

Network Offers Relationship Building Workshop

submitted by Ruthann Liagre

Owosso — Inspired Women Network 2024 programming kicks off with Shiawassee Family YMCA President and CEO Laura Archer 5:30-7:30 p.m. January 24 at The Armory, 215 N. Water St., Owosso. Archer's program, titled The Value of Building Relationships, discusses her decades of wisdom and all the ways effective relationship building can benefit leaders and business owners.

Inspired Women Network is the new women's leadership program of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce. It was born out of a desire by women in the Shiawassee County region to have social, networking and professional development opportunities.

"Build Relationships" is one of the Eight Principles of Enlightened Leadership in the ATHENA Leadership Model. One goal of Inspired Women Network is educating women about Athena International, through which the chamber bestows its annual Athena Leadership Award.

Archer's remarks will be followed by facilitated, small-group discussions. Beverages and appetizers will be served.

Upcoming IWN events include Social Hour & Self Care February 28, Financial Planning & Literacy Webinar March 21, Champions for Change April 24, Spring Social Hour May 22, and the Chamber Annual Dinner and ATHENA Leadership Award Celebration June 13.

Register at 989-723-5149 or www.shiawasseechamber.org by Jan. 22 for free entry. Pay \$10 after Jan. 22 or at the door. Inspired Women Network is a program of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, generously underwritten in part by an anonymous donor.



Laura Archer



(Back) Elsie Lions president Rick Jones and CBM's Terry Kemp. (Front, L to R) Lion Past District Governor Lloyd Kilbreath, current governor IIC-2 Ted Hamilton, and past District Governors Ray Robins, Brent Beracy and Becky Hamilton

Elsie Lions Host Annual Wild Game Dinner

ELSIE — A packed house was on hand January 8 as the Elsie Lions Club hosted its 30th Annual Wild Game Dinner at the Elsie American Legion Hall.

Dinner-goers were able to dig in on a wide variety of wild game selections, including bear, elk and venison. The Lions provided potatoes, rolls, milk and coffee ... so that no one left hungry.

Following the dinner, Elsie Lions president Rick Jones introduced guest speaker Terry Kemp, a longtime member of the Commemorative Bucks of Michigan (CBM). The nationally accredited group has received accolades for decades, including in hit movies such as Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba In Da Moonlight."

Kemp gave a thorough history on the creation of CBM. He has been involved with the organization since its inception in 1981.

CBM was first created to measure record bucks in Michigan. It eventually became Michigan's official record keeping organization for not only deer, but also bear, elk and turkey.

Each species is listed in the permanent records by weapon: firearm, muzzleloader, cross-bow, bow & arrow and handgun. On an annual basis those categories are also broken down even farther into youth, women, seniors and all entries. Every three years a record book has been published, "Michigan Big Game Records" listing the complete CBM permanent records with a county-by-county breakdown.

Kemp also had several copies of the organization's periodical magazine, Buck Fax, for local hunting enthusiasts to peruse.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Lions' Raffle for a Savage Axis 350 rifle, which was won by Bruce Levey of Elsie. Several other raffle prizes for children and adults were handed out.

Elsie Village Council Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

Elsie — The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, January 9, 2024, officials discussed the budget process.

Monthly action was taken to approve the minutes of the December 2023 regular meeting, the meeting agenda with the additions of Clinton Area Ambulance Service resolution and budget, and the approval of the monthly financial reports. Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$44,919.73.

Kory Witt, trustee, updated officials on the activities at Clinton Area Ambulance. The Clinton Area Ambulance Association 2024 budget was presented for review and Village approval, in addition, a resolution to purchase a new ambulance presented for approval. Both were approved by officials, after discussion.

Chief Bryce, reported on the November and December Elsie Police Department activities. Three major investigations are in the works more information will be available at a later date. The last few months have been very busy. Year end — 569 complaints handled by the department for 2023.

Shane Grinnell, presented the manager's report. The new clerk/treasurer Tiffany Frink is transitioning into the position well. There is a part-time vacancy in the DPW position due to a recent resignation. The permanent part time was posted with seven applications received. Noting, that four interviews will be scheduled.

Next, Elsie Village Council belongs to the Michigan Code Enforcement Association, which offers online courses to completed for certification which will open doors for resources for the Village. Being affiliated with the Elsie Police Department is a huge asset.

Chris Ormes, Department of Public Works, updated officials on the department's activities. Ormes presented an overview of the needs of the department for the next fiscal year. Catch basins will be delivered January 15, 2024, installation is uncertain.

A budget committee meeting was set for January 30, 2024, 7 pm. Members of the committee are Joe Ondrusek, Sam Frink, and Dorothy Ornelas.

Elsie Food Pantry Received Gift from Representative Graham Filler

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE — Sue Peterson, Elsie Food Pantry Treasurer, has an opportunity to give State Representative Graham Filler a tour of the facility located on S. Ovid Street, Elsie. Filler noted that the pantry has a great goal of cutting down on food waster, providing fresh produce for the area, and working closely with community donors and volunteers.

Representative Filler provided a \$1,000 donation to Sue Peterson commenting, "I hope the community continues to support this awesome organization. A big thanks to Walmart for donating produce and baked goods, area hunters for providing venison, and to all the area churches and organizations who make a point of giving to the pantry."

Sue Peterson, treasurer of Elsie Food Bank receiving donation from Rep. Graham Filler



Laingsburg Lions Free Spaghetti Dinners Return January 16, February 20

LAINGSBURG — The next spaghetti dinners, hosted by the Laingsburg Lions Club in conjunction with the American Legion Post 248, will be held on January 16 and February 20 from 5 p. m. to 7 p.m.

A new addition to the menu this year will be meatballs. The dinner also includes spaghetti, garlic bread, a beverage and dessert.

Carry-outs will be available; sorry no deliveries. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy a great evening of community fellowship. All are welcome!

The Legion hall is located at 1240 W. Grand River Ave., Laingsburg.



Soup & Sandwiches at Bannister UMC

There will be a Soup & Sandwiches at Bannister United Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 16th from NOON-3PM (NOTE NEW TIME) we will be serving LUNCH at NOON!

