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LAINGSBURG SOFTBALL TEAM: Team includes: Willow Patterson, Alaina Asher, Ashley Bila, Ella Merrell, Haley Konieczny, Skylar Stiff, Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek, Haley Cronk, MaKenna Johnston, Savanna Stirm. Coach Kara Mahoney, Coach Mike Cooper, Addyson Buchin, Ella Baynes, Coach Jeff Cheadle, Coach Madison Jonas.



LAINGSBURG BASEBALL TEAM: Team includes: Kyle Thelen, Emilio Garcia, Dom Garcia, Austin Hart, Jayce Grettenberger, Connor Hulliberger, Camren Curtis-Hart, Cam Ballard, Jackson Audretsch, Missing: Brock Johnston, Elliott Wilsey and Tommy Gousetis. Coach Todd Randall, Hayden Johnston, Nick Regan, Ty Randal., Asst. Coaches: Al Rodriguez and Nick Woodbury.

Complete results on page 7



Local Pole Vault Showdown Ends with O-E's Tokar Repeating as State Champ

KENT CITY — Over the course of two seasons, the battle between Ovid-Elsie's Tryce Tokar and Laingsburg's Jack Borgman has turned into quite the rivalry.

Pole-vault speaking, of course.

The two might live barely 15 miles apart, but in two track-and-field campaigns the local duo have established themselves as the best vaulters in the state of Michigan.

Tokar and Borgman went at again June 3 at the MHSAA Division 3 State Finals in Kent City. A few days earlier, at the Lansing Honor Roll Meet, Borgman topped 15-feet to break his LHS record and nip Tokar for individual honors.

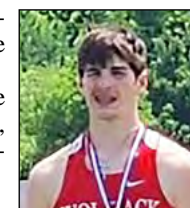
The Ovid-Elsie sophomore returned the "favor" at the State Finals ... vaulting 15 feet even to break his own O-E HS standard, and repeating as the Division 3 state champion. Borgman was close behind, clearing 14'9" as the runner-up.

Stayed tuned, folks. They're both underclassmen and return to their teams in 2024.

In the team competition, Ovid-Elsie was tied for 21st with 10 points. Laingsburg last won the boys State Title in 1967, but was out of the team race this go-round.

Ovid-Elsie's Clay Wittenberg tied for ninth in the high jump (6-1). The Marauders' Beau Price placed 19th in the 400 meters.

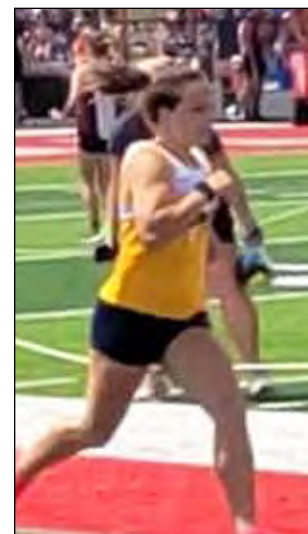
In the girls Division 3 state finals, Laingsburg's Madison Phillips placed sixth with a personal-best 10-0 in the pole vault. Ovid-Elsie's Alexis Spitzley placed 9th in the 800 meter run.



Jack Borgman



Beau Price



Alexis Spitzley



Clay Wittenberg

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Darrell Smith 90th Birthday

On Sunday, June 4, 2023 approximately 70 family members and friends gathered at the Gumaer Memorial Park in Ovid to celebrate the 90th Birthday of lifetime Ovid resident, Darrell Smith. Birthday wishes can be sent to him at 319 E. Prospect Street, Ovid, MI 48866.



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Burger Night at the Legion

submitted by Cindy Suggate

The American Legion Post 248 in Laingsburg will be doing burger night on Wednesdays, starting June 7th and running through July 26th from 5:00-7:00. There will be burgers and hand cut fries. Bring the family out for a delicious meal.

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Library News

Elsie Public Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Elsie Public Library is featuring Happy Feet Pet Rescue during the Summer Reading Program on June 14th. We will be putting kindness into action by collecting needed items for our furry little 4 footed friends. Please come to the library starting today to drop off pet needs. Don't know what to donate? Check out their website (<https://www.happyfeetpetrescue.com>) for some ideas. The last day to collect donations is Wednesday, June 14th at 4 PM. Happy Feet Pet Rescue will be at the library with adoptable animals at 2 PM. We hope to see you there!

