



Players from the 1978 State Champion Wolfpack softball team in attendance at the Laingsburg vs Bath Basketball game.

1978 State Champion Wolfpack Feted for Induction into Lansing Sports Hall of Fame

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- Teammates, families and fans gathered February 21 at LHS to fete the 1978 State Champion Wolfpack Softball Team.

Festivities were held at halftime of the LHS vs. Bath girls basketball game. A commemorative plaque presented by the Wolfpack Sports Boosters is now displayed with the team's State Championship hardware in the trophy case at LHS. The inscription on the plaque reads, "In commemoration of the 1978 State Champion Varsity Softball Team from Laingsburg High School, on their 2024 induction into the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame. A grateful community says 'Thank You' for the honor you have shared with Laingsburg."

The team was officially inducted into the GLSHOF last August.

The 1978 Wolfpack finished undefeated and to date has won the program's only state championship -- even though LHS has an outstanding program going on right now under iconic coach Jeff Cheadle.

The 1978 season was only the fourth year that a state champion was crowned in girls softball.

Laingsburg defeated Owendale-Gagetown in the semifinals, 15-2, then Central Lake 6-1 in the state championship game on June 17, 1978 at Ionia High School. Star pitcher Robbin Sawyer allowed just one hit. For the season, Sawyer compiled a 17-0 record in the circle.

They were a young squad, with just three seniors and four freshmen -- all the rest were juniors. As a team, the Wolves were a perfect 19-0 and you can make a strong case that they were the most dominant team -- in any sport -- in LHS history:

-- Over half the team hit over .400. Four players were 1st Team All-CMAC, and three were All-Area for the Capital City region.

-- When an opposing hitter actually got a ball in play off Sawyer, her defense fielded at better than a .900 clip. First baseman Debbie Wrobel, despite all the chances coming her way, with just one miscue all season.

-- It was on the base paths, though, that the Wolfpack stunned opposing teams. In just 19 games, two hitters -- Lisa Mahoney and Sue Hurst -- both totaled over 40 steals. Sawyer added another 30.

Coach Bronwyn Krupa has reported that the team set or broke 17 different school records.

One key player on the team, third baseman Carrie Koonter, was a power-hitting star for the Wolfpack and, sadly, passed away a few short years ago. A moment of silence was observed for Carrie during the presentation.

Team members included (using their maiden names) Ann Walters, Sandy Putnam, Lessa Potter, Kathy Sparkes, Annette Brust, Kim Nickols, Lisa Mahoney, Sue Hurst, Barb Britten, Lori Krebiehl, Robbin Sawyer, Lisa Argersinger, Sandy Putnam, Debbie Wrobel, Brenda Wrobel and Coach Bronwyn Krupa.

Consumers Energy Foundation to Award \$50,000 for Three Small Towns in Put Your Town on the Map Competition

submitted by Tracy Wimmer

JACKSON — The Consumers Energy Foundation is calling for entries in the annual Put Your Town on the Map pitch competition, which will provide \$50,000 in grant funding for three projects to help small communities in Michigan grow and thrive. Communities with up to 10,000 residents can submit proposals through March 28.

"Michigan communities are full of talented and creative residents with big ideas about how to see the towns they live in grow and thrive," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "The Put Your Town on the Map competition gives individuals and organizations in smaller communities that don't always have access to the same resources the opportunity to bring those ideas to life."

The Put Your Town on the Map competition seeks to reward innovative ideas that attract visitors to downtowns, advance housing, education or employment, cultivate community pride and more. Community leaders can learn more and apply here.

The Consumers Energy Foundation and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) will select 10 finalists to make their pitches at the Small Town and Rural Development Conference in June. The top three winners will receive grants worth \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Consumers Energy started the competition in 2019. In 2024, grant dollars were awarded to Imlay City for a public interactive art display, Rogers City for a public art sculpture, and St. Johns for community art benches.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Foundation contributes to the growth and strengthening of Michigan communities by investing in what's most important — our people, our planet and Michigan's prosperity. In 2024, the Consumers Energy Foundation, CMS Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, its employees and retirees contributed more than \$15 million in support of Michigan nonprofits and communities. For more information, visit consumersenergy.com/foundation.



Rep. BeGole Welcomes Local Business Owner, County Administrator to State Capital

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole (left), of Antrim Township, welcomed Rex Wheeler, who is President and CEO of Wheeler Trucking Inc. and owns Owosso Speedway to the House floor for the governor's State of the State address on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in Lansing. Shiawassee County Administrator Dr. Brian Boggs also joined BeGole as a guest for the address.

BeGole represents portions of Shiawassee County along with portions of Genesee and Saginaw County in the Michigan House.

Prior to the governor's address, BeGole joined select colleagues in leading Michigan Supreme Court Justices to their seats within the House chamber.



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New Community Monthly Meeting Formed

The City of Ovid's Parks & Recreation Committee invites the community to participate in a new standing meeting where discussions on the future of the parks and recreation services will be the topic of discussion. Whether you're a part of a sports league, a relationship group or just passionate about our public spaces, your input is vital.

This is your opportunity to share in the challenges you or your league are facing, ideas for park or program improvements, opportunities for community engagement, youth sports and wellness and plans for future initiatives that will serve all generations.

The monthly meeting will take place the first Monday of each month, beginning on March 3rd, the time is 6pm and the location is City Hall Chambers, 114 E. Front St, Ovid. Bring your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Together, we can work to shape the future of our parks.



