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34th Annual Walk for Warmth

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. 1000/o 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.

CACS - Shiawassee Access Center

MDARD Announces Grant Opportunities for County Fairs

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING, Mich. - Today, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development announced the 2024 competitive grant cycle for the County Fair Capital Improvement Grant, the state's county fairs to make building and other capital improvements to their fairground facilities. Both grant proposals must be received via email by MDARD no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024.



The capital improvement program provides

additional funds for county fair officials to help make needed improvements to their fairground facilities; including but not limited to structural improvements or other renovations to buildings.

The shows and expositions grants provide financial support for awards in the form of premiums or promotional activities of the livestock and commodity expositions, fairs, and festivals.

The submitted grants will go through a competitive grant process and be reviewed by an

Eligible applicants include fairs that are incorporated under Act 80 of 1855 or county owned and operated fairs operating under Act 11 of 1929 and that have submitted all required year-end reports for the prior three years.

Livestock expositions hosting expos must meet the required number of exhibitors.

For detailed program information, application form, and submission criteria, please visit MDARD - County Fairs Capital Improvement Grants (michigan.gov) or contact Tracy Ebels or 517-285-8463. The proposal must be sent electronically to Tracy Ebels at MDARD-Fairs@michigan.gov.



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Throng of Community Members Enjoy Lions' Free Spaghetti Dinner

LAINGSBURG -- A packed house greeted the Laingsburg Lions Club for its annual January spaghetti dinner at Clare Burt Post 248, Laingsburg American Legion.

Free of charge to all, Laingsburg Lions members served over 150 meals (a new record) to the Laingsgburg community on a very cold January 16th night. The Lions added meatballs as an option with the meal -- and it was a huge success.

'Thank you to all that braved the cold and icy road conditions," explained Lion Terry

Fraidenburg. "The Laingsburg Lions appreciate all the support our community gives us."

The next free spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th at the Legion. Springtime Festival tickets will be available for purchase at the dinner.

Consumers Energy Offers Tips to Help Households Reduce Winter Heating Bills and Get Help

submitted by Brian M. Wheeler

JACKSON – With frigid cold draped across Michigan this week, Consumers Energy is high-lighting programs, dollars and ways to help Michiganders lower and get help with their energy

Lauren Snyder, Consumers Energy's vice president of customer experience, said Consumers Energy is continuing to look out for customers even after restoring power across the state over the weekend.

"Natural gas costs less than half as much as it did last year. Still, Consumers Energy is looking out for our friends and neighbors, to be sure they stay safe and comfortable in their homes as temperatures have plunged below zero," Snyder said. "You should know you can take action to reduce your energy bill, and you can find help by reaching out with just a phone call.

Snyder shared these tips to reduce energy waste. Learn more at ConsumersEnergy.com/cold-

- · Have your heating system tuned and inspected by a service professional. Heat losses from a poorly maintained system can range between 1-2 percent a year.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter often during the heating season. If your furnace can 'breathe" more easily, it will use less energy.
- Dial your thermostat down at night and add an extra blanket for warmth. Adjusting your home's temperature by even 1 degree can lower your heating bill by 1 to 3 percent.
- · Make sure your attic, basement, garage and exterior doors are closed to prevent cold drafts from getting in and heat from getting out.
- Schedule a Consumers Energy home energy analysis. The free analysis offers ways you can take action to save energy at home.

Snyder also encouraged people who need help to contact 2-1-1. The free service connects Michiganders with nonprofits to find help with basic needs, from energy bills to food and shelter. it ConsumersEnergy.com/assistance to learn more.

Apply for State Emergency Relief (SER) at michigan.gov/mibridges.

Contact Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050 to make payment arrangements.

Apply for a Home Heating Credit at michigan.gov/treasury.

'We know that asking for help can feel intimidating, but it's vital for people to understand assistance is available right here in our communities, regardless of the situation," Snyder said. 'We'll know we're making a difference this winter when everyone finds the helping hand to get them through challenges

Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.7 million of the state's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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Notice of Intent to Apply to USDA and Public Informational Meeting **Rural Development** City of Ovid Clinton County, Michigan

Water System Improvements

The City of Ovid intends to apply for a grant and loan through the Rural Development office of the United States Department of Agriculture (RUS) for the purposes of replacing old undersized water mains and water services to the right of way line throughout the City.

The amount of grant and loan funding to be applied for is estimated at One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars. The project is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2024 and completed in the summer of 2025. The project will include replacement of 4 and 6-inch water main with new 8-inch, new water service laterals to the right of way line, new fire hydrants, new mainline shut off valves and associated road, sidewalk and surface restoration.

Public comments regarding the application to USDA-RUS are welcome. For additional information contact: the City of Ovid, 114 East Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866, Phone Number: 989-834-5550

Written comments should be submitted to the City of Ovid, 114 East Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866 prior to February 12, 7:00 pm, for the regular City Council meeting.

The proposed project will be shared at the meeting.

City of Ovid William Lasher Mayor

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Ashley Sportsman's Club **Annual Squirrel Hunt**

by Dawn D Levey BANNISTER

Ashley Sportsman's club will hold the annual squirrel Hunt Sunday, January 28, 2024, 8554 S Mason Bannister. Registratio will be held 6:30 am-9:00 am at the Clubhouse and squirrel check in will be from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm,



teams must be in line by 4 pm for the bag limit to count. The rules are as follows: two-person team \$20 per team; both team members must be present at registration; 10 squirrel limit per team; no hunting on ASC grounds; hunting must take place in Michigan; hunters shall abide by all Michigan hunting regulations; air rifle and/or rim fire rifles only (no shot guns).

There will be no cash payout, participants will receive one prize drawing ticket for registering and two for each squirrel taken. The number of prize options will be determined by the number of teams.

