

Hot Fun Filled Community Days



On Thursday, June 29th the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus came to Ovid at the Leonard Elementary for alot of family fun. The event was hosted by the Ovid Lions Club. Ovid families got some relief from the sweltering heat on Wednesday, July 5th when the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department showered them with cool water. The Elsie Dairy Festival kicked off on Thursday, July 6th with "Special Needs - Special Time - Special People amusement rides for those who are sensitive to noise, lights and fast movement. See page 9 for more summer fun photos. Photos by Mary Perrien and Deb Price



Elsie Dairy Festival Talent Show Winners

Youth Winner- Ariyana Keusch; Adult Winner- Jayden Ellis; Judge's Choice- Lacy Dunsmore; Hoop Winner- Malachi. Photo by Brooke Wooley

Window Dressing

Bonnie and Gayla Ehlert are asking for your help in preparing the next window dressing for September. Teacher appreciation will be the subject for the start of the next school year and your assignment will be to help us out.

Usually in each persons' years in school, one teacher sticks out from the rest. We would like to showcase those teachers and let the community see how that teacher helped to propel you into the future to deal with your life experiences.

Here's your assignment. Take time to think on this and if you would like to show your appreciation to a teacher, please join us in this display. You could also select a teacher that had a positive influence on your children.

We would like to show pictures of the teacher and you, the student, when you were taught, along with a current photo of yourself. We need you to tell us what grade, school and year those photos were.

For the most interesting and amazing part of this assignment, we need you to tell how this teacher left a lasting effect upon you through your life. Did they point you into a certain profession? Change your thought about life? Or possibly change how you felt about yourself? All of these things are key into who you have become.

For those of you who are considering helping us, we would need your information before August 12th by sending to Bonnie Ehlert, 611 Williams Street, Ovid, MI 48866. Submission forms are available at the Meridian Weekly office and Ovid Public Library.

Some editing may be required due to limited space. When the display is taken down, we would like to give the items submitted to the teacher or their family members honored.



M-21 Four-Way Stop Project at Hollister Road Begins Monday

submitted by Aaron Jenkins

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is adding a four-way stop and installing pavement markings at the M-21/Hollister Road intersection in Clinton County, the closest city is Ovid.

The project will start at 6 a.m., Monday, July 10, 2023

Completion date: As of now the proposed turn on date is July 17th. Crews will be out there next week to put up new signs and place pavement markings.

Traffic restrictions: This work will require daytime single-lane closures. Motorists should expect delays and are advised to seek alternate routes.

Safety benefit: These improvements will allow traffic to operate more smoothly and efficiently, increasing safety at the intersection, and with fresh pavement markings.



Social



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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, through July 26th from 5:00-7:00. There will be burgers and hand cut fries. Bring the family out for a delicious meal.

Golf Outing Fund Raiser

The 12th Annual Ovid-Elsie Bowling Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 22nd at North Star Golf Course with a 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The format is a four person scramble and is limited to the first 22 teams PAID teams. The cost is \$55 per person (\$220 per team) and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, hole prizes, 1 Mulligan per golfer and dinner after golf.

Proceeds to benefit O-E bowling teams.

For more information or to sign up call Coach Matt Fabus at 989-862-5746.

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.

For more information and to apply for an internship, visit moolenaar.house.gov/internships.

Laingsburg/Ovid Lions Club Golf Outing

Team are now being accepted for the Saturday, August 12th Annual Laingsburg/Ovid Lions Club Golf Outing. The event will be a 4-person scramble with a 9am shotgun start at Pine Hills Golf Course in Laingsburg. The cost is \$65 per person (\$260 team of four) and includes 18 holes with cart, burger and brats after golf, raffle prizes & skins game. 1st Place prize, \$100, 2nd, \$80 and 3rd \$60. All benefits from this outing will go to Lions of Michigan Foundation and Bear Lake Camp. To sign up as a team or individual, call Terry Fraidenburg at 517-881-6315 or by email at terryforegolf@gmail.com or Mary Perrien at 989-251-8517 or by email at perrien41@msn.com



Seated (l-r): Barbara (Bradley) Walkington, Janet (Keck) Garcia, Joanne (Jelinek) Halterman, Sally (Malek) Stoll. Standing (l-r): Larry Stoneman, Janice (Anderson) Robertson, John Sopocy, Cheryl (Bovee) McAllister, Roger Uribe, Harry Huntoon, Dr. Harold Stehlik, Bill Motz, Jeanne (Hanus) Bragdon, Brian Osborn.

Ashley Class of 1963 Reunion

submitted by Sally Stoll

The Ashley High School Class of 1963 met for their 60th class reunion at JJ Ruby's in Ithaca on June 21, 2023.

There were 15 class members attending and 3 guests. After a few minutes of conversation, an opening prayer was given by Sally Stoll and a moment of silence was observed for the 13 class members who have passed since graduation.

A special thank you was extended to Harry Huntoon for organizing the reunion and notifying all the members.

After everyone finished their meals, further conversation lead to a discussion that we would have a reunion again next year at the same time.

