

Community Feeds 12,000 People in Two Hours

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. – Nearly 50 neighbors from the Shiawassee County area came together Nov. 11 to pack 2,000 rice meal bags for people in war-torn or poverty-stricken countries. Since each bag feeds six people, 12,000 meals are now on their way to hungry families and individuals.

Each package contains a vitamin pack, dehydrated vegetables, soy protein and rice. The group raised more than \$4,000 to cover expenses, thanks to generous local individuals and churches.

Laingsburg United Methodist Church hosted the event. Midwest Mission, a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to providing meal and hygiene kits, school supplies, disaster clean-up resources and much more to people in their time of need, provided the materials. It will also distribute the packages to countries such as Ukraine, Haiti and the

John Peck, event organizer, shows off a tray of completed rice meal bags before they are packed for shipment.



Middle East.

“It’s remarkable how much impact just one 7” x 9” bag can have,” said LUMC Pastor Tiffany Newsom. “Our volunteers knocked out 2,000 bags in two hours while laughing together, making new friends and sharing in the fellowship of service. Midwest Mission has a tried-and-true process for efficiency. We were honored to host this opportunity for the community to come together for the greater good. It’s so needed right now.”

Newsom said the church plans to have another packing event in 2024.

To learn more about Midwest Mission, visit www.midwest-mission.org. For more information about Laingsburg United Methodist Church, visit www.laingsburgumc.org.

Breslin and Stephanie Brook share a mother and daughter moment while helping assemble rice meal bags that will go to people in need in war-torn countries.



On Sunday, November 19th, 200 turkeys along with all the fixings were given away during the “Mom and Pop Turkey Drop” at Local Roots Cannabis in downtown Laingsburg. The event started at noon and by 2:15pm, all the turkeys and meal fixings were given away. The event was sponsored by Local Roots, Dairy Den and other family owned Laingsburg owned businesses as well as many community members.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, November 20, 2023 was an evening of celebration.

Ms. Rachelle Parsons, Leonard Elementary School, updated officials on the happenings at the k-2 school. The year focused on an underwater theme. The facility is encouraging family participation. A family event tailgate party was held which was a great success. The Halloween parade was held at the high school athletic field so parents did not have to drive from one school to the other, again, a wonderful event. The SOS has grown at the building. Leonard Elementary participated in Fire Safety Week, there was an ABC kindergarten event. A Thanksgiving event was held Tuesday, November 21. Staff is continually reviewing the data, and addressing student needs for success.

Chris Winters, athletic director, recognized the fall athletes and coaches for a successful season. Athletic teams – Varsity Tennis Team achieved back to back as conference champs; Boys Soccer, first season for since 2020, this is a very young program with a number of all conference athletes; Girls Varsity Volleyball – overall 16-15-1, middle of pack, District Champions touting additional conference awards; the Cross-Country team the girls three time MAAC All League Champions, Boys second in the conference with additional honorees; Varsity Football 8-5 record, 4th in Conference Play, District Champs, Regional Champs and multitude of additional honors.

Dr. Wayne Petroelje, superintendent, reported that three reviews were underway. The first the civil rights review; the second Michigan Department of Education review of federal programs the largest being Title I, \$270,000 that assists students, this is a data and reporting review completed every 15-20 years and a parent engagement plan will be presented to the board at a later date; and finally, MDE reviewing the authorizer paperwork of the charter school sponsored by the district MIPS.

Petroelje provided a quick review of the new financial format of district’s finances; this is completed by the Skyward software venue. On a related topic a finance committee meeting is slated for Monday, January 15, 2024 in the information center 6:30 pm. The finance committee members are: Mary Thompson, Josh Miller, and Dr. David Huff.

Ms. Willbanks, middle school teacher, voiced public appreciation regarding Tim Ormesbee, Ovid-Elsie Middle School Principal, the staff morale is very high, he is an asset to the district. Student behavior has improved as well.

Dr. Petroelje presented board policies for a first reading. Six policies were presented to board members. Officials do not act on them at this meeting but will be addressed at a second meeting which is in December. The policies involved supreme court rulings, AI, policies regarding free meals offered by the district.



Negotiations to begin to extend contract with Dr. Wayne Petroelje



2023 Girls Varsity Volleyball team honored at school board meeting for their district championship. More photos on page 12

Photo by Dawn Levey



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Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Roger Matthies

The Christmas celebration at the Mary Myers Museum will be on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 in the afternoon.

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The museum is at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

Cocoa and Cookies with Santa

submitted by Grace Dexter
Join us at Lowe Methodist Church, 5485 W. Lowe Rd., St. Johns, on November 29th from 6:30p-7:30p for a visit with Santa!! Each child will have an opportunity to sit and talk with Santa, share their Christmas list and take a photo. Be sure to bring your own cameras. After you see Santa enjoy a cup of cocoa, cookie and a movie in our social hall.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

Social

Santa is Coming to Town

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Santa will make his big arrival in the Village of Elsie Saturday, December 2, 7 pm. The event will begin with a light parade, then Santa will greet the young and old alike. There will be cookies, popcorn, and hot chocolate. Also, photos with Sant will be available.

This is also an opportunity to support Elsie's local businesses. The community is encouraged to participate in this hometown event. The Christmas kick-off is sponsored by the Village of Elsie, the Elsie Area Fire Department and the Elsie American Legion.



Gobbler Give Away Winners

Elsie:

Country Hair Styles: Tammy Ritenburg, Elsie

Kevin's Body Shop: Jeanna Hebel, Elsie

Tipsy Cow: Lisa Skaryd, Ashley

Piggy Tails: Dorothy Martinka, Bannister

Ovid:

Muse Hair Lounge: Ken Curtis, Ovid

Ovid Service Agency: Laurie Mead, Elsie

Village Food Pride: Rhonda Marvin, Laingsburg

Eatery 21: Mike Chapko, Ovid

Simpson's Greenhouse: Jenny Gruber Bannister

Michigan Livestock: Steve Rapp, Ovid

Journey Federal Credit Union: Roger Skaryd, St. Johns

Stay Dry: Jackie Mulder, Ovid

Dr. Hoffman, DDS: Linda Myers, Laingsburg

Ovid Outdoor Power: Frank Quine, Elsie

Buk's Party Store: Linda Steele, Ovid

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OE Animal Clinic: Patricia Hatt, Ovid

Laingsburg:

All Tech Sales & Service: Shirley Marshall, Laingsburg

Local Roots: Macee Patrick, Laingsburg

Sage Market: Mary Beaty

Leonard Hardware: Jenny Gruber, Bannister

Twilligers Tavern: Dave Ritenburg

DG Hair Design: Dorothy Waltz, Laingsburg

Bonnie Lucille Hair Design: Shirley Karcher, Laingsburg

Laingsburg Eye: Norma Fritsch, Laingsburg

Central Pharmacy: Rita Gazda, Ovid



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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Lessons Learned

The Weekly Sportsman has been very low key and patient with the idea of taking his sixteen year old son Owen deer hunting. This of course is precipitated from a disastrous youth pheasant hunt many years ago when he was not ready to be a participant. There is no hard rule of thumb of when any child, and sometimes even adults, might not only be ready and interested in hunting but also have the ability to understand and grasp the entire process. It is almost too easy and simplistic to just use the word maturity because it is more than just getting up early, sitting still, dealing with unfavorable weather, and being quiet. All of those are important but the confidence to pull the trigger and humanely take an animal's life with respect and dignity and then the knowledge to follow up responsibly with the experience of tracking, field dressing, butchering or processing, and then finally preparation and consumption. It's not just maturity but the ability to learn and process from the entire experience....

Last week's column mentioned three key factors to the success of shooting the large nine pointer; being prepared, staying cool headed, and a good luck blanket.