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Elsie Lions Club Donation

submitted by Richard Easlick

Elsie Lions member Les Loynes presents a \$440 check to Kourtney Miller, sponsorship's director, for the Ovid-Elsie Youth Baseball and Softball.

Ashley Country Christmas Holding Casino Bus Trip Fundraiser

submitted by Keith Salisbury

The Village of Ashley Country Christmas is holding a bus trip fundraiser to FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Saturday, April 5.

The bus will leave Ashley at noon, and will return around 7:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$55, with participants receiving \$20 for free play plus a \$5 promotion.

There will also be raffles on the bus for a 1225 train home-made quilt, two North Pole Express tickets for the 2025 season, and more.

There are only 56 seats available, so call Jane at (517) 281-6456 to reserve a seat. Payment must be received by Monday, March 10. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for Ashley Country Christmas activities.

Mint Country Garden Club Meeting

submitted by Cherie Delger

The Mint Country Garden Club will meet on March 6th at 7:15 pm at Clinton Commons Community Room. 1205 S. Scott Road, St. Johns.

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Purse Party Bingo to Benefit Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Howard

The Respite Volunteer Purse Party Bingo will be held Thurs. May 8th at the Owosso Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1259 E. M-21. Doors open

at 5:30 pm and games begin at 6 pm. For each bingo game, the prize is a purse with a retail value of at least \$45. Advance Tickets are \$20, or \$25 the day of the event, if tickets are still available. With the tickets purchased, 20 bingo cards to play 20 games are included. Coffee and ice water will be provided, guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Tie breaker prizes and doorprizes provided. This is an Adults Only, event. License #V10956

Tickets are on sale weekdays 9am- 3pm at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital at 710 W. King St., Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee provides case management, education and support to adults with health challenges, in Shiawassee County, and help to the family members caring for the person. The program then matches a volunteer with each person to provide friendly visiting, usually weekly. The program also provides education about all the other in home services, senior services, support groups, adult day cares, and financial help that is available for both frail elderly persons, and multi-generational families caring for the person.

For more information about Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee services, volunteer opportunities and this event, please call 989-725-1127



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycling

submitted by Ellen Link

For probably the first time in their 30+ years of service, the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers had to cancel their (Tuesday) recycling collections not once but twice this winter due to inclement weather—in this case, frigid temperatures deemed harmful to our volunteers. Our stated policy dictates that the recycling facility will be closed when the temperature is below 15 degrees or weather conditions are sufficiently bad to close schools. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this caused our users. But we hope folks will understand that our operation absolutely depends on volunteers, whose well-being must come first. If in doubt, check one of the options given below.

Hopefully, normalcy has returned and the facility will be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (March 4 and 18), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (March 8 and 22), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. To view the long list of materials we accept and how to sort them, as well as get answers to your questions, consult our web page or the contacts below. In the meantime, the GLR will continue to continue to seek out new options for that list.

At present the GLR is interested in making it possible for area residents to compost their food waste. This can reduce one’s trash fees as well as material sent to the landfill and keep stinky food waste out of your trash bin that may attract pests. Many people already have backyard compost piles, but it isn’t always possible for everyone. At Laingsburg’s LBCA Annual Pancake Breakfast last summer, leftover food items along with the commercially compostable plates, utensils, cups and napkins were collected and sent to a facility to be turned into compost, a healthy alternative to chemical fertilizer that will enrich the soil and help plants grow strong and healthy.



Perhaps more important is that food waste accounts for 25 percent of all the trash in a landfill. There, it creates a lot of methane, a gas more harmful than carbon dioxide. According to the EPA, “Wasting food in the U.S. causes greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of more than 50 million gas-powered passenger vehicles.” (<https://www.epa.gov/land-research/quantifying-methane-emissions-landfilled-food-waste>) The GLR will be circulating a survey to find out whether enough area residents are interested in in using a compost drop-off site for food waste at the Laingsburg Recycling Center. You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HNMNK5J> and contact us with your questions. We hope we’ll hear from you.

For more information, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish. Please join us in creating a sustainable future in our own backyard.

Portrait Painting II with Philip Ruehle

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts will be offering Portrait Painting II with Philip Ruehle, on Fridays, March 7 - April 11, from 10am -1pm.

Explore the challenging, yet rewarding genre of portrait painting with your choice of oils or acrylics. A special focus will be placed on anatomy, color theory, and various painting methods and techniques. Each class will consist of a demo and one-on-one instruction. The cost is \$175 for a SAC member or \$185 for a guest. An Individual, annual membership is \$40. A Senior membership is \$35. The Arts Center is handicap accessible. Pre-registration and payment is required for all classes. Call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for registration or more information. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. A supply list is listed on the website at shiawasseearts.org

Ovid Township March Board of Review

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Appeals will be heard:

Monday, March 10, 2025

1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sciota Township board will hold an annual meeting for fiscal year 2025-26 at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 10, 2025, at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI.

A public budget hearing will be held for the 2025-26 proposed township budget following the annual meeting at (or about) 6:30 pm. A copy of the budget can be seen by contacting the clerk.

A public township board meeting will follow the budget hearing at (or about) 7:00 p.m.

The Sciota Township board will provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities upon a 5-day notice to the clerk by calling 517-651-5286, or by emailing, clerk@sciotatownship.net.

