

Ovid-Elsie Awareness & Change: Helping Educators and Students in Cuba

submitted by Dana Blank

In June, Dana Blank, Teacher and Advisor at OEHS and Board Member of the Greater Lansing United Nations Association, embarked on an educational mission to the country of Cuba. She traveled with other Board Members and associates to bring school and medical supplies to educators and students in Cuba. In an effort to gain as many Cuban perspectives as possible, the group met with a variety of school personnel and students in several educational locations in an effort to learn and collaborate on ideas and opportunities to educate our youth in a global manner.

Some of the highlights included visiting a botanical garden where Down's Syndrome students received their formal education, while participating in a work-study program learning how to do care for the many aspects of the garden, including growing specific medicinal plants.

Two community outreach programs were also visited. There was also a stop at a sports school as well as a dialogue hosted by university professors. Individual families with special needs students were also on the visitation itinerary. Board members distributed the school and medical supplies to several of the schools based on needs lists.

Additionally, gift bags packed with an assortment of items that are sparse in Cuba were handed out to individuals and groups. After the trip, Blank stated: "I learned a lot about Cuba. I think the overall trip offered a 360 perspective of the country. We did not rest much and utilized the seven days to listen, learn, and love. I know we made a positive impact and the collaboration was mutually beneficial. I plan to go back."

A huge shout out to the many OE staff who offered advice and donated to the gift bags that were presented: Ruban Nodarse (Spanish), Amy Fanning (Business Department), Autumn Winsor (Counseling Office), and Logan Kellogg (Art Dept.) as well as many others. The people of Cuba appreciated everything they received and it's important to note that Ovid-Elsie Awareness and Change has made a positive impact in the lives of many in Cuba.



Dana Blank and Tony during the visit to Cuba



Elsie Dairy Festival Provides a Variety of Fun for All



More photos on pages 6 & 7.
Photos by Dawn Levey & Deb Price

City of Ovid Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

OVID - The regular meeting of the City of Ovid was held Monday, July 10, 2023. Officials were notified that the Ovid Police Department will be unionizing. Other highlights of the evening were the waterline project updates and the compliance details.

The public comment focus was the Shiawassee Art Center fundraiser to be held at the Pat Lombardi residence. Lombardi noted that he purchased a vintage home and carriage house, 37 years ago, which is being restored and informed the City that they will host a fund raiser that will be held September 23, 2023 for the Shiawassee Art Center. The signature of the Ovid Police Chief will be necessary for a liquor license, noting the area used will be fenced.

Val Vail-Shirley, County Commissioner, reported the M21 and Hollister Road four-way stop project is underway and should be completed by Monday, July 17, 2023. County Planning and Zoning has a moratorium on renewable energies for up to one year. The nineteen-member committee has had two meetings. Opting out is not an option. M21 Ag Tech Corridor is back into play, working on what we have in Clinton County and the businesses and technology that can be brought in to enhance the agricultural community. Fact-finding is in progress.

Ovid City Police Department report, Brad Richmond, CCLP labor union representative, advised officials that they have the support of the local department to unionize. CCLP will be the bargaining agent for the Department. The City of Ovid has two-options, voluntarily recognize the union or the State of Michigan could issue an order. No formal action was needed by officials they could collectively agree and then a special meeting and a closed session would be needed to discuss what bargaining would look like.

Officials will ponder the decision regarding unionization with discussion at the special meeting Monday, July 17, 2023.

Action was taken to sponsor a police recruit for the police academy, front loading wages and applying for a grant for reimbursement of wages and academy up to \$24,000. The city will not lose money on this venture.

In other actions officials approved the purchase of a desk on Market Place for \$2,000 for the Ovid Police Chief.

Gary Bartow, waterline project manager, presented an overview of the project that was bided. Bids have been coming in higher than expected due to the large number of jobs in progress throughout the State of Michigan. The original cost estimate was 7.2 million low bids came in at 9.4 million. The project was re-evaluated, originally went big and now the project manager and officials will look at areas to reduce. Montgomery Excavating, Ionia came in as the apparent low bid, and will re-evaluate the project. There are Federal government criteria regarding the low bid. Officials noted that they have not taken action on any of the bids. Final bids will be presented to the officials on July 17, 2023, the slated special meeting to award bids.

General fund balance policy, Eric Starn, presented a draft policy to be reviewed and acted upon in August so it can be in place January 1, 2024, the beginning of the fiscal year. The policy cleans up the current policy, assigns the unassigned fund balance. In addition, its sets a minimum percentage the city must retain for emergencies.

Quotes were received for the breakroom updates at the Department of Public Works garage. The bids were based upon DPW supervisor's request. Mary Perrien requests a reason for the request. It was noted that this is a breakroom and office area. Alternatives and computer capabilities were discussed. Action was taken to table a decision until the next meeting.

Brent and Heather Stinson were present to discuss fees for sewer tap in. The residence is located near Leonard Elementary, just outside the city limits. Currently \$4,300 in fees which was based upon payment of the bond for the project which has since been paid off. Officials were in agreement to waive the fee. The Stinson's will be responsible for the contractor for hooking into the system.

The City of Ovid will post the following employment positions: – janitor for the City Hall applications due July 21; clerk position to be posted, the current deputy will be encouraged to apply.

