



## Retired Veteran National Guard Flight Operations Specialist, Linda Snelling to Speak at Ovid Memorial Day Service

by Deb Price

As we remember those we have lost this Memorial Day, the following services will be held locally on Monday, May 27th. In Elsie, beginning at 10am, following at 11am in Laingsburg and at noon in Ovid.

The Elsie 10am service will be held at the Hero's Memorial Park. Taking part will be American Legion Post 502 Commander, Honor Guard Post Members, Ovid Post 8964 Members, Ovid-Elsie High School Band and OE Students.

The Laingsburg 11am service will be held at the cemetery on Woodbury Road. Post 248 Sgt. of Arms, Willie Levitski will be the speaker. Also taking part will be the Post Honor Guard and Auxiliary Members. Following the service the community is invited to the Post Home for a flag raising and refreshments of hot dogs, chips and soda.

The Eureka Cemetery Association will hold its Memorial Day Service also on Monday, May 27th at 10am.

The Ovid noon service will be held on Main Street in front of the Lions/VFW Hall. Taking part in the service will be Ovid VFW Post 8964, Elsie American Legion Post 502, Mayor, Bill Lasher, OE High School Band and Speaker, Linda Snelling.

Linda grew up in Elsie and graduated from OE in 1984. She currently teaches Kindergarten at Leonard Elementary and will be retiring from teaching at the end of this school year. It was her dream job to become a teacher but the cost of a university education led her to join the Army National Guard where she signed up for the Student Loan Repayment Plan & GI Bill. Her plan was to serve for one enlistment beginning in 1986, but the skills, lifelong friendships, career opportunities and to be able to serve our country and adventures of other countries drew her in to become a lifer. The Army National Guard afforded her unique opportunities she never would have experienced had she left after 6 years. She joined in 1986 and served with the Michigan National Guard as a Flight Operations Specialist and a helicopter mechanic. Her career took her next to Georgia in 2001 and in 2007 she returned back to Michigan in the St Johns area to raise a family.

She has served overseas in Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009 and in Djibouti in 2019-2019. For her last deployment she had to take a military leave from teaching at Leonard. She retired from the military in October 2020. The "Weekend Warrior" hung up her boots and continued to teach in her community. Linda knows she was blessed with a supportive family, friends and country to have had the opportunity to serve this great nation in which we live free.

After the service, the community is invited to enjoy a lunch in the VFW/Lions Hall provided by the Ovid Lions Club and the Ovid Carriage Days Committee.



Linda Snelling

## Laingsburg Springtime Festival Continues Thru Monday



The Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival continues through Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. Post 248 American Legion service will be held at 11am at the Cemetery. Arnold Amusements midway will be open on Monday from 1pm-6pm with a bracelet ride special of \$25. The Grand Prize Raffle Drawing will take place at 3pm at the McClintock Park Amphitheater.

## Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE: The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, May 20, 2024. The meeting was highlighted by building reports and a presentation of the CCRESA general fund budget.

The first report was an EE Knight Elementary school update and highlights presented by building principal Felicia Gingrich. A snap shot of the schools' activities. Testing was just completed, 100% completion on M-Step, NWEA with the students showing measurable growth. Schoolwide fundraisers proved to be very successful; the fall Marauder Mash was exciting and now students are working on the second one to install a book vending machine. Year end activities are underway – field days, field trips, and walking out the fifth graders. Three students created an EE Knight Elementary newspaper "The Knights News" including a comic section. The student lead staff is now Interviewing students to replace them next year, because they are fifth graders. Roman, Kaden, and Hickory.

Next up was Dan Davenport, technology director, who updated officials on Technology and Emergency Response/Safety updates and highlights. He presented a slideshow created by AI. The purpose to explain the effects of AI in the classroom, and he compared it to the introduction of the internet in schools. There is a safety committee now regarding technology. Looking at critical response maps paid for by a grant program, they are completed for all of the buildings. In progress paging system upgrades; 31aa Grant funds will be used for fire protection, and the lock boot signs and to improve communication to keep the building secure and safe.

The technology component – leveraging technology to enhance learning. Exploring phone communication, Frontier has not been dependable, phones down nine times since January. Looking at upgrades regarding the individual student devices. Next, staying ahead of cybersecurity threats and initiatives looking at options to improve the security, looking at federal options. To accomplish this goal looking at consortiums to minimize financial commitment and to maintain the service if funds dry up. The department continues to maintain compliance and reporting to ensure accountability. The following were recently addressed MIPS Charter summary, Visas for foreign exchange students, and reauthorization of WOES.

Karle Delo presented the updates and highlights of Ovid-Elsie Area School Curriculum and Instruction. This year a lot of State grants \$173,510 23g Mi Kids Back on Track- reading intervention, credit recovery at the high school and the elementaries summer school including busing. Statewide literacy grant, \$186,027 – covers new reading program the cost of Bookworms – 1:1 book, professional development and expansion of the books in school libraries. Curriculum review process k-12 developing a road map for ELA & Math, 6-12 priority science standards, and big ideas across grades.

AI will have an impact on education, this is an advancement since the 80s. AI is utilized daily by Netflix picking movies, shopping recommendations. The new generation is generative AI, Delo presented a demonstration using generative AI. Chatbots are the new craze and is being infused into daily uses. The conversation is how can AI be useful and harmful, the conversation needs to take place. An OE AI advisory team has been established to develop guidelines for students and staff, clear expectations, common approach on how to address misuse and to prepare students for the future of work.

Finally, CCRESA provided a video outlining details of the general fund budget. A review of the general operation 2024-24 budget is required annually. The video replaces an in-person presentation. Officials approved the resolution regarding the CCRESA general fund budget.

Dr. Wayne Petroelje, superintendent reported that Monday June 10, 6:30 pm the budget committee will meet; new board member elections filing date July 23, 2024 – packets available at the Clinton County Clerk's Office or administration office. Wednesday June 5, 12 pm the annual pig roast will be held and will include staff and retirees, board members are encouraged to attend. Fourth, superintendent's evaluation training MASB Tuesday, August 6, or Wednesday August 7, at CCRESA, from 6-9 pm. Finally, HR best practices Chris Winter, AD, will be taking on added responsibilities – posting and publishing employment possibilities, will be using Red Rover training will take place in the very near future, back ground checks, onboarding and offboarding employees, updating employee files, leave issues.

Finally, a video of the incident that occurred this afternoon when the storm came through, the roof of the administrative blew off, followed by flooding. The admin offices have been moved to the information center.

