



Victorious Wolfpack teammates hoist Cameron Betts as their District-title clinching victory over the Corunna Cavaliers.

## Wolfpack Grapplers Bring Home MHSAA District Crown in Thrilling Fashion, 43-42; Muscle Past Ovid-Elsie and Corunna

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack swept past Ovid-Elsie and Corunna in thrilling fashion to capture a MHSAA Team District championship on the mats at LHS.

Trent Lashuay's Wolves dispatched of the O-E Marauders, 48-34, before stunning the Corunna Cavaliers, 43-43, in the team title match.

LHS opened the District with a big team win over Ovid-Elsie. Piling up points for the Wolfpack were Scarlett Ruhf by forfeit, 6-0 at 106 lbs.; Eli Stier at 113, by fall over Kaden Levey, 6-0; Dylan Phillips by forfeit, 6-0 at 120; Cooper Mund by fall over Travis Wright, 6-0 at 126; Noah Devereaux at 144, by fall over Brent Spitzley, 6-0; Tristian Sherman at 157 by forfeit, 6-0; Cameron Betts by forfeit at 165, 6-0; and Shaun Mills at 285 by forfeit, 6-0.

Ovid-Elsie wins came from William Baese at 132, by fall over Liam McDonald, 6-0; Landen VanCovant at 150, major decision 11-1 over Logan Robinson (6-0), Jeremiah Stewart at 175, by fall over Carson Helmer, 6-0; Jayden Ford at 190 for forfeit, 6-0; and Conor McClung by forfeit at 215, 6-0.

Next up was the District title match versus the Cavaliers. At 106 and 113, Ruhf and Stier again won by forfeit for LHS. Phillips scored another win in his state-rated season, by :29 fall over Breyonna Louch. McDonald turned in a crucial win at 126, by 3:11 fall over Caesden Gwinn.

At 132, another clutch Wolfpack win came from Riley Hannahs, by 3:10 fall over Aden Tremel.

Corunna's Camrin Hodge stopped the string of LHS wins in the lighter weight classes, winning at 138 by :39 fall past Noah Devereaux.

Logan Robinson won another big decision for the Wolves at 144, by :46 fall over Cavalier Brody Warfle.

The Cavs' tightened things up with wins at 157 (Guilio Vadoza by forfeit); 175 (Jackson Griffin over Carson Helmer by fall, 2:56); 190 (Ruger Zeeman over Jaxson Smith by fall, :28); 215 (Kyhis Malona over Charles Dehnert by fall, 2:14); and 285 (Charles Murphy over Shaun Mills by fall, 2:35).

The decisive Wolfpack win came at 165, where Cameron Betts won by 2:36 fall over Travis Wachowicz for a 6-0 clinching victory.

Lashuay's grapplers advanced to Wednesday's Team Regional at Bronson High School.

## Ovid-Elsie Board of Education

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, February 16, 2026. It was an evening of annual reports and updates.

Mr. Scott Koenigsnecht, superintendent Clinton County RESA, presented his annual report to the board of education. A summary of services provided was presented to O-E Board members. The report included the number of students in each of the Clinton County School Districts. In addition, an overview of the special education services and the number of participating students was presented, serving almost 1,300 students across the county and a breakdown by district. Early childhood services are provided for children 0-3. Budget information was presented board members, as well. College credits earned by students in numerous subject areas included Mid-Michigan Community College 844 credits, Lansing Community College 407 college credits, the equivalent of eight Bachelor's Degrees. Early College three CTE programs computer programming, early childhood, allied health, huge number credits earned in 2025, 1080 credit hours, saving our county families a tremendous amount of money. It should be noted that these are the 2025 statistics. In addition, an update of the RESA's strategic plan was given. The RESA is currently supporting 210 employees.

Amanda Fruchey, family engagement, this year's theme for 5-k kiddos is teams and working together as a team. Promoting teams, so we are teaming up with the Detroit Pistons, they will be joining the k-5 students at Ovid-Elsie High School Tuesday March 3, 2026. This event will be a 45-minute assembly and they will talk about the importance of working as a team. This will be the kick-off for reading month. The Pistons will also, be bringing their mascot. The event will begin at 9a, and the board is invited to attend. There are a lot of components to this event the Piston organization will match the cost of the event with tickets to a Piston game. On March 13, 2026 there will be seventy -three individuals going to a game. This is an exciting event. Fruchey is also looking for sponsors for the event.

Jennifer Smith, CCRESA CTE Director, spoke more in-depth about Career Technical Education program. Ovid-Elsie students were present to share their experiences. The credits earned by students continue to increase each year. The options for secondary credits and education also continues to expand. There are currently eleven programs throughout the county. Additional events include a county college night in the fall 8-12 students and parents are invited to participate; Career Expo is held annually 8th and 10th graders; March a career preparation fair is held; and in the fall students also have an opportunity to visit manufacturing businesses. This outlines a few of the opportunities for students. Students shared their interests in engineering, exploring opportunities, and welding. The consensus of the students is the well-versed staff, learning from experienced individuals, and the opportunity explore a variety of options. Senior interview days are coming up and the RESA provides support for these activities.

Dan Davenport, Technology Director, updated officials on the status of the staff and coaching staff key fob audit, the electronic door access system. Overall, there is not an abuse of the system, records are kept of those individuals with fobs. In the spring of 2025, all staff updated their information regarding the fobs, name, building and position. Confirmed that they have only been assigned to paid staff with a few exceptions. There are a lot of inactive fobs that have been turned off. There are a few limited access fobs, some of been addressed differently. EMS have specific fobs and are assigned per vehicle; they have not been used but are there. Assigning fobs is handled by the tech department, not individual administrators. Very confident that the system has been tightened up. An audit will be completed annually, time of year to be determined.

Mr. Mark Horak, District Superintendent, updated officials regarding those who participated in the Michigan Association of School Board's training. Mrs. Becky Williams completed two classes, Mrs. Brooke Wooley three classes and taught two classes. In addition, Horak reminded Board Members that the Strategic Plan Retreat is slated for March 21, 2026, 8a-4p.

Action items included the approval of the revised budget for the 2025-2026 school year as recommended by the Mr. Horak, superintendent, as presented to the finance committee at

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## Community Meeting March 5 to Plan Ashley Hometown Heritage Fest

submitted by Keith Salisbury

ASHLEY – The community of Ashley is invited to a meeting on Thursday, March 5, to discuss ideas and plans for a Hometown Heritage Fest. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ashley Community Center on N. Sterling Street.

The Hometown Heritage Fest is being planned for Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Two vintage baseball teams will be playing at 1 p.m. in the Village of Ashley Park on Pine Street that day. Other possible activities include a parade and a car show. Organizers are looking for ideas and input from members of the community.

## Diabetes PATH Workshop Starts March 23rd

submitted by Christine T. Histed

Diabetes PATH is a 6-week interactive workshop designed for individuals with diabetes and pre-diabetes. You will learn how to meal plan, balance blood sugar, get physically active, decrease stress, improve energy, create Action Plans, and more!

Workshops will be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns in the John Room on Mondays, March 23 – April 27, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

Free of charge. Funding provided by Lions Club International and St. Johns Lions Club.

To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or e-mail histedc@tcoa.org.

### TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA

#### Notice of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of Electors PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sciota Township board will hold 3 public meetings on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, Laingsburg, MI. 6:00 p.m. - Budget Hearing to establish proposed 2026-27 fiscal year budget. A copy of the budget can be viewed by contacting the clerk; followed by 6:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting of the Electors at or about 6:30 p.m.; followed by 7:00 p.m. - Sciota Township Board Meeting at or about 7:00 p.m. (directly after the Annual Meeting)

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

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
P.O. Box 128, Laingsburg MI

## Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 Serves the Community

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Masonic Lodge continues its longstanding tradition of community service by stepping forward to assist a local family in need.