Jamie Parker-Wing, Sciota Township Clerk

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TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OFFICERS SALARY

RESOLUTION 2025-02

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustee beginning fiscal year 2024 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and

WHERE AS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the Office of the Supervisor is warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2025, the salary of the Office of Supervisor shall be \$14,338.84 per year, without assessing duties.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 10, 2025, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on January 21, 2025, has been adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The resolution was offered on a motion by board member:

TREASURER PALMER

Seconded by board member: TRUSTEE REED

The following said Nay: NONE

The following were absent: TRUSTEE VONDRASEK

I certify that his resolution has been declared adopted by the board on January 21, 2025.

Jamie M. Parker-Wing,

Sciota Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TREASURER OFFICERS SALARY

RESOLUTION 2025-03

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustee beginning fiscal year 2025 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and

WHERE AS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the Office of the Treasurer is warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2025, the salary of the Office of Treasurer shall be \$14,838.84 per year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 10, 2025, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on January 21, 2025, has been adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The resolution was offered on a motion by board member:

TRUSTEE REED

Seconded by board member: SUPERVISOR MATTHEWS

The following said Nay: NONE

The following were absent: TRUSTEE VONDRASEK

I certify that his resolution has been declared adopted by the board on January 21, 2025.

Jamie M. Parker-Wing

Sciota Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP CLERK OFFICERS SALARY

RESOLUTION 2025-04

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Sciota Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustee beginning fiscal year 2025 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and

WHERE AS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the Office of Clerk is warranted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2025, the salary of the Office of Clerk shall be \$14,838.84 per year.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on March 10, 2025, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on January 21, 2025, has been adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The resolution was offered on a motion by board member:

SUPERVISOR MATTHEWS

Seconded by board member: TRUSTEE REED

The following said Nay: CLERK PARKER-WING

The following were absent: TRUSTEE VONDRASEK

I certify that his resolution has been declared adopted by the board on January 21, 2025.

Jamie M. Parker-Wing

Sciota Township Clerk

Obituaries

David Michael “Dave” Remenar

David Michael "Dave" Remenar, age 78, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at The Willows of East Lansing, East Lansing, MI.

David was born in St. Johns, Michigan on September 27, 1946, the son of Julius John and Ann Mary (Vojvodich) Remenar. He graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1965. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-1969.

Dave was a talented craftsman. He had a passion for designing and building one-of-a-kind wood projects. He loved his farm and spending time there working on his projects. He was very creative and envisioned many plans to make the farm self-sufficient. Dave always looked forward to time with his friends and going to "Camp" in the UP.

He is survived by four siblings: Frank Remenar, Agnes (Malcolm) Smith, Annie Mikulka, and Rosemary (Bruce) Thelen; sister-in-law Margaret Remenar, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Julius Paul Remenar Jr., and sister-in-law Jane Remenar.

In following Dave's wishes, a cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Richard “Dick” Lee Thornburg

Dick Thornburg, age 79, of Owosso, Michigan, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025. Born in Owosso on November 26, 1945, he was the son of Joseph and Marion (Gault) Thornburg.

A proud graduate of Owosso High School, Dick went on to serve his country in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967. Upon returning home, he began a long and successful career with the Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Local 333, where he worked for over 50 years. Additionally, Dick was a farmer and later started Dick's Welding Service, a testament to his resourcefulness and love for his craft.

Dick married the love of his life, Constance Gewirtz, and they celebrated 45 wonderful years together. Over the course of his life, he became well-known for his unwavering work ethic and his eagerness to teach others the skills he had learned. His shop was always open to those wanting to learn to weld or simply admire the latest tractor he was working on. One of his favorite pastimes was the annual Mackinaw Bridge Tractor Drive, which he enjoyed with his brother, Mike, among other family and friends.

Even after retiring from the union, Dick remained a tireless worker who never truly stopped. He took pride in his family and in being a strong, loving, loyal patriarch. He will be remembered for his quiet strength, mischievous spirit, and for being a reliable and kind presence in the lives of all who knew him.

Dick is survived by his loving family, including wife, Connie; children, Jerry (Stacie) Stevens, Amy (David) Fowler and Traci (Ronald) Prewitt; brothers, Michael (Marilyn) Thornburg and Frederick (Janet) Thornburg; sisters, Cynthia (Michael) Keson and Jane (Robert) Kedrowski; eight grandchildren: Lisa “Maria” Williams, Becca Stevens, Trevor Stevens, Christopher (Hannah) Fowler, Morgan (Zachary) Morris, Justin Prewitt, Abigail Prewitt, and John Prewitt; one great-granddaughter, Eleanor Williams; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends, including his high school buddies, Neil White and Norman Campbell, and cousin/lifelong friend, David Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Marion Thornburg; his brother, Donald; and daughter, Lisa.

Dick's legacy of love, dependability, and dedication to his family will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 17, 2025 at Nelson-House Funeral Home. Deacon Gary Edington will be officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Owosso Township Fire Department and Ovid Middlebury Fire Department.



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Linda Kay Behrens

Linda Kay Behrens, age 77, of Ovid, MI, passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 25, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Linda was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on January 21, 1948, the daughter of Richard and Catherine (Bush) Hallead. She graduated from Ovid High School, Ovid, MI. She married Douglas H. Behrens, on April 11, 1970, at the Ovid United Methodist Church, Ovid, MI. They were blessed with fifty-five years of marriage, and he survives her.

While Jeff and Brian were growing up, Linda was working from home as a beautician. Once they were grown, she worked at JCPenney's in Owosso for fifteen years where she retired from. Once retired, Linda and her family enjoyed spending their winters in Haines City, Florida, with Doug and Jeff. Linda loved spending time with her family, the summers in Michigan where she tended to her flowers, bird watching especially the hummingbirds, her time in the pool, and visiting with her best friend, Sharon Baker.

