

## District Champions



### Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Basketball

*Team Includes: Jackson Custer, Joie Fabus, Javen Belill, Tryce Tokar, Travis Milner Jr., Owen Long, Mike Bancroft, Jake Bowen, Braxton O'Bryant, Tucker Loynes, Dalton Jordan, Jayce Herblet, Manager Nolan Rasch, Head coach Canyon Walker, Asst. Coach Jason Walker, Manager Joe Bancroft.*

## Cream Rises to the Top: Wolfpack, Maruaders in District Final Thriller

NEW LOTHROP -- The cream always rises to the top.

That was the adage both Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg basketball coaches both emphasized following an epic MHSAA District championship game here February 28.

This, just after O-E had prevailed 49-46 to win its first District since 2018. This, just after the Maruaders had stopped the Wolfpack's back-to-back run of District championships.

After LHS built a 9-point second-half lead and kept O-E off-balance nearly the entire night, the Maruaders mounted their comeback in the last 3:00 of the contest.

After leading 26-22 at halftime, Laingsburg's biggest advantage came at the 2:05 mark of the third quarter, on back-to-back buckets by Leandro Dolega-Caceres made it 36-27. Jayce Herblet scored on a put-back as time expired at the end of the stanza, getting O-E back within 40-34.

The Wolves consistently spread the floor, then would hit timely back-door cuts to the basket to score on lay-ins. Their last hurrah came with 5:16 left unplayed, senior big man Mitchell George scoring off a Dom Garcia feed for a 44-37 bulge.

After that, however, it was all O-E:

Sophomore guard Travis Milner on a long '3' to make it 44-41.

Tucker Loynes with an inside move to get O-E within 44-43.

Loynes with a long '3' to knot the score at 46-46 with 1:27 left.

After the Wolves coughed up an unforced turnover, O-E guards Tryce Tokar and Milner milked the clock, playing keep-a-way on the dribble. With just seconds left, Tokar broke to the basket unimpeded and laid the ball in from the left side for a 48-46 lead with just :02.7 left to play.

The large O-E contingent erupted. Jake Bowen stole the Wolves' ensuing in-bounds pass, Milner was fouled, and he cashed in the final free throw for a 49-46 final.

"I heard some place that big-time players make big-time plays," Marauder coach Canyon Walker enthused after the game, referring to Tokar's lay-in basket and Bowen's big steal. "We just keep battling, man. We just keep battling."

Tokar, who scored 14 of O-E's initial 16 points to start the game, cooled off in the second half but still led all scorers with 21 tallies. George scored 16 to lead LHS.

O-E (19-5) won for the 4th-straight time to force a Regional tournament showdown with MMAC foe Chesaning (21-3).

Laingsburg finished 13-12 overall, having lost three of its final four contests.

That didn't phase veteran coach Tim Beebe, however. "At Laingsburg, we play for championships," he said. "The cream rises to the top. We will be back."



*Tryce Tokar surrounded by Laingsburg defenders scored 14 points during the district championship game.*

*Photo by Burg Sports*

## Consumers Energy Offices Bill Help Options for Seniors in Need This Season

*submitted by Matth Jackson*

JACKSON – Michigan's frigid winter has left its mark and for senior customers who may have seen a seasonal increase in their bills this winter, Consumers Energy stands ready to assist by connecting those age 65 and older with energy saving strategies and payment resources to help them pay their heating costs. This month, through March 31, Consumers Energy will be proactively reaching out to select senior citizens with an opportunity to review seniors' accounts and offer personalized payment assistance options to get them back in control of their energy bills.

"We want our customers to know that we are here for them 24/7, in any season," said Lauren Snyder, Consumers Energy's vice president of customer experience. "And that means we're here to help them save energy and save money. Whether it's through our various energy saving programs or through our payment assistance options, we can help our neighbors most in need."

Home heating costs account for about 30 percent of customers' energy bills, with water heaters alone accounting for almost 15 percent. In addition to payment assistance options, Consumers Energy reminds customers there are some simple steps they can take to limit their usage and save even more.

One of the easiest ways to save is by installing a programmable smart thermostat. Doing so could save as much as 20 percent on heating costs. Customers typically save 1 percent to 3 percent for every degree they dial down their thermostat. Plus, customers can save money by installing a programmable or wi-fi thermostat, often at reduced costs through ConsumersEnergyStore.com.

Seniors interested in participating in the Senior Check-in can call 888-535-9280 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Senior Check-ins will connect customers with the various payment assistance resources available that apply to their situation.

As a senior citizen, you qualify for the following assistance:

- Winter Protection: Pay part of your charges through winter months while being protected from a service disconnect during the season.

- Electric Senior Citizen Bill Credits: This income assistance credit is designed to help seniors on fixed incomes.

- o The Electric Senior Citizen provision helps you with your electric bill with an added credit of \$4 to your bill each month. Qualifying customers must meet age requirements and be the head of the household.

- o If you are eligible to receive the Electric Income Assistance credit, you will no longer receive the Electric Senior Citizen credit.

More resources:

- Michigan Aging & Adult Services Agency: Local agencies that are located within communities around the state that provide a variety of senior services and activities.

- Elder Law of Michigan: Older adults and people with disabilities can get help paying for the cost of basic needs like food, medicine, healthcare, utilities, housing and taxes.

- If your income is at or below 110% of the federal poverty level, you may qualify for the Home Heating Credit. You may apply for a Home Heating Credit for the 2024 tax year to help pay your energy bill. Even if you live in a rented apartment, mobile home or your income does not require you to file taxes, you can still apply for this credit. The deadline for filing the 2024 Michigan Home Heating Credit Claim MI-1040CR-7 is Sept. 30.

There is additional help available for anyone who needs assistance with their energy bill, no matter your age. Call 2-1-1, a free resource that connects people with nonprofit organizations or visit [consumersenergy.com/assistance](http://consumersenergy.com/assistance).

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## Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

We've got a full week ahead at the Ovid Public Library. There's something for everyone to enjoy so make sure to visit us this week.

