



## District Champions



Team includes: Kollin Bentley-Barr, Nate Malone, Waylon Rowley, Jake Rivet, Landen Hart, Everett Rodriguez, Kade McLean, Paxton Rodriguez, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Colton Heaton, Collin Logghe, Cash Heaton, Josiah Hawes, Cooper Morr, Grey Seguin, Asst. Coach Evan Rogers. Landon Freeman, Head coach Tim Beebe, Asst. Coaches Jordan McGee and Rob Porritt. Photo by Burg Sports

### Team Unity, Defense Carries Wolfpack to Boys' District Championship at Bath

BATH -- Guts. Unselfishness. Having each other's backs.

When they write the story of the 2025-26 Laingsburg boys basketball season -- the improbable championship campaign -- those will be the anchors, the bedrock, the foundation of this squad. "Team," in the true sense of the word.

Team defense carried Tim Beebe's Wolfpack (13-11 overall) to a MHSAA District Championship that eight weeks ago seemed improbable -- if not impossible. Yet the Wolves turned the tables on neighboring nemesis Bath (13-11 overall), on the Bees' home floor, and ran off with a 41-34 victory that vaulted LHS into the Regional Semifinals.

On January 20, the Wolfpack traveled to Bath and got clobbered, 46-29. What changed in the six weeks since? Buying in. Team defense.

Playing basketball defense isn't glorious. It doesn't get your picture in the newspaper. It's all hustle, grit, determination and conditioning. It's all about supporting the defender next to you. Frankly, it's exhausting.

This Wolfpack team was never considered an offensive powerhouse. So they turned to defense; grabbing up another prize for the trophy case -- their 6th District crown since 2010 -- by allowing just 69 points in two tournament games, 35 to Ovid-Elsie in the semifinals, 34 to Bath in the decisive title contest.

"We started leaning on each other, led by our outstanding senior class," said an ecstatic Beebe immediately following the title-clincher. "We were able to change things up -- playing a 1-3-1 zone against Ovid-Elsie, then moving to man defense against Bath. Either way, our guys stepped up and played it (flawlessly).

"Bath is a good team ... they got us pretty bad the last time we played here. I couldn't be more proud of a Laingsburg team than I am of this one."

The 'Pack got off to a slow start, Josiah Hawes hitting the lone bucket of the first quarter as LHS trailed, 3-2. That's when senior scoring leader Leandro Dolega-Caceres found his scoring touch, reeling off 9-straight points, helping stake the visitors to an 18-13 halftime advantage.

Kollin Bentley-Barr -- who had an excellent District tournament -- started hitting outside, finishing with four 3-pointers and leading LHS with 14 points -- 11 in the decisive second half. Caceres ended with 13, Hawes 7, Cash Holton 4 and Jake Rivet 3 in the District-clinching win.

How good was the Wolfpack 'D'? Only one Bath player managed double-digit scoring, the Bees led by senior center Brady Smith with 11 points.

Laingsburg advanced to the Regional semifinals at New Lothrop HS, taking on the 19-5 Springport Spartans.

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Detroit Pistons Extreme Team wowed students during Reading Month

### Leonard and E.E. Knight Elementary Kick Off March Is Reading Month with Pistons Extreme Team Party

submitted by Ashlee Murray

Students from Leonard Elementary and E.E. Knight Elementary packed the halls of Ovid-Elsie High School on Tuesday, March 3, as they gathered to celebrate the start of March Is Reading Month with a high-energy event featuring the Detroit Pistons Extreme Team.

With the help of the Cortney Nowak Foundation and the Detroit Pistons Extreme Team, the mini Marauders were pumped up and ready to dive into a month full of reading. The assembly was packed with excitement as the Extreme Team wowed students with fast-paced basketball tricks, interactive games, and crowd-energizing stunts that had the entire gym on its feet.

Throughout the event, students were reminded that just like in basketball, leadership, commitment, and dedication are key to success -- whether on the court or in the classroom. The message was clear: reading is a skill that grows stronger the more you practice and put in the effort.



As if the morning couldn't get any better, several lucky young readers were surprised with tickets to an upcoming Pistons game, sending cheers echoing throughout the school. The special giveaway added an extra layer of excitement and made the celebration even more memorable.

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# Social

## Laingsburg KofC Blood Drive

submitted by  
Fred Brusio

The Laingsburg Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Isidore Church, 310 Crum St., Laingsburg, MI



on Monday, March 16, from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. Walk ins will be accepted, but it is recommended that you schedule an appointment at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive), Zip Code 48848. Or call 1-800 RED CROSS

## Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Rathbun

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee serves adults with medical-health challenges, and their family members who are caring for the person, within Shiawassee County. Most of the persons served are frail elderly, elderly living alone, or elderly couples that both have health challenges. The nonprofit provides an in home assessment, education about the services provided by Respite Volunteers and all the other in home and senior services available. Many persons do not realize all the services that are available. If the person wants a volunteer, the nonprofit then tries to find a volunteer that lives in the same area and would be a good match.



Volunteers provide friendly visiting to the person and possibly respite (a gift of time) to 24/7 family caregivers. The volunteer usually visits weekly for 1-3 hours mostly visiting. It has been suggested that we explain this a bit more, so we are doing interviews with our volunteers, to do just that.

Larry & Susie Alpert volunteer with Respite Volunteers, and mostly they are assigned their own persons to serve, but occasionally with permission, they visit together. One of their favorite matches was an elderly gentleman, that they first started visiting when Jim & Donna Nault who were the primary volunteers for the gentleman, went on vacation. Larry & Susie were the substitute volunteers.