Seems like there is always something forgotten. Here at the library our "forgotten items" are the cake pans we have available for check out. You can make that special birthday cake with our pans. Come see the items we have available. Did you know that you can recycle ink cartridges, batteries and soda pop pull tabs in the library? If you have expired coupons, bring them to the library. We can see that they are sent to our US troops. Expired coupons get a second chance to be used on military bases. Do you have old eye glasses, and don't know what to do with them?? Bring them to the Elsie Public Library for the LION'S CLUB. There's always something to do or see at the ELSIE PUBLIC LIBRARY!!

Ovid Public Library

On Monday, June 12th, the Ovid Public Library will be having our Adult Booktasting. The group will be meeting at 1:00. Come join us and tell us what good books you have been enjoying lately. You just might find out about a good book that you need to read!

Tuesday, June 13 the crafting group will be meeting at 1:30. If you would like to craft with a group of like-minded crafters come join us at the library. There's plenty of room for you to spread out and craft.

On Wednesday, June 14 will be a classic movie. This week we will be showing the movie, Calamity Jane, starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. Movie time will be 1:00.

If you haven't already signed up for the summer reading program, there's still time. We have lots of fun things planned so be sure to get signed up. The Summer Reading Program is open for all ages.

Schueller II - Houghton Engagement

Benjamin Schueller II of East Lansing and Kaitlin Houghton of Mason are pleased to announce their engagement.

Kaitlin is the daughter of Gary and Dana Houghton of Mason.

Benjamin is the son of Ben Schueller and the late Jennifer Schueller of Ovid.

The bride elect is a 2015 graduate of Mason High School. She graduated from MSU in 2021 with a Bachelor's in Kinesiology. She is applying for medical school. She is a Research Associate for Central Star.

The groom to be is a 2017 of Ovid-Elsie High School. He is attending LCC for Criminal Justice. He is a Police Authority Corporal at Sparrow Hospital.

A July 23, 2023 wedding is planned in Holland, MI.



Middlebury UMC 150th Anniversary Celebration

Middlebury United Methodist Church, 8100 Hibbard Road, Ovid, Michigan is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church building.

On Sunday, June 25 the public is invited to come at 10:30 AM is worship and the rededication of the church. At 12:00 noon is a luncheon and social time. Everyone is welcome.

For more information Nancy Watkins 989-834-2413.

Ola Holiness Camp Meeting

Ola Camp is in its 105th year. Camp meetings were common several years ago, but have become a rare occurrence today. You are invited to take this opportunity to participate in the 8 day event for spiritual refreshing and coming together as a community. The dates for the camp are June 18th-June 25th and will be held at 7212 S. Bailey Ronda (US-127) in Ashley, MI 48806. The speaker for the week will be Rev. Dale Freed. He grew up in Alma and is serving as an evangelist to various denominations. The worship leaders for the camp are Jason & Heidi Yoder. Dress is casual and the atmosphere is peaceful. You can check the camp out on facebook at Ola Camp, Ashley, MI

Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owen Prussner

Owosso Parkinson Support Group to meet on Wednesday, June 14 at 5:00pm at the Shiawassee Council on Aging, Owosso. 300 N. Washington St. Owosso, MI 48867. Phone 989-723-8875.

Our Guest speaker will be Mark Leconte from Veterans Administration from Corunna. He will speak about what Veterans Administration do for the veterans who may have Parkinson's Disease as well as other chronic issues.

If you have any questions about Owosso Parkinson Support group, please join us. We provide information encouragement, fellowship, and support.

Please call Karen Prussner, facilitator with any questions at 989-723-6901.

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The Circus is Coming to Town!

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Ovid Lions Club, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to Ovid, MI on Thursday, June 29th, to the Leonard Elementary School located at 732 Mabbitt Rd. with shows at 5:00 & 7:30 PM. C&M Circus has been providing quality, local family entertainment for 37 years. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top, Nick News: On the Road with Circus Kids and most recently OETA's Big Top Town. This year, we're very excited to bring you our brand new 2023 performance featuring Big Cats presented by Trey Key, our Aerialist Extraordinaire Simone on the trapeze, 10th generation Loyal Bareback Horse Riders, the Perez Daredevil Duo on the Tight Rope and Wheel of Destiny, Elizabeth Ayala's incredible foot juggling and hair hang and everyone's favorite Circus Clown Leo Acton.

Circus Day Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Tent Raising & Tour

Everyone is invited to watch the Big Top rise! You'll also get a chance to tour the grounds and get a behind-the-scenes look at our show! Learn about life on the road and the care our animals receive.

4:00 p.m. - Midway Opens

Pony Rides, Moon Bounce, Giant Slide, Face Painting, Concession Stand and Box Office open up for some extra fun!