On Monday, March 9 we will be having our Adult Booktasting. Come join us to hear what everyone is reading or to share one of your recent reads. This is a good way to find out about new authors and books that you haven't tried before. We begin at 1:00 and everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, March 12 will be our Classic Movie. Show time is 1:00 and this week we will be showing 'High Society' starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra. You are welcome to bring your own food but we do offer light snacks and drinks. Bring a friend and come enjoy this romantic comedy with us.



Children's Story Hour will be on Friday, March 14 at 10:30. Ms. Shelly has some fun books picked out and we will be doing a St. Patrick's Day related craft. Who knows, maybe the Leprechauns will visit the library as well, You'll just have to come join us to find out.

We are once again planning another craft day at the library. On Monday, March 24 we will be making a spring/Easter craft with Marilyn. This will begin at 10:30. You will need to call or come into the library to get signed up as this will be limited to 20 people.

And as always, we have puzzles, lots of puzzles that you can borrow. If you are tired of watching the same old thing on tv or just want something to do, then stop in at the Ovid Public Library and look at all the puzzles we have to share!

### FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

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## Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group will meet on Wednesday March 12 at 5:00pm at Shiawassee Council on Aging. 300 N. Washington St, Owosso. Phone 989/723/8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support group meets the second Wednesday of each month, except for bad weather.

We will be discussing issues members are dealing with. Who or what issues members might hear from about.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us.

We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support.

If you have any questions about Owosso, Parkinson Support Group, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator at 989-723-6901.

## All-You-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The St. Johns - Ovid Masonic Lodge 105, 915 W. State St., St. Johns will be holding an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 15th from 8am-11am.

Adults: \$10 per person; Children under 12 \$6.

The proceeds go to the St. Johns Senior Center.



## Amateur Radio Club



Tired of the same ol' hobbies? Join us for an hour of fun and learn about amateur radio. Come see what this hobby is all about. We meet every month and discuss a variety of topics, e.g., from talking with other hams all over the world, to using computers to talk to other computers, to participating in essential communications during local emergencies, or simply sitting back to enjoy the company of fellow hams. All while learning about electronics and electronic communications. It's a wonderfully diverse hobby – something for everyone. So, whether your eight or eighty, amateur radio has something for you.

Join us for our next meeting on Monday December 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm (\*temporarily) at the Lutheran Church\* in St. Johns, or call Dave 989-224-4993 or Hank 517-881-3488.

(\*Regular meeting location will resume at the St. Johns Public Library once renovations are complete.)



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## Rep. BeGole: Compromise on Tip Credit, Sick Leave will Protect Jobs and Small Businesses

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, issued the following statement after voting for House Bill 4002, which guarantees all workers have access to sick time while clarifying the rigid, complex rules that were originally set to take effect through a previous Michigan Supreme Court ruling from last summer. The bill also reins in “no-call, no-show” leave created through the ruling that would routinely leave small businesses, emergency medical service providers, schools and others understaffed and overwhelmed.

BeGole’s vote comes on the heels of another bipartisan agreement he voted for on Wednesday, Senate Bill 8. The bill preserves the tip credit – a crucial source of income for many workers, including in the service industry, that allows them to make even more than they would through a higher minimum wage.

After passage in both the House and Senate, HB 4002 and SB 8 will become law with the governor’s signature:

“After months of inaction from Democrats in the Senate and in majority in the House last term, House Republicans were able to bring a needed compromise to the governor that saves jobs, keeps local businesses open and protects our state and local economies from a disaster. House Republicans led on this issue. We demanded action at the end of last term and introduced reforms to start this term to ensure that this became reality.

“I wish changes had been worked out sooner so hundreds of thousands of workers and small business owners in our state didn’t have to wait until the night before the Court ruling’s effective date to see results. In the end, the legislative process worked. But state government shouldn’t kick the can down the road like this when so many livelihoods hang in the balance.

“I will continue to fight for hardworking people in our state day and night in the Legislature while protecting against blatant overreach like what we saw imposed by the Court. These plans are a better way forward.”

## Fenner Nature Centers 50th Maple Syrup Festival

submitted by Sam Ansaldi

Fenner Nature Center’s Maple Syrup Festival is back, and we’re celebrating for two days this year! Mark your calendars for March 22 & 23 and join us from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day for a weekend of maple-themed fun.

Festival favorites are returning, including “Flapjacks for Fenner,” our all-you-can-eat pancake fundraiser, for just \$10 a plate. Don’t miss your chance to catch a pancake from Chris Cakes, Guinness World Record pancake flippers.

In addition to Flapjacks for Fenner, visitors can explore the trails and check out the sap-boiling demonstrations, tree-tapping lessons, and hands-on educational activities in the Maple Grove. Specialty maple treats like cotton candy, root beer, maple tea, and more will be available for purchase, with all proceeds supporting Fenner Conservancy’s mission to connect people to nature through conservation, education, and stewardship.

As a fundraiser for Fenner Conservancy, the nonprofit that manages Fenner Nature Center in collaboration with the City of Lansing, this event plays a vital role in sustaining educational programs and conservation efforts throughout the year. Your help in spreading the word is truly appreciated.

Parking is limited at Fenner Nature Center, but Dean Transportation will provide a free shuttle service from their lot.

I’ve attached a press release with more details on the festival. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Sam, our Education Director, or me!



### 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

### CITY OF OVID Draft Special Meeting February 27, 2025

#### Open Public Meeting:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Special Meeting to order at 7:15 PM in the Council room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

#### Roll Call:

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

Guests- There were 2 guests present Susan Tomasek Swan- Clerk and Scott Gould- City's Attorney.

#### Agenda

Council Member L. Perrien made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:17 pm Closed: 7:17 pm - None

#### New Business:

a) Personnel Issue – Atty Gould addressed council the employee has requested a closed session to discuss the disciplinary action.

Council Member M. Olger motioned to enter into closed session at 7:19 PM.

Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones

Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: None

Absent: E. Starn

Council entered into closed session at 7:19 PM

Council exited closed session at 7:56 PM

Council Member M. Jones motioned to follow the Personnel Committee recommendation and suspend R. Simpson for 10 working days without pay.

