiration and my guide.
It seems our heroes went away
There aren't many left today.*



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I do believe that it has been a rather busy week...just can't seem to prove it. I think that I must be a bit befuddled. Yes, I have worked Tuesday through Saturday, and then I went over to the Bannister United Methodist Church for the 'soup and sandwich luncheon' on last Tuesday after the shop closed. And yes, on Monday I did go into St Johns to stock up for the shop. I did find everything on the list except for the whole wheat flour. I was rather surprised that it was not that accessible. I did find that on Wednesday afternoon after I had my session with my chiropractor. It doesn't sound as if I have managed to get much done. Wow, it sounds as if I have become very self centered, everything seems to scream me, me, or me. Pathetic...

Just about ready to finish up a Nora Robert's trilogy. Prudence and I have enjoyed this wonderful weather. Almost have the clutter removed from the deck and if the weather holds I will be able to get the burn pile finished. At least half of the ditch bank has been burned off... Safely without causing problems. It is wonderful, I have had an over abundance of fresh air and balmy days. Spring is coming soon. I have noticed that the white star flowers that are mixed in with my peonies are up and have multiplied. Now I need to do a quick search to see if my crocus are making an appearance. Spring is in the air.

I just found another good pair of shoes that need to be washed and passed on to those in need. I had picked up some socks at the Tuesday evening auction and will be passing them and the shoes onto a couple of gals that have been helping out the homeless in the Mt Pleasant area. The young ladies are Lorene and Crystal and work in the St Louis area. I applaud their compassion. May God bless them.

Looking ahead in time, I hope that Easter Sunday is a warm sunny day. I will be serving a homemade lasagna dinner for twenty-one folks. Some are willing to pick out peppers, others are anti mushroom and some shouldn't have pasta. So, one nine by thirteen pan will have no mushrooms, one sans peppers and one will have zucchini slices instead of lasagna noodles. Hopefully I will be able to satisfy all comers. Plus I need to figure out where to seat everyone. My dining room table can be adjusted to comfortably seat a dozen folks. That leaves ten to seat elsewhere...hence good warm weather could help to alleviate my seating conundrum. I'll need to borrow some more chairs since I have only eleven. Fortunately everything usually works out well. And I do have an extra six foot table for setting.

Of course there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the great grand children. Six are supposed to be in attendance. This year we will be color coding the eggs so that everyone gets a full basket plus one egg with a stash of cash. The cash egg will be put into each one of the baskets when the kids are ready to open their prizes. Ouch, I seem to be having an influx of active web slingers so I need to get my spring dusting and de-webbing done soon.

I dropped off some plastic grocery bags at the Elsie Public Library on Wednesday and have quite a few more to leave there. I left the ones that were in the pickup and will try to drop off the bags of them from the car on Saturday. It is good to recycle and I'm glad to do so. Marge helps me out by saving her kraft paper bags with twine handles for me. They make great gift bags, my younguns enjoy using my stamp pads and stamps to decorate them. I then have their original renderings to fill with gifts throughout the year. They work great, are recycled and the kids enjoy stamping them. May God bless their creativity and protect my sanity... Have you noticed the beautiful sun sets that we have been having? They have been spectacular all filled with several shades of pink, sometimes spiked with yellow and softened with fluffy white clouds. A work of art that not only pleasing to the eye but touches the soul. May God bless you with colorful days.

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Moolenaar Announces More Michigan Agriculture Support for His Supporting Farm Operations Act

Congressman John Moolenaar announced additional Michigan agriculture organizations have endorsed his legislation, H.R. 7046, the Supporting Farm Operations Act. The Michigan Apple Association and the Michigan Vegetable Council have both endorsed the legislation, which would freeze the wage rate for migrant farm workers, known as the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) at the level that was established in 2023. This freeze would go through the end of 2025.

"I am proud to have the support of more Michigan agriculture groups for my legislation to help farmers. The Department of Labor has been raising costs on farmers for years and these unprecedented increases are making it difficult for them to keep working. Farmers and ag groups support my bill because it will help ensure they can pay a reliable work force and still afford to make ends meet," said Moolenaar.

"The 2024 Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) for Michigan will be \$18.50 -- an increase of about 7 percent. Congressman Moolenaar's AEWR freeze bill is a positive step forward as the legislature addresses the onerous and expensive regulations around H2A and the need for meaningful reform. The Michigan Apple industry is grateful for Congressman Moolenaar's continued support and his work to preserve the United States agriculture industry," said Diane Smith, Executive Director of the Michigan Apple Association.

"Our country must grow food for itself. The next few years will be telling as to how long and to what quantity we continue to grow fruits and vegetables. An AEWR freeze is one step in the right direction to begin to offset current unsustainable labor costs," said Greg Bird, Executive Director of the Michigan Vegetable Council.

The Michigan Apple Association and The Michigan Vegetable Council now join Michigan Farm Bureau, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the International Fresh Produce Association, and the U.S. Apple Association in endorsing Moolenaar's legislation.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

"(NO) Help Wanted"

"The stone which the builders rejected became the most important (Mark 12:1-25)."

Remember your first job? Usually it's not very important, but mine had a nice perk. I worked with movie stars. I don't recall the job posting, but I guess I fit the bill because I got hired — as a busboy at a private tennis club serving famous people like Bill Cosby.