A lengthy list of new business was addressed by board members. A list of retirements and resignations were presented for approval. Retirements: custodial, Pete Garcia effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year, Kevin Russell (January 4, 2025). The following teaching staff resignations were approved: Kaitlyn Humphrey – 3rd grade; Caron Meister math; Kevin Gentner – history; Megan Fender, science; Mary Schmidt, OEAHS English.

Officials received a request for an unpaid leave for the 2024-25 school year. The elementary school teacher, Maddie Jones, for a partial to full school year. Mary Thompson requested that a certified teacher fill the position. Approved.

The Section 127 Plan – provides qualified tax-free education assistance for new teachers,

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## Social



### City of Ovid Flower Box Watering Help Needed

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The flower boxes have been planted, but help is always needed to keep them watered.

The DPW will be helping to keep the flowers thriving during the week, but we could use volunteers for weekends and holidays.

If you are interested in being put on the schedule please contact Holly at 989-666-2215 or allsmileshkh@aol.com. ]

### Spring Spruce-Up In Ovid

Join the Ovid Lions Club along with the student led Marauder Athletic Council on Sunday, June 2nd from 11am-2pm at Gumaer Park for the the spring spruce-up.

This is the 4th annual event and this year will include raking, picking up sticks, pulling weeds and painting picnic tables. Bring a rake if possible.

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Holly at 989-666-2215 or allsmileshkh@aol.com



**The Ovid and Elsie Lions Clubs donate T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating And Mentoring) t-shirts every year for the 5th grade class at EE Knight Elementary School in Elsie.** The goal of T.E.A.M. is to unite educators, students, and law enforcement to work together to create and build healthy relationships. Pictured are Principal Gingrich, Deputy Barber and Mr. Wooley representing the Ovid and Elsie Lions Clubs.

### Shiawassee County Fair Camping Lottery Date

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

CAMPING: Sites with 30 amp electricity: \$225.00 . Primitive Sites: \$150.00 50 amp electricity \$250.00

CAMPING LOTTERY DATE:

June 1, 2024 – Be there at 8:30 lottery starts at 9:00am sharp!

Youth livestock exhibitors (not Cloverbuds) and their parents/guardians must arrive before the drawing begins. Applications will not be available after the drawing starts. Each parent of a youth livestock exhibitor drawing for a site may hold one application only; no refunds if # is drawn. The Lottery will be held in the Exhibit Bldg. Enter at the West End of the building.

### Mark Your Calendar

The Village of Ashley is having a "Arsenal of Freedom Celebration" on June 15th. The Steam Railroad Institute will bring 2 Vintage Baseball Teams on the 1225 to play a Vintage Baseball Game at the Ashley Park. The train will arrive at approximately 12:15 and the game will begin around 1pm. Other events taking place on that day include Bingo for kids and adults, food vendors, car cruise-in, farmers market, flea market, outdoor games and more. Make plans now to bring th family for a fun filled day in Ashley.

#### CITY OF OVID

#### NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD POSITION

City of Ovid is looking for one Planning Commission member. The Planning Commission prepares, considers and approves a master plan as a guide for development within the city's jurisdiction; reviews and advises upon plans for capital improvement. A meeting per diem is paid for this position.

Interested parties should submit a letter of intent to City of Ovid, PO Box 138, Ovid, MI 48866; drop box located at 114 E. Front St., email at clerk@ovidmi.org Subject line Planning Commission Position. Or you may fill out board application located on our website [www.ovidmi.org](http://www.ovidmi.org) under Government > Current Openings

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## Over \$1.7 Million in Grants Will Benefit Fish and Aquatic Systems Statewide

by Joe Nohner

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is awarding more than \$1.7 million in Fisheries Habitat Grants for conservation projects on lakes and streams statewide. The funds are matched by more than \$950,000 in partner contributions, for a total conservation value of about \$2.7 million.

"These grants provide critical funding for projects that yield cleaner water, healthier fish populations and better aquatic habitats – all of which make the outdoors safer and more enjoyable for residents," said Randy Claramunt, chief of the DNR Fisheries Division. "Our natural resources have always been central to Michigan's appeal as an outdoor recreation destination, and creative, collaborative projects like these make a lasting, positive impact on those resources."

The projects will rehabilitate and protect valuable fish habitats that provide the foundation for Michigan's world-class fisheries. Two of them are DNR Priority Habitat Conservation Projects – those proactively identified by the department as important to sustaining healthy habitats, fisheries and aquatic communities – and another four are projects that directly benefit priorities of Michigan's Wildlife Action Plan.

The Fisheries Habitat Grant program provides funding for a variety of activities including fish habitat conservation, dam removal and repair, resource assessment studies and access to recreation opportunities such as fishing. Funding from fishing license sales, state of Michigan general funds and a settlement with Consumers Energy is distributed through three grant areas: aquatic habitat conservation, dam management, and aquatic habitat and recreation in the Au Sable, Manistee and Muskegon river watersheds.

Most of the funding is distributed through traditional grants that are funded this year, but the Fisheries Habitat Grant program also provides conditional commitments for funding from future years. These conditional commitments enable partners to leverage future Fisheries Habitat Grant funds in applications for federal and other funding sources, making high-priority and sometimes very expensive projects possible.

Joe Nohner, a resource analyst with the DNR Fisheries Division, said the funded projects will protect and rehabilitate aquatic habitats across the state, while in many cases also improving public safety through the removal of dams.

"These projects are critical to strengthening and maintaining populations of fishes and other aquatic species," Nohner said. "They will improve fish migration in over 327 miles of Michigan streams and boost public safety through the removal of three dams and seven culverts."

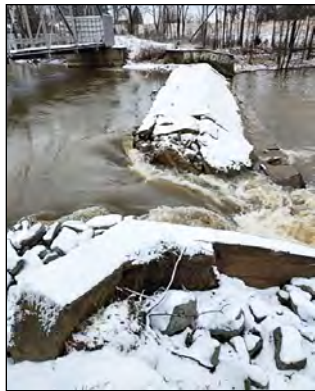
Supporting work in 12 counties water rushes through a broken part of a snow-covered cement dam on a dark green river

This year's funded projects (and counties where projects are located) include:

Duplain Township – Duplain Township Dam removal engineering and design (Clinton County), \$225,000. (The snow-covered Elsie Dam is pictured above.)

Fisheries Habitat Grant funding is available annually to local, state, federal and tribal governments and nonprofit groups through an open, competitive process. The next request for proposals is expected to be announced in September.