5:00 & 7:30 - Circus Performance

Get ready for an amazing show the whole family will love! Each show lasts about 90 minutes.

Advance Tickets Prices Box Office Prices

Adult Ticket - \$13

Child (2-12) or Senior (65+) - \$8

Advance tickets can be purchased BEFORE Circus Day from these locations:

Village Food Pride - Ovid Ovid Service Agency Foo-G's Pizza in Elsie

Box Office Prices

Adult Ticket - \$16

Child (2-12) or Senior (65+) - \$9

Box office tickets go on sale at the Circus grounds starting one hour before each show.

A higher percentage of advance tickets goes back to the sponsor, meaning more money back into your community! You'll also save money and can skip the lines at the box office!

To find out more about this year's show, find us online, visit our social media, call, or e-mail!

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Sparrow Health System to Become University of Michigan Health-Sparrow, Effective April 1, 2024

submitted by John Foren

LANSING – Sparrow Health System will become University of Michigan Health-Sparrow, effective April 1, 2024, as part of Sparrow joining the Michigan Medicine clinical network, according to health system officials.

According to Sparrow leaders, they selected the new name to leverage the strength of the University of Michigan worldwide brand with the historical significance of the Sparrow brand.

“University of Michigan Health-Sparrow reflects a partnership going forward, building on the equity of both brands,” according to James Dover, Sparrow President and CEO. “Sparrow has an unmatched reputation in Mid-Michigan while U-M Health is the preeminent health system in Michigan. The new name highlights a continued commitment to bringing patients the right care at the right time at the right place, closer to home.

Sparrow joined University of Michigan Health in April 2023, contributing significantly to what is now a \$7.8-billion organization, the second largest health system in the state.

According to Dover, more information will be provided later on the new names of individual entities within Sparrow.

Sparrow will continue to be known as Sparrow Health System in internal and external communications until April 1, 2024, when the new name becomes official.

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Saturday, June 17th ~ 9 am Sharp!

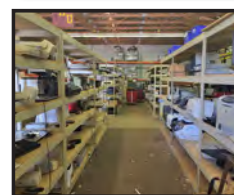
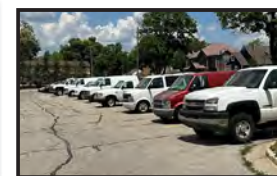
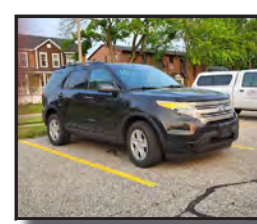
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DATE OF MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023
PLACE OF MEETING: ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MEDIA CENTER 104 N NEW ST
ASHLEY, MI 48806
HOUR OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.
PHONE NUMBER: 989-847-4000

A COPY OF THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE AT 104 N. NEW STREET, ASHLEY, MI.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Cindy Wilson
Secretary, Board of Education

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Picnic & Paddle Event

submitted by Jessica Hickey

The Friends of the Shiawassee River and DeVries Nature Conservancy are offering the chance to enjoy a summer day on the river in their joint Picnic & Paddle event on Saturday, June 10. The paddle will start at DeVries in Owosso and end at Henderson Park (the full schedule can be found on the registration page at www.shiawasseeiver.org). A picnic lunch will be provided prior to the paddle. Guests are encouraged to bring their own kayaks or canoes. Registration is \$5 per person and is required ahead of time, as space is limited for this event. Transportation and lunch are being generously sponsored by Indian Trails and Alderman's.

For more information, please call (989) 723-3365 or visit www.shiawasseeiver.org.



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Obituaries

Coralee A. Ott

Coralee A. Ott, age 79, of Elsie, passed away Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Grace Haven Assisted Living in St. Johns, MI. Cremation has taken place.

The family invites you to share memories during a memorial luncheon at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall on Friday, July 7th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Arrangements are being handled by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel. Online condolences may be sent at watkinsfuneralhomes.com

Memorial contributions are suggested to WOES Radio or The Care Team Home Health and Hospice.

Irene Rose Chovance

Irene Rose Chovance, age 96, of Bannister, Michigan, passed away Thursday, June 1, 2023, with her family at her side and God's presence at The Meadows Assisted Living in Owosso, Michigan.

Irene was born in Bannister, Michigan on April 10, 1927, the daughter of Barney and Mary (Malek) Cerny. On November 10, 1951, she married Frank J. Chovance in Bannister, Michigan. She lost the love of her life when Frank passed away on August 8, 2004. They were blessed with fifty-two years of marriage.