Now suppose God wanted to hire somebody, what would that job description look like? God doesn't need anything, but what if it was for us, to solve a problem we had? Isaiah 53:6 says, "All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way." We've all lied, cheated, or stolen. So what? Nobody's perfect. We're all off the path.

But part of our straying problem is we don't want help. We think we're fine. Sin is no big deal. God says otherwise. "The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)." Nobody's perfect means we all work at Sin, Inc. and our paycheck is death. It killed our soul (Ephesians 2:1), our body (Romans 5:12), and separated us from Him (Isaiah 59:2). Even one sin ruins us (James 2:10). So can't we just say we're sorry and be forgiven?

Not really. Sin is in our nature, like an arsenic tattoo. Just asking for forgiveness doesn't erase the stain. We assume we're forgiven because God loves us, but we forget that He's also righteous (holy), which means He must punish all wrongs to remain just and fair (Exodus 34:7). A righteous God has only one way to remove our death tattoo. Blood.

The animal sacrifices in the Old Testament gave us a clue about the gravity of sin and forgiveness. It's costly, gross, takes a life, and is only a temporary fix (that's why they were repeated). What we need is a permanent fix to make us perfect (holy) to be with a perfect (holy) God. All this blood pointed to a future death to do just that (Hebrews 10).

Since God is the only one who is perfect, only His blood can remove sin, which brings us back to God's Want Ad — "Wanted, a perfect man to have the iniquity of all put on him. Must be good with rejection." God's job posting went unanswered until Jesus arrived (Luke 4:14-21), the only qualified applicant to interview (John 14:6). In short, God's love and justice met on the cross and solved a problem we couldn't fix.

"He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to become sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21)." Imagine King Charles has to judge Prince Harry for murder. He can't ignore his crime, so he took his place. Sin is a very big deal because the King had to die to remove your tattoo (Romans 5:8).

So how do sheep apply His blood soap? Give up, turn back to God's path, and wash by faith in His mercy as your substitute (John 1:12, Ephesians 2:8-9). His gift of eternal life was expensive, but the good news is it's free at Jesus, Inc. (Romans 6:23). Then, go start your new position, serving the King, raised from the dead (proof sin and death are dead). Oh, and the benefits...quite literally out of this world...that is, if you want help.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church



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• Will my residential school taxes increase?

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Sports

Ashley Boys Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears took on Carson City, St. Charles and Fulton, all league foes this past week. In the Carson City game, it was a slow start offensively for the boys who dug themselves a whole, but the offense came around after that. The game was close throughout but the boys fell short, 44-33. Joie Fabus scored 10 points followed with 5 rebounds, Carson Litwiller scored 7 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.



Joie Fabus

Carson Litwiller

Ashley played another close game against the Bulldogs from St. Charles. "We played very well for about 30 minutes of the ball game but have to put a whole 32 minutes together. I'm proud of how we played though" expressed Coach Sourek. Litwiller had a great game scoring 19 points, Fabus had a double-double scoring 12 points and adding 10 rebounds, Robert Kral added 5 points and 6 rebounds.

The Bears also ran into a tough Fulton Pirate team. "Fulton is very physical and aggressive and our young team just wasn't ready and we quickly became over matched" said Sourek. Fabus lead the way with 8 points and 11 rebounds.

Lady Bears Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley competed in some tough basketball games this past week. First, they traveled down 57 to take on the neighboring Fulton Pirates. The Lady Bears got off to a great start and were only down three going into half time; some foul trouble and some missed shots quickly turned into the Pirates pulling away with the game. "We got off to a strong start playing a very competitive two quarters and a half, but Fulton was able to wear us down at the end with their depth and pressure on defense to pull away in the final quarter" exclaimed Coach Shaw. The final score was 50-30. Marissa Brady had her best game of the season, leading her team while her teammates were in foul trouble. M. Brady had a double-double with 17 points 12 rebounds and 6 steals. Her sister, Karissa Brady followed with 5 points 9 rebounds, Ellie Drummond had 3 points and 7 rebounds, while Savanna Denman and Sophia Wirt each chipped in a basket.



Marissa Brady

Ellie Drummond

In a three game week Ashley traveled to Coleman in a league match-up, in what was not their best performance of the season as they struggled to score and not turn the ball over, losing 59-35. "A slow start in the first and then again in the second quarter proved to be too much to overcome" stated Shaw. Drummond had a big night scoring 17 points nabbing 6 rebounds and adding 3 steals. K. Brady had a double-double with 12 points 13 rebounds 5 blocks and 4 steals.

The second game of a three day week, Ashley traveled to Owendale in a nonconference game. The Lady Bears started off slow, missing layups and not playing the best defense, which resulted in foul trouble for some key players; because of this foul trouble the team struggled to score in the third quarter putting them down by 16. Ashley was able to turn up the defense coming back from the deficit and winning the game 44-42. "Tonight, we got off to a very slow start on the road that was compounded by foul trouble. We were down 6 at half time and 16 by the end of the third quarter. We were able to turn up our defensive pressure and force turnovers which led to some easy baskets and got back into the game. Karissa Brady hit two big free throws in the last 15 seconds of the game to put us into win column" expressed Coach Shaw. Two players had double-doubles. K. Brady scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds while adding 4 steals. Ellie Drummond added 12 points and 10 rebounds. M. Brady scored 9 points with 7 rebounds. Savanna Denman and Paige Larsen each had a bucket.