Finally, officials were reminded that there is a special meeting Monday, July 17 at 7 pm for the purpose to discuss borrowing for waterline project and award bids. Mr. Andy Campbell, City financial advisor, will be present at the meeting.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, the minutes of the June 12 regular and June 16 special, meetings. In addition, approval of the, the June 14, 2023 thru July 11, 2023 and closed session meeting June 16 invoice and checks registers. Action was also taken to approve budget amendments.

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• Attire: MSU Green & White

• Duty: Bring Family/Friends

• Location: 163 W Main St Elsie, MI 48831

• Call or Text (517) 881-3881 or Message us on Facebook at Elsie First Baptist Church

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Elsie Public Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

The Summer Reading Program is winding down. The grand finale on July 19th is our "Kindness Olympiad". There will be several kindness stations for each child to complete. After competing in their kindness events, they get to pick a prize from the library prize box. So much fun in the sun with games and prizes. The best part is being able to play and then ICE CREAM to cool down. Ice cream, cold drinks and a snack will be served to all!

Speaking of ice cream, our annual "Ice Cream for Books" contest starts July 24th and goes through August 31st or until all the ice cream coupons have been won by our patrons. The rules are simple, read a library book. When you return the book to the library, you will get a chance to pick a number from the jar. If your number matches the lucky ice cream winner numbers list, you will get a coupon for a free ice cream cone from the Blue Moon Ice Cream Shoppe in Ovid. Let the reading begin!

Project Connect

submitted by Becky Zemla

The Shiawassee County Homeless Coalition is happy to announce Project Connect 2023 will take place on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 1865 S. M-52 in Owosso, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. The event will take place in the back parking area and some rooms of the Church.

We are happy to announce, 39 organizations will be attending, with giveaways. Do you have school-age children? Backpacks for children will be available along with personal items, household supplies and other things.

There will also be representatives from our local Veteran's Administration Office and the Saginaw VA.

This event is open to Veterans, low-income seniors, families and singles who live in Shiawassee County.

If you have any questions, please call: Capital Area Community Services, Inc. At 989-723-3115.

Ovid Public Library

On Monday, July 17 we will be hosting our Adult Booktasting at 1:00. If you are looking for your next good book or have just finished a book that you want to tell everyone about then come on down and join us!

On Tuesday, July 18, the crafters will be at the library. They meet at 1:30. There's always room for new crafters to come join them.

On Wednesday, July 19 we will be having our Classic Movie. This week's movie will be "An American Story" starring Brad Johnson and Kathleen Quinlan. Move time will be 1:00.

Remember that we still have two weeks left in our Summer Reading Program. This week we will be having two days of activities. On Monday, July 17 at 10:30 Ms. Shelly will be reading books for our Story Time. There will also be a small craft for the kids to make and take home. On Wednesday, July 19 will be our Activity Day. We will try and have an outside activity as well as something to do indoors as well.

We would like to congratulate all the readers that have earned their reading certificates. So far, we have had 115 people earn their certificates, pizza coupon and ice cream coupon. There's two weeks left so keep on reading!

Moolenaar Office Accepting Internship Applications

The office of Congressman John Moolenaar is currently accepting applications for internships in his Washington, D.C. office for Fall 2023.

The internship program is open to college students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about our country's legislative process and the day-to-day operations of a congressional office. Intern responsibilities include conducting tours of the U.S. Capitol, researching federal legislation and assisting legislative staff. Interns will also have the opportunity to attend legislative briefings and congressional hearings on Capitol Hill. Applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, resume, and any specific legislative issues or areas of interest. Applications should be submitted by the close of business on Friday, July 21.

College credits are available per school requirements.

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Elsie United Methodist Church Event

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Tuesday, August 1, 2023 EUMC will celebrate National Night Out by inviting the community to enjoy food, music, and fun outside on the grounds 6-9 pm. The Elsie Police Department and Elsie Area Fire Department will participate in the festivities. Pastor JD will kick-off the music. Members of the community who have musical talents and would like to share them with others are encouraged to call 989-862-5239. This will be a block party for all, bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening with community.

Memorial Healthcare Celebrates Hospice Volunteers

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus
Owosso – Memorial Healthcare Hospice volunteers were honored June 19 during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at the Baker College Welcome Center.

Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Luchenbill said, "The dinner is to honor and thank our Hospice Volunteers for all they do for our Hospice patients and their families, and for the Friends of Hospice Committee; where they help with fundraising activities. Our Volunteers are an important piece of the Hospice puzzle. They provide patient companionship, deliver flowers from our flower ministry, help with office work, and provide respite to the patient's family or caregiver to allow them a few hours to run errands, or enjoy a few hours out of the house. Our Volunteers truly make a huge difference in the many lives we touch. We are blessed to have them on our Hospice Team."

Hospice/Home Health Staff Member Awards:

Joan Mack Award – Jane E Sego, RN, Hospice Manager

•Criteria for the Joan Mack award includes creativity in all areas; empathy with patients, families and co-workers; represents homecare positively in the community; acts as a team member and leader to the homecare staff; and demonstrates a positive attitude with co-workers, families, and the community at large.

John & Catherine Cain Award – Pat Elliott

•Presented to a volunteer who has accumulated the most Direct Patient care hours in 2022.

Basin Henry Award – Martha Sutton

•Presented to a volunteer who has accumulated the most Indirect Patient care hours in 2022.

Norbert Smith Award - Gayle Green Flowers (Gayle & Dick Green)

•Gayle and Dick donated the flowers for the Hospice Memorial Service in 2019 and 2022. Together with two staff members they created the flower arrangements for each deceased Hospice patient.

