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## Elsie Fall Festival A Success

submitted by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The weather was a bit brisk but people came and enjoyed the annual Elsie Fall Festival. There were activities for all ages, and wonderful local shopping opportunities both in-person and online. And the winners were – Cupcakes: 18+ first place Sue Horak, second place



Madalyn and third place Jen Heuer; 17 and under: 1st Tirzah Heuer, 2nd Emma Heuer, and 3rd Brie Fry. The pumpkin competition: overall winner, Edward Wright; 5–11-year-olds – Edward Wright, 2nd Jade Heuer, and 3rd Gage Lotge; 12–17 age group – 1st Zoa Orozco; and 18+ – 1st Toni Ornelas and 2nd Samantha Wright.

The Fall Festival is the major fund raiser for the Elsie Area Food

Pantry and this year with the support of the community and beyond the annual Fall Festival raised an estimated total of \$9,271.00. It was made possible by the contributions made by the Elsie Lions Club \$570.87; Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 \$376.10; the Elsie American Legion car show \$158.00, the silent auction \$6349.15 and individual contributions. A huge thank-you to Advantage Auctions of Elsie (advantageauctionsllc.com) for their assistance and support. Also, the Festival committee wanted to thank all of the volunteers and organizations for their continued support and making the annual event a reality. See page 12 for more Elsie Fall Festival photos.

## Fall Fun in Ovid

On Sunday, October 8th, the Ovid Lions Club hosted a Free Fall Event at the Lions/VFW Hall in downtown. Children and their families enjoyed making caramel apples, decorating pumpkins and entering a contest to aide the Ovid Police Department in designing its Christmas card. Kids also enjoyed the face painter as she brought to life the kids favorite action hero, animal or design. “I was very pleased with the turnout, everyone had a great time. I also wish to thank all those who helped by taking time out of their day to help with the event,” explained event organizer, Holly Hibbard.



## Elsie Village Council Proceedings

submitted by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The evening was highlighted by a public hearing to establish an Obsolete Property Rehab District (Resolution 2023-001) with a focus on the development of the Elsie Junior High building. Also, the establishing of trick-or-treating hours was confirmed.

Ken Harris the developer of the Elsie Junior High building project requested officials establish an Obsolete Property Rehab District (OPRD) which allows a 12-year tax abatement. Officials discussed the resolution and indicated that there are no negatives in establishing the OPRD. Officials adopted resolution 2023-001 unanimously.

On a related issue Shane Grinnell reported about a meeting held with Ken Harris, the developer, and area agencies that will be related to the project. Agencies included MEDC, LEAP, and Clinton Catalyst. The meeting included a tour of the building. A workshop will be hosted by the Village of Elsie to enlighten businesses and residents about the economic possibilities of this project.

Tiffany Frank, clerk, presented the recommended Halloween trick-or-treating hours, October 31, 6-8p. In addition, the annual Halloween party will take place immediately following trick-or-treating, at the Emergency Services Building, 140 W. Maple Street.

Police activities for the thirty-day period included four traffic stops resulting in four citations and one arrest. It was noted by Chief Bryce that complaints have increased over the reporting period totaling eighty-five. The complaints included 911 hang up calls, suspicious activities, and several community policing details.

In addition, Chief Bryce and Officer Grinnell met with Representative Graham Filler at his Lansing office, to request a letter of support for a community policing grant from MCOLES. Also, attending that meeting was Clinton County Sheriff Dush and Undersheriff Gute. The purpose of the grant is to form partnerships with area departments and to collaborate on community policing opportunities. Chief Bryce is developing the strategic plan to develop a county-based training site for all of the departments in Clinton County, a site that does not exist at this time. The letter of intent was submitted September 29, 2023.

Shane Grinnell, Village Manager, reported that the Village has adopted a new program to alert village residents. The system is the Code Red Alerting system. Residents can sign-up on their phone and add the app and residents will have options regarding the alerts they would like to receive. It was noted that a water bill reminder is included, emergency weather, and community alerts.

Grinnell reported that the village auditor submitted their letter of resignation due to retirement. Another firm was recommended and will be contacted to be considered by officials. More information to come.

Chris Ormes, Department of Public Works, reported that the base at the life station west of town with a drive has been completed. DPW training is continuing with a staff member slated to take the CDL test and road test this week. All the water system reports have been submitted, prior to due date, now working on the sewer side.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda; the minutes of the September 2023 regular meeting; financial reports and expenditures totaling \$60,562.29.

## Village of Elsie Adopts New Alert System

submitted by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Village of Elsie with the Elsie Police Department and Elsie Area Fire Department have adopted a new alert system for Village residents. CODERED is an emergency notification system to provide a number of options for residents: weather warnings, community events, water payment reminders and tax reminders. Alerts are sent from local public safety agencies and offices by mobile app, SMS text and email.

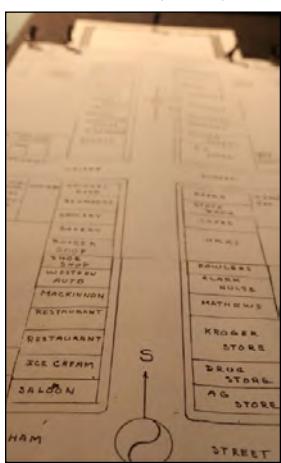
Signing up is an easy process. Visit the Village of Elsie website: [www.elsie.org](http://www.elsie.org). From the main homepage click on the CodeRED logo, enter the required fields, and download the mobile app on the App Store or Google Play. Or simply scan the QR code.



# Social

## St. Johns: The Way We Were

submitted by Kelly Jurman



The Clinton County Historical Museum has so many cool things on display in our St Johns: The Way We Were exhibit. One of our favorite things is this hand drawn map of downtown St Johns from 1947. If you look closely, you can see in detail all the shops that lined Clinton Avenue during that time. We bet that you will recognize some of these shops and it will bring back some great memories. Please plan a trip to the Museum this fall before we get ready for the Christmas Season!