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JANUARY	9th	JULY	9th
FEBRUARY	13th	AUGUST-	NO MEETING
MARCH	12th	SEPTEMBER	10th
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MAY	14th	NOVEMBER	12th
JUNE	11th	DECEMBER	10th

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Elsie Historical Society Meeting

The Elsie Historical Society will meet on Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm in the Historical Room at the Elsie Public Library. For more information call Lyla at (989)862-5846.

Beef Market Animal Tagging

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

This year we will be holding our virtual beef weigh-in. Please complete the google form, link is below, to check in your cattle for the 2024 fair. In addition, we will have an optional in-person check in to participate in the rate-of-gain contest. If you are interested in entering the contest, bring your cattle to the fair on Sat. April 6 between 8 am & 12 pm. Top 2 beef & dairy exhibitors will be recognized and awarded. Exhibitors can check in up to 3 cattle (for virtual check in and rate-of-gain contest). Families can tag cattle for multiple siblings. The form requires the RFID tag number and pictures of your animal.

Please be sure to follow all directions on the form. A separate form should be completed for EACH animal you would like to check in. Check in deadline is Thursday, February 15th at 5:00pm.

If you have any questions please send us an email at scas-beef@gmail.com

This form goes directly to the superintendents and not the fair office. All questions and inquiries must be sent to the above email.

We are looking forward to the 2024 Shiawassee County Fair!

The link for the virtual tagging is: <https://forms.gle/CDgaPwrHWCSLJ6p68>

Animals that have not been pre-registered will not be eligible to show. Please remember this is an early check in and you will also need to register for your classes through the online entry process. No late fair entries are accepted.

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This Week at the Ovid Public Library

On Monday, January 15, the Junior Book Club will be meeting at 5:30. They would love to have you join them if you haven't already. Please call the library if you have any questions.

Friday, January 19 will be our Children's Story Hour. This begins at 10:30. Ms. Shelly has some wintry books picked out to read and we will be doing a snow themed craft.

It's that time of year when bad weather is possible. Whenever it looks messy or school gets cancelled, be sure to call ahead before venturing out to the library. Sometimes we need to delay or close the library to keep our staff and patrons safe.

Laingsburg Community Singers - New Members Welcome

submitted by Jessica Bayer

Do you like to sing and make friends? Laingsburg Community Singers would like to invite you to join us for Spring 2024. We are a community choir that performs a variety of music. No auditions needed -- just come sing with us! Rehearsals for our Spring 2024 concerts (April 13 and 14) begin on January 9 (may join on January 16 or 23 as a new member); and are held Tuesdays, 7-p.m., Laingsburg United Methodist Church, 210 N. Crum St., under the direction of Steven Easterling.

If you have questions, please contact Steven Easterling at (810) 624-5485 or Janice Hurst at (517) 651-5937.



Ovid Lions Club Cheese Sale Continues

The Ovid Lions Club cheese sale continues! The varieties include Amish Creamery, Vintage Habanero, Colby Jack, Pepper Jack, Horseradish and Baby Swiss for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Also available is a Variety Wheel which includes Colby/Pepper/Monterey Jack & Colby for \$12. To order call Doc O'Bryant at 989-834-2425, Mary Perrien at 989-251-8517.

The cheese is also available for purchase at the Meridian Weekly on Tuesdays from 8:30-noon or Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:30-4:00.

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A Look Back Through 2023

Six Laingsburg Students Sign Letters of Intent May 28, 2023



Matthew Freels signed with Kalamazoo College to play football. He is the son of Don & Ann Freels.



Sean Divine signed with Grand Valley to wrestle. He is the son of Marty Devine & Deb McKenzie.



Hayden Johnston signed with Kalamazoo College to play football. He is the son of Troy & Danielle Johnston.



Aden Baynes signed with Olivet College to wrestle. He is the son of Shawn & Emily Baynes.



Ellie Baynes signed with Olivet College to play basketball. She is the daughter of Jeremiah & Lindy Baynes.

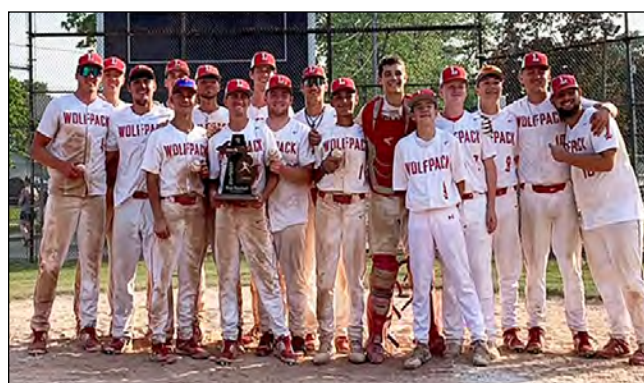


Eli Woodruff signed with Olivet College to play basketball. He is the son of Coy & Jenny Woodruff.

Distict Champions June 11, 2023



LAINGSBURG SOFTBALL TEAM: Team includes: Willow Patterson, Alaina Asher, Ashley Bila, Ella Merrell, Haley Konieczny, Skylar Stiff, Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek, Haley Cronk, MaKenna Johnston, Savanna Stirm. Coach Kara Mahoney, Coach Mike Cooper, Addyson Buchin, Ella Baynes, Coach Jeff Cheadle, Coach Madison Jonas.



LAINGSBURG BASEBALL TEAM: Team includes: Kyle Thelen, Emilio Garcia, Dom Garcia, Austin Hart, Jayce Grettenberger, Connor Hulliberger, Camren Curtis-Hart, Cam Ballard, Jackson Audretsch, Missing: Brock Johnston, Elliott Wilsey and Tommy Gousetis. Coach Todd Randall, Hayden Johnston, Nick Regan, Ty Randal., Asst. Coaches: Al Rodriguez and Nick Woodbury.



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Obituaries

Penny Lynn Kelley

Penny Lynn Kelley, age 69, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Michigan.