Wolfpack Seniors Sent Off Witnessing Athletic History at Laingsburg High School

LAINGSBURG -

In the end, it all ended with a simple smooch to the hardwood floor that sports the giant wolf paw.

A simple symbol of love to a place they all love very much. From a graduating senior class that had just accomplished the unthinkable. Seniors Vance Klont, Cam Ballard, Lucas Matthews, Jack Audretsch, Ty Randall, Adam Essenberg, Zander Woodruff, Elliott Wilsey and Aiden Maddaloni said goodbye to their home floor -- for the regular season, at least -- during a not-so-quiet Senior Night here February 20.



Laingsburg senior Adam Essenberg scored 3 points to assist the Wolfpack win the CMAC Championship. Photo from Burg Sports

A packed, raucous house witnessed the finishing touches on perhaps the greatest athletic feat in school history, with a blowout 90-27 victory over neighboring Bath. After which the 'Pack cut down the nets.

"They never lost a league game, they never lost a regular season game," said coach Tim Beebe after his team capped a perfect 21-0 campaign as CMAC champs. "They are a tremendous group of players that really care about each other.

"They went about their business. They wanted to end the regular season on a high point before we start the 'second season' (the MHSAA tournament). And we all know the goal there."

At 21-0 and 18-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference, the Wolfpack remained ranked No. 1 MHSAA Division 3 in the latest Associated Press poll.

Since the start of the 2022-23 slate, the Wolves are now 46-1 in their last 47 games. The only blemish is last year's Quarterfinals loss to Ecorse. They set out last spring, a little under a year ago, to avenge that smear.

It was all hands on deck -- not just the seniors -- after a 19-8 first quarter lead quickly ballooned to 53-21 at halftime. MHSAA rules mandated a running clock in the second half. Without it, the Wolves might have easily blown away the single game scoring record of 109 points. The record was set in the 1976-77 season, the third year in coach Harry Walters' "run the blitz" offense, a 109-76 deluge over the Morrice Orioles.

Woodruff, the Mid-Michigan area scoring leader, again led the way with 34 points (19 in the first half). Klont added a career-best 14 markers. Ballard hit for 12, Dom Garcia 3, Audretsch 8, Essenberg 3, Greg Stewart 3, Mitchell George 4, Maddaloni 6 and Max Powers 3 in the romp.

Bath fell to 4-17 (4-13 CMAC) with the loss.

Next up at LHS will be the Wolfpack hosting the District #82 tournament, joined by Bath, Leslie, Dansville, Perry and Stockbridge. Beebe's charges drew a first-round bye and will face the winner of Dansville and Perry in the first District Semifinal.



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submitted by Cindy Broome

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Sports

Cunningham Hits 200 Win Plateau, Lady Marauders Win 5th in a Row

DURAND -- With a 55-14 win here February 16, coach Ryan Cunningham secured his 200th coaching victory and the Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders guaranteed themselves at least a share of the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference title.

It marked Ovid-Elsie's third straight conference championship, and was their 5th-straight win in 2023-24. Cunningham is 132-82 (.617) since taking over head coaching responsibilities in 2014.

The Marauders moved to 16-2 and 10-0 in MMAC play, while Durand fell back to .500 at 10-10 and 5-6 in the league.

"Our team was pretty locked in tonight, especially on the defensive side," said Cunningham. "We had to make some adjustments in our lineup and rotations due to a couple of injuries, but we had a lot of kids step up tonight and contribute."

Braeden Tokar had a game-high 20 points to go along with 4 rebounds, 3 steals, and 3 assists while Hailee Campbell chipped in with 12 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 assists. Evalyn Cole had another solid night adding 10 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, and 4 steals. Tava Kvalevog added 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists, Ellyanna Carman 3 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals, and McKenzie Keck (3 rebounds) and Lilian Bates (6 rebounds) each scored two points.

It was a tight first quarter as Ovid-Elsie led 11-8 but then turned things up with a 14-3 second quarter. The staunch OE defense held Durand scoreless in the third (18-0) and finished the game with a 12-3 effort in the final stanza.

Ovid-Elsie out-rebounded Durand 37-22 and handed out 17 assists on 24 made field goals. The Lady Marauders also collected 15 steals on 22 Railroader turnovers and shot 44% on the game including 58% from two-point range.



#23 Hailee Campbell making an easy layup for a solid 2. Photo by Denise Burgess

Third-Straight Title for Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders, 51-27 Over Rams

OVID-ELSIE -- With a 51-27 win over Montrose Wednesday night, the Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders clinched their third-straight MMAC title outright. Ovid-Elsie stood 17-2 and 11-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference following the contest.

"Tonight was a special night," said coach Ryan Cunningham. "We wanted a chance to secure the title outright and to do it at home was extra special. Our kids played tough and in the second half, they asserted themselves defensively to ensure Montrose couldn't make a run at us."