Learn more about the Fisheries Habitat Grant program and other grant opportunities at Michigan.gov/DNRGrants.



### Ovid Public Library News

We will be showing a classic movie on Wednesday, May 29. Movie time is 1:00. You are welcome to bring a snack with you.

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program will begin on June 3. Sign-up will continue all week. Be sure to come in and get registered. There's lots of fun things planned for the summer!

### Sciota Township Board Shiawassee County, Michigan

#### NOW ACCEPTING AUDITING BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR RECORDS

The Sciota Township Board is accepting 4-year bids to audit the township fiscal year records. Sealed bids are due to the township clerk no later than Friday, June 7, 2024, by 4:00 pm. (drop-box available in driveway). Please contact the township clerk with any questions.

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
8430 W Parker Rd  
Laingsburg MI 48848  
Office/Fax: 517.651.5286  
<http://www.sciotatownship.net>

### City of Ovid Resolution 2024-08 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DEPUTY CLERK AND DEPUTY TREASURER

At a regular council meeting on the 13th day of May 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street.

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

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer to assist with each position's duties and to cover in time of absences; and  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk is appointed as Deputy Treasurer and the Treasurer is appointed Deputy Clerk effective immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the term of the appointment of Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer is non expiring.  
The resolution was offered by Council Member M. Perrien and supported by Council Member E. Starn.

Upon Roll call Vote the following voted YES: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, M. Perrien, E. Starn.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NO: None

**ABSENT:** E. Brown

I, Susan Tomasek Swan, hereby certify the following resolution was adopted at the city council regular meeting on the 13th day of May 2024 with a quorum of members present.

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

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### Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed Board Minutes from, May 14, 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: Conklin, Prange, Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes. Absent: **None 8 citizens in attendance.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Conklin to approve the May 14, 2024 agenda with additions of Fire Contract and Resolution 05-01-2024 Renewal of Road Millage. Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Willoughby to approve the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Prange to accept the May 14, 2024, Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills and Payroll:** Motion by Willoughby to disburse the April, 2024 bills (Paid May 14, 2024). Motion seconded by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 29074-29098 in the amount of \$22,999.20

Motion by Willoughby to disburse April, 2024 payroll and related payroll expenses. (Paid May 14, 2024) Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13064-13073 in the amount of \$15,621.69.

**County Officials:** No Report  
**Planning:** Planning Commission members cleaned the basement of Dennison School and took inventory. A big thank you to the members for working on this project! 2 Township Planning Commission Members attended the Clinton County Planning meeting in St. Johns.

**LSW:** Fickes attended the meeting. Victor Township is waiting on information from LSW on the new proposed contract. LSW will be asking for an increase in the Fire Protection Services.

**Maintenance & Facilities:**

**Maintenance Report:** No Report

**Cemetery Report:** The Cemetery mapping and verifying is ongoing.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Broadband:** Fickes reported on discussions from the Clinton County Broadband Taskforce Meeting held May 14. Broadband expansion funded by the ROBIN Batch 2 Grant Opportunity is ongoing and must be completed by December 31, 2026. Locations to receive broadband service can be found on the latest MIHI map. Please visit the MIHI website at: <https://www.michigan-broadbandmap.com/map> to view the Michigan Broadband Map for served, unserved or underserved locations in the Township, County and State.

**SHPO:** Motion by Fickes to request an RFP for SHPO consultant to fill out the additional required forms for our grant proposals. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Emergency Services (Ambulance and Fire):** Discussion is ongoing regarding ambulance service for Victor Township.

Victor Township will hold an Emergency Services Workshop for Victor Township Residents on: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848

**New Business:**

Greater Laingsburg Recyclers: Terry Link gave a report on Greater Laingsburg Recyclers. For information regarding recycling in our area please visit: [RecycleLaingsburg@gmail.com](mailto:RecycleLaingsburg@gmail.com)

**Security Cameras:** Motion by Prange to purchase Lorex Fusion Security Cameras for the Township grounds and Absent Ballot Drop Box as presented, with a maximum amount of \$2,500.00 to be paid. Motion seconded by Willoughby. Roll call vote: Prange: yes, Townsend: yes, Conklin: yes, Willoughby: yes, Fickes: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-05-01 (Road Millage Renewal) Willoughby moved to adopt Resolution 2024-05-01 to RENEW Victor Township Road Millage for 1.5 mills for a period of four years (2025-2028, both inclusive) to be placed on the November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot. Motion seconded by Fickes. Roll call vote: Fickes: yes, Townsend: yes, Willoughby: yes, Prange: yes, Conklin: yes. All in favor. Resolution declared adopted.

A copy of the full resolution wording can be obtained by e-mailing: [clerk@victortwp.org](mailto:clerk@victortwp.org).

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange  
Victor Township Clerk

### NOTICE VICTOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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# Obituaries

## With Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Gwen Nash would like to express a special **THANKS** to the **Ovid-Elsie Community** for **ALL** the loving support shown to us during a very difficult time in our lives with the death of our dear Gwen. Thank you also to the surrounding communities of St Johns, Eureka, Owosso and Corunna for your reaching out to us as well.



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## Editorial

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## Missing Honor Students

I was disappointed in not seeing the combination Clinton/Shiawassee County newspaper section recognizing the Top Academic Performers from the 2024 graduating seniors through the RESA program. Students from St Johns, PW, Flower and Ovid-Elsie were not included this year. I would appreciate the inclusion of all graduating honor students in the future.

Vincent Pouch  
St Johns Resident

## Celebration of Life Jerry Lee Sherwood

Jerry Lee Sherwood, age 75, of Hartsville Tennessee, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2024, at the American House Memory Care in Lebanon, TN. He was born June 21, 1948, in St. John, MI.

A celebration of life will be held on June 1st, 3-6pm at 1321 S. St. Clair Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879.

Donations can be made to Hunters Against Hunger.  
<https://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org/>



## Glen Quentin Reist Celebration of Life

Glen Quentin Reist, age 54, of Ashley, MI, passed away Friday, May 10, 2024, at his home.

Glen was born in Carson City, Michigan on December 19, 1969, the son Robert Jeffrey and Linda Faye (Felton) Reist.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW/Lions Hall in Ovid on June 1st from 1pm-3pm.