Penny was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 6, 1954, the daughter of Galen and Lorene (Whittaker) Bashore. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the Class of 1972. On June 23, 1973, Penny married Dale Leon Kelley at the Elsie Baptist Church. They have been married for fifty years.

Penny loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren. She liked feeding the hummingbirds at their resort on Tubb's Lake. Penny worked for Sparrow Clinton Hospital for twenty-six years, retiring in 2018.

She is survived by her husband Dale; son Brett (Amy) Kelley of Laingsburg, MI; son Kirk Kelley of Ovid, MI; four grandchildren: Braydon Kelley, Carter Kelley, Bentlie Kelley, and Trevor (Chloe) Trussell; two great-grandchildren: Isabella Trussell and Beau Trussell; three sisters: Deb Reed, Pam (Robert) Davis, and Gayla Clock; and many nieces and nephews.

In following Penny's wishes, a cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

Michael “Mook” Rodriguez

Michael "Mook" Rodriguez, age 46, a lifelong resident of Bannister, MI passed away Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Michael was born in St. Johns, MI on August 4, 1977. He was a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School with the Class of 1996.

Mook was an Assistant Manager at Domino's in Flint. He was a talented artist and loved to tattoo and sketch. Mook was an excellent cook. Spending time with his boys, friends and family was his greatest joy. He was an avid WWF fan.

He is survived by his son Brennan Rodriguez; son Austin Rodriguez; bonus son Zane Orweller; brother Louis Rodriguez; brother Tony and Michelle Rodriguez; brother Roland Larkins; sister Joanie Dixon; brother Rex Larkins; special friend Rebecca Willis. Mook is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Mook was preceded in death by his parents, Louie Rodriguez and RoseMarie Nelson; sisters: Patricia Casteel and Rebecca Latunski; grandparents: PC and Rose Rodriguez, Joseph and Katherine Plucinski.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the ZCJB Hall in Bannister, MI from 2-5 P.M. on Saturday, January 20, 2024, with a meal being served.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family to help with funeral costs. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Wayne Lamont Sutliff

Wayne Lamont Sutliff, age 83, of Henderson, MI, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Hospice House of Shiawassee County, Owosso, MI.

Wayne was born in Rush Township, Michigan on October 2, 1940, the son RD and Irene (Thompson) Sutliff. He graduated from Chesaning High School with the class of 1959. Wayne married Cheryl Kay Flegel on April 29, 1967, at Duplain Church of Christ.

Wayne drilled wells for many years and was a lifelong hobby farmer. He went on to work at General Motors and retired in 2002. After retirement he enjoyed taking friends and family to appointments or anywhere they needed to go. He loved gardening, raising chickens, hogs, steers, and giving away eggs to people in the community. Wayne enjoyed being around people and will be remembered as a caring and giving person. Most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Wayne was a lifetime member of the Duplain Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl Sutliff of Henderson, MI; four sons: Steven and Barb Sutliff of St. Charles, MI; David Sutliff and Ken Neal of Mesa, AZ; Brad Sutliff of Elsie, MI; Jeremi and Carrie Sutliff of Ovid, MI; his sister Dianne Apsey of Corunna, MI; sisters-in-law: Delores Sutliff, Betty Sutliff, and Karen Schaefer; brother-in-law Mike Wiley; nine grandkids: Anthony and Sydney Sutliff, Alison Sutliff (Michael), Keaghan and Lacey Sutliff, Brendan Sutliff (fiancé Liza), Karscen and Catie Sutliff, Colton Sutliff (Madilyn), KayLee Sutliff (Hayden), Madison Sutliff (fiancé Logan), and Logan Sutliff (Katherine); and four great-grandchildren: Braxton, Elliott, Harper, Korra, and Brady on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law Lyle and Aletha Flegel, siblings: Lee and Bernice Sutliff, Bob and Sherrill Sutliff, Vere, Marion, Donna, and Linda and brothers-in-law: Dennis Flegel, James Apsey, and James Weber and close family friends Dennis and Eydie Schroeder.

Funeral Services were held at Duplain Church of Christ, St. Johns, MI, at 12:00 P.M. on Friday, January 12, 2024, with Pastor Dan Cameron officiating. Burial will take place at Duplain Township Cemetery, St. Johns, MI, at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice House of Shiawassee County 2005 Copas Road, Owosso, MI 48867. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Pastor Phillip Rogers

Laingsburg United Methodist Church
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Middlebury United Methodist Church
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Minister:
Rev. Tiffany Newsom
Worship Service
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Bannister United Methodist Church
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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This will be another interesting day, my phone refuses to open, it won't move to the needed apps... just sits there. At first my computer was also being surly but now it is letting me add verbage. My alarm will be going off in about ten minutes and I was planning on getting my column written and ready to send in before I walked out the door at a quarter to six this morning. I see that I must scrape off the windows and the windshield on the pickup before I get out of the driveway. My clothes are laid out and I've taken my vitamins, it is time to focus and get things done.

I've stories to tell you this morning. First off, I stopped at the Meridian to pay our advertising bill and had a nice chat with Deb. As we chatted she stopped in mid-sentence and looked around the office, smiled and told me about the bag of stones that someone had left at the office for me. Deb pointed out the note and asked me if I knew Betty. I don't know who she is but she is talented. Betty had painted several stones for me and they are beautiful. I've been showing them to my friends and family. Currently the favorite is the one with chickens but I'm tickled pink, purple, and mauve by the detail on the two that have the barns on them, one of them looks just like my old grainery before I had it painted this fall. Brent wanted to lift the tropical stone and Diane zeroed in on the country settings and especially the chickens. The hummingbird touched my heart strings as it was one of my Mother's favorites. The scenes are detailed and I've been enjoying just looking at them, I now need to display them so that I can keep enjoying them. I wonder if it is okay to put some in with my cactus plants or would that damage the paint and mess up the artistry? Thank you Betty, I'm delighted with the pictoral stones. Please contact me at MG's Perx and Pastries.