She is survived by her husband Doug Behrens of Ovid, MI; son Jeffrey Behrens of Ovid, MI; and son Brian Behrens and son-in-law Matthew Wahl of Ovid, MI. Linda was preceded in death by her parents.

The family would like to thank the caregivers that took special care of Linda over the past few years: Karen, Tracy, Rachel, Vlinda, Nickie, Vicki, Tammy, and Shelley. Linda enjoyed all the special moments you made.

Cremation has taken place and A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, at www.parkinson.org. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



“Grief is like the ocean. It comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim.”

~Vicki Harrison

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

You must all be tired of me being a bit busy at times. There are times that I feel that way and yet I don't know how else to spend my time. I had today off but still went up to the shop to drop of some supplies and stayed for coffee and a chat with Diane. Then I waited around until about eight thirty to run down to KBS to pick up Brent so that he didn't have to walk to the shop. It was to be raining at that time, misting maybe. Went back to finish a cup of coffee and to beat Donny at our friendly rummy game. Finally I headed out to St Johns to pick up a few groceries and then home by ten. And dang it, I was exhausted. It doesn't make any sense to me, I had slept well last night. After napping for two hours I got up and started re-potting plants. Six pots are finished whoops, make that seven and I still have four empty ones to replenish. It is good to have goals.

Sunday I had four guests in for lunch and to play cards. It was a relaxing time and per usual I made too much food and have not needed to cook for the rest of the week. I believe that we all had a good time even though we allowed Brent to win again. Then after everyone except Sandy had left, we grabbed the potting soil and an empty bucket and an a very quick growing aloe plant. Sandy just wanted a few of the babies to transplant, she ended up with ten. I just planted on keeping a large plant but ended up with two. One is now in a bucket and will be migrating over to Diane's along with a wandering Jew that I have transplanted.

I know that I was meeting myself in the middle on Monday but it is all a blur. I need to remember that we will be having breakfast burritos on the 13th and 14th of March. Which is Thursday and Friday for a change. I hope that you have time to come into the shop and check out our St Patrick's Day decorations. Must be cinnamon rolls and cookies are back in vogue. We can't seem to keep them in the case and the chocolate walnut fudge is popular. I may make cream puffs again tomorrow.

On Tuesday, Margie and Sally came over for a liver and onion lunch. It is one of those things that either you like it or you don't. Sally loves them and I fix them for her every once and awhile. I also fixed a Ragu that I used to do for my kids in the seventies. I cut up bacon and fry it, then brown ground beef in the bacon grease. When the ground beef is done then I layer onions, carrots and potatoes, salt and pepper to taste and cover with two quarts of stewed tomatoes. It is pretty decent. We all enjoyed it and the liver. Sally took the liver and onions home with her plus I sorted out my CDs and gave some to her for her collection. I also loaned one that a musician friend of mine had given me. Sally listened to it and returned it to me on Wednesday.

I now remember what I had been packing clothes, coats, dishes, silverware, towels and bedding to send down to the Carolina's. Also tools. I over packed a box and it is too heavy for me to lift so now I need to redistribute the weight. I'll be getting more boxes tomorrow, also my sister brought over about forty pounds of dried beans, peas, and rice to send down. There is a gentleman in the Laingsburg area who has made a couple of trips down to the hills filled with mud slides and floods.

I found out how much it is costing to reupholster my boudoir chair. More then I expected, but still a very good deal. The mechanical components of my Lazyboy recliner have been replaced free but I still have to pay for the time taken to install them. Did you know that my two year old Lazy Boy recliner is made with particle board? Probably all made after the turn of the century are made with particle board.. I'm disappointed in the lack of quality.

May your days be filled with interesting events and many smiles and laughter. May God bless you daily.

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Religious Thoughts

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What happens to people who die without ever hearing the Gospel?

In the Book of Romans Paul writes-

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."

- Romans 1:18-21

We see here a number of things concerning God's revelation of Himself:

1. People have enough knowledge of the truth to suppress it.

2. What can be known about God is plain. It is not hidden, unclear or confusing.

3. God exists and His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what God alone has made.

4. They knew God to some extent and because of this they should have glorified Him and given thanks to Him; but they did not do so.

5. They had enough knowledge of God to exchange Him for that which was not God.

When you add everything up- People knew enough about God to be held accountable by Him. They were "without excuse." This hold true for similiar people today.

The flip side is that if someone does believe in the knowledge of God that they have received from general revelation, they can receive salvation.

God will judge everyone based on what they knew of Him. Whether it was very little or a lot.

This of course represents a worse-case scenario. People being saved through general revelation is like a safety net. After all, Christianity isn't about knowing as little of God as possible and hope that people squeak into Heaven. It's about knowing God as best as we can before we go to be with Him and living life here knowing Him and serving Him.

While people can receive salvation through general revelation, we still must translate the Bible and get the gospel and the Word of God out to people around the world.

As Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:18-20



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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DNR Conducting Wolf Count Below the Bridge

Well it is official, right now as you are reading this column the DNR is asking for assistance with their wolf survey below the Mackinac Bridge. Irony, that this comes a year after a wolf is shot in southern Michigan under "suspicious" circumstances and the incident is still "under investigation" despite numerous DNR statements that wolves can't survive south of the bridge due to lack of habitat. The last lower peninsula survey was conducted in 2019 and produced more than 100 reports of possible wolf activity but most were tracks unverified or determined to be from coyotes and domestic dogs. Apparently the DNR really wants to determine if there is a breeding population below the bridge which is now at least feasible as the wolf population above the bridge in the upper peninsula is believed to be around 765 wolves distributed among 160 packs. Probably above the level of sustainability because at one time the carrying capacity above the bridge was believed to be around 300 to 400 wolves. There may be pressure to move south across the frozen water in search of new habitat. If you have a sighting please call 989-370-7313 or go online www.michigan.gov/EyesInTheField.

Hard to understand or know what is really happening from mixed signals with press releases and count studies being conducted, however, if there is a sasquatch sighting dismissed by the DNR in a press release don't be surprised if a year later they are asking for help from the public to do a count study. Afterall, do you remember the statements about no breeding populations of cougars above and below the bridge????

-WS



Editorial

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Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt a Brownfield Plan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF ELSIE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELSIE PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the VILLAGE Council of the VILLAGE of ELSIE on the 11th day of March 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the 145 W Main St. Elsie, MI 48831., on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the Village of Elsie. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

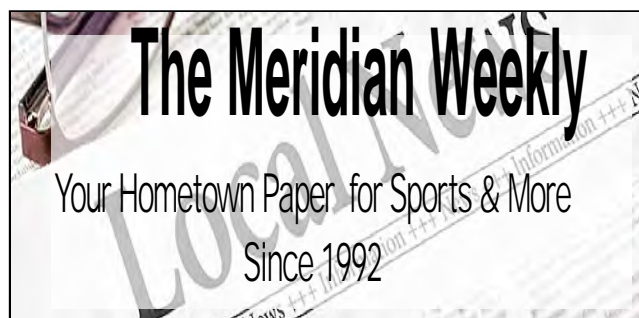
The description of the proposed brownfield property is: ELSIE School building land situated in the Village of ELSIE, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, described as follows: 100 West Pine St.

The proposed brownfield plan would allow [the developer, BRA, or other party] to be reimbursed for eligible costs incurred to prepare the brownfield property for redevelopment. Eligible costs may include environmental and/or site preparation costs. The brownfield plan must first be approved by the Council, For the Village of Elsie].

This description of the property along with any maps and a description of the Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at Village of Elsie Office.

All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

Tiffany Evitts, Clerk



CITY OF OVID
Draft Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025

Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call:

M. Soliz, L. Perrien-Absent, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown-Absent, M. Jones, E. Starn-Absent

Guests:

There were 11 people in attendance.

Agenda:

Council Member M. Soliz motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of item e. Sick Time Act for part-time. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Minutes:

Council Member M. Jones motioned to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025 Regular meeting with correction and January 27, 2025 Special meeting as presented. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Council Member M. Jones motioned to approve the invoice/check register from January 15, 2025 through February 11, 2025 for a total of \$528,565.47 Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

County Commissioner: 7:07 PM- 7:13 PM Nicole Fickes presented her report from Clinton County.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:13 PM Closed: 7:20 PM

Treasurer's Report:

Council Member M. Perrien motioned to allow the Treasurer to move sewer fund money from Journey Federal Credit Union account to The State Bank.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Report Motion:

Council Member M. Olger motioned to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

New Business:

a. Water bill appropriation for Historical Society:

Council Member M. Perrien motioned to table the appropriation of \$300.00 to the Historical Society utility billing account for the cost of water and sewer until March 2025 meeting for further research. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

b. Leak Adjustment/Pay extension Policy Council Member M. Olger motioned to approve the leak adjustment /pay extension policy with the addition bringing to council for leak adjustment approval: paying their regular account bill amount until leak adjustment is decided and reporting payment extensions to council. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

c. Light Poles on Main Street Will review again next month.

d. Pay App #12 and USDA Estimate #3

Council Member M. Jones motioned to approve EGLE pay application #12 for a total of \$79,480.04 and USDA Estimate #3 for a total of \$229,103.71 and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to submit the application and estimate. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motioned.

Carried on voice vote.

e. Sick Time Act- Council Member M. Jones motioned to approve the Sick Time for part-time employees including police department to mirror the state Earned Sick Time Act with a rate of 1 hour for every 30 hours worked. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Old Business:

Committees:

a. Finance- Reviewed 2025 budget and CIP. Will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM

b. DPW- Will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM

c. Park & Rec/ Hall & Grounds- Reviewed getting an audit done of Parks and Recreation and planning to encourage the public to attend meetings.

Boards and Commissions:

a. Zoning Board of Appeals- Council Member M. Perrien motioned to approve Kelly Freed to the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried by voice vote.

b. Board of review Organizational Meeting: March 4th@10:30 AM and Board of Review Appeals: March 11th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM and March 12th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Adjournment-

Council Member M. Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

Senior Spotlight

Signs and Symptoms of Parkinson's Disease

Retired NBA power forward Brian Grant; best-selling musician Neil Diamond; star of television and film Michael J. Fox; and the forty-first president of the United States, George H.W. Bush, have had wildly different careers, but all shared one thing in common: Parkinson's disease. This is proof positive that PD touches people from all walks of life.

The National Institutes of Health say Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that affects people of all ages, races and genders. Certain factors can increase the risk of developing PD, including being over the age of 60, being male, having a family history of the disease, and exposure to certain toxins like pesticides and herbicides.