Being prepared started many weeks ago when Owen mentioned that he was interested in going out on opening day. The Weekly Sportsman took the CVA Scout chambered in 350 Legend and switched out the optics and mounted an Aimpoint red dot scope. Many hours were spent on safety, zeroing and practicing indoors with the rifle at Range 517 in Lansing. Owen received a quick lesson on ballistics and the concept of Maximum Point Blank Range (MPBR) using Hornady 165 FTX ammunition. In simplest terms, for that load and rifle zeroed at 25 yards the bullet will rise no more than 1.5 inches at 75 yards and drop -2.7 at 175 yards. So in theory no matter the distance, up to 175 yards, the shot should hit within a 4 inch vertical area.

Next on the list of preparedness was selecting a site to place a pop-up blind. A lot of consideration was made not only for finding a well traveled corridor but also a pinch edge corner that would funnel deer past the blind. Probably the biggest significance was the proximity to Owen's grandparents house in case of need for warmth, bathrooms, food, and whatever else. When the pop-up blind was secured it was packed with chairs, shooting stick rests, food, water, binoculars, extra clothes and a lucky blanket that continues to be the common denominator for successful opening mornings. The night before a quick trip to the store was made to purchase an apprentice license and then all the gear and clothing was checked before heading to bed.

Morning came quickly at o' dark thirty when the alarm clock went off. Due to warm temps a lot of layers of clothing were carried to the blind instead of being worn to prevent any early overheating. Prior to legal shooting hours a few deer could be barely seen as they wandered through. Around 10:30 Owen decided to go have a warm breakfast and he left the blind. Within a few minutes a deer went walking by and the Weekly Sportsman took aim and shot the first deer of the season. Owen quickly returned after hearing the shot and learned the hard lesson that you can't be successful when you are not in the field. He said he was going to go back and quickly grab his food. Upon return there was chatter for about thirty seconds and then both hunters saw a huge deer cruising at a steady trot. The Weekly Sportsman was holding the rifle and asked Owen if he wanted to take the shot but he replied that it was too far and fast moving. The Weekly Sportsman asked again and stressed the need for a quick decision but Owen said no again. Quickly shouldering the rifle a shot was made and the buck never broke stride or showed any sign of being hit and kept traveling, however, from 75 yards or so the entrance wound was becoming very visible.

Within the next few minutes Owen would learn that staying cool headed after the shot is just as important as everything leading up to the shot. Discussions were quickly had and Owen would go ask the neighbor if anyone was hunting and for permission to track. The Weekly Sportsman would go get his father to assist. After gaining permission, the tracking party went light on clothing but retained a lot of orange. Tracking went slow,

very slow, and every detail and bit of knowledge and experience was poured out over that bloodtrail for almost 85 yards until the expired buck was found. After a long process of using chains and a tractor the buck was finally lifted into the loader bucket and transported to the house for field dressing with the assistance of a waterhose. Next was a CWD sample submission and then off to the processor. A couple of days later, Owen helped load 77 pounds of ground venison into a freezer. Beginning to end he was involved in the whole process.

Although Owen did not pull the trigger this week, the many lessons learned from the process and entire experience has given him great wisdom... wisdom that can be enhanced and shared with others whether it be hunting deer or in other experiences. The best part is that he wants to go back out again!

-WS



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

"Awaiting Your Reply"

"Indeed, has God said...(Genesis 3:1)?"

Forget religion. Those boring things on Sunday, that went over your head, and made yawns miraculously appear. Forget all that stuff. But what if...God, the "prepare-to-meet-your-Maker" in the Westerns, spoke to you? Your jaw would drop, but not with a yawn. Now that, partner, would be pretty dang cool! God talked...to you? Wow!

Unfortunately, most of us don't care about God. Not really. Your checkbook and your schedule will tell you what you care about. Our eyes glaze over. Even now, you're close to bailing on me. King Moonracer from "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is more relevant. The Bible confirms our attitude in Romans chapter three, "There is none who seeks for God." But...what if...He made the first move and actually did call you?

When I was a kid and heard some crazy statement (God talking to you), our comeback would be, "Says you!" Or the more colorful Hollywood version, "You're full of beans and so's your old man." Think Flick in "A Christmas Story" film. But again...what if?

The Bible claims that God spoke through men who recorded His words (2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Samuel 23:2). Satan knows this is true, but he twists it with a flick of his forked tongue. God said in Genesis 2:16-17, "You shall surely die if you eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." Satan didn't deny it, he just questioned God's words, "Indeed, has God said...?" Since we all die now, I think we know how this went.

You can ignore this claim, or spin it like Satan, but either God spoke or God did not speak. One is true. One false. The Bible says He supernaturally recorded a message for us in the Hebrew Scriptures. I hear you, "Says you! Prove it!" I will offer only one answer, but first here's the message Satan does not want you to look up. Big drum-roll.

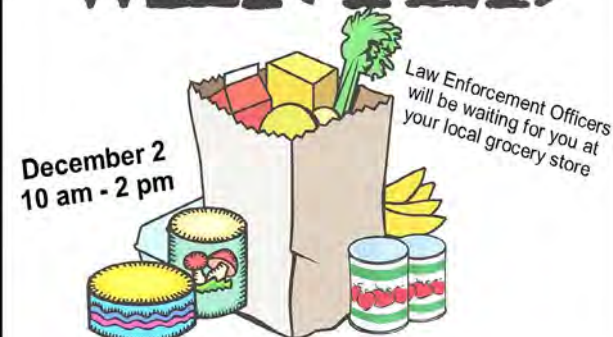
Despite ignoring God (Isaiah 53:6), He loved us, and became flesh to tell us in person (John 1:1-14). Jesus came to rescue us, by dying for our indifference (Romans 5:8). Our attitude was a deal-breaker (Romans 3:23) and His death was the only way to save us (John 14:6), but we have to reply (Romans 10:9-13). God says in Isaiah chapter 66, "I called, but no one answered. I spoke, but they did not listen." My answer? Lick it.

In "A Christmas Story," Flick puts his tongue on the frozen flagpole to prove it wouldn't stick. Put your tongue on His tongue, and read it for yourself (the New Living Translation reads easy). Now remember, if you accept my challenge, you already know Satan's trick, to question His revelation...so be ready. Try John's Gospel, the fourth book in the New Testament (just a two-hour read). If false, what do you have to lose?

But if you say, "No thanks, I don't care," then Romans would be a good second read because your tongue is already stuck ("There is none who seeks for God."). Remember, not boring religion. God spoke to you, and you only have to listen (Jeremiah 29:12-13).

Clinton County Law Enforcement's Most

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December 2
10 am - 2 pm

Fill the Cop Car

Clinton County Law Enforcement Agencies participate in "Fill a Cop Car" Event! Ovid Middlebury Fire Dept. will be joining us, as well!

Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

** We believe that this will be a challenging year for many, so we would like to extend our collection dates to include the week prior! The City of Ovid will be collecting food donations beginning next Monday, Nov. 27th through Friday, Dec. 1st at 5:00 p.m.! Just drop them off at our front offices, at 114 E. Front Street, in Ovid.

Law Enforcement officers throughout Clinton County will be asking for your help. Our goal is to FILL OUR COP CARS with groceries.

City of Ovid Police Officers will be at The Village Food Pride Village Food Pride, 501 S. Main Street, in Ovid!

All food collected at these locations will be donated to local food banks in Clinton County.

Resolution 2023-09

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CLINTON

Name of local unit: City of Ovid

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CLINTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Ovid City Council held in Ovid, Michigan on October 9 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn.

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by L. Perrien and supported by M. Perrien.

WHEREAS, Clinton County ("County") has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan ("Plan") under the authority of 1994 PA 451, Part 115 ("Pa11 115") as amended; and

WHEREAS, Part 115 requires the Plan to be periodically updated in light of changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners adopted a Plan Amendment in Resolution 2023-16; and

WHEREAS, Part 115 requires review and approval of the Plan Amendment by at least 67% of the municipalities located within Clinton County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ovid Council has reviewed the Plan Amendment and finds that it promotes and protects the solid waste needs and interests of the citizens living therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ovid Council approves the proposed Plan Amendment to the Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Clinton County Department of Waste Management at 100 East State Street, Suite 1500, St. Johns, MI 48879 and may be included as a matter of record in the Appendix of the Solid Waste Management Plan or its Plan Amendment.