I have an update on the many cats that have been dropped off at my home. I now have fourteen which is more than I need or want. Such is life. My friend and neighbor Cara dropped by at the shop last week and we had a quick chat. She zipped out the door and then came right back in. She wanted to tell me how the orange and white cat managed to come to my home. The cat showed up at Cara's while the field corn was being picked. She had seen an orange and white cat at my home many times and because it was so very friendly she thought that it belonged here and had been in the field when the corn was being harvested and had gotten confused and showed up at her place. It is a very beautiful cat and very friendly. But it wasn't mine, it is a bit smaller and the color patterns don't match. She felt bad because she had brought it home for me and offered to have it neutered. We laughed a lot over his/her travels, from one end of the mile to the next. This one runs out to my vehicle when I drive in after work and along with two of the kittens; escorts me out to my choice of vehicle in the morning. Yes, I call them my own personal trip hazards.

I haven't done much today... I do need to finish folding the towels and clothes that are piled on the dining room table. I just have a few more towels and then I will be done. I still need to get them into their habitual resting places as in cupboards, closets, and dressers. Just doesn't seem right that no matter what you get done isn't quite finished until it is put away. Oh well, there are greater problems to address. This morning the road to the shop wasn't terrible as long as you considered that it was a bit slippery. Unfortunately you can't believe that other drivers will take that into consideration. Why is it that many forget to slow down and seem believe that speed is best? It probably is the old fogey in me that views their strategy in a negative manner. May your travels be safe and may God bless you with much happiness.

Crystal Mitchell©2024



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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Do you ever wonder if it is worth it to keep praying for a friend, loved one, or colleague who doesn't know the Lord?

Do you think, "Man! There is just no way that this person is ever going to believe!?"

Be encouraged that we can praise God that even people who have rejected Christ their whole lives can come to true faith in Him. For example in the Bible we have the thief on the cross, who made a legitimate death-bed conversion just hours before he died.

All the more interesting is that when he was first put on the cross, he did not believe in Jesus. But then something happened. We don't know what, but the thief had a true change of heart which Luke records-

"One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

- Luke 23:39-43

A modern day example of a conversion late in life comes from people like Robert "Evel" Knievel, who came to Christ near the end of his life; just a few months before he died.

Knievel said that he believed in God, but refused for 68 years to accept Jesus Christ as Lord. He couldn't walk away from the gold, the gambling, the booze and the women.

"I don't know why I fought it so hard," he said. "I just did."

But Knievel knew people were praying for him, including his daughter's church, his ex-wife's church, and the hundreds of people who wrote letters urging him to believe. And then something happened during Daytona Bike Week in March of 2007.

"I don't know what in the world happened. I don't know if it was the power of the prayer or God himself, but it just reached out...the power of God in Jesus just grabbed me. ... All of a sudden, I just believed in Jesus Christ. I did, I believed in him! ... I rose up in bed and, I was by myself, and I said, 'Devil, Devil, you...get away from me. I cast you out of my life.' ... I just got on my knees and prayed that God would put his arms around me and never, ever, ever let me go."

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2007/aprilweb-only/115-43.0.html>

Praise God, it does happen!

Be encouraged to keep praying for your unsaved loved one. Keep sharing Christ, inviting to church, telling of the Gospel, recounting your testimony of how you came to faith.

Have hope that your unsaved friend or relative will soon come to know Christ.

It can happen.

Thank You

We would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to everyone who assisted with Christmas Wishes this year. Everyone at the Meridian Weekly newspaper for their part in "getting the word out", Great Job, you are always there too assist.

To all those businesses and families who adopted or made contributions, you are the absolute best. Through your actions, you made December 25th a very special day of the year, brightened many children's world and ensured wishes came true.

Thank you for caring and sharing this Christmas Season.

Rebecca Zelma
Shiawassee Service Center Manager
Capital Are Community Services, Inc.



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Dear Andy,

About 2 years ago I read a report on Credit Debt in America. I don't remember the statics but it was alarming and I was part of the debt crisis. I made up my mind I was going to get out of debt and get rid of my 4 credit cards. I did not buy anything on credit for 2 years and I paid extra every month for a year and a half. I now have no credit cards and my balances are at zero!

I now only have a house payment and car payment, insurance, electric, cell phone, and cable. I cut my grocery budget in half and did not buy anything new for myself or the house. I cut my movie trips with friends in half and watched more movies as a family and got caught up on my stacks of books to read. I popped my own popcorn and it actually tasted better. I had a fire in the fire in the fireplace. I found some easy recipes and we have limited our eating at restaurants for special occasions, only unless we have a really good coupon.

I shopped for reasonably priced gifts for holidays, weddings, baby showers and everyone appreciated their gifts without me breaking the bank. Now, I am so happy to have a savings account and we are planning a family vacation. We have planned a ski trip for my family his winter and a Spring Break vacation to Florida. I can afford it and we are not using our credit cards. My stress and worry levels have disappeared. Free and Happier

Dear Free and Happy.

Thank you for celebrating with our readers. I remember how my stress level dropped when I paid off my last credit card. I still have one, just for medical or family emergencies and will only use it when I can pay it off within the month to avoid fees and worry. If I can't afford to pay cash or debit for it, then I cannot afford it or probably do not need it!

Congratulations! You should be proud of yourself. It's amazing how much you can put into savings when you are not paying on credit cards. Readers, be patient and faithful with the payments and purchases. If you are in extreme debt, see a credit counselor to set up your repayment plans. It may seem expensive but some credit union will pay your monthly fee to the agency. Shop Wisely and Save. Andy @ ask_andy@aol.com



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

SCA Squirrel Hunt

Similar to local buck poles that come and go, so do winter hunting contests that target rabbits and squirrels. This year, the Shiawassee Conservation Association (SCA) will be holding a squirrel hunting contest on Saturday January 27th, 2024. The two man team with the five heaviest squirrels will be the winner.

