

Laingsburg Boys Basketball Back to Back District Champions



Repeat District Championship: The Laingsburg boys celebrated a Back-to-Back 2nd District Championship win by defeating the Stockbridge Panthers on March 1st 57-45. The Wolfpack lost in a regional game against Jackson Lumen Christi. See stories on pages 12 & 16.

Ovid-Elsie Wrestlers Placed 1st, 3rd and 5th at Ford Field



OE sent five wrestlers to compete in the Individual State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit on March 1st and 2nd. Three made the podium on Saturday. Talon Parsons (center) finished first in his weight class, Cole Workman finished fifth and Maddie Miller finished third.

See page 11 for story.



(L to R: Agents Ken Pangborn, Ron Lapland, and Brian Lane,

Image credit: Scarlett Piedmonte)

Lane, Lapland and Pangborn Win Elton R. Smith Award

submitted by Cale Sauter

Grand Rapids, Mich.— An unprecedented 3-way tie for the coveted Elton R. Smith Award was announced at the Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan Multi-Line Marketing Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan on February 23rd, 2024. Agents Brian Lane of Macomb, Ron Lapland of Marshall, and Ashley resident, Ken Pangborn were announced as recipients of the company's most prestigious honor. "I'm so glad all three of us got it," said Lane, a four-time nominee, upon receiving the award. "This is always a fierce competition."

The Elton R. Smith Award honors a Farm Bureau Insurance agent who best exhibits commitment to their job, community, the insurance industry, and the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies. It pays tribute to former Michigan Farm Bureau President Elton R. Smith, whose impact on his community and the Farm Bureau organization remains a legacy. "This is probably the most coveted award that Farm Bureau gives out because it doesn't have anything to do with production," said Lane, whose contributions to the Michigan chapter of the Make A Wish foundation were highlighted at the event. "It's truly about the person."

Many fellow agents in the organization credit all three individuals as tremendous mentors, exceedingly generous with their time and wisdom. All three agents are also noted for leadership, servitude and humility in their respective communities. Whether it be supporting charities, schools, food-insecurity programs, agriculture efforts, 4H, or dedicating time and resources to local fairs, there are common themes among their service befitting of the namesake of the award. "We all love our communities and each other," said Lapland, whose recent contribution to the building of a community park was recognized. "I'm proud and incredibly happy to be honored with these two gentlemen."

Each winning agent credited the rewarding nature of the career and the supportive community at Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan for their longevity and ability to serve as a helpful resource in their communities. "Looking back over the past thirty years, being able to be there for people when they need it has made what I do with Farm Bureau one of the most gratifying experiences I've had," said Pangborn, who announced plans to retire on his 70th birthday this coming year after capping an illustrious and decorated career with this superlative recognition.

"Farm Bureau, what you did tonight will be remembered forever by all three of us," Pangborn concluded.

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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, we are highlighting Sesame Street characters. On Saturday, March 16, we will feature Oscar; on Saturday, March 23rd, we will highlight Big Bird. We will have a "Find the Yellow Rubber Duck Contest" throughout the month of March. Spot the rubber duck once a week, tell the librarian at the desk where you saw him, and your name will be entered in a drawing for a prize!! The contest will end on March 30, 2024.

Our children's programming for Mondays in March will have the very popular Music and Motion on March 11th with a Leprechaun theme and Story Time on March 18th with a spring theme. All Monday programs begin at noon.

The March meeting of the book club has been postponed to April 11th at 6PM.

Elsie Food Pantry through the Greater Lansing Food Bank has provided us seeds to share. You may come in and swap seeds and receive a seed packet of your choice free of charge!



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Parking lot located behind church on Clinton Street one block west of main street.

The United Church of Ovid is excited to be having our annual Easter celebration for kids of all ages. Come and participate in Games, Story Time, Egg Hunt, and Lunch.

Bring your own container for eggs and of course your camera.

For more information, contact The United Church of Ovid at 989-834-5958, Monday – Thursday from 9am – 12noon.

Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on "Hernias"

submitted Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Wednesday, March 27th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.

The topic of this educational presentation will be "Hernias" and will be presented by Dr. Sasha Spencley, a General Surgeon at Memorial Healthcare Surgical Associates.

This presentation will be held in the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 W. King Street, in Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Friday, March 22, 2024.

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Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owne Prussner

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group is to meet on Wednesday March 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Shiawassee Council on Aging, 30 N. Washington St., Owosso. Phone 989-723-8875

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday, except for bad weather, and or schools in area are closed.

We will be observing our 32nd anniversary. We will be talking about issues members are dealing with.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support. Please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator.

With any questions about owosso Parkinson's support group.

Please call 989-723-6901.

Shiawassee Farmer Network to Meet March 19

submitted by Donna Kanan

OWOSSO - - The next Shiawassee Farmer Network meeting is March 19, 2024, and will be hosted by Farmer Leaders Michelle and Jake Glass at 8580 Lehring Rd, Durand from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This meeting is an opportunity for local farmers to collaborate and learn from each other about agriculture and conservation issues that are important to them. Michigan DNR Conservation Officer Brandon Benedict will be joining to discuss deer management options to mitigate crop damage. Three RUP credits will be offered for participating.

The Shiawassee Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service partner together to organize the Shiawassee Farmer Network, but the intent is that the topics and discussions be farmer-led. Meaningful conservation is a top priority for the Shiawassee Conservation District. This can only be achieved by participation in voluntary conservation, and through conservation planning that meets the needs, goals, and abilities of the participants. Events such as the Shiawassee Farmer Network meetings are key to that success.

RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Contact the Conservation District office for more information, if special accommodations are needed, or to RSVP at (989) 723-8263 ext. 3

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Protect Young Eyes Event Well Attended

by Karen Anderson,
Correspondent

OVID - On Wednesday, February 28th, parents and citizens from the community attended a presentation by the Protect Young Eyes© (PYE) group at Heartland Church in Ovid. The speaker Dan Armstrong, PTE© advocate and father of 5 children gave an outstanding two-hour program on how and why families needed to create a Tech-safe environment for their children growing up in our complex digital society.

At PYE© their research, education, and advocacy give families proven solutions, so they can be prepared with a plan of action that reflects family values and the protection needed while online. PYE© mission is to create a safer digital space with parental and adult involvement with controls while children are on apps, cell phones, or being entertained on their devices.

Armstrong revealed staggering statistics on the negative effects of technology at a young age and the dangers and consequences, of this and the next generation of children who are struggling to survive. Some challenges include a lack of social skills, posting inappropriate pictures, and communicating with dangerous strangers online. Armstrong discussed ideas to build digital trust within the family by modeling behaviors.

One of the many suggestions included getting permission from your children to agree on the posts of family pictures on your site or FB. Let them help choose if they want your view-



ers to see the post. Allowing your children’s input empowers them and teaches them to respect themselves. It is not too late to learn how to build digital trust with each other or to model acceptable technological behaviors.

As quoted from the research of Protect Young Eyes©, “Smartphone use is this Century’s Second-hand smoke.” Telling your children, “No matter what you do, you will always love them. When children know you won’t freak out (too much) and make it clear to your child, that they can tell you or talk to you about anything.” This is a start to a trusting relationship with your tech-savvy children.

More information on this subject and to be an advocate for your children learn more about electronic use and technology to protect their future. Additional information can be found on <http://protectyouneyes.com>, FB: @protectyouneyes, X (formerly Twitter): @protecteyes, Instagram: @protectyouneyes.