Symptoms of PD start slowly and can worsen over time. The Mayo Clinic says the first symptom of the disease may be a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand or sometimes the jaw or foot. While there is no cure for PD, early intervention therapies may slow its progression, making diagnosis at the earliest of symptoms advantageous. The following are some of the common symptoms of Parkinson's disease, courtesy of the Parkinson's Foundation and the Mayo Clinic.

- A slight shaking (tremor) in a finger, thumb, hand, or chin while at rest.

- Small handwriting, also known as micrographia, may be a sign of PD. This is when letter sizes are smaller and the words are crowded together.

- Slowed movement, also called bradykinesia, can be a symptom. People with bradykinesia may find it hard to get out of a chair, shower or get dressed. Bradykinesia also may make it more difficult to blink and a person may have less expression



in his or her face.

- Although a loss of sense of smell can be linked to a respiratory condition like the common cold or even COVID-19, no longer smelling certain foods also might be a symptom of PD.

- Loss of automatic movements, such as smiling or swinging arms while walking, can occur.

- Those with PD often have diminished posture that becomes stooped, causing balance problems and falls.

- Voice changes, such as a breathy, soft or hoarse voice, could be an indicator of PD, as can slurring of words.

- Facial masking, which involves a serious or angry looking face, is present in some people with PD.

Additional potential symptoms of PD can include vivid dreams that cause acting out, frequent need to urinate, constipation, feeling very tired, and problems with thinking and memory.

A person should see a health care professional if any of these symptoms seem familiar. A doctor can help diagnose the condition and rule out other potential causes.



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Sports

Lady Pirates Wrap Up Sole CMAC Title, 58-30 Over Laingsburg Girls

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA - The host Pirates wrapped up sole possession of the 2024-25 CMAC girls basketball championship here February 25.

P-W stayed perfect at 17-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 21-0 overall with a 58-30 conquest of Laingsburg.

Dan Morrill's Wolves moved closer to the end of the regular season at 13-8 overall, 10-7 entering a February 27 matchup at home opposite Portland St. Patrick. After that, the Wolves enter Class 'C' District action at LHS -- versus a highly-touted Ovid-Elsie squad.

At P-W, the Pirates were led by Elly Bengel with 15 points and Alonna Thelen with 9. Mallory Woodbury had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolfpack.

Lady Bees put damper on State Champion Recognition Night at LHS

LAINGSBURG- Anna Schaibly had 16 points and Aubri Torok and Anna Poppema each added 9, as Bath helped dampen the spirits of a special night at LHS.

The night was set aside to honor the 1978 State Champion Girls Softball Team for their induction into the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame.

While those events went off without a hitch, the game did not, the visiting Bees (10-9 overall, 9-7 CMAC) scoring a 51-41 victory.

The Wolves (13-7, 10-6) had difficulty their usually proficient outside shots to fall. Lilli Morrill had 14 to lead Laingsburg and Payge Woodworth had 13.

Both teams enter MHSAA District play -- in the same tournament field -- this week at LHS.



Lilli Morrill heavily covered by the Bee defense scored 14 points in the match up.
Photo by Burg Sports

Marauders Finds the Range From Behind the Arc, Oust Host Hornets from District

NEW LOTHROP -- It's tough beating a well-known, established opponent three times in a season, particularly when you share the same league.

That was Ovid-Elsie's assignment here Wednesday night in MHSAA District play: figure out a way to go 3-0 this season against a proud New Lothrop squad.

Canyon Walker's Marauders found a way, indeed, this time making it rain from behind the three-point arc.

The Hornets weren't going anywhere, at least for most of the first half, playing tight defense and holding their own on the boards. It was 13-11 after one quarter and 25-21 before O-E guard Travis Milner found his range.

Milner, leading O-E with 18 points, led an outside shooting team clinic that at one point hit 10-of-20 long range balls. The Hornets didn't have an answer, falling behind 32-23 by halftime and concluding a 65-48 loss that ended their season.

"New Lothrop is a good program with a good coach," explained Walker following the once-tight contest. "We knew they'd be ready to play. It's tough to beat a team like that three times.

"But we started hitting some big shots as the game went on."

The MHSAA semifinal win carried O-E (18-5 overall) into a second-straight District final, this time against neighboring Laingsburg, which scored a 35-29 victory over Bath in the other semifinal game.

New Lothrop completed a down season at 10-13 overall.

Mike Bancroft and Tryce Tokar supported Milner's long-range accuracy, finishing with 11 and 9 points, respectively, for the victors. Tucker Loynes supplied 9 points, Jake Bowen 8, Joie Fabus 5, Jayse Herblet 4 and Braxton O'Bryant one for the Marauders.

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Gritty 35-29 Win Sends Wolfpack Into Third-Straight District Final Game

NEW LOTHROP -- The last time Laingsburg lost a District basketball game, it was March 11, 2022 at Dansville HS. Arch-rival Bath was the villain, 54-48.

Tim Beebe's Wolfpack, packing two-straight District championships since, repaid the favor here Wednesday night. With a gritty, not-pretty, 35-29 boys basketball win, the Wolves earned the right to play in their third-straight District title contest.

Imprinted on the back of the Wolves' warm-up shirts is the one-word phrase, "Tuebor." Translated from the original latin, it means "I will defend."

They needed every court-inch of that team defense to dispatch the Bees in the District semi-final. A quick, frenetic LHS defensive effort limited Bath to 14 points in the first half, 15 in the second, as the 'Pack watched star senior power forward Mitchell George take over the contest in the final quarter -- with his scoring and rebounding -- to improve to 13-10 overall.