Larry explained that what he likes about volunteering is that it has made him a better listener. The person they visited together would regale them with stories about Boblo Island and Windsor Ontario. Then he would want to listen to Big Band music and always asked Susie to dance with him. She and Larry were both laughing when they explained this. Susie would do this, but always was careful to have the gentleman still use his walker. He tended to forget to use his walker. They have great stories about many of the persons they have been matched with over the years, but for both of them this gentleman was special and one of the matches they really enjoyed. And most everyone they have been matched with, expresses how grateful they are to have someone visiting them at their home.

Larry Alpert said "we get as much, if not more from volunteering, than the people we serve". And Susie Alpert agreed "you might think you have problems, and then you see this differently"-when you see the person's situation.

To learn more about respite volunteering opportunities, call 989-725-1127, or stop by our office M-F 9-3. The nonprofit is in the historic brick home, just east of Memorial Healthcare hospital. Helping in the office is also another volunteer opportunity.

## 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 KIDsign 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. KIDsign is sponsored by the St. Johns Lions Club in cooperation with Lions of Michigan Foundation and Lions of District 11-C2.

## Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center Offers Free Community Presentation on GLP-1 Medications

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - The Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center is offering a FREE Community Presentation on GLP-1 Medications and their role in weight management and metabolic health. You'll hear from experts who will highlight the critical importance of strength training, muscle preservation, and proper nutrition while using GLP-1 therapy.

The class will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. and on Friday, March 20, at 12:00 p.m. at the Memorial Healthcare NOW Building, Educational Theatre, 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso with light refreshments being served.

Whether you're currently using a GLP-1 medication, considering it, or simply seeking evidence-based information, this event will provide practical guidance to help you make informed decisions about your health. During this presentation participants will:

- Understand GLP-1 Medications
- Learn why strength training matters
- What support looks like at the Wellness Center
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## Fenner's Nature Center's 52nd Maple Syrup Festival

submitted by Sam Ansaldo

This year, our two-day Maple Syrup Festival takes place on March 21 & 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All the fun remains—we've got unique maple treats for all to try, local artisans and vendors, and indoor and outdoor games and activities. Mark your calendars, and please spread the word so that our community can celebrate together.

Of course, everyone's favorite all-you-can-eat pancake fundraiser is returning. We're inviting Chris Cakes back for another Guinness World Record pancake flipping experience. We hope you can come and join in all the action! They have fantastic aim and always get the whole crowd smiling.

Last year, we sold out of maple syrup on Day 1, but we're prepared for the influx of supporters this year and are well-stocked on maple goods, including cotton candy, root beer, maple tea, maple creme, and, of course, pure maple syrup made right here in Michigan.

All proceeds support our efforts to provide environmental education programs for children and families, as well as the care and improvement of wildlife and habitats. Our mission remains to connect people to nature through conservation, education, and stewardship.

Don't miss out on the fun! Please spread the word, as it means a great deal to us. I've attached the official press release for more details.

Please contact me or Sam Ansaldo, our Education Director, with any questions or media inquiries. programs@mynaturecenter.org 517-483-4041

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## 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 MysteryPrize, 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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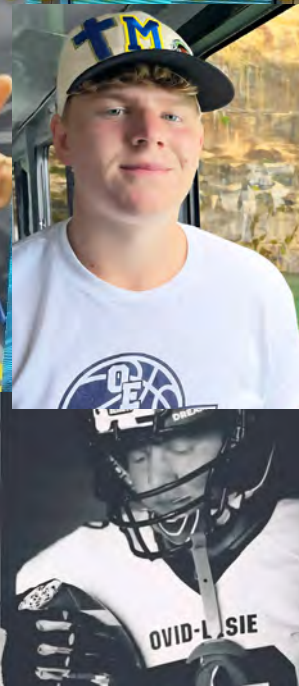
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## Curwood Festival Seeking Nominations for 2026 Heritage Parade Grand Marshal

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 year's 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](http://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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## Obituaries

### Edward Dale Hrymecki



Edward Dale Hrymecki, age 90, of Ovid, MI, on February 28, 2026, Saturday afternoon, Ed woke up in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ed was born in Elsie, MI on February 16, 1936, the son of John Frank and Anna Helen (Cermak) Hrymecki. He graduated from Elsie High School, with the class of 1954. Right after high school, he joined the U.S. Army, and proudly served during the Korean War. Edward retired from Georgia-Pacific after working as a warehouse manager for many years.

On June 16, 1958; Edward married the love of his life, Carol Ann (Hankins) Hrymecki, in Fairbanks, New Jersey. They spent over 67 wonderful years together, and raised two daughters and a son. Edward and Carol loved to travel together, whether it is on cruises to Hawaii or Alaska; or taking mystery bus tours to exciting destinations.

Edward had a passion for many things including wood carving, NASCAR, football, and gardening. He always made a point to get together with his friends once a month for breakfast. Edward was also a dedicated member of the Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church for many decades. He loved his church family.

His family will always have fond memories of celebrating his 90th birthday together, and being showered with love and birthday cards from everyone in the community.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol; his children: Dianna (Randy) Stanfield of Ovid, MI; and Cherie (Richard) Delger of Ovid, MI; and Dale (Laurie) Hrymecki of Maple Rapids, MI; and his brother John Hrymecki of Kansas. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jonathan Nohel, Chris Nohel, Tasha Seeley, Brianna Carroll-Marras, Nichole Miller, and Dale Michael Hrymecki Jr.; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Pauline Christie.

A Memorial Service will be held for Edward at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Edward's honor can be made to the Elsie Food Bank, Bella Women Center, or any charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.smith-familyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smith-familyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

### Robert Royal Risley



Robert Royal Risley, age 96, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at his daughter's house.

Bob was born on January 19, 1930, in Greenbush Township, Michigan, to Royal J. and Eathel C. (Dickenson) Risley. He graduated from Ovid High School in 1948 and later served his country honorably in the United States Army. On August 2, 1953, Bob married the love of his life, Ivah Acre. The two shared many years together until her passing in 2012.