After learning of a need within the Landon Leach family, lodge members took swift action to have an ADA-compliant ramp installed at the family's home. The project was completed within just a few days, helping improve accessibility and make daily life easier.

In addition to special projects such as this, the lodge remains committed to ongoing community support. The Elsie Baby Pantry benefits from the lodge's monthly pancake breakfast, held on the last Saturday of each month. All proceeds from the breakfasts are donated directly to the pantry.

The next pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, February 28, 2026. Community members are encouraged to attend and support this continuing effort to serve local families.

## Mark Your Calendar - Free Easter Egg Hunt Coming

submitted by Cheryl Hickey

The Easter

Bunny is coming to town! Join the St. Johns Lions Club for an Easter Egg Hunt at the SJ City Park on Saturday, April 4. Activities begin near the pavilion at 12:30 p.m., and include face painting, visits



with the Easter Bunny, cornhole, and balloon animals. The Egg Hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. SHARP. Age groups for the Easter Egg Hunt are: under 3, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10. No parents are allowed in the Egg Patch except for the under 3 age group. Children under 3 who do not wish to hunt for eggs in the patch may pick up an egg in the pavilion. Over 4000 eggs are up for grabs, filled with toys, candy, and coins. Some eggs have notes that can be redeemed for special prizes in the pavilion. This free annual event is sponsored by St. Johns Lions Club with the support of the City of St. Johns and local businesses and groups.

There will also be a Project KIDSight mobile testing facility onsite from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt. This free program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool-aged children, but children of any age are welcome to be tested. KIDSight is sponsored by the St. Johns Lions Club in cooperation with Lions of Michigan Foundation and Lions of District 11-C2.

**Chili Cook-off AND Dessert Bake-off**  
Sunday, February 22, 2026  
12:00pm - 2:00pm  
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## Ovid-Elsie from front...

the February 12, 2026 committee meeting. Two resolutions were approved. First, the General Education Fund resolution as presented for the 2025-26 school year. Second, the Food Service Fund resolution as presented for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Next, officials adopted the 2026 refunding bonds ratification resolution as prepared by Thrun Law Firm. The bond sale was held on January 29, 2026, very happy with the final sales, with considerable savings to the district.

Officials received a letter of retirement from Brian Powell, assistant principal at Ovid-Elsie High School. Officials approved the retirement with regrets. Noting that the retirement is effective June 30, 2026.

Public Comment – Rebecca Zuniga, parent, addressed the drama program and the establishment of a drama booster group for the drama and music program, meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. There is a goal of \$10,000. Zuniga thanked the board for their continued support of the program. She addressed aging equipment. The students are performing wonderful plays and are creative. Dr. Huff started going to the productions and is so impressed with the talent of the students.

## 2026 Shiawassee County Fair Queen Applications Available

submitted by Dawn Reha  
Applications for Miss Shiawassee County Fair Queen are now available at the Fair Office, Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2900 E. Hibbard Road. The deadline for Queen applications is Friday, March 20, 2026 at 5 pm.

Fair Queen applicants must have reached their 16th birthday, but not their 21st birthday, on or before January 1, 2026 and be an active exhibitor at the fair. Complete pageant rules are included with the application.

The Shiawassee County Fair Queen Pageant will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026 in the Community Room at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. This is a change from previous years. The public is invited to attend. Miss Shiawassee County Fair and her attendant will participate in events and parades throughout the area to represent the fair.

If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office at 989-743-3611 or email shia-cofairqueen@gmail.com

Mark your calendar now for the 2026 Fair, August 9-15.



**City of Ovid  
Special Meeting  
February 16, 2026 -7PM**

**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.

**Assignment of Clerk:**  
Motion by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member E. Brown to designate Council Member M. Jones to serve as clerk for tonight's meeting in absence of clerk and treasurer. Carried on a voice vote.

**Roll Call:**  
Present: L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn  
Absent: M. Soliz, M. Olger

**Agenda:**  
Motions by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the agenda. Carried on a voice vote.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:05 pm Closed: 7:05 pm – none

**New Business:**  
a. Additional contribution to CAASA - motion by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member E. Brown, to amend budget to reflect moving \$2962 out of emergency services fund balance and give to CAASA as an additional contribution for the 2025/2026 budget year. Carried on voice vote.

**Adjournment:**  
Motions by Mayor M. Perrien and supported by Council Member E. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Carried on a voice vote.

*Respectfully Submitted by Melissa Jones, Council Member*

**2026 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE**

CITY OF OVID  
114 E. Front Street  
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**2026 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE**

The City of Ovid Board of Review will be held at City Hall, 114 E Front St, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, at 8:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting  
Wednesday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Appeals  
Thursday, March 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Appeals

To schedule a Board of Review appointment and receive a petition,  
please email [jkohagen@bsasoftware.com](mailto:jkohagen@bsasoftware.com)  
or call 989-383-0306.

By board resolution, residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11. Post marks are not accepted.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class Of real property and personal property for 2025 are as follows

Agricultural.....	49.64%.....	1.0073
Commercial.....	48.66%.....	1.0275
Industrial.....	48.29%.....	1.0354
Residential.....	46.67%.....	1.0066
Personal Property.....	50.00%.....	1.0000
Utility.....	50.00%.....	1.0000

**Victor Township  
Clinton County, Michigan  
6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848  
Proposed Board Minutes of February 10, 2026**

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a roll call of Board members in attendance. Present: Wiswasser, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. 6 citizens were in attendance.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Pesch and seconded by Willoughby to approve February 10, 2026, agenda with addition of budget amendments. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sayles and seconded by Pesch to approve January 13, 2026, budget workshop minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Sayles and seconded by Willoughby to approve January 13, 2026, regular board meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Sayles to approve January 19, 2026, budget workshop minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Prange and seconded by Pesch to accept the February 2026 Treasurer's report. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MI CLASS Info:** Funds have been moved and all is in order.

**Approval of Bills and Payroll:** Motion by Pesch and seconded by Willoughby to disburse January 2026 bills. (Paid February 10, 2026) Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Motion carried. Checks# 12783-12797, in the amount of \$59,255.73.

Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Pesch to disburse January 2026 payroll and payroll related expenses. (Paid February 10, 2026). Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles, Prange, Willoughby. Members voting no: None. Motion carried. Checks# 13338-13346 in the amount of \$12,531.88.

**Clinton County Sheriff Report:** No report

**Clinton County Commissioner – District 1 - Commissioner Nicole Fickes**  
Some highlights of last month are:

- County web page has been updated to comply with the new ADA standards.
- Reappropriation of 2025 capital improvement projects that were not completed or started were reapproved for 2026.
- February 5, 2026, Planning and Zoning discussion: Unanimous support to continue planning and zoning at the county level.
- The next County Board of Commissioner's meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner's room at the courthouse. The meetings are recorded and the public can watch them on YouTube.
- See <https://www.clinton-county.org> website for links to calendars, meetings, minutes, agendas, and other county information.

**Reports:**

- **Planning:** The hall renovation project phase 2 is underway. The Planning Commissioners discussed the survey regarding the Township Master Plan. Motion by Pesch and seconded by Willoughby to place an ad up to \$100.00 on Facebook for more input from residents. Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Wiswasser. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.
- **Laingsburg Public Library:** There is a dogsled exhibit at the library along with Native American tribal items on display. There will be a presentation on February 28, 2026, at the library. Check out the library's Facebook page for more information.
- **Briggs District Library:** About 80% of the library's operating funds come from the taxpayers of the library's district through the library's millage. The boundaries are nearly the same as St. Johns Public Schools' district boundaries. For those outside of the district who want to use the library there are other options such as MELCAT and Visiting Patron service. (<https://elibrary.mel.org/screens/participating.html>.) There are many programs provided, some of which are Bookaholics Book Club at East Olive and at Briggs, Fairy Tale Fun at Riley Township Hall and Creative Writing Workshop in March and April. Visit <https://www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org> for more information.
- **LSW Fire/EMS:** Victor Township's payment is due in April 2026
- **Maintenance:** Tree Project at Stilson Cemetery will be completed soon. Other projects including window replacement in the office were discussed.
- **Cemetery Director:** Lot assignments at Reed Cemetery have been corrected and the director and office administrator are completing the issuing of updated documents.