Ovid-Elsie got off to a good start leading 17-9 after the first stanza and 28-21 at half but the second half is when the Lady Marauders turned up the heat on defense holding the Lady Rams to just 6 second-half points, 9-4 and 14-2 respectively.

Evalyn Cole paced the Lady Marauders with 21 points to go along with 5 assists and 3 steals while sophomore Lily Bates scored 10 points and grabbed 5 rebounds. Hailee Campbell filled the stat sheet with 8 points, 11 rebounds, and 5 steals while Braeden Tokar added 5 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals. McKenzie Keck and Ellyanna Carman (4 rebounds, 3 steals) scored 3 points each and Dannika Campbell added a free throw.

The Lady Marauders collected 17 steals on 26 Montrose turnovers while adding 14 assists on 17 made baskets. Montrose won the rebound battle 36-29 but was held to just 27% shooting.



Seniors Francesca Giacobbe, Evalyn Cole, Hailee Campbell, Braeden Tokar, Ava Bates, enjoying the moment after cutting down the nets. Photo by Denise Burgess



Team includes: Memaire Brasseur, Aubrey Parkhouse, Alison Kozlowski, Naomi Schneider, Kira Schmidtfranz, Clarissa Baese, Zoe Busch, Lianna Sharer, Audrie VanDusen, Laiken Watkins, Peyton Milz, Hannah Koutz, Piper White, Amy Davis, Rachel Spitzley, Macey Bennett, Hannah Evans, Napat Limpitheeprakan. Head coach Sarah Stewart. Photo by Orman Production Inc

Marauder Competitive Cheer Finishes Middle-of-the Pack

ST. CHARLES -- The Merrill Vandals took home the team title, outlasting New Haven by nearly 24 points to capture the District #22 Competitive Cheer crown here February 16.

Coach Sarah Stewart's Ovid-Elsie contingent turned in a strong showing with 699.86 points, good for 5th place in the 11-team field. Marauder team members include seniors Amy Davis, Hannah Evans, Napat L., Zoe Busch, Piper White and Macey Bennett; junior Hannah Koutz; and sophomores Lianna Sharer, Laiken Watkins, Peyton Milz, Clarissa Baese and Audrie VanDeusen; and freshmen Memarie Brasseur, Aubrey Parkhouse, Naomi Schneider, Allison Kozlowski and Rachel Spitzley.

Team standings finished like this: Merrill 756.08, New Haven 732.10, Memphis 730.44, Capac 703.28, Ovid-Elsie 699.86, Montrose 698.80, the host Bulldogs 696.62, Perry 646.02, Stockbridge 580.10, Webberville 575.20 and Sandusky 525.80.

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Appeals will be heard:
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
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Wednesday, March 13, 2024
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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

Greenbush Township and Essex 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
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment

Thursday, March 14th
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment

To Schedule an Appointment call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will
accept letters of appeals until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at
Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Road, St. Johns, MI 48879

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real proper-
ty and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Greenbush Township

Agricultural	46.81	1.06814	Commercial	53.57	.93335
Residential	45.53	1.09817	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	46.97	1.06450	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Essex Township

Agricultural	47.11	1.06134	Commercial	46.75	1.06951
Residential	45.57	1.09721	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	47.89	1.04405	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Beth Botke
Assessor



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Man-Eaters of Tsavo Presentation

This upcoming Thursday the 29th of February the Weekly Sportsman will be giving a lecture or presentation at the Corunna library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The subject matter will be a literary and cinematic review of the works done about the Man-Eaters of Tsavo.

Long story short, in the 1890's England was building the Uganda railway in east Africa from Mombasa, a port city on the Indian ocean, to Lake Victoria. The length was about 750 miles and only 150 miles into the project there were difficulties building a bridge over a river in Tsavo, Kenya. As if the design and construction of the bridge wasn't hard enough, matters were complicated with man-eating lions that consumed about 200 workers.

Spoiler alert... After nine months of hunting and failed traps and firearm mechanical issues two very large maneless male lions are killed and then work continued and the bridge was built. The bridge builder and lion killer, Lt. Col John Patterson, is greatly affected by this feat of killing the lions.

His social status back home in England along with military career is catapulted forward and forever altered along with other events in history.

Over 15 literary works and four films will be covered from 1900 to 2020. It is very interesting how the lions and Patterson are woven in history with others like President Teddy Roosevelt, Lawrence of Arabia, Winston Churchill, Ernest Hemingway, the Netanyahu family, and others. So contact the Corunna library online and register for this free event but hurry because space is limited and only a few seats remain.

Remember to listen to the Weekly Sportsman's Reepport every Friday at 3:00 p.m. on WOES 91.3 FM.

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*****NOTICE*****

The Middlebury Township Treasurer will be at the hall on:
THURSDAY, February 29, 2024 from 9-5 to collect taxes.

Middlebury Township Hall
7627 W. M-21
Ovid MI 48866

ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township Board of Review Organization Meeting will be held at the
Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.
Tuesday March 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: elbatownship@elbagratiot.com
Phone: 989-847-2210

Assessors Office Hours: Mondays 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Saturdays by appoint-
ment.