A good time was had by all with plenty of laughter and stories.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program Applications

submitted by Becky Zemla

Applications are being taken for the USDA COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM through Capital Area Community Services, Inc. Distribution will begin on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

The USDA COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP): (Seniors 60 and up) provides nutritious food on a monthly basis to low-income residents living in Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above and meet 130% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Family size 1 - \$18,954; Family size 2 - \$25,636; Family size 3 - \$32,318. For each additional family member add: \$6,682 annually.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. July 11, 2023 WILL BE DRIVE-THRU ONLY (FIRST DAY of DISTRIBUTION).

If you do not already have someone designated to pick up your food, you may call the CACS office at 989-723-3115 and designate a person to pick up for you. If you are not registered, please call CACS to pre-register before July 11, 2023.

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Memorial Healthcare Receives State and Local Grants for Childcare Academy

submitted by Vicki McKay

OWOSSO – Memorial Healthcare, an independent, non-profit hospital in Owosso, Mich., has received a \$150,000 Caring for MI Future: Facilities Improvement Fund Grant to expand its Memorial Childcare Academy. Caring for MI Future is a \$100 million investment to help more Michigan families find quality, affordable child care in their community by opening 1,000 new or expanded childcare programs by the end of 2024.

“We are thrilled to have received this grant and thank the Michigan Department of Education for investing in the Owosso community, particularly our employees and community members seeking high-quality, early childhood care in Owosso,” said Brian Long, president and CEO of Memorial Healthcare.

“High-quality early learning is a top priority of the Michigan Department of Education, which prepares children for success in school,” said Lisa Brewer-Walraven, director of the Office of Child Development and Care at the Michigan Department of Education. “This investment continues the investments of the governor and legislature to expand access to support families and help communities thrive by providing safe environments for the children of Michigan families.”

In addition to the state grant, Memorial Childcare Academy received additional grants from the Memorial Healthcare Foundation for \$40,000 and Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary for \$60,000 for purchasing new playground equipment.

“Our foundation and auxiliary members continue to stand side by side as partners in our efforts to better serve families in the community,” said Long. “We are very grateful for their ongoing dedication and assistance.”

Memorial Childcare Academy is a nearly 20,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that will be located at 1488 N. M-52 in Owosso. The facility will be able to host 130 children, ranging from infants to 12 years of age, for full-time and part-time care.

The Academy is being developed in partnership with Heritage Hollow, a trusted childcare provider in Shiawassee County with more than 20 years of experience. A state-certified facility, Memorial Childcare Academy strongly emphasizes fostering a sustainable learning environment for enrolled children, offering parents the peace of mind that their children will be safely cared for in an active and educational environment. The spacious rooms are designed for optimal learning and are led by teachers who have received bachelor's and master's degrees in early-childhood curriculum. Additionally, the facility will offer lower child-to-teacher ratios than competitors within a safe, clean environment and the added benefits of meal planning by Registered Dietitians and access to nurses and pediatric providers for any healthcare needs.

Construction continues on the existing facility, which is expected to complete by mid-summer. Those interested in enrolling their child can visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org/services/memorial-childcare-academy or contact Adam Grass at (989) 607-1154 for additional information. Corporate partnerships are also available with discount rates.

Attention All Livestock Exhibitors with Market Projects at the 2023 Shiawassee County Fair

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

The large and small animal sale will once again be a hybrid sale. As in the past three years, we require a photograph of your market project to display in the online auction catalogue and for the sale. The

following guidelines are to be utilized when taking/submitting your project photograph:

1. Must be received by MONDAY JULY 17 AT 5 P.M. If a project photograph is not received by the

deadline, there will be no photograph in the online sale catalogue. Once the photograph is received, a confirmation response will be sent.

2. Submit photographs only in a jpg format to scfentry@gmail.com.

3. Exhibitors must be wearing show apparel as outlined in the Exhibitor Guidebook. Inappropriate apparel (shorts, tank tops, etc.) in the photograph automatically excludes the photograph.

4. Utilize solid background to complement your project (i.e., if white animal/project, don't use a white background)

5. Set up your project as if in a show situation. Think about what view will showcase your project the best.

6. Include exhibitor name, club/chapter, tag# (when appropriate) on your picture and in the subject line.

This is a marketing opportunity for your livestock market project. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Reha at 989-666-4044 or scfentry@gmail.com.



Laingsburg School Board

submitted by Krissy Pratt

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct its new fiscal year board meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Media Center.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: adoption of regular meeting agenda, designation of depositories for school funds and signatory authorizations, designation of person for posting public notices of meetings, delegation of election duties, approval of organizational memberships, approval of annual retainer contracts, Superintendent's Report, personnel items and any other business that may properly come before the board.

The Board will meet for regular scheduled board meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

July 12, 2023 (2nd Wednesday); August 16, 2023; September 13, 2023 (2nd Wednesday); October 18, 2023; November 15, 2023; December 13, 2023 (2nd Wednesday); January 17, 2024; February 21, 2024; March 20, 2024; April 17, 2024; May 15, 2024; June 19, 2024.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

Ovid Historical Society

The Ovid Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.

Please join us for a fun evening of Ovid's history.

The museum is located at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

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Elsie United Methodist Church Events

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The members of Elsie United Methodist Church have a number of events planned and would like to encourage the community to participate. Sunday, July 16, 2023 there will be a celebration recognizing the re-appointment of Pastor JD to Elsie and Shepardsville United Methodist churches with a breakfast at 8:30 am. At 1 pm there will be a memorial celebration with a dedication of the park bench in memory of Dennis Baese and the children’s playground in memory of Sarah Levey, followed by refreshments in fellowship hall.

