

Ford Field Bound...

Marauder Banner-Carriers Baese, Juhas Punch Ticket to Mat State Finals

OLIVET -- A big weekend for the Ovid-Elsie wrestling program produced a pair of grapplers for the MHSAA State Finals in Detroit.

Both Ava Juhas and Will Baese punched their ticket to the prestigious MHSAA Finals -- Baese with runnerup finish at 120 lbs. to earn the boys' tournament, and Juhas with a 4th place showing at 115 to represent the Lady Marauders at the girls tourney.

"We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination, and grit," explained the Marauder coaching staff.

The best boys and girls wrestlers will be competing under the lights at Ford Field the weekend of March 6 and 7 in downtown Motor City.



Ava Juhas

Will Baese

Stier, Phillips Qualify for Wolfpack to MHSAA State Finals Trip in Detroit

LESLIE -- A great weekend for Laingsburg Wrestling culminated in two Wolfpack grapplers qualifying for the 2025-26 MHSAA State Finals in Detroit.

And ... the duo, both of them, are just freshmen.

Both wrestling in the 106 lb. weight class, Dylan Phillips and Eli Stier with big wins in the Regional Tournament at Leslie HS. They will represent LHS at the State Finals at Ford Field on March 6 and 7.

"They will be making some noise at the big show as freshmen," said Wolfpack coach Trent Lashauy. "They have truly earned this. The region was loaded with five of the top eight ranked wrestlers in the state."

At 113 lbs., Wolfpack standout Cooper Mund battled hard and went 1-2-- both of his losses coming to the #2 and #3 wrestlers in the state. "Cooper had an unfortunate draw following a district title," explained Lashauy. "We are incredibly proud of him."



Eli Stier and Dylan Phillips

Bowlers State Finals Bound



Brooke Pugsley came home a Regional Champion for Ovid-Elsie on February 19th with 215, 183, 157, 135, 175, 245 for a 1110.

Devyn Pugsley finished sixth with 216, 157, 160, 183, 163, 201 for 1080.

The siblings will move on to State Finals at Jax60 in Jackson on February 28th at 8:15am.

Good Luck!

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Steve Pease Retires from Ovid Middlebury Fire Department

submitted by Nathan Pease

Ovid Middlebury Fire Department recognizes and celebrate the retirement of Steve Pease from the OMFD after an incredible 29 years of dedicated service to our community.

Steve began his fire service career as a firefighter, where he served for 7 years. He then stepped into leadership roles, spending 5 years as a Lieutenant, 3 years as a Captain, and an outstanding 14 years as Assistant Chief. In every position, Steve led with integrity, steady judgment, and a deep commitment to both the department and the people we serve.

In addition to his fire service leadership, Steve has been a licensed EMT for 25 years. From 2011 to 2016, he served as Director of EMS, helping guide and strengthen our emergency medical services. His dedication to patient care, training, and professionalism has left a lasting impact on our department and the community.

Over nearly three decades, Steve has answered countless calls, mentored generations of firefighters and EMTs, and played a key role in shaping the department into what it is today. His experience, leadership, and calm presence will truly be missed.

Please join us in congratulating Steve on his well-earned retirement and thanking him for 29 years of service, sacrifice, and commitment.



Steve Pease



The Ovid-Elsie Competitive Cheer team is advancing to Regionals for the first time in years! They have worked hard to get here. By far, the hardest district in Division 4. But they were able to pull off 4th place to seal their spot at regionals on Saturday, February 28!

Laiken Watkins, Clarissa Baese, Mercades Grieder, Peyton Milz, Lianna Shearer, Naomi Schneider, Coach Sarah Stewart, Skylar Jury, Katlyn Blomfield, Macy VanEtten, Dylan Masarik, AllieLynn Barnhill, Jaedyn Palus, Kyra Witt, Claire Fruchey, Alizabeth Throop, Adelaide Faziani, Coach Roni Behrens.



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Gratiot County Amateur Radio Association Meeting

submitted by Luke Cole

On February 17th, the Gratiot County Amateur Radio Association held a monthly meeting. At this month's meeting a new emergency coordinator was appointed for the association to work with the county Emergency Manager and Michigan AUXCOMM. A possible offer for a new repeater site within the county was discussed and the options are being explored. The upcoming National Weather Service SkyWarn class at Alma College on May 2nd was also discussed and is open to the public. Finally, plans were made to do a "Introduction to POTA (Parks On The Air)" presentation to take place prior to the start of the March meeting, time TBD. The Gratiot County Amateur Radio Association meets the 3rd Tuesday every month at the Gratiot County Emergency Management Office at 7PM for formal meetings and the last Saturday of each month at 11AM at JJ Ruby's in Ithaca, anyone interested in ham radio is welcome.



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Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

On Wednesday, March 4 it will be Classic Movie day at the Ovid Public Library. We will be showing the movie, 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard. Movie time will be 1:00. Bring a friend and enjoy this romantic comedy with us. Light snacks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

Also on Wednesday Dr. Jackie Medley, RN, BSN, CN, ND will be presenting a class on diabetes. Come and join us for this informative program. She will be able to answer your questions and help enlighten you on this disease. The class will start at 5:00. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, March 9 will be the Adult Booktasting. The group meets at 1:00. This is a fun group and they discuss the books and authors they have been reading. They welcome new people to come and join them. If you are looking for a new book to read, come listen and see what everyone is enjoying. They can point you to your next favorite book.