This is a terrific opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy Michigan's winter. Concessions will be available after 3 pm. For more information call 517-204-4075 or email ashleysportsmansclub@gmail.com.



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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 teven Easterling.

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



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

City of Ovid is also looking for one Board of Review member. The Board of Review hears and determines appeals along with certain other matters concerning real and personal property assessments and/or classifications. A yearly stipend is paid for this position.

Interested parties should submit a letter of intent to City of Ovid, PO Box 138, Ovid, MI 48866; drop box located at 114 E. Front St., email at clerk@ovidmi.org Subject line Charter review Committee or Board of Review. Or you may fill out board application located on our website www.ovidmi.org under Government > Current Openings

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





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Longtime Sparrow Nurse and Leader named Chief Nursing Officer of E.W. Sparrow Hospital

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, MI – A longtime Sparrow nurse and leader has been named chief nursing officer of E.W. Sparrow Hospital.

Kathy Marble, of Okemos, has served as interim CNO since October and has already tackled many important issues at Sparrow. She comes from the nursing ranks, having worked as a Sparrow nurse for 40 years, including 25 in the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as a nurse, staff edu-



Kathy Marble

cator and manager. Marble has also served as director of women and children services, leader of pediatric services, and has been part of the Michigan Medicine and Sparrow joint venture team in pediatrics since it was established in 2019. She has also served in the planning section of Sparrow's Incident Command, which played a crucial role in Sparrow's response during the pandemic.

Marble has excelled at developing strong relationships with caregivers throughout Sparrow, has created important physician partnerships and led a hospital-wide initiative to assess and support patients with sensory needs.

For more information about Sparrow nursing, go to Sparrow.org.

Synopsis-Draft **Public Hearing and Regular Meeting** January 8, 2024

Open Public Hearing:

Mayor Lasher called the Public Hearing 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 guests present; some of the guests were Liza Kusnier-Treasurer, Rich Simpson-DPW Superintendent, Susan Tomasek-Swan-Clerk, Scott Gould- City's Attorney, Val Vail-Shirey, County Commissioner, Melissa Jones, Eric Jones, Lori Alley, Danielle Collins, Michelle Soliz, Patti Stewart, Dan Kinney, and Dale Spencer.

Public Comment: Time Opened: 7:00 PM Time Closed: 7:01PM

Public Hearing Closed: 7:01 PM Regular Meeting Opened: 7:01 PM

Agenda

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

Carried on a voice vote

Minutes

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve the December 11. 2023, Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes as presented. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Invoice/check register

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from 12/13/2023 through 01/09/2024 and invoices; Gould Law and Ovid Auto Parts. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Public Comment: Opened 7:04 pm Closed 7:25 pm

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion

Carried on voice vote

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to close the office lobby on January 10th and January 24th, 2024 for meetings, and records and equipment organization. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion

Carried on a voice vote.

Report Approval Motion

Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to approve the reports from Mayor, Treasurer, Police and DPW reports. Council Member Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

New Business

a. T-Mobile Phone/Tablet Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve T-Mobile effective immediately for all phones and tablet (may exclude police department if the service doesn't work with present equipment) Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

b. CAASA Budgets and Ambulance Purchase resolution

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to approve the CAASA Projected budget and Performance budget as presented. Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Resolution 2024-01- Resolution to Authorized Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority to Purchase and Finance an Ambulance.

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to approve resolution 2024-01 as presented and authorized the mayor to sign the resolution. Council Member M. Perrien supported the resolution.

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

c. Council Committees Board and Commissions list Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the "Committee and Boards and Commission" list as presented. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

d. Early Voting Election Inspector Pay Rate Council M. Perrien made the motion to pay Early Voting (EV) Election inspectors \$17.00 per hour. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion

Carried on a voice vote

e. Compensation for Charter Review Committee Council Member E. Brown made a motion to compensate the Charter Review Commission at the current meeting rate (\$60.00 per meeting) and if completed on time to be placed on the November ballot to be paid a \$100.00 bonus. Council Member E. Starn second-

Carried on a voice vote

f. Pay Application #2 for Contract 1 approval and Fleis & Vanderbrink Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve payment and authorize the mayor to sign corresponding documents to pay application #2 and to approve payment of Fleis & Vanderbrink invoice. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the

g. Approval to sign and disburse pay request to EGLE-Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the submission of EGLE disbursement and to authorize the mayor to sign corresponding documents. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Old Business

Golf Cart Ordinance

Council Member M. Perrien motioned to adopt the Golf Cart Ordinance #143 and to post it for review and publication. 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

Adopted Committees:

a. Personnel-

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Boards and Commissions

Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to approve Spicer's contract with the City 's master plan not to exceed \$26,000.00 and Park and Rec's master plan not to exceed \$14,000.00. Motion was supported by Council Member M. Olger Carried on a voice vote

The Council discussed having a special meeting for discussion of the Police Union Contract.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion for a Special Council meeting to discuss Police Union Contract on January 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Tomasek Swan City of Ovid Clerk

Elba Township **Gratiot County, Michigan** Notice of Adoption of Consumers Energy **Gas Franchise Ordinance** Ordinance No. 1-24

Please take notice that on January 9, 2024, the Township Board of Elba Township adopted Ordinance No. 1-24, to grant to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas line and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the Township of Elba, Gratiot County, Michigan, for a period of 30 years. Copies of the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance may be obtained from Madalin, Elba Township Clerk, at 102 Quarterline Street, Ashley, MI 48806.

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment has the following sections and catch lines: Section 1. Grant and Term; Section 2. Conditions; Section 3. Indemnification and Duty to Defend; Section 4. Extensions; Section 5. Franchise not Exclusive; Section 6. Rates and Conditions; Section 7. Revocation; Section 8. Michigan Public Service Commission Jurisdiction; Section 9. Repealer; Section 10. Effective Date, which shall be on January 9, 2024; and Section 11:

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City of Ovid Resolution 2024-01

Resolution to Authorize Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority to Purchase and Finance an Ambulance At the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2024 located at 114 E. Front St.