YEAS: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

NAYS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Obituaries



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Lloyd Edward McMaster

Lloyd Edward McMaster, Sr., age 80, of Ovid, MI, passed away Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Cedar Creek of Hastings. Lloyd was born in St. Johns, Michigan on January 28, 1943, the son of Willard Wilson and Ruth (Devries) McMaster. Lloyd married Joyce Patrick on June 14, 1962. Joyce passed away on February 27, 2012.

Lloyd worked as a fork lift driver for General Motors for 30 years, retiring in 1995. After retirement Lloyd worked at L and L grocery store in St. Johns and he was employed with Walmart in their garden center for one season. Lloyd was very mechanically inclined and creative when it came to fixing things. He enjoyed driving his golf cart around town, karaoke, camping, putting puzzles together and traveling with his wife Joyce. His dog "Jojo McMaster" brought him so much joy and companionship. He was a member of the United Church of Ovid for many years.



He is survived by his children: Sherry Lynn Bates of St. Johns, MI; Timothy James McMaster of Sylvania, Georgia; Lloyd Jr. and Sandy McMaster of Ovid, MI; Jeffery Willard McMaster of Belding, MI; Steven Andrew and Michelle McMaster of Belding, MI; sister Janet McMaster of Baldwin, MI; grandchildren: Joy and Rich Scofield, Julie Carfagno (Nate), Philip and Rebecca Hasenbank, Taylor and Dakota Kipper, Jenna McMaster, Melissa McMaster, Jeanette and James Gribben, Jon McMaster, Chloe McMaster, Josh and Hanna McMaster, Dylan McMaster, Britney McMaster, Justin McMaster, Taryn McMaster, Kate McMaster, Christian Bunce, and Michaela Bunce; great-grandchildren: William, Trinity, Dayanara, RJ, Lauren, Jakub, Ricki, Cameron, Delaney, Jackson, Alexis, Kaitlyn, James, Beckham, Keira, Xzylie, and Paxtyn.. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Ruth, wife Joyce, son Billy McMaster, grandson Ricki Hasenbank, and great-granddaughter Madi McMaster.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Friday, November 24, 2023, with Pastor Scott Seelhoff officiating. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

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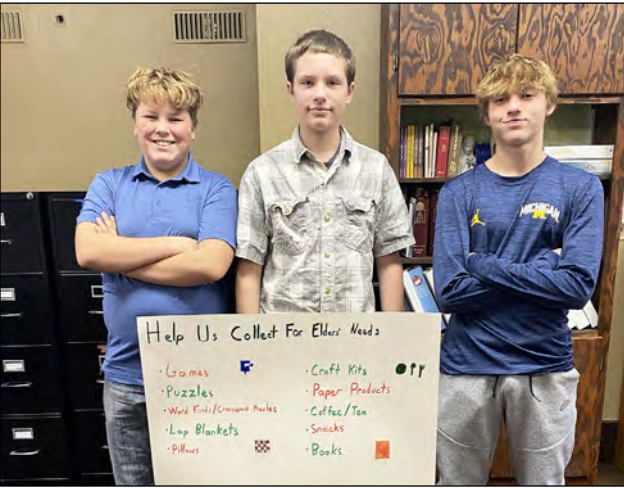
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Pastor: JD Paik

Confirmation Candidates of Holy Family Catholic Church Accepting Donations

The Confirmation Candidates of Holy Family Catholic Church are embarking on a heartwarming Christmas Community Project to bring joy and comfort to the elders in our community. As an integral part of their religious education and sacramental preparation, these students must dedicate their time and efforts to give back to those in need by participating in community service along with a couple projects that the students must spearhead themselves.

This year the students have decided to focus on supporting the elderly members of our community who have identified needs through initiatives such as the community gift basket project and local assisted living and nursing homes. The Confirmation Candidates are calling on the community for assistance in making this project a resounding success.



Confirmation Candidates in photo include: Henry Remenar, Robert Carr, Kellen Garcia, missing is Reagan Fields.

The students are seeking donations of various items that will contribute to brightening the Christmas season for the elderly residents. Desired items include games, puzzles, crossword/word search books, craft kits, lap blankets, pillows, paper products, books, coffee/tea, and snacks. These thoughtful contributions will not only provide entertainment but also offer comfort and warmth during the holiday season.

Donations can be conveniently dropped off at Holy Family Catholic Church located at 510 Mabbitt Road, Ovid. Additionally, the Confirmation Candidates are also open to arranging pickups for donations. Deadline for donations is December 16, 2023.

Your support and generosity will play a crucial role in making this Christmas Community Project a memorable and meaningful experience for both the Confirmation Candidates and the elders they aim to assist. Let us come together as a community to spread holiday cheer and make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

For more information, please contact: Melissa (Religious Education Instructor) Phone: 989-534-1703 Holy Family Catholic Church 510 Mabbitt Road, Ovid, MI. 48866

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I hope that you all have had a marvelous Thanksgiving. I also hope that you enjoyed the time spent with family and friends. I'm sure that I will have a good time and have hopes that it goes better than this week has. Sunday I was ready to jump into the shower and get ready for church... The road is paved. My granddaughter and great granddaughter stopped to help me out by getting the leaves into the dining room table. Once that was done they were on their way and I again headed to the shower. There was another knock on the door, so I spent the day socializing. I did do some relaxing also. IT was necessary.

On Monday the alarm went off at six, so I did get to do some sleeping in. Prudence had an appointment at 10:15 with the vet. The visit went well and she has a clean bill of health. Next on the agenda was grocery shopping and banking. I was surprised that I managed to get it done and was back to the shop at noon. That's were the work began. I had to make multiple batches of cinnamon rolls and worked on a batch of dinner rolls. I didn't get out until after 6:30, and it was very dark and the darn deer were moving. Fortunately for me, they did not run into or in front of my car. But I did lose one of my favorite ruby earrings...

Oh, I forgot to mention that my phone disappeared at 5:30 when I first woke up. I searched the house and could not find a trace. So I ran over to my neighbors and asked them to give me time to get home and then to please call my phone. Since I had been sorting and working on my downsizing I was concerned that my phone was packed for a trip to St Vincent's. I waited and finally decided that I would have to go without it. I'm glad that I stopped to tell my neighbors and found out that they had my old house phone but not my cell. So I gave them my number and hurried back home. I stood in my doorway for about five minutes waiting to hear the ring. As I turned to take Pru to her appointment I heard my phone ringing. It had gotten shoved under a pile of dish towels that I was folding. I hate the fact that I need the darned thing, of course for its communication but it also gives me access to my bank accounts. So much technology, maybe I should have a clap on, clap off attached to my phone?

I'm assured that the week will get better. However, when I got home Tuesday afternoon I didn't have any internet. Which is weird, because I have a very good and reliable hookup. I spoke to Cara, my neighbor at the other end of the mile because we use the same service. She recommended that I plug and unplug each of the cords on the rotor, the third plug was the culprit. Of course this was after I had gone to pick up my fresh turkey. I was to have a twenty-five pound bird or the equivalent. Apparently I misunderstood and walked away with a twelve pound bird and then had to run over to the grocery and picked me up a fifteen pound frozen bird. It is doubtful that I will bother again with a fresh one. Too much frustration. That and I have fifteen guest to feed. The frozen turkey is in a sink of water.

After getting home I put eggs onto boil, I've been asked to make deviled eggs for Thanksgiving dinner. I also have started my salads and do hope to get veggies washed for the dressing. Connie brought over the rack for her roaster and reminded me of a church service that I had forgotten. Yup, missed the service but will be taking a bag filled with items for the 'This 'n That' store. I seem to be running on a weekly dose of a "day late and a dollar short". Shortly I will catch up.

Oh well, I have clutter clutter everywhere and not much time to alleviate the mess. I am blessed because my guests are forgiving and actually come to visit and not take notes on my faults. It helps that I'm the crazy cat lady on the corner. May your days be filled with geniality and an optimistic view of life. May God bless you with amusing situations and laughter.