Friday, March 13 will be our next Children's Story Hour. Ms. Shelly will be reading some fun books to the kids along with some games and songs. The children will be making a craft and snacks will be provided. Story time begins at 10:30. This will be our only story hour this month so don't miss it!

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Another month is in sight. I ordered several books on small space gardening...keeping my thoughts positive, right? It really will warm up...sometime.

We are certainly looking forward to "March is Reading Month." The girls have created a fun month for the children that involves five different books by Laura Numeroff. The first book, "If You Give a Moose a Muffin," will begin the month-long fun on March 2nd beginning at noon. Every Monday and Saturday in March there will be a story, a game, a themed snack and a chance to win a weekly prize. There will be weekly themed guessing contests at the front desk for the children. Also, the children can sign up once to win a gift card or a massive creative art box set of 125 pieces. WOW! All this and free books and just plain old fun at our Elsie Public Library. We cannot wait to see you!

The Elsie Library Book Club will meet, as usual, on the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm. The adult and Teen craft time is still the third Thursday of the month, but the hours have changed from evening to one in the afternoon. The craft for March is leather. You can make something to use and take it home.

We look forward to seeing you soon and remember to check our Facebook page for any closures or program updates.

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Parade Marshal Nominations

The Ovid Carriage Days committee is asking the community for nominations for the 2026 Carriage Days Parade Marshals. The festival has moved from September to July and has returned to a 3 day format. The dates for 2026 are July 10th-11th-12th. To submit a nomination for consideration for Ovid Carriage Days Parade Marshal (Marshals) please send to news@meridianweekly.com by March 16th or stop by the Meridian Weekly office.

Curwood Festival Seeking Nominations for 2026 Heritage Parade Grand Marshal

submitted by Justin Horvath

The Curwood Festival is looking for nominations to fill the position of the Grand Marshal (sponsored by Hood Financial Group - Stifel) for this years' festival! It has been quite a year, and in the spirit of celebrating our hometown heroes, we are looking for your nominations of whom you believe did an outstanding job in our community. It will be our great pleasure to accept nominations of people who went out of their way to provide a service to our community during 2025-2026. If you believe you know someone who deserves this recognition, please submit a letter to the Curwood Festival Board writing about your nomination and why you feel they deserve this recognition. Please limit this letter to one page or less.

You can submit your nomination(s) electronically by going to www.curwoodfestival.com/2026-grand-marshal-sought

Please include the name and contact information of your nomination AND the contact information of the person making the nomination.

The submission deadline is March 20, 2026.

We look forward to reading about all they have done, and how their efforts impacted our community!

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Recycling in March

submitted by Ellen Link

Hopefully winter will be winding down in March and the weather won't play havoc with the GLR's recycling schedule. Drives will be held, as usual, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (March 3 and 17), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (March 14 and 28), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The students in Laingsburg Schools' Red Thunder Robotics #7166 approached the GLR with the idea—happily accepted—of putting on a food drive at the Saturday, February 14 recycling drive. They ended up collecting 120 pounds of non-perishable food that has been donated to the Laingsburg Area Food Bank. A huge thank you to all who donated food at the drive and a "Job well done!" to the students who made it happen and worked alongside our usual volunteers that busy morning. What a sweet way to spread the love on Valentine's Day and give back to our community! The students were cheered by the results and we hear are considering a repeat performance, so stay tuned for upcoming food drives at the recycling center!



We continue to get folks coming to the center for the first time who haven't yet gotten the knack of how to separate or handle recyclables or maybe just forget. So, just to review: Phone books go with newspaper. White milk jugs go with colored #2. The wire should be removed from spiral-bound books and calendars. Tissue paper can now go with mixed paper but wax paper, napkins and paper towels should go in the trash. Brown paper, e.g. grocery bags, go with cardboard. Milk cartons should be thoroughly rinsed and their plastic spouts removed. We are truly grateful to all those who follow the rules.

Questions, comments or suggestions? We're all ears. Visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. Working together we can ensure a sustainable future in our own backyard.

Be a Friend to the Laingsburg Public Library

submitted by Lori Johnson

The Friends of the Laingsburg Public Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Laingsburg Public Library through volunteer services, fundraising, and community services. Fundraising efforts directly support a variety of services and programs, including Children's Story Time, Summer Reading Program, Music Classes, Impression 5 and Potter Park Zoo family passes, and more.

Join us at our upcoming meeting on Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m. at the Laingsburg Middle School Media Center to learn more about how you can be a FRIEND to the library!

2026- 2027 OVID TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES FOURTH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 6 p.m. (*Except November & December, 2026)

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April 23, 2026	October 22, 2026
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August 27, 2026	February 25, 2027
September 24, 2026	March 25, 2027



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

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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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.

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Obituaries

Jean Marie (nee Follett) Ingersoll

Jean Marie (nee Follett) Ingersoll, age 76, of Ashley, MI (formerly of Lapeer, MI) passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2026, peacefully at her home with family by her side.

Jean was the fourth of six children born to Josephine (nee Sipka) and Howard Follett on January 24, 1950 in Alma, MI. She was brought home to Ashley, MI where she was raised on a family farm and lived until graduating with the Ashley High School, class of 1968 where she participated in basketball, band, and cadet teaching and cheerleading during her high school years.