Council member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Jones, E. Brown, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz.

Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: None

Absent: E. Starn

**Final Comments:** none

Adjournment-

Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Tomasek Swan, 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

## Darlene Fern Evans

Darlene Fern Evans, age 84, of Ashley, MI, passed away Thursday, February 27, 2025, at her home.

Darlene was born in Ashley, Michigan on May 7, 1940, the daughter of Chester Arthur and Leota Daphane (Morse) Robbennolt. Darlene married Ernest Evans on September 3, 1958, in Angola, IN. Ernest passed February 24, 2001. Darlene worked as a cook for Ashley Schools for over 20 years.

She enjoyed seeing her children and grandchildren at school while she worked there. Darlene loved camping, watching wildlife in her yard and watching baseball. She looked forward to hosting holidays and dinners with her family. Her family was most important to her and she treasured spending time with them.

She is survived by her children: Christene Lund of Grand Rapids, MI; Ernie and Tonya Evans of Brethren, MI; Cathleen and Eric Wegner of Ashley, MI; and Char and Matt Shubitowski of Carson City, MI; grandchildren: Rachael and Adam Sprik, Heather Lund and Thomas Zieba, Kara and Dave Danowski, Shaine and Jeff Savoie, Tyler Evans, Brandi and Ben Orweller, and Ken Shubitowski. She is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings and a great grandson.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, MI.

Memorials may be made to Ashley Schools. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## Barbara Jean “Barb” Soliz

Barbara Jean "Barb" Soliz, age 86, of Elsie, MI, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Barbara was born in Ionia County, MI on February 12, 1939, the daughter of Seth and Iva (Townsend) Noble. Barb married Ralph Soliz, Jr. on August 22, 1959 in Ovid, MI. She graduated from Ovid High School with the class of 1958. She graduated from the Mid-Michigan School of Practical Nursing in Harrison in 1982. She continued training in gerontology at Lansing Community College and was able to practice nursing for 20 years. Barb retired in 2002 from Ashley Healthcare Center. Barb enjoyed writing, poetry and camping in Lake City, MI. She had a love for reading and especially enjoyed the Bible and Karen Kingsbury series. Barb and Ralph were very active in many churches they attended throughout the years.

She is survived by her husband Ralph Soliz, Jr. of Elsie, MI; children: Lisa (Neil) Criner of Elsie, MI; Tim (Michele) Soliz of Oakley, MI; Steve (Susan) Soliz of St. Johns, MI; and Rebecca Soliz (special friend Dr. Mark Holley) of Ovid, MI; grandchildren: Jennifer (Eric) Zuniga, Amy Jo (JC) Stoll, Matthew (Michelle) Criner, Rachael Soliz, Philip Soliz, Travis (Maria) Soliz, Nick LaPrell, Jason (Jodie) LaPrell, Jeannine LaPrell, Samantha (Evan) Bucher, Samantha (Robbie) Dobski, Sabreena Soliz, Mikaylah Poli, Justin Poli (Vayda Clingerman), and Alaina & Joshua Poli. She is also survived by 29 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, her brothers: Harold and Joyce Noble and Larry and Sandy Noble. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Gary (Sue) Noble, and her daughter Laura Soliz.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Saturday, March 8, 2025.

Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to help cover final expenses. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan



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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

163 W. Main St., Elsie  
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Pastor Phillip Rogers

### Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg  
517-651-5531

Worship Service: 10:30am  
Pastor:  
Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

### Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid  
989-834-2573



Minister:  
Pastor Kendra  
Holcomb-Densmore  
Worship Service  
9:00 a.m.

### Bannister United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship 11:15am

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## Charles Wayne “Chuck” Henry

Charles Wayne "Chuck" Henry, age 78, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Charles was born in St. Johns, Michigan on August 27, 1946, the son of Cecil and Irene (Houseman) Henry. He was a graduate of Fulton High School with the Class of 1964. On January 15, 1966 he married the love of his life, Bonnie Jo Baker at the Maple Rapids Methodist Church. Chuck and Bonnie had a wonderful and loving life together; he always wanted what was best for Bonnie and found a way to have it happen in his special way.

Chuck retired from General Motors as a pipefitter in Lansing, MI. He had a strong interest in old cars and reading the AutoTrader. Chuck enjoyed westerns and read anything written by Louis L'Amour. Doting on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him the greatest joy but his children had him wrapped around his little finger. Chuck will be remembered for his wonderful teasing personality. He was known as a curmudgeon with a heart of gold.

Chuck is survived by his wife Bonnie Henry of St. Johns, MI; son Michael and Sandy Henry of St. Johns, MI; daughter Lori and Matt Hill of St. Johns, MI; daughter Teresa and Sky Foster of St. Johns, MI; daughter Jessica and Travis Pasma, of Williamston, MI; 12 grandchildren: Elizabeth, Michelle, Shayna, Lillian, Asa, Laurel, Gabriel, Skyler, Shannon, Alek, Callie, and Kyle; 6 great-grandchildren: Elijah, Bensen, Emery, Rylee, Arya, and Wynter; sister Sue Allen, of Fowler, MI; step-sister Georgia Fedewa of Perrinton, MI; step-sister Debbie Schrader of St. Johns, MI. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Josephine Henry and his brothers: Ted and Bill Henry.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Maple Rapids Community Center, 209 Union Street, Maple Rapids, MI 48853 at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 9, 2025, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation or McLaren Home Hospice. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is three in the morning and though my brain isn't blank, I'm having trouble conveying my crazy thought process. I saw a therapist yesterday that was explaining some exercises that I was to perform. My convoluted brain cells harked back to the day of the late sixties and the crocodile rock "dance" where you drop to the floor on all fours doing a stylized push-up. Or possibly a hip thrusting dirty dancing episode. I explained that though I could get to the floor for the crocodile I probably wouldn't have the energy to get back up... So now a stylized set of push-ups on the stairway are to suffice until I get back my strength to correctly execute the crocodile on the living room floor. Such is life.