This program was held at the Heartland Church auditorium located in Ovid. If you have questions, contact Pastor Ben or a team member from the Heartland Youth Program. Referrals through your family doctor or school counselor can also direct you to an appropriate option.

If your child has been compromised and you believe it is or could be a serious problem, contact a professional counselor. Receive a FREE newsletter: text: Protect to 66866.

NOTICE ASHLEY VILLAGE RESIDENTS

A Public Hearing will be held prior to the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashley Community Center, 110 N. Sterling St., to take comments regarding the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Ashley Village Office, 114 S. Sterling St. Office hours are Tuesday thru Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Michelle Fitzpatrick
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Middlebury Township Budget Public Hearing

The Middlebury Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025 at the township hall located at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI on

March 12, 2024 at 6:45 pm.

***The adoption of this years fiscal budget will be the subject of this meeting.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 7627 W M21, Ovid, MI 48866 or by calling Jamie Aldrich, Clerk 989-834-9900

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
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NOTICE MIDDLEBURY TOWNSHIP MANDATORY OBLIGATION TO CUT GRASS AND WEEDS PURSUANT TO THE GRASS AND WEED ORDINANCE

To all Middlebury Township property owners and residents of subdivided and residential lands:

Pursuant to the Middlebury Township Weed and Grass Ordinance #11-2-11, it is your mandatory obligation to cut all weeds and grass to a height less than 12 inches on or before May 1st and thereafter throughout the growing season until October 1st of this year.

Such obligation to cut weeds and grass shall be for a depth of 10 rods, or the depth of the lot, whichever is less.

Failure to cut the weeds and grass by the date provided will allow the township or its contractor to enter onto the property for purposed of cutting the same and the owner of the property charged with the cost as many times as necessary, plus administrative fees.

Failure to pay timely to the township such charges will result in a lien being placed upon the real property and taxes as provided by law.

Date: March 3, 2024
Jamie Aldrich
Middlebury Township Clerk

City of Laingsburg Notice of Adoption

City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance amendments have been adopted by the legislative body of the City of Laingsburg. Based upon a recommendation by the City of Laingsburg Planning Commission following a public hearing held February 19, 2024, the City Council moved by RESOLUTION 2407 on March 4, 2024, at a regular City Council meeting to amend the existing Zoning Ordinance. These amendments include:

1. Section 203, Definitions – Add the definition of a Walk-Up Window Facility
2. Section 406, Accessory Uses and Structures – Add regulations for Walk-Up Window Facilities
3. Section 512, RM, Medium-Density Residential District – Permit Single-Family Attached Townhouses by right
4. Section 515, C-1, Central Business District – Require front-facing doorways for new developments in the zoning district.
5. Section 603(D) – Permit site plans to be approved by the Planning Commission without a public hearing.

The effective date of Zoning Ordinance Amendments shall be April 9, 2024. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance amendments may be purchased or inspected during normal business hours at the City Clerk's office located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

Kim Hamilton
Laingsburg City Clerk

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 property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Greenbush Township

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| 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 |

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| 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

Victor Township 2024 Board of Review

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

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| 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 |
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To Schedule an Appointment call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will accept letters of appeals until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

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

Victor Township

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| Agricultural | 46.90 | 1.07526 | Commercial | 48.30 | 1.03519 |
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| Industrial | 52.01 | .096135 | Personal Property | 50.00 | 1.0000 |

Beth Botke
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VICTOR TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board March 12, 2024 6:45 pm

The Victor Township Board invites the public to attend a Public Hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at Victor Township, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI. 48848 at 6:45 p.m. Review of the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget will be the subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Victor Township Hall at 6843 E Alward Rd Laingsburg, MI 48848. Comments may include those submitted by in writing, email, usps mail or by attending the meeting and commenting during public comment periods throughout the meeting.

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 24-hour notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e

Lianne Prange, Clerk
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A DETAILED COPY OF THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE IN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE



Bannister ZCBJ Mid-Winter Jamboree

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

These talented and generous musicians provided an afternoon of ethnic music at the Bannister ZCBJ Mid winter Jamboree. Many thanks to John Mitosinka, Stan Saylor, Helen Anne Bates, Louis Sipka, John Hucko, Tony Liska, Alex Taphouse, Steve Krcmarik and Phil Chovanec for sharing their love of Czech and Slovak music with all who attended.

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Mary Free Bed at Sparrow Helps New Father Witness Birth of Twins Following Accident

submitted by John Foren

LANSING – Thanks to the quality, compassionate and leading-edge care received at Sparrow, a patient severely injured after falling 22 feet from a tree stand in November was recently able to witness the birth of his twin boys.

Mary Free Bed at Sparrow Nurse Jenna Hufnagel assisted Jeremy Lawson to the operating room so that he could be there to support his wife Emily during the momentous occasion. Hufnagel, who formed a close connection with Lawson and his family shortly after he arrived at the neuro intensive care unit at E.W. Sparrow Hospital, selflessly volunteered on her day off to ensure Lawson didn't miss the big day.

"It was good to give he and his wife a sense of normalcy that day," said Hufnagel. "Jeremy's attitude is amazing, and I am honored to be a part of his journey."

Lawson, who lives in Owosso, is battling back from the critical fall while he was hunting and the 48-year-old continues to face a long and intensive road to recovery. Despite numerous challenges, Lawson maintains an unwaveringly positive attitude and determination to overcome the odds.

"I am amazed at the number of caregivers who have invested in me and my family," said Lawson. "They made the birth of my twin boys a special day that I will never forget. There have been so many people behind the scenes that have been invested in me and my family."

The highly skilled team of therapists at Mary Free Bed at Sparrow have also been working around the clock to set Lawson up for success as he transitions into fatherhood, providing practical training sessions, including diaper changing tasks. The team has even facilitated bonding activities such as creating bead bracelets to practice playing with his children at home.

"The team is always striving to restore hope and freedom through meaningful activities that patients will need to accomplish safely within the home and community," said Matt Epkey, MS, OTR, Mary Free Bed at Sparrow's director of inpatient rehabilitation.

Mary Free Bed at Sparrow extends its heartfelt congratulations to Jeremy and wishes him and his growing family a future filled with love and joy.

Mary Free Bed at Sparrow provides advanced neurological, orthopedic and stroke rehab care for patients in the Mid-Michigan region. To learn more, visit Sparrow.org/MaryFreeBed.



Memorial Health Care New Walk-In Clinic

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics is thrilled to unveil a new Walk-In Orthopedic Clinic! Patients can now receive prompt attention for acute injuries, simple fractures, sprains, and other orthopedic concerns, eliminating the need for advance appointments. To ensure accurate and timely diagnosis, the clinic is equipped with cutting-edge diagnostic tools and staffed by experienced orthopedic professionals, Tarah Rakoski, PA-C and Mike Smith, PA-C.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics, located in the NOW building at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Second Floor, in Owosso.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org.

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Sparrow Clinton Honors X-Ray/CT Tech

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS – Sparrow Clinton Hospital recently celebrated 19 nominated caregivers, including one special honoree, during a BEE Award ceremony to recognize excellence among clinical support caregivers who work alongside nursing teams.

Countless nominations from patients and their families mentioned the compassion and kindness shown by the caregivers at Sparrow Clinton. However, one nomination stood out.