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.



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Obituaries

Dorothy Ann Baese

Dorothy Ann Baese, age 85, of Elsie, MI, passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home, Charlevoix County, MI.

Dorothy was born in Owosso, Michigan on July 28, 1937, the daughter of Jerry and Mary (Zvonek) Kurka. Dorothy was raised on a farm east of Elsie where she shared chores with her three sisters. She graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1954. On November 12, 1955 she married Lewis C. Baese at the Elsie Baptist Church. They celebrated 58 years of marriage before Lewis passed away on December 6, 2013.

Dorothy worked as seamstress at Mitchell-Bentley Corporation in Owosso and went on to work with Strawsine's in Corunna manufacturing trailer home products. She also worked at Smith's Party Store in Elsie and retired from American Sunroof Corporation in Lansing. Dorothy won the best pie competition at the Shiawassee Fair as a young girl and that inspired her lifelong love of cooking and baking. She will be remembered for her kolache and peanut brittle.

Dorothy and Lewis enjoyed traveling, trips to the casino and bingo games. Dorothy had a love for her community including her assistance with class reunions, Dairy Festival, and the Elsie United Methodist Church. She loved animals and cared for several family pets. Dorothy thoroughly enjoyed hosting Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for her family. She loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a member of the ZCJB Lodge and helped with American Legion activities.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa and Tim Bolton of Charlevoix, MI, son Kirk and Rosemary Baese of Charlevoix, MI, four grandchildren: Onas and Carrie Bolton of Pepper Pike, OH,

Quinn and Joel Passmore of Elsie, MI, Ryan and Jessica Baese of Dexter, MI, Breanna and Branden Recker of Farmington Hills, MI, great-grandchildren: Piper, Darby, and Dugan, Jack, Charlotte, Lydia and Leo, and Dominic and Kalia.

She is also survived by her sister Karlene Enos of Elsie, MI, brothers and sisters in law: Gale and Marcy Baese of Elsie, MI, Marylou Hanold of St. Johns, MI, Dick and Linda Baese of Port St. Lucie, FL, Dick and Diane Bates of Elsie, MI, Carol Baese of Elsie, MI, Shirley Baese of Howell, MI, her Kurka nieces and nephew Denise and Mike Robinson of Durand, MI, Deborah Graham of Bath, MI, Jerry and Allison Snyder of DeWitt, MI, Jodie and Phillip Button of Tampa, FL, and many other nieces and nephews on the Baese side.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Lewis, her sisters: Geraldine and Joan, and brothers and sisters-in-law: Fred Enos, Lawrence Graham, Versil Baese; Robert (Shirley) Baese; Eldon (Jean) Baese; Merle Baese; Raymond (Dian) Baese; Owen Baese; Bryce Kevin Baese, Onalee (Jerry) Austin; and Ed Hanold.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside service and time of visitation will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to WOES Polka Palace, Elsie, MI or the ZCJB Lodge, Bannister, MI. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, welcomed Bennington Township Clerk Donna Ash (right) and Shiawassee County Commissioner District 6 Cindy Garber to the state Capitol on Tuesday, June 20. BeGole serves the 71st District in the Michigan House, which includes portions of Shiawassee, Saginaw and Genesee counties.

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Hoping you all had a very Happy Independence Day. Remember how we got here and how much was sacrificed for us to enjoy this tenuous freedom. I salute those who have chosen to be members of our military family. I'm rather fond of our Naval Forces because much of my family history is entwined with the Navy. I'm proud of my daughter for serving for nearly fifteen years. I'm also proud of my family who have served our country well through the years. May God continue to bless us even though we have failed to meet our obligations. May we be forgiven.

This has been an amazing week. I started out by attending a benefit for one of Brent's cousins who had been a school bus driver for most of his adult life. He is one of those well loved individuals who cancer has laid low. I attended the benefit with Robin and we had a marvelous time in the thumb. The park was lovely and the company very interesting, a visually entertaining group. I bought some raffle tickets and distributed them throughout the offered prizes. Number 37 was my goal. It was a small red wagon that was made to be hitched to rider lawnmowers. It was handmade and something that I had been considering. I think that I put about ten dollars worth of tickets in that item and then distributed a few other interesting items. I was hoping to win the painted rocks but it had a gift card and someone else was lucky. I did win a basket filled with four bottles of wine, two large and two small. Also there were six DVDs, spaghetti and sauce, two wine glasses filled with candy, two candles, two bags of Blue Diamond almonds and two bags of Oreo cookies. I was surprised by my good luck. I was ecstatic when my ticket was called for the trailer, unfortunately it wouldn't fit into the back of Robin's vehicle. It will be delivered this Friday, I believe in the afternoon. I am excited and know that I sounded like a lunatic when they called my number. Wahoo!!! I definitely sounded like a demented juvenile. Most would chalk up my exuberance to my second childhood experience...I don't believe that I have left the first yet.