Yesterday I was reminded that the Elba Sunshine Club was meeting and I finally made it (after closing the shop and delivering some pineapple zucchini treats). I have belonged to the club for about four years and have not been able to make the meetings very often. Granted I was about forty minutes late but I did get to enjoy the company of the other ladies for about an hour. It was a lovely change of pace and I got to see my super friends Carol and Dorothy. It put a smile on my face and touched my heart. Sometimes we forget to enjoy the simple things that life brings us. Family and friends are a great blessing. I also enjoyed the half sub open faced pizza.

This morning I need to make another batch of cookies right away. There are only seven left from yesterday morning. I also need to make more cream cheese frosting for the mini pineapple zucchini cakes and frost them. Diane and Brent should be getting back from Nebraska by the time the shop is opened. In fact they will be running the gauntlet of enthusiastic pets who have missed them. Tammy has been extremely helpful in their absence. I'm glad that I listened to Diane's council on seeing if Tammy could come in earlier. Even gladder that Tammy could step in and help. Breakfast burritos on the thirteenth and fourteenth next week.

Today after work, Tammy's son Charlie is coming down to pick up that memory foam twin mattress that I had purchased (and couldn't get back into the box). First I had it setting in the hallway resting against the stairwell wall. It stopped me from reaching canned goods so I managed to get it on the stairway with hopes of getting it to the second floor. It proved to be to ungainly so I was going to ask my Noah to move it upstairs for me. It blocked the stairway so I haven't been able to climb the stairs to sleep in my bed for the past week. No worries, I still have the hospitable bed in the living room, but it does put a crimp in my rising happily every morning. This morning it almost landed me on my tush which would have been a great aggravation. I have put a foot stool near the foot of the bed so that Prudence can make it to her nesting place at the foot of the bed. I'm glad that she has kept her svelte figure and doesn't weigh more than fourteen pounds. You do understand that fourteen pounds of push from one of her front paws always seems to come between a tendon and a muscle or readily activates the urge to purge. Either one of these acts wake me up with a jolt. Fortunately they don't happen very often.

There is a great possibility that I will actually make the trek through my yard and pick up fallen limbs this afternoon. I hope that there will be no high winds that could trip me up or that Thomas Tripper will leave me alone, he is a persistent little cuss. I suppose that I could swat the little blighter with one of the sticks that I pick up. It would be a healthy and beneficial exercise. I'm surprised that there aren't more branches down oops, I forgot to check the willow tree. Surely there will be more days in the sun soon. I still have several snow drifts on my west yard but only in patches. Soon we will be back into mowing our lawns and hoeing our gardens. And attending Farmer's Markets on weekends. I'm looking forward to St Johns in June. I hope that I will have attained my energized self by then. May your days be filled with friendship and family, be happy and smile. May God bless you.

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## Raising Emotionally Happy Children on a Budget

Dear Andy,

What's going on in the world? Groceries, gas, and everything is so expensive. I have 3 growing kids to feed and clothe. I do not get regular child-support and I am trying my best without neglecting my family's needs. I work a typical 8-hour day, we eat dinner together when we can. And, I make pretty good money but it is never enough. The kids Nickle and dime me every day. I mean \$5 and \$10 and more every day. What can I do?

Mom no Money

Dear Mom,

Sounds like you are doing your best. Paying bills can be stressful and may feel, as if there is not quite enough. I suggest, absolutely no credit cards. Set up a payoff amount with autopay. Pay double or more, because the balance on the card is charged the interest on your next month's bill. When your card is paid off, put that amount into savings. When your kids are teens they will want a vacation or a spring break and growing teens eat even more. Then you will have the money at the time you want it and will need it. If you cannot get ahead on your card(s) to pay off, completely, most cc companies have a settlement negotiator. It is not always wise; it could affect your credit rating. But that can be rebuilt but without a credit card. Commercials and availability make it too tempting for anyone. Spend only what you have. List your expenses and learn to stay in your budget. List your fixed amounts, such as housing, insurance, water, and electric, on paper. Set up a budget for flexible priced items in your spending. If your budget is \$125 a week for groceries, you cannot spend \$187. If your budget is \$30 for jeans, don't spend

Next, make sure you have a 401 K or stock savings plan where you work. Even if you are not staying forever at that job, or think you cannot afford it; sign up for an employer match program you can roll over the funds into another plan. Never borrow from it, trust me, you will need it when you retire. Time flies when you're having fun living life and raising kids. Kids are out on their own before you know it. You will need it for yourself. Things are only going to get more expensive.

When my kids were teens. I felt the same way...so I figured out doing their chores was worth \$50 per week. Weekly allowance paid for school lunches, BB games, wrestling and track meets, roller skating, football, snacks, fast food, and a whole lot of other stuff. They had to budget. They decided and chose what their priorities were. It was a good life-skill to take into their adult life. My kids are great budgeters now, as adults. Today, the trend for teens is to have a Venmo® card. Check it out, it is worth it, and you know where the money is going.

So nice to hear you eat your dinner together as a family, when you can. Set the phone aside during dinner and listen to what they have to say. Sometimes they won't want an opinion, just a listener. Don't forget family movies and game night! Moms, Don't feel bad or go into debt to provide the whims of your children. They mostly need approval and love. Not a lot of money to buy something they will never remember.

To raise emotionally secure children, I highly recommend a book entitled, Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child by John Gottman, PhD Simon and Schuster.com ISBN#: 978-0-684-83865-6. I took Dr. Gottman's class. It was outstanding. Readers: I share what I know and what I don't know I will find out for you. Please feel free to write: [ask\\_andy@aol.com](mailto:ask_andy@aol.com) or [askandyforadvise@gmail.com](mailto:askandyforadvise@gmail.com). Love, Andy



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### The Rossi Brawler

No, this column isn't about some rogue overgrown predator roaming the northern woods of Michigan or an out of control bar patron from across the county line. The Rossi Brawler is a relatively new single shot pistol chambered in .45 Long Colt and .410 2.5"/3" shotgun shell. While by no means is it pretty or beautiful in appearance unless you consider; utilitarian look, purpose, and performance of a pistol as something to admire or adore. Once in the hand and after firing a few rounds it is not hard to justify the ownership of this firearm.