Memorials may be made to the family to help cover final expenses. Online condolences may be sent to [www.smithfamily-funeralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamily-funeralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## Larry Lee Love

Larry Lee Love, 86, of Fremont, passed away at Countryside Manor in Fremont on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

Mr. Love was born in Owosso, Michigan on September 10, 1937, His parents, Elsie (Telapaw) and Elwin Love are deceased.

Larry Lee was a graduate of Ovid high School in Ovid, Michigan.

He had been in sales his adult life, finishing his working career with his own company in abrasive and diamond sales for the granite industry.

Mr. Love loved baseball and softball! Both in Georgia and Ohio he was a coach AND played the sports. He also enjoyed a good game of Euchre.

On September 26, 1957, he married Marilyn Byrnes. She, along with their four children, Sherryl (Dennis) Myers of Clyde; L. Michael (Val) Love of Toledo; Leisa (Barry) Crum of Fremont and Mark Love of Fremont survive. Seven grandchildren Kimberly, Derek; Kyle Kaleigh; Brianne, Brittany and Courtney also survive, along with seventeen great grandchildren. His brother, Dennis (Sharry) Love lives in Michigan.

Larry Lee is preceded in death by two brothers, Rodney Love and Gordon Love. Family services will be held at a later date.



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### Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg  
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Rev. Tiffany Newsom

### Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid  
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Minister:  
Rev. Tiffany Newsom  
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### Bannister United Methodist Church

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## OE School Board from front page...

a program through the State of Michigan in the past 8-10 teachers. Approval is required, and was approved.

The first reading of 13 policy changes to the NEOLA policies took place. The summary included one new board policy #6350 prevailing wage, one rescinded, and the remainder small updates and changes.

The next new business item was the Title I Leonard Elementary parent and family engagement plan review which will take place the first week of June 2024. The documentation requires Board approval and it was given.

Parking lot resurface bids were reviewed. It was noted that two were received. The low bid .13 per linear foot including crack seal was awarded to Wolverine Seal Coating LLC, in the amount of \$56,000. The seal is projected to last two-three years

Officials retired in closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda that included approval of the April 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes, approval of the expenditures, the monthly financial reports and the approval of the annual Band Camp field trip.

Public comment included comments from the student foreign exchange program coordinator. For the 2024-25 school year tens students will be attending Ovid-Elsie and the program is seeking host families for the international students. There is a financial benefit to hosting.

Mr. Charlie Green, Dale Carnegie supporter, who shared an inspirational story regarding bullying, a program that was sponsored by the school for five years. Green requested that the district consider bringing the course back for the 2025-26 school year and he is willing to assist with seeking funding.



# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Oh my goodness...I'm not sure that much of that is left. I just finished mowing my yard and I'm a bit wiped out. Actually a lot. The trimming is not done and I still need to mow around the hedge of bushes on the west lawn. I also need to use the lawn sweeper to pick up all of the cut grass. Ergo, the lawn looks like a cut hay field. I know that with the 'pushy' breezes that we are experiencing that my hair is plastered with grass clippings, dandelion fuzz, and petals from my snowball bushes. My eyes are scratchy with dirt and clippings. Yup, I'm a mess. Time to hit the shower and remove some of the excess green and dark matter from my person. After which I will do as the physical therapist recommended. Elevate my left limb upon a high cushion and pack it in ice for at least twenty minutes. Now all I need to be concerned about is if the knee will bend enough to get into the shower. Such concerns, now I have them but in a few months when I'm healed I will probably forget that they existed.

So far this week I have been a bit busy. On Monday I went with Margie to Sam's and that other big store east of East Lansing. I'm having one of those moments, where I can visualize the store and even its parking lot but can't remember the name. Oh fartenheimer!!! At any rate my car was full to over flowing when we got back to Margie's home. She kindly backed her SUV up to the trunk of my car so that I didn't need to move much while transferring the goods. On the way home I had to stop off at MG's to drop off much of the load. Finally I made it home and elevated my left leg and applied ice.

If I hadn't gone up to Clare for the Amish Swap on Saturday my leg would have been a bit better behaved. I saw beautiful quilts that were auctioned off. Of course the one that I fell in love with went for fourteen hundred dollars. The quilter did a marvelous job and the colors were very beautiful and the pattern unique. My sister is also that talented with her quilts. Connie and I spent time walking around the swap which is huge and enjoyable. I spent a bit of cash and we left early 'cause I was getting gimpy. There was also a benefit for little Cora Johnson that we planned on supporting. On the way up north we had dropped off items for the auction. The little tyke needs lots of prayers. Cora is four years old, has one kidney and is into the long stretch of chemo and radiation treatments. A youngster with stage four kidney cancer. Alas, I didn't make the benefit but I know that Connie did and she had made and donated a vibrant quilt. She is good people even though she is stuck with me for a sister.

Just so you understand, I was done in by riding in the passenger seat. Getting in and out of the vehicle created problems. As the day got longer my leg made it much more difficult to get in and out of the vehicle. Of course I went through the process again on Monday and still elevated and iced my knee when I got home. Then I was too lazy to function. On Tuesday I did the driving and my left side was darn near elated. IT didn't last long because I had to mow the lawn after work Wednesday. The hay field that I mentioned. Using the clutch on the rider did abuse my left knee and leg but now I won't get lost searching for my truck in the tall grass. Yes, I'm exaggerating a bit. Now I need to quickly pick my asparagus which has shot up to over three feet tall. No exaggeration there.

Wonderfully busy at MG's this morning. I had to apologize to a few customers because I didn't get the cinnamon rolls made this morning. I was working on getting some gluten free bread ready in time for pick up. Sue lives up in the Harrison area and had pre-ordered it and some double chocolate chip cookies. Diane also had to fill some cookies orders also. Between the cookies, biscuits and bread the oven didn't get much of a rest. Then the grill started competing with the oven for attention. Such is life. May your days be filled with interesting events. Like dinner at the Olive Garden with loved ones while celebrating Mother's Day. I hope that yours was enjoyable. God bless you.

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## Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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### "Don't Judge a Book..."

"No prophet is welcome in his hometown ... (Luke 4:24)." Looking for something good to watch tonight? You may dismiss my top five movies (they're all in black and white), but trust me...I guarantee you won't regret spending 9.2 hours of your life on these celluloid gems. At the risk of being prejudged, here goes...

My Exhibit A — "Casablanca" (1942), "It's A Wonderful Life" (1946), "It Happened One Night" (1934), "Arsenic and Old Lace" (1944), and "12 Angry Men" (1957).