If interested you will need to register your two man team and pay the \$30 entry fee from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. with weigh in from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Breakfast will be offered for an additional \$5 per person and served during registration. There is also a largest rabbit contest which requires a

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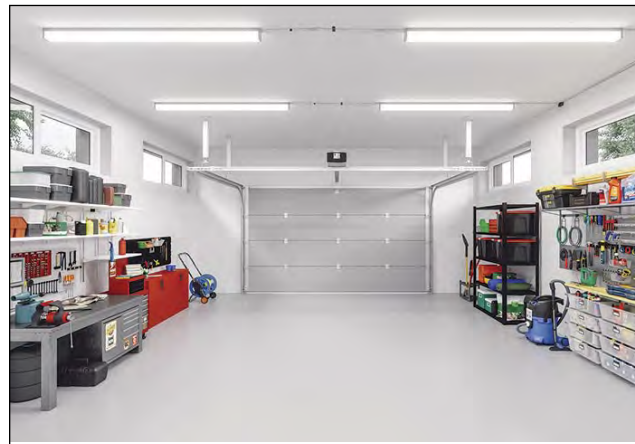
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Garage Storage Solutions

Who doesn't have a space at home that serves as a catch-all for items that seemingly have no other home? For many, this storage wasteland where items go to be forgotten tends to be the garage. Before long, clutter can overwhelm the space and create an eyesore. Garage clutter also makes the space less functional by making it harder to park a vehicle or store equipment.

Organizing a garage takes work, but the end result can improve the appearance, free up space, make work more efficient, and make it easier to find and use tools more readily. Here are some ways to get started on organizing your garage.

Start with cleaning and culling

One of the first steps when organizing a garage is to thoroughly analyze what is needed and what can be removed from the garage. If items belong elsewhere, such as in a shed or the basement, move these items first. Discard damaged or broken items. Next, move on to tools or gear that hasn't been used in some time. Will you use it again? If the item has been collecting dust for years, you likely already know the answer to that question.

Pile all items in the driveway so you have a clean slate with which to start. Measure the room to figure out the dimensions so you'll know how much wall space is available for storage.

Free up floor space

The ultimate goal of a garage storage renovation is to make floor space available, according to Stacey Schweiger of Sunshine Organizing. Lifting items off the floor makes access easier, and protects items should there be a flood or leaks.

A combination of wall shelves, overhead shelves, cabinets, and wall hooks can help homeowners create more floor area. Organization becomes easier when everything has a designated space where it can be easily returned to.

Consider weight

When investing in shelving and racks, remember that many of the items stored in garages tend to be heavy. It's important to ensure that shelves and hooks are heavy-duty and able to withstand the weight of pressure put on them. Verify the maximum weight so that racks will not buckle or tip over and cause issues.

Utilize overhead space

Overhead storage can be reserved for items that aren't used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or luggage.

Out of sight

Some items should be stored out of sight and beyond the reach of children and pets. Cabinets and containers can be used and locked to secure materials, such as fertilizers, paints, solvents, and other chemicals.

Additional ideas

Magnets, pegboards, organization bins and systems, and similar products can be used to corral small or errant items like hand tools, fasteners and more.

Garage organization will take some planning and time, but the end result can be well worth the effort.



8 Steps to a More Functional Kitchen

A kitchen is often the most utilized room in a house. Meals may be prepared, cooked and often eaten in kitchens, and the room is often utilized as a homework spot or a makeshift place to pay bills and stay on top of household needs. By enhancing the organization and functionality of the kitchen, homeowners can enjoy these popular spaces even more.

Homeowners have increased their spending on home improvements in recent years. According to the Joint Center for Housing Centers for Harvard University, project spending rose to \$472 billion in 2022 from \$328 billion in 2019. It's estimated consumers will have spent \$485 billion by the end of 2023. Kitchen renovations were the most popular upgrade and accounted for the highest budgets in 2021, according to Houzz. When the time comes to renovate a kitchen, homeowners can take steps to make these spaces more organized and therefore functional. Here are eight tips to creating a more functional kitchen.

1. Increase storage, and then invest in more. Make the most of corner cabinets and other potential dead spots in a kitchen. Various products can be used to organize awkwardly angled or shaped areas. Kitchen designers also can work with you to reconfigure cabinets and kitchen layouts.

2. Organize utensils and dishes around the sink/dishwasher. Rather than traversing the kitchen to put clean dishes away, make loading and unloading the dishwasher that much easier by locating commonly used items next to and above it. Similarly, place frequently used saucepans, baking dishes and other items near the oven or food preparation area.

3. Utilize drawer and cabinet organizers. Make a place for everything in the kitchen. Take out all items and see what you need and use all the time. Then coordinate storage around those items so everything fits perfectly. Pull-out shelves and Lazy Susans also can facilitate access.

4. Add shelves to cabinets. If you can afford to have a custom-built kitchen, by all means design cabinets according to preference. If you're using standard cabinets, you may have to reconfigure shelves and spacing to fit the items you have. This also will help you maximize cabinet space.

5. Organize the garbage. Have a pull-out drawer or cabinet to store trash bins. Separate compost, trash and recycling needs.

6. Create continuity in the room. Many open concept homes will have kitchens open up to another room in the home. Mirror the design scheme from elsewhere in the house, and make sure that the flow between spaces is not obstructed.

7. Create a beverage station. A beverage station can minimize the time needed to make a cup of tea or coffee or for the kids to grab juice or chocolate milk.

8. Have a workspace in the kitchen. Whether paying bills, making a grocery list or leaving notes for the family, a dedicated workspace can add more function to the room. Be sure there is task lighting nearby and ample overhead lighting to ensure that all kitchen needs are illuminated properly.

A more functional kitchen can make this already popular space even more so.

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Sports

Redwings Swim Post Marauder Pool Team, 124-58

ST. JOHNS -- Carter Hebeler, Lindsey Washburn, Jacob Last and Pau Gifre led the Marauders in individual points scored, but a dominant Redwings squad swam past visiting Ovid-Elsie, 124-58, at the SJHS pool.

Brothers Marshall Hirschman and Brayden Hirschman led the Wings with four firsts and three first places, respectively.

Gifre, Jolene Hebeler and Lilliana Kennedy added to O-E's team depth — each with a pair of third place showings — but it was Carter Hebeler who broke through for O-E's lone first place on the night. Carter ruled in the 100 yd. backstroke in 1:16.35.