Whereas: The City of Ovid is a municipality which is a member of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (hereafter referred as CAASA); and Whereas: Each member municipality currently contributes \$15.00 per capita for capital expenses/improvements including the acquisition of ne ambulances; and

Whereas: CAASA intends to purchase one (1) ambulance and related equipment (the "Property") from Kodiak Emergency Vehicles, Grand Ledge, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000), and to enter into an installment purchase agreement (the 'Installment Purchase Agreement") to finance a portion of the cost of the Property; and

Whereas: The CAASA Board has received an offer from Journey Federal Credit Union (the "Credit Union") to finance One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000,00) through an Installment Purchase Agreement at an interest rate not to exceed Six and 90/100 percent (6.90%) per annum over a period not to exceed 2 years, with annual principal and interest payments beginning no ater than one (1) year after the date of funding/closing, with interest thereon, pased upon a 360-day year, 30-day month, and the Board now desires to accept that offer; and

Whereas: The Articles of Incorporation of CAASA requires that all member municipalities approve by resolution in approval for CAASA to seek financing for such a acquisition/capital expense.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Ovid does hereby approve of CAASA to enter into an Installment Purchase

Agreement in order to finance the purchase of the Property described above. Council Member E. Starn made a motion to adopt this resolution and authorize the mayor to sign said document. Council Member M. Perrien supported the resolution.

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







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Obituaries

Patricia Anne "Pat" Rieves

Patricia Anne "Pat" Rieves, shortly before her 21st birthday at the age 83, of DeWitt, MI, passed away Friday, January 12, 2024, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Patricia was born in Owosso, Michigan on February 29, 1940, the daughter of Frank Joseph and Libbie A. (Dinstbier) Houska. She graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1958. On February 17, 1962, Patricia married Ronald James Rieves at Central United Methodist Church, Lansing MI. They have been married nearly sixty-two years.

Pat was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church. She sang in the choir for many years and was very active in the LWML. She enjoyed attending LWML conventions. She liked to crossstitch and read. Before devoting herself to being a homemaker, Pat was a secretary at MSU and the tax department for the State of Michigan. Most of all, she loved her family and devoted herself to caring for them.

She is survived by her husband Ron, three children: Roxanne (Jim) Gleason of St. Johns, MI; Randy Rieves of

Lansing, MI; and Ryan Rieves of DeWitt, MI; two grandchildren: Kristin (Stephen) Vlahakis, and Kaitlyn (Ty) Cook; great-grandson Louis Vlahakis; her brother Bill (Cindy) Houska; one nephew Russ (Jean Kelly) Rieves; and two nieces: Renee (Phil) Taft, and Tara (Seth) Poche. She was preceded in death by her parents, and grandson Connor Gleason.

Funeral Services were held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, St. Johns, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 18, 2024, with Pastor Jim Pearl officiating. Burial hasl taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, MI.

Memorials may be made to St. Johns Lutheran Church - LWML. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.

\$852,000 Awarded to Strengthen Michigan **Rural Communities**

submitted by Erica Quealy

Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity's (LEO) Office of Rural Prosperity awarded \$852,000 to support 19 different rural community projects across Michigan's ten Prosperity Regions through the Rural Readiness Grant Program. The grant provides rural communities with up to \$50,000 to support collaborative planning and capacity initiatives. These competitive, reimbursement grants support and invest in underserved areas and populations by providing reimbursement grant funding for capacity building activities, develop-

ment readiness initiatives, partnership and plan formation and cross sector collaboration.

The 19 projects supported by the Rural Readiness Grant Program will address needs related to childcare; housing, development readiness, health and emergency preparedness; non-motorized transportation infrastructure; and general capacity-building activities for local, county and tribal governments, nonprofits, economic development organizations, community foundations, regional planning agencies and health service providers across the state.

Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership of Shiawassee County.

Development of a Housing Strategic Action Plan that will facilitate development. \$50,000 "Rural communities need to plan for projects that will address complex challenges like housing shortages and health access, but often lack the funding or staff resources to do so," said Sarah Lucas, director of the Office of Rural Prosperity. "The Rural Readiness Grant Program invests in underserved areas across the state to help them prepare for solutions to a wide range of needs. We're excited to see these projects lead the way to positive change for Michigan residents.

CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2024

A public hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled Laingsburg City Council meeting on February 5, 2024 at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, MI, 48848. Discussion around the establishment of a commercial redevelopment district in the City's C-1, Central Business District.

Written comments on the proposed commercial redevelopment district will be received at the City Hall before or at the public hearing by in-person delivery or by mail (see address below). Furthermore, the City of Laingsburg will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the City Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk (including by using the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1/TDD) not less than five (5) days before the public hearing.

Kim Hamilton Laingsburg City Deputy Clerk PO Box 178 Laingsburg, MI, 48848 Tel: 517.651.5374

Church Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

163 W. Main St., Elsie Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Watch Sunday Service on YouTube at elsiebaptist Pastor Phillip Rogers

Laingsburg United **Methodist Church**

210 Crum St., Laingsburg 517-651-5531 Worship Service: 10:30am

Minister:

Rev. Tiffany Newsom

Middlebury United **Methodist Church**

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid 989-834-2573 Minister:



Rev. Tiffany Newsom **Worship Service** 9:00 a.m.