Bob worked for many years as an electrician and was known as a hardworking and capable man. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Some of his favorite memories were made at the family cabin in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and at their cottage on Higgins Lake. In retirement, Bob and his wife spent winters in Florida, you would often find him fishing while there.

He also enjoyed working with his hands and woodworking, often making walking sticks and helping others when they needed it. Bob loved being outdoors and remained active well into his later years, often riding his quad around the property and still doing so as recently as this past fall.

He is survived by his children, Ron (Connie) Risley, Cindy (Mike) Rademacher, Gayla (Rex) Ruehle, and Lynette (Chris) Smith; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ivah Risley; and his brother, Allen.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Rochester Colony Chapel, 5597 Maple Road, St. Johns. Jack Brown will officiate; full military honors followed. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethshean Mexico Mission in lieu of flowers. The family was served by McGeehan Funeral Homes, Keck-Coleman Chapel.

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### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Oh aggravation... My brain is blank and my body is protesting... I left the house at six this morning and made it to MG's Perx and Pastries in a few minutes. On the way I checked the price of gas which was three dollars and thirty-nine cents a gallon when I arrived. Again I chastised myself for not filling up the gas tank on Monday when I could have paid only two dollars and sixty-six cents per gallon. I had a sufficiently busy day at the shop and was pleased because Peppy was there supporting my efforts. When I closed the shop at noon, I headed over to Owosso to pick up a case of twenty ounce coffee cups and a sleeve of two ounce sample cups and lids. Had a good visit with Natalie and discussed the upgrades that she was doing at their cabin. Then back west to do some banking and grocery shopping.

Got the banking done and zipped over to Kroger to get the needed ingredients to make a good St Patrick's Day soup for the seventeenth lunch at the Bannister United Methodist Church. (We will be serving lunch from noon until two in the afternoon) I just hope that my efforts turn out well, I don't believe that I have every made a corn beef/cabbage soup before. I am looking forward to making a huge pot and hope that there will be enough left over for me to enjoy by myself. Even though the soup will probably make me tooty. Oh the gas must pass... Does anyone know where I could find some old fashioned picnic hams?

After Krogers I had to go to Wal Mart to pick up a few items needed at the shop. I also had to purchase a bag of stuffing for my great grand daughter's birthday. She turns eleven and has been teaching herself how to crochet and has made a few interesting critters. Stuffed them with Kleenex because she didn't have any of the filler. The cost of a sixteen ounce bag almost beggared me, not really, it was just a shock that the last time I had purchased any the same bags cost under four dollars. I also found her a pattern books that she can learn from... I'm glad that she is focused on her pursuit. After Wal Mart I headed over to the thrift shop and was ecstatic when I found some multi-colored crotchet thread. I have a project in mind and am happy that I don't need spend much to get it done. Now all I really need to find is a bunch of water balloons. Life is good.

Finally I headed back east and then north to finish up my errands. The last stop was to unload the case of cups and supplies needed at the shop. It was almost four and I wasn't even home. Long day. When I got home I carried everything in from the trunk, fed the cats, let Prudence out and of course put the groceries where they belonged. Pru barked loudly until I let her back in and then I changed to become more comfortable and made my lap available for Prudence's favorite resting place. After all she is a lap dog. I snoozed for about thirty minutes and woke up with a nasty charlie horse in my right inner thigh. It hurt so intensely that I could barely hobble to the kitchen to get a couple of heaping teaspoons of prepared mustard. Praise the power of mustard, the charlie horse disappeared almost immediately. Apparently I couldn't handle all of the getting into and out of my car. That would be nine entries and exits in one short afternoon...

Tomorrow I will be zipping up to Alma to do some banking business, then I get to have a visit with Robin. With the minuscule possibility of doing some thrift shopping. Of course much of this hinges on whether or not charlie harasses me tonight. I hope that I have swallowed enough mustard and water so that there is no repeat performance. I have been picking my brain on how to wrap Isabella's gift, I just glanced over toward the slider at the west end of the dining room. And wahoo!!! There hangs a floral designed brown paper grocery bag with handles hanging on the back of a chair. Everything should fit well in it and my creative princess will probably use the bag in one of her crafting moments.

May God bless you with creative moments, enjoy your family and friends. Be happy.

Crystal Mitchell©2026

## Michigan Seniors Encouraged to Submit a One-Page Essay for College Scholarships

submitted by Ines Tomic

LANSING — Michigan high school seniors have until March 31 to submit entries for LAFCU's 2026 Write to Educate Essay Contest, which will award a total of \$20,000 in college scholarships while supporting local nonprofits across the state.

The contest invites students to respond to this year's prompt: "Describe a problem facing your community and explain how you would help address or solve it. Discuss the impact your solution could have on others." By sharing their perspectives, participants highlight the diverse experiences that shape and strengthen Michigan communities.

The contest is open to all Michigan high school seniors, with no restrictions based on GPA, financial need or LAFCU membership. Participants are encouraged to submit a one-page, 500-word essay typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, with one-inch margins. To ensure impartial judging, students should not include their name or school name anywhere in the essay. Winners will be selected by April 24.

and aspirations."

Now in its 18th year, the contest reflects LAFCU's long-standing commitment to supporting Michigan youth in their pursuit of higher education. To date, LAFCU has donated more than \$140,000 through the Write to Educate program to help students attend college and support causes that matter to them.

Winning essays will be featured in the Lansing State Journal, the contest's community sponsor. For full contest details and to submit an entry, visit [lafcu.com/writetoeducate](http://lafcu.com/writetoeducate).