**Correspondence:** Received and placed on file.

- Clinton County Sheriff FOIA
- Boling email
- Mid-Michigan CIT flyer
- **MTA letter:** Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange to adopt Principles of Governance recommended by MTA and provide a copy for the website and in Victor Township's Rules and Regulation handbook. Motion carried.

**New Business:**  
The Board discussed recent information received concerning kennel licensing and enforcement procedures within Clinton County. It was noted that certain sections of the county's kennel regulations and enforcement policies contain ambiguous language, leading to uncertainty regarding interpretation and consistent application. Concerns were expressed about the clarity of definitions related to kennel operations and licensing thresholds, Enforcement responsibilities between Township and County authorities and consistency in interpreting standards and applying penalties. Motion by Wiswasser and seconded by Pesch to send resolutions from the Planning Commission and the Township Board to the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, County Planning Board, and any other relevant County officials responsible for kennel regulation and enforcement to clarify language and enforcement. Roll call: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Wiswasser, Prange, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment:** Motion by Prange and seconded by Sayles to approve submitted budget amendments provided by the Clerk. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**  
There will be a Public Budget Hearing on the 2026-2027 budget on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
Motion by Sayles and seconded by Pesch to adjourn at: 8:07 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried

Copies of Resolutions, Agreements, Budget Amendments, and Minutes are on the Victor Township Website ([www.victortwp.org](http://www.victortwp.org)) and at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall

*Lianne Prange  
Victor Township Clerk*

## Verna Lyon

Verna Lyon, age 74, of Ovid, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2026, at Haven of Rest in Shiawassee County.

Verna was raised in Ovid, Michigan. She dedicated nearly 30 years as Administrator to the Dean of Department of Kinesiology at Michigan State University. It was during her time at MSU that she became a proud and enthusiastic Spartan fan. In 2015 she retired and, with her life partner Randy, made many lasting memories.

Verna's proudest achievements were her daughters, Erica and Molly. Above all, nothing brought her more joy and fulfillment than when she was promoted to Grandma to Conner and Charley Call, a role that filled her heart with immeasurable love and happiness.

She is survived by her loving family: her daughters, Erica (Josh) Brown and Molly (Duane) Call; her life partner Randy Byrnes; her two grandchildren, Conner and Charley Call; and two grand fur babies, Ruby & Rip. She is also survived by her siblings, Bev (Gary) Kurka, Rita Lyon, and Mike Lyon; her nieces and nephews, Kristyn Kurka, Karyn (Josh) Tuma, Mike Kurka, Jon (Miranda) Kibby, Ben (Danielle) Kibby; and 8 great-nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Gwenivere, and her sister, Sandra Lyon.

A life celebration will be held at the Ovid VFW Hall Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Haven of Rest in Shiawassee County.



## Obituaries

### Michael Frank Kadlek

Michael Frank Kadlek, 73, of Owosso, MI, passed away Friday, February 13, 2026, surrounded by friends, family, and the music of Bob Seger.

Michael was born in Owosso, Michigan on January 13, 1953, the son of Frank Joseph and Juanita Mae (Shinabery) Kadlek.

He lived the majority of his life in the Ovid area, and worked at both Duall and Metpro for many years as a plastic welder where he fabricated and installed environmental pollution and control equipment in the field.

Michael was a major Michigan State football and basketball fan; he never missed a game. He also loved his music, especially Bob Seger. Michael lost count on the number of times he got to see him in concert.

Michael is survived by his children: Laura (Tom) Clark, Michael (Amy Bedford) Kadlek, and Joseph Kadlek; his grandchildren: Ashley (Travis) Cojocar, Allison Kadlek, Taylor (Ben) Hill, and Anna Kadlek; and his great-grandchildren: Archer, Logan, Holland, and Lennon. He is also survived by his best friend, Mike Penrod. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Patrick Kadlek.

A Celebration of Life for Michael will be held at a later date. Per Michael's request his ashes will be buried during a private ceremony at Hamilton Township Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that friends of Michael listen to Bob Seger while enjoying a Budweiser at the Avenue.

The family would also like to extend a special thanks to Compassus Care and Durand Care & Rehab, especially Nurse T, for their care and attention to Michael for the past year.

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



### Anna "Marie" Leonard

Anna "Marie" Leonard, age 100, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Monday, February 16, 2026, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor in St. Johns, MI.

Anna was born in Portland, MI on October 17, 1925, the daughter of Albert and Lucinda (Simon) Kloeckner. On October 17, 1943, she married Robert Lee Leonard in Portland, MI. He passed away in 1995.

Marie loved to cook and bake. She could sew anything or make anything and loved to make clothing for her family. Marie will be remembered as a hard worker. One of her favorite pastimes was playing cards with her friends, which she did for many years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where she was very active. Marie was very proud that she made it to the age of 100.

She is survived by her daughter Anna and Ed Paseka of St. Johns, MI; her daughter Rosa and Paul Dobies of Boerne, TX; by grandchildren: Chris (Sheila) Paseka, Stacy (Troy) Luznak, Amy Leonard, Amber (Greg) Wallace, Jordan (Raul) Flores, Asher Salem; great-grandchildren: Alex (Shania) Paseka, Cole (Samantha) Paseka, Noah Paseka, Savannah McCurdy, Tyler (Rilee) Luznak, Trevor Luznak, Brook Luznak, Jake (Hailey) Wallace, Nathan Wallace, and Rhea Flores; 10 great-great-grandchildren; her daughter-in-law Deb and Ray Dieter of West Branch, MI; sister-in-law Geneva Leonard of Eagle, MI; sister-in-law Sybil Katalenich of Grand Ledge, MI; several nieces and nephews. Marie was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Lucinda, husband Robert, her son Steven, and brother Francis.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns, MI, on Friday, February 20, 2026, with Rev. Fr. Michael Williams presiding. Burial has taken place at Eagle Cemetery, Eagle Township, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Hazel Findlay Country Manor. 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.



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### 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.

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: JD Paik

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### Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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#### "The Conclusion"

*"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person (Ecclesiastes 12:13)."*

On the cusp of my 65th birthday, it seems appropriate to look back. My earliest birthday memory is setting my parents' bed on fire. When no one was looking, I swiped the cake candles, pocketed the matches, and slipped away. Who knew the mattress fabric under their bed was so partial to one teeny-tiny flame? My life purpose almost ended that day.

I asked Siri what the purpose of life was multiple times. Give that a whirl for a good laugh, and yet every birthday cake begs for a real answer (and it's louder each year). In a few days I'll be old – officially old, and as my "conclusion" draws closer, the beginning and end of that verse gets my attention, "The conclusion...applies to every person."

Five years before that well-deserved spanking, I arrived in Detroit on March 4, 1961. Exactly 100 years before that, on March 4, 1861, Abraham Lincoln gave his Inaugural Address. And a century prior, the French surrendered Fort Detroit to the British, who by March 4, 1761 were on the brink of war with the Odawa over their lucrative fur-trade.

Looking back on my birthday by a century is interesting, but looking into the future to March 4, 2061 is key to a real answer. What will matter to me on my 100th birthday? What will matter to you on yours? Most likely, we won't be here... so I ask again, why will you get out of bed tomorrow? To make money, spend it, and repeat (Isaiah 55:1-3)?