She retired from ITT Hancock (Lear Corporation) in Elsie, Michigan. Irene was a homemaker who worked on their family farm with her husband. She loved Czech baking, gardening and working in her flowers. Her family was very important to her especially her grandchildren and spending time at her cottage. Irene was an avid doll collector and enjoyed listing to polka music on WOAP and WOES radio stations. She was an 82 year member at the ZCBJ Lodge.

She is survived by her children: Patricia and Terry Larner of Perry, Michigan; Jean Chovance of DeWitt, Michigan. Irene is also survived by seven grandchildren: Kimberly, Steven, Kristina, Mary, Travis, Tim, and Steve; seven great-grandchildren: Sawyer, Charlie Jean, Connor, Alexander, Larissa, Isaac, and Ty; three sisters: Wilma Stambersky, Gladys Patrick, and Mildred Chapko; one brother Jim and Sue Cerny; sister-in-law Mary Cerny, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, son, Frank Chovance Jr. and daughter, Sharon Pavlik, one grandson, John Frank Chovance, two sisters: Pauline and Stan Bocek, Ella and Ron Long, three brothers: Frank and Helen Cerny, Charlie Cerny, and John and Reva Cerny, and two brothers-in-law: Mike Stambersky, and Steve Chapko.

The family would like to thank The Meadows Assisted Living and Memorial Healthcare Hospice for the wonderful care, love and compassion they provided to their mom.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, Michigan, on Sunday, June 4, 2023, with Mr. Thomas J. Bradley and Pastor Ray Strawser officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Meadows Assisted Living, 245 Caledonia Drive, Owosso, MI 48867, ZCBJ Lodge #225 Bannister, Michigan, or Memorial Healthcare Hospice Program, Owosso, Michigan. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan

Mario T. Rodriguez

Mario T. Rodriguez, age 72, of Morristown, Tennessee, formerly of Germantown, Ohio and Ovid, MI., passed away Thursday, May 25., 2023 in Morristown.

He was born in Pearsall, Texas on October 9, 1950, son of the late Guadalupe (Trevino) and Jose Rodriguez.

Mario was a "family first" man. He was an avid sports fan and loved to travel; and enjoyed playing marbles and cards. He was a 1969 Ovid-Elsie graduate.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Manuel and Juan Rodriguez; and a granddaughter, Variety Whiteman.

Mario is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Anita M. (Slusser) Rodriguez; his children, Alex (Jennifer) Rodriguez, Angel (Ronnie Sturgill) Rodriguez, Christopher (Hannah Reed) Rodriguez, and Gina (Peter) Morgan; 7 grandchildren, Dylon Rodriguez, Makenna (Joah) Nelson, Aleisia Barrett, Olivia Sturgill, Chase Morgan, Celeste Morgan, and Mario Rodriguez; a great-granddaughter, Madelyn Nelson; numerous nieces and nephews; his siblings, Joe (Merry) Rodriguez, Robert (Lamar) Rodriguez, Rey (Yolanda) Rodriguez, Esperanza (Norman) Smiht, Fernado Rodriguez and Ruben Rodriguez.

His funeral was held on May 31st in Germantown, Ohio. Please share condolences at daltonfh.net

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Wow, so much to do and I'm enjoying every minute of it. My garden is almost completed, I just have a few more seeds to plant and I will be one happy gardener. Seems like I get a bit more accomplished every evening. I am pleased to check on my garden every morning before I leave for work. I feel as if I'm making major progress. I'm getting that invigorating country feeling. As I take my morning stroll I also have noticed the beauty of my pale pink peonies, the purple of my English violets, and the pinkish purple of the phlox. The yellow blooms of my pointella bush are bright and cheerful. Of course the grass is going to seed and seems to be growing in leaps and bounds over the drain field and not so good elsewhere in the lawn.

Plus I have some new toys that I need to become familiar. I just bought an EGO line weed wacker and also a leaf blower. Margie picked them up for me because I didn't have the time to shop for myself. She also delivered them to me. I think that she was excited as I was. Since she already owned one and that made it easy for the two of us to assemble. Actually, Margie has more patience than I do and so she did the assembling. I was impressed because the air never became blue. And yes it works well. I haven't used the leaf blower yet.

I just finished a stroll around the yard to confirm my thoughts. The lawn needs mowing and the flowers need appreciating. The peonies that are by the well are in full bloom and quite glorious at this time. Those that are on the south east quadrant are budded up well and thinking about blooming. I've used up the last of my asparagus because it bolted last week and I didn't have my ducks in a row. I am glad that I did get to try in raw in a veggie pasta salad that I made. Ted even liked it and he doesn't have a high opinion on asparagus. I also need to water my garden this evening and plant the last of my seeds. Of course, if in my wanders today, I might come across some interesting plants they may make it into the extra space that I have. Hopefully I won't be so silly.