For the season, individual point leaders for coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders are Adalynn Roberts with 363.45 points, Washburn 308.75, C Hebeler 272.90, Kast 206.45 and Gifre 193.25.

Wolfpack Grapplers 2nd out of 15 Teams at Durand Invitational

DURAND -- Laingsburg's varsity wrestling team took 2nd place at the Durand Wrestling Invitational, in a field of 15 teams.

"I was happy with our performance," said coach Shawn Baynes. "We continue to improve every week and grow as a team. I wanted to see how we matched up against Durand since they are one of 3 teams we may wrestle at Team Districts."

Laingsburg's MHSAA Team District will include Ovid-Elsie, Corunna, Durand and the Wolfpack

Individual results from Durand:

- 106 lbs: Ethan Schneeberger (9-3) placed 2nd.
- 113: Cooper Mund (6-2) placed 2nd.
- 120: Marlon Graham (14-3) placed 3rd.
- 126: Dano Winans (11-5) placed 2nd.
- 132: Logan Robinson (5-10) scored 3.0 team points.
- 150: Martin Meyers (7-4) placed 3rd.
- 157: Bryce Smith (10-7) placed 4th.
- 175: Seth Sivak (13-2) placed 2nd.
- 190: Alex Forcier (10-6) placed 2nd.
- 215: Wyatt Stanfield (13-5) placed 3rd.
- 285: Riley Kiffer (12-6) placed 4th.

Wolfpack wrestlers nip Perry in CMAC meet, but fall to non-league Clinton

PERRY — Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack wrestlers had just enough to nip Perry, 42-39, but suffered a rare dual-meet loss to visiting Clinton here.

Recognized as the Hammer of the Week for the Wolfpack was Zach Grandy, who turned in an exemplary week of practice and effort. That kind of team dedication showed as the Wolves gave up victories in the 215 and 285 lb. weight classes, but had enough to hang for a CMAC win over the Ramblers.

Ethan Schneeberger at 106, Cooper Mund at 113, Logan Robinson at 132, Martin Meyers at 150, Seth Sivak at 165, Jack Borgman at 175 and Alex Forcier at 190 lbs. were the seven Wolves able to score six-point wins, for the final 42-point team total.

The Wolfpack fell to Clinton, 59-21, getting wins from Meyers at 150, Sivak at 165, Forcier at 190 and Schneeberger at 106.

The Clinton Red Wolves went 2-0 on the night to improve to 15-3 on the 2023-24 season.

Lady Marauder Cagers Stay Unbeaten, Dispatch Durand, 57-19

OVID-ELSIE -- The Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders used a staunch third-quarter defensive effort to help turn away the visiting Durand Railroaders enroute to a 57-19 MMAC victory.

Ovid-Elsie improved to 7-0 overall, (5-0 MMAC).

During that third-quarter stretch, O-E was able to keep Durand off the scoreboard with a 17-0 run. The Lady Marauders also held scoring advantages in each of the three other quarters - 16-8, 17-8, and 7-3.

"I thought we played with a lot of energy in the third quarter," said coach Ryan Cunningham. "We pride ourselves on playing great defense and we knew we made a couple of defensive mistakes in the first half and wanted to correct that."

Ovid-Elsie would go on a 25-0 scoring streak and push the lead to as many as 40 points before Durand would claim three points in the fourth stanza.

Ava Bates led all scorers with 16 points while Evalyn Cole had another great all-around game scoring 12 points and adding 7 steals and 7 assists. Hailee Campbell added 8 points and 5 rebounds while Ellyanna Carman chipped in with 7 points and 3 rebounds. Braeden Tokar added 4 points to go along with 8 assists. Tava Kvalevog and Alyson Moore added 3 points and Francesca Giacobbe 2 points.

The Lady Marauders out-rebounded Durand 25-13 while handing out 22 assists on 23 made baskets. Ovid-Elsie would connect on 51% of their shots while holding Durand to just 21% from the field. Ovid-Elsie also collected 15 steals off of 23 Railroaders turnovers.



#13 Braeden Tokar going up strong for a basket
Photo by Denise Burgess

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Sports

Lady Bears Go 1-1

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley won their first league game in about five years last week against the Eagles from Carson City winning 46-34. The Bears came out with some tough full court defense and rebounded well to help them get the win. "We were able to put good pressure on Carson City to turn the ball over and push the pace of the game, this allowed us to get a lot of easy baskets in transition. Anytime you can go on the road and win in the league it is a good win" expressed Coach Shaw. Two young ladies had a great game, Karissa Brady scored 18 points and also had 4 steals and 4 rebounds, Ellie Drummond had 17 points and 8 rebounds. Marissa Brady had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists.



Karissa Brady

The Bears then turned around to play one of the top teams in the league, the Bulldogs from St. Charles. Both teams struggled to score within the first quarter and Ashley missed some easy layups and free throws that could have helped keep the game closer and, in the end, fell short. "We missed a lot of layups and free throws in the first quarter, which led to us being in a large deficit, and that is something that you cannot do against a quality team like St. Charles" said Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had 11 points, Karissa Brady scored 7 and had 10 rebounds, Marissa Brady had 6 points 6 rebounds and 3 steals.



Ellie Drummond

Long Road Trip: Wolfpack Cagers Remain Unbeaten at Plymouth, 91-74

PLYMOUTH — It was a long road trip -- all the way to suburban Detroit -- but it was worth it for the LHS boys cage team.

Zander Woodruff drained five 3-pointers, part of a 38-point scoring spree, in leading undefeated Laingsburg to a 91-74 non-conference win over Plymouth Christian Academy.

Mitchell George and Jackson Audretsch scored 10 points each and Aiden Maddaloni contributed eight for coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack, which improved to 7-0.

Laingsburg erupted for 34 points in the first quarter, taking a 34-20 lead, and led 55-31 at halftime. By the third quarter, the Wolfpack enjoyed a 71-42 edge over Plymouth Christian, now 3-7.