1.Has freely given of their expertise in one or more areas of Hospice.

2.Has freely committed of their personal time in one or more areas of Hospice.

3.Has acted as a personal representative of Hospice to the community.

4.Has supported the staff and volunteers in their work for Hospice.

Angel Award – Gloria Danek

•The Angel Award is given to a special volunteer who has given of their time and talents effortlessly throughout 2022.

•Gloria has been a volunteer for 41 years. She has volun-



(l-r): Award Recipients - Maureen Gilna, 42 year volunteer; Jane E Sego, Hospice Manager (Joan Mack Award); Pat Elliott, Volunteer; (John & Catherine Cain Award for direct patient care); Martha Sutton, Volunteer; (Basil Henry Award for indirect patient care); and Gayle & Dick Green, Gayle Green Flowers, (Norbert Smith Award for Community Participation).

teered for both the Direct and Indirect patient care. Most recently she was in charge of the Flower Ministry. A few months ago, Gloria retired from volunteering. The evening included dinner, socializing, entertainment, and a special presentation of flowers (donated by Gayle Green Flowers) to celebrate Maureen Gilna's 42 years of Volunteer Service. Maureen has filled many titles in our Hospice program, from being the Volunteer Coordinator to Patient Care. She has always been an Advocate for our Hospice Program in our community. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Luchenbill at (989) 725-2299.



(l-r): Maureen Gilna - Volunteer honored for 42 years of service and Lori Luchenbill, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator

Seven OEHS Writers Move On in MYI/MSU World Food Prize Event

submitted by Dana Blank

Seven Ovid-Elsie High School freshmen advanced to the next level of the Michigan Youth Institute's World Food Prize Event sponsored by Michigan State University. Out of hundreds of participants from around the state, Clarissa Baese, Lilian Bates, Jolene Hebeler, McKenzie Keck, Lilliana Kennedy, Alyson Moore, and Isabella Phillips were each selected to participate in interviews with MSU facilitators conducted at the end of June and beginning of July in an effort to secure a spot to join the International World Food Prize Summit held in Iowa this fall. Students chose a country and researched that country's food production issues in the English I class at OEHS. Research was also conducted on solutions being presented for similar crises around the world. The writers had to problem solve and offer unique fixes that could possibly be implemented to help mitigate the food shortages. Over 30 OEHS students attended the MYI program at MSU in May, where they presented their findings in small groups. The totality of these ladies' participation offered them the opportunity to advance to the next level of selection. Congratulations to all!

"Congratulations- You've been selected to represent Michigan at the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute!" was the beginning of an exciting email sent to three OEHS students. Lilian Bates, McKenzie Keck, and Alyson Moore are headed to Des Moines, Iowa this October as Michigan delegates. These students wrote extensive research papers in English I and then had to go through an interviewing process to be selected for this all-expenses paid opportunity sponsored by the Michigan Youth Institute, MSU, and 4-H. Students will be taking part in a summit where they will present their research and discuss their findings with international experts and peers from around the world. They will also participate in a wide variety of engaging sessions that will be held as part of the 2023 Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue. Job well done, Ladies!

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James Carl Whitford

James Carl Whitford, age 68, died on Saturday July 8, 2023, at his home in Eureka with his family by his side.

James, or Jim as he was most commonly known, was born September 29, 1954, in Carson City, MI to RG and Elaine (Kellogg) Whitford. He graduated from Fulton High school in 1972 and later earned his Master's Degree in Education from Central Michigan University. He worked as a truck driver, farmer and eventually a history teacher before retiring in 2008. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia (Kirvan), in 1983 and together they raised their family on their farm in Eureka.

During his life Jim loved to be outside, especially when he was able to be with his Percheron horses. He had a unique love for the Percheron breed of draft horse as he was the secretary and treasurer for the Percheron Horse Association of Michigan and America. Often you could find him on his International Tractors as he drove them around. Tractors were another big passion in his life, especially the red ones, as he would go to the Oakley tractor show and the Mackinac Bridge tractor crossing for many years. Jim also loved to go out and hunt.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife Pat, children; Nicole (Nate) Keast, Jodi Whitford, and Jennifer (Chuck) Whitford, grandchildren; Kayleigh (Tanner Miller) Keast, Harleigh Keast, Emaleigh Keast, Trent Keast, Landon Whitford and great granddaughter; Oakley Rae Miller, brothers; Mark (Leigh) Whitford, and Randy (Colleen) Whitford, and many other loving extended family members. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A memorial service will be held on Friday August 11, 2023, at 12:00pm at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel 1500 Waterford Parkway, St Johns, MI 48879 with a time of gathering from 10:00am until the time of the service. After the service there will be a formal procession to North Star Cemetery for a graveside service and interment of ashes.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations to be made to the Percheron Horse Association of America Education and Charitable Fund.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel.



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Obituaries

Brenda Faye Campbell

Brenda Faye Campbell (like the soup), was born June 17, 1951 to Morris and Dorothy Campbell (Sperry). She became "Unicorn Land's" newest resident on July 8, 2023 peacefully while at home with family.

Her favorite memories from her childhood centered around growing up "on the water" and taking care of her younger siblings while her parents worked. Brenda attended Rochester High School and then Michigan Christian College where she proudly participated in cheerleading and gymnastics. She often talked about being the score keeper for her college boys baseball team and of her years as a camp counselor in Cleveland, Ohio with underprivileged inner city school children.

