



## Carriage Days Fundraiser

The Ovid Carriage Days Committee will be hosting a "Street Food Festival & Live Pro Wrestling fundraiser on Saturday, August 19th in downtown Ovid. The food truck festival will begin at 2pm until 5pm followed by a Pro Wrestling Exhibition inside the Lions/VFW Hall beginning at 6pm. Free meet & greet with the wrestling stars at 5pm until show time. Ringside tickets are \$20, general admission, \$10. Tickets are available at the door or on line at [www.ovid-carriagedays.com](http://www.ovid-carriagedays.com). For more information call Rick at 989-666-1675 or Julie at 989-666-5111.



Pictured here is Alex Scovill of Laingsburg with his Grand Champion Market Lamb at the Shiawassee County Fair. The Reserve Champion Lamb and Grand Champion Ewe were also raised on the Scovill Farm. Photos by Deb Price



See more Shiawassee County Fair memory photos on page 7

## Laingsburg Lions Club Celebrates Historic 75th Anniversary of Service

The year was 1948. The month was June. Post-war America had embarked on economic growth and global influence that would catapult the U.S. to global superpower status. The baby-boomer generation was born. Ben Hogan won the U.S. Open by two shots over Jimmy Demaret. Babe Ruth made his final farewell at Yankee Stadium. In the first game at Briggs Stadium in Detroit, the Tigers downed the Philadelphia A's by a 4-1 score. Over in the National League, Phillie Phanatic's rookie Richie Ashburn kept his rookie hitting record streak alive at 23 games. On the new invention known as television, Milton Berle would become the permanent emcee on NBC's Texaco Star Theater.

In the small town of Laingsburg, Michigan, the focus was more on "community."

Community service wasn't anything new to the fine residents of Laingsburg. A group of men, however, were ready to take it to a whole new level.

"We Serve" was the two-word motto. The motto continues today, across the nation and around the world.

The Laingsburg Lions Club was chartered on June 23, 1948, with 36 members. A group had been trying to gain charter status since 1938. The volunteer roster on Charter Night, 1948, reads like a who's who of community leaders.

Led by their first president, Dr. Rueben Alexander, the original board included Ben Holfus. Victor Byra. Delos Poole. Charles Riches. Donald Corp. John Walters. Albert Hunter. Dale Putnam. Basil Acker. Rev. Ralph Brown. All were heavily invested in the community, local businessmen and more.

Meetings were held at Laingsburg Elementary School. Once a month, the school cooks offered their services to serve-up dinner to, often, a packed house. Family events were numerous; this writer and his wife remember vividly the Father-Son Nights and the Father-Daughter Nights, with Ed Hurst leading the large crowd in singing "God Bless America."

The group raised funds. When something in the community was needed, with nowhere else to turn, you turned to the Lions Club. They provided a press box and fencing at the iconic Jacques Field behind Laingsburg High School. The city parks have several enhancements made available — without fanfare — by the local Lions. Need I mention the annual Springtime Festival, a Laingsburg staple now 40 years strong, that generations have grown up with?

The continuing local efforts don't tell the whole story. In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions International convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From that time, Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.

The Laingsburg Lions Club is the local chapter of Lions International, the largest community service organization with over 1,350,000 members and 46,000+ clubs in over 200 countries worldwide. Their primary focus remains that of the local community.

The official colors are purple and gold. Purple stands for loyalty to friends and to oneself. It also stands for the integrity of mind and heart. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality of judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and purse toward one's fellowship.

The club is a community action organization that serves not only those at the local level but also those at the state and national levels. They offer community-minded individuals the opportunity to join in good fellowship and to help their fellow community minded members at a variety of levels.

The organization has no employees. Members volunteer their time without compensation in any form. Members are accepted with no basis on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender identity or expression, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, political affiliation, union membership or veteran status.

In June, 2023, the Laingsburg club celebrated its 75th anniversary during annual Charter Night. The local organization has grown to include both Lions and Lioness' Clubs under one big, community umbrella.

If you feel you would like to be involved in local service work, contact any Lion member. Talk to them. Ask them questions. At the top of the home webpage — [Laingsburglions.org](http://Laingsburglions.org) — is a contact phone number. Go ahead and call if you have any questions about becoming a Laingsburg Lions Club member.

The goal, the focus, since 1948 hasn't changed: "We Serve".

Mark your calendar for the Laingsburg Lions 75th Anniversary Celebration, An Afternoon in the Park on Saturday, August 26th from noon-4pm at Bates Scout Park. The event is free to the community, hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and water will be served beginning at noon. Ice cream will be provided by the Dairy Den. Music will be provided by the Blue Echoes Band from 12:30pm-4pm. Make plans now to bring the family and join in on the fun as the Laingsburg Lions Club celebrates their 75th Anniversary.



## My Turn At Bat

by Tom Turek





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These men and women work very hard to make Clinton County safe. Let's take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts!

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## Social

### Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann  
Trierweiler

The 2023 theme for the Elsie Public Library Reading Challenge Slogan was "All Together Now", and the theme was a "Kindness/Friendship/Unity."

The children made their own canvas painting during the program kickoff. They learned about the importance of rescuing pets with "Happy Feet Rescue", and the importance of kindness...everyone should be treated with kindness no matter who you are. They were taught the science behind rainbows, and they got to write their own story endings to a subject of their choice. Mutualism between animals was a great learning moment, highlighting how animals and people need to work together. There were several exciting sensory bins, including birdseed, black bean, friendship stew, rainbow rice and kinetic sand. There was a STEM activity and a craft every week, with the final week being the Kindness Olympiad. We partnered with Pathway Home Retirement Home and the Village of Elsie, Police Chief Bryce, for this event. Thank you so much for your help!! The kids especially liked the ice cream sundae bar they received at the end of the Olympiad from Pathway Home!