She met and married the love of her life, John Ingersoll, in 1969, and they were inseparable until he passed away on August 12, 2004, after 35 years of marriage. Their employment took them too many locations in Michigan – Davison, Kalamazoo, Coldwater, Holland, and finally settling in Lapeer where their two sons, Anthony John and Todd Michael attended elementary through high school.

Jean retired from the Lapeer Michigan Dept. of Corrections Education Dept. in 2002. Jean and John were active members of the Lapeer community taking part in Boy Scouts, coaching Little League teams, hosting the Gus Macker tournaments, sponsoring Rotary Club exchange students from Brazil (Leo), Denmark (Sune), China, India and several other countries in their home and even housing dignitaries through the Lapeer Rotary Club. Jean enjoyed gardening, MSU football games (mainly the tailgate), playing cards with friends, bowling leagues, garage sales, and welcoming family and friends into their home where everyone was treated like family and could stay as long as needed, and no one EVER went hungry; she was an amazing cook!!

She was predeceased by her parents Josephine and Howard Follett, her mother-in-law Evelyn (nee Hunter) Ingersoll, her brother Dan "Boone" Follett, and her brother and sisters-in-law: Richard Miller, Marcella Shank, Jonathan Ingersoll, Joanne Klanke, Jill Dennis, and Judith Ingersoll. She is survived by her sons: Anthony (Michelle) Ingersoll of Lapeer, MI; and Todd (Mindy) Ingersoll of Illinois, her much loved grandson Jack and step- grandchildren: Kaleb and Carley; her sisters: Martha Miller and Colleen Follett; nieces: (special thanks to Cathy Ackles Miller for being there for her for so long), nephews, brother and sisters-in-law: Jacklynn Fairfield, Janet (Craig) Bisard, Jimmy (Nina) Ingersoll, and Kelly (Kristen) Ingersoll.

Per Jean's request there will be a celebration of life held at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elise, Michigan.



Katherine "Kathy" Peters

Katherine "Kathy" Peters went to be with her Lord and Savior February 26, 2026, at Masonic Pathways in Alma, MI, at the age of 92.

Kathy was born in Brainerd, MN on March 10, 1933, the daughter of Victor and Ethel (Sjostrom) Gearey. She was an active member of Maple Hill Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, prior to moving to Michigan in 1969. Subsequently, she was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women's group for many years. She served for 21 years as Secretary to the Principal of the Ovid-Elsie High School before retiring.

She enjoyed crocheting and knitting, sending cards to people so they knew they were thought of and prayed for, and loved spending time with her family. Kathy married Robert "Bob" Peters in 2002; he predeceased her in 2019.

Kathy is survived by her children: Arlo (Deena) Knutson, Elsie Loynes, Loretta Winkler, and Larry Knutson (Maureen Cullen); grandchildren: Jamie (Jason) Gillespie, Heather (Eric) Coleman, Rhonda (Scott) Fauble, Ross Loynes (Ashley Johnson), Rita Loynes-Alleman (Shane Pitmon), Erik Knutson, Kelsey Knutson, Kristian (Alexis) Knutson; 16 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren. Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Robert Peters, son-in-law John Winkler, her parents, her 5 siblings, previous husband Mark O'Donnell, and the father of her children Edwin Knutson.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Steve Swem officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Elsie Food Bank or to Macular Degeneration Research (www.brightfocus.org). Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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The Hoof, Fin, and Fowl

Two weeks ago the Weekly Sportsman and his son traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and explored the battlefield along with touring a prospective college for Owen to attend. After a very long sunny day of walking trails it was time for dinner so the Weekly Sportsman and son headed north to downtown Gettysburg.



Within a few blocks a sign that read "The Hoof, Fin, and Feather" was hard to miss but the establishment was closed because it was a Monday evening. Looking in the windows it became very obvious by all of the taxidermy hanging on the walls that this restaurant would require some further research later in the evening.

Upon return to the hotel room the internet delivered some good and bad news. The restaurant would be closing for good by Sunday but would be open on Tuesday evening which would work because the planned departure would be later that evening. Many stories praised The Hoof, Fin, and Feather as the best place to dine if you were looking for a place where land and sea meat. (pun intended) Manager Jeff Jurkowski opened the place in September 2019 following a two year search for a prime location in Gettysburg. When Subway vacated the location he knew that with a little renovation the place would work. Jeff grew up in Baltimore where his uncle owned and operated a very popular crab house that served 600 bushels of crab weekly. He also had watermen in his family so he grew up learning about Chesapeake Bay's bounty of natural resources. Prior to the opening of the restaurant, Jeff started a roadside crab business in York that eventually expanded into a farmer's market stand and then a crab and seafood restaurant.

The standard menu is quite diverse with regular offerings of steak, crab, lobster, salmon and duck incorporated into appetizers, soups, salads, and entrees. The Weekly Sportsman and Owen made it back early on Tuesday evening and both tried a house salad with a special Eastern Shore Vinaigrette along with creamy crab soup over the option of Maryland crab soup. Two entrees of duck breast with green beans and fingerling potatoes were followed by a serving of raspberry cheesecake. During dinner, Jeff stopped by the table and took some time to share that he was unfortunately closing the doors by week's end due to rising costs, health reasons, and declining business. He went on to highlight different meats offered in the past including but not limited to venison, elk, quail, pheasant, ostrich, kangaroo and camel. He admitted all of those offerings were a success with the exception of camel which was very expensive to special order and while the flavor was excellent the chewing and swallowing was a bit difficult.