Brenda raised her five children in the small town of Laingsburg, Michigan where she enjoyed spending time on the property gardening and growing beautiful flowers. Even as a mother and grandmother, she put herself through school and earned her Associates degree from Lansing Community College. Brenda was always a chauffeur to her kids, as well as their friends. She was involved in girl scouts and loved her time as cheerleading coach and even being a local school bus driver for a while. Brenda loved many things, including walking the beaches collecting rocks and shells, camping, canoeing, kayaking, photographs, watching movies, nature documentaries, listening to music, and making anyone she could, listen to Allie Sherlock on YouTube. She loved her family and being Aunt Brenda to her nieces and nephews. She was a bargain shopper extraordinaire, a seamstress, a cook, and a baker. Brenda was well known for her cinnamon rolls and no-bake cookies. One granddaughter said her chocolate shakes "were the best a girl could ask for." She loved if you let her do your taxes for you. Brenda could and would strike up a conversation with ANYONE at ANYTIME. She was constantly bragging about her kids, grandkids and great grandkids to anyone who would listen, and even the ones who didn't. Her favorite thing to say was "My father in law always said that a stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet!" and she lived by those words. When her children were all grown and on their own, she always made too much food and would hunt them down to deliver leftovers. She loved all of God's creatures, especially her family's pets. She would also brag about them, to anyone that would listen.

As a grandmother, Brenda never ever missed a beat in her grandkids' lives. She made it a point daily to be present in their experiences. She loved taking them to the movies and on adventures. She would volunteer to baby sit every other sentence she spoke. She had many living room dance parties and enjoyed watching the kids play video games, particularly Goat Simulator. She was the "Master Builder" of Legos and blocks. Brenda spoiled her grandkids any chance she could. She was absolutely a proud Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She made it her mission to educate her grand children on the importance of dessert, recycling and nature in general. Her Grandson Jo, wants the world to know that his Grandma was the best thing that ever happened to him.

After climbing the ladders, Brenda retired in 2010 from the City of Lansing's Building Safety and Code Compliance Department doing the payroll and accounts payable and receivable. She was proud of this position and made many great friends there. During her years she also worked at Lansing Community College, the City of Lansing Police Department, City of Lansing Parks and Recreation, and the City of Lansing Assessors Office.

In her last months of life, she spent twenty four seven with family and friends. Many stories were told and memories were made for all.

Brenda is predeceased by her parents, Morris and Dorothy Campbell, brother Kenneth, nephew Scotty and an unborn, but very loved child.

Brenda leaves behind her children; Jessica (Ronnie, her ice cream eating buddy), Jody (Bill, "That guy"), Jillian (Marcus), Janae (Kevin "honorary son in law"), Joseph (Jessica) and honorary daughters Heather, Jenny and Kate.

She also leaves behind her loved and adored grandchildren; Chelsie, Brit, Hillary, Benjamin, DJ, Alyssa, Trenton (Hannah), Billy, Aiden, Averi, Tyler, Ethan, Max, Gabe, Jo, Ryder, Houghton and Blake, honorary grand children Jace and Grace as well as great grandchildren, Carson, Ellery and Olivia.

Brenda is reunited with her brother Kenny and left behind her treasured sisters; Diane, Pam, Robyn and Tracey as well as many other family members and cherished friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to her favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, in Brenda's honor.

As a proud breast cancer survivor, another one of her important missions was reminding everyone to get their routine mammograms.

Also in her honor, strike up a conversation with a complete stranger, remove spiders from your home in a gentle loving manner, put deodorant on bug bites and stings, add Epsom salt to your garden, pick up trash you find outside, ask for extra napkins at the drive through (you won't regret it), wear sunscreen, have faith and most importantly, love deeply.



Obituaries

Dennis Lane Anderson

Dennis Lane Anderson, age 62, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, July 7, 2023, at Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, Michigan.

Dennis was born in St. Johns, Michigan on January 12, 1961, the son of Samuel C. and Dorris Jean (Morehouse) Anderson. He attended Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Dennis worked many places over the years including: Shroyer Auto Parts, Lansing Poured Walls, Ashley Salvage & Auto Parts, and BNM Trailers.

Dennis loved working on cars. He collected and restored several 72 Grand Prix. Dennis and Kevin Gordon went to many swap meets around MI and OH. They enjoyed going to the Carlton Park Car Show and the Woodward Dream Cruise. Dennis enjoyed time with his friends: Kevin Gordon, Nancy Shaver, Samantha Gordon, Russell Thornton, John Wilber, Mark Vaas, Scott Looney, Jeff Assonine, and Al Brandal.

Dennis kept a positive and hopeful attitude after being diagnosed with stage IV cancer. He appreciated all the help he received during this time from BNM Trailers and the employees. He also was thankful for his brother John taking him to all of his chemo treatments and doctors' appointments.