Ashley Boys Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears are a young team and have been running into some tough competition, but are improving every night. Ashley was able to get the win over Owendale Gagetown 50-39. The team came out strong in the first quarter and kept it going all night. "Carson Litwiller and Joie Fabus played well and we had three players in double figures" said Coach Sourek. Litwiller lead the way with 16 points 8 rebounds, Robert Kral had 15 points and 6 assists and Joie Fabus had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Ashley also traveled to Carson City in a league match-up and played well, but came up short 55-37. "We got off to a slow start and had to play catch-up all night" exclaimed Coach Sourek. Joie Fabus had 16 points and 9 rebounds, Gibby Jason has 8 points and 10 rebounds and Carson Litwiller scored 7 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.



Carson Litwiller



Joie Fabus

Busy Week for Marauder Mat Team at NL, St. Louis, Detroit

OVID-ELSIE — A busy week for coach Kyle Spiess' Ovid-Elsie varsity wrestlers was highlighted a number of milestones accomplished.

The JV grapplers and O-E's girl wrestlers traveled to New Lothrop for an invitational that featured Kaia Spiess and Maddisyn Miller bringing home 1st place finishes. Other point-scoring performances for the Marauders were Katelyn Wright 3rd, at the girls tournament at New Ava Juhas 2nd, Haley Lothrop during her second year of McClung 2nd, competition with the Marauders Chandler Hart Butcher 3rd and Jeremiah Stewart 2nd place.

The next day, the varsity squad was split with 6 boys traveling to the St Louis Invitational. O-E finished 6th out of 12 teams with only a half-dozen matmen. Anthony Silva finished in 3rd place, Ryker Parsons 3rd, Hunter Hufnagel 4th, Clayton Juhas 3rd and Trey Milner 3rd place.

Two Marauders traveled to Detroit Catholic Central for one of the toughest tournaments in the state, with Talan Parsons logging a fine runner-up showing for Ovid-Elsie.



Katelyn Wright wins first ever match at the girls tournament at New Lothrop during her second year of competition with the Marauders
Photo by Coach Potter

Hard-Working Marauder Boys Bounce Back with 53-45 Win

OVID-ELSIE — In a game that was close throughout, Ovid-Elsie improved to 4-1 in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference play (5-3 overall) with a 53-46 win over Durand (5-3, 3-2).

Coach Canyon Walker's Marauders led 14-13 at the first-quarter buzzer, 28-26 at halftime and 38-35 after three quarters. "For our first game of the new year we could not have asked for a better one," said Walker. "Our guys had a long break to spend recovering their bodies and preparing for this game ... we had not had a game (since a loss to Charlotte). This was an incredible bounce back game from that one."



Hunter Bates takes a shot during the game with Durand.
Photo by Denise Burgess

After the Charlotte game Walker said he challenged his players. "We were actually giving it our all, and the practices we had leading up to this Durand game showed me they were up for the challenge," Walker explained. "We knew Durand was a very talented team so we took those two weeks without games trying to replicate them in our scout teams to the best we could. I want to give all my players props for this win, I understand some kids get more recognition as they score more or get more rebounds, but every single one of my guys were locked in for two weeks straight."

O-E set the tone early in the game and even with some mistakes down the stretch they handled their business. "Our bench energy during this game was incredible, the student section showed up, and we had a great fan showing as well for us still being on holiday break," Walker said.

The Marauders' three senior captains led them in scoring: Mason Ritenburg stepped up with a double-double, with 13 points and 10 rebounds; Bruce Thornton scored 13 points with four three pointers; and Gunner McCreery also boasted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

O-E freshman Travis Milner, Jr. started and got the hosts going early, attacking the basket and getting to the charity stripe 7 times, making 6 free throws. As a team O-E outrebounded the Railroaders, 41-25.

Brayden Joslin paced Durand with 11 points with Darius Aldrich adding 10 points and eight rebounds and Kwin Knapp and Markell Tate scored seven points each.

On the road, Marauders stay hot on the heels of MMAC hoop leaders

MT. MORRIS — Ovid-Elsie captured a 62-35 victory over Mt. Morris on the road, climbing to 6-3 overall and 5-1 in the MMAC in boys basketball action.

"We had a great road win," said first-year O-E coach Canyon Walker. "Every single one of our players have been working extremely hard and every single one got the opportunity to get into the game and show that. I trust every single one of my players to make the right choice and the right play. When we were up in the 4th quarter I had guys still diving on the ground for loose balls, still battling for rebounds, and still playing great defense, and most importantly still sharing the ball with one another."

Ovid-Elsie out-rebounded the Panthers, 33-14, had 16 assists to their 4, and we had 10 steals to the Panthers' 4.

"I'm super proud of our players for following the game plan and paying attention to our scouts."

Hunter Bates had another double-double to lead O-E with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Mt. Morris fell to 8-4 and 3-3 marks.





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Community Mural is Finished

July 30, 2023

(l-r): Rodney Ridgeway, Tracie Davis and Bruce Levey standing in front of the finished mural in downtown Elsie

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CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

An Election Commission Meeting for the Presidential Primary Election to be held Tuesday, February 27, 2024, will be conducted on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

Kim Hamilton
Laingsburg City Deputy Clerk

CITY OF OVID NOTICE OF COMMITTEE AND BOARD POSITIONS

City of Ovid is looking for electors to fill a Charter Review Committee. The board will be comprised of seven (7) electors from the City of Ovid appointed by the mayor and approved by Council. The Committee shall examine the Charter and recommend to the Council any amendments which appear to be necessary or desirable. The charter is currently located on our website at www.ovidmi.org or a print is available at city hall. A meeting stipend will be paid.

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Deadline for applications and letter of intent is January 26, 2024.

CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBURARY 27, 2024

A public accuracy test for the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION to be held FEBURARY 27, 2024, will be conducted on Wednesday, JANUARY 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to assure that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballots of the election are in conformance with the procedures prescribed by the law.