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### Middlebury United Methodist Church

## Harvest Dinner

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## Ham & Turkey Supper

Mark your calendar for the Chaplin United Methodist Church annual Ham & Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 4th. Serving time will be from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, the menu will include: ham & turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and a beverage. Take-outs will be available and a free will offering will be accepted.

## Elsie Historical Society to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Elsie Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 7 pm in the Historical Room located on the East side of the Elsie Public Library. Everyone is welcome.



## Cider Mills, Farm Markets Offer Fall Family Fun

submitted by Diane Smith

LANSING – As the 2023 Michigan Apple harvest continues, it's time for apple fans and cider enthusiasts to plan their trips to their favorite farm markets and cider mills. With tried and true favorite varieties now being harvested, consumer excitement is increasing as we head into October.

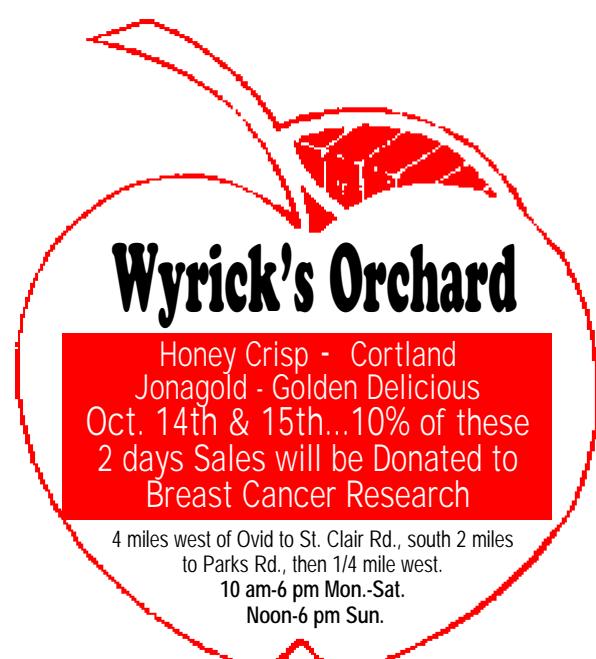
"Visiting farm markets for freshly picked apples, or sipping apple cider with fresh donuts is part of the culture if you live in Michigan," said Diane Smith, Executive Director of the Michigan Apple Committee. "When the calendar flips to October, apples are top-of-mind."

Michigan Apple Committee's newly redesigned website will direct apple fans to cider mills and farm markets in their area. Visit <https://www.michiganapples.com/find-mi-apples/> to find a location near you.

Of course, apples and cider aren't the only offerings at these agri-tourism destinations. Families can find everything from crafting events to 5K races to goat yoga at these autumn tourist destinations.

"A full day of activity can be enjoyed at farm markets and cider mills all over Michigan," said Smith. "These family-owned businesses have built great entertainment venues over the years that join the fun fall tradition of apples and cider with exciting events and attractions."

The Michigan Apple Committee is a grower-funded non-profit organization devoted to marketing, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption in Michigan and around the world. For more information, visit [www.MichiganApples.com](http://www.MichiganApples.com).



## Elsie Library Adventures

Lots of fun happening in the Elsie Public Library. Our Candyland Game runs through October 31st. After completing a book checked out from our library, our patrons select a game card for Candyland. One draw per every 50 pages read. Once they have completed their personal game board, their name is entered in a drawing for a chance to win a fabulous prize.

We will be going batty at the Halloween Party on Oct 28th. The kids will make a "bat" craft and treat bags(pumpkins) to take home. No party would be complete without story time. Come dressed up and help us celebrate in style.

Did you know that Potter's Park Zoo has a weekend event called Boo at the Zoo? This is a week end event only. The dates are: Oct 14th and 15th, Oct 21st and 22nd and Oct 28th and 29th. The hours are from noon until 5pm. You can go to this event for FREE by checking out a Potter Park Zoo Pass at the front desk. The pass is good for one week only. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

Any questions? Call us at 989-862-4633.



## Now Accepting Military Academy Nominations

The office of Congressman John Moolenaar is now accepting applications from current high school seniors for military academy nominations through October 27. The military academies, including West Point, The Naval Academy, The Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy, educate and train students for service in our nation's armed forces.

Students can apply by visiting [Moolenaar.House.Gov](http://Moolenaar.House.Gov) to complete the application and get more information.

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## Elsie Lions Club

The Elsie Lions Club at Mondays meeting presented The Elsie Food Pantry a check for \$535 and foods valuing \$66 from the Lions Food Trailer at the Elsie Fall Festival. Pictured is Sue Peterson accepting the check from Elsie Lions President Rick Jones.



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## USDA Offers Funding to Protect Agricultural Lands

EAST LANSING, Oct. 10, 2023 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture encourages groups wanting to protect agricultural land to consider enrolling in its Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, administered by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, provides matching funds for farmland preservation entities to purchase permanent easements. Land enrolled in an agricultural land easement is permanently protected from conversion to non-agricultural use. Applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program are taken on a continuous basis. Applications must be submitted by Nov. 13, 2023, to be eligible for the current round of funding.

“Protecting agricultural lands preserves Michigan’s heritage, natural resources and open space,” said Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Garry Lee. “Easements are also important tools for people who are trying to improve the management of their land.”

Entities eligible to receive matching funds through the program include American Indian tribes, land trusts, state and local units of government, and non-governmental organizations. Agricultural land easements purchased through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program focus on conserving productive agricultural lands and grasslands. The USDA can contribute up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement. Landowners are compensated for enrolling their land in easements.

Individuals interested in enrolling land in an agricultural land easement should contact their local farmland preservation organization. Land preservation organizations interested in agricultural easements funding should contact their local USDA Service Center.

## When You Wish Upon a Star Wharton Center Tribute

EAST LANSING, MI — The magic of Disney will enchant and bring joy to all ears with When You Wish Upon A Star: A Jazz Tribute to 100 Years of Disney at Wharton Center for one night on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now through the official Wharton Center Ticket Office, online at whartoncenter.com, or by calling 517.432.2000 or 1.800.WHARTON.