I asked a guy at his early retirement party what he was going to do now – travel, start a new hobby, or write a book? "I have no idea what I'm supposed to do," he said snidely. "Do you?" I told him it was to be a writer (for God). "Well, I'm glad you know. I sure don't." He realized without a career, his life purpose was gone, and it soured his answer.

If your job is your identity, then retiring is going to be an empty avalanche of loss. You may think not having to get up early, shuffling less paperwork, and no more difficult co-workers will be fun; with time to travel, read those books you put off, or see more of your grandkids, but that's short-sighted. Arriving safely at a funeral home is no life purpose.

Our life, purpose, and main problem (our conclusion), is all addressed in a supernatural dialogue God wrote down. That's a massive claim, but give it a whirl, and you'll see that the Bible is unique. The first clue is what's inside of your own heart...you know there's more to life than breathing. "He has also set eternity in their heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11)."

But we resist even that, that God has placed in our heart a knowledge that there must be more, and it's in the future, in eternity. That resistance is our rebellion against God and His Word. We want what we want, even if it's not horrible. Sin can be a sweet granny's indifference (apathy), an excuse (no time), ignorance (can't be true), or pride (I'm good).

On March 4, 1966, when no one was looking, I hid under my parents' bed and lit a match. But Someone was watching. And He's watching you now. If turning 65 doesn't mean much to you because you're young, you missed my point. What will matter in 2061? "The conclusion...applies to every person." Consider your future, where He is waiting to speak with you, face to face, the beginning and the end (Revelation 22:4, 13).

In conclusion, "fearing God and keeping His commandments" is the point because that's the purpose of life, what "applies to every person." Of course, death, our conclusion, also applies to us, but the conclusion is so much more. It's also what we call solving a math problem, the answer...and that answer walked out of His tomb straight to you.



### Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:  
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#### Concerns and Joys of Living Alone

Andy,

With the news and all the hype regarding the recent missing woman in Tucson, Arizona, I am having some scary times thinking about my own safety and others I know and love. What can I do to stop the worry? Is it safer to live with someone? When will I know when it is time to go to an assisted living or another multiple-home situation? I love my home and I have lived in for over 50 years in a small, safe community. I cannot shake the scary feeling that has come over me, lately due to all the negative news. Any Suggestions?  
Nervous Woman over 75?

Dear Nervous Woman, Living alone can be a wonderful experience, full of milestone accomplishments. First of all, and most importantly, is to take steps to feel safer. Take action to have your locks checked or replaced and your windows secured. Always lock up at night, and when you leave your home. When returning home, make sure there is going to be good lighting and have your door key between your fingers, ready to unlock without taking time to dig into your purse. It also, can be a good defense tool... A key could leave a nasty injury on someone's face or arm. Leave your porch light on, especially if you know you will be home after dark. Look around at your surroundings before and as you get out of your car. Be aware of any unusual activity. If you are concerned, call a neighbor to come out to assist you to safely get out of your car and into your home.

Unfortunately, taking precautions is necessary; However, don't let fear take over your emotions. Breathe deeply and walk with confidence. If the feeling gets to be too much and impairs your lifestyle, get to a counseling session to find tools that will work for you. Constant fear and worry can affect your daily life and your health.

Knowing when it is time to get a roommate or move into a group setting, such as a Senior Center and/or an assisted living is a problem solved by speaking to someone in a similar situation. Talk to a Senior Community staffer to get information about living in a more secure location. Safe lifestyles are available for Seniors in most communities, even in safe small towns.

Much research of living alone or in isolation can contribute to common mental concerns. But depending on the individual, it can also give you a fulfilling life. If you're a person who enjoys spending time with your inner thoughts or listening to music and watching television, you can have a happy life. (not too much news) Join outside activities such as book club, coffee clubs, church activities and luncheons and community musical events, movie day at the library, and check out the many activities to engage Seniors, in most all towns and cities. Social interaction creates a happier person and a much longer life expectancy.

Over 9 million people in the United States live alone. Social networks are key to embracing the experiences of living alone, without fear. Read the recent AARP Bulletin with detailed tips to stay safe and live a happier life as a single who prefers to stay in their home or live alone.

Be Safe and Enjoy the Joys of Life. Andy @ askandy-foradvice@gmail.com



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### CHAPIN TOWNSHIP 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Chapin Township Board of Review will meet at the Chapin Township Hall, 21418 Peet Rd., Elsie, MI 48831. An organizational meeting will be held March 3, 2026 at 11:45 a.m. (NO appeals at this meeting).

#### Appeal hearings will be:

March 10, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
March 12, 2026 from 3:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

No-resident appeals may be submitted in writing if received prior to the conclusion of the March 12, 2026 meeting.

Ron Maynard, Chapin Township Supervisor

### City of Ovid Draft Regular Meeting February 9, 2026

#### 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:

Present: M. Soliz, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn.  
Absent: L. Perrien (excused)

Guests: There were 13 people in attendance.

#### Agenda:

Motioned by Council Member M. Olger and supported by Council Member E. Brown to approve the agenda with an addition of letter h. Tax Tribunal pending appeal under New Business. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Minutes:

Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Jones to approve the minutes from January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Invoice/Check Register:

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to approve the invoice/check register from January 14, 2026 through February 10, 2026 for a total of \$63,445.02. Carried on a voice vote.

County Commissioner: 7:03 pm – 7:10 pm

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:10 pm Closed: 7:10 pm – none

#### Report Motion:

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Carried on a voice vote.

#### New Business:

a. Leak Adjustment: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the leak adjustment as listed in the policy for account #07670. Carried on voice vote.

b. Pump Replacement/Repair: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member E. Starn to accept the quote from Kennedy in an amount of \$33,337.00 to purchase the pump for the high school lift station. Carried on voice vote.

c. Lift Station Preventative/Maintenance Quotes: No action

d. High School Transducer: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to accept the quote from Kennedy for the high school lift station transducer at a cost of \$4,300.00. Carried on voice vote.

e. Mower Deck Replacement: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger to accept the quote from Capitol Equipment & Supply for cost of \$3797.00 Carried on voice vote.

f. Office Items Disposals: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the disposal of unneeded office items. Carried on voice vote.

g. Public Hearing for PA 198: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported Council Member M. Soliz to set the Public Hearing for March 4th 2026 at 7:00 pm and publish accordingly. Carried on voice vote

h. Tax Tribunal pending appeal

Motioned by Council Member M. Olger and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to go into closed session pending litigation per MCL 15.268(e).

Roll Call Vote: The following voted Yes: M. Soliz, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn.

Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: None

Absent: L. Perrien

Enter Closed session: 8:21 PM

Exit Close Session: 8:44 PM

Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member E. Starn to allow Attorney Gould's negotiate on behalf of the City of Ovid for Village Food Pride tax dispute. Carried on voice vote.

Old Business: None

Adjournment-

Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member E. Starn to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. Carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by  
Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

# Sports

## Wolfpack's Wrestling Dream Ends at Bronson Regional

BRONSON -- Laingsburg's team wrestling dream ended here Wednesday at the MHSAA Regional level.

Trent Lashauy's Wolfpack -- after a stunning run to a District title -- fell in the opening round of the Regional, 57-22, to Bronson.

In the evening's final team match, in a battle of Viking mascots, Lakewood Lake Odessa then nipped Bronson, 42-36, for the Regional championship.

Going 2-0 on the night for Bronson were Connor

McClelland, Caleb Harvey, Gabriel Erwin, Connor Harvey, Layne Knisely and Sam Tappenden.

The LHS wins came from Eli Stier at 106 lbs., 17-6 major decision over James Shults; Cooper Mund at 113, by :18 fall over Annalise Popma; Dylan Phillips at 120 by forfeit; and Cameron Betts at 165, by injury default over Anthony Keeler.