We would like to show our deep appreciation with an extra special thank-you to Jillian Boots for running the show. This Summer's Reading Program was a smashing success.

We would also like to thank anyone else who helped on the programs this year... especially Sierra Snider, Margaret Remenar, Patti Munson, Paula Breining, Brooke Wooley, Chief Bryce, Leeann Huff, Pam Dunham, the library crew and all the parents/caregivers and siblings who pitched in to help, and to all those we may have missed.

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED OR PARTICIPATED AND MADE THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM A MARVELOUS SUCCESS. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR WHEN THE PROGRAM IS "Adventure Begins at Your Library"

WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT EVERYONE FINISHING THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WON A PRIZE FROM THE PRIZE SHOWCASE... AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO BLUE MOON ICE CREAM SHOP FOR HELPING US CONTINUE THE FUN DURING THE JULY-AUGUST "ICE CREAM FOR BOOKS CONTEST".

If you would like to volunteer for the 2024 Reading Program, please call the Elsie Public Library at 989-862-4633.



## Governor Engler to Visit Shiawassee County

submitted by Daniel McMaster  
Antrim Twp- State

Representative Brian BeGole has announced that Governor John Engler will be the special guest at a political fundraiser on August 19th the Shiawassee County Fair. Cost will be \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a couple with families being \$75.

"It is an honor to have Governor Engler attend this family event and we all look forward to hear his remarks about Michigan's economy and political landscape," commented BeGole.

Those interested in attending the event should RSVP via [www.begoleforstaterep.com](http://www.begoleforstaterep.com) or call 517-899-5483.

John Engler was born in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and grew up in Beal City. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Michigan State University in 1970 and a law degree from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1985. Prior to his first term as governor, he served for 20 years in the state legislature, including seven years as senate majority leader. Improving education was the top priority of his administration, and a focus on high standards, more accountability, and strengthened local control helped student test scores climb to record highs. State and local funding for public elementary and secondary schools increased nearly 80 percent, from \$7.9 billion in 1990 to \$14.1 billion in 2002. Governor Engler led the fight to enact Proposal A, a landmark 1994 ballot initiative that cut school property taxes by more than 80 percent and created a portable foundation grant for each student that dramatically reduced the disparity in funding among school districts. His welfare strategy to require work and remove the barriers to employment helped 300,561 families leave welfare rolls for private payrolls and independence. During the 1990s, tax cuts saved families and businesses nearly \$20 billion and helped create nearly 831,000 jobs. Governor Engler transformed state government by cutting spending, reducing bureaucracy, reorganizing state government, and setting new priorities. State government, excluding public safety personnel, is nearly 23 percent smaller. He is the past chair of the National Education Goals Panel, the Council of Great Lakes Governors, and the Republican Governors Association.



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## Maple Leaf Community Summer Block Party

Maple Leaf Community will be holding a Summer Block Party on Thursday, August 24th from 6:30-8:30pm.

This is a free event.

It will be located on the North side of the park on Maple Leaf Street and in the park.

Entertainment will be presented by the Jack & Tess Clarkson Band.

Refreshments will be hot dogs, chips, macaroni and cheese, cookies, beverages and popcycles.

Bring the whole family, your neighbor and your grandchildren. Please bring your own chairs.

Fun will include 9 holes of miniature golf, cookie & cake walk for allages, food and lots of fun.

For more information call 517-282-9222.

## Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience set to Host MS Walk, Run & Roll Event

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso, Michigan – The Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience is hosting an MS Walk, Run & Roll event on Saturday, September 9, 2023 on the campus of Memorial Healthcare at the Educational

Theatre of the NOW Building, 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Through participation in this event, individuals and groups can donate to the national MS Society and improve the lives of people affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic and often debilitating disease of the central nervous system and the most common neurological condition in young adults. According to the National MS Society, nearly one million people are living with MS in the United States, and 1 in 3 Americans are directly impacted through a diagnosed family member, friend or colleague.

Funding for support and services is vital while the search for a cure continues. The funds raised through the MS Walk Run + Roll event contributes to providing vital support services aimed to improve the quality of life for those affected by the condition. Through the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience's provider participation and support, the event also helps to build conversations about MS, educating the public about the challenges faced by individuals living with the disease, and the importance of supporting them together as a community.

Take a step towards a world free of Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Run & Roll your way to ensure no one faces MS alone! To register or donate to this event, please visit, <https://bit.ly/mssocietydonordrive>. For a complete list of activities, please visit, [www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Events/MS-Walk-Run-Roll/](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Events/MS-Walk-Run-Roll/).

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## Michigan Renaissance Festival - Seven Full Weekends of Action

submitted by Allison Joslin

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September 29th: Festival Friday; Ladies & Lords Shopping Day September 30th and 31st: Sweet Endings

The first four weekends Versiti Blood Bank will be out front taking donations and giving Free Admission tickets or patrons may bring four non-perishable food items for a BOGO ticket free. Festival Friday, September 29th, all Military, First Responders and Health Care Providers get in free with valid ID. Build a Fairy House or create a Mural and get free tickets. Honor Roll students that show their report card at the box office get a free ticket.

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## Memorial Healthcare to Hold Annual Fall Sports Injury Clinic

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso - As we gear up for another exciting fall sports season, Dr. Ashraf Elbanna, Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Surgeon at Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics, will be hosting a Monday walk-in clinic to evaluate acute orthopedic sports



injuries for adolescent and high school athletes. This year, Certified Physician Assistant, Tarah Rakoski and Certified Athletic Trainer, Allan Goetzinger will be joining Dr. Elbanna in the evaluation and treatment of athletes.