The rain that came on Sunday evening has wrought wonders in both my garden and lawn. Of course the weeds seem to be thriving quicker than what I planted. There were also some high winds because I had just put up a pair of metal sunflowers that had an attached ladybug which almost managed to fly away. I still must pick up a few downed tree limbs in the back yard. I am glad that Sunday morning I managed to hoe the garden and plant the pole beans before I left for the benefit. Monday I had to meet with our accountant and pick up a few supplies for the MG's Perx & Pastries. I also was pleased to get my garlic patch cleaned out and removed the tips of the garlic so that the bulbs would increase in size.

Tuesday was also a bit busy. This is how my life is and I do enjoy it. I also think that the D3 vitamins that I'm taking is giving me energy, it probably helps that the sun is keeping my batteries well charged. Today I have been baking like a crazy woman. Cinnamon rolls at the shop and home for the St Louis Farmer's Market. Plain white bread at the shop, cheddar cheese bread and cinnamon raisin bread for the market. I'm waiting for the last loaves to come out of the oven so that I may relax. I still need to tag them and even bag a couple dozen of the quick breads.

I enjoyed the St Louis market and talking with old friends. Marge brought me up some hazel nuts and some walnuts. And our plant lady had some 'donkey tails' for sale. I would have purchased some but haven't re-potted the plants that I got from her last week. And life moves on, I'm getting tanned from the waist up, so I won't look too funky when I go on a float trip with Diane and Brent on my birthday in a few weeks. May God bless you with interesting experiences and help you make good memories.

Crystal Mitchell©2023

Heads Up Residents of Duplain Township

Letter to the Editor:

We are writing this letter, To:

1. Increase township awareness as to the lack of a zoning and planning committee within our own township and as such we are 1 of the 11 townships that currently rely on the Clinton County Zoning and Planning services for our township.

2. Inform all township residents that our township officials have invited McKenna and Associates to give a presentation at the next board meeting to address the issues and cost we might encounter in trying to establish a zoning and planning committee of our own.

3. Invite all township residents to attend the July 12th Duplain township board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the township offices next to the Elsie Library in order to hear this presentation.

4. Encourage all township residents to seek the knowledge and understanding necessary to explore the pros and cons of forming our own zoning and planning committee.

5. Inform all township residents of the opportunity to ask questions in order to acquire enough information to make a good solid decision on what direction, as a township, we should go.

6. Identify our need and our opportunity to direct our future, let's not squander it, as the alternative energy companies are knocking at our door looking for hundreds and thousands of acres of land - lets be proactive and unite as to how we will answer that door, or do we want Clinton County to answer it for us?

Looking forward to seeing many concerned township residents at the July Duplain Township Meeting.

Joe and Vicky Ondrusek, Duplain Township

Michigan Farmer and Advocates Go to Washington

submitted by Hagan Capnerburst

Detroit —On June 14th, local farmer and advocate Jon Kent of Sanctuary Farms went to Washington, DC to share an important message for lawmakers: support urban farmers in this year's Farm Bill. Jøn joined advocates and farmers from across the country to champion the federal programs important to them and their communities. The "Fly-In" was hosted by the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) and included more than 7 meetings by delegations from Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania who met with Congressional leaders and USDA officials to discuss issues ranging from climate solutions and conservation to small meat processing, crop insurance, and agricultural research, among others.

"It was an honor to speak with legislators about the vital issue of providing more resources to urban farmers, particularly those of color and marginalized backgrounds," said Jøn. "Cities play a vital role in securing healthy soils and food to ensure we are providing a sustainable future for all citizens. This issue is not just one of food security but one of national security. We have to work together to ensure all are equitably provided for, and this requires advocacy."

Farmers and advocates came to Washington, DC to advocate for a range of issues including increased support for sustainable agriculture research, local and regional food systems, working lands conservation, and improving crop insurance. Participants also voiced their support for specific pieces of legislation, such as the Agriculture Resilience Act and the Strengthening Local Processing Act.

Farmers in all regions increasingly confront climate-related challenges like extreme weather events, pests, and hotter and drier conditions, among other impacts. These challenges impact productivity and livelihoods and take a toll on natural resources.

Farmers urgently need greater support and access to federal programs in order to implement effective solutions. Lawmakers need to hear the stories of farmers and advocates like Jøn so they can craft a Farm Bill that leverages the power of our nation's food and agricultural system to seek solutions that ensure that America is resilient and healthy for generations to come.

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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THE 4TH OF JULY IS MORE THAN FIREWORKS

The year I graduated from high school, I remember my grandmother reading an Ann Landers poem about the Nation. I was born on the 4th of July and I was wondering if you knew what poem she read to us. If so, can you reprint it or email it to me? June, born on 4th of July

Dear June, Yes! I am happy to reprint it and email it to you. Happy Birthday, June. Did you know you share a birthday with Ann Landers and her twin sister Abby van Buren both born on July 4, 1918. The Poem I think you may be remembering is one of my favorite columns she had reprinted. I keep a copy in a frame in my office. Printed in one of her last July 4th columns; following her death on June 22, 2002. It is entitled "I Am the Nation" by Otto Whittaker:

I was born on the July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The blood-lines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things and many people. I am the Nation.

I am 281 million living souls – and the ghosts of millions who have lived and died for me. I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul James, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee, Grant, Abe Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt, Pershing, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Patton and Collin Powell.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor and September 11, 2001. When freedom called, I answered and I stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Field, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea and in the steaming jungles of Viet Nam and desert sands of Kuwait (and Afghanistan.) and, sadly now in Ukraine and in our U.S. streets.