Laingsburg's Charles Dehnert lost by 1:08 fall to Harvey at 215; Shaun Mills lost by :12 fall to Tappenden at 265; Riley Hannahs suffered a 3:02 fall to Braylon Crosby at 132; Logan Robinson fell by 8-5 decision to Rylan Fincham at 144; Tristian Sherman lost by :49 fall to Harvey at 157; and Carson Helmer lost in a :30 fall to Gabriel Erwin at 175.

The Wolfpack wrestling season continues now for their qualifiers at the Individual Regionals hosted by the Michigan High School Athletic Assn. (MHSAA).

## Pirates Sweep Wolfpack

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Pewamo-Westphalia shot the lights out in a 71-33 romp boys basketball romp over Laingsburg here February 17.

The Pirates hit 58% from the field -- then added insult to injury by draining 9-of-22 three-pointers -- to wrap up the 2025-26 CMAC championship. Another outstanding season in P-W continues at 18-0 in the league, 19-2 overall.

The Bucs swept LHS this season, 70-29 and 71-33, though Tim Beebe's Wolves have held their own in conference play at 10-7. The loss dropped them to 10-11 overall.

P-W came out on fire, running to a 25-7 first quarter lead, then upping it to 44-13 at halftime.

Josiah Hawes led the red-and-white with 10 points. Leandro Dolega-Caceres added 9, Landon Freeman 4, Greg Sequin 3, Collin Bentley-Barr 3, Colton Heaton 3 and Jake Rivet one.

For the Pirates, Logan Farmer led the way with 21 points. Grady Eklund chipped in with 16.

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## To: The Residents of the City of Ovid and Ovid Township

Letter to the Editor:

Subj: WARNING!

"WORD" is beginning to spread that the agricultural property between Woodworth Road on the south, Hollister Road on the west, M-21 to the north, and Meridian Road to the east, will possibly be sold to a mining company, and turned into a gravel pit operation.

If this happens, the residents of the city and township will be negatively impacted.

How? First and most important, property values will drop. Traffic, noise, and congestion along M-21 and Hollister Road will increase. Hollister Road and M-21 are not built to withstand the gravel truck weights and traffic that could develop, and the taxpayers of the city and township will have to pay for repairs and improvements thru tax increases.

Concerned individuals are attempting to get confirmation of the possible transactions that may be developing. We have also contacted our County Commissioner Nicole Frickes for any possible assistance that her office may provide.

Just a reminder – this is not confirmed yet. If we get confirmation, we will be bringing a letter to affected property owners for their signatures, addressed to our County Planning and Zoning Officials. The purpose of the letter will be to let inform officials of the negative impacts if this property is allowed to become a gravel pit, and to ask for their assistance in preventing this from happening.

Again, this is an advanced unconfirmed possibility. If the sale is confirmed, we will reach out to you for your support.

Thank You.

William Keith Jones, Township Resident.



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### TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OFFICER SALARY RESOLUTION #2026-02

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the Sciota Township Board to determine salaries for the Offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustee by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the Township Annual Meeting of the Electors; and

WHERE AS, the Sciota Township Board deems a minimum salary increase is warranted for the OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR for fiscal year 2026-27. The Sciota Township salary raise policy was created to establish a fair and equitable recurring wage increase for Sciota Township elected salary positions. The policy utilizes the State of Michigan CPI Inflation Multiplier Rate, as established in statute MCL 211.34, to adequately compensate and retain current and future officials equitable to prevailing wages within labor markets of similar positions; as well as establishing predominant salaries to attract qualified candidates' interest in local government office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026, the salary of the OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR shall be \$14,726.00, without assessing duties. The CPI calculated rate is as follows: \$14,338.84 (2025 salary) x 1.027 (multiplier rate) = \$14,726.00 (2026 salary), an increase of \$387.16.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting of the electors meeting to be held on March 9, 2026, at which time the electors may modify this salary. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification 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 Michigan Common Law, MCL 41.95.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, adopted on January 12, 2026, has been properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board member: Parker-Wing Supported by Board member: Palmer

UPON A ROLL-CALL VOTE:

The following voted YES: Palmer, Reed, Parker-Wing, Matthews

The following voted NO: None

The following were ABSENT: Vondrasek

THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted by the Township Supervisor.

CERTIFIED:

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
P.O. Box 128, Laingsburg MI 48848  
Office: 517.420.2188

### TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OFFICER SALARY RESOLUTION #2026-03

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the Sciota Township Board to determine salaries for the Offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustee by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the Township Annual Meeting of the electors; and

WHERE AS, the Sciota Township Board deems a minimum salary increase is warranted for the OFFICE OF CLERK for fiscal year 2026-27. The Sciota Township salary raise policy was created to establish a fair and equitable recurring wage increase for Sciota Township elected salary positions. The policy utilizes the State of Michigan CPI Inflation Multiplier Rate, as established in statute MCL 211.34, to adequately compensate and retain current and future officials equitable to prevailing wages within labor markets of similar positions; as well as establishing predominant salaries to attract qualified candidates' interest in local government office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026, the salary of the OFFICE OF CLERK shall be \$15,239.50. The CPI calculated rate is as follows: \$14,838.84 (2025 salary) x 1.027 (multiplier rate) = \$15,239.50 (2026 salary), an increase of \$400.66.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting of the electors meeting to be held on March 9, 2026, at which time the electors may modify this salary. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification 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 Michigan Common Law, MCL 41.95.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, adopted on January 12, 2026, has been properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board member: Parker-Wing Supported by Board member: Palmer

UPON A ROLL-CALL VOTE:

The following voted YES: Palmer, Reed, Parker-Wing, Matthews

The following voted NO: None

The following were ABSENT: Vondrasek

THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted by the Township Supervisor.

CERTIFIED:

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
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Office: 517.420.2188

### TOWNSHIP OF SCIOTA COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OFFICER SALARY RESOLUTION #2026-04

WHERE AS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the Sciota Township Board to determine salaries for the Offices of Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustee by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the Township Annual Meeting of the electors; and

WHERE AS, the Sciota Township Board deems a minimum salary increase is warranted for the OFFICE OF TREASURER for fiscal year 2026-27. The Sciota Township salary raise policy was created to establish a fair and equitable recurring wage increase for Sciota Township elected salary positions. The policy utilizes the State of Michigan CPI Inflation Multiplier Rate, as established in statute MCL 211.34, to adequately compensate and retain current and future officials equitable to prevailing wages within labor markets of similar positions; as well as establishing predominant salaries to attract qualified candidates' interest in local government office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2026, the salary of the OFFICE OF TREASURER shall be \$15,239.50. The CPI calculated rate is as follows: \$14,838.84 (2025 salary) x 1.027 (multiplier rate) = \$15,239.50 (2026 salary), an increase of \$400.66.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the Annual Meeting of the electors meeting to be held on March 9, 2026, at which time the electors may modify this salary. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification 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 Michigan Common Law, MCL 41.95.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, adopted on January 12, 2026, has been properly adopted by the Sciota Township Board at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board member: Matthews Supported by Board member: Parker-Wing

UPON A ROLL-CALL VOTE:

The following voted YES: Palmer, Reed, Parker-Wing, Matthews

The following voted NO: None

The following were ABSENT: Vondrasek

THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted by the Township Supervisor.

CERTIFIED:

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# Sports



## Ovid-Elsie's Juhas Advances to Wrestling Regional with Unbeaten District Record

MOUNT MORRIS -- Ovid-Elsie's record-trending senior wrestler, Ava Juhas, advanced to MHSAA Regional honors by going 4-0 in the Girls Individual Wrestling District at Elizabeth Ann Johnson HS here February 15.

Four wrestlers from the Ovid-Elsie Marauders placed at Individual Districts (see related story) — Ava was the lone female grappler to earn a District Championship.