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RESOLUTION FOR 2024 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

At a Regular Meeting of the City of Ovid Board held at the City of Ovid Hall, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI on the 13th day of November, 13, at 7:00 P.M.
PRESENT: Members L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn
ABSENT: Members None

The following Resolution was offered by Member _____ and supported by Member E. Brown and supported by Member L. Perrien.
WHEREAS, Public Act (PA) 253 of 2020, which amended PA 206 of 1893 and PA 313 of 1993, concerning section MCL 211.7u of the Michigan Compiled Laws, requires the local governing body of the unit to annually determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines for granting of poverty exemptions;

and
WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and
WHEREAS, the Principal Residence of persons who, in the judgment of the Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under PA 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, PA 253 of 2020, the CITY OF OVID, Clinton County, Michigan adopts the following Poverty Exemption Guidelines for the Board of Review. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED: That to be eligible for a Poverty Exemption in the City of Ovid, an applicant must be the owner of and must occupy the property as a Principal Residence for which the exemption is requested; file a completed and notarized application in the form prescribed by the City Assessor; and file copies of Federal and State Income Tax Returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit forms and/or Statement of Benefits Paid from Michigan Department of Social Services or Social Security Administration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the applicant must have an annual income that equals, or is less than, the Federal Poverty Income Standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; (Exhibit Attached)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The applicants, and any persons residing in the Principal Residence, shall NOT have assets in excess of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$13,800) fair market value excluding the Principal Residence and one automobile. Assets to be included may be personal property, recreational vehicles, checking/savings accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The applicant will provide to the Board of Review a valid driver's license, or other form of identification, and proof of ownership of the Principal Residence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Review may request from the applicant any supporting documents which may be utilized in determining a Poverty Exemption request;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the completed Poverty Exemption application must be filed after January 1, but not later than one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review in the year for which the exemption is sought;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the CITY of OVID Policy and Guidelines for Applicants, attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed by the applicant, Township Assessor, and the City of Ovid Township Board of Review in processing of applications for and the granting of Poverty Tax Exemptions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That to conform to the provisions of PA 253 of 2020 this resolution is hereby effective November 13, 2023.

VOTE: AYES 7

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

The foregoing Resolution is adopted.

November 13, 2023

Susan Tomasek Swan

City of Ovid Clerk

POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS REQUESTING CONSIDERATION FOR A POVERTY EXEMPTION TAX YEAR 2024

In order to be eligible for a poverty exemption, the claimant must do all of the following on an annual basis:

1. Applicant must obtain the proper applications from the Assessor's Office. Handicapped or infirm applicants may call the Assessor's Office to make necessary arrangements for assistance.
2. Applicant must be the owner and occupant of the property.
 - A. Must provide valid driver's license or other acceptable methods of identification.
 - B. Must produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership, as specified by the Assessor.

3. Applicant must fill out the application form in its entirety and return it, in person, to the Assessor's office, except as noted in item 1 above.

A. Must not sign the application until it is returned.

B. Applicant's signature must be witnessed by the Assessing Officer or Board of Review.

4. All applicants and any persons residing in the homestead shall submit the latest copy of the following:

A. Federal Income Tax Return -- 1040 or 1040A

B. State Income Tax Return -- MI-1040.

C. Homestead Property Tax Claim MI-1040 CR.

D. Statement of benefits paid from Michigan Department of Social Services and/or Social Security Administration.

E. Form 4988 "Poverty Exemption Affidavit" from the MI Dept of Treasury if applicable.

5. Applications must be filed with the Assessor after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. Applications may be reviewed by the Board without applicant being present. However, the Board may request that an applicant be physically present to respond to any questions the Board or Assessor may have.

6. An applicant may have to answer questions regarding their financial affairs, or the status of people living in their home at a meeting before the Board of Review which is open to and may be attended by the public at large.

7. The Board of Review may vote to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to review an applicant's state or federal return claimed as exempt under state or federal law, if the applicant requests confidentiality. If the Board wishes to go into closed session, the Open Meetings Act requirements must be followed.

8. Applicant appearing before the Board will be administered an oath, as follows:

"Do you swear and affirm that evidence and testimony you will give in your own behalf before this Board of Review is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you."

9. Applicant will be evaluated based on:

A. Data submitted to the Assessor or Board of Review.

B. Information taken from petitioner and information gathered from any source the Assessor or Board may wish to use. The Board will also consider all revenue and non-revenue producing assets owned by the petitioner.

10. Applicant will not be eligible for consideration if he or she does not meet the federal income guidelines determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

11. Applicant will not be eligible for consideration if total household assets exceed Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$13,800), excluding the principal residence and one automobile.

12. The filing of a claim with the Board of Review constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

13. Any successful applicant may be subject to personal investigation by the Township to verify information submitted or statements made to the Assessor or Board of Review for this poverty exemption claim.

14. The Board of Review shall follow the policy and guidelines of the Board of Trustees in granting or denying an exemption.

15. A partial poverty exemption may be allowed and granted by the Board of Review, at their discretion, if they determine it to be appropriate to the specific applicant. A partial poverty exemption is an exemption of only a part of the taxable value for the property rather than the reduction of the entire taxable value. The applicant must still meet the Federal Poverty Guidelines and the Asset test to qualify.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2024 Assessments

Number of Persons Residing in Principal Residence	Allowable Annual Income
1 person	\$ 14,580
2 persons	\$ 19,720
3 persons	\$ 24,860
4 persons	\$ 30,000
5 persons	\$ 35,140
6 persons	\$ 40,280
7 persons	\$ 45,420
8 persons	\$ 50,560
Each additional person, add	\$ 5,140

If you believe you comply with both the Federal Income and Asset Level Standards, you may submit the Poverty Exemption Application with supporting documents to the Assessing Office. Please call our office at (989) 834-5611 for filing deadlines.



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Memorial Healthcare Patient Care Secretary Wins Top Nurses Award

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Congratulations to Shelly Winchester, a Patient Care Secretary on our Long-Term Care Unit, who was recently recognized as 1 of 11 Top Nurses in Michigan at the MLive.com Top Nurses Awards ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West!

During the month of March 2023, MLive asked readers to nominate Michigan's Top Nurses.

A resident's family member nominated Shelly for her compassion, dedication, inspiration, and the impact she has on the lives of her residents and team members of our Long-Term Care Unit. Shelly was selected for this honor by a voting board consisting of members from the Michigan Nurses Association and MLive.

The MLive.com Top Nurse Awards, presented by Sparrow Health, honors nurses who "go above and beyond every day, dedicating their careers to providing care for others." The event featured inspirational stories, a motivational keynote speaker, and brunch during the morning celebration.



Shelly Winchester

What Massage is Best for You?

by LeeAnna Woods

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That question holds a lot of people back from ever going to get a massage because they honestly don't know what to get. They don't understand that the massage therapist can help you design the best technique for them.

Everyone is different and has different health factors so there's not just one massage to help all. There are many types of massage therapy out there and then those can be combined to make it even more complicated, but don't be confused, a good massage therapist will help you decide which one is best for what you're needing.

Here are a few examples of different massages but remember, your massage therapist may use other techniques to blend in with your massage style to create a better outcome for what you're needing.

Swedish massage is more of a calming session to promote circulation, relaxation, and stress reduction. It's good for those wanting or needing a gentler massage.

Deep tissue is not a massage recommended for anyone who has never experienced massage therapy before. This massage is exactly what the title states, Deep! It's working on the body's muscles to remove the tension stuck inside them causing tightness which is creating pain. It's helpful in working out knotted muscles and releasing tightness that's been built up in the body. This massage therapy can leave one sore afterwards for a couple to few days.

Hot Stone is a massage using heated stones for a deeper relaxation of the muscles. Lowering tension and stress in the body while increasing blood flow to the tissue of the body. This massage therapy requires extra training and schooling for the massage therapist and may not be available in some places.