But...still standing...I am the Statue of Liberty, the wheat lands of Kansas and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coal mines of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile land of the West, the Golden Gate Bridge and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac and the Challenger. I am the Liberty Bell that first rang for freedom.

I am BIG. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans – my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii. I am more than two million farms. I am forest, fields, mountains and deserts. I am quiet villages – and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with a bread loaf under his arm. You can see the flag Betsy Ross first stitched. You can see the lights of Christmas and hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns to a new year.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am more than 170,000 schools and colleges and over 300,000 churches where my people worship God as they choose. I am a ballot dropped into a box, the roar of a crowd in the stadiums and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congress. I am John Glenn and Neil Armstrong and astronauts who whirls above my head. I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greely, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Jonas Salk and Martin Luther King, Jr. I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine.

YES. I am the Nation and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in FREEDOM and God- willing in freedom I will spend the rest of my days. May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world. # (Some portions were revised by M.T. Foresthill and D. Jones to remember our hero's of our Nation that made us a Nation.)

This 4th of July weekend let's remember the meaning of our country and remember the freedom that we continue to fight for, especially while we are enjoying our fireworks displays. Thank you for the request to reprint this essay. I am sure your grandmother had a special reason for you to remember. Let's join our neighbors, family and friends this year to show our respect for those who have gone before us. Ask_Andy@aol.com

Shiawassee Arts Workshop

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering a Make & Take bracelet workshop with jewelry artist Susan Keiffer on Wednesday, July 19, from 6-8pm.

All supplies and tools will be provided to create a multi-strand bracelet incorporating semi-precious stones, charms, and Susan's signature element, a Michigan beach stone. Each participant will create a unique piece of jewelry to wear or gift! Ages 16 and up – no experience necessary. Pre Registration & payment required: Call 989-723-8354. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The classrooms are handicap accessible. A picture of the bracelet can be seen on the website at shiawasseearts.org



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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Pigeon Racing

Three years ago the Weekly Sportsman started hearing a lot about racing pigeons both locally in mid-Michigan and stories from around the world. Who knew there were backyard racing pigeon lofts across the area and that fanciers participate all summer long timing their birds from return trips as far away as Nashville (500 miles) and Waco (1000 miles). Would you believe that three years ago a racing pigeon sold for \$1.9 million in China and that Mike Tyson is a fancier and frequently travels to England because of his pigeon racing hobby?

Pigeon racing dates back thousands of years and is one of those activities that often goes unnoticed to the public eye. Clubs exist in rural and urban settings and this hobby is usually only known to its participants. With some time on the Google machine it was learned that a neighbor just north of the family farm had a loft and would probably be a good source to speak with, however, the Weekly Sportsman's father mentioned that a family friend had a relative that was really big into this sport. A call was placed to Thomas Townsend to learn more and the Weekly Sportsman learned very quickly that he was part of a father son duo that dominated pigeon racing in this area. Shortly into the conversation about training, food, water, etc. the Weekly Sportsman mentioned that it sounded a lot like cross country distance running. Thomas quickly laughed and shared not only his distance running experience but also his father's record of winning league and state championships as both a runner and local coach. The Weekly Sportsman was invited to Ed's house in Bath where

the family loft was located to watch pigeons come home from a 500 mile training/practice run. Depending on the system used, pigeons have bands removed from their legs upon return and recorded which helps determine the average flight speed measured in yards per second. Winners are those with the highest average speed. Members from the Lansing pigeon Club had their pigeons shipped the night before and then they were released at sunrise that morning.

Sitting there for hours with Thomas, along with his father Ed, the Weekly Sportsman learned about decades of pigeon racing experience. There was discussion of the science and nature's secret of how these pigeons find their way home and how governments and militaries around the world have done extensive research and learned very little. The Weekly Sportsman learned how they follow the contour of the land and fly on average 45 to 60 mph but are very sensitive to darkness and weather. The evening spent at the Townsend loft was very enjoyable but you could sense some nervousness as radar showed strong storms blowing through Ohio and Indiana. There is a strategy among fanciers to do a lot of training from a point about one hundred miles from home which was either Angola or Auburn, Indiana. They would do a lot of releases from there so the pigeons would be familiar to the area and know that home (food, water, and rest) was only a few hours away when coming from longer distances. The fact that the storm was passing right through that area probably at the same time as the pigeons was very disconcerting to them. There were no "day bird" arrivals that evening as pigeons started returning the next morning.

An invitation was extended to come watch another return but scheduling didn't permit and then COVID hit the family pretty hard and Ed passed away on October 24, 2020.. The Weekly

Sportsman was very fortunate to share that evening with the Townsend family and others who showed up to await the return of the pigeons. If you are interested in learning more about this sport please visit michiganpigeonracing.com. -WS

Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, "Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him."

- 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

This is a reminder to us that God loves to use the unexpected to do great things for Himself. God loves to use people whom non-Christians, and sadly even at times Christians, believe are of little value and nonetheless use them in service for His Kingdom.

God has worked this way throughout the centuries and continues to do so today.

Nonetheless, I'm sure that we can think of any number of reasons why we can't be used by the Lord.

- What if I fail?
- What if I look bad or say something silly and that in turn makes God look bad?
- What if I get asked a question that I can't answer?
- I don't know how to do what God is asking of me. What should I do?