It was a contest where both teams went ice-cold for long stretches. Down 5-0 to start the game, the Wolves went aggressively to the rack for second-chance points to go on a 8-0 run to set the tempo for the rest of the game. Scratching and clawing for each offensive opportunity, Beebe's charges eventually built a 19-14 advantage by halftime.

But the Bees weren't going anywhere, not after getting clutch plays from big man Jacob Kuhn and fellow senior Ethan Wicks. Two rare three-pointers by Dom Garcia helped LHS maintain a 25-20 cushion heading into the final period. LHS shot just 3-for-16 from behind the arc for the game; Bath a paltry 1-for-16.

Desperate for someone to take control, the red-and-white turned to George. Scoring consistently posting up from the blocks, the Wolfpack senior scored 8 of his 12 points in the final stanza. Garcia led the winners with 13, while everyone else contributed two points: Logan Holm, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Landon Freeman, Waylon Rowley and Kollin Bentley-Barr.

Another key stat for the victors: a perfect 8-for-8 eye at the free throw line.

The two evenly-matched opponents split their regular season series in the CMAC. Bath, led by Kuhn's 10 points, ended the campaign 12-11 overall.

O-E Bowling Regionals at B's in Flint

Two Ovid-Elsie keglers, Sophomore Brooke Pugsley and Senior Brayden Gruesbeck, qualified for state singles on March 1st at JAX60 in Jackson.

The format was 6 persons with total pins to make top 7. In the girls division 67 girls made the field, in the boys division 72 were entered.

Brooke ended up 3rd with scores 225, 153, 177, 156, 127, 182 for a 1020. Brayden bowled 217, 206, 168, 186, 152, 199 for a 1128.

The format for Saturday was 6 persons, total pins, toop 16 advance to 2nd round.

Other girls finishes: Alexah Heckman 21st; Haylee Arnett 25th, Kyra Pupava 31st, Victoria Dennis 52nd, Abbiagle Orweller 56th.

Boys: Joe Zuniga 52nd, Landyn Adkins 54th, Peyton Holmes 65th.

For team top qualify to go to states. The girls had 12 teams and placed 6th. the boys had 14 teams and placed 6th.

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 4, 2025 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Organization Meeting

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Monday March 10, 2025 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM.
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Girls Basketball			
	Fowler		
	March 5 5:30 p.m.		
Vestaburg			
March 3 7:00 p.m.			
Ashley			
		March 7 7:00 p.m.	
	Breckenridge		
	March 5 7:00 p.m.		
	Fulton		

2024-25 MHSAA DIVISION 3 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 82 held at: Laingsburg High School, 8008 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848			
Girls Basketball			
	New Lothrop		
	March 5 5:30 p.m.		
Bath			
March 3 7:00 p.m.			
Perry			
		March 7 7:00 p.m.	
	Ovid-Elsie		
	March 5 7:00 p.m.		
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mario Guerrero and Leslay Guerrero, husband and wife, to PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated June 24, 2022 and recorded August 2, 2022 in Instrument Number 5327721 Clinton County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 38/100 Dollars (\$130,587.38). 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 MARCH 26, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of OLIVE, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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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: February 23, 2025
File No. 25-001609
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

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 19, 2025. 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paul J. Blankenship, a married man and Diane Blankenship, his wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 28, 2005 Recorded on April 13, 2005, in Document No. 5077700, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on May 30, 2012, in Document No. 5185102. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 53/100 Dollars (\$93,979.53) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 153, Assessor's Plat of the City of DeWitt-North, a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, the Northeast 1/4, the Northwest 1/4, the Southeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, all in Town 5 North, Range 2 West, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 1-15, of plats, Formerly Known as: The South 43.75 feet of Lots 85, 86, 87, and 88 and the North 41.25 of Lots 129, 130, 131, and 132, all in Block 15 of

the Village (not City) of DeWitt, Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (now City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00(looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 308 N Franklin St, 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.

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. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Lady Bears Winding Down the Season

by Ashleigh Shaw

With three games to go in the 24-25 regular season, the Lady Bears took on the Irish from Sacred Heart, the top team in the league, losing 73-38. "We got off to a slow start in the first quarter but were able to bounce back and be much more competitive in the last three quarters" said Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had 15 points and 8 rebounds, Marissa Brady scored 9 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, Zoe Schneider had 7 points and 5 rebounds, Karissa Brady chipped in 4 points and added 2 steals, and Peyton Rohn had 3 points.

In the next game Ashley traveled to Webberville in a nonconference game. "We had another slow start in the first quarter and it was too much for us to overcome" expressed Coach Shaw. Marissa Brady scored 10 points, Ellie Drummond had 6 points and 6 rebounds, Zoe Schneider scored 6 points, Karissa Brady score 4 points, Peyton Rohn scored a bucket and Jazmyne Good had 5 rebounds and a made free throw.



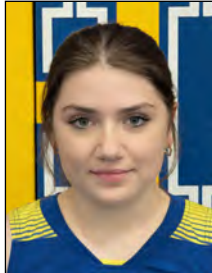
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St. Pats Ends Regular Season on High Note, 48-40 over Lady Wolves

LAINGSBURG -- Portland St. Patrick rolled into Laingsburg on Thursday evening and upended the Wolfpack, 48-40.

It was the regular season finale for both teams. Coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves enter this week's MHSAA District play at 13-9 overall, with a 10-8 final CMAC record. The Lady Shamrocks finished 17-5 on the season, 13-5 in the league.