Unfortunately, this establishment that served a variety of seafood and meat with locally sourced inseason produce was closing. The atmosphere was very cozy with fireplaces and wilderness decor. Did I mention a well stocked bar with locally produced wine and spirits??? If it wasn't eight hours away the Weekly Sportsman probably could've personally kept the doors open with daily visits with friends and family or maybe even become a restaurateur. The Weekly Sportsman will just have to settle for the fact that a rare opportunity presented itself to enjoy a very special meal with his son at a very special place that will never be replicated.

-WS



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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"...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

- Romans 5:8

The Bible says that God is love. And we know that love is relational.

Relationship is what God wants from all people- for us to turn from our sins, ask God for forgiveness, and enter into a personal relationship with the living Lord.

It's an invitation that's given to all people. An invitation to a party. You read that right, a party.

Did you know that on more than one occasion in the Bible, Heaven is equated to a party?

Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son... Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet." (Matthew 22:2, 4).

One of the great things about this Heavenly party is that it's an inclusive party. God wants all people to come to faith in Him and join the fun!

Jesus says, "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests....[he] ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'"

22 "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'"

23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"

(Luke 14:16, 21-23).

Looking at this from the level of the individual, we can ask, "How did the Father respond when his Prodigal Son came home?"

The Bible says, "...the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate." (Luke 15:22-24).

This invitation, as great as it is, is of a limited offer. It's available to everyone around the world, but it does have a time limit for acceptance. It's only good while you are alive.

As Hebrews 9:27 says, "...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment."

Why miss out on God's party that lasts forever? You can join by believing in the Gospel- that Jesus is fully human and fully God. That He lived a perfect life, died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead, paying the price in full for all of your sins.

Please don't hesitate. As 2 Corinthians 6:2 says, "now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

LEGAL NOTICE

CHAPIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

The Chapin Township Board will hold a public hearing meeting to consider the proposed Township budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 on March 09, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapin Township Hall located at 21481 W. Peet Rd. Elsie MI 48831.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget will be available for public inspection by contacting Frank Gross at # (989) 661-2215

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.

Ovid Historical Society

Ovid- The Ovid Historical Society is having a social hour of interesting facts and conversation on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Mary Meyers Museum.

All are Welcome to share any family history, pictures, or keepsakes of Ovid history.

No Business Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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.

(02-22/03-08)

OID TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the budget board meeting to order at 5 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf

Absent: None

Guests: Keith Jones, Lionel and Robin Olson, Connie and Gary Kioski, Peggy Lidgard

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: Keith Jones

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by N. Hughson to approve the agenda, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.
Draft 2026-2027 Budget: The Board discussed the General Fund Budget, Public Safety Budget, Cemetery Budget and the Tax Fund Budget. Cost of living raises and Elections were also addressed. The proposed changes in line items will be adjusted as suggested, and the proposed 2026-2027 budget will be presented to the Board at the March meeting, along with any Resolutions.

Draft 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates & Time:

Board discussion on proposed 2026-2027 board meeting dates document.

Moved by N. Hughson to go with what was printed for 26-27, six o'clock, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

Public Comments: Keith Jones, Connie Kioski, Lionel Olson

Board Comments: Comments by C. Pluger, N. Hughson, K. Wolf

Adjournment: Motion by C. Pluger to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

Ovid Historical History Room Hours Change

The Ovid Historical Society History Room, located inside the Ovid Public Library, has changed their hours open to the public to every Monday from 1pm-3pm. For more information or to set up an appointment, call Ken Miller at 989-666-6826 or by email at ovidite@yahoo.com



Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 Serves the Community

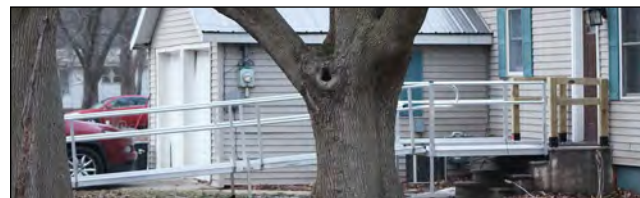
by Dawn D Levey

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.



(L to R) LHS senior Oliver Stanfield, freshman Claire Miller and senior Josh Marble all pitched in for the Red Thunder Robotics Team to help serve up some delicious spaghetti to community members at the Lions Club's free Spaghetti Dinner on February 17. The Lions Club helps sponsor the learning efforts of the Robotics Club with annual donations.

Free Spaghetti Dinners Just Keep Getting Better and Better for Laingsburg Community

LAINGSBURG -- A win-win for the greater Laingsburg community just keeps getting better.

The Laingsburg Lions Club teamed up with the local American Legion, the Red Thunder Robotics Club from LHS, the Laingsburg Youth Baseball program, and the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers to feed more than 200 patrons at another free Spaghetti Dinner.

The latest delicious meal -- spaghetti, sauce, meatballs and breadsticks -- was served up February 17. All at no charge.

This came on the heels of the first community free meal, on January 20. These are zero-waste events, with the assistance of the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers.