If you are a believer today, then God is calling you to do something. To do something for the Kingdom. God will supply the strength and gifting that we need. We need to supply the obedience.

God will be with us. God will empower us. God will help us to get the job done. And when we have God, we have enough.

God has given each believer four things to empower us to do His will:

- 1.His Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us.
- 2.At least one spiritual gift.
- 3.A new nature that desires to do the will of God.
- 4.The Bible.

On our own, we may well be weak, inexperienced, and afraid. But as God's children we have the power of the Lord Almighty! We have been gifted and equipped to do God's will. He is with us every step of the way.

In sports you have the fans in the stands. The coaches on the sidelines or dugouts. But God is closer to us than any of them. As a believer you have a personal relationship with the Lord. God is living inside of you through His Holy Spirit and so He's always with you to help and guide you along the way.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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State Rep. Graham Filler is leading a bipartisan effort to improve protections for vulnerable adults in Michigan. From left: Rep. Betsy Coffia (D-Traverse City), Filler (R-Clinton County), Rep. Kelly Breen (D-Novi), Rep. Ken Borton (R-Gaylord), and Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (D-East Lansing).

Rep. Filler Stands Up for Michigan Seniors, Continues Effort to Fix Guardianship System

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler has once again introduced a bipartisan plan to improve protections for vulnerable adults and make sure they are not taken advantage of by the people who are trusted to care for them.

Filler, R-Clinton County, is leading the effort to improve the state's guardianship and conservatorship systems, the process used after a court decides an individual is not capable of making their own legal, medical or financial decisions.

"I know many guardians and conservators are working hard, doing their best to protect their wards, but unfortunately, there are also some bad actors in the mix," Filler said. "These people are out there trying to take advantage of those who can't defend themselves. It's a disgrace, and it's time to put an end to it."

House Bills 4909-12 will offer several important protections for the elderly and people with disabilities. It will provide procedural safeguards for the appointment of guardians, require guardians to take special precautions to protect people's property and increase transparency about the way a ward's property is being used.

The legislation addresses problems identified by the Michigan Attorney General's Office and the state's Elder Abuse Task Force, a group of about 55 organizations and more than 100 individuals that worked on the issue for more than two years.

Filler introduced a similar plan in 2021, but the bills did not make it all the way through the legislative process before the legislative session came to an end.

"Some of our most vulnerable citizens are being left high and dry, and I'm going to keep fighting on their behalf until we make things right," Filler said. "Michigan seniors deserve better, and we're going to make that happen."



Laingsburg Grad Makes Headlines for Aluminum Motorcycle Prototype

W. LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Laingsburg High School graduate Brady Hawks made headlines at LHS for his track and field accolades, earning him a Big Ten scholarship to Purdue University.

He's making headlines in other areas now.

Three Purdue University students in Graduate Teaching Assistant, Abolfazl Ghaderi's program won awards in the Aluminum Extruders Council (AEC) 2023 Aluminum Extrusion Design Competition. Runner-up honors went to Hawks.

The competition is open to high school and college students from around the world who compete for an opportunity to win cash scholarships.

SECOND PLACE: BRADY HAWKS, INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Second place was awarded to Brady for his design of ATLAS, an electric motorcycle made of extruded aluminum. Brady chose AA6061 aluminum for his design due to its light weight, strength, corrosion resistance, workability, and cost-effectiveness. "Using 6061 will overall improve the performance, handling and efficiency of the motorcycle," the student explained. "The custom frame build from extruded aluminum makes the ATLAS special. Rails are built into the design of the frame, allowing for easy installation and removal of various accessories, making the ATLAS incredibly modular and customizable," Hawks continued.

The motorcycle is designed to be used in urban environments, and the design was born out of an examination of existing electric motorcycles that "lack the fusion of functionality and agility in their designs." He created this design to adapt to the user's needs with a modular design that "maximizes functionality without compromising on agility."

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Sports

Randall, Garcias Lead Wolfpack Baseball 2023 Post-Season Honors

LAINGSBURG — It makes sense. A team that wins 25 times in 35 games and wins another consecutive District championship is going to bring home some post-season hardware.

Coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack varsity baseball team didn't let anyone down, landing a Division 3 All-Stater, multiple All-District players, six All-CMAC performers — and the Shiawassee area's Player of the Year.

The latter plaudits just mentioned go to junior two-way standout Ty Randall, who started at shortstop when he wasn't leading the Wolves with an 11-3 pitching record.

First team All League. All District. All Region. First Team All State. Then, at season's end, Ty was voted Argus Press Player of the Year. Randall (the coach's son) broke LHS records with wins in a season (11), strikeouts in a season (135), RBI in a season (47) and hits in a season (53). The left-handed hitting junior rapped out 12 doubles, five triples, and also stole 22 bases, for good measure. He boasted a sterling .477 batting average.

Yet, those were just the start of the Wolfpack post-season honors:

— Dom Garcia, and outfielder and pitcher, was named 1st team All-CMAC and All District. Dom broke Ty's previous school record for runs in a season with 53. He pitched his way to a 7-2 record, while at the plate batted .350, four doubles, three triples and 17 RBI.