Whether you're dealing with sprains, strains, bruises, or any other athletic mishaps, Dr. Elbanna and his highly skilled team are here to help athletes get back on their feet and into the game. This clinic allows for x-rays to be promptly taken and reviewed, access to an advanced 3T MRI, CT scan or further imaging needs (pending insurance authorization) and treatment at a more cost-effective rate than an emergency department visit.

This clinic will be held every Monday, starting August 14, and ending October 16. Athletes will be seen on a walk-in basis from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics, located in the NOW building at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, second floor, in Owosso. In the event an injury arises Tuesday through Thursday, you may call the office for advanced scheduling.

Parental consent is required before treatment and fees are applied with insurance being billed. For more information, please call Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics at (989) 541-BONE or visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).

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## Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*  
Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct its board meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Media Center. Please visit our website at [www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us](http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us) for up to date meeting information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: Legislative update, District Staffing Update, 2023/24 Budget, Personnel, Board Bylaws and Policy Updates and any other business that may properly come before the board.

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.



Sparrow DAISY Leader Award winner Monica Thelen (center) poses with her award, along with (from left) Amy Brown, Chief Nursing Officer, E.W. Sparrow Hospital, and PICU Manager Jennifer Komm, MSN, RN, CNL, CCRN-K.

## Sparrow Nurse Recognized for Helping Nervous Youngster

*submitted by John Foren*

LANSING – Monica Thelen, RN, has been recognized with the E.W. Sparrow Hospital DAISY Award for her outstanding and compassionate care of a young patient nervous about having an MRI.

The five-year-old boy needed to be sedated for several MRIs and Thelen, a nurse in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, went out of her way to make him feel safe and comfortable before his procedure.

“She was so silly with him, joking around, pretending to race around corners as they pushed him through the halls, and making him laugh,” said the boy’s mom. “It was the first time I saw him smile since we got here.”

When the patient had breathing issues during the procedure, Thelen was also there to reassure the boy’s mother that it was common and that he was going to be OK.

“I panicked internally as I watched a very calm staff bag him and help him start breathing again,” said the youngster’s mother. “Monica stepped in front of me to bring me back to earth. I will remember that in my most vulnerable and scary moment as a parent the compassion she showed me.”

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day.

“It is an honor that I was able to turn a family’s nightmare into something positive,” Thelen said. “It is important for me to establish a good relationship with not only the kids, but the parents as well. They are just as vulnerable and it’s important that they can trust who is taking care of their kid.”

Thelen received a certificate of recognition, a DAISY pin to wear at work, and beautiful serpentine stone sculpture carved by the artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. The special “Healer’s Touch” sculpture, designed for leaders, depicts the relationship nursing managers have with their caregivers and embraces the relationship nurses have with their patients.

“Monica is a calming presence to patients and families,” said PICU manager Jennifer Komm. “She is truly a valued member of our PICU team.” Nurses and nursing leaders are nominated for the award throughout the year by patients and patients’ families.

To learn more about the DAISY Award, go to [Sparrow.org/DAISY](http://Sparrow.org/DAISY).

## MDARD Director Statement on School Nutrition, Meals for Michigan Students

*submitted by Jennifer Holton*

LANSING – Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring today applauded the Governor’s recently signed education budget which includes funding for all Michigan students’ breakfast and lunch served in their local school, which includes 10 cents a meal and Farm to School programs.

“Nutrition is the building block for student success and the first step begins with agriculture. Increasing access to locally grown and processed foods provides Michigan’s students with delicious food grown right here at home from apples to milk to carrots and beef, our farmers offer a cornucopia of items to add to school menus,” said Boring. “When schools participate in programs like Farm to School, it creates new markets for our farmers. It’s a win-win for all. Programs which focus on teaching healthy habits and highlighting Michigan-grown fresh fruits and vegetables, combined with supplying healthy, fresh and nutritious meals to kids, will ensure a bright future for Michigan’s food and agricultural industry.”

Michigan is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the U.S., leading the nation in the production of dry black beans, dry cranberry beans, tart cherries, asparagus, cucumbers, dry navy beans, squash, and dry small red beans, and ranking high in the production of blueberries, summer squash, bell peppers, peaches, carrots, celery, sweet cherries, apples, fresh sweet corn, and many other specialty crops. The state has more than 46,000 farms producing a wide variety of crops on nearly 10 million acres of farmland. Michigan’s food and agriculture system employs over 805,000 people, about 17.2 percent of the state’s workforce. This contributes more than \$104.7 billion to the state’s economy annually.

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# Editorial



## Have a Question for Andy?

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## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
[www.letsmeetgod.com](http://www.letsmeetgod.com)

### “TAKE CAKE”...

You sound more hurt than offended. Sounds like you thought you were not invited and missed out on a fun event which you had planned to attend. I am sure your friend's daughter will understand. She likely figured you had other obligations or plans. Call her; apologize for not attending; plan a time to go visit. Bring your gift and don't try to make it more extravagant than you would have...it is not healthy to give out of guilt.

In the future, you need to check your “notifications” and “personal messaging” on FB that is where the E-vites occur. You should also check you messenger, as well as other forms of cyber communications. It's not that difficult and then you won't miss out on things that are important. However; I do agree with you the cute invitation and an RSVP is more appropriate even in this modern-techie world. I guess we just need to get with the times.

I have missed some events myself over the past few years, including graduations and baby showers and funerals. Our lives are so busy; it is easy to miss things. So enjoy and appreciate what you can do and know that it is what you do after you miss out that is as important as the event itself. Have a lovely visit and TAKE CAKE.