The next big community event hosted by the Lions will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday (April 4) during Easter weekend at McClintock Park in downtown Laingsburg.

Laingsburg Lions Springtime Festival Raffle

The Laingsburg Lions Club Springtime Festival Raffle tickets are available for purchase from any Lions Club Member or at The Meridian Weekly office in Ovid. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20, drawing date will be Monday, May 25, 2026 at 3pm at McClintock Park Amphitheater.

Prizes are as follows: 1st- Custom Golf Cart, 2nd-\$1,000 Weekend Get-a-Way, 3rd-\$600 Mystery Prize, 4th- \$500 Cash, 5th-\$400 In Local Business Gift Cards, 6th-\$300 Cash, 7th-\$200 Cash and 8th-\$100 Cash. Need not be present to win, get your tickets today.

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Leonard Elementary | Ph: 989-834-5029 | 732 N. Mabbitt St. Ovid | Email: Leonard@ovidelsie.org

If your student's birthday is Sept 1st - Dec 1st your child will be considered for Young 5's.



• **When: Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m.**

• **Where: Ashley Schools Library**

• **What to bring:**

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization records & Health Appraisal
- Proof of Residency
- Parent/Guardian Photo ID

Registration for the 2026-2027 School year

This is an ADULT ONLY event - Children will attend the fall open house

For kindergarten: Your child must be 5 by September 1, 2026 (or December 1, 2026 with a waiver)



For preschool: Please visit <https://preschoolpartnership.org/our-partners/>



Any questions contact Mrs. Kinsley 989-847-4000 ext 1003

Sports

Ovid-Elsie Bowling Last Regular Match of Season

The OE Varsity Teams were at Richfield Bowl on February 14th for the last regular meet of the season. The went up against Birch Run and both teams were on the winning side.

Girls 29-1 with games of: Abby Orweller 160, 166; Tori Dennis 115, 166; Haylee Arnett 140, 123; Brook Pugsley 170, 198.

Boys 23-7 with games of: Micah Ladiski 157; Collin Jullie 157; Brady Latz 144, 130; Teagan Ignash 170, 193; Devyn Pugsley 199, 203.

The girls finished 3-7 in the conference for fourth place with only four bowlers all season!

The boys finished 7-2 in the conference for third place.



Tori Dennis



Micha Ladiski

Ovid-Elsie Brooke Pugsley Wins Girls Regional Bowling Event, Pugsley Siblings Move on to States

submitted by Matt Fabus

B's Bowling in Flint as regional home on February 18th for teams and February 19th for singles.

Boys bowled first for team event. Bowl six Bakers and two Petersons for total pin count. 14 teams made up the field, top two go on to states in Jackson at Jax60.

Boys would take sixth with a 2659.

Girls would take seventh out of 12 with a 1999.

The boys singles event had 83 boys in the field. Bowl six games top seven advance to states.

Devyn Pugsley finished sixth with 216, 157, 160, 183, 163, 201 for 1080.

Teagan Ignash was 25th with 929; Micah Ladiski was 31st with 877; Byron Odenbaugh as 31st also with a 877; Brady Latz as 68th with a 694; Collin Jullie was 69th with a 693.

64 girls would make up the field same format and top seven advance to states.

Brooke Pugsley would take top honors first place with 215, 183, 157, 135, 175, 245 for a 1110.

Tori Dennis was 29th with 774; Abby Orweller 35th with 735; Haylee Arnett 42nd with 659.

Another great season for Ovid-Elsie Bowlers. The Pugsley siblings received medals. They will compete at States on Saturday, February 28th at Jax 60 in Jackson at 8:15am.

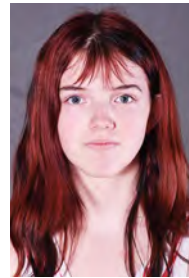
Good Luck!

Ruhf Scores One Victory, Two Losses for Wolfpack at MHSAA Girls District

HOWELL -- Scarlet Ruhf was the Laingsburg Wolfpack representative at the MHSAA Girls Wrestling District tournament at Howell High School.

Wrestling in the 100 lb. weight class on mat 1, Ruhf defeated Ava Hertzler of Fowlerville, 12-1, by fall at 2:43.

Her day ended with a loss by loss by 1:17 fall to Aamina Aja of Utica Eisenhower, and a 16-5 major decision setback to Izabella Sullivan of Howell.



Holm Plays Bombs-Away Lady Wolfpack Wins Easily

DANSVILLE -- Wolfpack standout Brooklyn Holm started off the game by hitting her first four 3-pointers in the Wolfpack's first handful of possessions.

She finished the game with 21 points -- which included six 3's. Holm's teammates gave her lots of help as the Wolfpack won handily by a final score of 61-23.

The loss dropped the Aggies to 4-12 in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) action, 6-13 overall. Daniel Morrill's Wolves improved to 13-3 in the conference, 17-3 for all games.

Payge Woodworth and Lilli Morrill each added 12 for the Pack.

For the Lady Aggies, Ryker Graf led the way with 14 points.

Lady Wolves avenge loss to Bath, beat the Bees by 11 in District tuneup

LAINGSBURG -- Brooklyn Holm scored 11 to lead Laingsburg's girls basketball team in a game that quickly showed itself to be a defensive battle vs. the Bath Bees.