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



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.howdidchristianitybegin.com
tohearns@yahoo.com

Have you ever had a humiliating moment? A, "I want to find a hole to crawl into" type of moment?

I'm sure that all of us have done something that we've been called out on. Something bad that was addressed and we needed to confess and ask for forgiveness. Maybe that took place in public, maybe it was a small group or maybe just one-on-one. In any case, those are tough pills to swallow. There are good and not so good ways at being called to account, but in your situation (and mine) at the minimum we would need to admit that we were to blame. Some type of acknowledgment and apology were necessary to make things right.

What if I told you about someone who was humiliated in public in the worst way? That he underwent society's most shameful treatment that one could endure?

You may think, "That's too bad, but he probably deserved it. He must have done something really bad to get that kind of treatment."

Perhaps. But what if I told you that this person did nothing wrong. He was not guilty of any crimes and did nothing to deserve punishment, to say nothing of the worst kind of punishment one could think up.

That would change things, wouldn't it?

What if I told you that this person intentionally suffered in such a way as to be of benefit to you? What would you think of such a person?

As Paul writes, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."- Romans 5:7-8

Public humiliation.

That is what Jesus, our Lord and Savior, went through, when He died on the cross.

No cheering crowds chanting, "Je-sus! Je-sus!" No shouts of encouragement that we know of. No waving banners. No "Jesus loves me" t-shirts worn by those at the cross.

Just humiliation and shame.

Soon it is going to be Easter (March 31), when many will remember Jesus' death and bodily resurrection from the dead. A death that uniquely brings life.

As Paul writes, "...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

- Colossians 2:13-15

God invites all people to share in this victory over death. Jesus has bridged the gap that our sin has created between us and the Lord and so by faith in His deity, death and bodily resurrection, we can be forgiven of all of our sins- big and small, past, present and future, and enter into a personal relationship with the living God.

Praise God, for Christ is risen indeed!

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.
Call for an appointment

Thursday, March 14th
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment


To Schedule an Appointment call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will accept let-
ters 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 Bolke
Assessor

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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

Proper Funeral Etiquette

Dear Andy,

My aunt recently passed away. Our family sent a plant with flowers which cost \$80.00. We had four siblings to divide the amount but that still seemed like a lot of money, considering there were plenty of flowers and plants from her church friends and her immediate family at the funeral. I felt obligated when my out-of-state siblings suggested we send a plant. What do you think is the appropriate thing to do? I was the only one from our branch of the family. And, I hope I can collect the costs before next summer's family reunion. Loving Niece

Dear Loving Niece,

You are not just a loving niece, you are a kind and responsible sister. Send your sibs a self-addressed stamped envelope or your Veno Acct information soon! And...

This is a subject matter that should be talked about at a time when you are not under pressure to feel obligated. Plan with your siblings sooner rather than next time; there will be more situations you will want to do something special at the loss of another loved one, weddings, a graduation, a baby, a Baptism, or some other milestone for family members.

Your attendance at the funeral or visitation and a gentle hug for your cousins is the most appropriate thing to do. When a person cannot make the funeral because they are out of state, a plant is appropriate and nice, if you can afford it. Another thoughtful idea and not typically too expensive is to give a garden stone, often with a comforting message etched into the stone or a framed picture with a heartfelt verse.

Many families make a monetary donation in the name of their loved one who may have had a special charity or mission in that person's life. For example, to a Humane Society, a youth center, a park, or a medical foundation, if appropriate. You could just send a sympathy card to the family.

A monetary contribution to a specific cause is often suggested in the obituary or funeral home posting. If you can afford it, I think the most appropriate thing to do is to bring a plant or bouquet to your loved ones while they are still living. Take time to have a cup of tea. That will always be appreciated and remembered.

Death is unexpected. We never know when exactly it will happen. So my advice...visit loved ones as much as you can. Do good, Choose joy and happiness for your life. Don't let the death of a loved one or yourself become a regret.

Blessings to you and sorry for your loss. Andy
@ask_andy@aol.com.

Graham Filler Not Running for Fourth Term

Letter to the Editor:

"I first want to thank the individuals from the 93rd House District for allowing me to serve in the State House and be your representative. This was an amazing opportunity to stand up in the State Capitol and speak and fight on your behalf. I have been a huge supporter of law enforcement and public safety, a proponent of nuclear energy in Michigan, and a loud voice for small businesses and farmers. I am proud of these stances and the work we've been able to do together.

When I was elected in 2018, I planned to serve six years in the House as term limits allowed. I am now serving my sixth year and this will be my final year serving at the Capitol. I will not be running for a fourth term in the Michigan House of Representatives. For the remainder of my time in office, I will keep doing what I've been doing from the start: working on bipartisan issues that make Michigan a fairer, safer, more prosperous state to live in."

Graham Filler



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

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.
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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

**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

Ovid Township March Board of Review

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only
Tuesday, March 5, 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

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.
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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

Sports

Lady Wolfpack Continues to Show Improvement with Big Win Over Aggies

LAINGSBURG -- Payge Woodworth drilled 5-of-6 free throws in the 4th quarter, and Ella Merrell scored on a huge offensive rebound-putback with 1:36 remaining, as the LHS girls basketball team held off Dansville, 48-38, in CMAC action here February 16.