I was home this morning by 9:15 and just need to do a few things before I head up to St Louis to drop off some donuts and to pick up Marge. She will be acting as my guide as I make a quick run up to Clare. This will be a back road option. Marge knows where the Amish green houses are that have fresh tomatoes now and I want some. She did explain where I should go but I like this option of us gabbing are way up and back. This should be an interesting trip. On the way home from MG's I did drop a box of books off to Janet's for the missionary group.

I spoke with Shirley last night about the St Johns' Farmer's Market which starts on June 10th this year. I can only make every other weekend because of MG's Perx & Pastries and my daughter's twelve hour shifts. Barb and Larry will take orders for me when I'm not there and will also have whatever orders that I have filled. So hopefully my regular customers will be happy. I do enjoy talking with everyone and know that I will miss a few. Such is life.

On the way back from Clare, we will be stopping at the Mission Store to pick up cheese and deli meats for both Diane and myself. Today I will have to curb by impulse buying because I have already spent my tip money for the month. This will be difficult because we will also be stopping at the two Amish stores up on Collinsville Road. Maybe Marge will be a good influence on me and I won't diminish my cash flow too much. May you enjoy your wanders and may God bless you daily. Enjoy the beauty that surrounds us daily.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Rabbits and Squirrels Declared Nuisance by NRC & DNR

The two most commonly hunted small game animals in North America, and most certainly Michigan, are the rabbit and squirrel. For the last several centuries, from colonial times to modern day, these species have been relentlessly pursued with extreme vigor to provide the primary and or supplemental protein necessary for subsistence living in bad times as well as gourmet dining during good times. Generations ago many young hunters learned to hunt by chasing this quarry on weekends and during breaks from required schooling. Now all of that tradition has possibly come to an abrupt halt with the passage of Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 6 of 2023 because rabbits and squirrels have now been declared a nuisance and it is open season year round.

The DNR has openly admitted that due to staffing issues they can no longer adequately handle complaints about damage caused by small wildlife. In the past, on site inspections followed by the permitting process has taken way too long so if these small game animals are present and about to do damage you are allowed to trap or use regular hunting methods year round with no bag limits. Thoughts?

-WS



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You can also mail or drop questions off to:
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Dear Andy,

My husband and I recently moved here for his job. We live in a small town several miles from the city where he works. We have 3 children under the age of five. I am trying so hard by myself every day to make sure my children receive proper nutrition, good learning experiences, live in a safe environment and keep the house clean and organized. I love my life, but now that it is so full of activities, settling in our new home, making new friends, and raising the children, I am beginning to think I am unqualified and overwhelmed. Maybe I should go back to work and hire a professional nanny.

Now that the weather is nice, not too hot and not raining, my children want to play every day for hours in the morning and again in the afternoon. The only time I get anything done is when they are napping, which isn't always at the same time. We transferred here from a dry climate, and we decided we could afford for me to stay home for a few years with the children. I am loving that part of our decision to be here. But, my support group is in Texas. So, I am on the phone after their bedtime.

My biggest concern and worry are about my children getting bitten by mosquitos or spiders or bees and tiny ants that are everywhere in my sidewalk cracks. I have seen so many different bugs since we moved here. I have had several bad dreams about us being attacked. Silly, I know! I don't want to use repellents with dangerous chemicals on our skin or in our play areas. What do you suggest? Nervous stay-at-home mom

Dear Mom,

At least you took time to write to me and obviously took time to read your local paper. First of all, talk to your family doctor to have assurances you are taking care of yourself. Being too anxious can cause long-term health problems for you. As for the children and household responsibilities...it will get done eventually. Ease up on yourself. It's an admirable profession to raise your own children.

Ask your husband to help, too. He will want specific assignments, such as reading to the children or watching them play while you fix dinner. I understand he works hard and is gone the majority of the day; your situation will likely not be that way forever. So, I recommend you engage Daddy so that he does not become distanced from home responsibilities. Take time for YOU, and for you and your husband. Children grow up fast without instruction manuals. You do not need to be an overachiever mom. There is a book written on every concern any mom could ever have. Check Amazon listings or your local bookstore (which is a great get-away with coffee and no children).

Make your summer meals simple. Get a sandbox and age-appropriate outdoor toys. You may want to hire a neighbor teen to help a few hours a week. Call your local High School, they often can make some recommendations of someone who lives near you. Look for free concerts, farmers markets, or a splash park and playground, near you. Most small towns, near big cities offer opportunities for fun and activities for children of all ages. Check your local library for reading and art fun for kids.