Disney meets the inspiration of jazz as When You Wish Upon A Star explores the interconnectivity between the beloved family films and a timeless musical style. “Someday My Prince Will Come,” “He’s a Tramp,” “Everybody Wants to be a Cat,” and “Bare Necessities” are some of the long-time favorite tunes that we can share together as we flip through the pages of the last 100 years of Disney and jazz.

The performance of Disney’s classics is brought to life by the newly formed house band of The National Jazz Museum in Harlem, curated by artistic directors Jon Batiste and Christian McBride. Wharton Center welcomes the talents of pianist and musical director Sean Mason and vocalists Kim Nalley and Sasha Dobson.

The National Jazz Museum in Harlem is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and presenting jazz by inspiring knowledge and appreciation of the art. What better way to appreciate the tradition of jazz than through the performance of Disney classics! This production is not affiliated with, sponsored, or authorized by The Walt Disney Company.

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# Obituaries

## John Lafayette Dunkel

September 21, 1926 - October 2, 2023

John was born to Edgar and Hazel Dunkel in Ovid Township, Michigan. He graduated from Ovid High School in 1943. After graduation, John was employed by Bendix Aviation in Owosso, Michigan from 1943-1945. John served in the United States Army in World War II from January 1945 to August 1946. John was a long time member of the Ovid VFW.

On October 19, 1946, he married his high school sweetheart, Lyola Yerrick. They had four children: Dennis, David, Diane and Darlene. John worked as a automobile mechanic for Lundy's Motors and General Motors, where he retired from. In retirement, they spent their winters in Mesa, Arizona and also traveled to other places including Hawaii, Alaska and Canada.

After retiring they moved to their home at Birch Lake, Kewadin, Michigan. John enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, shufleboard, softball and playing cards with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lyola, parents, three brothers and a daughter, Darlene. He is survived by children Dennis (Mary Ann) Dunkel, David (Gloria) Dunkel and Diane (Thomas) Woodhams, 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. A private family service is planned.



## Hans Behrens

10-22-1929 - 05-20-2023

Hans Behrens was born in Ovid, Michigan. He was the second oldest of six children. Hans leaves behind two sisters, Katherine Behrens and Elizabeth Behrens Heimberger. He also leaves behind the Laureano and Cuevas family, as they have been his family for more than 20 years.

Hans graduated as a Valedictorian from Ovid High School where he earned a full ride scholarship to the University of Michigan. Hans was drafted to the Army in 1952. He served two years and worked as a Tele Equipment Mechanic. After serving in the Army, he wanted to further his education and went back to UofM to pursue his master's degree in education.

After receiving his degrees, he moved to Tulare, CA and began his teaching career at Maple Elementary. He taught at the Maple School for 42 years. Hans had a passion for teaching, that he continued to do so by volunteering at Maple School even after retirement. He enjoyed being outdoors and would take kids on camping trips. He volunteered at Scicon after he retired until the age of 90. Hans was a happy man when he was outdoors. He loved being in the mountains and enjoyed playing with his two dogs. Anyone that knew Mr. Behrens knew he had a big heart for teaching and taking kids on adventures.

Hans is greatly missed by his family and community. He will be remembered by all the great memories he left behind.



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## Religious Thoughts

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

When it comes to getting information, where do you go? Whom do you trust?

Back when I was a kid, all the news was obtained from the local newspaper, the big three networks (CBS, NBC, ABC) and PBS.

Now, we have access to all kinds of information, news and opinion pieces. And yet it seems that doubt and skepticism are rampant.

Some will remember when Walter Cronkite would end every weeknight news broadcast (on the CBS network listed above) with, "And that's the way it is." Walter was serious and people believed him! Today if someone would say that with a straight face, people would think that it was some kind of a joke.

Ultimately, we need to go to the Lord for wisdom, truth and knowledge.

Proverbs 1:7 says that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Psalm 111:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise."

What is the difference between "knowledge" and "wisdom"? Basically, wisdom is knowing something and putting it into practice, while knowledge is only knowing something. Both are important, for we will act on what we know or what we believe.

Wisdom is applying truth to our lives so we will live godly lives. For wisdom to be true wisdom, it must help us to become more godly people and live more godly lives.

In the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, Wisdom and Folly are personified. Wisdom is the godly way to live and Folly is the sinful way to live apart from God. God has revealed to us these two options. As you read through Proverbs the signs are clear. If we don't follow them, and reject God, then we have only ourselves to blame.

The following is a true story showing what can happen when we follow the wrong advice, even if from a seemingly trusted source.

In 2013, a 67-year old woman from Belgium, Sabine Moureau, departed her house to pick up a friend at a train station in Brussels. She programmed her GPS to take her to the station, but what should have been a 90 mile trip ended up being a 900 mile journey.

For some reason she didn't realize something was wrong until she arrived in Zagreb, Croatia. Sabine said of the ordeal, "I was absent-minded so I kept on putting my foot down."

Despite all the hints revealing she was going the wrong way (the time it took, the changing languages and city names on the signs, the mileage, pulling over to sleep for a few hours), Sabine compromised her time and gas in order to follow wrong turn-by-turn directions.

To put this into perspective, it would be as if you were going to drive from Ovid to Grand Rapids, and instead went to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

When this lady's GPS was giving wrong directions, I'm sure that it was doing so very assuredly. Very confidently.

"Wisdom" apart from God (in reality "Folly") is like this lady's faulty GPS. It says quite confidently, "God doesn't exist. Jesus never lived. Live life as you like. Don't worry about life after death, for you don't have a soul." But while it speaks confidently, it is wrong.

There is a different GPS, if you will, one that always works, and that is the Bible. Through God's revelation, He has shown us that He does exist, Jesus lived and is alive today through His bodily resurrection from the dead. God is the source of all truth, knowledge and wisdom.

## Thank You...Thank You...Thank You All....



To my neighbors, friends, clients and community members, thank you very much for all the love shown to me and my family during the recent passing of our Mom, Violet Splan. The cards, phone calls, emails, texts, flowers, food and Memorials made to Welcome Home Veterans in her memory were very much appreciated.