X-ray/CT Technician Bryon Bockes is this quarter's BEE Honoree. Bockes, who formerly worked at Sparrow in Lansing, was nominated by a patient's family member for his compassion, making the family laugh and ensuring the patient was warm and comfortable during a long test.

"Bryon has compassionate and empathetic behaviors. His personality is calm and soft spoken. These characteristics are perfect for frontline caregivers to possess," said Shawn Galecka, director of diagnostic services at Sparrow Clinton.

BEE is an acronym for BE Excellent Every day. Acknowledging the strength behind teamwork, the award is given in conjunction with the DAISY Award to symbolize the relationship between nursing and clinical support caregivers – the same way bees and flowers depend on each other.

For more information or to nominate a clinical support caregiver, visit Sparrow.org/BEE.



Sparrow Clinton Hospital Welcomes General Surgeon

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital is pleased to welcome highly skilled general surgeon Lauren Kwasny, D.O., to service the St. Johns-area community.

Kwasny comes to the SMG General Surgery St. Johns location from SMG General Surgery Lansing and performs procedures at Sparrow Clinton Hospital.

Kwasny treats a broad range of surgical conditions utilizing advanced techniques, including laparoscopy and endoscopy. She has a special interest in diseases affecting the endocrine system, including thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal disease. She is a member of the American Board of Surgery.

Kwasny completed her undergraduate studies at Western Michigan University, with a double degree in Biomedical Sciences and Psychology, and her medical doctorate degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following medical school, she completed her general surgery residency at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

SMG General Surgery St. Johns is located at 901 S. Oakland St., St. Johns. Kwasny is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, call 989.224.8971.

For more information, visit Sparrow.org/Surgery.



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Michael Allen Birdsley

Michael Allen Birdsley (Mike) was born in St. Johns on Christmas Eve 1949 to Arden Earl (Jack) and Bonna (Rahl) Birdsley.

He passed away peacefully on November 3, 2023, at the age of 73 with Sandi, his wife of 30 years, and two of his daughters present. He was a good man who loved and gave with gentle fortitude. He will be remembered and missed by numerous family members and friends.

He enjoyed long walks, local history (he loved St. Johns), working with his hands, and spending time with his family. After serving in the Army, he worked as a Porsche mechanic for 36 years and taught mechanics at Baker College for 10. Mike had a deep, quiet voice and a calming presence. April fools and Halloween were among his favorite holidays, as he loved playing pranks on his family and friends. He was a private, dedicated, and responsible man who gave everything he had to others. He took pride in his work, meticulous even when finding the details tedious. An accomplished chef, he liked watching cooking shows and frequently made healthy and yummy meals for his family. At 6' he could command a situation easily when needed, being also very articulate and disciplined.

He is survived by his Aunt Carol, Aunt Shirley, sister Donna, brother Terry, wife Sandi (Kendall), 5 daughters: Jessie Krebs, Becki Johnson, Anna Caldwell, Sarah Diehl-Wood, Felicia Sorge, and 12 grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at The Main Street Cafe in St. Johns on April 13, 2023, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Stories and photos welcome, please no flowers or gifts.



Obituaries

Connie Sue Albright

Connie Sue Albright, age 80, died peacefully in the care of her husband at the Laurels of Hudsonville, on March 2, 2024, and was called home to spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a resident of Hudsonville, and a former resident of Lowell and Ovid, Michigan.

She was born on March 25, 1943, to Charles and Maxine Berry in Pontiac, Michigan. Her roots grew deep in Whitehall, where she nurtured her love for music, singing in the choir, playing basketball, and developing her passion to help others. And sing, Connie did, sharing her voice in talent contests with her siblings and harmonizing with her father. Connie's zest for life and unwavering spirit were contagious, a testament to her fearless nature and love for those around her.

Making her home in Ovid, Connie was married to William Dennis until his passing in 1994. They raised three sons amidst the joyous chaos of a full basketball court and serving as a teacher at Grove Christian School. It was here where she formed many lifelong friendships that she cherished throughout her life. Fondly remembered as the neighborhood's second mother, her home was always open, Sunday fellowship spilling over from church to her living room, where she served coffee and endless encouragement. She reached out to neighborhood kids taking them to Sunday school, vacation bible school and church, partaking in their games of basketball and always willing to lend an ear to those in need. You would always find Christian music playing throughout the home when you stopped by for a visit. Her professional life was as diverse and fulfilling as her personal one, as she dedicated many years working at Meijer, and selling Shaklee products.

Connie married Bob Albright, on October 18, 1996, at Grove Bible Church. They made their home on Murray Lake in Lowell, where Connie loved to entertain friends. She loved to swim, fish, sew and be an ever-present support figure in the lives of her children and especially her grandchildren. Connie and Bob shared many special trips, including a mission trip to Bolivia, where Connie's spiritual side shone as brightly as her smile. She was an encourager, a prayer partner, and tirelessly reached out to others to share 'the truth.' Her love for life, people, and God was the essence of Connie, a beacon to those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, William Dennis, son, Mark Dennis, and siblings, Stephen Berry, Dennis Berry, and Valerie Shank.

She is survived by her beloved husband of twenty-eight years, Bob Albright; her sons, Craig (Sheila) Dennis, Chad (Lisa) Dennis; daughter-in-law Alaina Dennis; step-daughter, Kathi (Chris) Hopkins; step-son, David (Oscar) Albright; grandchildren, Trevor, Carly, Sophie, Meric, Sydnee, Rylee, and Ethyn Dennis, David Michael Hopkins, great grandchildren, Jaden, and Avery; siblings, Cathy (Robert) Thompson, Alan (Donna) Berry, and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends who will forever remember her for her warmth, grace and love.

A Funeral Service was held at Grove Bible Church, 6990 E. Price Road, St. Johns, on Saturday, March 9, with Pastors Larry Smith and Brendan Holmquist officiating.

Memorials may be made in her name to Grove Bible Church, c/o Grove Youth Group Mission Trip.



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Sharon Rose Mosher

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

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

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

Sharon began her 40 year nursing career in Manchester, Kentucky. She then was a public health nurse in Ionia County, Michigan, and worked nineteen years at Sparrow Hospital. Sharon was a practicing private nurse in Ovid, Michigan before retiring.

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

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

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



Editorial...cont' on page 10

What an amazing week it has been... Who would ever have believed that plugged pipes could bring forth a great deal of kindness and support?* I'm blown away by the concern and care of many good people. I wish that I could share the whole story with you but at this time I can only allude to the care and kindness of others. This is one of my many blessings. It has helped me and my family. May God in his great grace bless all who have stepped up.

Miss Isabella, my oldest great granddaughter, had her ninth birthday on Tuesday. I missed the cake and ice cream but will be taking her shopping Saturday afternoon. First I will be delivering a 'grow box' filled with forty pounds of compost and some flower seeds for her to plant. I'm excited that all the time that we spent together when she was a toddler has inspired her to gardening, as it did both her mother and grandmother(maternal side). I still need to get her a good trowel and good claw to loosen the soil. Hopefully I can also find her a pair of gardening gloves. Of course she needs some gardening attire and a hat to finish her ensemble. No doubt, we will finish off the afternoon with a luncheon.