He is survived by his daughter Shannen Accord of Owosso, MI; daughter-in-law Cassandra Anderson, his sister Karen Anderson and Doug Foster, his brother John and Paulette Anderson, his sister Phyllis and Gordon Squier, his sister Jan Anderson, his brother Eric and Susan Anderson, and his sister-in-law Sandy Anderson. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Jaqueline, Krystal, Shelby, Thomas, Mia, Cameron, and Samantha. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Zachary Thomas Anderson, his brother Tim Anderson, and his close friend Kevin Gordon.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smith Family Funeral Homes to help with Dennis' funeral expenses. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Dear RJ. You said it quite well. My sincere condolences. Here is the poem you sent. Andy. ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com

Where do Mechanics go when they die?
Before I tell you where I will tell you why.
When a mechanic dies, they don't go to heaven or hell
Because, their old soul is like their old car, too hard to sell.
Satan won't let mechanics in because they are too mean.
And, Saint Peter won't let them in because the grease
Is impossible to clean.
With ratches, wrenches, sockets, and such.
A mechanic doesn't want wings because they don't
come with a clutch.
Well, stories tell that the man-in-the-moon needs
help pulling and pushing that big white ball across the sky.
...So that is where mechanics go when they die.
They have pullies, generators, and engines of every size
To keep the moon going and glowing across the night sky.
Every now and then that beautiful light goes out,
but they get her up
And get her going and back en route.
It's true mechanics are always working.
Even after death, they are up there smirking.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

We experience light and darkness all the time and usually associate light with good things and darkness with bad things.

For example, when we enter a dark room, what do we do? We turn on the lights. We want to see what is around us.

We also associate light with warmth. We have the sun for light and warmth for life on earth and when we go camping or just in our backyards, we roast marshmallows for smores by fire. And fire of course, gives off light and warmth.

What does the Bible say about light? Here are some examples:

1 John 1:5- "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

Psalm 104:2- "The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment..."

1 Timothy 6:16- God "...alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light..."

Psalm 119:105- "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Psalm 119:130- "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

In John 8:12, 12:46, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life....I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

As Jesus' followers, we too are light in the world.

Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Matthew 5:14-16

We have been given the privilege of telling others of God's good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. God has given us a wonderful message of the hope of forgiveness of sin and salvation to a world dying in darkness. May God embolden and strengthen us to share that good news and Jesus Christ, the light of true hope, with someone today.

Editorial

A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



I have a box elder tree that sits on the west edge of my driveway. It gives good shade and I do admit that it was allowed to thrive because it was a male and did not draw in all of those box elder bugs. Those nasty black and red bugs that can cover the side of a house and who are relentless at entering your domain. Fortunately that has not been a problem for me, however that darn tree is getting to be a real pain when I try to mow around it. The latest fiasco happened a couple of days ago, and a limb managed to fling my glasses to the ground and to add a few abrasions to the bridge of my nose and a more advanced patch above my left eye. To be honest the tree had tried to smack some sense into me earlier this year, I avoided any bruises by approaching it from a different direction and that worked for awhile. I was trying to finish up the west yard while dancing between the raindrops and forgot to make the right approach. Oh, yeah...the tree will pay for its transgressions. Hopefully I will do a bit of trimming with my saw later today. I also need to address a couple of my young catalpa trees that are being difficult.

I was a bit excited this morning as I made my garden tour. I found that I have some rather nice sized green tomatoes. I knew that I had blossoms and was pleased over those, however I'm borderline ecstatic over the tomatoes. I also have some small yellow zucchinis which I will pick probably on Tuesday. No doubt, many of you already are harvesting ripe tomatoes which in the past I usually had an abundance by the fourth of July. They were Firecrackers and I haven't been able to find any of their seeds or plants for about ten years. I digress, I also have a blanket of tear that is carpeting the whole garden and are a true pain to remove, I have clay so they will stay until I can walk on the garden without the dirt turning to cement. I think that I will try the Dawn dish soap combo upon those vines of terror. But I will check with Linda, the garden guru first.

Wahoo, I did manage to rototill the garden on Tuesday morning. This of course means that much of the tear was destroyed. Unfortunately I did not get all of the weeds pulled before it rained. Oh well, win some and lose some. Did I mention that a group of us went up to Petoskey searching for stones at the state park? Time we finished, I was sun burned and exhausted. I think that Karen and I are the only ones that burned. Robin and Betty showed less skin and were already nicely tanned. As we were looking for a place to eat I got a phone call and was asked to pick up the two lugs of blueberries that I had ordered in Clare. Also, please bring containers...boxes or whatever. Since we were on the road the gals recommended that I pick up a few containers at Dollar General. Good common sense was working. I ended up with three totes, two that held about fifteen pounds each and one that easily held the other thirty pounds.

By one on Tuesday I had made and delivered fresh bread. Picked up butter and the totes that Margie had picked up for me. I had ones of those senior minutes when I walked away without my purse. I had to make a stop in Ithaca before I dropped Prudence off at the groomer for her three o'clock appointment. I got to meet up with Robin to give her a couple of zucchini plants to put into her garden. I made it home by four thirty and then addressed the blueberries. All but two cups of them made it into the freezer by six. So I went over to the sale under the powerlines on Chapin Road. The sale was over by eight and I stopped to visit with Rolayne and finally made it home by ten. It was another long and fruitful day. Wednesday morning I had a doctor's appointment at eight. Don't need to go back until January 2024. Translation, I'm a healthy crabby old lady. My A1C dropped three tenths of a point since the first of this year, of course it had only risen point four since I was eighteen. Life is good. I celebrated by going out to breakfast and then came home to sort stuff. I've made up a group of boxes to take back to the thrift store. May your days be filled with interesting events. May God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2023

Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions
off to: Meridian Weekly
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Where do Mechanics go When They Die?