Prenatal massages are for the woman who is expecting. These are very beneficial for the mother-to-be during pregnancy because it lowers her stress levels in the body, alleviating pain from the pregnancy, promotes better circulation and blood flow throughout the body, benefiting both mother and baby. This massage requires more training on the massage therapist side as they're aware of certain precautions to take for the safety of both mommy and baby.

Chair Massage is provided in a specially designed massage chair and is great for a quick ten-minute pick me up during a stressful day. They're also good for those who have difficulty laying down and getting on the massage table is not an option.

Now there are many other massage options out there like shiatsu, sports, aromatherapy, reflexology, lymphatic, myofascial, trigger point, cupping, infant, and many more, plus other healing modalities like Craniosacral, Reiki, tapping, etc.

All of these can be used alone or blended together for the perfect balance of healing the body needs. This is where the massage therapist will work together with you to create a healthy plan designed just for your body needs and within his or her trained scope of practice.

So, start your lifestyle change today! LeeAnna Jakus, ~Healing Feather Wellness "Balancing Body, Mind, & Spirit" Saint John's, MI. ©2023 (810)339-0260



Grinch v. Santa
Winterfest Week
LAINGSBURG, MI
Nov. 26 - Dec. 3

Event Page

Special thanks to Laingsburg DDA

Date & Location	Event
Sunday, Nov. 26 2pm-4pm Elementary School	Grinch Run 5K Sponsors: Applebee Propane & Oil, CLH Insurance, Xtreme Mason Contractors
Monday, Nov. 27 - Saturday, Dec. 2 Downtown Laingsburg	Downtown Business Decorating Contest Home Decorating Contest Sponsor: The Laingsburg DDA Letters to Santa & Grinch
Monday, Nov. 27 - Friday, Dec. 1 Laingsburg Public Library	Stuff the Bus Food Bank Drop Off Supporting the Laingsburg Food Bank Box Locations: Sage Market, Local Roots, Laingsburg Dairy Den, & DG Hair Design, Laingsburg United Methodist Church
Monday, Nov. 27 6:30pm Laingsburg Public Library	Story Night with Cocoa & Crafts - wear your pjs!
Tuesday, Nov. 28 3pm-6pm The Clothesline	Giving Tuesday - Support Laingsburg Non-Profits BOGO Sale at The Clothesline
Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Saturday, Dec. 02	Thoughtful Tree Decorating & Competition Sponsors: Van Atlas Greenhouse & Flower Shop, Merrill - Christian Ragsdale & Benington Cross Group, Wolfpack Homeworks
Saturday, Dec. 02 3pm-8pm	Downtown Winterfest Celebration
MAP	<div> <p>Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus</p> <p>Horse-drawn Carriage Rides</p> <p>Grinch on the Loose</p> <p>Kid's Crafts</p> <p>WinterMarket</p> <p>Lighted Tunnel</p> <p>Jeff the Magician</p> <p>BOGO Sale & Balloon Animals</p> <p>Silent Auction</p> <p>S'mores</p> </div> <div> <p>Bonfire</p> <p>Face Painting</p> <p>Chili Cookoff</p> <p>Kid's Games</p> <p>Hot Dogs & Cocoa</p> <p>Stuff the Bus</p> <p>Jazz Band Concert</p> <p>Santa's Light Parade</p> <p>Pancake Eating Contest</p> <p>Silent Disco</p> </div>
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Sunday, Dec. 03 4pm Laingsburg United Methodist Church	Laingsburg Community Singers Holiday Concert Sponsor: Laingsburg Family Dental
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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest

1st place Zach Grieder (Pizza)
2nd place Jack Nutter (tiebreaker)
(Sandwich)
3rd place (tie) Rod Weisenberger
(Breadsticks)
3rd place (tie) Mark Christensen (Breadsticks)
On my giblets!

The pre-Thanksgiving edition of our ever-popular Guru contest was stuffed — like your favorite gobbler — six players tied for runner-up honors with 10-2 records.

They were tied for 2nd place because Zach Grieder bested the Thanksgiving field with a glittering 11-1 mark in what the Guru thought was a tough slate.

But Ball State vs. Kent State proved to be an easy layup (Ball St. big time), as was the Fighting Irish over the Demon Deacons from Wake Forest. Y'all can thank the Guru later.

To break the log-jam at 2nd place, Elsie coaching icon Jack Nutter nailed the tie-breaker nearly on the head (58 total points) while we had a deadlock in the tie-breaker for third place between Mark "The Meat Man" Christensen and Rod Weisenberger. So what's Guru to do? Feeling in the best holiday spirit, give them both some breadsticks!

Voila!

The Guru will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls), and including six picks in the NFL week.

It's simple, fast, easy to play and FREE. For those who play every week, there will be a winner's prize fund to be disbursed at the end of the season for whoever ends up picking the highest total of winners.

First place - \$100; second place - \$60 and third place - \$40. Just pick your winners and make a check mark to the right of their name on the entry blank below. Just pick who you think will win the game outright. Weekly, we will be granting a free pizza (1st place), sub sandwich (2nd) and breadsticks (3rd).

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at Noon.

Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.



**GRIDIRON
GURUS**
by Tom Turek
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NOTICE TO CITY OF OVID RESIDENTS

The Council for the City of Ovid will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM with the Regular meeting to follow. The following will be presented at the public hearing:

1. The proposed 2024 FY Budget
A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection by contacting the City Clerk. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will also be subject to this hearing.
2. To Established Ordinance # 141 Parental Responsibility
3. To Establish Ordinance #142 Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on City Streets

Susan Tomasek Swan
City of Ovid Clerk
114 E. Front St., Ovid
989-834-5550

The City of Ovid is calling for a Public Hearing to Establish Ordinance #141 Operation of Off-Road Recreation Vehicles on City Streets on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the City of Ovid Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI

ARTICLE II. OPERATION OF OFF-ROAD RECREATION VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS

Sec. 32-24. Operation of off-road recreation vehicles (ORVs) on city streets.

Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, an individual may operate an ORV on city streets subject to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, Act 300 of 1949, in conformance with Public Act 451 of 1994 and by the following restrictions:

- (a) No person under twelve (12) years of age shall operate an ORV.
- (b) A person under the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall not operate an ORV unless the person is in possession of a valid driver license or under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian and the person has in his or her immediate possession an ORV safety certificate issued pursuant to Part 811 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Protection Act or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada. These requirements are in addition to any applicable requirements of state law in MCL 324.81129, as may be amended.
- (c) All ORV operators eighteen (18) years of age or older shall have in their immediate possession a valid drivers license.
- (d) A person shall not operate an ORV at a speed greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour or a lower posted ORV speed limit or in a manner that interferes with traffic on the street. In no event shall a person operate an ORV at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, or in a careless manner, having due regard for conditions then existing.
- (e) Unless the person possesses a valid driver license pursuant to MCL 257.25, as amended, a person shall not operate an ORV if the ORV is registered as a motor vehicle, and either is more than Sixty-five (65) inches wide or has three (3) wheels.
- (f) ORVs shall travel single file except that an ORV may travel abreast of another ORV when it is overtaking or passing, or being overtaken and passed by, another ORV.
- (g) ORVs shall display a lighted headlight and lighted tail-light at all times.
- (h) A person shall operate an ORV with the flow of traffic on the far right of the maintained portion of the street, in a manner that does not interfere with traffic on the street.
- (i) Operation of ORVs is not allowed on the Fred Meijer CIS Rail Trail.
- (j) A person shall not transport any passenger in or upon an ORV unless the manufacturing standards for the vehicle make provisions for transporting passengers.
- (k) A person shall not operate an ORV unless the vehicle is equipped with a braking system that may be operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration at fourteen (14) feet per second on level ground at a speed of twenty (20) miles per hour; a brake light, brighter than the taillight, visible from behind the vehicle when the brake is activated, if the vehicle is operated during the hours of one-half (-) hour after sunset and one-half (-) hour before sunrise; and a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.

(l) An individual who is operating or is a passenger on an ORV shall wear a crash helmet and protective eyewear that are approved by the United States department of transportation. This subsection does not apply to an individual wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt if the ORV is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds United States department of transportation standards for a crash helmet.