Tuesday was a busy day because it is the first workday that we are open at MG's Perx & Pastries plus it was the first time that we extended our hours so that we could do a "taco Tuesday". We stayed open until two and baked and cooked like crazy all morning. Our tacos were well received, the shells are home made and yummy. My grandson-in-law told us that they were "fresh off the boat" perfect. As in authentic. High praise. One of our customers from Laingsburg called me this morning to say that they were delicious fresh from the grill but even better in the evening when they warmed them up for supper. Therese said that the Spanish rice was also delectable. Our next Taco Tuesday is scheduled for March 19th, we will be serving the tacos and rices from 11AM until 2PM. This Saturday and next Thursday we will be serving breakfast burritos from 7AM until noon. Come and enjoy what we have to offer.

I need to be in high gear in the morning. I have Julie coming in to get a dozen double chip cookies and I hope to have them cooling when we open at seven. Of course the sausage gravy and biscuits need to be readied. Donuts made and the grill ready to rock. Eggs moved to the small kitchen fridge, cheese, onions chopped, sausage thawed, and coffee made. I think that I covered it all. Thank goodness that I'm not the donut lady or the cupcake gal, those fall under Diane's expertise, as do the breakfast burritos and awesome tacos. If you have been into the shop you would probably have noticed the décor which is also a reflection of Diane's talents. She is another one of my blessings.

I believe that I have mentioned the numerous cats that have been dropped off at my home. I would like to find a home for the one cat that was already neutered and marked before he got here. The critter is a very beautiful black and gray tabby. I believe that he came from a home where he was king. He is rather assertive and has just begun being very friendly to me. He wants to be 'numero uno' and it will not happen here because my own "Tiny Terror" aka TT is the head of this cat-atopia. Plus TT has top seniority. So I really would like to find a new home for the boy tabby. Any takers?

My crocus are in blossom. I have even seen red winged blackbirds. No robins. My bushes are budding. The garlic is up. Have you noticed the birds are singing many choruses. I haven't noticed the grass getting any greener. Hmm...it has been very nice outside, especially if the wind isn't kicking up. If the coming rain is warm the grass will be green and I will need to mow the lawn in April. Brent has some new aprons. The Mandalorian's armor is the front of one and the other is covered with Star Wars memorabilia. So our 'Hospitality Director' is in his glory. May your days be filled with uncountable blessings. Recognize them. God's blessings are numerous. Enjoy them.

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Ovid Carriage Days Change

Letter to the Editor:

The Ovid Carriage Days Committee would like to announce that this year's upcoming festival is going to be a little different than in years past. We've done some reflecting as a committee and have made the decision to restructure and reset our focus, building a one day event that offers something for everyone. The festival will be on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

Three days down to one? Wow, big change, right? Here's what we are thinking. We'd like to provide a family friendly, low cost, fun-filled day with a little something for everyone. A pancake breakfast, bingo, parade, inflatables, food trucks, kiddie tractor pull, arm wrestling, car show, arts/crafts vendors, cash raffle and much more. Many of the events will be free or by donation.

As a reminder, Ovid Carriage Days committee gives to the Ovid area community by donating or putting on the following events: Easter Egg Hunt at Ovid Healthcare, a Veterans/Community luncheon with the Ovid Lions Club on Memorial Day, an expanded Christmas community event which includes a light parade, free gifts for children and pictures with Santa.

The committee is always looking for volunteers to provide fresh ideas or assist in running events and fund raisers through the year, but especially during the festival. We know this may seem harsh to move to only one day, but carnivals are becoming harder to find and are financially not something our community can support. We love our community and think that we should have something to truly celebrate it. There are a lot of details still to come, but we hope that you are just as excited as we are,

The committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at City Hall at 6pm. The next meeting is March 20th, please join us and bring your ideas.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regular Meeting of the Victor Township Board March 12, 2024 7:00 pm

The Victor Township Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848 at 7:00 p.m. Review of the following proposed Michigan DNR Recreation Grant Applications including public input will be covered at this meeting:

Recreation Passport Grant Application

Proposed Project: Walking path and Park Bathroom Renovation
Location: Victor Township Hall

Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application

Proposed Project: Walking path, Pickle Ball Courts, and Park Bathroom Renovation
Location: Victor Township Hall

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 24-hour notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.

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Proposed Board Minutes from February 13, 2024

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Attendance: Roll call: Townsend, Prange, Conklin, Willoughby, Fickes. Absent: None
6 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: Kendel Darragh from Briggs Library was present and gave the board the Library's Annual Report and an update on programs provided to the citizens of the library district. To see the annual report and for additional information, visit director@briggsdistrictlibrary.org.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange to approve the February 13, 2024 agenda. Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 30, 2024 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the February 13, 2024 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to disburse the January, 2024 bills (Paid February 13, 2024). Seconded by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
Checks# 29005-29024 in the amount of \$23,976.58
Motion by Willoughby to disburse January, 2024 payroll and related payroll expenses. (Paid February 13, 2024) Seconded by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.
Checks# 13036-13044 in the amount of \$12,728.99.

County Officials: Commissioner Vail-Shirey gave a report from the County. The Commissioners are reviewing County Ordinances at monthly special meetings. For details and more information visit www.clinton-county.org.
Deputy J. Chrenka from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department gave a report on matters concerning the County and Victor Township.

Victor Township Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission will be March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall. There will be a meeting with a DNR representative and a member of the planning commission and a Victor Township board representative to discuss the DNR grants

available to Victor Township.

Unfinished Business:

Broadband: The ROBIN grant challenge process provided additional funding opportunities for applicants that were not awarded funds in initial grant awards. The challenge process for this second round has ended. MIHI announcement will be released soon and show final batch 2 awards.

Emergency Services (Ambulance and Fire): Discussion is ongoing regarding ambulance service for Victor Township. The contract renewal for fire services (LSW) was discussed and the board is waiting to review the proposed contract when presented.

Victor Township is continuing to work with MSU Extension in planning a public meeting on the subject of providing ambulance services for Victor Township residents.

New Business:

There will be a Budget Public Hearing on March 12, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. to review the proposed budget for the fiscal year

Victor Township is seeking proposals from qualified individuals, contractors or companies to provide the following services:

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Proposal packets can be obtained by calling (517) 651-2094, emailing supervisor@victortwp.org, or visiting www.victortwp.org. Proposals can be submitted by email, usps mail, or dropped off at the township office or drop box. Proposals are to be received in the office no later than **March 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

ARPA funds: Motion by Willoughby to use the Township's ARPA funds toward the Alward Road paving project. Seconded by Prange. Roll call vote: Willoughby: yes, Fickes: yes, Prange: yes, Townsend: yes, Conklin: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

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(L-R) Dylan and Ashley Coleman with employees Calvin, Alex, Matt and Mike. Not pictured but also part of the crew, Dylan's Dad, Craig.

New Construction Company in the Community

by Deb Price

Approximately three months ago, Elsie resident, Dylan Coleman started doing business as Coleman Construction. He has lots of experience in providing construction services as he has followed in his Dad's footsteps, Craig Coleman, also in the construction business before working for Ovid-Elsie Schools.

Coleman Construction provides services for both residential and commercial exterior work. "There's no job to big or small", explained Dylan. From siding, metal roofs, pole barns, additions and windows and doors, they can do it all. With Spring right around the corner, call Dylan today to schedule that siding project or any other exterior project you've been talking about having done. Dylan can be reached at Coleman Construction by call (989) 251-9149.