Kim Hamilton Laingsburg Deputy Clerk

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ARTICLE VI. GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

Sec. 32-140. Operation of golf carts on city streets.
A person may operate a golf cart on city streets, subject to the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, as amended, being MCL 257.657a, in conformance with Public Act 491 of 2014 and by the following restrictions:
(a) A person shall not operate a golf cart unless he or she is at least sixteen (16) years old and licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
(b) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648 that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
(c) A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one (1) proceeding in the same direction.
(d) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway (M-21). This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a city street, using the most direct line of crossing.
(e) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a highway or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path.
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(j) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.
(k) This article does not apply to a police officer in the performance of his or her official duties.
(l) A golf cart operated on a city street under this article is not required to be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code for purposes of section 3101 of the Insurance Code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101.
(m) As used in this article, "golf cart" means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf. A golf cart is not required to meet the vehicle safety requirements of a low-speed vehicle for approval under this article.

(n) The operator of a golf cart shall obey all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.
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(p) Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be penalized as a civil infraction as described in Sec. 1-13.

(Ord. No.143)

At a regular meeting of the City of Ovid held on January 8, 2024, Council Member Perrien made the motion to adopt and enact Ordinance #143 Golf Carts on City Streets.

Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted AYE: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M.

Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the Following voted NAY: None

Absent: None

Adopted on this 8th day of January 2024

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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 FEBRUARY 14, 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 mortgage made by William L. Krot and Natalie Krot, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Republic Bank, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 1, 2005 and recorded August 8, 2005 in Instrument Number 5085269 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three and 64/100 Dollars (\$116,193.64). 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 FEBRUARY 14, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Victor, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS 78.5 FEET ON A BEARING SOUTH 71 DEGREES WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUND LAKE FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 7 OF BARRETT SHORES PLAT, LOCATED IN SECTION 28, T6N, R1W, THENCE SOUTH 71 DEGREES WEST 50 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROUND LAKE, THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 111 FEET; THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES EAST 50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 109 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY SHALL BE AT ALL TIMES EXTENDED TO AND TOUCH THE WATERS OF ROUND LAKE.

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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: January 14, 2024

File No. 23-014473

Firm Name: Orlans PC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big

Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erik Martini, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Point Financial Corporation, It's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 19, 2020 and recorded November 24, 2020 in Instrument Number 5301328 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Ninety-Eight and 10/100 Dollars (\$71,098.10).

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 FEBRUARY 7, 2024.

Said premises are located in the City of Ovid, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7 and the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 13, Village (now City) of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 367, Clinton County Records. 130 W. Front St, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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: January 7, 2024
File No. 23-014828
Firm Name: Orlans PC
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Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Taylor Edward Nearhood and Sarah Hurst, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC fka Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding Date of Mortgage: February 8, 2023 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 16, 2023 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$284,890.25

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point 400 feet North of the Southeast corner of the North 50 acres of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 6 North, Range 1 West; thence West 768 feet; thence North 429 feet; thence West 552 feet; thence North 131 feet; thence East 1320 feet; thence South 560 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 6214 S Hollister Rd, Ovid, MI 48866-9605 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).

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submitted by Becky Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. announces its 34th annual Walk for Warmth will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Owosso Community Center (Shiawassee Council on Aging), 300 N. Washington Street, Owosso. Registration opens at 9:00 A.M., the Walk begins at 9:30 A.M. •

Walk for Warmth is a statewide effort to raise public awareness of people experiencing heat-related emergencies. Funds are raised through contributions from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, clubs and church groups and are used to assist area residents with heat-related emergencies. With the rising costs of basic needs and food, which creates an economic hardship currently being experienced by many local residents and the changes in State and Federal funding, the need for heat-related assistance has become far greater than service agencies and churches can resolve without additional resources, such as Walk for Warmth. 100% of the funds raised through the Shiawassee County Walk are used to assist low-income households within Shiawassee County. There are no administrative fees.

With the high number of local families and seniors needing heat-related assistance, the support of area businesses, individuals and civic groups is critical. Please consider assisting by having a group or individual represent your business/organization in the Walk or make a one-time contribution.

Donations may be mailed to: CACS, Shiawassee County Access Center, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso MI 48867

If you are hesitant or unable to "join" with a group, please feel free to "walk anywhere at anytime". For further information, please contact our office at: 989- 723-3115. Pledge sheets are now available.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to keep families warm this winter and prevent homelessness due to home heating related emergencies.

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Merrell Pops in 15 Points, Wolfpack Girls Top Cavs, 46-27

CORUNNA — Ella Merrell popped in a career-high 15 points -- including a pair of trifectas -- as Laingsburg topped Corunna, 46-27, here in girls non-conference basketball play.

Veteran coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack improved to 3-2 overall (2-1 in the CMAC) — while the host Cavaliers fell to 1-6 overall.

“I'm very proud how hard the girls are working on improving their team and individual performance,” said Hurst. “We continue to move in the right direction. We will have our success and lumps, but if we continue to improve and learn we're going in the right direction.”

The Lady Wolves opened the scoring with a 14-6 run, then led 20-13 at halftime before putting the Cavs away with a dominate 16-7 third quarter.

LHS leaders were: Callie Clark 8 pts, 4 steals; Mallory Woodbury 6 pts, 5 rebs; Ashlee Hawes 5 pts, 4 rebs; Payge Woodworth 5 pts; Lilli Morrill 4 points; and Bella Strieff 3 pts, 6 rebs.

Laingsburg 36 girls squeeze past Lansing Christian, 36-35 on hardcourt

SOUTH LANSING — Senior Ashlee Hawes made a steal with a minute left and scored a subsequent lay-up to give Laingsburg a 36-35 victory over Lansing Christian.

“We ran the four corners and stalled for the final 46 seconds,” said Lady Wolfpack coach Doug Hurst. “They couldn't catch us to foul us. It was amazing.”

Senior Callie Clark scored a team-high 11 points with three 3-pointers, four assists and three steals for the Wolfpack (4-2 overall, 3-1 CMAC). Bella Strieff had nine points and 13 rebounds while Harper Strouse had five points and seven rebounds. Hawes finished with four points and three steals while Payge Woodworth had three points and Ella Merrell and Mallory Woodbury each had two.

Laingsburg outscored Lansing Christian 10-7 in the fourth quarter for the win. The host Pilgrims fell to 3-4 overall and 1-4 in the CMAC.



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