(m) An ORV shall not be operated on any state trunkline (M-21) right-of-way, except that the operator of a vehicle may cross a street, county road, or highway, other than a limited access highway, at right angles, for the purpose of getting from one (1) area to another, if the operation can be done in safety. The operator shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before proceeding across a street, county road, or highway, and shall yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic.

(n) These requirements are in addition to any applicable requirements of state law in Part 811 of Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as may be amended.

(o) Equipped with at least one (1) mirror securely mounted and positioned on the ORV in such a manner to be able to clearly view traffic approaching from behind.

It is lawful for city employees or city contractors to operate a city-owned ORV for any purposes within the scope of city operations.

Sec. 32-25. Responsibility.

(a) The operator of an ORV involved in any accident resulting in any property damage, personal injury, or death shall report such accident to the local police immediately.

(b) The operator of the vehicle is liable for damages to private property caused by operation of the vehicle under this chapter, including, but not limited to, damage to trees, shrubs, or growing crops, injury to other living creatures, or erosive or other ecological damage. The owner of the private property may recover from the individual responsible nominal damages of not less than the amount of damage or injury.

Sec. 32-26. Penalties.

(a) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or impoundment of the vehicle. In the event an ORV is impounded, the owner of the ORV must pay the cost of transportation, towing, storage, and prove ownership of the ORV before it is released to that owner.

(b) In addition to the fine provided for herein, a court shall order violators of this section to pay the cost of repairing any damage to the environment, a street, county road, or highway, or public property as a result of the violation pursuant to MCL 324.81131(17).

(c) The city treasurer shall deposit fines and damages collected for violations of this section into a fund to be designated as the "ORV Fund." City council shall appropriate revenue in the ORV Fund as follows:

- (1) Fifty (50) percent to the Ovid Police Department for ORV enforcement and training.
- (2) Fifty (50) percent to the Ovid Public Works Department to be used for repairing damage to streets and the environment that may have been caused by ORVs and for posting signs indicating ORV speed limits or indicating whether streets are open or closed to the operation of ORVs under this section.



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BIG BUCK IS A BIG DEAL

Dear Andy, What is the big deal about spotting a deer in a field 200 yards away? When I am driving, my husband or friends will shout out, “Oh look, there’s a deer! It’s a BIG Buck!” Every time it sounds as if it is the first time they ever saw a deer standing in a field or they shout it with so much excitement I think it’s about to crash into my car. I just don’t get it!

Bette L.

Dear Bette, Interestingly enough, I just asked a native

Michigander that exact question a few days ago. He quickly went to his pickup truck and presented a 16-point blood-stained rack with so much pride and excitement it caused me to step back. He stated, “It took over 60 hours in a blind* to get this guy.” It was quite the event for him (and the Buck.) I teased him that it would be an 8-point in some states because they only count one side of the rack. He didn’t think that was funny. “In Michigan and Illinois and Colorado, we count all the points!”

After listening to his hunting tale, I was enlightened to observe the pride in his kill and how he has provided food from the meat for his family for years. It could have been his caveman instincts talking or just caught up in the “season”. I asked him, “What do you think about or do all that time? Do you read a book, text, or take a nap?” He looked at me as if I

was from another planet. (I was thinking I could get a lot done in 60 hours.)

He continued to explain the tranquility and beauty in the woods. And, how he felt after a morning in the blind or tree stand watching the sun come up, watching a buck chase a doe, smelling the fresh air, the anticipation of the shot and the quiet walk at the end of the day. And, it’s not just men; I know plenty of women who hunt. My cousin in Montana also talks about that inner peace even if she doesn’t get a shot in the first few days. But, she always gets her Elk. And it tastes pretty darn good with her wonderful culinary skills for wild game.

It does appear from my observation that hunters and fishermen do not think about much of anything while they are waiting for “the moment”. It’s much like a person who practices yoga, meditation; or listens to music to relax. Some people get massages, knit or read for their source of de-stressing. We all need something in this busy, noisy life we all tend to lead.

In regard to your husband and friends, “excitement”... who doesn’t want to be with exciting people who find joy in the little things in life? Enthusiasm creates enthusiasm...And Nature provides fresh air, birds chirping, sunshine, a hike on a trail, a squirrel or the strike of lightening, which allows us feel humble, vulnerable, alive, and a part of something much bigger than ourselves. Take a walk to produce the endorphins we need to feel good about ourselves and life. (Please wear an orange vest if it’s hunting season) Andy’s advice - “If you’re driving, watch out for running deer and keep your hands on the steering wheel.” BE SAFE Andy

* Blind - I don’t know first-hand ... but heard it could be a warm structure with an opening to view deer for a straight shot, from a comfortable chair, a space heater, and a hot thermos of coffee.

The City of Ovid is calling for public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023 to Establish Ordinance # 142
Parental Responsibility at 7:00 PM at the City of Ovid Council chambers located at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI

ARTICLE X. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sec. 20-300. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Criminal acts shall mean those acts which violate state laws, this Code or other ordinances of the city and shall include traffic violations.

Habitual offender shall mean one who commits two (2) or more criminal acts, or three (3) or more traffic violations within a twelve-month period.

Minor shall mean any person under the age of seventeen (17) years residing at the home of the parent, guardian or other person as defined in this article or as interpreted by state law.

Parent shall mean the mother, father, legal guardian or any other person having the care, custody and control of any minor or such other adult with whom a minor may be found to reside with.

Parental neglect shall mean failure to supervise to a degree of parental control which would result in the minor committing any criminal act as defined herein or to permit a minor to become delinquent as defined in the state probate code pertaining to juveniles.

Sec. 20-301. Legislative findings.

The city council finds that offenses against the laws of the United States, the state and the ordinances of the city by persons under the age of seventeen (17) years are increasing at an alarming rate; that in a great many of the cases a lack of proper supervision and control of the minor child by his parents or guardian is evident; that the increasing problem of criminal offenses by children will not be solved by sanctions imposed upon the children alone but that it is necessary that sanctions be imposed upon parents whose neglect of their duty to properly supervise and control their children is a proximate cause of the delinquency of those children.

Sec. 20-302. Parents contributing to child becoming neglected or delinquent.

Any parent, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of a child under the age of seventeen (17) years who shall by any act, or by word, or by failure to act, or by lack of supervision and control over the child, encourage, contribute toward, cause or tend to cause the child to become neglected or delinquent so as to come or tend to come under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Division of the Probate Court as defined in Section 2, of Chapter 12a of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, as added by Act No. 54 of the Public Acts of the first session of 1944, any amendments thereto, whether or not such child shall in fact be adjudicated a ward of the probate court, shall be responsible or guilty of an offense.

Sec. 20-303. Malicious Mischief Generally.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully destroy, remove, damage, alter or in any manner deface any property not his or her own, or any public school building, or any public building, bridge, fire hydrant, alarm box, street light, street sign, traffic control device, railroad sign or signal, parking meter, or shade tree belonging to the city or located in the public places of the city, or mark or post hand bills on, or in any manner mar the walls of, any public building, or fence, tree, or pole within the city, or destroy, take, or meddle with any property belonging to the city, or remove the same from the building or place where it may be kept, placed, or stored, without proper authority; or disturb, tamper with, disconnect or damage any city water meter without proper authority.

State law reference(s)-Malicious mischief, MCL 750.377 et seq.

Sec. 20-304. Aiding and abetting minor to violate the law generally.