The Lady Wolfpack came away with the win 38-27, in a tuneup for the upcoming MHSAA District tournament. LHS improved to 18-3 overall and avenged a 35-33 loss at Bath on January 21. In a battle of CMAC contenders, the Bees fell to 17-4 with one game left in the league season.

The Wolves' final league game was upcoming, what promised to be a donnybrook opposite league-leading Pewamo-Westphalia (18-2).

In the Bath victory, Lilli Morrill chipped in 8 and Mallory Woodbury had 7 for LHS.

For the Lady Bees, Africa Beltran had 11 points.



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Moore Drains O-E Record Eight 3-Pointers in Lady Marauder Romp

OVID-ELSIE -- The Mt. Morris Panthers had no answer for Ovid-Elsie's aerial bombardment.

Alyson Moore set a O-E HS school record with 8 three-balls, and as a team O-E's Lady Marauders rained down 12 trifectas in a 73-12 MMAC basketball romp, that improved Shaun McKinney's club to 15-5 (13-3 in the conference).


It was the Panthers' fifth loss in a row, since their only victory of the campaign -- a 41-38 nipping of Byron on February 2. Overall, they stood 1-19 with their 15th loss in 16 league contests in 2025-26.

Moore's 8x3 night ended in -- you guessed it -- a team-high 24 points. McKenzie Keck scored 15, Dannika Campbell 9 -- with Kendal Tokar adding 13 points and 8 assists.




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Sports

Wolfpack Defense Ousts Ovid-Elsie in MHSAA Semifinal Showdown, 48-35

BATH -- Laingsburg's boys basketball team deployed a gritty, denial defense, taking away Ovid-Elsie's slashing inside game and ending the Marauders' 2025-26 season in the MHSAA District semifinals here February 25.

The Wolfpack's rock-solid 48-35 victory assured them of at least a .500 season, after a long uphill climb. Canyon Walker's O-E squad finished a 12-11 campaign -- a far cry from their 0-5 opening in November and December.

Said veteran LHS coach Tim Beebe, "I thought our kids did a nice job with our defensive game plan, and our bench gave us a big lift as well."

The Wolves limited two of O-E's top scorers -- Travis Milner and Braylen Ehle -- to just 8 combined points in 54 total minutes. With that stingy defense in place, the Pack outscored the Marauders in each quarter: 9-4 in the first, 15-12 in the second, 16-13 in the third and 8-6 in the final stanza. The red-and-white limited Ovid-Elsie to 36.8% shooting from the floor, and just 2-for-15 from behind the three-point stripe; one of the Marauders' coldest shooting nights of the season.

Laingsburg also commanded a dominant 31-16 edge in rebounds.

Ovid-Elsie turned to Joie Fabus as their scoring leader, draining 13 points. Milner hit for 7, Carpenter Darling 6, Julian Medina 5 and Ehle one point.

Kollin Bentley-Barr came through big-time for the Wolfpack, leading the way with a season-high 15 points in 15 minutes of court time. Josiah Hawes followed closely with 13 points. Everett Rodriguez added 8, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Cash Heaton 4 and Collin Logghe a pair.

Hawes and Caceres each pulled down 9 rebounds, and Jake Rivet added 4 boards for the victors. Rodriguez grabbed 5 rebounds for LHS.

Laingsburg (12-11) advanced to take on the host Bath Bees (13-10) in the District Final -- the third time this season the neighboring CMAC rivals met. The Wolves and Bees split the two regular season meetings between the two longtime rivals.

2025-26 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 112 held at:
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 2777 Hardin St., Saginaw, MI 48602

Girls Basketball

	Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary	
	March 4 5:30 p.m.	
Merrill/Ashley		
March 2 5:30 p.m.		
Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy		March 6 7:00 p.m.
	St. Charles	
	March 4 7:00 p.m.	
Bay City All Saints		
March 2 7:00 p.m.		
Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central		

2025-26 MHSAA DIVISION 3 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 95 held at:
Bath High School, 6175 Clark Rd., Bath, MI 48808

Girls Basketball

	Laingsburg	
	March 5 5:30 p.m.	
Bath		
March 4 7:00 p.m.		
Durand		March 6 7:00 p.m.

2025-26 MHSAA DIVISION 3 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 94 held at:
Ovid-Elsie High School, 8989 E. Colony Rd., Elsie, MI 48831

Girls Basketball

	Pewamo-Westphalia	
	March 4 5:30 p.m.	
Ithaca		
March 2 5:30 p.m.		
St. Louis		March 6 7:00 p.m.
	Hemlock	
	March 4 7:00 p.m.	
Ovid-Elsie		
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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

CASE NO: 26-32783-DE
Estate of
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Date of birth: October 2, 1944
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent
ROGER WILLIAM WELLS
Died on December 1, 2025
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(03-01)

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF CLINTON

CASE NO: 26-32835-NC
In the matter of
SPENCER THOMAS WOMBLE
TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE:
SPENCER THOMAS WOMBLE has filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan to change the name of **SPENCER THOMAS WOMBLE** to **SPENCER THOMAS TAYLOR-ZARKA**

(03-01)

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CLINTON COUNTY PROBATE

CASE NO:
24-32383-GA/24-32384-CA
In the matter of
DARLENE EDINGTON
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS*
Christopher Edington (nephew)
D'Anne Saul (niece), Therese Chavez (niece), children of Lynn Moeggenberg (sibling), and all other presumptive heirs of Darlene Edington.

whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE*

Mid-Michigan Guardianship Services, Inc. (MMGS) has been appointed the guardian and conservator of **DARLENE EDINGTON**.