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street Pastor: Zella Daniel Sunday Worship 11:15am

FAITH FELLOWSHIP

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Today is a beautiful day, no wind, a bit of sunshine and it is warm enough for the snow to be melting off the car. Of course this is subject to rapid change as we do live in Michigan. I believe that tomorrow is supposed to be down right nasty. So I will enjoy this afternoon. I hope to zip over to visit Karen for a few minutes and this will make Prudence very happy because she gets to ride along with me. That and Karen always spoils her with a "Pupperoni treat". I probably didn't spell it correctly but I'm sure that you get the gist. I got to sleep in this morning and still made it to the shop before seven. I had to leave early to pick up paperwork at our accountant's and to search for a few more Valentine items to decorate the shop. Diane was switching out the Christmas decorations for the Valentine pieces between customers. I forgot to mention that Brent and Diane came over yesterday afternoon and dug me out a wide pathway from the west deck to my pickup. I feel very spoiled and am grateful that they went out of their way to do so for me. Yes, I

I don't believe that I was home for more then a few minutes when my cousin dropped off bunches of bananas. And I'm having trouble finding some one to share them. Barb agreed to a couple bunches so I will leave at least three. So now I suppose that I will just work on the fliers, get them finished to let folks know what our Valentine specials will be. That just might keep me busy for a little while. Prudence is more interested in getting a ride in the truck and just keeps woofing at me to hustle. I followed Pru's insistence. Had a short visit with Karen and came home to a long nap, now I need to hustle or be disgraced for my laziness. Oh well.

Have I mentioned that I finally have noticed the difference in my two orange and white cats? You first heard about Hebo when I brought him back from being neutered. Both the veterinarian and I thought that I had a Sheba on my hands until the incision had been made. There had been no apparent signs of Sheba being a Hebo... nothing had dropped yet even though he was over six months old. A case of arrested development. Tripper has a solid orange back and Hebo has a large white spot on his. Also, Tripper is rather self-centered and demanding, he also keeps trying to wind himself around my ankles as I or anyone else walks through the yard. Yes, he is a living trip hazard. Hebo is a gentleman and doesn't expect to be the center of my attention or the path that I walk.

I seem to be having a session of procrastination. I have been avoiding the Valentine fliers. At MG's we will be offering a waffle covered with cherries jubilee and topped off with Cool Whip, plated with a side of two sausage patties(\$9.00 per serving). This will be decadently yummy. Yes, there will be other items of interest, like the cream puffs filled with coconut cream or chocolate cream or maybe you would prefer the heart shaped sugar cookies frosted with cream cheese frosting? Or the large eight by seven inch double chip cookies? Also some cream cheese covered chocolate cup cakes filled with raspberry filling... I'm finally getting the hang of putting together our Naan bread breakfast pizza. Of course I want the whole variation on one pizza. My mouth is watering over the sausage gravy, crumbled sausage, sauteed onions, mushrooms, and ham covered with scrambled eggs and mozzarella.

Have I mentioned that I seem to be running errands whenever some of my readers stop by to check us out at MG's? I was at our tax accountant's this morning and a couple came in and recognized my daughter Diane but didn't know who our third partner was. That would be my son-in-law Brent, Diane's husband, our self declared 'Director of Hospitality'. He is also our chief dish and bottle washer. We couldn't make it without him. And then there is our quick study Tonya who is very good at applying her talents in the kitchen. I'm sorry that I missed being able to engage in a lovely conversation with the couple that came in today, I didn't get any names and I'm still looking forward to hearing from Betty the talented painter of stones. May God bless you all and fill your life with kindness and

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Michigan's New Gun Laws

If you are a current gun owner, or plan to be a gun owner in the very near future, it is important that you understand all of the new firearms legislation passed last year that will become law on February 13th, 2024. This date is about 45 days earlier than most years when the effective date on new legislation is usually in late March. According to the state constitution, legislation passed in both chambers of the legislature but failed to recently stopped to help a guy who broke down on the highreceive enough required extra votes for immediate effect will not immediately become law when signed by the governor. Such legislation shall become law 90 days past the last official day of session for that calendar year which is known as Sine Die. As you may have heard in the news, the legislature adjourned sooner than normal in 2023 primarily to allow an earlier Sine Die for two purposes; moving the Presidential Primary to an earlier date and to let the new gun control measures become law on the one year anniversary of the MSU

MSU community, many mistakes and errors were made in the changed when I trusted Christ in 1980. I realized that the color legislative process. There are many questions and concerns about the new laws which has both the ATF and the Michigan State Police scratching their heads on how all of this will work in the short and long term as some legislators are already talking about "clean up" and "fix it" legislation. Maybe the legislature and governor should have slowed down the process to get it right the first time. Regardless, the Michigan State Police plans to have information on their website explaining everything by Feb 1st and all new forms available in PDF format downloadable for FFL dealers, local law enforcement, and citi-

This is a very short synopsis of what you need to know:

locked storage box, or in a locked vehicle.

Universal Background Checks- all transfer of ownership of 6:23)

Extreme Risk Protection Orders- Michigan will now have a red flag court intervention system to remove firearms from a person in distress or crisis that could use a firearm to harm themselves or others.

It is your responsibility as an owner of firearms to educate yourself on these new laws pertaining to your daily legal responsibilities.

USDA Announces \$5 Million for Biofuel Upgrades in Michigan, Neighboring States

submitted by Alec Lloyd

EAST LANSING – U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development State Director for Michigan Brandon Fewins announced a \$5 million grant to increase the availability of biofuels in Michigan and surrounding states.

"Biofuels strengthen American energy independence and increase prosperity for rural areas," said Fewins. another way that USDA Rural Development is helping to improve agricultural opportunities for rural Michigan.

USDA is providing the funds to Bulk Petroleum Corporation through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP), made possible with funding from President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act.

The grant will be used to create infrastructure to expand the sales and use of renewable fuels. Four locations in Michigan will be affected, three in Grand Rapids and one in Lansing.