It took quite some time for the Weekly Sportsman to actually acquire a Rossi Brawler. It was literally a process of "third time's a charm." Locally, the only place available and in stock for purchase was at Dunham's. The first attempt was in December of 2023 at the Frandor location where things went south near the completion of the sale. After the background check, payment, additional paperwork, etc. was finished they were trying to jam it in the box, with the trigger lock on, causing a hole to be punched through the cardboard. Objecting to the box being ruined because it may be gifted to a son for Christmas the manager declared that this was a straw sale and the sale was prohibited. After thirty minutes of arguing about the law the Weekly Sportsman was finally reimbursed and put on a 90 day no buying list. Clearly the manager did not understand state or federal firearms laws and kept stating misinformation about Michigan's new gun laws which hadn't even gone into effect. Regardless, the Weekly Sportsman left as an unhappy customer but six months later started the purchase process again but at the Lansing Mall location. The store employee literally broke the handgun trying to remove the trigger lock so that sale was cancelled. Finally, the stars all aligned at the store location in St. Johns and the Weekly Sportsman owned a Rossi Brawler. For some reason, one wasn't enough and now there are three.

At first glance the pistol looks like something for a five second bug out go bag or maybe kept around the farm to quickly dispatch varmints. It would also serve well tucked into the front of a survival flight vest or kept as a truck gun. At close range, maybe an option for deer hunting and self defense. Simple to use and lightweight it has open sights, a picatinny rail for optics along with non-slip rubber grip and forearm. Designed and built with a recoil reducing back strap and a weight of a little less than 2.5 pounds the recoil is easy on the hand and wrist even when shooting heavy loads. There are pros and cons with shooting .410 shells through the rifled nine inch barrel. At close range, #6 through #9 shot performed well at close range (5 to 7 yards) on stationary clay targets and red solo cups but on paper some deficiencies were illustrated. The rifling of the barrel puts a twist on the bb's and some wander off the target and a small center hole begins to develop with no hits. However, at close range, the job gets adequately done. No .410 self defense or buckshot loads were tested. All three handguns were shot with .45 Long Colt loads and the most accurate pistol at 25 yards, with open sights, was selected for mounting an Aimpoint 7000 S2X red dot. Moving up to 15 yards, four different loads of ammunition with five shots offhand produced the following results:

1.05" Remington 250 Grain Lead Round Nose, Target, Muzzle 750 fps & 312 ft./lbs. 1.8" Hornady 225 Grain FTX, Hunting, Muzzle 950 fps & 460 ft./lbs. 2.30" Barnes 200 Grain XPB HP, Hunting, Muzzle 1025 fps & 467 ft./lbs. 2.30" Aguila 200 Grain Lead Flat Nose, Target, Muzzle 600fps & 160 ft./lbs.

The Barnes rounds felt very stout and of course the Aguila rounds felt like lightweights, however, the Remington rounds were most accurate. All that being said, the Weekly Sportsman would opt for the Hornady option if hunting deer because of positive experiences with Hornady flex tips and negative experiences with Barnes copper hollow points. The latter tend to clog on entry from deer hide, tissue, and fat thus causing expansion issues and pass through without dumping energy. Of course, the true test will be at very close range (under 15 yards) during deer season because at further ranges; accuracy, velocity, energy, and trajectory really start to become a problem with this pistol and ammunition caliber combination.

The pistol is cheap to own and is usually around \$225 but the ammunition costs can quickly exceed the initial investment. It is hard to find .45 Long Colt under \$1.50 a round and the price of .410 shells continues to rise along with becoming very scarce on shelves. Fortunately, both are easy to handload...

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# Ovid-Elsie FFA Competes in Leadership Contests

*submitted by: Trinity Ziola, Chapter Parliamentarian*

Ovid-Elsie FFA was well represented at District and Regional levels in multiple Leadership Career Development Events. On January 29th, 2025, students competed in district-level competitions at Owosso High School. Corbyn Janes (GOLD), Clarissa Baese (GOLD), and Alexis Lucier (SILVER) competed in the FFA Job Interview Contest. Our Parliamentary Procedure team, consisting of Danica Bancroft, Ashlyn Fabus, Reid Roberts, James Kelly, Abigail Lehman, Robert Kebler, Joshua Miller, and Jeremiah Stewart (Alternate), earned a Gold Award and a spot at the Regional competition. The Demonstration team made up of Meadow Evans, Mitchell Gonzalez, and Jacob Miller, received Gold and is the alternate to the Regional competition. The other Demonstration team made up of Trinity Ziola, Cheyenne Kline, and Jillian Williams received Silver. Jamie Houska competed in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking and received Gold and a spot at Regionals. Savannah Stornant (GOLD), Alizabeth Throop (SILVER), and Lila Goodrich (GOLD) competed in the Creed Speaking contest. The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team consisting of Lily Miller, KyLynn Salyer, Audrey Allen, Sarah Clark, Liam Fabus, Sofia Connelly, Nolan Moore (Alternate),

and Elizabeth Kebler, received Gold and a spot at the Regional competition. Additionally, Rebecca Lehman competed in Junior High Public Speaking and received a Gold and a spot at the Regional Competition.

Regional level leadership competition was held on February 19, 2025, at Fowlerville High School. Jamie earned a Silver Award at Regionals in her Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest. The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team consisting of Sarah Clark, KyLynn Salyer, Audrey Allen, Sofia Connelly, Nolan Moore, Lily Miller, and Elizabeth Kebler did a great job earning Gold being the Regional Winners and going straight to the state finals. The Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of Danica Bancroft, Ashlyn Fabus, Reid Roberts, Abigail Lehman, James Kelly, Joshua Miller, Jeremiah Stewart, and Robert Kebler (Alternate) earned a Gold award and is the State Alternate. Rebecca Lehman earned a Gold Award and will be in the State Semifinals in the Junior High Public Speaking Contest.

The State Leadership Contests are being held March 5-7, 2025 on the campus of Michigan State University.



Job Interview (L to R): Clarissa Baese, Alexis Lucier, and Corbyn Janes who competed in the Job Interview contest.