If I were on trial, it wouldn't help my case to tell you that each film made under 5 million dollars, but despite their box office evidence...trust me; they're legit winners. Let's look at the biggest flop at a measly 2 million bucks, the courtroom classic — "12 Angry Men."

A teenager is accused of murdering his Father and all 11 jurors think it's a slam-dunk guilty verdict, except Henry Fonda. Despite the "evidence," Fonda persuades all 11 men to look closer and converts all of them, one at a time. They were all dead wrong and an innocent boy is saved. Fonda's flop, which he called "magnificent," meant he never got paid. Just like the story, where everyone was wrong, he was proven right about his film.

"12 Angry Men" is now considered the second best court-

room drama behind "To Kill A Mockingbird," and was nominated or won 15 major awards! Funny how something old, or not a financial success, or too familiar, can be rejected without proper scrutiny. Don't judge a book by its cover. In that light, I give you Exhibit B — the Bible (also in black and white), and often dismissed despite its ability to predict the future (Isaiah 46:8-11).

Consider Cyrus, King of Persia, who beat Babylon, the superpower of his day, without battle by diverting the Euphrates River, and according to Herodotus, the city's watery defenses "dropped to the height of a man's thigh." They marched up the riverbed into the city on the night of October 12, 539 BC. I even saw The Cyrus Cylinder in the British Museum that records his conquest, what God told Isaiah over 200 years before he did it!

According to Josephus, Daniel (a captive from Babylon's destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC) showed Cyrus Isaiah's scroll. It called Cyrus by name, said he'd conquer Babylon, and send the Jews back to rebuild Jerusalem, ending their exile after 70 years (also predicted in Jeremiah 25:9-13). Amazed because Isaiah died 150 years before Cyrus was even born, Cyrus freed the Jews (Isaiah 45:1-8, 47:1-15, 44:24-28, 48:1-22; Ezra 1:1-4)!

So why did God do all this? He wants you to know He's legit, and to seek Him (Jeremiah 29:13). Start by reading Isaiah's chapters above (44-48, and then 53 written 700 years before Jesus). Two other great films sum up your choice, "The Searchers" and "The Quiet Man." You can stay quiet, do nothing, or you can search and seek because there's Fonda-like evidence if you look closer. If you trusted me on Exhibit A, spend a few more hours of your life on Exhibit B, and maybe you'll go "From Here to Eternity."

## Large Wind Easement Signed in April 2024 Northeast Clinton County

To the Residents of Greenbush, Duplain, and Ovid Townships in Northeast Clinton County: This is to inform that a large landowner, with dairy operations in Clinton and Gratiot Counties, has signed 1,507 Acres into two Wind Easements with DTE Wind. This comprises 23 of the 32 parcels of its holdings in Clinton County. This large landowner also operates a Manure Digester operation in Gratiot County. See the online Clinton County Register of Deeds at <https://rod-eweb.clinton-county.org/recorder/web/splash.jsp> for the actual Wind Easement documents, or the Clinton County Citizens United Facebook page for updates on how this will impact our community. Included on the Citizens United Facebook page are Parcel Maps of the Wind Easement acreage.

If developed, these Wind Easements would have a duration of 48 years, from Construction, to Operation, to eventual (?) dismantling, and will change the rural landscape of our county for generations to come. The neighbors

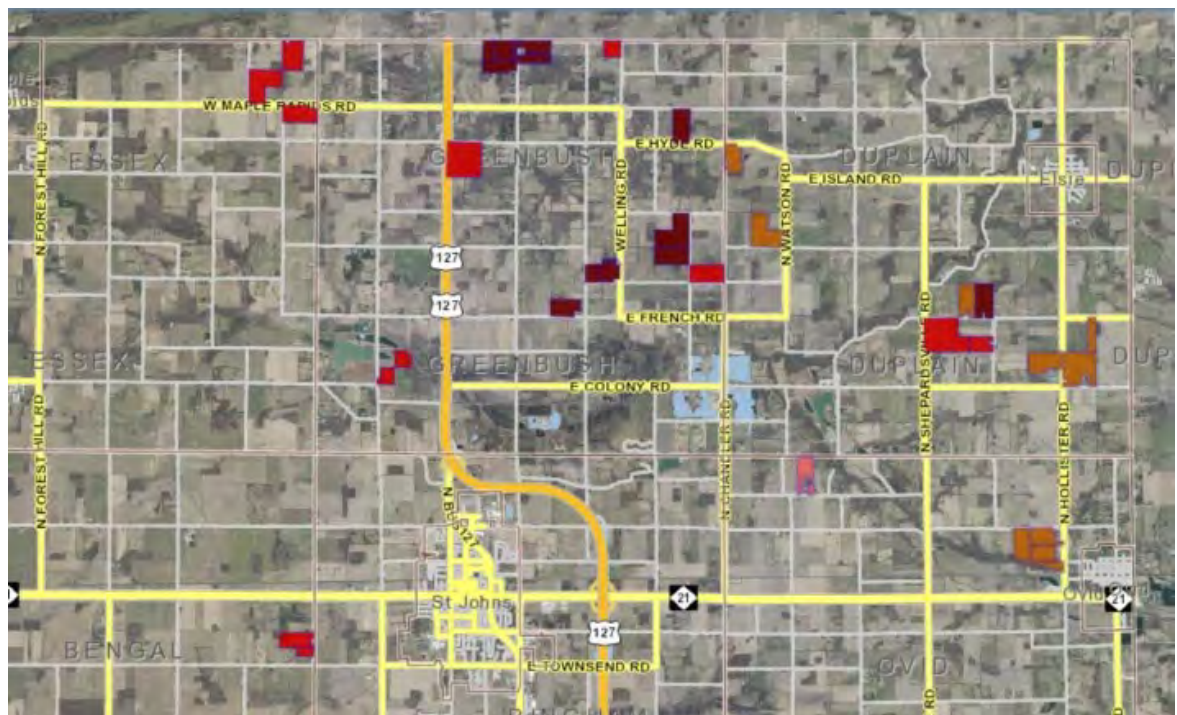
are usually left in the dark until a Special Land Use Permit is filed to start the project, which is why I am writing this Letter to the Editor. As of this writing, no Special Land Use Permit has been filed.

What can the residents do? Be diligent and attend your Township meetings and our Clinton County Planning Commission Meetings. Your County Planning Commission will be the first to know if a project application is filed by DTE or any other developer. They have regular meetings at 6:30 pm at the Clinton County

Courthouse the 2nd Thursday of each month, with Agendas posted on [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org). I would also respectfully ask that the residents continue to sign Citizens for Local Choice petitions or circulate a petition so that our Clinton County Wind Ordinance is not overruled by the State's PA 233 this November, which gives very little protection to the neighbors from a potential Wind Development.