At 115 lbs., Juhas started her run with a 3-0 shutout of Mount Pleasant's Stella Conner. She continued with a win by fall at :50 over Emily Demand of Saginaw Swan Valley.

Juhas improved to 3-0 on the day in the semifinals, winning by technical fall in 4:00 (15-0) past Hemlock's Ashlyn Emmendorfer.

The championship win was a 5:15 fall over Gracie Fernette of Bay City John Glenn.

Ava is the daughter of Brian and Carrie Juhas, and one of seven girls who currently wrestle for the Marauders (Averie Powell, Braelyn Lydens, Brena Vincent and Haley McClung were also on the roster for Girls Districts).

Ava is following in the Marauder footsteps of her older sister, Sharla, now a wrestler for the Adrian College Bulldogs.

"I would love to qualify for the state meet again," Juhas said. "However, right now my goal is to make it past Regionals. Then, if I do that, I'll worry about making it to the state meet. It's a long path to the state meet and I've learned that you can't underestimate any part of it."

The senior made history last month when she became the first female wrestler at Ovid-Elsie to reach 100 career wins.

Older sister Sharla placed at the MHSAA State Meet as a senior. Her brother, Clayton, was also a standout on the Marauder boys team.

Three seasons ago, Ava was the Regional runner-up with a win by pin (3:23) over Kaila Sylvester of the Gwinn Model Towners.

## Ovid-Elsie, Laingsburg Qualify Grapplers for Individual Honors at Olivet Division 3 District

OLIVET — Laingsburg's varsity wrestling team capped the day with two district champions — Dylan Phillips (106 lbs.) and Cooper Mund (113) -- and Ovid-Elsie also boasted a District champion in MHSAA postseason-opening action here February 14.

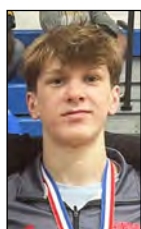
Ovid-Elsie's Will Baese (120) took home a district title while Landen VanConant (150) and Conor McClung (190) each finished fourth for the Marauders.

For the Wolfpack, Eli Stier (106) placed third to also qualify for the MHSAA Individual Regional.

Regional action opened last Saturday Division 3 grapplers at Leslie High School.



OE Coach CJ Krum, Conor McClung, Will Baese, Coach Spencer Sillman



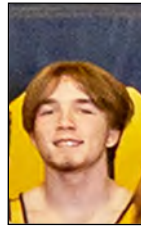
LBG: Dylan Phillips



LBG: Cooper Mund



LBG: Eli Stier



OE Landen VanConant

## Lady Wolfpack Rains Threes on Saranac, Pulls Away for 53-32 Win

SARANAC -- It took awhile to get warmed up ... but when they did, Laingsburg's Lady Wolfpack dropped bombs on Saranac here February 13.

A breakout 3rd quarter ended as the Wolfpack went off for 27 points, including 7 threes to down the host Redhawks by a final score of 53-32. The Redhawks saw their overall record evened at 9-9 (6-9 in conference play), while LHS moved to 12-2 in the conference, 16-2 overall entering a CMAC showdown with unbeaten Pewamo-Westphalia.

Mallory Woodbury and Brooklyn Holm each hit 3 trifectas in the 3rd quarter at Saranac, helping Dan Morrill's 'Pack to outscore Saranac 27-8 in that frame.

Payge Woodworth also knocked down a crucial three in that third quarter.

Woodbury scored 17, Holm 10 and Lilli Morrill 9 to lead the way. Freshman guard Leah Mills added 2 more threes as the Wolfpack drained 9 total on the night.

Holm and Morrill each had 6 steals, Harper Strouse added 7 rebounds and Woodworth and Holm had 4 assists apiece.

For Saranac, Katie Whipple had 12 points.

### Pewamo-Westphalia makes the most of opportunities in critical cage win at LHS

LAINGSBURG -- The Pewamo-Westphalia girls basketball shot layups in the first quarter. They shot layups in the fourth quarter.

They didn't miss them, using two different scoring runs to claim a critical 47-34 victory over the host Wolfpack, all but wrapping up the 2025-26 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) girls basketball race.

In a scheduling quirk, the Wolves get another shot at P-W this Thursday. But the Pirates are just about untouchable at 15-0 in league play, 16-2 overall, as the season enters its final week. Dan Morrill's Lady Wolves were geared up for the showdown -- enough to rally to a second half lead -- but fell to 16-3 overall, 12-3 in league games.

"You get to 30-point game against them and have a lead, and you've got to be just about perfect," said Morrill. "P-W's defense is aggressive ... they're relentless. You get few quality shots, and when you do, you've got to make them count."

Particularly, the Lady Pirates took away the Wolfpack's savvy perimeter game. The LHS sharpshooters were limited to just one three-pointer, a long make from Brooklyn Holm that staked the hosts to a 22-20 lead with 2:32 remaining in the third quarter.

Down 17-8 early, the LHS defense kicked things up in the second quarter, limiting the Pirates to 3 points and moving within 20-19 at halftime. P-W went on a 7-0 run in the third stanza, yet the Wolves roared back thanks to a technical foul on the Pirate bench. Payge Woodworth drained four free throws on the technical, and after Holm scored off an inbound pass, the 'Pack had cut into the P-W lead at 31-30.

With the Wolves pressing in the fourth quarter -- and they're perimeter shots not falling -- P-W took full advantage, dropping in layup after layup to close the game out on a 13-3 scoring run.

Holm led Laingsburg with 11 points. Lilli Morrill added 8, Mallory Woodbury 8, Woodworth and Harper Strouse 2.

For the Pirates, Adrianna Eklund led the way with 14 followed by Alonna Thelen with 12.

**Coaches please remember to send in your weekly sports results!**  
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Monday, February 23 5:30 p.m.		
<b>Ashley</b>		
		Friday, February 27 7:00 p.m.
	<b>Portland St. Patrick</b>	
	Wednesday, February 25 7:00 p.m.	
	<b>Vestaburg</b>	

2025-26 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 82 held at:  
Bath High School, 6175 Clark Rd., Bath, MI 48808

**Boys Basketball**

<b>Perry</b>		<b>Bath</b>
Monday, February 23 5:30 p.m.		Wednesday, February 25 5:30 p.m.
<b>Ithaca</b>		
		Friday, February 27 6:00 p.m.
	<b>Laingsburg</b>	
	Wednesday, February 25 7:00 p.m.	
<b>Ovid-Elsie</b>		
Monday, February 23 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Carson City-Crystal</b>		

## Marauder Relentless Rally Comes Up Short in Loss to Lenawee Christian

OID-ELSIE -- Near the end of the third quarter, Ovid-Elsie's slow, steady rally opposite Lenawee Christian ... well, it fizzled out.

While the second-half-of-the-season improvement is obvious for Canyon Walker's Marauder boys varsity basketball team is quite obvious, O-E didn't have quite enough to get over the hump against the non-league Cougars, falling 58-50 to the highly-touted, Adrian-area team.

The Cougars (10-2 league, 13-7 overall) followed Jaxon Salenbien -- who's the tallest player on his team at 6'4" but plays point guard -- to a double-digit first half lead, then held off a relentless, steady O-E rally in the third quarter.

"Our guys don't quit," said Walker, "They've shown that all season. Lenawee is a good team and it showed ... but we gave them all they wanted."

Heading into the final quarter, the Marauders' shooting touch left the building. From there, the Cougars built the lead back to 12 points, the same margin they had enjoyed in the first half. O-E had cut the deficit to 2 before running out of steam, never abandoning their strategy of attacking the basket.

The shots simply stopped falling.

Slashing guard play from Travis Milner and Joie Fabus did most of the damage for O-E. Milner led the hosts with 20 points, and Fabus added 16. Julian Medina hit for 7 points, Carpenter Darling 4 and Braxton O'Bryant a pair.