MMGS intends to file one or more Annual Report of Guardian on Condition of Legally Incapacitated Individual and one or more Account of Fiduciary and Petition to Allow Account(s) with the Clinton County Probate Court located at 100 E State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879.

There is a hearing scheduled for March 16, 2026 at 8:30AM before Judge Lisa Sullivan P51265 to hear MMGS's Petition to Allow the 1st Account filed by Mid-Michigan Guardianship Services, Inc.

Mid-Michigan Guardianship Services, Inc
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Lansing, MI 48906

(03-01)

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF CLINTON

CASE NO: 26-32843-NC
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Elba Township Board of Review dates:
Monday March 9, 2026 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM.
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Tuesday March 10, 2026 from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 Noon
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Address: Elba Township, PO Box 209, Ashley, Mi. 48806

**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)

2026 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

CITY OF OVID
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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

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Ovid Township March Board of Review

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

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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

**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

**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
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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)

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Matthew N. Ohlemacher, Jr. to Mortgage 1 Incorporated dated June 21, 2023 and recorded June 29, 2023 as Instrument No. 5336491, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$185,897.79. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: The real property is situated in the Village of Maple Rapids, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, to wit: Lot 7 and the South 14 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, B.P. Hutchison Subdivision of Maple Rapids, Village of Maple Rapids, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records. More commonly known as: 226 Ewen Street, Maple Rapids, Michigan 48853 Tax Parcel ID No. : 19-081-100-008-007-00 Said property is commonly known as 226 N Ewen St, Maple Rapids, MI 48853. 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, 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

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Cesar Del Bosque Ortiz and Vlinda Del Bosque Ortiz, Husband and Wife Original Mortgagee: Argent Mortgage Company, LLC Date of mortgage: December 10, 2004 Recorded on December 27, 2004, in Document No. 5071773, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCH1 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine and 95/100 Dollars (\$100,989.95) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: A parcel of land beginning 330 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 7 North, Range 1 West, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence South 150 feet; thence East 303 feet; thence North 150 feet; thence West to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 1741 S Meridian Rd, Ovid, MI 48866 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. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCH1 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Mortgage(s): Mitchell M. Wood and Courtney A. Wood, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 24, 2021 Recorded on December 3, 2021, in Document No. 5318963. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Three and 46/100 Dollars (\$355,003.46) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 9, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, South 00 degrees 16 minutes 40 seconds East, 440.00 feet from the East quarter corner of said Section and South 89 degrees 37 minutes 58 seconds West, 1873.42 feet, thence South 25 degrees, 03 minutes 29 seconds West, 322.84 feet, thence North 79 degrees 09 minutes 21 seconds West, 279.51 feet, thence North 10 degrees 50 minutes 42 seconds East, 97.94 feet, thence North 78 degrees 46 minutes 53 seconds West 305.73 feet to the Centerline of Angle Road; thence along said centerline North 35 degrees 55 minutes 32 seconds East, 98.95 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 58 seconds East 634.67 feet to the point of beginning Commonly known as 12601 Angle Rd. Bath, MI 48808 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. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jill L. Lugten, an unmarried woman, whose address is 1116 West Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgagee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for AmeriFirst Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated July 20, 2020, and recorded on July 22, 2020 with Document Number 5295510, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 21, 2022 and recorded on December 29, 2022 and given document number 5331921 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND 21/100 DOLLARS (\$131,553.21). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 43, Supervisors Plat of Valley Farms #1, According to the Recorded Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 1116 West Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: February 22, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 26 7007

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure

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 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 600.3241a, 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 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00007

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

Estate of **JACK RONALD SHIPPEY** Date of birth: May 27, 1950
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent **JACK RONALD SHIPPEY** Died on October 4, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jennifer Ann Fell, 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 Ann Fell
8567 W. Saint Charles Rd.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of **MARIA ELENA SHIPPEY** Date of birth: March 4, 1945
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent **MARIA ELENA SHIPPEY** Died on January 16, 2026 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jennifer Ann Fell, 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.

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

Estate of **WESLEY JAMES GIBSON** Date of birth: April 1, 1938
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent **WESLEY JAMES GIBSON** Died on December 12, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dorothy Gibson, 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.

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Sports

Balanced Attack Claws Wolfpack to Even-.500 Regular Season Record

DANSVILLE -- Laingsburg clawed its way back to a .500 record as the 2025-26 boys basketball regular season drew to a close.

Tim Beebe's Wolfpack entered MHSAA District play at 11-11, even better in league play at 11-7. The Wolves dismantled Dansville in the final game of the regular season, 51-41, here February 20.

The loss dropped the Aggies to a record of 3-14 in CMAC play, 6-16 overall prior to a 2-point CMAC win over Potterville.

Balance was the order of the day as the Wolves won by double-digits on the Aggies' home floor. Kollin Bentley-Barr scored a season-high 13 points for LHS, and was followed closely by Josiah Hawes with 12 and Colton Heaton with 11.

Leoandro Dolega-Caceres scored 4 points in the win, with Jake Rivet adding 3, Landon Freeman 2 and Collin Loggie for the red-and-white.