Mom was diagnosed with dementia eight years ago and was on Hospice for nearly four years. The words thank you just aren't enough to express the appreciation felt by myself and my siblings for the care she received at Welcome Home Assisted Living. Connie and her staff at the Honey Home provided a safe and loving atmosphere. They are angels among us. To Teri, her Hospice nurse, it was a lengthy journey. Your compassion, love and professionalism with Mom was so appreciated. I will miss the phone calls and visits with you.

Dementia takes so much away, not only for the individual but for the entire family. But having said that, I would like to tell those who are experiencing this disease to search for what hasn't been taken away. The photo here with me and Mom was taken last December at Christmas time. Mom barely spoke but her eyes spoke volumes. I brought her some of my famous caramel corn. When I handed it to her, I said, "Mom here is some of the caramel corn you like," she immediately turned her head and looked me square in the eyes and gave me the biggest smile! At that moment, she was present! Those moments with people with dementia are fleeting, BUT they do exist. You can cope with this disease if you focus on what remains and not what has been lost. Two days before Mom passed, someone from one of the other houses at Welcome Home, came to mom's bedside with a puppy. Mom had not been out of her bed for nearly a week and was transitioning, but when the puppy was placed next to her, she opened one of her eyes and the biggest smile came across her face as that little creature snuggled with her. She was present!

Finally, I would like to thank Watkins Brothers Funeral Home for their care and to Jack & Tess Clarkson for their part in overseeing Mom's service and the music they provided. Thank you also to Suzanne and Chara from Country Kitchen for the delicious meal, you guys are the best.

Rest In Peace Mom, I miss you dearly.  
Deb

### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



Are you ready for some good news?! Not just good but thrilling to me. I am so self-centered and irrepressible... As in I'm dancing joyfully. I finally caught that wretched male cat who was responsible for the death of one of my young (six month old) cats. Poor Lightening was a joy to behold. He was a (neutered) orange tabby male with a very sweet disposition. Lightening's litter mate is little Thunder who is a cross between an orange calico and a gray tabby. She is doing well but has stayed on the small side and is like her brother. She enjoys being petted and spoiled just a bit. Now she and my other cats will no longer be harassed by the wretched one. The wretched



## Fire Prevention Week

The Elsie Area Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention WeekTM (FPW) for more than 100 years — to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire preventionTM." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

"Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and

one has already been delivered to a farm northwest of St Johns, and he will probably do well there. Better there than here!!!

I just seem to be in the 'happy dance mode', which is wonderful. I'm pleased as punch because my goji berries are very fulsome this year. I hope to get some picked and over to Diane's yet this afternoon. My plans for this afternoon have gone all wacky. I had hoped to finish up canning vegetables today. I believe that it is more like a wish in one hand thing and you know what to do in the other... So I will still be ecstatic if I pickle the beets that are cooked and plant the native Michigan plants by the shed. I can only do so much. Thank the good Lord that I'm still capable.

Wow, special orders are rolling in daily at MG's Perx & Pastries. This is a wonderful thing and greatly appreciated by us. And then the paranoia hits... What if I make a mistake and the cookies, or the fried pies, or the donuts aren't up to our standards. What if they are below our expectations? I know the paranoia can be a pain and it does make us second guess our efforts. Fortunately the more we make a product the better we get and the easier it is to do so... We are blessed daily. May God bless you also.

I also need to clean out the back of the pickup because the wretched one crapped while caged. Apparently the crap was scared out of him on the trip to the farm. Prudence also went with me but she was in the first class section and got to sit upon the console as I drove to our destination. We made two stops along the way and she managed to roll in some chicken manure while at the old homestead. I believe that she understands that she must be bathed before tonight. I keep getting those reproachful looks from her. Oh well, she knows better and forgets sometimes. Just like me.

My list for tomorrow morning is growing exponentially. At first all I had to take with me was the peeled apples for making pie. Then I reminded Diane that I still had the three pound chunk of marbled cheese sitting in my fridge. Next I almost forgot to fill up the empty cocoa container to be returned full. One thing just seems to run into another... I also need to take the bag of multi-grain flour into the shop with me. Heck I was happy because I removed the canning jars from the trunk of the car and now I'm filling up the cab of the truck.

I did drop off my bag of garbage at the homestead this afternoon. It would be nice if my running was done for the day. I would be happier if I was done for the week and could get into my lazy mode. Unfortunately life doesn't always work that way. Or maybe that is how it works for me. I miss the markets but still have much to fill my days. No doubt in a daze at times but still filled.

It has been a week filled with compliments and it just freezes my kippers because I have a hard time accepting them. I seem to be one of those folks who can appreciate others wholeheartedly and yet have problems accepting appreciation. I know, one of my many faults. May your days be faultless and may God bless you.

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## Editorial

advocacy at NFPA. "These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking."

The Elsie Area Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU," said Assistant Chief Shane Grinnell. "A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented."

Elsie Area Fire Department offers these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

1. Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
2. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
3. Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

To find out more about FPW programs and activities in the Elsie area please contact the Elsie Area Fire Department at 989.862.4273 or email Manager@Elsie.org. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking safety, visit www.fpw.org. For fire safety fun for kids, visit sparky.org.

## Issues with Awarding the Assessor Contract

### Letter to the Editor

I attended the September board meeting and witnessed the review, discussion, voting and awarding of the contract for township assessor. Since that meeting, several questions have come to mind that I would like to present to you.

1. The township clerk asked Mark why a particular service was not included in his contracted services for 2023. Mark responded that the services had not been asked for. The clerk then asked if that added service would have increased the price on the contract. Mark said yes. The clerk then asked the other assessor candidate if the particular service was included in their bid, and the answer was yes and that was the reason that their price was higher than Mark's bid. After the voting, the result was the contract being awarded to the assessor with the higher bid. To me, the question here is: Was Mark fully aware of all of the expectations required from the assessor contract? Was he given a copy of all of those requirements? Was the contract fairly awarded based on the best use of the township funds?