Dear Andy,

A dear, dear friend of mine passed away from Cancer this past week. He was a mechanic who found the best deals for everyone. He knew everything about cars. The funeral home was packed with family and friends; who were also his customers whose cars he fixed over the last 30 years. I know in the last few months, he was a changed person and had gotten himself right with God. He accepted his fate of a young death and his transition into the afterlife as a Believer in Christ as his Lord.

Please tell your readers that you never know when you are going to die. Get your affairs in order. Go to Church to learn about Heaven and Salvation, or pray for forgiveness of your sins and to be given a loving heart. We all have troubles. Reconcile your differences. Apologize to anyone you have hurt and don't live a life of anger. Please tell your readers to be the kind of person they want to be to have friends and loved ones respect them. My heart aches for people who die with regrets and no friends. I have attached a poem for mechanics. Would you please print it in honor of my friend? RJ

Editorial



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250 words or less.

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ELSIE DAIRY



From L to R: Jason Freeman, Joe Ondrusek, Village Manager/code enforcement/reserve police officer Shane Grimmell, Police Chief Destinee Bryce, Todd Carroll, Dorothy Ornelas, Village President Tom Frink, Sam Frink. In the back: "Elsie" the Cow. Not pictured: Kory Witt, Chris Ormes.

Thank You

A big thank you to the Village of Elsie board, police department, and DPW for all your support and hard work to make the 2023 Elsie Dairy Festival a success! Small town, big heart!



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Elsie Lions Club Thank You

The Elsie Lions Club would like to thank all that enjoyed the refreshments at our wagon. We had a very successful year.

Thank you to the Ovid-Elsie youth that represented the Ovid-Elsie FFA, the marauder youth softball and baseball teams, and the Ovid-Elsie Junior class that served at the Festival.

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Sports



Laingsburg's Randall Among First-Team All-Starters in Baseball

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg pitcher Ty Randall has been voted first-team All-State honors in Division 3 by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association (MHSBCA).

Randall broke four school records this season including pitching wins in a season (11), most strikeouts thrown in a season (135), most hits in a season (53) and most runs-batted-in in a season (47). He compiled an 11-3 won-loss record and a 1.313 earned run average. Playing for his father / coach Todd Randall, Ty helped No. 7-ranked Laingsburg post a 25-10 team record of and a berth in the regional semifinals, with the Wolfpack capturing its 2nd-straight MHSAA District title.

Randall batted .477 with 12 doubles and five triples. He stole 22 bases and played shortstop when not pitching.

Koerner, FSU Golf Team Makes Strong Push at NCAA Super Region Championships

BIG RAPIDS -- Laingsburg alum Zach Koerner and the Ferris State University men's golf team made a strong push as play concluded at the NCAA Division II Midwest/Central Super Regional held at The Bridges Golf Course in Winona, Minn.

Ferris State finished the 54-hole tournament with a ninth place team finish overall, shooting 884 or +32 for the three days of action. After shooting a 293 team figure in round one and a 299 total in round two, FSU posted its best overall score of the event with a 292 mark in Saturday's final round of play.

Overall, the Bulldogs finished only three strokes out of a share of fifth place overall. The top six teams from the event advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championships and only three strokes separated the fifth thru ninth-place teams.

All five Ferris State golfers posted scores of 74 or better in the final round. Overall, Daniel Shattuck paced the Bulldogs as he placed tied for 20th individually with a 219 figure after posting a two-over par 73 in the final round.

Koerner and teammate Caleb Bond both wound up tied for 37th in the field at 223 for the tournament. Bond shot a three-over 74 on Saturday with Koerner notching a two-over 73 in the final 18 holes of play.

The Midwest/Central Regional was hosted by Winona State University and consisted of 10 teams from the Midwest Region along with 10 from the Central Region. Four individuals from each region also competed in the 54-hole tournament.

This year makes this the 18th time in the past 20 years in which the Bulldogs have had representation in the NCAA Tournament when it has been held. The stretch of NCAA Championship representation in men's golf ranks as one of the best stretches in the country.



O-E's Wittenberg is Area Golfer of the Year; Other Marauders, Wolfpack Feted

OVID-ELSIE — Marauder senior Clay Wittenberg has earned the ultimate prep golfing honor, selected as the Shiawassee Area Golfer of the Year, as named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Nobody was more consistent in the area on the links than Wittenberg, who averaged an area-best 42 per nine holes and 85 over 18 to earn the prestigious honor.

In addition, local linksters Dominic Kline from O-E, and Jake Essenberg, Eli Woodruff and Seth Sivak from Laingsburg also made the honor squad.

Wittenberg was the No. 1 golfer in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) with 94 points. The two-time first-team all-MMAC golfer came within three shots of qualifying for the Division 3 state finals. Wittenberg tied for second at the MMAC Postseason Tournament and placed third at the MMAC Preseason Tournament. He shot an 82 to place second at the Saginaw Swan Valley Golf Invitational at Valley View Golf Course May 15 and carded an 87 to place 17th at the Division 3 regionals at Hawk Hollow Golf Course in Bath. His best nine-hole score was a 38 this season. He helped coach Josh Latz's Marauders forge a 5-1-1 mark in the MMAC in golf this spring and Ovid-Elsie finished third in the overall league standings.