Sincerely, Theresa Owen,  
St. Johns

North and East Clinton County DTE WIND Easements as of 5-14-2024 KEY: Burgundy = 13 Parcels WIND signed by a large dairy farm. Brown = 10 Parcels WIND signed by the same large dairy farm Red/ Pink = 10 Parcels with 7 Other WIND Leaseholders TOTAL Acreage WIND Highlighted = 2,301 Acres





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Ask Andy

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**Is it Better to Give Than Receive?**

Dear Andy, My older cousin is moving and asked if I could get a group together to help her pack and sort over 50 years of treasures. We packed for 3 full days. It was a lot of work, but fun. It was also a 4-hour trip.

We went out to eat and my cousin bought dinner for all of us one night. We were grateful. It was a nice thing to do. When we packed to depart our journey back home, she handed each of us \$100.00. My friends said, "Oh no, it was a pleasure to help you" and gave back the money. I drove so I said, Thank you, but not necessary." I took the money given to me, and said, we will put gas in the car and buy us dinner on the way home.

My dilemma is that my friends think it was rude of me to take the money. We volunteered for the job and none of us needed the money. And, we had

a great time. Playing cards in the evening after going out to dinner. My thinking was a gift of money was the way she showed her appreciation. I am in a moral or ethical quandary in my decision. Andy, What do you say? Loving and confused Cousin

Dear Loving Cousin, I posed the question to five different acquaintances, and they all said, no they would not have taken the money. However, there was no judgment in my survey against the person who took the money or even how she spent it. Money is a touchy subject.

If payment for 3 days of services was not in the invite or request to help. Your conscious should be clear. When you do something without an ulterior motive or expectation in return, it is a great thing to be the "Giver" and usually a good thing to be the "Receiver."

If we were all givers all the time who would be the receivers? Often people only know how to give but not how to receive. It is a humbling experience. Of course, there are many ways to give blessings back and it may not be as immediate as cash. I see no reason why you should feel guilty.

I am certain you have done many good deeds without expecting or getting anything in return. If you are still perplexed as you say, maybe you could talk to your cousin and get her perspective. Or, you could just stop worrying about it. It always depends on the circumstances.

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## Marauder Baseballers Sweep Spartans, Improve 2024 Record 2024 to 10-17-1

WEBBERVILLE -- Ovid-Elsie's baseball offense romped to 25 runs in just 10 innings of a non-league doubleheader here, pounding the host Spartans 9-4 and 17-1.

The final dust-up left Mike Loynes' Marauders at 10-16-1 overall.

The Marauders busted open a tight game in the opener, scoring a pair of runs in both the 4th and 5th, then sealing the deal with 3 runs in the 6th inning. Luke Wiktorowski rapped a pair hits and walked once to set the table for the hitters behind him: Gage Wiktorowski (walk, run scored), Jake Bowen (single, double, walk, three runs), Brody Howard (triple, two singles, walk, two runs), Braxton O'Bryant (one hit, run scored) and Cavan Mortinsen (two walks, run scored). Javen Belill was a particular thorn in the Spartans' side, walking once and twice hit by Webberville pitches.

Caven Brooks went the distance in pitching O-E to victory.

The nightcap immediately turned into a romp, with L. Wiktorowski, Bowen, Howard, Belill, Janes, Leland, O'Bryant and Mortinsen all plating Marauder runs in the first trip through the batting order. O-E would score five more before the first frame was over for a stunning 14-0 advantage. In the 2nd, Bowen, Howard and Belill scored again -- the Marauders taking advantage of some wild Spartan pitching and numerous walks. The contest was halted after three stanzas, with Mortinsen picking up an easy mound win.



### The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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## Farm Raised Bluegill

Very often, almost weekly, the Weekly Sportsman gets a hankering to eat something when out at a restaurant that is normally only available by hunting or fishing. Elk, duck, buffalo, quail, whitetail deer, pheasant, wild boar, panfish, rabbit and of course squirrel. Sometimes the Weekly Sportsman gets lucky and a farm raised version of the aforementioned is offered on daily specials like a buffalo burger or rabbit ravioli. But how often can you order bluegill at a local restaurant???

If you are a fan of bluegill and can afford a \$20 fish dinner then consider going to Greg & Lou's in Owosso for a farm raised bluegill fish dinner which includes salad, choice of potato, dinner roll and five filets. The filets can be prepared by being baked, pan fried, char broiled, or deep fried. So far the Weekly Sportsman has tried both char broiled and pan fried and the taste and texture were absolutely incredible. The five filets are just about right for a meal and tartar sauce and lemon were used but certainly not necessary. No bones and no off-putting fishy smell or taste.

Nothing beats a nice day fighting bluegills with a very light panfish rod, however, if you don't have luck or don't have the time but still want a bluegill dinner consider venturing to Greg & Lou's on the north side of Owosso. Of course, there is a great debate over farmed vs. wild caught fish and the different methods used but that discussion is for another time. The Weekly Sportsman is pretty sure if you go once you will be going back several more times!!!

-WS

## Ovid-Elsie Golfers Third Behind MMAC Winner Chesaning Tribe

BYRON -- Mikey Bancroft earned 1st Team All-Conference and Dominic Kline garnered 2nd Team All-MMAC plaudits at the League Tournament played at Willow Brook GC here May 24.

Individual honors are calculated with points earned in matches and league tournaments throughout the 2024 season.

Chesaning won the MMAC title with 361 team strokes, followed by Durand 369, coach Josh Latz's Marauders 376, host Byron 391, Otisville Lakeville 391, Montrose 401, New Lothrop 410 and Mt. Morris 556.

Individually for Ovid-Elsie, Kline was 2nd at 83, Bancroft 8th at 91, Jayce Herblet 14th at 96, Tayton Kline 27th at 106, Tucker Loynes 31st at 111 and Jaksen Jones 35th at 118.

## Johns Shines for Ovid-Elsie Girls at MMAC Track & Field Championships

MT. MORRIS — Senior Audrey Johns was the bright star for Ovid-Elsie, winning both the 300-meter hurdles (51.4) and the high jump (5-2), at the annual MMAC Girls Track and Field Championships here. The effort in the high jump was a personal best.

She also was the runner-up in the pole vault at 9'0."