Andy [ask\\_andy@aol.com](mailto:ask_andy@aol.com)

## MDARD Seeking Public Input

*submitted by Jennifer Holton*

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), announced the annual review period for the proposed drafts of the 2024 Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). Comments will be accepted via email, U.S. mail, and a virtual public meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on August 25, 2023.

The GAAMPs are reviewed each year by committees comprised of various experts and revised or updated, as necessary. Any proposed GAAMPs changes are reviewed and approved by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development.

All eight GAAMPs are available for public comment: Manure Management and Utilization; Care of Farm Animals; Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities; Farm Markets; Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control; Nutrient Utilization; Cranberry Production; and Irrigation Water Use.

MDARD will forward all comments received by the due date to the respective GAAMPs Task Force Committee Chairpersons for consideration before final review and presentation to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development at their September 20, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting.

The proposed draft GAAMPs will be available for public review and comment until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, at [www.Michigan.gov/RighttoFarm](http://www.Michigan.gov/RighttoFarm). Comments can be submitted by:

Email to [MDARD-RTF@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDARD-RTF@Michigan.gov); must be received by no later than 5 p.m. EST on August 25, 2023.

U.S. Mail to MDARD's Environmental Stewardship Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 and must be received by no later than 5 p.m. EST on August 25, 2023.

Call into the public input meeting at 1 p.m. EST on August 25, 2023 Click here to join the meeting or call 248-509-0316 and enter Conference ID: 857610684#.

For a copy of any of these GAAMPs including the proposed revisions, please visit [www.Michigan.gov/RighttoFarm](http://www.Michigan.gov/RighttoFarm), or contact the MDARD's Environmental Stewardship Division at (517) 284-5619, or toll free at (877) 632-1783.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” - Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30

There are some who say that they want to know God, but they've bought into the belief that says you can create your own reality. The idea is that for a religion to be true, all it has to do is “work” for you. It just has to meet your needs. If it does, then it's good. If it doesn't, try another religion and maybe that one will work. But it's all about what's best for you. Or what seems best to you at this moment in your life.

In contrast, God calls us not to look inside of ourselves to find the answers to life or to find true fulfillment. Rather, He says, “Come to Me, your Creator. I have the answers. Only in me will you find fulfillment.”

How is this to be done? How can one know God and have eternal life?

As said, it's not by looking inside; it's done by looking to the Lord. By believing in something that is true not because of personal opinion, but because it is historical. Believing in the gospel- that Jesus Christ is fully human and fully God, that He died on the cross for our sins and rose bodily from the dead as the full payment for all of our sins before God. Believe this and ask Him for forgiveness, and God will forgive you.

From God's perspective, no person is too far gone to be forgiven and used by Him. When it comes to forgiveness, God will hear your prayers because of who He is. A God who wants to forgive. It's not that God can forgive, but may or may not want to. No. He can forgive and wants to do so. We ask for forgiveness from a God of infinite grace and love.

In the Bible, God's throne is called a “throne of grace.” Isn't that a beautiful picture?

As Scott Furrow, who used to Pastor in San Diego, would say, “It's not the throne of ‘I don't care.’” and we can add to that. When we come asking for forgiveness, it's not a throne of judgment, nor is it a throne of wrath or “did you mess up again?” or “Wow! I've seen you do some doozies, but this one beats them all!” Or “Sorry! You've used up the number of times that I'll forgive you for that sin. Quota's up! No more.”

When we come to the Lord, He has the desire and ability to forgive and restore. Why? Because His throne is a throne of grace.

As John writes, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

- 1 John 1:9, 2:1-2

Come to the Lord today and receive forgiveness of your sins because of God's love, grace and mercy.

## Victor Township Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Proposed Board Minutes from August 8, 2023

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:01 pm and the pledge to the flag was given.

**Attendance:** Roll Call: Willoughby, Townsend, Fickes, Conklin. Absent: Prange. 16 citizens in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Willoughby to approve the August 8, 2023 agenda. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Fickes to the approve the July 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Mo on carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Fickes to accept the August 8, 2023 report. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of bills:** Motion by Willoughby to disburse the August 8, 2023 bills. Supported by Fickes. Discussion regarding paying or withholding C2AE payment for contracted work. This check will be issued when contracted work is corrected/completed after this meeting, before September Board Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 28875-28893 in the amount of \$13,625.90.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse August 8, 2023 payroll and related payroll expenses. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Mo on carried. Checks# 12483-12491 in the amount of \$10,000.58.

### County Officials:

- Commissioner Val Vail-Shirey:
- 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 on track for a possible August 29, 2023 decision.

- The Citizen Advisory Committee has 19 members with a lot of ideas.
- The M-21 Technology Corridor is in need of the following: a)Truck Stop b)Child-Care, both day and night c)Food Service d)Freezer and Cold Storage

**Victor Township Planning Commission:** The next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission will be September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848.

- Dave Ginther requested an update on Blood Cemetery clean up and reparation. Supervisor Conklin has talked to the company regarding spraying and he said Chad Kellog is on-board for needed work.

**Land Use Special Permit:** Needs time-frame before approval.

Re-zoning request not supported by PC as no information provided for why a change from A-2 to RR was needed.

LSW and Mercy Ambulance: Representatives from both providers were in attendance. Both answered questions regarding staffing, number of calls per city/township, number of rigs and response time in relation to different locations in township.

Board determined they would need more information.

- Fickes suggested a 3rd party study to review prior to making a decision.
- LSW answered questions regarding a 2 mill flat assessment per household.
- LSW Fire Department sign will be installed at Victor Township. Townsend will call for bushes to be removed, as approved at July 11th meeting.