For the Cougars, Salenbien had 17 points by halftime -- not missing a shot --while the visitors built a 31-21 lead. He led all scorers at game's end with 26 points.

### Ovid-Elsie keeps second-half turnaround alive, 45-42 over New Lothrop cagers

OID-ELSIE -- Travis Milner led the way with 16 points, and Julian Medina tossed in 14, as the host Marauders staved off New Lothrop in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference

(MMAC) boys basketball game, 45-42.

Brady Kohlmann paced the Hornets with 16 points while Alex Hughes and Ben Birkmeier each added eight, but the Hornets saw their overall record leveled at 9-9, 4-9 in conference play

Canyon Walker's Marauders have turned things around in the second half of the 2025-26 campaign, after starting 0-5. The NL win moved them to 8-10 overall, 8-6 in the MMAC.

The Marauders jumped on the Hornets early, forging a quick 14-6 lead. New Lothrop cut it to 24-18 at the halftime break, then led 33-31 heading into the final period before O-E rallied behind a pair of three-pointers from Medina, and clutch buckets from Braxton O'Bryant and Joie Fabus. Milner, Medina and Carpenter Darling all hit critical free throws down the stretch.

Braylon Ehle carried much of the O-E scoring through the first three quarters and finished with 8 points. Fabus scored 4, O'Bryant 2 and Darling added one to the final tally.

### Ehle fires in career-high 21, O-E runs past Horton on hardwood

OID-ELSIE -- Braylon Ehle fired in a career-high 21 points, and Ovid-Elsie held off Hanover-Horton in non-league boys basketball action here February 16.

The Marauders persevered, 63-53.

With Julian Medina and Dalton Jordan doing much of the heavy lifting, the Marauders blazed to a 26-point second quarter to overcome an early 8-6 deficit. Canyon Walker's Marauders built a commanding 32-20 halftime lead while running their record to 9-11 overall.

The visiting Comets fell to 9-12 as the 2025-26 regular season comes to a close.

O-E was a solid 40% from the 3-point arc (8-of-20) with Ehle heating up in the second half. He was 4-for-4 from behind the 3-point line, and also added a pair of free throws. Travis Milner also had a flawless shooting performance in the third quarter and finished with 19 points. Medina scored 8, Joie Fabus 8 and Jordan 7, adding balance to the Marauder score sheet.

The Comets had three scorers in double figures: Tyler Hornus 11, Cameron Sherwood 11 and Bradley Bially 10 points.

## Bensinger, Hebler, Roberts Pace Ovid-Elsie Swim in Tri-Meet Opposite Williamston, Waverly

WILLIAMSTON -- Jolene Hebler, Adalynn Roberts and Robert Kebler were Ovid-Elsie's top swimmers in MISCA prep action here February 10.

Audrey Bensinger captured O-E's best finish on the day, runner-up in the 100 fly in 1:17.96 -- besting her previous best time by 82/100th of a second.

Hebler swam to 3rd place finishes in the 200 IM (2:46.30, :01.75 improvement) and the 100 breaststroke (1:26.26, 02.46 improvement). She also registered a time of 38.74 in the 50 backstroke.

Roberts raced to :10.51 improvement in the 200 freestyle to capture 5th in 2:33.54. Adalynn was also 4th in the 500 free (6:51.24) and swam a 1:53.0 improvement in the 100 freestyle (1:13.02).

Kebler clocked a pair of 4th place finishes: :29.81 in the 50 free, and 1:09.83 in the 100 freestyle.

Lillianna Kennedy turned in a 4th place showing in the 100 breaststroke in 1:30.88 -- beating her previous best by 0:31. of a second.

## New Lothrop Grabs Stranglehold on MMAC Girls Hardwood Race with Wins over O-E, Montrose

OID-ELSIE -- For the third-straight year, the road to the MMAC girls basketball crown has come through Ovid-Elsie and New Lothrop.

In 2025-26, the Lady Hornets got the upper hand.

A league showdown on O-E's home court turned into a defensive slugfest, with New Lothrop prevailing 24-16.

The hosts couldn't get several in-close shots to fall. And the Hornets turned that to their advantage, turning a 5-2 first-half advantage -- yes, it was 5-2 at halftime -- into a commanding 12-0 league record (15-1 overall) heading into the final two weeks of the campaign.

"I don't know if I've ever seen that many missed layups," second-year Ovid-Elsie coach Shaun McKinney said.

The win enabled NL to sweep the Marauders (13-3, 11-2 MMAC), after a 47-34 victory on January 5. O-E and New Lothrop shared the MMAC championship last season; 2025-26 will mark NL's first outright title in eight seasons.

Kortlynn Loynes paced the Marauders with eight points.

New Lothrop followed up the O-E win a 73-18 thumping of Montrose -- the Hornets third win of the week.



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**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP  
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

Organizational Meeting Only Tuesday, March 3, 2026 7 p.m.

Appeals will be heard:  
Monday, March 9, 2026  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\*  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9 a.m. - 12 pm\* & 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
(\* Assessor Present)

Fairfield Township Hall 7988 W. Henderson Road Elsie, MI 48831  
Merilee Lawson - Assessor 989-413-4123

**Middlebury Township  
March Board of Review  
Meeting Dates**

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.  
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)  
**Appeals will be heard: For the 2026 Assessments**

**Monday, March 9, 2026**  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1  
at: Holleyassessing@gmail.com

**Middlebury Township Hall,**  
7627 W. M-21, Ovid, MI 48866  
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

**Duplain Township  
March Board of Review  
Meeting Dates**

Will meet on the following dates:  
Organizational Meeting only  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.  
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)  
**Appeals will be heard: For the 2026 Assessment**

**Monday, March 9, 2026**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
**Monday, March 16, 2026**  
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1  
at: Holleyassessing@gmail.com

**Duplain Township Hall,**  
145 E. Main Street, Elsie, MI 48831  
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

**ELBA TOWNSHIP  
GRATIOT COUNTY**

All Elba Township Board of Review Organization Meetings will be held at the  
new Elba Township office at 623 S. Quarterline St. in Ashley.  
Organization Meeting Tuesday March 3, 2026 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Elba Township Board of Review dates:  
Monday March 9, 2026 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM.  
6:00 PM. To 9:00 PM.  
Tuesday March 10, 2026 from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 Noon  
1:00 PM. to 4:00 PM.

Email: elbatownship@elbagratiot.com  
Phone: 989-847-2210  
Assessors Office Hours: Mondays 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Saturdays by  
appointment.  
Address: Elba Township, PO Box 209, Ashley, Mi. 48806

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**CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS**

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

The Chapko Family Trust, dated February 20, 2007  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
The decedent  
**WILLIAM D. CHAPKO, JR.,** who lived at 6911 E. Ridge Road, Elsie, Michigan 48831  
Died on January 2, 2026  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee of the Chapko Family Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Daniel J. Chapko  
6056 N. Saint Clair Road  
Elsie, Michigan 48831  
(989) 640-9044  
Pratt Law, PC  
Alexa B. Pratt P83426  
201 E. State Street  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(989) 224-9449

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

CASE NO: 26-32756-DE  
Estate of  
**JOSEPH WILLIAM VOLK  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
The decedent  
**JOSEPH WILLIAM VOLK**  
Died on March 13, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Jennifer Polito, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Jennifer Polito  
7635 NE 61st Way  
Vancouver, WA 98662  
(520) 237-7688  
Thav, Ryke & Langan  
Jordan R. Smith. P89095  
24725 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste. 110  
Southfield, MI 48034  
(248) 945-1111

(02-22)

**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE  
OF ORDER REGARDING  
ALTERNATE SERVICE  
REGARDING PETITION  
29TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -  
CLINTON COUNTY  
PROBATE**