New Lothrop swept Tuesday's four relays and won 11 of the day's 17 events, en route to accumulating 235 team points. Chesaning was second with 128 points. Coach Nick Hufnagel's Marauders placed third, with 111; Byron was fourth, with 45; and Durand placed eighth, with 12.

Clarissa Baese was runner-up for O-E in the 1600 m run. Jessica Kozlowski and Johns ran 2nd-3rd in the 100 m hurdles in :18.02 and :18.41 respectively. The 4x100 team (Haley Bashore, Kyla Washburn, Samantha Snider, Braeden Tokar) ran runner-up in :54.14. The 4x800 quartet ran 2nd in 10:59.51 (Piper White, Baese, Rachel Spitzley, Audrey Bensinger).

Samantha Snider was 2nd in the long jump with a personal record 15'7.75"

Laila Hoch ran 4th in the 400 meters (1:08.25).

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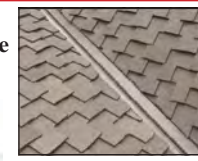
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## Sports

### Post-Season Tuneup; Lady Wolfpack Goes 2-1 in Softball Tournament Action

The sights are set high. The goal is lofty.

With a singular focus, Laingsburg's Wolfpack softball team is gunning for a state title. Their latest step in that direction was tournament action scheduled against bigger schools -- ones they don't play often all.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolves downed Clio, 3-1, and dominated Davison, 8-0, while losing just their second contest of the year. The loss was a tough 7-1 setback to Lake Orion.

The Wolves showed their grit in the victory over the Clio Mustangs, trailing 1-0 before plating the winning three runs in the bottom of the 5th. Addyson Buchin went 3-for-3 at the plate to support her winning effort in the pitcher's circle, allowing 8 hits and striking out 3. Savvy Stirm drove in a crucial RBI for LHS; Ashley Bila had the only other hit off the ace Clio duo of Raleigh-Taylor. Peyton Stahr was the only other Wolf to reach base with a walk.

The victory over the Davison Cardinals was sparked by 3 hits in 4 at-bats for Bila, including a double and two RBI. Stirm, Stahr, Ella Merrell, Harper Strouse, Makenna Johnston, Willow Patterson and Alaina Merrell also hit safely for the red-and-white. Buchin pitched the five-inning win with a glittering one-hitter, striking out 9 Cardinals and walking two.

The Lake Orion Dragons broke through for a pair of runs in each of the 2nd and 5th innings, then coasted to a six-run win to back the 6-hit pitching of Jadalyn Lopez. Laingsburg's lone run came in the bottom of the 6th on a RBI off that bat of Buchin. Bila, Stirm (twice), Buchin, Stahr and A. Merrell provided the Wolfpack hits.

Striff, Alayna Asher and Stahr split the pitching duties for LHS as the Dragons forged 10 hits. Cheadle's charges stood 32-2 following the extensive weekend action.

**Defending champ Leslie ousts Lady Wolves from Softball Classic**

LANSING -- The Leslie Blackhawks -- the defending champions of the Lansing Softball Classic -- eeked past Laingsburg, 6-5, to advance to the tournament semifinals.

The prestigious tourney, hosted by the Greater Lansing Hall of Fame, teams entering by invitation only at historic Ranney Park, continued with Leslie (29-5) squaring off against Grand Ledge.

The Blackhawks built a 6-2 lead before fending off a determined LHS team (32-3 and ranked #1 in Division 3). The Wolves scored three runs off pitcher Ada Bradford in the 6th inning, but could no closer. Bradford plowed through the Wolfpack lineup in the seventh to nail down the 6-5 win.

Laingsburg enters district play this week, where the Wolfpack open against Lansing Catholic Central -- ironically, the team the Wolves nipped in the opening round of the Classic, 3-2.

Ashley Bila had the key drive that helped bring in the go-ahead and run. Then, the standout senior -- holder of the career MHSAA record for runs scored -- plated what wound up being the winning over the Cougars.

Freshman Alayna Merrell scored the go-ahead run after Bila doubled to left field. That snapped a 1-1 deadlock in the 5th inning.

Addyson Buchin closed out the win by sitting down the last six Cougars she faced, again going the distance in the pitcher's circle for LHS.

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# Sports

## Chesaning Noses Out Ovid-Elsie for Boys' MMAC Track and Field Championship

MOUNT MORRIS -- Chesaning and Ovid-Elsie left the rest of the field in the dust, with the Indians nosing out Doug Long's Marauders for the 2024 Mid-Michigan Activities Association (MMAC) boys track title.

Competing at Panther Field in Mt. Morris, the Tribe totaled 212.5 team points to O-E's 171.5. The rest of the field included Montrose 53, Byron 50, Mt. Morris 47, Otisville LakeVille 47, New Lothrop 34 and Durand 30.

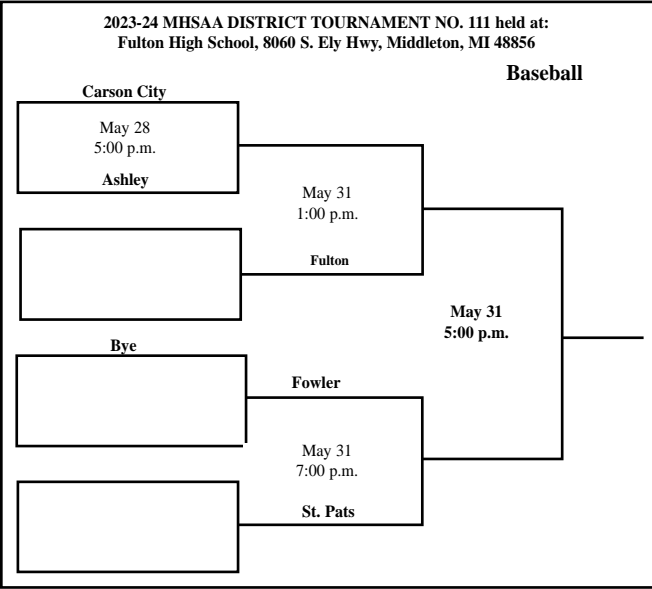
"I was very proud of our effort," said coach Long. "Especially with all the heat. I thought most of the kids over achieved in their events. We had several personal records on the day."

MMAC individual champions for O-E were Tryce Tokar defending his pole vault title 14'10"; Brock Spitzley with a personal record in the discus 142'0"; Travis Milner in the 400 m

dash, a personal record :51.99; and the 4 x 800 relay team of Jonas Obling/James Kelly/JD Miller/Clay Powell in 8:55.66.