2. During the board's discussion session, statements were made regarding possible issues involving Mark's performance as assessor, and possible issues with the township residents. Mark appeared to not know of those discussions. My questions here are:

a. When any of the supposed disagreements with Mark and the individual residents occurred, was Mark notified of the issue and given an opportunity to resolve the issue?

b. If there was more than one issue, were the complaints put in writing, presented to Mark and Mark indicating his acknowledgement of those issues with his signature on that document showing his understanding of the complaints, and retained at the township office?

c. If Mark agreed that discrepancies did exist, was a specific timeframe identified, to have those discrepancies (apologies to the respective resident, i.e.) resolved?

3. With all of the discussion that occurred between Mark and the board members, it appeared that Mark was not aware of all of the township needs from the assessor, that complaints had not been documented, presented and Mark given the opportunity to correct/rectify any issues in a timely manner (immediately after the complaint was presented, not at the board meeting when the contract vote was being taken). If a document of issues showing Mark's acknowledgement of complaints had been available, then the derogatory discussion may not have happened.

4. As a result of all of the above, I feel that the contract was awarded unfairly. I also feel that the concepts of due diligence, integrity and full transparency have been impacted.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Keith Jones  
Ovid Township Resident

# Sports

## Hornets Nip O-E 14-3

*Hornets rally from 13-0 halftime deficit, nip O-E late in MMAC football thriller, 14-13*

**O V I D - ELSIE** — In near by Chesaning, the Indians were celebrating their Homecoming and a share of the MMAC title with a 29-12 win over Durand.

That was a far cry from **M a r k O'E**'s Hunter Bates, #15 sets the path for O'Donnell Field Tryce Tokar, #20 to score for Ovid-Elsie, here October 6, however, as the home-team Marauders strove to keep their MMAC title hopes alive against perennial powerhouse New Lothrop.

In Another Tale of Two Halves, coach Travis Long's defending MMAC champion Marauders dominated the opening two quarters, 13-0. New Lothrop turned the tables in the second half, eventually gutting out a 14-13 thriller over O-E (3-4 overall, 2-3 MMAC). The loss was the second-straight for Ovid-Elsie.

It was the identical score from 2022 — only this time flipped in favor of NL (6-1 overall, 5-1 MMAC). Ovid-Elsie didn't make a lot of mistakes, but the ones they did were crucial, including an interception to kill their final drive deep inside Hornet territory. "Their team made some mistakes and



we made some mistakes, and in the end we came up short," said coach Long.

O-E got things rolling early on QB Tryce Tokar's 5 yard run with :05 left in the opening quarter. Pau Gifre's PAT boot staked the hosts to an early 7-0 lead.

Tokar tallied again a short time later on a 31-yard jaunt at 9:54 of the second stanza. The PAT try failed, yet the Marauders carried a 13-0 lead into halftime.

The storied program from New Lothrop rallied in the 3rd quarter. Hornet QB Jack Kulhanek had been a thorn in the Marauders' side the entire contest; then on their first scoring drive of the night Kulhanek rushed six times to get the ball to the Marauder 1 before scooting across the goal line for six. After the PAT it was 13-7.

Kaven Unangst — who hadn't let the rainy, wet conditions limit his WR production — took a pitch from Kulhanek with just 3:41 left in the contest. He scooted 17 yards to the end zone, and the PAT boot sealed Ovid-Elsie's fate at 14-13.

Tokar engineered a final drive, including a key 22-yard toss to Javen Belill, marching to the NL 26 yard line. Unangst's pick effectively ended the game for O-E.

In the slippery-wet conditions, O-E still managed 150 yards; NL marched to 245. Tokar led the hosts with 95 yards on 23 carries, with Clayton Fruchey gaining 31 on 7 touts. Tokar's lone completion came on that late-game toss to Belill. The Marauders only threw the ball 5 times in the steady rain.

Jamison Custer and Tokar each picked off Kulhanek, while Isaac Orta added a fumble recovery to account for NL's three turnovers. Orta, Owen Long, Michael Bancroft, Custer, Cole Workman, Fruchey, Hunter Bates, Tokar, Brock Spitzley, Cohen Brown, Belill, Jake Bowen, Braxton O'Bryant, and Brady Risinger all had tackles for the Marauders. Bowen recorded the lone sack on Kulhanek.

## Wolfpack Girls Honor Seniors



*Seniors Braeden Tokar with Parents Nicole and Jason Tokar, then Hailee Campbell (Soupy) with her parents Jeff and Danielle Campbell during Senior Night.*

**LAINGSBURG** — Coach Kelsey Jones and the Wolfpack varsity volleyball team honored its 2023 seniors in the final home match of the season here October 11.

Saying farewell to seniors Callie Clark, Brynn Wilson, Ally Hill, Ella Merrell, Remi Fuller, Bella Strieff and Sophie Freeman, the Lady Wolves scored a 3-1 victory over the Dansville Aggies.

Following the contest, coach Jones released her statistical leaders for the 2023 campaign:

Total kills / average kills per set: Bella Strieff: 297 / 3.49, Sophie Freeman: 171 / 1.94.

Total digs / average digs per set: Callie Clark: 242 / 2.95, Brynn Wilson: 236 / 2.68, Bella Strieff: 174 / 2.05.

Total assists / average assists per set: Brynn Wilson: 439 / 4.99, Ivy Collier: 137 / 1.71.

Total aces / average aces per set: Brynn Wilson: 89 / 1.01, Callie Clark: 43 / 0.5, Bella Strieff: 35 / 0.4, Ivy Collier: 32 / 0.4, Sophie Freeman: 30 / 0.34.

Total blocks / average blocks per set: Sophie Freeman: 16 / 0.18, Brynn Wilson: 15 / 0.17.

LHS goes on the road to Bath for the final CMAC match on October 18, before traveling to Fowler for the CMAC Championship Meet on October 21.

## Wolfpack Drops Dansville 0-7

**LAINGSBURG** — The steady downpour started several minutes before the opening kick and didn't let up.

Similar to Laingsburg's 57-0 domination of the Dansville football team here October 6, dampening even further the Aggies' winless season.