### Unfinished Business:

Broadband: Discussion of ongoing progress concerning Broadband in the County and Township.

- Cemetery Lot Issues: Tabled for September Board Meeting

### Maintenance & Facilities

Conklin: List of jobs that have been addressed.

Fikes: Shared a list of areas to be reviewed for building and grounds upkeep. Retaining wall.

### New Business:

**Extended Early Voting:** Victor Township has the option to sign a county wide agreement to participate in the county wide early voting. Willoughby provided information for the benefit to taking part in this agreement. Significant financial savings. Motion by Willoughby to sign the county wide early election agreement. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Well for LSW to use to fill tankers:** Discussion regarding where the well would be located. One suggestion was to install new well at Victor Township. The was could be used on Soccer Fields. Another suggestion was to install new well in northwest area of township as this is the furthest area for tankers to travel to for refilling. Will discuss this topic more at the next meeting.

**2023 Audit:** Motion by Willoughby to accept the 2022-2023 Audit Report from VMD & Associates, PLLC for the annual audit on Victor Township. Supported by Townsend. Roll call: Fikes: yes. Townsend: yes. Willoughby: yes. Conklin: yes.

2023 Tax Rate Request L-4029: Motion by Willoughby to approve Victor Township 2023 Millage Rate. Supported by Conklin. Roll call: Fikes: yes. Townsend: yes. Willoughby: yes. Conklin: yes. Prange: absent. Mo on carried.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Suzanne Nelson,  
Victor Township Deputy Clerk

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Pictured here (l-r) is Pastor Brian, his wife, Sarah Malloy, daughter, Aisling, son, Finnbar and daughter, Louey.

## United Church of Ovid Has New Pastor

Pastor Brian Simon recently took his place at the pulpit of the United Church of Ovid. He and his family moved to Ovid from Tomah, Wisconsin. He was ordained in 2019 and is looking forward to meeting residents of the area and becoming involved in the community.

## School Supply Giveaway

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The Ovid Lions Club will be holding a school supply giveaway on Sundays August 13th and 20th at the Lions Hall from 2-4 p.m.

Free supplies will be given until gone. Lists will be available.

The Lions Club thanks the Ovid Community for making this possible.

## You Are Invited to Enjoy An Evening of Music

Starting Saturday, August 12th, the Jack Clarkson Band will be playing from 6:30pm-9:30pm., once a month on the second Saturday.

All ages are welcome to enjoy an evening of outstanding musical talent. The Clarkson Barn is located on Hollister Road, 1 mile south of Round Lake Road. \$10 per person, BYOB.



## Memorial Healthcare Applauds Sen. Singh's Support of Rural Access

submitted by Vicki McKay

OWOSSO – State Senator Sam Singh was recognized today by Memorial Healthcare of Owosso for his successful effort to add the hospital to Michigan's Rural Access Pool in the state budget. The addition will result in an ongoing boost to state funding for Memorial to help preserve essential healthcare delivery throughout rural mid-Michigan.

"We appreciate Senator Singh for his recognition of the significant financial challenges facing community hospitals like Memorial and his continued partnership as we work on solutions which allow us to be in a more sustainable position moving forward," said Memorial Healthcare President and CEO Brian Long. "This additional funding will directly benefit our efforts to provide high-quality, compassionate care to our patients."

The proposal, initially championed by Singh within the State Senate, was later included in the final negotiated budget signed today by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The funding provision is expected to generate roughly \$1.3 million in the state 2024 fiscal year which begins on October 1st.

"Senator Singh continues to be extremely supportive of our efforts to preserve healthcare services in rural Michigan," noted Memorial's Associate Vice President of Advocacy and Government Relations Ben Frederick. "He and his team worked diligently throughout the budget process to advance this critical funding measure which helps us to maintain our standard of care for patients both now and into the future."



## Ovid Public Library Summer Reading Program

Thank you to all who participated in the Summer Reading Program. We had 213 people complete the requirements to earn a certificate, individual pizza from Main Street Pizza, free DVD rental from the library and an ice cream cone from Blue Moon. The kids enjoyed our end of program fun day with a visit from Eric Brown from the Ovid Middlebury Fire Department. He let them explore the truck and then sprayed them down. If you completed the program and haven't picked up your certificate yet please be sure to do so.

On Monday, August 14 we will be having our Adult Booktasting at 1:00 and on Tuesday, August 15 the crafters will be here at 1:30. Be sure to come check out these two programs. There's always room for more!



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## Making Memories at the Shiawassee County Fair



Photos  
by  
Deb Price

## Sparrow Carson Hospital Recertified as Level IV Trauma Center

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY, MI – Sparrow Carson Hospital has been redesignated as a Level IV Trauma Center, reflecting our level of expertise in providing crucial care to patients in our Emergency Department.

The designation from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is valid through June 2026. Sparrow Carson received its first Level IV certification in 2019.

This designation reflects Sparrow Carson's ability to assess, stabilize patients, perform diagnostic testing, and prepare patients for transfer to a higher-level trauma center for care.

"This three-year designation reflects much more than our state-of-the-art facility and highly skilled Emergency Board-certified physicians," said Julie Noreen, BSN, RN, Emergency Department and Trauma Program Manager. "To earn this designation, our nurses and physicians collaborate on chart review of all trauma cases, engage with the community to educate on injury prevention, attend monthly meetings with the Trauma Performance Improvement Committee, as well as participate in ongoing education to ensure best practices are followed for the best possible outcome for patients."

The culmination of these efforts is reviewed during a one-day site visit from a nurse surveyor and physician surveyor, and a representative from the State Trauma Program. Surveyors review elements such as basic Emergency Department facilities, 24-hour laboratory coverage, the availability of trained trauma nurses and physicians upon the patient's arrival, and what transfer agreements have been developed for patients requiring a more comprehensive level of care.