2nd Team/2nd Place for the Marauders: Clay Powell - 800 2:07.35, Jackson Custer - 110H 18.15 PR, Travis Milner - Long Jump 20'0", 4 x 100 Relay - Tryce Tokar/Bruce Thornton/Owen Long/Clayton Fruchey 45.09, 4 x 200 Relay - Jamison Custer/Bruce Thornton /Owen Long/Clayton Fruchey 1:35.28, 4 x 400 Relay - Jamison Custer/Owen Long/Clay Powell/Travis Milner 3:42.69

3rd Place/Honorable Mention for Ovid-Elsie: Owen Long - 100 11.78 PR, Jackson Custer - 300H 46.56 PR, Clay Powell - 1600 4:56.92, Tryce Toker - 200 24.06.



## 2023 Water Quality Report for Bingham Township

Water Supply Serial Number: 00716  
This report covers the drinking water quality for Bingham Township for the 2023 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2023. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.  
Your water comes from 3 groundwater wells, each over 400 feet deep. There is no significant sources of contamination included in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by monitoring your drinking water on a regular basis.  
If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Bingham Township Hall at 2057 N.Lansing St. St. Johns, MI.

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

### Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2023. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

1Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.36	NA	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium <sup>1</sup> (ppm)	N/A	N/A	26	NA	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
THM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	12	NA	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	0.7	NA	2023	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	2.6	0-8	2023	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	ND	NA	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water <sup>2</sup>	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	1	0-7	2023	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.3	0-0.4	2023	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

<sup>1</sup> Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

<sup>2</sup> Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

**Information about lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Bingham Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. Bingham Township failed to submit a VOC sample for the second quarter in 2023, we returned to compliance and continued to test for VOCs in 2023 in August and November. We continue to test our water on a regular basis.

In the 2022 CCR the lead and copper quality table was missing, we corrected the CCR and reissued a copy in December of 2022.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Bingham Township Hall at 2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns, MI.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Matthew Smith, 1499 Superior Drive, St. Johns, MI, (989) 307-9611. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.



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## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No: 22-31489-DE  
Estate of  
SILAS M. CHAPKO,  
Date of Birth: April 1, 2020  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent,  
SILAS M. CHAPKO,  
died on April 1, 2020  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Amanda K. Chapko, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Amanda K. Chapko  
2677 E. Marshall Road  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(517) 242-7800

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No: 24-32219-DE  
Estate of  
DENNIS LANE ANDERSON,  
Date of Birth: January 12, 1961  
TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent,  
DENNIS LANE ANDERSON,  
died on July 7, 2023.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented  
to Shannen L. Acord, personal repre-  
sentative, or to both the probate  
court at 100 E State Street, Suite  
4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the  
personal representative within 4  
months after the date of publication  
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Shannen L. Acord  
1127 S. Shiawassee St.  
Owosso, MI 48867  
(989) 721-5520

John J. Homola P62708  
117 W. Oliver St.  
Owosso, MI 48867  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No: 19-30326-DD  
In the matter of MELVIN BANKS  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS  
including:  
Rhonda Y. Smith AKA Rhonda Y.  
Banks, Tisha L. Smith, Tina M.  
Smith, Children or Heirs of Marvin  
Banks, Charles Benevel, Children of  
Andrew (Andy) Banks and all other  
UNKNOWN PERSONS.  
whose address(es) is/are unknown  
and whose interest in the matter may  
be barred or affected by the follow-  
ing:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held  
on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at  
10:15am at 4301 Courthouse 4th Fl,  
100 E. State St., St. Johns, MI 48879  
before Judge Lisa Sullivan, P51265  
for the following purpose:  
Petition for appointment of guardian.

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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 auc-  
tion sale to the highest bidder for cash  
or cashier's check at the place of hold-  
ing the circuit court in Clinton County,  
starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on  
June 26, 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 pur-  
chaser to free and clear ownership of  
the property. A potential purchaser is  
encouraged to contact the county reg-  
ister of deeds office or a title insurance  
company, either of which may charge  
a fee for this information:  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Patrick  
Darden and Lynley Darden, husband  
and wife  
Original Mortgagee: Citizens Bank,  
N.A.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None  
Date of Mortgage: August 3, 2019  
Date of Mortgage Recording: August  
19, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of  
notice: \$53,844.90

Description of the mortgaged premis-  
es: Situated in City of De Witt, Clinton  
County, Michigan, and described as:  
Lot 2, Millbrook Meadows No. 1, City  
of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan,  
according to the recorded plat thereof,  
as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page  
28, Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 814  
W Main Ct, Dewitt, MI 48820-9515

The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in  
accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or,  
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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 dur-  
ing 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  
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please contact the attorney for the  
party foreclosing the mortgage at the  
telephone number stated in this notice.  
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Date of notice: May 19, 2024  
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Notice of foreclosure by advertise-  
ment. Notice is given under section  
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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 bid-  
der for cash or cashier's check at the  
place of holding the circuit court in  
Clinton County, starting promptly at  
10:00 AM on JUNE 26, 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 prop-  
erty. 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 condi-  
tions of a mortgage made by Cesar  
Del Bosque Ortiz and Vlinda Del  
Bosque Ortiz, husband and wife, to  
Argent Mortgage Company, LLC,  
Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004  
and recorded December 27, 2004 in  
Instrument Number 5071773 Clinton  
County Records, Michigan. Said  
mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo  
Bank, National Association, as Trustee  
for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-  
Backed Pass-Through Certificates  
Series 2005-WCH1, by assignment.  
There is claimed to be due at the date  
hereof the sum of One Hundred Two  
Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven  
and 10/100 Dollars (\$102,697.10).

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 mort-  
gaged premises, or some part of them,  
at public vendue at the place of hold-  
ing the circuit court within Clinton  
County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on  
JUNE 26, 2024.

Said premises are located in the  
Township of Ovid, Clinton County  
Michigan, and are described as:  
A parcel of land beginning 330 feet  
South of the Northwest corner of  
Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of  
Section 13, T7N, R1W, Ovid  
Township, Clinton County, Michigan;  
thence South 150 feet; thence East 303  
feet; thence North 150 feet; thence  
West to the Point of Beginning.  
1741 S Meridian Rd, 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 peri-  
od.

Dated: May 26, 2024  
File No. 24-005493  
Firm Name: Orlans PC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver  
Road, Troy MI 48084  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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