### OID TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, February 26, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

**Absent:** Nancy Hughson

**Guests:** Keith Jones, Woody Woodworth, Peggy Lidgard, Lionel Olson, Connie Kioski, Nicole Fickes, Larry Bosom

**Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items:** Connie Kioski

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by C. Pluger to add the Road Commission contracts to the agenda that we discussed at the budget meeting and approve, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2026:** Moved by B. Byles to approve the January 22nd minutes, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Moved by B. Byles to accept the Treasurer's financial report as submitted, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

**Amend and Approve Budget:** Board discussion. Clerk reported that the Treasurer reviews the bills as they come in, and then gives them to the Clerk for payment.

Moved by B. Byles to approve the snow removal and the Trustee education, which is over, in those dollar amounts submitted, Seconded by C. Pluger.

**Roll Call Vote:** K. Wolf-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

**Clerk's Report & Check Register-\$22,876.03 (January 23, 2026-February 26, 2026):**

Moved by B. Byles to accept the Clerk's report as submitted, Seconded by K. Wolf.

**Roll Call Vote:** K. Wolf-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

**New Business:**

**Road Commission Contracts:**

Moved by C. Pluger that we approve Faragher Road-Watson to Shepardsville; Wildcat Road-Shepardsville to Hollister; Parks Road-Shepardsville to Meridian; Spot gravel-on various roads; Overband crack fill; Foliar Brush Spray; Chloride, Board discussion. Seconded by J. West. Board discussion.

**Roll Call Vote:** K. Wolf-No, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-No, C. Pluger-Yes. 2-Yes, 2-No.

**Reports by:**

Assessor - Peggy Lidgard (Board and public talking)

County Commissioner - Nicole Fickes (Board and public talking) Library - Trustee Bobby Byles

OMESA- Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger

CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West (Board and public talking)

**Public Comments:** Connie Kioski

**Board Comments:** Comments by B. Byles, K. Wolf, C. Pluger

**Adjournment:** Motion by B. Byles to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

### SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DRAFT- FEBRUARY 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Matthews, @ 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthews, Parker-Wing, Palmer, Reed.

ABSENT: Vondrasek

GUESTS: 9 guests attended.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** On a motion by Reed, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The agenda was approved as written.

**MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:** On a motion by Parker-Wing, seconded by Reed. The Board approved the January 2026 meeting minutes as written.

**TREASURER REPORT APPROVAL:** On a motion by Parker-Wing, seconded by Matthews—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the Treasurer report and placed it on file. General Fund Balance \$111,218.51; Tax Fund Balance \$1,125,393.18; CD Fund Balance \$34,734.62.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—1st:** None

**COUNTY & PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

- **Laingsburg Public Library:** Sara Danford followed up with the Library's mission to fund the Laingsburg Public Library. She spoke about Library events for the month of February.

- **Laingsburg Public Library and LSW Emergency Services Monthly Reports:** Diane Baclawski discussed Library events and LSW news.

- **ASSESSOR:** Diane Dowler introduced a resolution to change the Board of Review alternative starting dates.

- **BOARD REPORTS:** Supervisor Matthews spoke about 22K funding possibilities for the Laingsburg Public Library from Sciota Township for fiscal year 2026-27 going forward. A tax proposal of 1 Mill was discussed, as well as collecting a 1% administrative property tax fee on tax disbursements. Clerk Parker-Wing read Linda Knoblauch's resignation letter and spoke about upcoming elections. She has been processing retirement forms, filing and assessing office equipment needs. Treasurer Palmer says winter taxes are still coming in and will be completed within 2 weeks. Trustee Reed had no news to share and Trustee Vondrasek was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Laingsburg Public Library Funding—**the Board discussed options to increase revenue to support \$22K for the library.

- **On a motion by Reed,** seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The Board approved a new equipment budget of \$2,385 for the Clerk's Office and election department. A roll call vote was taken YES—Palmer, Parker-Wing, Reed, Matthews. NO—None. ABSENT—Vondrasek.

- **Camera/Surveillance Equipment—**Supervisor Matthews handed out camera surveillance system quotes to the Board. Discussion ensued.

- **Internet—**Starlink satellite system to replace existing wireless modem. Discussion ensued.

- **Newspaper Meeting Minutes—**to be reviewed March 2026. RE: Approved draft meeting minutes for submission to the Meridian Weekly newspaper.

- **MTPP Grant Submission—**tabled until March 2026. RE: Spring "Cycle 30" \$5,000 grant camera/surveillance system submission.

- **Cemetery Duties:** The Clerk returned non-statutory duty to the Board for reassignment December 2025. No discussion.

- **Cemetery Historical Project—**Carolyn Johnston volunteered to head a project overseen by the Clerk. No discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **On a motion by Matthews,** seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. The Board approved Thad Rose to the Sciota Township Planning Commission, effective 2/9/26. He replaces Howard Pierce who resigned his commission. Oath of office given.

- **On a motion by Reed,** seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The Board approved resolution #RES 2026-05 Board of Review alternative starting date for the June Board of Review tax hearings. Upcoming meeting dates:

March 3rd @ 8am annual meeting, March 10th @ 3-9pm tax appeals, March 11th @ 9-3pm tax appeals.

- **Policy: Advertising for Commission Appointments—**tabled for future discussion (Clerk).

- **Archiving Documents for Posterity—**tabled for future discussion (Clerk).

- **Business Procedures Manual—**tabled for future discussion (Clerk).

- **Deputy Clerk Position Duties and Salary—**Clerk Parker-Wing discussed utilizing additional office assistance from the deputy clerk position and salary adjustment—for discussion in March and April.

- **Supervisor Matthews** appointed Lucy Matthews as Sciota Township Deputy Supervisor, effective 2/9/26. Oath of office given.

- **Supervisor Matthews** discussed a squirrel/rodent issue at the township hall. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—2nd:** None

**BILL PAYMENT APPROVAL:** Palmer moved to pay the bills, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. Payroll = \$4,912.43 and expenses = \$1,970.69; Checks used: #11597 - #11611.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Parker-Wing moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing

Sciota Township Clerk

Approved Meeting Minutes can be seen on our website

<https://sciotatownship.net/meeting-minutes/>



National Guard Association of Michigan presents Moolenaar with the 2025 Charles Dick Medal of Merit.