One more suggestion, order your groceries online and have your husband pick them up on his way home. As for mosquitoes and bug repellent, I like the twisty bracelets that can be placed on the ankle over a sock. They come in assorted colors and the compound is not a spray. Go to ERMPRODUCTS.COM/FREE. The company will send you samples of their newest products recommended for children and sensitive skin. Always cover them with UV sun lotion for children, before they go out to play.

As for bees, teach your children not to run or panic. Stay CALM. Bees are attracted to the smell of fear and your breath. Teach them not to swat the bee and to cover their mouth. Bees will fly away within 10 seconds, if not bothered. Just in case: Keep baking soda and water handy to use as a paste to bring out the stinger or serum from a possible sting. Watch for immediate breathing problems or severe swelling in case an allergic reaction occurs. If you have a reaction, take your child to your family doctor or clinic immediately.

Don't worry so much, the outdoors is not all that scary. Think about the fresh air, fun, and happiness your children are enjoying. You are allowed to enjoy summer life, too! Thanks for reading your local paper. Watch for summer fun ideas. Andy at askandyforadvice@gmail.com or ask_andy@aol.com

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Sparrow Carson Hospital Names Patient Care Technician as Caregiver of the Quarter

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY, MI – Sparrow Carson Hospital is proud to recognize Jennifer Barker, a Patient Care Technician in the Emergency Department, as our Caregiver of the Quarter.

Barker was nominated for going above and beyond with the care she provides patients in the Sparrow Carson Emergency Department. Her nomination noted “Jennifer was at bedside assisting a patient when he mentioned how ‘safe’ he felt at Sparrow Carson and how she provided him with a sense of security. ... In that moment, her compassionate care, gave the patient a sense of hope and security that’s irreplaceable.”

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Sports

Lady Wolves Nip Ovid-Elsie Enroute to District Softball Crown

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Addysin Buchin hurled two complete-game wins -- including a 2-1 nail-biter over Ovid-Elsie -- and Laingsburg's varsity softball team won another MHSAA Division 3 District championship here June 3.

For the second-straight year, coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolves eliminated O-E from District play; last season, it was for the District crown.

This time around, it was in the semifinals.

Laingsburg captured a Division 3 District softball championship Saturday thanks to back-to-back wins over Ovid-Elsie, 2-1 in the semifinals, and Bath, 9-0 in the district finals, to move to 33-4 overall.

Savvy Stirn ripped three hits and drove in three runs for LHS. Bella Latuszek, Buchin and Makenna Johnston each had two hits in the 9-0 whitewashing of the undermanned Bees. Bath, with already a depleted roster, suffered two injuries in the semifinals and had just 7 defenders and a pitcher left to face the Wolfpack.

In the district semifinal triumph over Ovid-Elsie, Buchin pitched a 2-hitter with eight strikeouts and three walks.

Laingsburg scored single runs in the first and fourth frames. Latuszek, Buchin and Haley Konieczny each had two hits with Konieczny drive in both runs.

Maddisyn Miller and Karigann Cuthbert had the hits for the Marauders.

Kaitlyn Fry was the pitcher of record for O-E. She gave up two runs and six hits with two strikeouts and two walks.

The Wolfpack advanced to the Regional semifinals at New Lothrop on Saturday to face Leslie (33-5).

Ashley Baseball Season Ends in Districts

by Ashleigh Shaw

In District play Ashley and Fowler squared off. Fowler won the game 8-0 in 6 innings. Carson Litwiller was on the mound for the Bears and took the loss. Litwiller gave up 8 hits, 4 walks and struck out 5. Ashley struggled offensively with only two hits, both doubles from Litwiller and Gavin Malek.

Randall's Arm, Bat Lead Wolves to 2nd-Straight Division 3 District Title

DURAND -- Ty Randall had a perfect day at the plate in a 24-3 District win over Byron, then followed that up on the bump, firing a complete-game 2-hitter with 14 strikeouts as Laingsburg wrapped up its second-straight Division 3 District title here June 3.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolves punched their ticket to the Regional in Hemlock with a 5-1 championship victory over neighboring Perry.

In the district semifinals Randall went 5-for-5 with three doubles, a triple and seven RBI as the Wolfpack advanced in six innings over the Byron Eagles. Laingsburg's victory over Byron also featured Kyle Thelen batting 3-for-5 with an RBI. Adding two hits apiece were Dominic Garcia, Emillio Garcia, Cameron Ballard, Jack Audretsch and Nick Regan.