Jack Borgman returned the opening kickoff untouched 82 yards for a Wolfpack touchdown and the rout was on. LHS won its 2nd-straight CMAC contest to improve to 4-3 overall, 2-2 in the league.

To be sure, Dansville is a proud and competitive football program. Since 2012, the Aggies are 63-45 and have made six appearances in MHSAA post-season play.

They're not used to running clocks in the second half. But that's exactly what happened in the rain at the LHS Athletic Complex after coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack built a 34-0 lead at halftime.

How dominant was the Wolfpack defense? Dansville was limited to -15 yards total offense, including -20 on the ground. The Aggies did not convert a third down conversion.

Wolfpack frosh QB Carter Wade threw two TD strikes, while going 6-for-12 for 99 yards. Borgman caught one of those TDs while leading the receiving corps with 53 yards. Jack Audretsch caught two passes for a touchdown, while Vance Klont and Adam Essenberg both latched onto a pair of Wade tosses.

Seth Sivak paced the LHS ground game with two touchdowns and 50 yards. Audretsch rushed 8 times for 58 yards and



*Wolfpack running back, Jack Audretsch rushed 8 times for 58 yards against Dansville. Photo by Burg Sports & Beyond.*

## 2023 Hall of Fame Induction

On Saturday, October 7th, the 2023 Ovid-Elsie Hall of Fame Induction was held at OE High School. Four individuals and one team were inducted that evening. The Student/Athlete Inductees were Adam Smith, Ces Garcia and Tim Doyen. Sonya Latz was the Saff/Student Inductee and the 2005 Competitive Team was inducted.



*Pictured here (l-R) Sonya Latz, Ces Garcia, Tim Doyen, the parents of Adam Smith who accepted the honor in the absence of their son and Adam Smith who provided a video acceptance of his acknowledgement.*



*Pictured here are the members of the 2005 Competitive Cheer Team who were in attendance on the night of the Induction. Back row - Shilo Price-Burgess, Ashley Tomasek Covert, Katie Calverley Wyn, Stacy Criner White, Evelyn Braun Gray, Lindsey Tomasek Reha, Danielle Heinze Shute, Sabrina Price - Longoria*

*Front row - Casey Gunthorpe, Sarah Thelen Terranova, Brandy Ford, Soni Latz, Holly Lopez Remacle, Melissa Strapek Seward, Jessica Honke Galecka*

a touchdown. Lucas Matthews touted the ball 3 times for 18 yards.

For the ferocious Wolfpack defense, Audretsch and Klont both pounced on fumble recoveries. Sivak, Audretsch, Borgman, Klont, Alex Forcier, Greg Stewart, Max Powers and Wyatt Wagner all recorded tackles for LHS.

Coach Borgman's Wolves wrap up their 2023 regular season this Friday night, with a visit to non-league Essexville Garber.

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# Sports

## Short-handed Ovid-Elsie falls to New Lothrop



A kill shot from Braeden Tokar with teammates ready for play

setback with a revamped lineup.

Kyden Ehle led the hosts with 2 aces, 5 kills, 1 block, 23 assists, 10 digs. Other leaders for O-E were Braeden Tokar 8 kills, 4 blocks, 7 digs; Hailee Campbell 10 kills, 2 blocks, 3 assists, 3 digs; Ellyanna Carman 2 aces, 5 kills, 1 block, 2 assists, 8 digs; Lilian Bates 3 kills, 6 digs; and Olyvia Coon 2 aces, 4 digs.

## Marauders level MMAC volleyball record with five-set win at Durand

DURAND — Ovid-Elsie evened its conference volleyball record at 3-3 with a thrilling, five-set victory over the host Railroaders.

Coach Angela Ehle's team climbed to 14-11 overall with a 21-25, 25-19, 22-25, 25-23, 15-9 victory. Durand fell to 1-4 in the MMAC, 8-19-1 overall with the tough loss.

The Lady Marauders were led by Braeden Tokar's 19 kills and 12 blocks; Hailee Campbell's 17 kills and eight blocks; and Kyden Ehle's 24 assists, four blocks and six kills. Ellyanna Carman contributed with four aces and four blocks. O-E has been playing without its top hitter, Ashton Ehle, who has been recently hampered by a foot injury.



#9 Kyden Ehle flying and setting the ball

## Marauder Harriers Shine at MMAC Jamboree in St. Johns

ST. JOHNS — Ovid-Elsie's Clarissa Baese won the girls race at Tuesday's MMAC Jamboree No. 3 while Clay Powell of the Marauders won the boys competition.

Baese was first for the third time this season — as were the Ovid-Elsie girls as a team. Baese, a sophomore, was first in 20:42.57 with teammate Piper White running second in 21:25.32. Kaia Spiess of O-E ran fourth (22:00.33).

The O-E girls scored 35 points with New Lothrop trailing by just two points with 37. Chesaning ran third (68) with Montrose (101) and Byron (129) coming next.

Powell won the boys race with a 16:56.13 time. Joshua Miller of Ovid-Elsie was 10th (18:34.16).

Otisville-LakeVille topped the boys field with 57 points. Ovid-Elsie was second (62) and New Lothrop ran third (70). Montrose was fourth (82), Byron fifth (107) and Chesaning sixth (118).

## 'Showdown' tournament sees Ovid-Elsie netters hold court



A kill shot from Braeden Tokar with teammates ready for play

OVID-ELSIE — Top scorer Ashton Ehle was out due to injury, but the MMAC volleyball showdown between New Lothrop and the host Marauders was "on" here October 3.

Coach Angela Ehle's Marauders suffered a hard-fought 11-25, 17-25, 25-22, 13-25

setback with a revamped lineup.

Kyden Ehle led the hosts with 2 aces, 5 kills, 1 block, 23 assists, 10 digs. Other leaders for O-E were Braeden Tokar 8 kills, 4 blocks, 7 digs; Hailee Campbell 10 kills, 2 blocks, 3 assists, 3 digs; Ellyanna Carman 2 aces, 5 kills, 1 block, 2 assists, 8 digs; Lilian Bates 3 kills, 6 digs; and Olyvia Coon 2 aces, 4 digs.