## Moolenaar Receives 2025 Medal of Merit from MI National Guard

This week, Congressman John Moolenaar was awarded the 2025 Medal of Merit by the National Guard Association of the United States. The annual award recognizes legislators on the state and federal level for contributions to the National Guard. Moolenaar was presented the medal by the National Guard Association of Michigan.

"For 390 years, dedicated guardsmen have served the United States as civilian-soldiers responding to emergencies at home and abroad. The men and women of the Michigan National Guard make us proud wherever they serve, and in Congress I have advocated for them to get the resources they need to thrive. Last year, I worked in bipartisan fashion to help secure a new mission for Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and to designate the National All-Domain Warfighting Center in Northern Michigan for the new drone training site for our military. I am tremendously grateful for the members of our National Guard and the work they do to keep our nation and communities safe, and I thank the National Guard Association for presenting me with the 2025 Medal of Merit," said Moolenaar.

## 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@coa.org.



March is Reading month. Leo the Lion gave kids books in Mrs. Kimmel's Class at Leonard Elementary in Ovid.

## Casey Slawson, RN, Honored with DAISY Award at Memorial Healthcare

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Casey Slawson, a Registered Nurse in our ICU department, as its first quarter recipient of the DAISY Award! Casey received this award based on the following nomination:

"I had a surgery earlier this year. At first everything was going okay, until it wasn't. I had some internal bleeding and a collapsed right lung, my blood pressure tanked. My first recollection was opening my eyes and trying to understand what was going on. That's when I met my wonderful nurse, Casey. She helped me to understand what was going on. Not only did she take the time to explain things to me, but she explained everything to my family as well. Casey held my hand and showed me nothing but compassion and kindness in a very scary time for all of us.

I had lots of questions. Casey answered each and every one, and if she did not know the answer, she went and found them. I'm so grateful for the team of amazing doctors, but wonderful nurses really make all the difference in making one feel safe and protected. Casey went above and beyond the call of duty and I will forever be thankful for her selflessness. Casey touches lives with her care and especially in all that she did for me and my family. I will always be grateful and I will never ever forget her. Thank you!"

Casey was presented with a certificate of recognition, a DAISY pin, cinnamon rolls, and an incredible serpentine stone sculpture carved by the artists of the Shona Tribe located in Zimbabwe, Africa. This sculpture is known as the "Healer's Touch," and it portrays the embracing relationship nurses have with their patients.

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day. Nurses are nominated by their patients and patient's families. DAISY Award nominations are accepted all year long and can be made at [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org) or in person at the hospital's main campus.



Casey Slawson

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## Stockbridge Scoring Punch Knocks Wolfpack Out of MHSAA Regional

NEW LOTHROP -- The Springport Spartans started building for this boys' basketball postseason run three seasons ago.

They brought up no fewer than seven freshmen to their varsity team, after a disastrous 1-22 campaign to close out 2023. Now, the fruits of their labors are paying off.

Long, lean and with some strong offensive skills, the Spartans ended Laingsburg's upstart postseason run in the Regional Semifinals, 74-57. Tim Beebe's team, winning 7 of their last 9 contests, closed it out at 13-12.

Springport, at 20-5 and champions of southern Michigan's Big 8 Conference, advanced to the Regional Final opposite Flint New Standard Academy (20-4).

Laingsburg's Wolfpack late-season turnaround was built on team defense. In winning a District championship, Wolves allowed a combined 69 points in two games. Sparty's offensive prowess laid waste to any defensive pressure, totaling 37 points before halftime -- then matching that total in the second half.

Most of the buckets came on in-close layins. And when the Spartans weren't shooting inside, they were softening up the defense with some long-range 3-pointers.

"Their (youth movement) is really paying off ... that's a good team," said coach Beebe immediately following the contest. "We thought we could score on their defense, and we did a pretty good job of doing that. But offensively, they got off to a quick start (an 8-0 lead) and the hole became too big to climb out of."

Nine different players scored for the Spartans' balanced attack, which was led by Jake Kregel with 18 points, Tucker Wigington 17 and Brody Baum with 15. All three of those players are juniors; Springport will graduate only two seniors this June.

LHS was led by Leandro Dolega-Caceres with 14 points, most of those on slashing drives to the basket. Jake Rivet popped in a season-high 13 and was especially effective behind the three-point arc. Kollin Bentley-Barr continued a strong tournament run with a pair of three-pointers. Colton Heaton scored 5 points, Grey Sequin 4, Nate Malone 4, Cooper Morr 3, Cash Heaton a pair and Joshiah Hawes a pair.

"This was an inspiring team, an inspiring group of seniors," Beebe praised. "They motivated me at practice every day. They accomplished things some people thought they couldn't accomplish. Laingsburg has built a great program over the years, and these guys did it proud. We're going to miss this group of seniors -- who were in the gym each and every day showing our younger guys how to get it done."

The Wolfpack will be losing seniors Everett Rodriguez, Waylon Rowley, Bentley-Barr, Malone, Hawes, Dolega-Caceres and Rivet.



Wolfpack defenders Cash Heaton (30), Kollin-Bentley-Barr (left) and Josiah Hawes deny Springport's Dallas Higel mire at the rim. Higel mire finished with 11 points, one of 7 of a standout Spartan junior class.

Photo by Burg Sports

## Wolfpack Girls Hit Clutch Shots Down the Stretch, Oust Lansing Catholic

BATH -- Payge Woodworth and Brooklyn Holm combined to hit 9-of-12 free throws down the fourth-quarter stretch, as Laingsburg's girls basketball team held off a determined Lansing Catholic Central in a MHSAA District Semifinal.