Demonstration #1 (L to R): Meadow Evans, Jacob Miller, and Mitchell Gonzalez who competed in the District Demonstration contest



Parliamentary Procedure (L to R): Reid Roberts, Dancia Bancroft, James Kelly, Ashlyn Fabus, Abigail Lehman, Robert Kebler, Joshua Miller, and Jeremiah Stewart who competed in the Parliamentary Procedure contest at District and Regional Contests.



Demonstration #2 (L to R): Cheyenne Kline, Trinity Ziola, and Jillian Williams who competed in the District Demonstration contest



Junior High Conduct of Meetings (L to R): Lilian Miller, KyLynn Salyer, Sarah Clark, Nolan Moore, Sofia Connelly, Audrey Allen and Elizabeth Kebler who competed in the Junior High Conduct of Meetings contest at District and Regional Contests.



Junior High Prepared Public Speaking: Rebecca Lehman who competed in the Junior High Prepared Public Speaking contest at Districts and Regionals.



FFA Creed: Alizabeth Throop, Lila Goodrich, and Savannah Stornat competed in the FFA Creed Speaking District contest.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Jamie Houska who competed in the District and Regional Extemporaneous Public Speaking contests.



## SPORTS



### Ovid-Elsie All Conference Bowling

1st Team girls: Brooke Pugsley  
1st Team boys: (l-r): Brayden Gruesbeck, Devyn Pugsley

### Ovid-Elsie Bowlers at States

submitted by Matt Fabus

JAX 60 in Jackson was the site for Division 3 State Finals for OE. Two bowlers represented the school in Saturdays action in singles.

56 bowlers in each division. The format was 6 petersons, total pins for top 16 move to second round.

Brooke Pugsley bowled 174, 159, 204, 166, 201, 152 for 1066 and was 4 pins short of the cut.

Brayden Gruesbeck bowled 177, 173, 203, 143, 140, 157 for 993. He placed 50th.

Over all it was a great season for OE.

The pot luck banquet will be March 25th at Ovid-Elsie High School cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

### Ashley Finishes Season with Two Losses

by Ashleigh Shaw

The first lost came in the regular season to neighboring Breckenridge 62-39. Ashley got off to a slow start and turned the ball over against the full court pressure of the



Karissa Brady



Ellie Drummond

14 points and 6 rebounds, Ellie Drummond followed just shy of a double-double with 10 points and 9 rebounds, Peyton Rohn scored 9 points adding 7 rebounds and 4 steals, Marissa Brady scored 4 points and grabbed 4 rebounds, while Gracyn MacAllister scored a bucket.

In the pre-district game, the Bears faced off with the Wolverines from Vestaburg, a team that is also a part of the MSAC, making this the third matchup of the season. Ashley went down big in the first quarter, but continue to battle all night, cutting the lead to 8, but turned the ball over soon after, making the 8 points as close as the Bears got on the night. Ashley lost by a score 53-38. Drummond had 16 points and 7 rebounds, M. Brady scored 11 points, Karissa Brady added 8 points grabbed 12 rebounds and had 4 assists, and Jazmyne Good scored a bucket and grabbed 5 rebounds.

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## SPORTS

## Lady Wolfpack Rides Holm's Scoring Touch to District Upset of Ovid-Elsie

LAINGSBURG -- Just five nights earlier, basketball teams from neighboring Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg high schools had met in the District championship tilt.

The Marauders stunned the Wolfpack in the final 2:00 of play, and took home a thrilling 49-46 District title win.

Five nights later, Laingsburg's Lady Wolfpack girls basketball team returned the favor.

The 18-3 Lady Marauders entered the contest as a prohibitive favorite, but with Wolfpack basketball royalty in the house and a large and enthusiastic crowd looking on, the Wolves scored a stunningly easy 48-34 win that vaulted them into Friday night's District #83 title game vs. New Lothrop. Hall of Fame former coach Greg Mitchell watched as two of his former proteges coached their respective teams: Shaun McKinney for O-E, Daniel Morrill for LHS.

The Wolves were coming off a three-game losing streak that had their overall record droop to 13-9.

But the Wednesday night semi-final matchup was a breakout game for LHS freshman Brooklyn Holm, who came out hitting everything and ended with career-high 29 points to lead all scorers.

How good was Holm? She scored 11 of her team's first 13 points for a quick 13-5 lead. At halftime, Holm had 18 points, Mallory Woodbury 4, and the host Wolves led 22-14.

The Marauders never recovered.

Whenever they went on a run, Laingsburg had an answer. "We're a shooting team," said 1st-year O-E coach McKinney, himself a former LHS standout on the hardwood. "When we're not hitting our shots, it can be a long night. And tonight was a long night."

"Give Laingsburg a lot of credit. Holm was the difference, but their defense and overall team play was outstanding. They've got a good coach and they were the better team tonight."

Wolfpack 1st-year coach Morrill -- another former LHS standout on the hardwood -- explained his team had to be at its best to beat a team that caliber of the Marauders. "Give our girls all the credit," he said. "They stuck to the game plan and did everything we could ask of them. Ovid-Elsie has a great program and Shaun is doing great things. To beat them is a real accomplishment for our girls."

Holm was supported by Lilli Morrill with 7 points and 11 rebounds for the victors. Payge Woodworth and each had 6.

For O-E, Dannika Campbell and Ellyanna Carman each had 8 points. Tava Kvalevog and Alyson Moore each hit long triples in the final quarter to keep the Marauders close, but free throw accuracy from Holm and Woodworth in the final 2:00 iced the win.



*OE Defenders Ellyanna Carman and Tava Kvalevog put the pressure on Wolfpack Brooklyn Holm who scored 29 points at district playoffs.*

*Photo by Burg Sports*

## Lumen Christi's 4th-Quarter Blitz Cost Ovid-Elsie Boys' Regional Title

JITHACA -- For the initial time in school history, Ovid-Elsie advanced to a MHSAA boys' Regional Final -- their first in 57 years.

Jackson Lumen Christi made sure the first time was short-lived, blitzing the Marauders 25-11 over the fourth quarter and ending an outstanding O-E season.