How to Recognize When It's Time to Replace Your Windows

Windows are a major component of a home. Window installation professionals will tell homeowners that the average life span of residential windows is between 15 and 30 years. Most well-maintained products can last 20 years, so homeowners who have windows approaching that age may want to schedule a window assessment and possible replacement.

Replacing windows is a job that requires advanced skill, and this is not a do-it-yourself project. There are many qualified professional window installation companies that will work with homeowners to measure, order and install windows that will fit with the style of a home and local weather, all while providing features the homeowner desires.

For those wondering when to replace windows, Pella and Renewal by Andersen, two of the premiere window manufacturers, offer these guidelines.

- Difficulty opening and closing windows. A window that does not operate as it should can aggravate homeowners. If windows are sticking shut or cannot be securely closed, it's probably time for something new.

- There's apparent window damage. Accidents happen, and if a rock is kicked up from a lawnmower and cracks a window or if spring baseball practice has gone awry with an errant throw, windows may require replacement.

- Drafts in the window are common. If heating and cooling systems are working overtime, drafty, poorly insulated windows could be to blame. Various agencies can perform energy efficiency tests in a home. Windows that are determined to be the weak spots should be replaced.

- Dated windows are present in the home. Older windows may pose safety hazards, especially those in older homes. A larger window may be needed to comply with fire safety codes allowing for window egress. Dated windows also may simply look "old" and compromise the aesthetics of a home.



- Outdoor noises are noticed quite readily. Newer windows can help reduce noise transmission. So those leaf blowers, airplanes, barking dogs, and kids playing basketball up the street won't disturb homeowners as they try to enjoy some peace and quiet indoors.

- Fading indoors is noted. Windows that do not feature low-emissivity (Low-E) glass coatings will not block UV rays. Those rays can cause fading to wood floors and furniture or pretty much anything the sunlight touches. Replacing existing windows with Low-E coating alternatives can safeguard belongings and improve window efficiency.

Window replacement may be necessary when existing windows are showing signs of aging or damage.



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How Sellers Can Get Top Dollar for Their Homes

The process of buying and selling a home includes many movable parts. North America has experienced historic trends in the housing market in recent years. Most notably, record-high prices have dominated the real estate market over the last several years.

Stage your home

According to the 2023 Profile of Home Staging conducted by the National Association of Realtors®, 81 percent of buyers' agents said staging a home made it easier for the buyer to visualize the property as a future home. Focus your attention on the living room, owner's suite and kitchen. Hiring a staging professional can be an investment that turns a sizable profit.

Know your local market

A good way to price your home and gauge if it will sell quickly is to look at the average "days on the market" for similar homes nearby. If homes are selling faster than the average DOM, that suggests high demand, which can work in your favor.

Make added-value improvements

Focus renovation dollars on the types of projects that will reap the highest return on investment. Remodeling magazine annually reports the projects that offer the best ROI. In 2023, the project that reaped the highest ROI was an HVAC Conversion/Electrification, which involved converting a fossil-fuel-burning furnace into an electric heat pump. The cost recouped was 103.5 percent.

Sell at the right time

Fewer people are shopping for homes in the dead of winter or during the middle of the school year, so putting your home on the market in spring typically brings out the largest number of interested parties, according to Opendoor. But this isn't the only time-related factor to consider. To sell for the most money, you want to list your home when you have enough equity to pay off your current mortgage, the costs of selling, and the costs of moving, says Bankrate.

Give curb appeal a boost

Make sure that buyers see your home in a positive light from the first moment they pull up for a walk-through showing. According to Home & Garden, improving the landscaping can result in a value increase of up to 12 percent. Additional projects can include investing in a new front door and garage doors. Be sure that hedges are trimmed, there are fresh flowers growing, and that walkways and the driveway are clean and tidy.

A few simple strategies can help sellers get more money for their homes.



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Editorial

Possible Changes to Year Round Coyote Season

There seems to be a movement afoot among some hunting and trapping groups who pursue varmints and predators to shorten the coyote season from year round to nine months. Since 2016, the season has been year round but some participants within the sport of pursuing coyotes fear admonishment from the open public. They want to be proactive and prevent any possible backlash of hunting coyotes at the time pups are being raised inside the den. The clear facts, according to the DNR, is that year round hunting in Michigan has not raised or lowered the average 13,000 coyotes that are killed every year by 7,000 hunters. This action has caught the attention of MUCC causing them to raise a red flag and start asking questions as they are a proponent of Proposal G from 1996 which created the Natural Resources Commission to manage wildlife using sound scientific management principles and data instead of social and political trends.

The truth is that closing the season for three months in the spring when pups are being raised will not change the overall population. Michigan's coyote population is very healthy and resilient. Why restrict hunters from three months of hunting and while at the same time complicating the gamebook. What are your thoughts? This will be covered at next week's NRC meeting on March 14 at the Lansing Community College's downtown campus in Downtown Lansing on the campus of LCC.

Don't forget to listen to the Weekly Sportsman's Report every Friday at 3:00 p.m. on WOES 91.3 the Polka Palace.

-WS



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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March is Reading Month

Dear Andy,

I am concerned about my son's reading habits and academic improvement. He is only interested in Legos and his Game Boy. How do I get him motivated to read more? Mom



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly
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Dear Mom, You didn't mention the age of your son. However, my advice is for any age of children and electronics. Know what they are doing. Learn it yourself. As they get older the interests become more diverse. Wanting a cell phone, iPad, laptop, internet. Monitor your children. Try an app for a week before you approve it for them. Too much inappropriate information at their fingertips.

It is never too late to develop communication practices with your children. Create a relationship with your child letting them know they can do or see anything, and you want them to know that they need to tell you when something seems off or questionable. Create a home environment that allows your children to know they can trust you to understand. Four-year-olds to 14 are targets for inappropriate activities. Use the words they understand so they know what is wrong. Protect your child. It doesn't just happen to teens and adults.

March is Reading Month. Most schools challenge the students to read 20 to 40 minutes each day at home. They have contests at school and recognition with rewards. You could make the same challenge by offering an additional 20 minutes on the video game or another coveted reward in exchange for reading. To increase comprehension or better understanding of his reading he likely needs more practice. He may not have the skills needed and does not realize it.

Find a book you can read together. Let them pick a book or magazine...if it is a subject they are interested in, it will encourage them to want to read it. Some strategies could include echo reading - that is when you read a passage and after listening and following along with you as you are reading; then he reads the same passage. Hearing someone else read fluently will give him the confidence to read aloud. Increased understanding will also increase his vocabulary. Increased vocabulary will increase his comprehension. Make every month reading month and he will be advanced before he knows what hit him.