— Garcia's brother, Emillio Garcia, starred at first base while earning 1st team All League and All District fates. Mo was second on the team with an outstanding .406 average, lashing three doubles among his 39 hits, driving in 28 RBI, scoring 48 times and stealing 15 bases.

— At second base, Cam Ballard earned 2nd team All League and All District honors. Ballard hit .330 with 35 hits including 10 doubles. He drove in 37 runs and scored 35 for the Wolfpack.

— Elliott Wilsey (no photo available) was a 2nd team All-CMAC outfielder for the Pack. He hit .325 with 26 hits, 9 doubles, 22 RBI and 19 runs scored in 35 games. Wilsey also swiped an impressive 19 bases.

— Outfielder Hayden Johnston was an Honorable Mention All-CMAC standout for LHS, after hitting .284 with 29 hits, 6 doubles, a triple, 30 RBI, 39 runs scored and 15 swipes.

— Catcher Jackson Audrestch was an Honorable Mention All-CMAC honoree for LHS, after hitting .260 with 26 hits, 8 doubles, 2 triples and 36 RBI — all while handling the Wolfpack pitching staff.



Ty
Randall



Dom
Garcia



Emillio
Garcia



Cam
Ballard



Hayden
Johnston



Jackson
Audrestch

Ovid-Elsie Baseball Continues to Show Promise; 2023 Marauder Sackers Earn Post-Season Honors

OVID-ELSIE — Glass half-empty? Or half-full?

Some observers might view the 2023 Marauder baseball season as one of turmoil. There was a head coaching change late in the season and — at times — it didn't seem part of the team was on the same page.

Yet, the Marauders righted the ship under veteran (interim) coach Mike Loynes, finished with a solid 7-5-1 conference mark, setting some school records along the way:

— Senior Braxton Stenger set the season and career mark for stolen bases with 52 (previously was 31) in a season and 96 (previous was 64) for a career.

— Sophomore Jake Bowen set the HBP record with 15 in a season (previous mark was 9).

— Bowen currently has the career BA record at .436 (previously was .429). "Obviously, with two seasons to play, this is a record he could lose depending on how well he continues to hit," says coach Loynes. "Hopefully, he just sets it a little higher."

In addition, the Marauders earned the following individual honors:

— All-Academic All-State Perrien Rasch, Braxton Stenger, Breckin Kirby and Talan Parsons.

— All-Academic All-District Brayden Leland 1st Team.

— All-Mid-Michigan Athletic Conference: Braxton Stenger - Outfield, Jake Bowen - Catcher, Hayden Pontack - Infield, Corbyn Janes - Pitcher.

— Honorable Mention All-Conference Caven Brooks - Catcher.

In team voting, the Most Valuable Player was Braxton Stenger; Most Inspirational Jake Bowen; and Most Improved Player Justice Moore. The Coaches' Award went to Hayden Pontack.

Stenger batted .324 on the season with 33 hits, 5 doubles, a triple and 16 walks as the Marauders' lead-off hitter. He scored 33 runs to lead the club.

Bowen raked at a .372 clip with 32 hits including 8 doubles and 28 RBI.

On the mound, Janes struck out 54 hitters in 50 innings pitched. The sophomore led O-E with a 7-3 record and a 3.36 ERA. He started 11 games, pitched in 13 and had an outstanding 54-8 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Senior Rasch ripped 14 hits, walked a team-high 26 times and stole 9 bases for the Marauders.

Kirby, another senior, started 19 games and scored 9 runs.

Leland, a junior, hit .222 with a double and struck out just 3 times all season in 11 games started.

Pontack, a senior, hit an outstanding .391 to lead the club, driving in 21 RBI off 25 hits, 8 doubles and a triple. He struck out just 11 times in 35 games.

Moore, a senior, compiled a .294 BA and .400 on-base percentage. He also stole a base for the Marauders.

Leyland, a junior, hit .222 for Loynes' Marauders while appearing in six games.

Parsons, a junior, fashioned a .360 on-base percentage with 13 walks and 10 runs scored for Ovid-Elsie.

Brooks, the Marauders' junior catcher, hit .224 with 14 hits, 3 doubles, 10 RBI and 12 runs scored.



Braxton
Stenger



Jake
Bowen



Perrien
Rasch



Breckin
Kirby



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Laingsburg's Danek Completes Junior Season as Standout Keeper for Aces

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Laingsburg alum Myia Danek will return for the 2023 season as a senior at Evansville University.

After transferring from Oakland University, Danek has put together an impressive resume as a goalkeeper for the Aces.

She started a team-high eight matches in goal, playing a team-best 720 minutes between the pipes, during the 2022 season.

Myia record ecorded a shutout amongst four ties while posting a 1.75 goals-against average and ranked ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC)in saves per match at 3.25, recording 26 saves in eight matches.

She posted her first shutout at Evansville by turning away five shots in a 0-0 draw at Southern Illinois.

The Aces made the NCAA tournament in 2022, with Danek posting a season-high six saves while facing a season-high 27 shots against Vanderbilt (8/18/22) in her first match at UE.