"The trauma level designation for Sparrow Carson Emergency Department further conveys our commitment to provide excellent care for our community. I'm proud of the dedication from our staff to uphold the standards of the American College of Surgeons for trauma care," said Sara Stadel, M.D., Emergency Medical Director and Trauma Medical Director.

Hospital President Mark Brisboe said the Emergency Department team's "tremendous level of knowledge, skill, and compassion, combined with their over 300 years of department experience, showcase the level of dedication this team has in providing exceptional care to our community."

For more information on Sparrow Carson, go to Sparrow.org/Carson.



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## Host Families Needed

*submitted by Erin Freshour*

Ovid-Elsie High School has seven international students attending school this year and 3 still need a Host family or a Welcome Family to host them for eight weeks.

This program provides additional funding to the school along with an amazing cultural experience but is only possible with host families.

Would you or someone you know be willing to help and host?

- Host families provide a bedroom and meals for the students.
- Our host families receive a \$400 monthly stipend to assist with additional costs plus a dedicated Local Coordinator to provide support to the student & family.
- Host Families come in various shapes and sizes, including young couples with small children, one-parent families, single people, empty nesters, and more.

The three remaining students are from Brazil, Thailand, and Vietnam. Please consider supporting this program and sharing Ovid-Elsie and America with an international student.

Contact Erin Freshour at 616-301-4241 or email [erin.freshour@educatius.org](mailto:erin.freshour@educatius.org)



## Post-Season, Playing Rules Modifications Taking Effect as Fall Practices Begin

LANSING — A series of changes, including adjustments to postseason qualification in multiple sports and several playing rules, will take effect Monday, Aug. 7, as more than 95,000 athletes statewide are anticipated to begin the Fall 2023 season across nine sports for which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors postseason tournaments.

Teams in girls and boys cross country, football, Lower Peninsula girls golf, boys soccer, Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving, Upper Peninsula girls tennis and Lower Peninsula boys tennis, and girls volleyball may begin practice Monday. Competition begins Aug. 14 for golf and tennis, Aug. 16 for cross country, soccer, swimming & diving and volleyball, and Aug. 24 for varsity football. Football teams at all levels must have 12 days of preseason practice – over a period of 16 calendar days – before their first game.

Qualification requirements for MHSAA Finals competition have been adjusted to provide more opportunities in two sports.

The Swimming & Diving Finals could enjoy larger fields this fall thanks to a change in the structuring of qualifying times. Moving forward, qualifying times will be determined based on the past five years of MHSAA race data, but also will account for past numbers of qualifiers in each swim race. This shift will allow for more athletes to advance to the Finals in events where fields have not been full over the previous five seasons.

In tennis, for the first time in Lower Peninsula play, a No. 1 doubles flight from a non-qualifying team will be able to advance from its Regional to Finals competition. To do so, that No. 1 doubles flight must finish first or second at its Regional, and the No. 1 singles player from that team also must have qualified for the Finals individually by finishing first or second in Regional play.

Also affecting MHSAA Tournament play, golfers now are required to participate in at least four competitions for the high school team prior to representing that school team in an MHSAA Regional or Final. Those four regular-season competitions may be 9 or 18-hole events.

A pair of significant changes have switched up the Finals schedules this fall in boys soccer and football. Instead of playing at multiple sites as in the past, all four Boys Soccer Finals will be played on the same day at the same site, Nov. 4 at Grand Ledge High School beginning with Division 4 and ending with Division 1.

The 11-Player Football Finals will start and finish a day later at Ford Field, concluding that sport's season Saturday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 26, instead of with the traditional Friday/Saturday schedule. This one-year adjustment is being made to accommodate the Michigan State/Penn State football game Friday, Nov. 24, at Ford Field.

Opportunities have been created as well beginning this fall for scheduling more out-of-state opponents in all sports, as teams are now able to play opponents from anywhere in the United States as long as those competitions are played in Michigan, contiguous states Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota or Wisconsin, or Ontario. All out-of-state opponents must be members in good standing of their respective high school athletic association, and any multi-team event including schools from outside of Michigan or those contiguous states/province must receive approval by the MHSAA and each state high school association with a team involved in order for MHSAA member schools to be allowed to participate.

Rules changes will be literally visible in two sports as more flexibility will be allowed by new wardrobe exceptions in cross country and girls volleyball. In volleyball, small, secured studs or posts now may be worn above the chin. In cross country, athletes may now wear temporary body adornment (painted or fastened) during competition, and runners also may now wear any type of head attire during racing.

As is annually true, a series of playing rule changes also take effect with the new season. The following are among the most notable:

The most significant in football changes how the ball is spotted after penalties by the offense that occur behind the line of scrimmage. Previously, those were marked from the spot of the foul; now those penalties will be marked from the previous spot – the line of scrimmage where that play began. This change was made to eliminate excessive penalties on the offense when an infraction took place well behind the line of scrimmage.

In volleyball, teams will stay on the same bench for the duration of a match unless officials determine a clear disadvantage exists for the bench on one side of the court. In that case, teams will exchange sides of the court after each set.

Another pair of changes affect where volleyball coaches may be positioned during matches. Coaches may stand in a new coaching zone, now defined by the libero replacement zone extending beyond the end line and sideline extended. During dead-ball situations, one assistant coach also may stand within the coaching zone to provide instruction; only one assistant coach can stand at a time, but the assistant coach who stands may change throughout the match.