CASE NO: 26-12634-CZ  
Plaintiff: KING ARTHUR'S COURT  
c/o Swistak, Levine, P.C.  
Plaintiff's Attorney: Jarrett E. Levine  
(P71902)  
30833 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 120  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 851-8000  
Defendant: TRAE ALLEN SMYTH  
315 S. Marion St.  
Boone, IA 50036  
**THE COURT FINDS:**  
Service of process upon the defendant, TRAE ALLEN SMYTH, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonable calculated to give the defendant actual notice of proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. IT IS ORDERED:  
Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of the order shall be made by the following method(s):  
First-class mail to 315 S. Marion St. Boone, IA 50036.  
Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 315 S. Marion St. Boone, IA 50036  
Other: Certified mail with return receipt requested to 315 S. Marion St. Boone, IA 50036 and by publication in Clinton County Legal News for three consecutive weeks based on MCR 2.106. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

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**NOTICE  
ASHLEY VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

A Public Hearing will be held prior to the Regular Council Meeting on Thursday March 12, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. at the Ashley Community Center, 110 N. Sterling St., to take comments regarding the following topics.

- Proposed 2026-27 Budget
- Proposed Ordinance 2026-01 - An Ordinance to Establish a Wage Committee and Permit Appointment of Non-Qualified Electors
- Proposed Master Plan Draft

A copy of the proposed budget, ordinance and master plan is available for public inspection at the Ashley Village Office, 114 S. Sterling St. Office hours are Tuesday thru Thursday's from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Michelle Fitzpatrick  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

**Ovid Township March Board of Review**

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Appeals will be heard:  
Monday, March 9, 2026  
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

## SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

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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 25, 2026. 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. Names of Mortgagor(s): Richard D. Stokes. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Greenlight Loans. Date of mortgage: 6/21/2016. Mortgage recorded on 7/6/2016 as Document No. 5242775. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): UMB Bank, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as legal title trustee for PRL Title Trust I. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$125,659.74 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 250 FEET OF THE WEST 8 RODS OF THE EAST 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 68 RODS OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T5N, R1W, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TOGETHER WITH DRIVEWAY RIGHTS OVER THE WEST 14 FEET OF THE WEST 8 RODS OF THE EAST 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 68 RODS OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 29, SUBJECT TO JOINT AND RECIPROCAL DUTIES AS TO SAID DRIVEWAY. Commonly known as 5409 Ann Drive, Bath, MI 48808. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be 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. 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, 2026 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. 26-01083

(02-15)(03-08)

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement** 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 3/18/2026. 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. Names of Mortgagor(s): Richard D. Stokes. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Greenlight Loans. Date of mortgage: 6/21/2016. Mortgage recorded on 7/6/2016 as Document No. 5242775. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): UMB Bank, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as legal title trustee for PRL Title Trust I. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$125,659.74 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 250 FEET OF THE WEST 8 RODS OF THE EAST 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 68 RODS OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T5N, R1W, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TOGETHER WITH DRIVEWAY RIGHTS OVER THE WEST 14 FEET OF THE WEST 8 RODS OF THE EAST 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 68 RODS OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 29, SUBJECT TO JOINT AND RECIPROCAL DUTIES AS TO SAID DRIVEWAY. Commonly known as 5409 Ann Drive, Bath, MI 48808. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be 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. Date of Notice: 02/15/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (312) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00007

(02-15)(03-08)

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby 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 a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2026. 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 SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Flip 3, LLC, original mortgagor, to Oaktree Funding Corp., dated January 18, 2024, and recorded January 19, 2024 in 5341667, in Clinton County records, Michigan, and assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-IGLOO SERIES VI TRUST, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 22, 2025 in 5354322, and assigned to U.S.

BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-DWELLING SERIES VI TRUST by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on August 13, 2025 in 5356631, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight-Hundred Ninety-Four and 99/100 dollars (\$112,894.99). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence North 880 feet; thence West 1549 feet; thence North 93 feet and West 471.4 feet to a Point of Beginning in the center of Turner Road, said Point also being located 852.88 feet West of the South 1/4 corner of Section 33 to the intersection at Sheridan Road and North 10 degrees 22 minutes 49 seconds East 989.743 feet on the center of Turner Road to said Point of Beginning; thence North 10 degrees 22 minutes 49 seconds East, 120.00 feet on the center of Turner Road; thence East 187.56 feet; thence South 116 feet along a fence line; thence West 212.56 feet to the Point of Beginning. Property Address: 16779 Turner Road Lansing, Michigan 48906 Parcel No.: 050-033-400-041-00 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 under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 1, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2511012 - FLIP 3, LLC (Commercial) - DA

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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I'm finally nestled into my cozy happy place. No big worries, the unexpected bills which were huge by my limited standards are all paid and I will be back on top of things within the next sixty days. I have running water which does not mean that I have to go out to the pump and carry it into the house! The pump and the pipes are blissfully carrying it to my house so that I can use all of these modern conveniences. Like the kitchen sink, the dish washer, the washing machine, bathroom sink, tub and toilet facilities. I thoroughly enjoy the fresh unfiltered country well water... I have the day off and need to go pick up a forty pound bag of cat food, some treats for Prudence, a new mop head, and a gallon of milk.

I even had the time to pick up some new books for me to read. I stopped off at the St Johns Book Exchange on main street and used my credit voucher that paid out for half of my purchase. It is where I take my extra books that I don't wish to hold onto. And if I remember where I put the credit I use it to gain more books. The folks there even remember me and counsel me to use my credit voucher, it is nice to have that extra memory support. I enjoy chit chatting with the ladies. And they seem to enjoy my stories about my crazy critters. Next time that I'm in there I need to show them a picture of Prudence and Hebow, Thomas Tripper, T.T., Snowball, Tigger, and Paws. The privileged character would be Prudence, because she has run of the house and the cats are

no longer allowed into her domain. Currently Pru is sitting in my recliner waiting for me to quit messing with the washer and dryer and get this missive written so that her lap space is back to working order. Most folks that I know seem to think that having an escort of cats to and from my vehicles is a hoot.

Wednesday after MG's Perx and Pastries was closed I had a box of cookies and cinnamon rolls to drop of at our accountant's office, stop at both banks to transfer funds and make deposits, and return a set of pet clippers to Therese in Laingsburg. By the time that I got home I had to adjust my appointment calendar. It was one of those crazy lapses. Have you ever looked at the calendar and read that you have an appointment at 2:30 PM on Thursday and it imprints upon your brain as Wednesday at 2:30PM? You get to the appointment which is in Lansing and find out your error when you try to check in... They did offer to work me in but after checking the scheduling I would be there until after five. I choose to come back when I was supposed to on the following day. To add insult to injury I was forty-five minutes early, such is life. Between the doctor's office and Therese's home I gave her a call to see if it would be okay to stop by. I told her that I just had some soup to drop of and she had a bag of stuff for me to drop off elsewhere for her. She wasn't feeling well, so instead of a quick switch because I was in the area I called her back and told her to take that much needed nap. Therese is a gem and I could put the soup into the freezer and get it to her at a later date. On Thursday when I had the appointment I walked into the examination room ten minutes early, was barely sitting

when in came the doctor. I was back out into the parking ramp at 2:36PM and checked in to see if Therese was receiving visitors and she was... I stopped for a cozy visit, a cup of coffee, and dropped off some fresh waffles, soup and her dog grooming equipment. We had a wonderful visit and even watched a heifer working on her first delivery in their pasture.

Pru was ecstatic when I got home as were the parade of cats who escorted me to my house. May your lives be filled with your own pet humor and much laughter. Life was meant to be lived and enjoyed. May God bless you with good memories and happy occasions. Even the mundane critter salutes.

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