Dominic Garcia, Laingsburg's left-hander, was the mound winner in the semifinals. He worked six innings and gave up three runs on 10 hits with eight strikeouts and no walks.

In the district title game, Randall, who throws right-handed, got the nod and turned in a clutch performance to carry LHS to trophy time.

Hayden Johnston reached base three times, drilling a run-scoring single in the fifth and being hit by two pitches. Jackson Audretsch drove in two runs with an RBI bunt single and a sacrifice. Randall drove in two runs with sacrifice flies to finish with nine RBIs for the day. Elliott Wilsey doubled while Nick Regan and Tommy Gousetis also hit safely.

LHS finished with five hits in the district final and added three walks and three hits-batsmen.

Perry, finishing 18-13, downed Durand 4-1 in its District semifinal.

Laingsburg moved to 25-8 overall, advancing to face Chesaning in the Regional. The Indians won their Division 3 District for the first time in 33 seasons.

Wolfpack Tournament Dream Falls Short in 7-2 Loss to Tribe

HEMLOCK -- Chesaning's baseball team captured a Division 3 District championship thanks to an 8-1 victory over Ithaca in the District finals.

Ends up, the Indians weren't quite done.

The two-years-in-a-row MMAC champion ended Laingsburg's MHSAA Regional dream with a convincing 7-2 victory here June 7.

The Wolfpack has never won a Regional title in baseball. That was a major team goal in 2023 -- and it looked promising with 25 wins in the Wolves' first 33 games.

That's where it ended ... at 25-9. Chesaning moved to 27-8, after ousting both of the Weekly's area teams in the course of a few days; the Tribe opened district play with a 14-1 win over Ovid-Elsie in five innings.

In Wednesday's Regional semifinal, Tribe pitching allowed five hits and two runs over seven innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Ty Randall was on the mound for Laingsburg, going four and a third innings, allowing six hits and five runs while striking out nine. Dom Garica threw one and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Laingsburg saw the ball well, racking up five hits in the game. Randall and Nick Regan each managed multiple hits.

The Wolves didn't commit a single error in the field. Jack Audretsch had nine chances in the field, the most on the team.



Hailee Campbell scored lone goal for OE against Williamston during district match.

Photos by Jody Thornton

Williamston Ousts O-E in Girls Soccer District; Future Looks Bright for Marauders

WILLIAMSTON -- The future looks exceedingly bright for the Ovid-Elsie girls soccer program.

Yes, they dropped a 5-1 nod here June 1 to the defending state champion Williamston Hornets.

That said, coach Jerome White and his team can't wait for the 2024 season. The Marauders have just one senior, Hadley Bukantis, on the roster - so count on O-E to be a contender again in 2024.

Ovid-Elsie finished its season with a stellar 14-3-3 record.

Senior Hornet forward Ella Kleiver tallied the first goal of what would become a natural hat trick for Williamston just over three minutes into the first half. Junior Hailee Campbell finally got the Marauders on the board after halftime with an unassisted score.

With Ava Bates in goal for O-E -- seeing some unlikely bounces and making a number of tough saves -- the Marauders hung with the Hornets for much of the first half, playing tenacious defense and redirecting numerous Williamston shot attempts, but ultimately Williamston proved too hot to handle. The contest was played in unseasonably hot 90-degree weather.



Alyson Moore moves the ball down field during Williamston match

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by Dawn D Levey

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Grand Lodge members included: Larry Judson, Most Worshipful Grand Master; and his officers: Eugene Abbaticchio, William Sauget, David Boring, Thomas Braun, Michael Roberts, Terry Troutt, Leonard Davis, Craig Lehrke, Mark Gonyea, Butch Redinger, Bruce Carlson and Gary Miller.

Elsie Members present: Rodney Ridgeway, Worshipful Master: Bruce Levey, Eric Levey, Colby Putnam, Clare Applebee, Steve Parker, Richard Bates, and William Archer.

Shiawassee Arts Center Open Painting Class

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be offering another Open Painting class in Acrylic or Oil with Artist/Instructor, Philip Ruehle, MFA, Artist/Instructor. This six week session will be on Wednesdays, beginning June 14 - July 26 (No class July 5), 1pm - 4pm. Adults/high school students with some painting experience.

Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New session will follow. Pre-registration and payment required. Call (989) 723-8354 for more information or for registration.

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The Sunday Market is June - October from 10am-2pm on Roosevelt Row.