OVID-ELSIE — The Division 3/ Division 4 showdown featuring the top small-school volleyball teams in the state ended with coach Angela Ehle's Marauders holding court.

That didn't sort out to a number of match wins for Ovid-Elsie. But they played tough in matchups vs. Mendon (#1 ranked in D4) 23-25, 13-25; vs. Pewamo-Westphalia (ranked #2 in D3), 23-25, 13-25; vs. Saranac 25-16, 25-19; and opposite D2 powerhouse Adrian-Madison (21-2 overall) 14-25, 15-25.

Tournament leaders for the Lady Marauders were Ashton Ehle 6 aces, 24 kills, 1 assist, 12 digs; Kyden Ehle 6 aces, 6 kills, 2 blocks, 48 assists, 18 digs; Braeden Tokar 5 aces, 17 kills, 3 blocks, 2 assists, 8 digs; Hailee Campbell 8 aces, 10 kills, 3 assists, 10 digs; and Ellyanna Carman 2 aces, 6 kills, 23 digs.



A bump into play from #12 Hailee Campbell with #6 Ashton Ehle and #13 Braeden Tokar ready to play



A block by #6 Ashton Ehle and #12 Hailee Campbell



A hit over the net from #6 Ashton Ehle with teammates ready for backup

## Durand Bounces Ovid-Elsie

DURAND — Ovid-Elsie's rebuilding soccer season ended here in the MHSAA District post-season — with coach Chris Palmer's Marauders looking rebuilt.

Talan Parsons netted a hat trick, but the host Railroaders had just enough to hang, winning 4-3. The loss ended the 2023 campaign for the O-E boys, who hadn't fielded a soccer team in two seasons.

"Being such a young team, we made huge strides from the start of the year until now," coach Parker said. "I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish. If this team that showed up tonight would have played that way all season, it would have been a greater season. We could have made that run at a title."

Durand (8-11-3) advanced to the Division Semifinals. Ovid-Elsie ended with a 3-12-1 overall mark.

In the other opening MHSAA quarterfinal match, MMAC champion Chesaning scored a 3-0 over Corunna.

Parsons collected his hat trick with 26:45 left in regulation to pull the Marauders back within one, taking a perfect feed from senior teammate Jonas Obling at around 18 yards from the goal, shaking a pair of defenders in the box and depositing the ball into the right side of the net.

Despite the Marauders exit, Parker thinks the program's future appears promising. The team is losing just four seniors from a 19-man roster, including foreign exchange students Obling (Denmark) and Pau Gifre (Spain).

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## Gridiron Gurus Week of October 21

1st place Lisa Skaryd (Pizza)

2nd place Brandon Grieder (Sandwich, tiebreaker)

3rd place (tie, Breadsticks) Kevin Madsen

3rd place (tie, Breadsticks) Pam Grieder

Yikes! The Guru presented an unintended difficult slate the weekend of October 7 — but don't blame Guruific.

Blame the NFL if you have to blame anybody ... oh, the humanity! The upsets came fast and furious on Sunday. Several of our (usually) on-the-money Top Dogs fumbled, bumbled and stumbled with losing records for the week.

There were some college toughies too. Washington State flopped vs. UCLA, Oklahoma stunned Texas in the final seconds and Louisville handed the NB Fighting Irish their second-straight loss.

Lisa Skaryd outlasted a rather lackluster field, delivering a "stellar" mark of 10-2. The other three food-winning spots were all decided by tie-breaker, with several players finishing 9-3 for the week.

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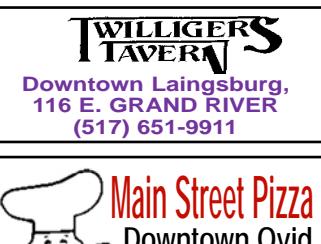
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## Sports

### Ashley Football



The last three weeks for the Bears have been rough after losing their running back to an injury. During this time Ashley went 1-2 facing some tough opponents. Ashley first took on North Huron where they lost 26-20. Quarterback Robert Kral threw for 225 yards and 2 touchdowns, also carrying the ball for 69 yards and a touchdown, but it wasn't enough as the Bears fell short. Gibby Jason and Seth Stahr scored the other 2 touchdowns. Gavin Malek had a big night on defense as he had 20 tackles and a sack.

Next Ashley took on Akron-Fairgrov again falling just short 14-6. "We couldn't find our footing in the pass game and it hurt the run game. We also had too many penalties and turnovers." Exclaimed coach Saylor. Kral threw only for 31 yards and an interception and the Bears only managed 89 yards on the ground with another turnover. Malek led the way again defensively with 13 tackles and a forced fumble.

Last week the Bears traveled to Bay City to battle with the All Saints, one of the top teams in the conference. Once again, the Bears struggled offensively and couldn't stop the high-powered offense of the All Saints and fell 66-0. Ashley managed only 59 yards on offense. "Mistakes, rain, and a team that you can't make mistakes against was what stopped us tonight. We put the ball on the ground three times and had multiple bad snaps and we lost our composure a few times resulting in some big penalty yards that gave them a short field countless times." Said Coach Saylor.

### Rueckert, Pohlod lead LHS girls golfers at MHSAA Regional

PERRY — Lansing Catholic was first Tuesday with 369 while Bath was second at 382, as Glenbrier GC hosted the Division 4 team Girls Golf Regionals.

Qualifiers will compete in the Division 4 State Finals Oct. 20-21 at Bedford Valley Country Club.

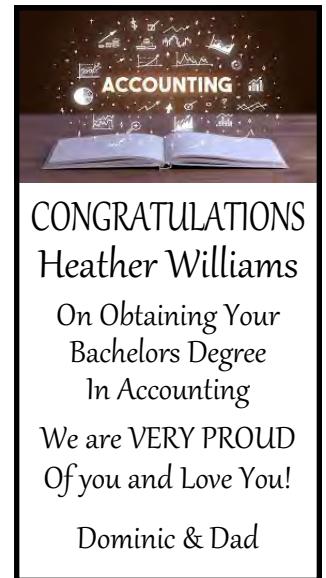
Coach Greg Beavers' Laingsburg girls finished ninth in the team standings with a 557. Hailey Rueckert placed 41st for the Wolfpack while Erin Pohlod placed 42nd.