The Wolfpack's 46-37 victory propeled them into a third meeting with the Bath Bees this season. In Wednesday's second semifinal game, the Bees ousted Durand, 49-42.

Lansing Catholic entered the contest at a modest 6-16 -- but they played Laingsburg (19-4) tough throughout. Both teams got off to slow starts.

"Sluggish ... that's a good word to use for how we started out," said veteran Wolfpack coach Dan Morrill. "We got things rolling a little bit and got some good contributions for our younger players."

"But we made a ton of mistakes in the first half ... things we'll have to clean up when we play Bath (for the title)."

The Bees (19-4) and the Lady Wolves split two games this season, Bath winning at home 35-33 and LHS winning on their home floor, 38-27.

Down a pair of upperclassmen, Laingsburg's diminished lineup turned to just four players to do the scoring. Holm led all scorers with 23 points -- including 18 in the decisive second half, 9 of those coming beyond the 3-point arc. Mallory Woodbury and Woodworth each added 9 points. But it was freshman Addison Westfall who really picked up critical slack for LHS, hitting a clutch three-pointer and finishing with 5 boost-points for the winners.

Seniors Harper Strouse and Woodbury, junior Holm and sophomore Aleigha Highfield turned in tough games on the boards as Laingsburg held a crucial edge in rebounds.

Freshmen Sydney Hanes and Anna Killingsworth led LCC, each with 11 points. The Wolves did an outstanding job defending the Cougars' 6-3 post player, junior Kyra Vukovic, limiting her to 7 points.



Veteran Wolfpack mentor Daniel Morrill guides his team through a "sluggish" first half performance, in a gutsy District Semifinal win over Lansing Catholic Central.

Photo by Burg Sports

# Sports



Lady Marauder defenders (L to R) Ava Sweet, Kortlynn Loynes, Alyson Moore and Kendal Tokar apply the type of pressure defense that carried Ovid-Elsie to a District Semifinal victory over the highly-touted Hemlock Huskies (20-3). Photo by Burg Sports

## Defense Carries the Night: Lady Marauders Stun Hemlock to Advance to Title Game

OVID-ELSIE -- Gritty defense carried the night.

Ovid-Elsie's Lady Marauders, hosting a MHSAA Division 3 girls basketball district, stunned 20-2 Hemlock in the semifinal round, securing a spot in Friday night's title game versus Pewamo-Westphalia.

Leading scorer Alyson Moore hit multiple three-pointers from the corner -- including the game-winner with just seconds left -- and Shaun McKinney's Marauders had just offense to get past the Huskies, 30-27.

"Our girls keep taking punches and getting back up," said McKinney. "This is a very resilient team ... I'm very proud of them."

The Marauders bounced back from the 9-7 halftime deficit in moving to 17-6 overall.

It was the second win in three nights for O-E, which vanquished Chesaning in a District opener on the Marauder home floor.

## Lady Marauders Advance in MHSAA District on Their Home Floor, 51-32 Over Chesaning

OVID-ELSIE -- Alyson Moore fired in 20 points as the Lady Marauder girls basketball team completed a three-game sweep of league rival Chesaning here Monday night.

Hosting the opening round of the MHSAA District tournament, Shaun McKinney's O-E girls scored a 51-32 victory to open the 2025-26 preseason.

The Indians, who earlier suffered 56-35 and 52-41 setbacks at the hands of the Marauders, wrapped up the season at 9-12.

Ovid-Elsie, at 16-6, moved into the District semifinal round opposite the Hemlock Huskies (20-2). The marquee District in MHSAA Division 3 -- statewide -- also included Pewamo-Westphalia (20-2) on the opposite side of the Ovid-Elsie bracket.

Complementing Moore's scoring effort was Kendal Tokar with 16 points and 6 assists, and Izzy Phillips with 5 tallies against Chesaning.



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## Sports

### O-E Bowling at States

submitted by Matt Fabus

Jax60 in Jackson was the site for Division 3 State Bowling.

The Pugsleys, Brooke and Devyn were in Singles on Saturday, February 28th.

The bowlers started at 8:30a.m. The format was bowl six Peterson, total pins tomake Top 16 out of 56 for both girls and boys.

Devyn placed 45th with scores of 156, 169, 118, 171, 190, 206 = 1010.

Brooke placed 12th to make it to the next round with scores of 198, 153, 242, 169, 155, 163 = 1080.

The next round, bowl two games total pins winner moves on. Brooke would go up against Teresa Suttuti form Madison Heights. Brooke 167, 159 =326. Teresa 217, 119 = 336. 10 pins kept Brooke from moving on but a great showing.

The banquet is Thursday, March 12th at 6:00p.m. in the high school cafeteria.



Brooke Pugsley



Devyn Pugsley

### Michigan Seniors Encouraged to Submit a One-Page Essay for College Scholarships

submitted by Ines Tomic

LANSING — Michigan high school seniors have until March 31 to submit entries for LAFCU's 2026 Write to Educate Essay Contest, which will award a total of \$20,000 in college scholarships while supporting local nonprofits across the state.

The contest invites students to respond to this year's prompt: "Describe a problem facing your community and explain how you would help address or solve it. Discuss the impact your solution could have on others." By sharing their perspectives, participants highlight the diverse experiences that shape and strengthen Michigan communities.

The contest is open to all Michigan high school seniors, with no restrictions based on GPA, financial need or LAFCU membership. Participants are encouraged to submit a one-page, 500-word essay typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, with one-inch margins. To ensure impartial judging, students should not include their name or school name anywhere in the essay. Winners will be selected by April 24.

Now in its 18th year, the contest reflects LAFCU's long-standing commitment to supporting Michigan youth in their pursuit of higher education. To date, LAFCU has donated more than \$140,000 through the Write to Educate program to help students attend college and support causes that matter to them.