Coach Doug Hurst's Lady Wolfpack moved to 9-6 in league play and 11-7 overall. "I'm proud of the improvement we've seen as the season has progressed," Hurst said immediately following the contest. "I told our girls, we have nothing to lose. There is no pressure on us. Let's just go out and show people how well we can play as we move into the post-season."

Merrell scored a career-high 17 points, and Woodworth also added a personal-best 12 tallies.

Led by senior Megan Zeitz, the Aggies did not go away easily. Dansville (12-6 overall, 10-5 CMAC) was a 45-36 victor over the Wolves as recent as January 16 on the Aggies' home floor -- and boast an outstanding program that made a deep run in the MHSAA Regionals last March. "I'm happy to see Zeitz graduate. She's been a good player for them," Hurst explained. "We had a strong effort against a really good team tonight."

The Wolves bounced back from an early 11-9 deficit to lead 23-17 at halftime behind a stellar defensive effort.

Callie Clark added 5 points, Bella Strieff 4, Lilli Morrill 3, Kyleigh Luna 3, Ashlee Hawes 2 and Mallory Woodbury 2.

The Lady Wolves will enter MHSAA District #82 play at Perry, with Bath, Dansville, Leslie, the host Ramblers and Stockbridge completing a challenging girls basketball field.

Bath puts an end to Lady Wolves' winning streak with 42-34 triumph

BATH — Laingsburg's girls basketball team saw its six-game winning streak snapped here, falling to Bath on the road, 42-35.

The loss dropped the Wolfpack to 11-8 on the year and 9-7 in the CMAC, while Bath improved to 16-4 (12-4).

"We went into Bath feeling very confident, and happy with our progress. The game was a battle from start to finish; unfortunately we came up a little short," said veteran Wolfpack coach Doug Hurst. "Credit Bath for making a few big plays down the stretch."

The game was all knotted up at 13-13 following the first quarter and 24-24 at the halftime break. "It's disappointing coming up short after playing so hard, but it's a loss you live with knowing how hard we fought and how much we have improved," Hurst explained.

Ella Merrell again led the Lady Wolves with 8 point and 5 rebounds. Callie Clark contributed 7 pts, 5 rebounds; Payge Woodworth 7 pts; Bella Strieff 5 pts, 8 rebounds; Lilli Morrill 3 pts, 6 rebounds and Kyleigh Luna 3 points.



Ella Merrell



Callie Clark

2023-24 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 112 held at: Merrill High School, 555 W. Alice St., Merrill, MI 48637			
Boys Basketball			
	Saginaw Nouvel Catholic		
	Wednesday, February 28 5:30 p.m.		
Merrill			
Monday, February 26 5:30 p.m.			
Vestaburg			
		Friday, March 1 7:00 p.m.	
	Breckenridge		
	Wednesday, February 28 7:00 p.m.		
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran			
Monday, February 26 7:00 p.m.			
Ashley			

2023-24 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 82 held at: Laingsburg High School, 8008 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848			
Boys Basketball			
	Dansville		
	Monday, February 26 5:30 p.m.		
Perry			
	Wednesday, February 28 5:30 p.m.		
	Laingsburg		
		Friday, March 1 7:00 p.m.	
	Stockbridge		
	Wednesday, February 28 7:00 p.m.		
Leslie			
Monday, February 26 7:00 p.m.			
Bath			

2023-24 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 81 held at: Chesaning High School, 850 N. 4th St., Chesaning, MI 48616			
Boys Basketball			
	Montrose		
	Monday, February 26 5:30 p.m.		
St. Charles			
	Wednesday, February 28 5:30 p.m.		
	Laingsburg		
		Friday, March 1 7:00 p.m.	
	Ovid-Elsie		
	Wednesday, February 28 7:00 p.m.		
New Lothrop			
Monday, February 26 7:00 p.m.			
Byron			

I Love Winter...Said No Dairy Farmer Ever

The cold of winter is finally settling in. We are all double checking the propane, restocking pellets for the wood burner, sealing off the attic and stuffing all kinds of things around windows and doors to keep out the cold draft. It's time to hole up and keep warm. Or, strike off for warmer climates for a few months. Some love winter, others can't stand it. However, for our farmer friends, facing the everyday cold is just a way of life. Winter brings along its own unique challenges and blessings on the farm. Whether you are a farmer, know a farmer or your gramps had a farm, I know many of you have some stories to tell about battling the cold. Here are a few that come to mind for me about what winter means for a dairy farmer. Feel free to add to the list!

For a dairy farmer, winter is:

The smell and slimy cold feel of milk replacer frozen all down your pant leg because the calf you were trying to bucket train headbutted the full pail, sending it splashing all over you. And then you had to go back to the milkhouse for a refill...

Walking into the milkhouse, glasses instantly fogging up, but thankful for a warm place to be for a few minutes before moving on to the next chore. You linger a few extra minutes catching up on the latest farm gossip with the team.

Relief that the muddy season is gone!!! Yeah!!! Except now the muddy lane has frozen and the ridges of the tractor tire tracks turn into speed bumps of death, jolting your spine every time you run over them with the gator.