Two officiating-related changes will be especially noticeable on the soccer pitch. Officials now may stop the clock to check on an injured player without that player being required to leave the match – previously that player would have to sub out. Also, categories for fouls have been redefined: careless (which is a foul but does not receive a card), reckless (a foul with a yellow card) and excessive force (foul with red card).

In swimming, stroke modifications were made in the backstroke and breaststroke events.

## Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Show

### Friday, August 18th

7:00.....Gate Opens  
.....Club Kitchen Opens  
8:00.....Flea Market Opens  
.....Steam & Engine Barns In Operation  
9:00.....Arts & Crafts Opens  
10:00.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade  
.....Garden Tractor Pull - Track 1  
.....Saw Mill Demo Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin  
10:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
11:00.....Cider Mill Demo  
11:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
Noon.....Members Only Junior Pull - Track 2  
1:00.....Saw Mill Demo  
.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg  
1:30.....Threshing & Baling Demos  
2:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos  
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos  
.....Crop Demos  
2:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
3:00.....Cider Mill Demo  
3:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
4:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
5:00.....Jim Pontack - Founders Bldg  
.....Kathy & Friends Ctry Music - Founders Bldg  
.....Members Only Powder Puff Pull - Track 2  
.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos  
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos  
5:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
9:00.....Waylon Hanel & KayLyn Pace - Pavilion  
10:00.....Display Area Closed

### Saturday, August 19th

7:00.....Gate Opens  
.....Club Kitchen Opens  
8:00.....Flea Market Opens  
.....Steam & Engine Barns In Operation  
9:00.....Pedal Pull - Track 1  
.....Arts & Crafts Opens  
10:00.....Saw Mill Demo  
.....Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin  
10:30.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade  
.....Dead Weight Pull - Track 2  
.....Cement Pull - Track 1 (Following Parade)  
11:00.....Cider Mill Demo  
11:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
Noon.....FFA Pig Roast  
1:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos  
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos Threshing & Baling Demos  
.....Cider Mill Demo Saw Mill Demo Crop Demos

1:00.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg  
2:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
3:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos  
.....Gang & Drag Saw Demos  
.....Cider Mill Demo  
3:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
4:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
5:00.....Kathy & Friends Ctry Music - Founders Bldg  
.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos  
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos  
5:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
9:00.....Jim Vance Band - Pavilion  
10:00.....Display Area Closed

### Sunday, August 20th

7:00.....Gate Opens  
.....Pancake Breakfast/Club Kitchen Opens  
8:00.....Flea Market Opens  
.....Steam & Engine Barns In Operation  
9:00.....Arts & Crafts Opens  
10:00.....Saw Mill Demo  
.....Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin  
10:30.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade  
.....Handle Mill Demo  
11:00.....Transfer Sled Pull - Track 2  
.....(V-8 Tractors In Between) Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos  
.....Cider Mill Demo  
11:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
Noon.....Tractor Plowing Demo  
.....Chicken Barbecue Opens  
1:00.....Slow Race - Track 1  
.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg  
.....Threshing & Baling Demos  
.....Saw Mill Demo  
2:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos  
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos  
.....Cider Mill Demo  
2:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
3:00.....Cross Cut Saw Contest - Track 1  
3:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
4:00.....Steel Wheel Tractor Pull - Track 1  
4:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
5:00.....Kathy & Friends Ctry Music - Founders Bldg  
5:30.....Handle Mill Demo  
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# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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15 of the Village (now City) of DeWitt, Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (not City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00(looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 308 N Franklin St, Dewitt, MI 48820-8939 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 30, 2023 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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**Attention homeowner:** If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Jennifer Quimby, a married woman and Terry Quimby, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Cherry Creek Mortgage, LLC it's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 2022 and recorded August 19, 2022 in Instrument Number 5328271 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-One and 12/100 Dollars (\$384,731.12). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the cir-

cuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 13, 2023. Said premises are located in the Township of Victor, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 6 North, Range 1 West, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning on the South line of said Section 4, 1633.23 feet, North 89°56'54" West from the Southeast corner of Section 4; thence continuing North 89°56'54" West along said South line, 150.00 feet; thence North 00°12'23" West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line, 1325.09 feet; thence North 89°58'18" West, 838.39 feet to said 1/4 line; thence North 00°12'23" West along said North-South 1/4 line, 1321.06 feet to the center of Section 4; thence North 89°55'39" East along the East-West 1/4 line, 1311.15 feet; thence South 1256.62 feet; thence North 89°56'54" West, 313.23 feet; thence South 1329.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. And subject to the South 33 feet thereof for use as public road. 6601 E Price Rd, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: August 13, 2023 File No. 23-008250 Firm Name: Orlans PC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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**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 A.M. on AUGUST 30, 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. 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE – A mortgage was granted by HEATHER FLEMING-HIDALGO, a single woman, Mortgagor(s), to CONSUMERS PROFESSIONAL CREDIT UNION, 525 W. WILLOW, LANSING, MI 48906, Mortgagee, dated NOVEMBER 23, 2020, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, and State of Michigan on DECEMBER 23, 2020, in INSTRUMENT NO. 5302751, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE AND 67/100THS (\$12,855.67) DOLLARS at 8.250% percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or

proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the date and time stated above, the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, and all other legal costs, charges and expenses including the said attorney's fee, also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect their interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows: TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT, COUNTY OF CLINTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, to wit: BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 33, 193 FEET WEST OF A POINT, 30 RODS WEST OF THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1 / 4, THENCE NORTH 177.5 FEET, THENCE WEST 100 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 177.5 FEET, THENCE EAST 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, T5N, R2W, TOWNSHIP OF DEWITT, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 223 E SHERIDAN ROAD, LANSING, MI 48906 The redemption period shall be SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (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. KAREN L. ROWSE-OBERLE (P 41893) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 HARPER AVENUE ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 7-30-2023