Winning essays will be featured in the Lansing State Journal, the contest's community sponsor. For full contest details and to submit an entry, visit lafcu.com/writetoeducate.



## Editorial

### Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
www.howdidchristianitybegin.com  
tohearn@yahoo.com



All of us deal with fear. As I write this, the U.S. is at war with Iran and the war between Russia and Ukraine still rages on.

Beyond geopolitical conflicts, we have our own personal fears to deal with. Some deal with fear more often and some more intensely than others, but fear affects all of us at some point- physically, emotionally, mentally, even spiritually.

Giving in to fear can keep us from doing God's will. We become too afraid to share the gospel with someone. Apply for that job. Take that trip. Ask that person out on a date. Invite someone to church. Make that phone call or send that email.

At other times, we can be doing God's will but still be in situations that cause us to be afraid.

Like the time when Jesus and His disciples were sailing on a lake. A furious storm arose and the disciples truly thought that they were going to drown. The disciples woke Jesus from sleeping and He immediately calmed the storm.

This crisis was not because the disciples were being disobedient to God and the storm was real. They were not worried about something in the future that may or may not happen, but they were afraid because of the present situation that they were in.

But Jesus came to them and told them not to be afraid because He was there. He would take care of things.

We all deal with fear from time to time, so we all need an answer. And that answer, big drum roll please, is Jesus Christ.

If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, God wants for us to be strong in Him and to be bold with His power because we are children of the King. God is always with us and living inside of us, helping us to not be afraid but to do His will.

As 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "...the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

In John 14:1 Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

God Himself is our primary reason not to fear.

As Psalm 118:6 says, "The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

### Looking for Ovid Centennial Photos for Future Publication

submitted by Ken Miller

The Ovid Centennial that took place in June of 1969. Many articles were published in the area newspapers and many archives of that event are currently being held in the History Room at the Ovid Public Library. Along with that collection are many real photos turned into the society. Ken Miller; the current Historian would like try to gather slides, negatives and real photos from those in the area. His attempt is to produce a colorful publication that can be viewed and enjoyed by all. If you have any such items; please loan them to Ovid Historical Society via the Weekly and they can include them in our collection and promptly return them to you.



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

submitted by Trisha D. Bloembergen

JACKSON, Mich. March 5, 2026 — The Consumers Energy Foundation is calling for entries in the annual Put Your Town on the Map pitch competition. Recognizing the unique challenges many local communities face, the competition offers \$50,000 in grant funding to support projects that strengthen local economies, build pride, and help communities grow in ways that matter most to residents. Communities with up to 10,000 residents can submit proposals through March 20.

"Michigan's small towns work hard to make every dollar count, especially as they balance essential services, long-term planning, and affordability for residents," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "By investing directly in these communities, we're helping local leaders move important projects forward without diverting limited funds from other critical needs. This competition is one way we create value for the communities and customers we serve by ensuring small towns can grow, attract new opportunities, and remain vibrant places to live."

The Put Your Town on the Map competition supports innovative, locally driven ideas that reflect what each community values most. Projects have included revitalizing downtown spaces and expanding housing or education opportunities, and creating places that bring people together and celebrate local identity. Community leaders can learn more and apply here.

In partnership with the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), the Consumers Energy Foundation will select 10 finalist communities to present their ideas at the Small Town and Rural Development Conference on June 1-3 at Crystal Mountain Resort. The top three projects will receive grants of \$25,000, \$15,000, and \$10,000.

Since launching the competition in 2019, Consumers Energy has supported more than a dozen community-driven projects across Michigan shaped by local voices and needs. In 2025, awards supported:

Fowlerville (Livingston County) — Developing a mural honoring hometown hero, Charlie Gehringer, a Baseball Hall of Fame member who played for the Detroit Tigers from 1924-1942.

Watson Township (Allegan County) — Supporting Seven Generations Park, a collaboration with the Anishinaabe (Gun Lake Tribe), Martin High School, and the township, featuring a natural area and veterans memorial.

Manistee (Manistee County)—Creating the Voices of Manistee initiative, a civic storytelling project aimed at strengthening community identity and fostering a sense of belonging among residents.

"The mural in Fowlerville is a perfect example of how a relatively small investment can create a huge ripple effect," said Kathy Rajala, Village of Fowlerville manager. "It has already become a gathering point, sparked local pride, and encouraged residents and visitors to spend more time in our downtown. Projects like this lift up our community without adding pressure to our local budget."

Through Put Your Town on the Map and other community investments, Consumers Energy and its Foundation continue to focus on what matters most: listening, showing up locally, and supporting the long-term strength of Michigan's communities, especially the small towns that are such an important part of our state's story.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Foundation contributes to the growth and strengthening of Michigan communities by investing in what's most important — our people, our planet and Michigan's prosperity. In 2025, the Consumers Energy Foundation, CMS Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, its employees and retirees contributed more than \$17 million in support of Michigan nonprofits and communities. For more information, visit [consumersenergy.com/foundation](http://consumersenergy.com/foundation).

# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

CASE NO: 26-32860-AY  
In the matter of  
**AVAH ELIZABETH BINGHAM**  
TAKE NOTICE:  
**AVAH ELIZABETH BINGHAM** has filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan to change the name of **AVAH ELIZABETH BINGHAM** to **AVAH ELIZABETH BINGHAM BARBER**

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

CASE NO: 26-32780-DE  
Estate of **ANGELA MARIE PENNER**  
Date of birth: July 28, 1967  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:  
The decedent **ANGELA MARIE PENNER** Died on December 29, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Brian Paul Droste, 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.