Elsie Dairy Festival Committee Meeting

The Elsie Dairy Festival Committee will be meeting bi-weekly on Thursdays, next one is June 22nd, 7pm at the Village of Elsie office.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGAL

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 July 19, 2023. 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 Denise B. Maybank, whose address is 3655 Shearwater Lane, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as original Mortgagors, to National City Bank, being a mortgage dated April 19, 2006, and recorded on April 25, 2006 with Document Number 5099025, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned through mesne assignments to Citizens Bank, National Association, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 27, 2023 and recorded on March 6, 2023 with Document Number 5333309 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT AND 99/100 DOLLARS (\$30,958.99). Said premises are situated in the City of East Lansing, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Units 228, Hawk Next Condominium, according to the Master deed dated January 8, 2003, recorded January 10, 2003 in Document No. 5015889, and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded April 15, 2003 in Document no.

5025073, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded July 8, 2004 in Document No. 508152 Clinton County Records and designated as Clinton County Condominium Plan No. 30, together with rights in General common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978 as amended. Street Address: 3655 Shearwater Lane, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 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: June 11, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5053

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, 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 July 12, 2023. 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): Jennifer Jenks, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC. Date of mortgage: April 13, 2017 Recorded on April 18, 2017, in Document No. 5253175, and re-recorded via Re-Recorded Mortgage on September 15, 2017, in Document No. 5258308, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Eighty Thousand Eighty-Two and 20/100 Dollars (\$80,082.20) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 18 and the West 1/2 of Lot 16, Block 3, Avenue Addition to the Village of St. Johns, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Clinton County Records Commonly known as 117 Floral Ave, Saint Johns, MI 48879 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. 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. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. 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 JULY 12, 2023. 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 Nathan Dutton, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 7, 2019 and recorded June 17, 2019 in Instrument Number 5280212 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$178,853.52). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 12, 2023. Said premises are located in the Township of Essex, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 8, Town 8 North, Range 3 West, Essex Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence West 10 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence East 10 Rods; thence North 10 rods to the Place of Beginning. 606 S Maple Avenue, Maple Rapids, Michigan 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. Dated: June 11, 2023 File No. 23-005390 Firm Name: Orlans PC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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The Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department conducted a control burn on Sunday, June 4th at 112 East Street in Ovid. The house was donated to the fire department for the opportunity to conduct a live-fire training event. All of the required permits were granted by EGLE (Michigan Environment, Great Lakes Energy). All utilities were disconnected, household items were removed including furniture, carpeting and vinyl siding.

The training opportunity allowed firefighters to bring their individual structure firefighting skills to a controlled environment that demonstrated a real fire dynamic. The training offered new firefighters a significant opportunity and for the veteran firefighters a good refresher course. The crews were able to hone their practiced skills on hose lays, hose & water deployment, extinguishment, water supply and pump operations.

The fire was started at 8:10am in the corner of the basement, by 8:22 some smoke was visible from outside the back of the house, by 8:23 heavy smoke visible from all sides, at 8:29 flames were visible from the roof, 8:32 flames seen on all sides/floors of the home, 8:36 house fully consumed in flames, 8:43 house collapsed and 8:51 house is nothing but a few boards left standing.

Fire waits for no man, woman or child. It is critical that you make an evacuation plan in advance and practice/discuss the process. Hesitation could mean the difference between life and death.

Thanks goes out to the St Johns, Elsie Area, Owosso Charter, Laingsburg and Ashley fire departments for their help in making the fire training exercise a successful one.



Firefighter securing the property before the controlled burn



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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 5, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, thence East 50 feet, thence north 56 feet, thence West 50 feet, thence South 56 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of Lots 7 and 8, Block 5, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan. Street Address: 212 W. Walker Street, Saint Johns, MI 48879 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: June 4, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5041

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North, Range 1 West, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as follows: to fix the point of beginning, commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 28; thence North 00 degrees 52 minutes 31 seconds East on the West line of said Section 1335.09 feet; thence North 77 degrees 29 minutes 56 seconds East 79.80 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 77 degrees 29 minutes 56 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 14 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds East 415.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 46 seconds West 116.70 feet; thence North 04 degrees 50 minutes 45 seconds West 391.88 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 5995 Twin Oaks Dr, Laingsburg, MI 48848 The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.realtyBid.com or call 877-518-5700. Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Michigan, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 635, Pages 917 through 950, inclusive and First Amendment to Condominium Bylaws recorded in Liber 951, Page 388, Clinton County Records; begin designated as Clinton County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 6, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master deed, as amended and pursuant to Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Street Address: 13921 Mead Creek Road, Bath, Michigan 48808 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: May 28, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5018

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