Kline had the third highest number of points in the MMAC as the first-teamer totaled 81.5 points. Kline shot a round of 86 at the Division 3 regionals at Hawk Hollow in Bath, placing 15th, and added an 87 at the Swan Valley Viking Invitational. The junior tied for second at the MMAC Postseason Tournament (94) and finished sixth at the MMAC Preseason Tournament (93). Kline's nine-hole average was a 42 and his 18-hole average was an 86.

Essenberg, a Wolfpack senior, averaged a 42 for nine holes and an 87 for 18. He captured All-CMAC honors for coach Greg Beavers' Wolves. Essenberg placed 20th at the Division 3 regionals at Hawk Hollow in Bath, shooting a round of 89.

Woodruff was named Laingsburg's Most Valuable Player. The All-CMAC senior golfer posted a 44 average over nine holes and an 88 for 18. He tied for 22nd at the Division 3 regionals at Bath with a 91.

Laingsburg's Knoblauch, O-E's Cole Lead Local Girls on All-Area Soccer Team

OWOSSO — Laingsburg's Desire Knoblauch was honored as the All-Shiawassee Area Player of the Year, and Ovid-Elsie's Evalyn Cole topped the All-Area First Team, in girls' soccer post-season honors.

The All-Area Team is announced annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

There was no shortage of other local standouts, as O-E and LHS dominated the voting — after impressive seasons by both the Marauder and Wolfpack programs.

Also named to the All-Area 1st Team were Ava Bates, Hailee Campbell and Hayley Palus of Ovid-Elsie, and Laingsburg's Joy Antcliff, Addi Elkins and Callie Clark. There were numerous Honorable Mention selections, as well.

Knoblauch, a junior right forward, scored a school-record 42 goals this season and posted eight assists. The speedy striker eclipsed the mark of 39 goals in a season recorded by Grace Graham in 2021. Too, Knoblauch accomplished all of that in 21 games.

Knoblauch helped coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack post a 13-5-3 overall record. The Wolfpack finished second in the Greater Lansing Activities Conference with a 7-1-2 mark, losing only to league champion Lansing Christian. Knoblauch was named a Division 4 all-state honorable mention player this season by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

LHS earned an MHSAA District title with wins over Perry (8-0) and Ithaca (2-0). It was against Perry that Knoblauch reached 40 goals, breaking Graham's record.

Cole, a junior center midfielder delivered 22 goals and 22 assists and made the Marauders go. Cole, who shared POY honors a year ago with Laingsburg's Lorna Strieff last year, was in contention again in 2023. Cole led Ovid-Elsie to another Mid-Michigan Activities Conference title and a 14-3-3 overall record. She captured MMAC first team and all-district honors.

Bates was named a Division 3 All-State honorable mention choice this season and helped the Marauders finish 14-3-3 overall and capture the MMAC championship with a 7-0 mark. Bates delivered six shutouts and had 65 saves in 15 games this season.

Antcliff, a junior, delivered nine shutouts and 86 saves this season. She notched two shutouts in Laingsburg's district tournament run.

Addi Elkins, another Wolfpack junior, delivered 14 assists and four goals from the defensive midfielder spot while racking up 89 tackles — a term used when a player goes at an attacking player and successfully stops possession and ball movement without committing a foul.

Campbell was another stellar player at center midfielder for the Marauders. She scored 14 goals this season with 12 assists. Campbell also garnered First Team All-MMAC and All-District accolades.

Palus, an O-E junior, registered 15 goals with seven assists from the forward position. Palus also captured First-Team all-MMAC and all-district honors.

Clark, a junior, registered 15 goals with three assists from the left forward position for the Wolfpack.

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An Evening of the Finest Vocal Music on July 19

submitted by Bill Tennant

A wonderful evening of vocal music is planned for Wednesday, July 19 starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park. Five extraordinary musicians, Jeff Richards and Friends, will take the stage and present a varied program, everything from showtunes to classical, jazz to opera, gospel to folk... some of your favorites. A grand piano is being brought in from Reeder Pianos for this special occasion.

“This is a concert I’m so looking forward to,” explained Bill Tennant, Concert in the Park committee chair. “This program has been put together especially for our St. Johns series – the only time it will be performed. The five musicians are outstanding – the music they selected is superb – all adding up to an extraordinary evening of the highest level.”

Jeff Richards was born and raised in St. Johns. His piano studies were with Diantha Witteveen, Jean Hull and Deborah Moriarty at MSU. He had a successful career as an accompanist in Chicago, coming back to St Johns when he retired. He is currently the music director at St. Joseph Parish, also serving as the accompanist for the Mint City Singers, the Laingsburg Community Singers and the Steiner Choral.

Michaela Stiles, a soprano who was raised in Williamston, began her vocal studies at Hillsdale College where she graduated in 2021 with a degree in economics. She currently studies voice performance at Florida State University where her recent opera roles included Papageno from Mozart’s Magic Flute.

Heidi McNaughton, a mezzo soprano from Flint, found her love of singing early in elementary school. While in HS, she received top honors in statewide competitions. Heidi has sung internationally with several groups and is currently a soloist at both St. Martha and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Joey DiMenno is a mezzo soprano from Nashville, Tennessee. She became a church cantor starting in middle school and continues in that role today at St. Martha Parish. She received a BM in vocal performance from the University of South Florida and a MM with a focus in opera performance from the University of Tennessee Knoxville, and has sung with several opera companies.