Additional locations are in Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and Kentucky.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hopersberger Graham Community Church

"Door Stops"

"Unless I shall see...I will not believe (John 20:19-25)."

We are skeptical by nature. "Give them the benefit of the doubt" is a rarity. Why is that? We've all gotten burned by being too trusting, been taken advantage of, or lied to. Trust can be dangerous. Better to not open that trust door, but I way. Potentially, a big risk, but it was the right thing to do.

I got off at the next exit and came back. He'd run out of gas on the way to the doctor with his wife (she had cancer and was inside with their baby). We drove to the next exit and got some gas. He was very grateful, but I was the one who was blessed. It felt good to trust God. You see, he was black, and before I became a Christian, I hated blacks.

I grew up in Detroit and went to an almost all black high school and had gotten kicked out for fighting. I had friends killed by them, been in lots of fights, and even started a riot at Because the legislation was rushed to show empathy for the our high school because of our mutual prejudice. That all on the outside was irrelevant. The color that mattered was inside, in my heart, and that was very dark indeed (Romans

> When I left my new friend, he thanked me. We both knew he was in a bad way and that I was an unlikely candidate to stop. He smiled and we went on our way. I'm glad I wasn't skeptical that day. Would you take a chance like that...with od, take Him at His word?

The Bible says He cannot lie, "In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago...(Titus 1:2)." God's Word, the Bible, is true — every word of it. It would've been a big mistake if I didn't help that young family, Safe Storage- owners of firearms that are around minors and it's an even bigger mistake, an eternal one, for you not to need to make sure firearms are secured with a trigger lock, trust Him when what He's promised is immortality because there's no risk, none whatsoever...it's a free gift (Romans

firearms including long guns and sales between individuals, including family members, will now require background checks.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me (John 14:6)." Jesus said He is the only way, but our nature is more like Satan's, we doubt His words. Look what Satan said in Genesis 3:1, "Has God really said...?" Behold, the first skeptic, and according to Jesus, Satan is our father, and the father of lies (John 8:44). You probably even doubt that (but now you know why "we are skeptical by nature").

Even Thomas doubted his fellow Apostles who told him Jesus was alive, that is until He walked through a locked door. Jesus is here right now, at the door of your heart. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears My voice and opens the door. I will come in to him (Revelation 3:20)." He has never lied. Not once.

If you doubt that, go read what He said in John's Gospel, chapter 10. It might seem scary, but trust me. Stop doubting Him. Turn around, come back, and answer the door. It's the right thing to do.

New Exhibit at Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center

submitted by Sarah Hopkins

The Exhibition Title: Space Between

Exhibition Dates: Now until February 24, 2024

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 25, from 5 - 7 PM Exhibition Website: https://lansingartgallery.org/spacebetween-by-gerald-collins/

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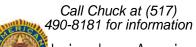


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Can Anyone be a Wedding Officiant?

Though it's been awhile since the poll was conducted, in 2017 the data-tracking firm Wedding Report surveyed couples who had recently tied the knot, and one of the questions participants answered concerned who officiated their weddings. Roughly 25 percent of couples indicated a friend or family member had served as their wedding officiant, and that figure pales in compari-



son to older studies, one of which determined the number was around 40 percent. But anyone who has attended more than one wedding in recent years has likely noticed that it's no longer unique to see laypersons officiate a wedding instead of more traditional officiants, which historically has meant clergy or other individuals with some formal affiliation with a house of worship. Though local or provincial governments may have their own unique rules and restrictions, in many places it's easy and open to anyone to become a licensed officiant. Couples who want a friend or family member to officiate their wedding are urged to make that request well in advance of their wedding, which can assure the person has ample time to complete the licensing process.

Did You Know?

A number of variables affect how much engaged couples will spend on their weddings. Personal preferences, location and the season in which couples get married are just some of the factors that can affect the final cost of a wedding. However, one aspect couples can count on regarding wedding spending is the reception will likely require the most significant financial investment. The Knot 2022 Real Weddings Study found that the average cost of a wedding in 2022 was \$30,000. The study also found that the biggest investment couples make is the venue. Couples indicated they spent about 37 percent of their overall budget on a wedding venue. Though some couples may spend more than that and others may spend less, engaged couples currently planning their weddings should know that the cost of the venue where they will tie the knot will likely end up requiring the most significant investment of any component related to their wedding.

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Popular Wedding Photography Packages

Capturing the memorable moments of a wedding is a necessity. Hiring a talented photographer is an important component of wedding preparations. The best way to preserve a wedding day for years to come is through photographs and videography.

The Knot 2022 Real Weddings Study indicates 88 percent of survey respondents hired photographers for their weddings, and the average cost for a professional photographer is around \$2,600

When couples begin to vet local photographers, they quickly will learn that many photographers bundle their services into packages. Each package will contain some standard offerings, which typically expand as the price goes up. Although each photographer will do things a little differently, here is a generalized idea of what wedding photography packages may entail.

Base photo package

The base package likely will include the services of one photographer and potentially a helper. The photographer will be available for a predetermined period of time to capture both the ceremony and the reception. This package will include an agreed upon number of edited proofs, of which the couple can choose a specific number that will be processed for viewing, sharing or printing. The photographer may sign over print rights, or you may need to use them exclusively for prints depending on the package and price. Proofs and processed photos typically are shared through an online link.

Intermediate photo package

An intermediate photo package will build on the base and will include additional services. The photographer may take photos at a set number of alternative locations. This can be advantageous if you'd like to take photos at a nearby park or seaside location. This package also may extend how long the photographer will be with you, with some arriving early to take "getting dressed" photographs.

Intermediate packages may include a full printed and bound wedding album for the couple, and print rights to even more processed photos in an online gallery for sharing. This package also may allow couples to share the gallery with others so they can view and print their own photos.