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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 July 26, 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): Zachary Wright, A Married Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: June 3, 2022 Recorded on June 13, 2022, in Document No. 5326037, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three and 60/100 Dollars (\$184,273.60) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: A parcel of land located in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the Section line of Sections 17 and 20, South 88 degrees 16 minutes East 20 rods of the West 1/8 corner common to said Sections 17 and 20; thence South 1 degree 30 minutes West 20 rods; thence South 88 degrees 16 minutes East 12 rods; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes East 20 rods; thence North 88 degrees 16 minutes West 12 rods along Section line to place of beginning. Commonly known as 5290 Clark Rd, Bath, MI 48808 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. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr. Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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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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Date of Birth: December 19, 1939
Name of Trust: Margaret A. Green Living Trust dated May 3, 1990.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Decedent, Margart A. Green, died December 12, 2022
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To All Creditors;
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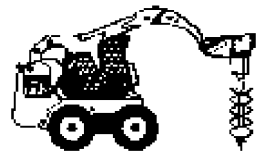
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Beatle Tribute Band coming to Music in the Park

submitted by Bill Tennant

John, Paul, George and Ringo are coming to St Johns for what promises to be an enjoyable evening featuring the incredible music of the Beatles. Toppermost, a Beatle Tribute Band, will be performing the amazing music of one of the best, most beloved bands ever.

This special tribute concert will take place on Wednesday evening, July 12 starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

Formed in 2007, Toppermost will be performing many of the Beatle's hits from 1962-1970 on this concert. They perform with authentic costumes, instruments and voices. With over 900 shows under their belt, their combined acting and musicianship will put big smiles on the faces of audience members all evening long! And as you get into the music, dancing is allowed!

"Toppermost, one of our most popular groups, have been performing here in St. Johns most every-year since 2012," said Bill Tennant, chair of the series committee. "Having them back on our 20th anniversary year is special – as is their closing number "Hey Jude" – this will be an evening you will thoroughly enjoy."

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.

Memorial Healthcare Welcome New Headache and Migraine Specialist

submitted by Dianna Vsetula
Owosso – Memorial

Healthcare is pleased to welcome Wade Cooper, DO to Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, Okemos location. Dr. Cooper earned his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a neurology residency at Michigan State University and is board-certified in Neurology and Psychiatry. Dr. Cooper obtained a fellowship in Headache Medicine from the Michigan Head Pain and Neurological Institute in Ann Arbor.

Prior to joining Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, Dr. Cooper was a Director at the Headache & Neuropathic Pain Clinic and Program Director of the Headache Medicine Fellowship Training Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is a Fellow for the American Headache Society and serves on several neurological boards and committees. Dr. Cooper has co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters and has served as a reviewer for various journals. He routinely presents regionally and at national conferences.

Dr. Cooper is currently accepting new patients with most insurances.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org



Elsie Historical Room

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Historical room is temporarily closed due to the passing of chairperson, Sue Hardaker. The Friends of the Elsie Historical Room will be re-organizing in the very near future. A meeting will be slated for members and those interested in preserving the facility. A date will be announced in the very near future.

CORE4 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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Journey Federal Credit Union Awards \$1,000 CORE4 Scholarship to Local High School Seniors

submitted by April Steele

SAINT JOHNS — Each year, Journey Federal Credit Union offers three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each through their CORE4 Scholarship program to local graduating High School seniors. One student is selected from each of the following High Schools: St. Johns, Fowler, & Ovid.

Journey Federal Credit Union has a strong sense of pride in their CORE 4 values. Applicants are asked to include letters of recommendation demonstrating the following CORE4 values: Trust/Honesty, Teamwork, Integrity, and Respect. "We're honored to support our youth as they begin to navigate their way through college," said April Steele, VP of Marketing and HR at Journey Federal Credit Union. "Our CORE4 Scholarship is a steppingstone that we hope helps our young members set out on a path towards financial success."

JFCU bases their selection process upon subjective criteria including essays, academic performance, community involvement, curricular & extracurricular activities, and personal goals. Pictured are this year's winners, from left to right: Carly Andros (Fowler HS), Caroline Ott (St. Johns HS), and Alexis Spitzley (Ovid-Elsie HS). Carly plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University where she will study Finance. Caroline plans to attend the University of Michigan Flint where she will study Political Science. Alexis plans to attend Madonna University where she will study Biomedical Engineering.

Journey FCU is proud to support the goals of our young community members. Congratulations graduates! We look forward to serving you throughout your journey.

Sparrow Clinton Hospital Awards first BEE Honor to Recognize Outstanding Caregiver

submitted by Corey Alexander

ST. JOHNS, MI – Sparrow Clinton Hospital is pleased to announce its first BEE Honoree, Rhonda Fenby-Morse, a Respiratory Therapist with remarkable selflessness and willingness to help others.

Fenby-Morse was nominated by multiple caregivers for her collaborative behaviors and support for the team. Her outstanding care exemplifies what the BEE award recognizes. The award recognizes excellence among non-clinical support caregivers who contribute to Sparrow Clinton's quality compassionate care. The acronym BEE stands for Being Exceptional Every day.

"Rhonda is compassionate, reliable, and a great team player," said Melisa Kniff, LRT, RRT, Respiratory, Pulmonary Diagnostics, and Sleep Lab Supervisor at Sparrow Clinton Hospital. "Rhonda has dedicated her life to being a Respiratory Therapist. She is much deserving of the BEE award."

Other nominees included Alexis Elwood, Environmental Services Tech; Melissa Grice, Environmental Services Tech; Amelia Hurst, Phlebotomist; and Kerry McComb, Radiology Tech.

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