Continuing on, the Titans moved to 23-3 overall, while Canyon Walker's upstart Marauders ended at 20-6.

Upstart? The Marauders were an even bet to win their District at New Lothrop, then used a 4th-quarter blitz to get past Laingsburg, 49-46. They were underdogs opposite MMAC champion Chesaning in the Regional's first round, but led comfortably for most of that game while stifling the Indians with their defense.

The same approach very nearly brought O-E its first-ever Regional championship. After falling behind 13-6 and 20-12 to start the contest, O-E cooled off the Titans' long-range shooting and roared back to knot the score, 20-20, at halftime. Jayce Herblet sparked the rally with a turnaround jumper and a sweet assist to Jake Bowen, and Tryce Tokar's scoop-and-score tied the score at intermission.

The blue-and-gold took charge in the 3rd quarter. Clutch buckets by Travis Milner, Tucker Loynes, Herblet, Tokar and Bowen made it 37-30. Then came perhaps the turning point. With Tokar on the bench with four fouls, the officials waved off a 3-pointer for stepping out of bounds, and the Titans came right back down to score. That 5-point swing kept it at Ovid-Elsie 37, Lumen Christi 32 into the final period.

O-E's last lead came on a Milner feed to Loynes, 41-39. Lumen Christi standout guard Zack Tropea canned his 4th 3-pointer of the night for a 44-1, and the Titans blazed. Forced to take chances, the Marauders gave up a couple of fast-break layins, and Lumen Christi started to cash in at the free throw stripe. Tropea's two free throws in the final seconds iced the outcome, 57-48.

Tropea led all scorers with 23 points. Tokar sparked O-E with 16 points in his final game. Loynes added 12, Milner 6, Herblet 4 and Javen Belill a pair. Bowen provided most of the inside muscle for the Marauders, hitting for 7 points and grabbing 5 rebounds.

Lumen Christi advanced to the Division 3 Quarterfinal round vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard. On the other side of the bracket was another mid-Michigan favorite, Pewamo-Westphalia, preparing for a possible semifinal showdown.

## No Mas: Marauder Muscle Stifles High-Scoring Tribe in Regional Semis

ITHACA -- No mas. This third matchup between Chesaning's and Ovid-Elsie's basketball teams was not for the faint of heart.

The Marauder defense came out swinging -- and after a brief spurt to start the contest -- stymied the Indians at every turn in a 44-39 Regional semifinal contest at Ithaca High School that was worth every bit of the hype.

The two MMAC behemoths had split their season series, O-E winning at Chesaning 58-55, and the Indians returning the favor at O-E later in the campaign, the Tribe enroute to an eventual league crown.

Chesaning added a St. Charles' District trophy to its hardware haul before Canyon Walker's Marauders said no mas -- "no more" -- in their contest since winning a District championship of their own at New Lothrop.

The Indians jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on quick drives to the basket, and a pair of defensive blocks. Jake Bowen then broke the ice for O-E on an offensive put-back, and after Travis Milner bucketed five-straight points, the Marauders took early command 11-8.

A familiar pattern then emerged that was the calling card of the Marauders' District run: they shutdown the opponents' ability to hit long-range shots. Chesaning started 0-for-5 from behind the arc, and combine that with Marauder muscle that snatched up most of the rebounds; it was too tough a combination for the Tribe to overcome.

Chesaning was forced into 7 turnovers in the first 9:00 by O-E's oppressive defense. The Marauders crashed the boards for 7 offensive caroms in the first 10:00, and Milner kept the contest close with a pair of 3-balls, along with a Javen Belill drive, that knotted the score at halftime 18-18.

After that O-E turned up the heat even further and the second half was mostly the Marauders'. Tryce Tokar found his scoring touch for a layin, and Milner hit another long '3' for a 23-21 lead. Tokar scored on a putback of a missed free throw, then scored on a breakaway to end the 3rd quarter with Ovid-Elsie holding a ten-point cushion.

Through it all, credit the Marauder defense, swarming over the high-scoring Indians and limiting them to a season-low 39 points.

Bowen, Tokar and Jayce Herblet scored crucial buckets in the final quarter, while the CHS shooting woes continued -- just 6-of-14 from the free throw line.

Chesaning finished 21-4 overall, while O-E (20-5) advanced to play Jackson Lumen Christi for the Regional crown.





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**Advertisement Notice** is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on April 9, 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Hoke Jr, Single Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Stockton Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: July 12, 2019 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 15, 2019 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$144,703.51 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 18, distant South 89°58'48" West 2512.15 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 7 North, Range 1 West, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, as defined in a survey by L.L.S. #19003; thence South 00°18'35" East parallel to the East line of Section 18, a distance of 169.00 feet; thence South 89°58'48" West, parallel to the East-West 1/4 line of Section 18, a distance of 149.84 feet to a point on the North-South 1/4 line of Section 18; thence North 00°21'46" West along said North-South 1/4 line, a distance of 169.00 feet to a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 18; thence North 89°58'48" East along said East-West 1/4 line of Section 18 a distance of 150.00 feet to the point of beginning Parcel 2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 7 North, Range 1 West, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that

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is South 89°58'48" West on the East and West 1/4 line a distance of 2512.15 feet and South 00°18'35" East 169.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence continuing South 00°18'35" East 400.68 feet; thence North 83°51'50" West 150.45 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 18; thence North 00°22'08" West (recorded as North 00°21'46" West) on said North and South 1/4 line a distance of 384.55 feet, said point beginning South 00°22'08" East (recorded as South 00°21'46" East) on said North and South 1/4 line a distance of 169.00 feet from the Interior 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence North 89°58'48" East 149.84 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 4500 Wildcat Rd., Saint Johns, MI 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 03/09/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 319877

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TION 11, TOWN 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, VICTOR TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE SOUTH 10 RODS, THENCE EAST 20 RODS, THENCE NORTH 16 RODS, THENCE WEST 20 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 6 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 6371 Upton Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848 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. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 9, 2025. Said premises are located in the Township of BATH, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DRYER'S ADDITION TO BATH AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 26, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SEC-