Advanced photo package

A soup-to-nuts photography package is often the most expensive and extensive package a photographer offers. It may include an all-day commitment from the photographer and an assistant, unlimited locations for photo shoots, exclusive print rights to the couple for any photos that have been captured and processed, and other perks like extensive retouching and photo editing of photographs.

More inclusive packages also may include engagement photo sessions and even after-wedding bookings for post-honeymoon or first anniversary shoots. In addition to online galleries and a printed wedding album,

In addition to online galleries and a printed wedding album, an advanced package may feature albums for parents and matted and framed portraits. If the photographer contracts with a videographer, packages also may combine photo and video services and share the digital files accordingly.

Photographers often have various packages that can accommodate couples working on budgets of various sizes.



Clever Ways to Invite People to be in Your Wedding Party

Plenty of love and effort goes into coordinating dream wedding. Although the happy couple garners most of the spotlight on such momentous occasions, they're not the only ones who



will feature prominently in the wedding.

The wedding party is made up of bridesmaids, groomsmen, a ring bearer, a flower girl, ushers, and other guests of honor, such as a couple's parents. The wedding resource The Knot reports that old school etiquette once indicated there should be one groomsman and one corresponding bridesmaid for every 50 guests, although four bridesmaids and four groomsmen tends to be the average nowadays.

Choosing who will be included in the wedding party requires forethought and should not be rushed. The rule of thumb is to ask roughly a year to eight months before the wedding so those asked have time to prepare. When that time comes, these fun ideas can help couples invite loved ones to be in the wedding party with style.

- Say it with a treat. Remember those heart-shaped candies that come out at Valentine's Day that are printed with various sentiments, like "Be mine"? Replicate the idea by giving prospective wedding party members cookies iced to look like tuxedos and bridesmaid gowns with a phrase like "Will you?"
- Give personalized drinkware. Whether it's wine glasses or flasks, have drinkware engraved with the names of who is being asked so that everyone can toast when they say yes. In the event that someone declines, that person will still have a thoughtful momento.
- Make custom scratch-off cards. This is one gamble that is likely to pay off when you present loved ones and friends with scratch-off tickets that reveal the question, "Will you be my

bridesmaid/groomsman?"

- Put together swag bags. Take a page out of fashion shows or celebrity parties and package some luxury items into gift bags for those special people you want to stand by your side on your wedding day. High-end grooming products, jewelry, electronics accessories, and more can be great gifts for those who are likely to be in your wedding party.
- · Gift robes or T-shirts: Plan ahead for staged and coordinated photos by purchasing matching robes or T-shirts for all the besties in the wedding party. Those who are up for having a good time will have no problem wearing the matching outfits when out for wedding-related events.
- Fill balloons with confetti and messages. Ask friends and loved ones to pop ballons to reveal your request that they be in the wedding party.

Engaged couples may have many close friends and loved ones they want to stand by their side during the wedding. There are plenty of fun ways to ask them to be part of the celebration.



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Sports

Shamrocks Hand Lady Marauders First Loss of Campaign, at SVSU

SAGINAW -- At Saginaw Valley State University, Portland St. Patrick handed Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team their first loss of the season, 51-45.

PSP improved to 7-2 while OE dipped to 7-1.

After an 11-9 first quarter in favor of the Shamrocks and another 15-14 advantage in the second, PSP would put together a dominant 15-5 third-quarter run to lead 41-28. However, the Lady Marauders would claw their way back into the game with some tenacious defense and ended up outscoring PSP 17-10 in the final stanza

"We knew this was going to be a dog fight. They are a very good team with a lot of quickness and athleticism," said veteran Marauder coach Ryan Cunningham. "We didn't have our best stuff tonight but I am proud of the way our girls fought to the

Ovid-Elsie led by 5 points early in the contest but a 7-0 run by the Shamrocks put PSP back on top in a game that saw five ties and 10 lead changes. But it was the third-quarter surge that kept the Marauders at bay.

'We went through some slumps on offense and we uncharacteristically turned the ball over tonight. We talked a lot the past few days about how they want to speed us up and make us uncomfortable, and they did just that," added Cunningham.

Sophomore Lilian Bates helped pace the Lady Marauders with 9 points including 2 triples to go along with Evalyn Cole's 9 points. Bates and Cole also added 4 rebounds each with Cole adding 5 assists and 3 steals.

Braeden Tokar added 8 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals while Hailee Campbell (8 rebounds) and Ava Bates (6 rebounds, 4 assists) each scored 6 points. Francesca Giacobbe added 3 points and Tava Kvalevog and Ellyana Carman 2 points each.

"The bottom line here is that we turned the ball over too many times and gave up too many offensive rebounds," Cunningham said. "In the grand scheme of things, it doesn't change anything in terms of the goals that we have. We scheduled games like this for a reason and we need to learn from our mistakes and get better. This loss will pay dividends down the

Ovid-Elsie out-shot Portland St. Pat's 35% to 33% from the 0:24. field and at the free throw line, 66.7% to 50% respectively. However, the Shamrocks attempted ten more free throws than the Lady Marauders. Both teams grabbed 30 rebounds and PSP had one more assist in the game (16-15) but it was the steals and turnovers that stood out as PSP collected 10 steals on 20 OE turnovers while the Lady Marauders collected 7 steals on just 10 Shamrock turnovers.

The Lady Marauders will hit the road on Saturday, January 20 to take on Petoskey at Cadillac High School at 4:00 p.m.

Unbeaten Wolves, Finally Get Lady Wolfpack Makes it 5 in a Back to the Hardcourt, **Downing Aggies**

LAINGSBURG -- Mid-Michigan basketball teams, hounded by the frigid, snowy weather -- a pretty much annual Laingsburg's girls musance around here -- finally got back to action this week, in basketball Wolfpack nuisance around here -- finally got back to action this week, in Laingsburg's case, hosting the Dansville Aggies.