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## Walk-In Flu Clinics

submitted by Krishna Santana

St. Johns, Stanton, Ithaca, MI – The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is reminding residents of the upcoming influenza (flu) season and highlighting the importance of receiving an annual flu shot. Per the CDC, everyone 6 months and older in the United States should get a flu vaccine every season with rare exception.

MMDHD is assisting in making flu shots easily accessible by providing 3 Walk-In Flu Shot Clinics in October. The clinics will be held from 8:30am-4pm at all 3 MMDHD locations in Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm Counties. The dates and addresses are listed below:

• October 19, 2023 – Gratiot County, 151 Commerce Drive, Ithaca, MI

• October 26, 2023 – Clinton County, 1307 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns, MI

Flu shots will be available for everyone ages 6 months and up. No appointment is necessary on these days, though a valid ID and proof of insurance will be required. Most insurance will be accepted. COVID-19 Vaccines will be offered, depending on availability.

These Walk-In Flu Shot Clinics serve as a convenient way to get the annual flu shot ahead of the upcoming flu season. The exact timing and length of the flu season varies, but flu activity often begins to increase in October. Most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February, although significant activity can last as late as May.

For most people who need only one dose of flu vaccine for the season, September and October are generally good times to be vaccinated against flu. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October.



## Drive Up Flu and COVID-19 Clinic

submitted by Grace Dennis

The Shiawassee County Health Department is hosting a Drive Up Flu & COVID-19 clinic on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 8:30am-2:30pm. Individuals interested in scheduling an appointment can call our office at 989-743-2356 or schedule online using the link below. Vaccines available include:

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Individuals may receive a flu vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine or both a flu and COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments are required. Individuals are encouraged to wear a short sleeved t-shirt and bring their photo ID and insurance card, if applicable.

Scheduling link: <https://ph-shiawassee-county.as.me/DriveUpFluandCovid>

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

**FORECLOSURE SALE** Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on November 1, 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 SALE** – Roman Klein, an unmarried man and Natalie Lehner, an unmarried woman, original mortgagors, granted a Mortgage to Arbor Mortgage, dated April 30, 2004, and recorded May 5, 2004 as Instrument Number 5057452, in official records of Clinton County Register of Deeds, Michigan, and assigned to Marathon Financial Corporation, recorded on May 6, 2004 as Instrument Number 5057453, in official records of Clinton County Register of Deeds, Michigan, and assigned to Marathon Financial Corporation, recorded on May 6, 2004 as Instrument Number 5057453, in official records of Clinton County Register of Deeds, Michigan, assigned to Bank of America, N.A., recorded on October 8, 2012 as Instrument Number 5190325, in official records of Clinton County Register of Deeds, Michigan, assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, recorded on November 17, 2014 as Instrument Number 5221629, in official records of Clinton County Register of Deeds, Michigan, assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, recorded on November 17, 2014 as

Instrument Number 5221629, in official records of Clinton County Register of Deeds, Michigan, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$60,547.63. The following described premises situated in the Township of Bengal, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, to-wit: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 18, T7N, R3W, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence North 391.20 feet along the West line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence North 295.00 feet along said West line; thence East 223.00 feet perpendicular to said West line; thence South 295.00 feet parallel with said West line; thence West 223.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 1415 S. Bauer Road, Fowler, MI 48835 Property ID# 020-018-200-015-00 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a (b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. 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 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 November 1, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

**MORTGAGE INFORMATION:** Default has been made in the

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Lot 16, with boundary running parallel to the Northern boundary line of Lot 16, Walkers Subdivision of Out Lot "A", as recorded in Liber 46 of Deeds, Page 331, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 704 N. Lansing Street, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. **THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR** **ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** **ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE.** Dated: October 1, 2023 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5278

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INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Maria E. Soliz, a single woman, whose address is 108 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, MI 48879, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mercantile Bank of Michigan, being a mortgage dated October 29, 2019, and recorded on November 18, 2019 with Document Number 5286207, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated July 19, 2023 and recorded on July 19, 2023 and given document number 5337111 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE AND 08/100 DOLLARS (\$70,679.08). Said premises are situated in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: The East 30 feet of Lot 5 and the West 9 feet of Lot 4, Avenue Addition BLK 4, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Clinton County Records, Street Address: 108 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 25, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Steven M. Gorham, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2021, and recorded on March 18, 2021, as Document Number: 5306975, Clinton County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 18, 2023 and recorded September 25, 2023 by Document Number: 5338798, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and 81/100 (\$119,414.81) including interest at the rate of 3.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 30 and 31, Loving's West Side Plat, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 46, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as: 5954 PARK LAKE RD, BATH, MI 48808 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joshua A. Jackson, 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): Flagstar Bank N.A.  
Date of Mortgage: September 25, 2020  
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 20, 2020  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$56,603.19

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Essex, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: One acre of land situated in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 8 North, Range 3 West, Essex Township, Clinton County, Michigan, commencing 15 rods East of the North 1/4 post of said Section 1; running thence South 10 rods; thence East 16 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence West 16 rods to the place of beginning. Common street address (if any): 4433 W Gratiot County Line Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879-9745  
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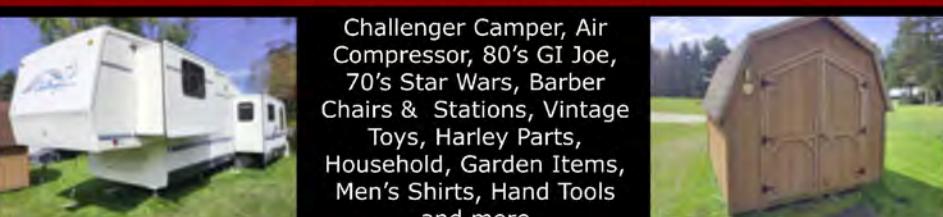
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