The inward groan of finding a newborn calf that got dropped in the coldest corner of the cow lot... And you know that your next few hours will involve warm baths, straw bale forts, tubing milk, blankets and a lotta prayer.

The constant worry that the pipes will freeze or worse yet burst. And usually it happens at the most inopportune time.. Right before milking or when you are headed out for a dinner date.

Swearing under your breath when you too aggressively break up the ice in the water trough with your boot and end up splashing freezing cold water all over yourself.

There are so many challenges about being a farmer in the winter.. And yet for all of those hard moments, farmers also get a chance to experience the season in a very special way.. Because winter on the farm also means...

Being the only one awake at 4am to see the winter stars shining bright.

Discovering a new batch of baby kittens, all nestled in and protected in the coziest, warmest spot in the haymow.

The sweet smell of steamy corn silage on its way to the feed bunk.

Raiding the tins of cashews, popcorn and christmas cookies dropped off by the feed salesperson, the vet, or the insurance guy at Christmas time.

And most of all... Winter on the farm is stepping out of the barn after a long day of work.. Milking is done, it's quiet, and still. Delicate snowflakes fall in the darkness and sparkle as they flutter past the barn door. Beautiful, Magical... You feel blessed that you were there to see it!! Maybe winter isn't so bad after all.



Emily Klingbeil



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Local FFA Member Receives Grant from Growing America's Farmers

submitted by Tracey Hoffman

A \$1,000 SAE grant has been awarded to Morgan Ryder of Ovid, Michigan by Growing America's Farmers.

SAE grants are designed to help FFA members create or expand Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects, a requirement that all FFA members must complete. An SAE requires FFA members to create and operate an agriculture related business, work at an agriculture-related business or conduct an agricultural research experience. Upon completion, FFA members must submit a comprehensive report regarding their career development experience.

This year 29 different sponsors funded SAE Grants. A full list of sponsors can be found on the National FFA Organization website on the SAE Grants webpage.

Morgan is a member of the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter. Their application was selected from among 1,258 applications nationwide.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 850,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Shiawassee Arts Center Events

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering a six week adult class on pet portraits with Artist/Instructor Philip Ruehle, MFA. This series will be held on Fridays, beginning March 15, through April 19, from 10am - 1pm.

This class will focus on how to paint dogs and cats. An emphasis will be placed on anatomy and how to capture the texture of fur in your choice of oil or acrylic paint. Please bring a good, clear photo reference of any pet you would like to paint. Supplies not included. The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. Pre-registration and payment required. Call The Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for registration or questions regarding classes. The art studio is handicap accessible.

Materials: Paint: Cadmium Yellow or Lemon Yellow; Alizarin; Ultramarine Blue; Burnt Sienna; Titanium White; Stand Oil (if working in oil); Slow drying medium (if working in acrylic); Assortment of filbert and round brushes; Canvas or panel 11"x14" (2-3); Palette knife (metal is preferred over plastic); Palette or palette paper; 2 Small glass jar (for oil painters); Plastic jar (if working in acrylic); Medium to large plastic or glass jar (acrylic painters)

Linoleum Block-Printed Landscapes, Saturday, March 16, 1pm - 3:30pm

Learn experimental watercolor techniques and the basics of linoleum block-printing to create mini landscape scenes with artist Stephanie Jackson of Rabbit Print Studio. Participants will paint, carve, and block-print during this 2.5 hour mixed-media workshop, leaving with several ready-to-frame prints and one mat. Use instructor created templates or create your own design.

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

Make & Take Earring Workshop at The Shiawassee Arts Center

The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering a Make and Take Earring Workshop with jewelry artist, Susan Kieffer. This workshop will take place on Saturday, March 9, from 11am - 1pm. Each participant will create two pairs of earrings. Keep them both or gift one of them! All supplies and tools will be provided; ear wires are sterling silver. Ages 16 and up. No experience necessary. Susan has jewelry on display and for sale in the SAC gallery.

True Community; Young and Old Alike Come Together for Lions' Spaghetti Dinner

LAINGSBURG --

True community was on display February 20 at the Clare Burt Post 248 American Legion Post.

The event was the local Lions Club's second free Spaghetti Dinner of 2024. The first was in January and was well-attended.

This time it was even bigger. A steady stream of diners lined up 20 minutes early and kept coming strong until 6:30. Approximately 200 meals were served up, including spaghetti with marinara sauce, meatballs, breadsticks, dessert and a beverage.

Through its community fundraising, the Laingsburg Lions Club has been a major donor to the Red Thunder robotics club over the past two years. Red Thunder students from the Laingsburg Community Schools repaid that generosity, showing up to work the serving line for the community: sophomores Oliver Stanfield and Josh Marble, freshman Jasmine Noffke, and 7th graders Claire Seger and Adeline Wright. The Lions were grateful ... as were all the community members who enjoyed a good meal and great fellowship.



Red Thunder Robotics Club help serve at Lions Club Free Spaghetti Dinner

Rep. Filler Successfully Modernizes Michigan's Estate, Probate Process

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler's plan to update Michigan's laws regarding estates, trusts and wills was signed by the governor.

The bipartisan legislation recognized the need to modernize end-of-life planning laws, which hadn't been updated in decades and did not reflect the current cost of living.