An 89-42 romp over the Ags improved coach Tim Beebe's Wolves to 9-0, 7-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) and 34-1 in the past 35 games. Dansville fell o 4-6 and a game under .500 in league play at 3-4.

Zander Woodruff led the way for the Wolfpack again, finishing with 31 points — 21 of which came in the first 16 min-

Fellow senior Cam Ballard and junior forward Mitchell George joined him in double figures for the Wolfpack, tallying 11 and 12 points, respectively.

Senior Dylan Ream paced Dansville with 10 points.

Eyeing an even 10-0 start and playing its third of five straight CMAC tilts, Laingsburg was scheduled for action on the road on Friday against the Bath Fighting Bees (1-9, 1-5). If the weather cooperated, that is.

Wolfpack wrestlers Chalk Up **Two More Wins in Dual Meet**

DANSVILLE -- Laingsburg downed the host Aggies, 71-12 and Westland Lutheran, 54-27, in varsity wrestling action that counted as a CMAC double-dual here January 17.

The Wolves staggered Dansville by giving up just two weight classes: 6-0 losses at 126 lbs. and 157, respectively. Coach Shawn Baynes' 'Pack rolled to wins in the 13 other weight divisions. Match-by-match results included:

106 lbs: Ethan Schneeburger (LHS) over Aubrey May, f.

- -- 113: Cooper Mund (LHS) won by forfeit.
- -- 120: Marlon Graham (LHS) over Bowen Barlett, f. 3:33.
- -- 126: Dano Winans (LHS) over Shaylynn Austin, f. 0:26. -- 132: Alex Baker (D) over Logan Robinson, f. 1:17.
- 136: Tucker Nethaway (LHS) over McKenzie Herrick, f.
- 144: Troy Matthews (LHS) over Autumn Greenman, f.
- -- 150: Martin Meyers (LHS) won over Brodie O'Berry,f. 0:51 seconds.
 - -- 157: Logan Storey (D) over Carmen Betts, f. 4:30.
 - -- 165: Bryce Smith (LHS) over Everett Dysinger, f. 5:33.
 - -- 175: Jack Borgman (LHS) over Jeremy Herrick, f. 1:16.
 - -- 190: Alex Forcier (LHS) won by forfeit.
 - -- 215: Wyatt Stanfield (LHS) won by forfeit.
 - -- 285: Riley Kiffer (LHS) over Alden Whipple, f. 0:51.

In a big, non-league win over the Westland Warriors, Borgman, Forcier, Stanfield, Kiffer, Schneeberger, Mund, Graham, Garrett Matthews, Meyers and Nethaway all scored mat victories for the Wolfpack.





Row With Domination of Saranac

SARANAC made it five wins in a row here with a dominant victory over the host Redhawks.

Yet, coach Doug Hurst's crew gets little time to celebrate. The real work is just beginning





The 54-15 win improved the Wolfpack to 5-2 on the year and 4-1 in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) play, leaving the team tied with Dansville for third in the league behind undefeated Fowler and Bath. That tie was broken last Tuesday, with Laingsburg playing the Aggies on the road.

Callie Clark

"I was wondering how we would come out and play after such a physical emotionally draining game with Lansing Christian (a harrowing 36-35 win) a few days before," said Hurst. "The girls put my mind at easy from the tip -- coming out playing extremely hard and well."

The Wolves' balanced attack featured Callie Clark with 11 points and 4 rebound; Ella Merrell 10 pts, 2 steals; Bella Strieff pts, 4 steals; Mallory Woodbury 6 pts; Kyleigh Luna 5 pts; Harper Strouse 4 pts, 3 steals; Lilli Morrill 4 pts, 3 steals; Ashlee Hawes 4 pts; and Payge Woodworth 3 pts, 5 rebs, and 2

"Right now what is nice is almost every night we get points from different people, big steals and rebounds," Hurst added. "It's hard to just praise one player right now -- they're all contributing -- but Callie led our team in scoring for a second agem from both inside and out, which i love to see.

'I'm Just really proud of the girls and the steps we're making from our first two games. We have a tough couple weeks coming, but as long as we continue to feel good about how we're playing, and growing our confidence and giving it 110% every game (that's what we're striving for).'

Jumping out to an 11-0 lead in the first 4:48, the Wolfpack led 13-2 after one quarter of play and had stretched the margin to 32-9 by halftime.

Saranac, who fell to 1-6 (0-5 CMAC) with the loss, was paced by sophomore Maycee Reed's eight points.

Bees, Aggies snap Lady Wolves' five-game

basketball winning streak

BATH — A surging first half came to a crashing halt for Laingsburg's girls varsity basketball team, after it saw its 5game winning streak snapped here by Dansville a game earlier

Bath's 43-30 victory dropped Doug Hurst's Lady Wolves who had played themselves into CMAC contention — to 4-3 in the league. Overall, they stood 5-4 after the loss.

'We played a great 1st half, and went into halftime feeling said Hurst. "But unfortunately we started the 3rd quarter with a few breakdowns on defense and Bath put up six quick points. You could feel the momentum change quickly. That is part of our growing and learning to be more consistent, and be able to roll with the punches.

After a 21-21 halftime deadlock, the Bees outscored LHS 12-5 in a decisive third quarter, then 10-4 in the final period.

Pacing the Pack was Bella Strieff with 5 points, 11 rebounds and 2 steals. Ella Merrell added 5 rebs, 2 steals; Callie Clark 4 pts , 4 Rebs; Mallory Woodbury 4 pts; Lilli Morrill 3 pts; Harper Strouse 2 pts, 5 Rebs; and Ashlee Hawes and Kyleigh Luna each with 2 points.