Brian Paul Droste  
1443 Wellman Rd.  
DeWitt, Michigan 48820  
(517) 719-6118  
Andrew K. Shotwell. P63159  
534 E. Front Street, P.O. Box 705  
Traverse City, MI 49685-0705  
(231) 946-0700

(03-08)

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

CASE NO: 26-32785-DE  
Estate of **CAROL CERASO**, Deceased  
Date of birth: January 8, 1949  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:  
The decedent **CAROL CERASO** Died on December 21, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joseph M. Ceraso, II, 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.

Joseph M. Ceraso II  
525 S. Frost Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48638  
(989) 598-9614  
Phillip A. Sturtz P69672  
608 S. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 799-4701

(03-08)

**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 MCR 2.105 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)



**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)

**The Fairfield Township Board**

will hold a public hearing of the proposed Township budget for fiscal year April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027, at the Township Hall located at 7988 W. Henderson Rd., Elsie MI on March 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm

**PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF ASHLEY, MICHIGAN INVITATION TO BID**

The Village of Ashley, Michigan will receive sealed bids for the **Complete Reconstruction, Pulverization, Fine Grading, and Repaving with 2.5" Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA)** of designated streets, consisting of two lanes with a total roadway width of 22 feet.

Bids will be accepted at the **Village of Ashley Municipal Offices, 114 South Sterling Street, Ashley, MI 48806**, until 4:00pm on **March 30, 2026**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 2pm on March 12, 2026 at the Village of Ashley Community Center at 110 S. Sterling St, Ashley MI 48806, followed by a site tour.

Bid documents and specifications may be obtained during regular business hours at the Village Offices or by email request to [villageclerk@ashleyvillage.net](mailto:villageclerk@ashleyvillage.net) or [robertstuds@ashleyvillage.net](mailto:robertstuds@ashleyvillage.net). Each bid must be accompanied by the required bid security.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the Village.

By Order of the Village of Ashley, Michigan  
*Robert Studt, President/Street Administrator*



## 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](mailto:news@meridianweekly.com) by March 16th or stop by the Meridian Weekly office.

**Possible Franchise Enactment Schedule REVOCABLE GAS FRANCHISE TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2-23

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH ORDAINS:  
SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.  
SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' gas lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees if necessary in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide gas service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCAION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to gas service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' gas franchise ordinance adopted by the Township including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on February 23, 2026.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF GREENBUSH, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 23rd day of February, 2026.

# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**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. 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

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

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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 Mortgagors, 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 MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: February 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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**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: Mortgagor(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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**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 April 15, 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): Evelyn D'Haene, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 7, 2023 Recorded on March 15, 2023, in Document No. 5333539, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and 05/100 Dollars (\$143,527.05) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Parcel 1 Lot 91 and the East 5 feet in width of Lot 92, of SUPERVISOR'S PLAT OF VALLEY FARMS NO. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 42. Parcel 2 The West 80 feet of Lot 92, of SUPERVISOR'S PLAT OF VALLEY FARMS NO. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 42. Commonly known as 1401 and 1403 Bennett, Lansing, MI 48906 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank 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: 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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## 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 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.

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.



Junior High Conduct of Meetings (l-r) : Kayden Harnick, Colton Stornant, Eduardo Rodriguez-Oliva, Haley Stewart, Isabella Williams, Maggie Moore, Ashlynn Rasmussen

## Ovid-Elsie FFA Competes in Leadership Contests

submitted by: Alexis Lucier and Lila Goodrich, Chapter Sentinel

Ovid-Elsie FFA was well represented at District and Regional levels in multiple Leadership Career Development Events. On January 28th, 2026, students competed in district-level competitions hosted at Ovid-Elsie High School. Alexis Lucier competed in the FFA Job Interview Contest,



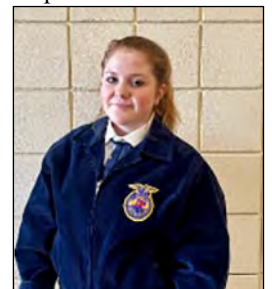
Demonstration (l-r): Sarah Harden and Meadow Evans.

earning Gold. The Demonstration team made up of Meadow Evans, Sarah Harden, and Laila Hoch, received Gold and moved on to the Regional competition. The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team consisted of Haley Stewart, Colton Stornant, Ashlynn Rasmussen, Maggie Moore, Isabella Williams, Eduardo Rodriguez-Oliva, Kayden Harnick and moved to regionals and earned Gold. Abigail Lehman (SILVER), Danica Bancroft (GOLD), Joshua Miller (SILVER) competed in Prepared Public Speaking with Danica Bancroft moving to Regional competition. Rebecca Lehman competed in Greenhand Public Speaking and received a Silver and a spot at the Regional Competition. Sarah Clark and Nolan Moore both earned Gold in Creed Speaking. KyLynn Salyer (GOLD) and Lillian Miller (GOLD) competed in Jr High Public Speaking, both moving on to Regionals.



Prepared Public Speaking: Danica Bancroft

Regional level leadership competition was held on February 12th, 2026, at Perry High School. The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team consisting of Haley Stewart, Colton Stornant, Ashlynn Rasmussen, Maggie Moore, Isabella Williams, Eduardo Rodriguez-Oliva, Kayden Harnick did a great job earning Gold being the Regional Winners and going straight to the state finals. Junior High Public Speaking contest Regional Winner was Lily Miller earning her place in the State Finals. KyLynn Salyer also competed at Regionals in Jr High Public Speaking with a Gold and alternate to State. Rebecca Lehman earned a Gold Award in Greenhand Public Speaking. Sarah Clark earned Silver and Alternate to States in Creed Speaking. In Prepared Public Speaking Danica Bancroft earned alternate to States and won a Silver Award. Our Demonstration team made up of Meadow Evans and Sarah Harden earned Silver at the Regional level.



Creed Speaking: Sarah Clark



Junior High Public Speaking (l-r): Lily Miller and KyLynn Salyer

The State Leadership Contests are being held March 4-6th, 2025 on the campus of Michigan State University.

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