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## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**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 September 13, 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): Carl Yordy II and Krista Yordy, husband and wife **Original Mortgagee:** Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 4, 2019 Recorded on October 14, 2019, in Document No. 5284730, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two and 83/100 Dollars (\$160,152.83) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, T8N-R1W, Duplain Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is N89°00'36"W on the South line of said Section 8 a distance of 1865.56 feet and N03°12'53"W 1828.81 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 8; thence continuing N03°12'53"W 272.00 feet; thence N83°23'13"E 249.49 feet; thence S03°12'53"E 265.00 feet to the centerline of Ridge Road; thence S81°47'07"W on said centerline a distance of 250.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 5663 E Ridge Rd, Elsie, MI 48831 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**  
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## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Charles J. Lloyd, a single man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Date of Mortgage: November 25, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 30, 2015  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$58,655.50

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 54, Supervisor's Plat of Valley Farms No. 1, thence South 99 feet, thence West 82.5 feet, thence South 279.5 feet, thence West 82.5 feet of the place of beginning, thence South 150 feet, thence West 82.5 feet, thence North 150 feet, thence East 82.5 feet to the place of beginning. Parcel 2: That part of Lot 54, Supervisor's Plat of Valley Farms No. 1, a subdivision on Section 33, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, described as beginning at a point 99 feet South 82.5 feet West, and 279.5 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Lot 54; running thence South 150 feet thence West 82.5 feet, thence North 150 feet, thence East 82.5 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 1180 Hannah Ave, Lansing, MI 48906-6817

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: August 6, 2023  
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### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Mortgagor(s): Kristen Ouellette and Eric Ouellette, wife and husband  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns  
Date of mortgage: May 13, 2016  
Recorded on May 16, 2016, in Document No. 5240894, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and 17/100 Dollars (\$189,200.17)

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: LOT NO. 96, OAKLAND HILLS ESTATE NO. 4, A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, DEWITT TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 8 OF PLATS, PAGES 56 AND 57. CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 1090 Lacosta Dr. Dewitt, MI 48820

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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### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC  
Date of Mortgage: May 31, 2019  
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 6, 2019  
Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$159,646.81

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 and the North one-half of Lot 4, Block 19, Plat of the Addition to the Village of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 43 of Deeds, Page 371, Clinton County Records. Commonly Known as: 13621 Webster Rd., Bath, MI 48808  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 07/30/2023  
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## Harvest Festival Memories



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## “Full Cord” - Bluegrass at Its Very Best Comes to St. Johns August 16

submitted by Bill Tennant

On Wednesday evening, August 16 - St Johns City Park! That's all you really need know as one of the best bluegrass groups in the country will be in town that night! The “Full Cord” concert will begin at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell. The concert is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns.

“Full Cord” has made it into the top tier of bluegrass groups in the United States after winning two major awards last year – first the prestigious 2022 Telluride Bluegrass Band Competition in Colorado, and they followed that up with another much-coveted honor when the International Bluegrass Music Association named “Full Cord” it’s “Momentum Award Band of the Year!” This Michigan based group have recently performed locally at the Ten Pound Fiddle and the Charlotte Bluegrass Festival. They are currently performing concerts throughout the United States.

“Sally Potter, a powerhouse in the world of folk music in mid-Michigan, told me last summer about this incredible bluegrass group that she was aware of,” said Bill Tennant, concert committee chair. “She said book them now as very soon, with the award they just won, they’re not going to be readily available. I researched the band, as did my committee – they were the first group we signed to this year’s summers series. After hearing them live on a Ten Pound Fiddle concert in the fall, I knew that we did the right thing as they were absolutely phenomenal.”

If Bluegrass is your thing - or even if it isn't... you owe it to yourself to make your way up to St. Johns to hear these amazing musicians; mandolinist Brian Oberlin, guitarist Eric Langejans, bassist Todd Kirchner, fiddler Grant Flick, and award-winning Colorado-based banjoist, Ricky Mier, become one – an incredible band called “Full Cord.”

Bring a chair or blanket – visit the Lion’s Club Food Trailer - the concert takes place rain or shine. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated and needed to support the series each year.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, and enjoy an evening of music you won’t soon forget! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Sparrow Carson Hospital Welcomes Amy Murphy as New Board Member

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY, MI – Sparrow Carson Hospital is pleased to welcome Amy Murphy, a Realtor and former nurse and teacher, to our Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Board members help oversee Sparrow Carson, work closely with senior leadership, and bring broad experiences from various fields.

Murphy leads Team Real Estate RN at Keller Williams in Lansing and has been named to the brokerage’s leadership teams for finance, technology, and education. She values philanthropy and co-founded an endowment at Sparrow’s Herbert-Herman Cancer Center. Murphy’s experience as an elementary teacher, an Intensive Care Unit and Critical Care Unit Registered Nurse, and Realtor bring an insightful and patient style of leadership to Sparrow Carson’s Board of Directors.

She has three daughters, Claudia, Olivia, and Maddy, and in her spare time, her favorite place is her cottage in Crystal.

In addition to Murphy, the 2023 Sparrow Carson Board of Directors includes Carol Wiles, chair; Daniyel McAlvey, vice chair; Roderick Coy, secretary; Kim Capps, treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, Sparrow Carson and Eaton; Mark Brisboe, Sparrow Carson Hospital President; Kira Carter-Robertson, SHS Senior Vice President, Regional Hospitals; Christopher Copp; David Freestone, M.D.; Michael Racine, M.D., Sparrow Carson Chief of Staff; Richard Schroeder; Renee Sopol; and Brent Wilson.

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