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ONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID DRYERS ADDITION AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 170.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION ; SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 OF SAID DRYER'S ADDITION 144.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 2 OF SAID DRYER'S ADDITION 126.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE 144.61 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 126.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; 5722 Clark Rd, Bath, Michigan 48808 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 9, 2025 File No. 25-002255 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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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF CLINTON  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Revocable Trust**

The Martin Herstein and Janey Ladd Revocable Trust  
Dated January 26, 2022  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The Grantor, **Martin Herstein**, whose date of birth was May 26, 1938,

who lived at 13040 Sherrington Drive, DeWitt, MI 48820, died on February 10, 2025. Currently there is no Personal Representative for a probate estate of the Grantor to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the grantor/decedent are notified that all claims against The Martin Herstein and Janey Ladd Revocable Trust Dated January 26, 2022 will be forever barred unless presented to the trustee, Ellen Ransley, or to the Gallagher Law Firm, PLC, Attn: Craig S. Gerard, at 6025 N. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Craig S. Gerard (P66855)  
The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC  
6025 N. Hagadorn Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
(517) 853-1510  
Ellen Ransley, Trustee  
4221 Davlind Drive  
Holt, MI 48842  
(517) 290-0394

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE** Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 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 dgrees 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 dgrees 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 dgrees 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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**BID FOR SCIOTA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY SEXTON:**

Sciota Township is accepting bids through Wednesday, April 9th 2025, for a 4-year cemetery sexton contract. Position includes interment for burial of cremains or caskets and knowledge of cemetery laws and burial procedures. Requires independent judgment in determining methods of completion to carry out assignments. Duties include working knowledge of techniques, materials and practices of gravesite interment; interaction with funeral directors and families, either in person, by telephone, or in writing concerning burial directives for cremains or caskets. Installs markers and headstone monument foundations, provides burial information to the township clerk for record keeping purposes. Coordinates with branches of the military for the delivery of military markers and marker installation. Must be available to work Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday weekends, if necessary. Some proficiency with computer skills is necessary for public communication and invoicing. Submit full name, home address, email address, and 10-digit telephone number with dates of applicable experience and summary of work performed, 2 letters of reference, proof of license and insurance, along with proposed fees/rates for the following work services.

SERVICE	RATE
Foundations (Marker size plus 2" border) quote \$ per square inch	
Coordination of and Installation of Military markers	
Opening and Closing Regular Burial (Weekdays, Year-around)	
Opening and Closing Regular Burial (Sat-Sun and Holidays)	
Opening and Closing Child Burial (Weekdays, Year-around)	
Opening and Closing Child Burial (Sat-Sun and Holidays)	
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Bids are due Wednesday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m. Must include proof of license and insurance with bid. Criminal background clearance required post offer. Email or send via USPS mail to: Sciota Township Clerk, 8430 W Parker Rd., Laingsburg MI 48848-9640.

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
Email: [clerk@sciotatownship.net](mailto:clerk@sciotatownship.net)  
Office: 517-651-5286

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BEGINNING.LESS AND EXCEPTA PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, T6N, R2W, OLIVE TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE N00 DEGREES 37'23"E ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 779.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING N00 DEGREES 37'23"E ALONG SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 13.33 FEET; THENCE S89 DEGREES 51'23"E PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 326.70 FEET; THENCE S00 DEGREES 37'23"W PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE 25.87 FEET, THENCE N87 DEGREES 39'28"W 326.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 0.14 ACRE MORE OR LESS; INCLUDING 0.01 ACRE MORE OR LESS PRESENTLY IN USE AS PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; SAID PARCEL SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS IF ANY.SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORDS, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE 10875 Bond Road, Dewitt, Michigan 48820 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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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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**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust**

The Arthur W, Magsig Trust, dated February 20, 2009, and amended January 7, 2021  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:\***  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, **ARTHUR W. MAGSIG**, who lived at 9745 S. US-27, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 Died: January 12, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of "The Arthur W. Magsig Trust" within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Paul Jacob Magsig  
419 Chartiers Ave.  
Canonburg, PA 15317

Pratl Law, PC  
Alexa B. Pratl P83426  
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(03-09)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate**

The Settlor,  
**JAMES L. TINGAY SR.**  
Dated of Birth: June 28, 1936 lived at 1430 Primrose Ln., DeWitt, MI 48820 Died November 10, 2024  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letter of Administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the James L. Tingay & Patricia A. Tingay Rev. Liv. trust dated September 25, 2006 as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Ann M. Tingay or Sylvia K. Tingay, personal representatives, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Ann M. Tingay  
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Sylvia K. Tingay  
10216 Pats Place  
Fowlerville, MI 48836  
(517) 974-7879

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

Estate of JOANN MARIE SCHALL  
Dated of Birth: December 4, 1948  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent,  
**JOANN MARIE SCHALL**  
Died February 16, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to Kimberly M. Snyder personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kimberly Marie Snyder  
7970 N. Harrison Ave.  
Harrison, MI 48625  
(989) 277-4084

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

Estate of LINDA BURGESS  
Dated of Birth: August 2, 1950  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, **LINDA BURGESS**  
Died February 14, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Gustafson personal representative, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Mary Gustafson  
110 E. Higham St.  
Apt. 404  
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(517) 526-4175.

(03-09)

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submitted by Vicki McKay  
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Additional members attended Regionals to assist with timekeeper roles as well as Regional Representative responsibilities. Pictured left to right are: Carson Litwiller, Gibson Jason (Region 3 Representative), Tristan Ringle, Owen Crumbaugh, Lee Follett, Robert Kral, Seth Stahr, and Gavin Malek.

## Ashley FFA Attends Regional Contest

submitted by  
Amber McAllister

Regional Contest were held on Thursday, February 20th at Delta College. Ashley teams competed in Demonstration and Prepared Public Speaking.



Bringing home Silver in their Demonstration Presentation on European Deer Mounting was Robert Kral, Lee Follett, and Owen Crumbaugh.



Owen Crumbaugh, Lee Follett, and Robert Kral as the Regional Winner. He too will be headed to State Contest. States will be held at Michigan State University on March 5th and 6th.

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