Gracelyn Rockey had 13 points to spark St. Pats. Macie Smith and Isabella Russman added 10.

Brooklyn Holm and Payge Woodworth had 9 for the Wolfpack followed by Lilli Morrill with 8 points.

O-E Schools Board of Education Seeks Input in Superintendent Search

submitted by Crystal Loynes

The Ovid Elsie Area Schools Board of Education is beginning the process of hiring a new superintendent.

The board is soliciting community and staff input on the qualities, experiences, and skills needed in the new superintendent. Residents of the district, all staff and administration are encouraged to participate in the process.

The board is being assisted in its search by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), a service organization that supports the work of school boards throughout Michigan. Mark Palmer is facilitating the search on behalf of MASB.

Palmer will be holding meetings in the district to give the community and staff opportunity for input.

Input may also be shared via an online survey, which is available at this URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oesearch>

The survey is being administered by the MASB Executive Search team on behalf of the District and takes about ten minutes to complete. Anonymous individual responses will be combined with those from the face to face meetings with stakeholders to provide important community input to the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education as it seeks to identify the best candidate for the position.

The new superintendent is expected to assume the position July 1, 2025.

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 26, 2025. 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 Robert James and Tamara James to Polaris Home Funding Corp dated August 31, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 as Instrument No. 5148917, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Discovery Mortgage Loan Trust by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$170,179.10. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Parcel 1: That part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, T7N, R3W, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West along the East line of said Section 1460.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13' 55" West parallel with the North line of said section 27, 1309.23 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section 27; thence South 00 degrees 37' 47" East along said East 1/8 line 400.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13' 55" East 873.86 feet; thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13' 55" East 435.60 feet to point of beginning. Parcel 2: That part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 West, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan described as: commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27, thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West along the East line of said section, 1260.12 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 00 degrees 41' 49"

West 200.00; thence South 89 degrees 13' 55" West parallel with the North line of said Section 27, 435.60 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41' 49" East 200.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13' 55" East 435.60 feet to the point of beginning. Said property is commonly known as 3220 S Lowell Road, St Johns, MI 48879. 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. 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 11, 2025 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. 24-04951

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jonathan Wesley, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Date of Mortgage: May 15, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,597.06

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 272, Clinton Village No. 3, DeWitt Charter Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 15216 Chetwyn Dr, Lansing, MI 48906-1316
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).

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Date of notice: February 9, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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VICTOR TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board March 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Victor Township Board invites the public to attend a special meeting/work session to discuss the 2025-2026 budget on March 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094.

* Meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, and additional special meetings may be scheduled, as needed, with 24-hour notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4).

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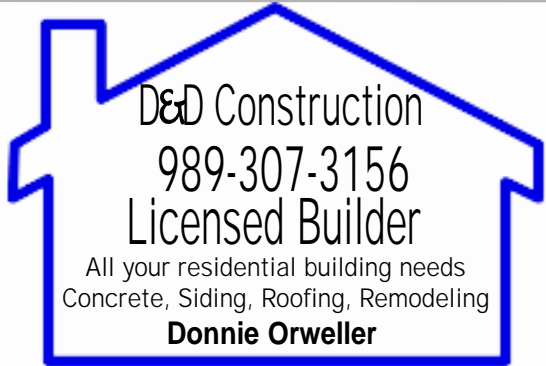


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MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Maria L. Canales and Ramon Canales III, wife and husband, whose address is 3897 Gorman Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated September 19, 2006, and recorded on September 29, 2006 with Document Number 5106792, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE COWAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OC10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OC10, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 6, 2012 and recorded on March 13, 2012 and given document number 5181658 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$212,329.67). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19 of Windy Ridge, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 51, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 3897 Gorman Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Dated: February 9, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson (P69564), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6268

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William M. Gilpin, a married man and Brenda K. Gilpin, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank
Date of Mortgage: September 22, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 26, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$134,547.60
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Greenbush, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the North line of Section 5, said point being the Northwest corner of the East 60 acres of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 5, and being distant North 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds West 1089.39 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 5, Town 8 North, Range 2 West, Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan, as defined in a survey by LLS 19003, thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds West, along the West line of the East 60 acres, a distance of 165.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds West parallel to the North line of Section 5, a distance of 264.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds East 165.00 feet to a point on the North line of Section 5; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds East, along said North line 264.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2205 W Gratiot Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879
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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Unit No. 34 in Serenity Place at Lakeside Village Condominiums, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Instrument Number 5251722, and Amendments thereto, Clinton County Records, and designated as Clinton County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 80; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and Amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as 4123 Presidents Way, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 months 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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Riddles and Scammers

Dear Readers,

I received several email responses from the riddle in last week's column. Good guesses: Two readers got it, but said they never do it. Their advice is to just buy permanent-press and be wrinkle-free. The answer to the question...what is it? was an "ironing board and iron." Way to go! Fran M and Viv H. To read the riddle, Check out last week's Ask Andy column.

So much for the idea... responses to a riddle...

Rob (bless your heart) sent me over a thousand emails, not necessarily in response to the riddle and that was not funny. Please send something that would be a contribution to social redeeming value so we can learn from our common challenges, in this complex crazy world. Did you get messages from Rob?



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Send your comments, ideas, or questions to: ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com.

P.S. Someone signed me up for Joke of the Week!! Thanks, I needed some good laughs this week.

Holy Family's Fish Fry

Loyal customers of Holy Family's Fish Fry Dinners!

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Serving starts at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you on the 14th of February and for all the other dinner dates!



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