In my experience, kids think things are great at school and never seem to tell their parents when they are struggling. To be academically prepared in school, it starts with reading and flashcards at home. There should always be vocabulary and math flash cards available for them to practice. (They sell them at the dollar stores but you can have your child make them.) Make vocabulary words from the words he struggles with when you read together. Always study for the weekly spelling tests by writing them twice, 2 times a week or every night of the week, as homework. Making their own flashcards and sentences with the words will involve them in a learning activity. This advice is for all students, not just video junkies or TV watchers. Be a bigger part of your child's success. If you still have a student struggling, find a tutor. Our kids are worth our investment. Ask_Andy@aol.com

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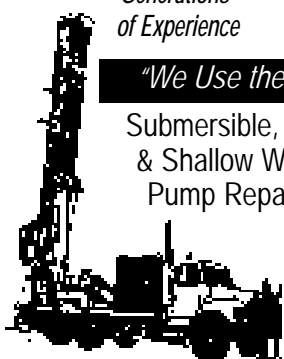
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Bears Battle the Comets

by Ashleigh Shaw

In the last home game of the season the Lady Bears battled in a league game against Coleman. "We got off to a slow start offensively in the first half and that was too much to overcome" explained Coach Shaw. Ashley lost the game 46-35, but struggled to score in the first half, coming up short on the night. Marissa Brady lead the Bears with 15 points, 12 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists. Ellie Drummond scored 15 points and grabbed 5 rebounds. Paige Larsen scored a bucket but added 11 rebounds and 8 steals.

Ashley Takes Down Saginaw Nouvel in District Game

The first district win in many years for the Ashley Lady Bears happened this past week, where the Bears took down Saginaw Nouvel 37-30. "We were able to put together a strong defensive effort in the second half holding Nouvel to only 9 second half points,

including just 1 point in the fourth quarter to take control and with the game in the final minutes" expressed Coach Shaw. Karissa Brady put on a great performance on the night scoring 20 points, grabbing 10 rebounds also adding 5 steals and 4 blocks. Ellie Drummond had 5 points, Marissa Brady had 5 points, 12 rebounds and 3 steals, Adalyn Polash added 4 points.

With the win against Nouvel, Ashley then had to take on MLS for a chance to play in the District finals. The Bears fell short, losing 51-28. "We struggled with the size that MLS had for most of the game. We didn't rebound the ball well enough especially early to get the stops we needed" said Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had 14 points and 8 rebounds, Marissa Brady had 8 points and Karissa Brady had 6 points and 5 rebounds.



Marissa Brady

Paige Larsen



Karissa Brady

Ellie Drummond

Marauder Bowling Teams Tip Chesaning in Conference Finale

FLINT — Richland Bowl in Flint was the setting for the final conference match of the 2023-24 season for Ovid-Elsie bowling teams, opposite the Chesaning Indians.

Coach Matt Fabus' Lady Marauders scored a 30-0 whitewash, while the boys came home with a 26-4 victory.

Top rollers for the girls were ; Victoria Dennis 117, Lily Saylor 109, Grace Goetschy 70, Kyra Pupava 115, Alexah Heckman 115-126 and Brooke Pugsley 149-124.

Leading keglers for the boys were Gage Wiktorowski 155-182,

Matt Vanderhoff 184-120, Collin Julie 142-134, Brayden Gruesbeck 140-152, Devyn Pugsley 121-127.

The Lady Marauders finished 4th in conference competition, the boys 3rd.

Both teams qualified for the second round of post-season bowling, the girls eventually losing to Byron 319-175. The boys won round one over Montrose in a tight match, 333-323, and then lost a heartbreaker to Durand 303-299. The highlight for the boys was Pugsley 6th place and Wiktorowski 7th, both of them as medalists.



Victoria Dennis

Kyra Pupava



Matt Vanderhoff

Collin Julie



Parsons Returns to Marauderland as Second-Time State Champion

DETROIT -- Talan Parsons bounced back from a disappointing, runner-up finish at last year's MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Finals to claim his second state championship in three years here March 2.

Moving up to 113 lbs. for his senior campaign in Division 3, he built on his 106-pound title as a sophomore to add to his Marauder hall-of-fame legacy.

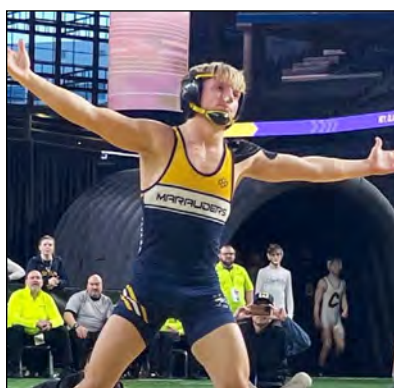
The Finals at Ford

Field are no stranger to Parsons. He was runner-up at 113 last year and at 106 lbs. as a freshman.

Parsons was given a solid match by Dundee sophomore Haydn Nutt, who would not be pinned, but using his patience and experience, Parsons was able to solidly outpoint the second-year Viking, 8-4. With the win, Parsons completed his senior season with 50 wins in 51 matches.

Also representing coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders:

Cole Workman, a senior, finished 38-7 with a 5th place showing at 138 lbs. Workman won his first two matches but fell, 4-6, in the semis.



Talan Parsons wins second state wrestling championship

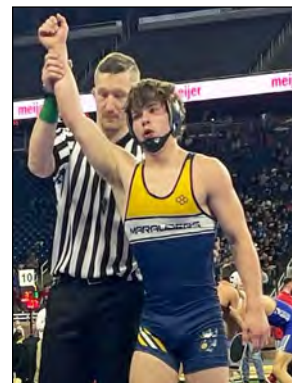
In the girls division, 3rd place went to Maddisyn Miller, a senior who won 21 times in 24 matches for the season. Miller won her first two matches but fell in the semifinals match.

Haley McClung, at 120 lbs., finished 1-2. She lost her blood round match by one point -- just one win from placing.

Kaia Spiess at 110 lbs. finished 1-2. She won her second match in OT with a cross face to a takedown with :05 seconds left in overtime. Kaia also lost her blood round match by 1 point, just one match short of placing.



Maddisyn Miller finished 3rd in the girls division.



Cole Workman finished 5th in the 138# division.

Photos by Marie Spiess



Outstanding Senior Class Bows Out with District Loss for Lady Marauders

ST. CHARLES -- With a 43-26 loss to a tough New Lothrop contingent, Ovid-Elsie concluded its girls basketball season with a 19-3 record here March 6.

For the Marauder senior class, they earned three conference titles, two district titles, and a regional championship during their tenure. All-in-all, the senior class finished with a combined 4-year record of 74-15 at the varsity level.

The 2023-24 season-ender came in the MHSAA District Semifinals.

Ovid-Elsie led 9-7 after the first stanza but couldn't find the bottom of the rim in the second stanza as New Lothrop blanked OE, 11-0 to take an 18-9 lead at the half. New Lothrop stalled for much of the third quarter while increasing their lead to 27-15 by the end of the third. Ovid-Elsie kept battling back but eventually, the Hornets would capture the fourth stanza 16-11 behind some clutch free throw shooting.

New Lothrop shot 17 of 27 from the line while Ovid-Elsie connected on just 3 of 4 attempts from the charity stripe. Ovid-Elsie was tagged for 25 fouls compared to New Lothrop's 8.

Braeden Tokar (2 steals, 2 assists) and Hailee Campbell (6 rebounds) paced Ovid-Elsie with 6 points each, while Evalyn Cole chipped in with 5 points and 5 assists. Lily Bates and Ellyanna Carman each hit triples en route to their 3 points each while Ava Bates rounded out the Marauder scoring with 2 points.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's club collected 10 steals on 22 New Lothrop turnovers but was out-rebounded 26-18. Ovid-Elsie only shot 23.8% from the field while the Hornets connected on 50% of their tries. OE handed out 10 assists on 10 made baskets.

New Lothrop moved to 17-7 with the win, their first over O-E this season after two losses in MMAC play. The Lady Hornets advanced to play St. Charles in the District Finals on last Friday night.