Any person of the age of seventeen (17) years or over, assisting, aiding, abetting, allowing, permitting or encouraging any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years to violate the provisions of the state law, including the Probate Code, this Code or other ordinances of the city, regarding minors, being their first offense, shall be responsible of a civil infraction. Any subsequent offense committed by the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 20-305. Aiding and abetting minor to violate specific state laws.

a) Any parent, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of any child under the age of seventeen (17) years who shall assist, aid, abet, allow, permit or encourage the minor to violate the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 41 of the Public Acts of 1960, as amended, either by overt act, by failing to act or by lack of supervision and control over the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The fact that a child under the age of seventeen (17) years is

apprehended while on the public streets, highways, alleys or parts thereof during the hours defined in said Act No. 41, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section on the part of the parents, legal guardian or other person having the care or custody of the minor child.

b) Any person who shall by any act, omission, or by any word, procure, counsel, aid, abet, encourage, contribute toward, cause or tend to cause any minor to become delinquent so as to come under or tend to come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the probate court, as defined in MCL 712A.2, whether or not such child shall in fact be adjudicated a ward of the probate court, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 20-305. Notification of responsibility.

(a) Whenever a minor shall be arrested for the commission of any criminal act within the city or becomes delinquent as defined in the Michigan Probate Code, the parent of such a minor shall be immediately notified by the police department advising the parent of such arrest, the reason therefor and his responsibility under this article.

(b) A record of such notification shall be kept by the city police department.

Sec. 20-306. Penalty.

(a) The first violation of Sec.20-304 of this Chapter shall be a civil infraction, the Court shall impose a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as provided for in Section 7.04 of this Code and any other costs or fees permitted or required by law, unless the person is specifically charged under Sec. 20-305 of this Chapter as a misdemeanor. If said person is charged under Sec. 20-305 of this Chapter, the penalty shall be as described in Sec. 20-306(b).

(b) Upon the second or subsequent violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a misdemeanor, the Court shall assess fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in addition to any costs or fees permitted or required by law. In addition to such fines and costs, the Court may impose a jail sentence of up to ninety (90) days. In addition to such fine the Court shall, unless it makes a specific finding that probation is inappropriate, exercise its authority to sentence the Defendant to a term of probation with such conditions as the Court deems appropriate. Such conditions may include participation in, and completion of, programs or therapies deemed appropriate by the Court in light of the facts of the particular case community service and/or work crew. Restitution shall also be required to make whole any victim or third party who has suffered financial loss in connection with the charged violation. Should the Court choose not to sentence the Defendant to a term of probation or should the Court suspend all or any portion of a fine, costs or restitution assessed against the Defendant, the Court shall so state on the record and shall state the reason or reasons for its action. In addition to the penalties provided for in this subsection, the Court may also impose any penalties otherwise provided for by law.

Sec. 20-307. - Parental Duties.

(a) It is the continuous duty of the parent of any minor to exercise reasonable control to prevent the minor from committing any delinquent act.

(b) No parent of any minor shall fail to exercise reasonable parental control over such minor. The exercise of reasonable parental control shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Keeping drugs out of the home and out of the possession of the minor, except those drugs duly prescribed by a licensed physician or other authorized medical professional.

(2) Keeping firearms out of the possession of the minor except those used for hunting in accordance with local ordinance and state law and with the knowledge and supervision of a parent.

(3) Requiring the minor to observe the curfew ordinance of the City of Ovid.

(4) Requiring the minor to attend regular school sessions and forbidding the minor to be absent from class without parental or school permission.

(5) Arranging proper supervision for the minor when the parent must be absent.

(6) Preventing the minor from maliciously or willfully destroying any property which belongs to any other person.

(7) Forbidding the minor from keeping stolen property or alcoholic beverages.

(8) Seeking help from appropriate governmental authorities or private agencies in handling or controlling the minor, when necessary.

(9) Assisting and cooperating with governmental authorities in their efforts to handle or control the minor, including production of the minor for juvenile court appointments and hearings.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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, January 10, 2024. 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 certain mortgage made by Keith J Cornell, a married man to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 24, 2009, and recorded on November 25, 2009, as Document Number: 5150967, Clinton County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 21, 2014 and recorded October 29, 2014 by Document Number: 5220853, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight and 09/100 (\$84,878.09) including interest at the rate of 5.50000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of BATH, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of

Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, lying East of the Michigan Central Railroad, described as: Beginning on the East line of Section 19 to a point 1448.85 feet North of the East 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 5 North, Range 1 West 181.23 feet to the East right of way line of the Michigan Central Railroad; thence North 19 degrees 14 minutes 30 seconds East, 549.93 feet to the East line of Section 19; thence South 519.21 feet on the East line of Section 19 to the point of beginning Commonly known as: 14264 WATSON ROAD, 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 after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: November 26, 2023 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI00909-1

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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 December 13, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Danielle Heller, a married woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Date of Mortgage: June 18, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: June 21, 2021 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$103,599.95 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 4 and the West 1/4 of Lot 5, Block 5, Village (now city) of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Deeds, Page 367, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 331 W Pearl St, Ovid, MI 48866-9699 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: November 12, 2023 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

1514648 (11-12)(12-03)

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 DECEMBER 20, 2023. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathan Hoard and Shawn Hoard, husband and wife, to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2014 and recorded October 27, 2014 in Instrument Number 5220735 Clinton County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two and 33/100 Dollars (\$122,322.33). 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 circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 20, 2023. Said premises are located in the Township of BATH TOWNSHIP, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T5N, R1W, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE S86°30'24"E, 1321.75 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 850 OF THE CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE S03°33'24"W, 1320.38 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 851 OF THE CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE CONTINUING S03°33'24"W, 20.65 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 5086591 OF THE CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE CONTINUING S03°33'24"W, 330.00 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING S03°33'24"W, 148.50 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE; THENCE N88°22'56"W, 1326.19 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST

1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26 TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE N03°40'12"E, 148.51 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE; THENCE S88°22'56"E, 1325.90 FEET PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.EASEMENT A: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, BATH TOWNSHIP. CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26: THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1797.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 1025.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 86 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 300.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 16.30 FEET; THENCE NORTH 96 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE 16.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EASEMENT B: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26. TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST. BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY MICHIGAN. THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1648.81 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 935.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 86 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 389.62 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 33.34 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 389.62 FEET. THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE 33.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING 15340 Upton Rd, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 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: November 19, 2023 File No. 23-011382 Firm Name: Orlans PC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 11-19)(12-10)

City of Ovid
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2023

Open Meeting:

Mayor Lasher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, B. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 17 guests present

Agenda

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the agenda. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Minutes

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve October 9, 2023 Regular meeting, minutes as presented.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Invoice/check register

Council member E. Starn made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from 10/11/2023 thru 11/14/2023. Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Public Comment: Opened 7:03 pm Closed 7:19 pm

Mayor's report

Treasurer's Report

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

Council member E. Starn moved to change the maximum level of General Fund balance that the City strives to maintain as undesignated (Committed, Assigned and Unassigned) is the amount equal to 150% of the City's General Fund Budget. Council member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Attorney's Report

Police Report

Council Member M Perrien made a motion to order the in-car cameras for purchase in the 2024 FY at accost of \$27,000.00. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

DPW Report

Report Approval Motion

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the reports from Mayor, Treasurer, Police and DPW reports.

Council Member L Ordiway seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

New Business

a. Maintenance/Janitorial position rate: Council member M. Perrien made the motion to increase Kevin Bradley's pay to \$15.00 per hour effective 9/1/2023. Council member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

b. Chrome Book- Council member E. Starn made a motion to purchase Chrome books for council members up to \$2,000.00 for 7 chrome books and cases. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

c. CIP Plan- Council member E. Brown made the motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

d. FY 2024 Budget Review- The board reviewed the budget. Council Member E. Brown made the motion to put he FY 2024 budget out for review. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

e. Parental Responsibility Ordinance Council member L. Perrien made the motion to place out for public review the Parental Responsibility Ordinance. M. Olger seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Ayes: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Nays: None Carried

f. Resolution for 2024 Poverty Exemption Resolution 2023-10

Council member E. Brown made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10, 2024 Poverty Exemption Guidelines Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: AYE: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

NAY: None Carried

Old Business

a. ORV Ordinance Council member E. Brown made the motion to put the Operation of Off-Road Recreation Vehicles (ORV) ordinance out for review with amendment to item 1. to allow operation of vehicle during ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour past sunset with proper light system on vehicle and 2. To add language of the Motor Vehicle Code. E. Starn seconded the motion to put out for review.