Steven Easterling, a tenor from Flint, is a voice teacher, choral conductor, and elementary music teacher in the Laingsburg Community School District. He holds a BA in vocal performance from UM, also studying at MSU, and receiving his MM in Education from CMU. He currently conducts the Laingsburg Community Singers, the Mint City Singers and the Steiner Choral.

The concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. The concerts are open to the public free of charge – donations are graciously accepted. The Lion’s Club food trailer will be available this year and as always, all concerts are presented rain or shine.

So, set your GPS to: 801 W Park St, St Johns - bring a chair or blanket and enjoy! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Thelen Family Trust: Date of Executions: June 2, 2005 and amended December 11, 2017
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gerald J. Thelen, who lived at 201 Hickory Lane, Westphalia, MI 48894
Died: June 24, 2023
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the **Thelen Family Trust** within four months after the date of publication.

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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 August 16, 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 Bernard Joseph Siebert to Astera Credit Union dated May 20, 2022 and recorded June 1, 2022 as Instrument No. 5325697, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by myCUMortgage, LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$331,536.66. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: The land is situated in the City of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, as follows: Lot 94, River Wood, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 31, Clinton County Records. Commonly Known As: 1518 Waxwing Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820 Tax Parcel ID: 200-260-000-094-00 Said property is commonly known as 1518 Waxwing Drive, Dewitt, MI 48820. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall

be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. 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: July 10, 2023 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. 23-02934

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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 August 9, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul L. Kabelitz and Laura E. Kabelitz, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-NC1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-NC1 Date of Mortgage: August 19, 2006 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 17, 2006 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$168,152.01 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point North 330 feet, East 264 feet, of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 6 North, Range 1 West, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence North 297 feet, East 734 feet, South 297 feet, West 734 feet to the Point of Beginning. Common street address (if any): 8425 Upton Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848-9782 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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 notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: July 9, 2023 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Victor Township Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from July 11, 2023

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 pm and the pledge to the flag was given. Attendance: Roll Call: Conklin, Prange, Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes. Absent: None 12 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange to approve the July 11, 2023 agenda with the addition of 2 variance request applications. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to the approve the June 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes with the addition of Supervisor Conklin be added as the Victor Township representative to the Clinton County “Renewal Energy Citizens Advisory Committee”. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Prange to accept the July 11, 2023 report. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of bills: Motion by Willoughby to disburse the July 11, 2023 bills. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 28859-28874 in the amount of \$15,972.41.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse July 11, 2023 payroll and related payroll expenses. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12474-12482 in the amount of \$9,307.15.

County Officials:

- Commissioner Val Vail-Shirey gave a report regarding ORV’s traveling upon roads under the County’s jurisdiction. The Board of Commissioners is enacting an ordinance allowing for this under Public Act 240 of 2008. This is ongoing and should be completed in the next few months.
- The “Renewal Energy Citizens Advisory Committee” has met twice and is continuing to progress in its efforts to further clean energy initiatives.
- A 4-way stop was installed at the intersection of M-21 and Hollister Road in Ovid Township.

Victor Township Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission will be August 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848.

- The Planning Commission would like to create a cemetery task force comprised of a PC member and several Victor Township residents with the goal of providing oversight, and ensuring restoration, preservation, and updates to cemetery policies. The Township board has no objections to creating this task force. If you are interested in joining this task force, please contact the township at 517-651-2094.
- The Planning Commission asked the board to repair items at the Denison schoolhouse and Reed Cemetery. The Township Board will have maintenance handle these requests.
- Discussion regarding going ahead with the Parks and Rec plan without grant funds. At this time the Township Board feels the focus should be on submitting another application for grant monies in the Spring of 2024.

LSW Ambulance: Representatives from LSW Ambulance asked that Victor Township consider changing our service with Mercy Ambulance and contracting with them for Ambulance service in the Township. The Township Board will discuss further. Motion by Fickes to add looking into emergency services with LSW to the August 8, 2023 agenda. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

LSW will be installing a sign in front of the fire hall. Motion by Townsend to accept the low bid of JJ’s Excavating and Tree Service to remove the shrubs that will block the sign. Supported by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Broadband: Discussion on ongoing progress concerning Broadband in the County and Township.
- Computer: Motion by Willoughby to purchase an additional computer for the Clerk’s office. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Curt and Paulette Darling, event coordinators with EVENTZ 2 U attended the meeting to clarify details on the rental of the whole township facilities for a community fall festival. Due to the fields being used by soccer, the area will be unavailable.
- Grave lots issue. This issue was tabled until the August 8, 2023 meeting so the board can review the details and have time to make a decision.

Clinton County Applications for Variances:

- Re: ZC-04-23 VR. Motion by Townsend to not object to the variance request. Supported by Prange. Roll call: Prange: yes, Fickes: no, Willoughby: no, Conklin: no, Townsend: yes. Motion did not carry.
- Re: ZC-05-23 VR. Motion by Townsend to not object to the variance request. Supported by Prange. Roll call: Conklin: yes, Willoughby: yes, Townsend: yes, Fickes: yes, Prange: yes. Motion carried. Supervisor Conklin to contact the County Planning Commission with the board’s decisions. Motion by Fickes to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

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become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lot 89, Creeping Brook Estates No. 7, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plat(s), Page 8, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as: 2485 Julie Way, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 Tax Parcel Number: 050-175-000-089-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: June 20, 2023 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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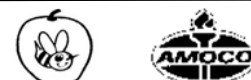
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