O-E Boys Basketball Season Ends with 50-34 District Loss

CHESANING — Ovid-Elsie's strong #1 season under new coach Canyon Walker ended in the District Finals here March 1.

Unbeaten Chesaning beat the Marauders for the second time in a week -- and for the third time this season -- in a convincing but hard-fought tournament game, 50-34.

Ovid-Elsie finished 14-10, while the Tribe advanced to the Jackson Lumen Christi Regional still unbeaten at 24-0. Chesaning eventually lost to Laingsburg in a battle of area undefeated teams.

Mason Struck scored 16 points for the MMAC champion Indians, while Brady Sager added 11 points to go along with 3 steals, as CHS opened a double-digit lead in the first half -- then shut down the Marauder offense, O-E struggling to get to 30 points over four quarters.

It was a replay of Tuesday's low-scoring, physical win over New Lothrop that got Walker's crew to the District Final. Except this time, the Tribe had more offensive answers than NL did.

It was the first district title the Indians have won since 1996 -- a span of 28 years. Chesaning led 25-14 at halftime lead and were up 40-21 heading into the 4th quarter.

Sports

Lady Wolfpack Advances in District, 34-25 Over Host Perry

PERRY -- Callie Clark opened the contest with a 3-point bomb, and Mallory Woodbury ended a big Perry rally by burying another three-ball later on, as Laingsburg's girls varsity basketball team survived a first-round test here in MHSAA District play.

The Wolves' gritty 34-25 victory featured a comeback from 4 points down, moving LHS into tournament play against Stockbridge with a 13-10 overall record.

"We came right out unfortunately playing flat, and certainly not our best," said coach Doug Hurst. "Throughout the game we had our highs and lows. It was just one of those games you have to find a way to survive to play another day."

"Credit to our girls for doing that."

LHS took over the contest outscoring the Ramblers 10-4 in the second quarter, and 12-5 in the third. Perry ended the campaign with a 6-17 record.

The Wolfpack was led by Ella Merrell with 7 points and 4 steals; Payge Woodworth 7 points; Woodbury 6 pts; Clark 5 pts.; Bella Strieff 4 pts, 10 rebs, 3 blocks; Lilli Morrill 2 pts, 4 steals; Harper Strouse 2 points and Ashlee Hawes 1 point, 6 rebounds and 4 assists.



Mallory Woodbury scores for the Wolfpack during district playoffs.

Photo by Burg Sports

Wolfpack gals cage season ends with 50-23 loss to Panthers

PERRY -- A little less than a week earlier, the Laingsburg boys basketball eliminated Stockbridge from the MHSAA District tournament.

March 6 at Perry High School, the Stockbridge girls returned the "favor."

Coach Doug Hurst's Lady Wolfpack ended the season at 13-11, 9-9 in league play, with a 50-23 loss to the Panthers in the girls' District Semifinal.

"It was not the way we wanted our seniors to go out, but credit Stockbridge -- they've got a solid team," said Hurst.

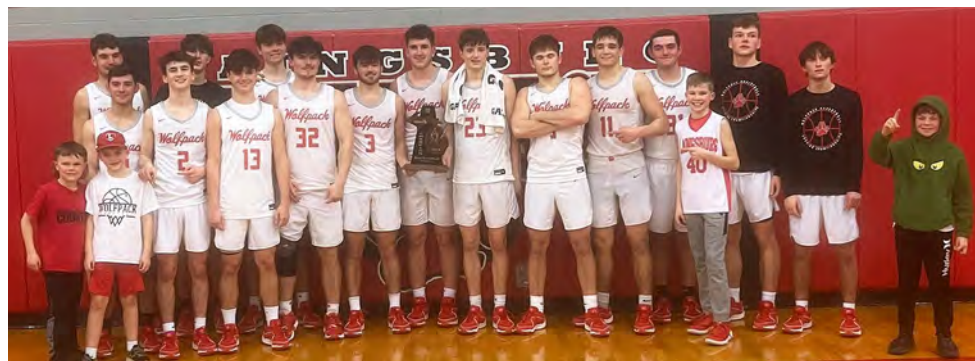
Ella Merrell scored 5 points, Mallory Woodbury 4, Bella Strieff 3, Payge Woodworth 3, Lilli Morrill 2, Callie Clark 2, Kyleigh Luna 2 and Bella Latuszek 2 in a scoring attack that was balanced, but just couldn't keep pace with the Cats.



Stockbridge opened with a 14-5 run, and led 32-7 at half-time in the kind of early-game blitz that the Wolves had feared.

"Our problem was the same we had all season, we just couldn't figure out how to be consistent," explained Hurst. "We got down quick and missed multiple 3-point shots, and a few layups, early that could have helped with our momentum of being competitive. "Although it was a tough loss to finish our season on, we also played hard all season and showed multiple times what level we were capable of playing at in a very rough and tough CMAC league."

Strieff led LHS in rebounds with 7. Woodbury added 5 boards and Morrill 5 rebounds.



Team includes: Vance Klont, Jackson Audretsch, Lucas Matthews, Dom Garcia, Max Powers, Adam Essenberg, Logan Holm, Josiah Hawes, Head coach Tim Beebe, Cameron Ballard, Zander Woodruff, Mitchell George, Aiden Maddaloni, Greg Stewart, Ty Randall, Elliott Wilsey, Head coach Tim Beebe, Asst. coach: Rob Porritt, Jordan McGee and Evan Rogers.

Photo by Burg Sports

Wolfpack Advances with 2nd-Straight District Championship, 57-45 over Panthers

LAINGSBURG -- Rugged senior forward Ty Randall missed the start of the 2023-24 basketball season recovering from arm surgery. He returned, healed up enough to play, with the start of the New Year.

Man, are the Wolves glad to have him back.

Randall led all scorers with 21 points, all of them needed as visiting Stockbridge shut down the Wolfpack's leading scorer, Zander Woodruff, for most of the second half. Junior forward Mitchell George added 16 crucial points as Laingsburg held off the Panthers, 57-46, in perhaps the toughest game of an undefeated season for LHS.

With it came Laingsburg's 2nd District championship in a row, punching a ticket to the Jackson Lumen Christi Regional with a 24-0 record.

Free throws down the stretch proved to be the Wolves' path to victory this time around. As Stockbridge frantically tried to stay in the game, the hosts calmly drained 15-of-17 from the charity stripe down the 4th quarter stretch. Randall took over the game at times in the final stanza, including some big drives to the basket.

"We don't practice free throws much," said coach Tim Beebe. "We know we're a good shooting team, so we know we don't have to spend a lot of time on it. And they sure paid off tonight."

"Our seniors came up big when we needed them most. People think we're a one-man team (built around Woodruff), but we showed them we're not."

Cam Ballard and Jack Audretsch also came up big down the stretch, each hitting three free throws. Adam Maddaloni added 2 points for the red-and-white.

Stockbridge ended a fine 18-7 campaign, led by 6'8" junior Shannon Henderson's 19 points.

Confident Wolfpack Hands Chesaning its First Loss, 63-52

JACKSON -- Looking poised, relaxed and confident as it took the floor for its first MHSAA Regional test, Laingsburg ended Chesaning's perfect basketball dream at the Jackson Lumen Christi fieldhouse.

Coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack was in control from the opening tip in a battle of two 24-0 teams. The Wolves' resounding 63-52 victory wasn't without its flaws, the much-ballyhooed Shiawassee Showdown looking more like a scrimmage at times.