Waylon Rowley pulled down 5 boards as LHS won the rebounding battle.

Marauder Boys Finish 11-11 Regular Season with 16-Points Win Over Byron

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's boys basketball team concluded its 2025-26 regular season at 11-11 -- and on a two-game winning streak.

Standout guard Travis Milner poured in 28 points and Braylen Ehle pitched in with 12, as the Marauders vanquished Byron for the second time this season, this time by a 69-53 margin.

The loss ended the regular for the Eagles at 10-12, 6-10 in the MMAC, good for 7th place in the league.

Canyon Walker's Marauders finished the regular season at 11-11, 10-6 in league play. Not bad for a team that started the campaign at 0-5.

Chase Fabus added to the Marauder scored sheet with 8 points, Julian Medina 7, Carpenter Darling 6 and Dalton Jordan one as O-E advanced to MHSAA District play opposite Carson City-Crystal.

Marauders continue to impress to close out 2025-26 boys basketball campaign

OTISVILLE -- Ovid-Elsie dropped a 59-44 MMAC decision on Otisville-Lakeville here February 17 -- the Falcons' 11th consecutive loss in a three-win campaign heading into the MHSAA's 2026 postseason.

Eight different O-E players scored as Canyon Walker's club continued its rebound from a winless (0-5) start to the 2025-26 season. The Marauders were guaranteed a .500 record heading into the MHSAA District with a win over Byron -- after heading off the Falcons.

Travis Milner again led Ovid-Elsie with 25 points. Julian Medina continued his solid second half of the season, returning from injury, with 10 tallies. Braylen Ehle added 7, Carpenter Darling 6, Joie Fabus 4, Dalton Jordan 4, Braxton O'Bryant 2 and Chase Fabus one to the O-E ledger.

Marauders score early, often in close in big District-opening win over Eagles

BATH -- Ovid-Elsie went to the rack early and often, banking in multiple in-close baskets while dominating Carson City-Crystal in the boys basketball District action here February 23.

O-E's District-opening, 62-26 victory ended the Eagles' season at 6-16, and catapulted Canyon Walker's Marauders into a District semifinal showdown with neighboring Laingsburg (11-11 overall).

The win was the Marauders' 11th in 16 games, improving them to 11-10 overall.

O-E raced to a quick 17-9 lead and never looked back, upping the advantage to 35-14 at half-time. The Marauders' unselfish, balanced attack again proved to be the difference: Travis Milner with 17 points, Joie Fabus 11, Braylen Ehle 8, Chase Fabus 6, David Johnson 6, Jackson Custer 5, Nolan Rasch 3, Carpenter Darling 2, Dalton Jordan 2 and Braxton O'Bryant 2 in the big win.

The Marauders' stifling defense held the Eagles to single-digit scoring in each quarter.

Senior guard Adan Medrano led Carson City-Crystal with 9 points.

Lady Marauder Defense Shackles Byron; O-E Races to 50-5 Victory

OVID-ELSIE -- The Lady Marauders ran their record to 14-3, 12-3 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), by limiting league rival Byron to just 5 points here February 20.

The O-E defense shackled the Eagles, who lost for the 14th time in 19 games. Byron stood 3-11 in MMAC play following the loss.

Alyson Moore led coach Shaun McKinney's O-E cagers with 13 points. McKenzie Keck added 12 markers and Danica Levey ruled the boards with 7 rebounds.

Hartland Eagles disrupt O-E's late-season girls basketball run

OVID-ELSIE -- The Hartland Eagles got O-E's regular season-ending homestand run off to a rocky start.

Shaun McKinney's Marauders scheduled five consecutive home games to end the 2025-26 season, looking to build momentum into the MHSAA postseason.

Division 2 Hartland -- a jump up in divisions for the Marauders -- improved to 13-7 overall with a 42-27 non-league victory.

The loss dropped O-E to 13-5 as they eyed the start of the District tournament next week.

Alyson Moore led the Lady Marauders with 13 points, and Kendal Tokar added 9 for O-E.

Lakeville, New Lothrop dash O-E's girls basketball title hopes in MMAC

OTISVILLE -- Over the past half-decade, Ovid-Elsie has dominated girls basketball in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC).

After all, since the 2020-21 Covid year, the O-E varsity had stormed to a 36-2 league record with four-straight MMAC crowns.

That dominance has come to an end -- though Shaun McKinney's Lady Marauders are still pretty darned good.

Last season, the MMAC title was split between O-E and New Lothrop. The Hornets put an exclamation point on their league season February 19, downing Mt. Morris by a rather incredible 48-1 count.

At the same time, O-E's hopes of catching New Lothrop were dashed in a 37-35 loss at Lakeville.

Most recently, the Lady Hornets (18-2, 15-0 MMAC) had close wins against Otisville-Lakeville (52-49) and Ovid-Elsie (24-16) prior to their dismantling of the Mt. Morris Panthers.

The Lakeville loss dropped O-E to 13-4 overall, 11-3 in the league -- despite an outstanding outside shooting game for Alyson Moore, who bombed away for 5 made-threes and led the Marauders with 19 points. Kendal Tokar added 10 points in the narrow setback.

The Lakeville Falcons improved their standing in the MMAC to 10-4, 13-5 overall with the win.

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