"The weight of end-of-life decisions is heavy enough without the added complexity of outdated laws," Filler said. "I'm glad our laws now reflect the realities of modern life."

Sponsored by Filler and Rep. Kelly Breen (D-Novi), Public Acts 1-4 of 2024 make multiple changes to trusts, guardians and advocates, and asset thresholds regarding wills and estates, including:

Increasing the value of a vehicle for which a surviving spouse or heir can request a title transfer outside of probate court.

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Each of the four bills earned unanimous support in the House and Senate before being signed into law.

"I am immensely grateful to Rep. Breen and Gov. Whitmer for their commitment to bipartisanship," Filler said. "Working together, we were able to modernize state law and align it with the needs of our communities."



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Rep. Filler Introduces Plan to Support Volunteer Firefighters, Emergency Medical Personnel

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler today introduced a plan to recognize the service and commitment of the men and women who volunteer as firefighters and emergency medical responders throughout Michigan.

Filler's plan would offer a tax credit to Michiganders who serve their communities with volunteer or paid on-call fire departments and life support agencies.

House Bill 5432 creates a \$2,500 tax credit for firefighters or EMS personnel who serve at least 10 hours a month as a volunteer with a fire department or life support agency in Michigan. Under Filler's plan, the tax credit would be collected when volunteer emergency workers file their taxes beginning with the 2024 tax year.

Filler said the tax credit could also help recruit and retain first responders in rural communities, which often rely heavily on part-time or volunteer agencies.

House Bill 5432 was referred to the House Tax Policy Committee for consideration.



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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 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. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 27, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Chapko, Married Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Date of Mortgage: June 18, 2020 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 3, 2020 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$127,848.29 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7 and the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Kay-Marie Subdivision, Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1, Clinton County Records. Commonly Known as: 229 W Elm St., Elsie, MI 48831 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 02/25/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 318506

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 20, 2024. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Timothy S. Droste to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) dated August 12, 2005 and recorded September 1, 2005 as Instrument No. 5086724, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$18,853.00. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RILEY, COUNTY OF CLINTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 4, 700 FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 4, 650.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH WEST LINE OF SECTION 4, 700 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE, THENCE WEST ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE 650.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, RILEY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Permanent Parcel Number: 130-004-200-020-00 Said property is commonly known as

5303 S Forest Hill Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: February 8, 2024 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 23-33448

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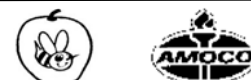
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Ovid-Elsie FFA Competes in Leadership Contests

submitted by: Willow Evans, chapter treasurer

Ovid-Elsie FFA was well represented at District and Regional levels in multiple Leadership Career Development Events. On January 24th, 2024, students competed in District-level competitions at Laingsburg High School. We had two demonstration teams representing us in the contest. The team consisting of Joshua Miller, Clay Powell, and Gavin William earned themselves a Gold award and advanced to Regional contests. Our other team made up of Cheyenne Kline and Trinity Ziola participated in the contest earning a Silver award. We had an Agriculture Issue who earned a Gold award and advanced to Regionals. Our Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team is made up of Meadow Evans, Laila Hoch, Abigail Lehman, Jeremiah Stewart, Jacob Miller, Alexis Lucier, and Ashlyn Fabus, all of whom earned a Gold award earning them a spot at Regionals. We had two individuals competing in Job Interview, Morgan Ryder and Dominic Kline, both earning a Gold award and Dominic was an Alternate to Regionals. Our last competitor was Rebecca Lehman who competed in Junior High Public Speaking, earning herself a Silver award and a spot at Regional Contest.

Regional level leadership competition was held on February 7th, 2024 at Webberville High School. Rebecca Lehman earned a Silver award at Regionals in her Junior High Public Speaking contest. The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings teams earned a Gold award within their contest and were an Alternate to States. The



Greenhand Conduct of Meetings (L to R): Laila Hoch, Ashlyn Fabus, Jacob Miller, Jeremiah Stewart, Meadow Evans, Alexis Lucier, and Abigail Lehman who competed in the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings contest.

Agricultural Issues team earned a Gold award as well and the position of Alternate to States. The Demonstration team earned their way to State Finals and earned a Gold award at Regionals.

The State Leadership Contests are being held February 28th-March 1st, 2024 on the campus of Michigan State University. The Demonstration team will be competing in the State Finals representing Ovid-Elsie in their respective contest.

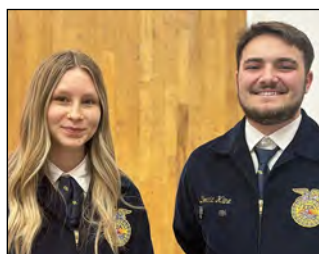


Ag Issues (L to R): Corbyn Janes, Willow Evans, Abby Thelen, Cassidy Harris, Danica Bancroft and Travis who competed in the Ag Issues contest.



Jr High Public Speaking: Rebecca Lehman competed in the Jr High Public Speaking contest.

Demo #1: (L to R): Gavin Williams, Josh Miller, Clay Powell who competed in the Demonstration contest.



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

Demo #2: (L to R): Trinity Ziola and Cheyenne Kline who competed in the Demonstration contest



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