Both teams turned the ball over with frequency, particularly in the second half, when try as they might, the Indians could not find a way to get back in the ballgame. The Wolves racked up some spectacular assists, but more bobbles when they tried some risky passes -- with nothing to lose.

"We've been here before," said Beebe. "Our experience in these tough games showed up right away in the first quarter." In their last 51 games, the 'Pack has won 50, including a deep tournament run last season.

"We were able to crack their 1-3-1 defense early on and they had trouble stopping us after that," Beebe explained.

Opening on an 11-0 run, LHS bolted to a 16-6 lead in the first quarter, led at halftime 35-26, then opened things up to a 16-point advantage in the third period to put the final in little doubt.

The Tribe had no answers for area leading scorer Zander Woodruff, who scored at will at times and finished with 32 points -- many on easy glides to the basket. Mitchell George had another strong presence in the paint, scoring 10 points. Cam Ballard added 6 points, Aiden Maddaloni five, with Maddaloni and fellow senior Ty Randall owning the boards.

In the first half, Chesaning managed just two rebounds.

Ballard and Randall added some dazzling assists on passes inside the paint. Vance Klont was on the receiving end of a Randall pass for a cat-quick, easy layin. Randall added a long three-pointer and a free throw to the final red-and-white tally. Elliott Wilsey scored on a putback on an offensive rebound. Jack Audretsch was part of the first-quarter flurry with a big early bucket.

Senior all-stater Mason Struck led the Tribesmen with 13 points before fouling out in the third quarter. Nate Ferry hit for 10 points and Brayden Florian added 10 for CHS.

With the win, Laingsburg advanced to the their 2nd-straight Regional Final, this time opposite the host Lumen Christi Titans, who dispatched Hanover-Horton in the other Regional Semifinal.

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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 April 10, 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): Kelly C. McCarron, a married man and Lisa M. McCarron, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Company
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: May 27, 2009
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 3, 2009
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$99,772.53
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 440.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 495.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 440.00 FEET TO SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH 495.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Common street address (if any): 6565 W Herbison Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-7834
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: March 10, 2024
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 21, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$71,058.93
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: The South 100 feet of Block N, Village of Ovid, Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Deeds, Page (s) 367, Clinton County Records.
Common street address (if any): 319 East St, Ovid, MI 48866-9585
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
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Date of notice: March 10, 2024
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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Date of mortgage: May 26, 2021
Recorded on May 28, 2021, in Document No. 5310550, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Four Hundred Six Thousand Seventy-Eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$406,078.43)
Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 45, Geneva Shores, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as 1250 S Geneva Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820
The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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 been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on April 3, 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 having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One and 52/100 Dollars (\$70,481.52); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands

and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, described as beginning at the/ Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northerly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Number: 010-160-000-030-01 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: February 23, 2024 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on APRIL 3, 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 William Vaclavik, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., It's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2006 and recorded June 20, 2006 in Instrument Number 5101858 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for the benefit of People's Financial Realty Mortgage Securities Trust, Series 2006-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One and 39/100 Dollars (\$43,171.39).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 3, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Village of Ovid, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, except the West 3 feet and Lots 9 and 10, Block 11, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 367, Clinton County Records.
221 East Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 3, 2024
File No. 24-001822
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 24-32117DE
Estate of Glenn Carl Whitford
Date of birth: 11/3/1931
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Glenn Carl Whitford, died on September 27, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary E. Prowant and Liane A. Knight, named personal representatives, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on April 3, 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 having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on October 17, 2019, by Scott A. McNalley, a married man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on October 21, 2019, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, in Instrument Number 5285079; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 63/100 Dollars (\$127,466.63); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 24-331768DE
Estate of Shirley Ann Seal
Date of birth: 09/23/1934
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Shirley Ann Seal, died on January 15, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Seal, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

David Seal
3681 Parula Dr.
East Lansing, MI 48832
(517) 488-2541
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5600 W. Mount Hope Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917
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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OLIVE, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Commencing at the East quarter post of Section 24, Town 6 North, Range 2 West, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence West 660.00 feet along the East and West quarter line, thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 12 seconds West 598.0 feet, thence East 660 feet to the East line of said Section 24, thence South 0 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds East 598.0 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 3801 Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848 Tax Parcel Number: 110-024-100-026-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: February 21, 2024 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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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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Laingsburg's State Title Dream Dashed by Talented Lumen Christi

JACKSON -- The cosmic cards are shuffled. Fate deals its' hand.

Jackson Lumen Christi, hosting the MHSAA's version of the Sweet Sixteen -- the Regional Finals -- on its home floor, was the better team here March 7, with a 55-47 victory over Laingsburg.

The phrase is repeated so often it has become cliché: you get this far, there are no bad teams left in the tournament. On this one night, the host Titans looked like the better team from the jump.

You've heard of March Madness? For coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack, call this one March Malaise. As fate would have it, the Wolves locker room caught whatever sickness bug was floating around. Some players missed practice the day before the game and weren't feeling their best.

It showed. The Pack, 25-0 entering the contest, didn't have the usual spring in its step. Beebe knew he was starting the race with half a tank of gas -- and it affected what the Wolves were able to do.

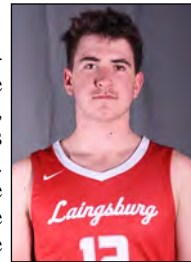
The Titans opened up an early 12-10 lead, upped it to 25-18 at halftime, then stood ready for a momentous 3rd quarter. LHS cut the gap to 27-23, when Christi took over the game. Led by underclassmen Kadale Williams and Lundon Hampton -- just a freshman -- the Titans ran their fastbreak game to perfection and mixed in the occasional three-pointer. Yet, it was their defense that tilted the outcome. Rarely getting an open look at



Zander Woodruff



Cam Ballard



Ty Randall



Jackson Audretsch

the basket, Wolfpack misses turned into Titan rebounds, and when you mix in some costly turnovers, the hosts' quick-break game was off and running.

"Their defense was outstanding," said Beebe. "We had trouble all night getting any kind of open shot."

Facing a double-digit deficit in the 4th quarter the Wolfpack braintrust had to wonder how much was left in the tank when they were forced to slap a full-court press on the Titans. It worked -- to an extent. Ferociously trapping any in-bounds pass and taking advantage of Lumen Christi's poor free throw shooting, Laingsburg got within 50-44 with :59 seconds left. Another fast-break bucket and three-point later, the Titans rendered the gas tank empty.

"Out guys played their hearts out," said Beebe. "We battled and battled all the way to the end. I'm so proud of our guys and what they've accomplished. They won 50 of their last 52 games. It just wasn't our night."

As fate would have it.

Williams and Amarion Clay were the long-range threats behind the arc and led LC with 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Facing that air-tight defense, the Wolves scratched and clawed, earning every one of their 47 points. In his final game, LHS career scoring leader Zander Woodruff again led the Pack with 28 points. Cam Ballard scored 6, Ty Randall 4, Mitchell George 2, Elliott Wilsey 2 and Jackson Audretsch one.

Of that group, only George returns next season.

Wolfpack fans exited the Lumen Christi fieldhouse silently, knowing they had witnessed a run of hardwood greatness they'll probably never experience again. As fate would have it, the State Title dream was over, stopped two games short last season, and three games early in 2023-24.



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