Roll Call: Aye: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Nay: None Carried

b. Golf Cart Ordinance Golf Cart Ordinance will be tabled until December meeting.

Committees:

a. Personnel-

b. Police-

c. Finance- none

d. DPW- none

e. Park and Rec& Halls and Grounds-

f. Cemetery Committee-

g. Ethics- none

h. Policies- None

Boards and Commissions

a. OMESA-

b. Planning Commission –

c. Zoning Board of Appeals- None

d. Library Board

e. Board of review- none

f. Carriage Days Council member E. Brown made a motion to close roads on December 8 from High St. to Oak St. on Main St. for the light parade and Clinton St. to Oak St. for Christmas activities starting at 6:30 pm.

Carried on voice vote

Council member E. Brown made the motion to extend the meeting for 5 minutes. Council member E. Starn supported the motion. Carried on voice vote.

g. CAASA-

Final Comments:

Adjournment-

Council member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Tomasek Swan

City of Ovid Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

BERNARD L. GOODKNECHT
LIVING WILL

Date of Execution:
December 27, 2022 and
amended February 15, 2023
TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent Bernard L. Goodknecht, who lived at 6450 N Tallman Rd., Fowler, MI 48835 Died October 26, 2023 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Bernard L. Goodknecht Living Will within four months after the date of publication.

Diane Freed
116 W. Williams Rd.
Ovid, MI 48866
(517) 712-0959

Wieber Pratl Law, PC
John E. Wieber P28441
201 E. State Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 224-9449

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CASE NO. 23-31754-DE
ESTATE OF:

Lynne Marie Irene Watson

DATE OF BIRTH:

December 22, 1950

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent Lynne Marie Irene Watson, died January 9, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lissa Nicole Marie Rennaker, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St. #3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication.

Lissa Nicole Marie Rennaker
686 Divine Hwy
Pewamo, MI 48873
(517) 896-3663

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HUFNAGEL FAMILY TRUST DATE OF EXECUTION:

September 26, 2002

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent Frank L. Hufnagel, who lived at 11478 W. Townsend Rd., Fowler, Michigan 48835 Died: August 31, 2023 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Hufnagel Family Trust within four months after the date of publication.

Neil J. Hufnagel
11267 W. Third St.
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa A Hollis and Gerald R Hollis, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: CMS Mortgage Group, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association
Date of Mortgage: October 6, 2004
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 14, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$142,765.88

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning 996 feet North of the West 1/4 post of Section 4, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Bingham Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence East 321 feet, Thence North to the East-West 1/8 line, thence West to the West line of Section 4, Thence South to the point of beginning lying Southerly and Easterly of the Highway right of way as described in deed dated June 3, 1993 and recorded in Liber 597, Page 491, Clinton County Records
Common street address (if any): 2700 N US Highway 27, Saint Johns, MI 48879-8502

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: November 19, 2023
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31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement.

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on December 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): Joan Wrather, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Beneficial Michigan Inc. Date of mortgage: November 25, 2006 Recorded on December 4, 2006, in Document No. 5109860, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven and 99/100 Dollars (\$39,747.99) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: THE EAST 80 FEET OF THE WEST 90 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK C OF STONE'S ADDITION, VILLAGE OF OVID, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN Commonly known as 221 E 1st St, Ovid, MI 48866 The redemption period will be one year 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. U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust 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. 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 DECEMBER 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 Casey Ovenhouse, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB., Its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 29, 2007 and recorded April 6, 2007 in Instrument Number 5115267 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Five Hundred Twelve and 3/100 Dollars (\$91,512.03).

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 circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on DECEMBER 13, 2023. Said premises are located in the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: LOT 4, PARMAHI ACRES, SECTION 21, T5N, R2W, DEWITT TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY MICHIGAN, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. 14904 Turner Rd, Dewitt, Michigan 48820

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 12, 2023

File No. 23-012199

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Almont Raids Marauders' State Final Dreams, 45-21

GRAND BLANC — Raiders. Yes, indeed.

Ovid-Elsie's football state championship dreams will be put on hold for another year, after the Almont Raiders pilfered a trip to the State Finals at Ford Field.

Coach Travis Long's opportunistic Marauders surprised many by advancing to the MHSAA semifinals with speed, toughness, execution, grit and moxie. Almont, in a post-season rematch from 2022, raided all those team qualities and made them their own at Grand Blanc HS here November 18.

The final score was 45-21, Almont advancing to the Thanksgiving weekend State Final vs. Kingsley in Detroit.

Yet, though they fell a couple steps short of The Dream, you can't take away what Long and his Marauders accomplished, especially over the last two months. After 7 games, this team was 3-4, middle of the pack in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference. No one in their right mind would have them as a State Semifinalist. Starting October 13, they went on a wild, 5-game winning spree, qualifying for the playoffs, then playoff-ousting Ida, Lansing Catholic Central and #2-ranked Constantine in a Cinderella run for the ages.

The glass slipper slid off abruptly. Almont's Chase Battani broke free up the middle on the Raiders' first series for a 61-yard torch that put AHS up 7-0 — and their playoff revenge was just getting started.

With their opening possession, the Marauders answered back. An impressive 80-yard drive was set up mostly on a Tryce Tokar-to-Javen Belill 46-yard strike, then capped off on Clayton Fruchey's 5-yard TD sprint. Pau Gifre booted the PAT for a 7-7 tie — and it looked like O-E was in business.

Yet, the Marauder defense couldn't solve the Raider running game. Battani scored again on a 9-yard run in the opening quarter, and on their next two possessions the Raiders made it 28-7 on a 25-yard run and an 82-yard punt return.

The wild times continued before halftime. Michael Bancroft hauled in an 11-yard scoring pass from Tokar (Gifre with the extra point kick again) and Almont closed the first-half scoring on a 40-yard pass play.

It was 35-14, and the combatants had only played two quarters.

Long's Marauders continued to bring the battle to the Raiders to opening the second half. Jamison Custer was on the scoring end of a 20-yard pass to the back of the end zone, and Gifre's kick got O-E within 35-21.

That was as close as they would get. Battani bulled in from one yard out and the extra-point kick set the score at 42-21; then in the 4th quarter, the only scoring the two teams could muster was a 28-yard field goal by Almont's Sean O'Neil: 45-21 final score.

Tokar finished the day with 224 yards passing, two TDs and two interceptions. Fruchey led the Marauders with 50 yards on the ground on 15 carries. Belill had three catches for 62 yards. Fruchey had three for 57. Custer had four for 57 and Bancroft had two for 34.

Belill, Brock Spitzley and Owen Long led the Marauder defense with 10 tackles apiece.

"Ovid-Elsie which was a team that was playing their best ball of the year," Almont coach James Leusby said. "They beat us last year in the first round of the playoffs and we were looking to change the outcome this time around."



Tryce Tokar passed for 224 yards, two TD's and two interceptions on Nov. 18th against Almont. Photos by Michelle Ladiski



Michael Bancroft scored a touch down during the semi-final game.



Back l-r, Diane Aldrich, Johnnie Jankovic, Randy Elwood, Joanne Evans. Front l-r, Stacie Potter, Suzanne Grubaugh, Jamie Aldrich, Sherie Chapman, Chara and Nate Potter.

Thankful for Community Volunteers: On Thanksgiving Day, community members gathered at the Ovid/Lions Hall in Ovid to enjoy a delicious meal which was prepared by Suzanne & Chara and staff from Mary's Country Kitchen. The community dinner is held annually as a fund raiser for the Ovid Community Basket Program. This year donations totaled over \$1,400. "We had a beautiful turnout and would like to thank all who donated to make this event so successful once again this holiday season," explained Chara Potter.



2023 Boys Tennis honored for back to back conference championships. Photo by Dawn Levey



2023 Boys and Girls Cross Country team honored, girls for their third district championship and boys second in the conference. Photo by Dawn Levey



2023 Varsity Football Team honored at the school board meeting Monday, Nov.20th for the Regional Championship.

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