Laingsburg's skein came to an end with a 45=36 loss at Dansville. "Our girls played hard all night, and made it a closer game than the score indicated," said Hurst. "We played some good ball, but a few shots just didn't fall and a few untimely mistakes at bad moments. We're improving every game, but just have to learn to be consistent against all teams, but especially the top teams."

Lilli Morrill was the leader of the Pack with 9 points. Callie Clark contributed 8 points; Ashlee Hawes 7 pts, 5 rebs, 3 steals; Ella Merrell 4 pts, 6 rebs, 5 assists; Bella Strieff 3 pts, 10 rebs; Payge Woodworth 3 pts; and Harper Strouse 2 pts and 5

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Foreclosure of by Notice 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 21, 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 insur ance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Norman P. Blakely, single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 9, 2016 Recorded on December 12, 2016, in Document No. 5248581, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 55/100 Dollars (\$92,145.55) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Commencing 76.5 feet North of the Southwest corner of Lot 5 in Block 8, Village of Westphalia, Clinton County Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 22, Clinton County Records; running thence East 223 feet; thence North 118.16 feet; thence West 223 feet; thence South to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 311 S Westphalia St, Westphalia, MI 48894 The redemption period will be 6 month 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 nursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a fore-closure 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.

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the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, February 21, 2024. 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 Dianne L Doerr, An Unmarried Woman to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2013, and recorded on July 26, 2013, as Document Number: 5204038, 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 May 12, 2015 and recorded May 12, 2015 by Document Number: 5227951, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two and 71/100 (\$63,472.71) including interest at the rate of 3.25000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point on the Section line between Sections 11 and 12, Town 7 North, Range 1 West, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, 24 1/2 rods South of the Southeast corner of a certain piece of land owned by Amos Buck, the above corner being on a line with the the North line of the highway known as Front Street in the Village of Ovid; Running thence West 24 rods; Thence North 6 2/3 rods; Thence East 24 rods; Thence South 6 2/3 rods: to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 1207 N HOLLISTER RD, OVID, MI 48866 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 iod. 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 ten dered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 21, 2024 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. 23MI01147-1

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Sports

Marauder Bowling Team Busy as New Year Begins

OVID-ELSIE Coach Matt Fabus and his Ovid-Elsie bowling team have been criss-crossing mid-Michigan as the New Year gets underway.

December 23 at Galaxy Lanes, the Marauders took on Burton Bendle, the boys winning 20-10 and the Lady Marauders suffering a 26-4 setback. Leading O-E was Collin Jullie 147-128. Gage Wikdopowski 213. Brayden Gruesback 180-126 and Devyn Pugsley 249-152.



Devyn Pugsley



Gage Wikdopowski





Brooke Pugsley Grace Goetschy

The girls got scores from Grace Goetschy 112, Alexah Heckman 106 and Brooke Pugsley 144-121.

January 6 at Richfield Bowl, the O-E keglers went up against Byron, the girls falling 27-3 and the male Marauders prevailing 28-2. The girls' scores were Victoria Dennis 100, Goetschy 96, Lily Saylor 93 and Brooke Pugsley 135-154.

For the boys, top pin-downers were Peyton Holmes 117, Jullie 168, Wikdopowski 137, Gruesbeck 151-138, and Devyn Pugsley 256-162.

Corunna Swims Past Marauder Tank Team, 87-46

OVID-ELSIE -- The visiting Cavaliers took home 9 first places and 18 overall point spots in an 87-46 varsity swimming victory at the O-E pool, January 16.

Nolan Carr, Pabslo Chandler and Caden Earl were the top tankers for Corunna, each with a pair of gold finishes.

Lindsey Washburn, Audrey Bensinger and Jolene Hebeler topped coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders, each with 6 points. Carter Hebeler, Jacob Kast, Kaia Spiess, Pau Gifre, Cheyenne Kline, Lillianna Kennedy, David Lohr, Adalynn Roberts and Colton Sempstrott all added to O-E's 46 point total.



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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 informa-

Default has been made in the condi-

tions 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 FEBRU-ARY 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
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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 mort-gaged 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.

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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 peri-

Dated: January 7, 2024 File No. 23-014828 Firm Name: Orlans PC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 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

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).

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: January 14, 2024 Trott Law, P.C.

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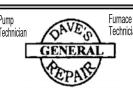
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- **#2** Date/Time: Sunday, January 28, 2024, 11:00 AM 2:00 PM Location: OE Middle School, Cafeteria



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Sparrow Caregivers Team Up to Care for Patient's Dog **After Medical Emergency**

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, MI -When caregivers at E.W. Sparrow Hospital learned one of their patient's four-legged family members was in danger this week, they went above and beyond to make sure she was OK, even cleaning up after her and providing a place to stay.

David McKenna of Lansing suffered a medical emergency last Thursday and was incapacitated on the floor of his home for four days with his four-year-old black lab, Matilda, at his side. First responders eventually arrived but Matilda had no place to

"David told me that he had a dog at home, that no one was at home with her," said Sparrow surgical specialties nurse Lauren Corbit. "I couldn't get a hold of his family and really didn't know what else to do, but I couldn't let it go so I went to Jodi for help."

Jodi Davis, RN, a compassionate nurse care manager and dog lover, acted quickly. With McKenna's permission, Davis and her son went to his house, cleaned up the mess the dog had made, took Matilda to be groomed and then let her stay overnight at her home.

"David told me to just take her to the pound, but that was never an option," Jodi said. "I have dogs and I love animals, and I would hope someone would do that for me. And plus, a patient cannot heal and focus on their own wellness if they are distraught about an animal, a family member, any of those

Sparrow caregivers shared photos of Matilda with McKenna, providing relief during a stressful time.

"Those are not things that you see in today's world. It makes me feel so much better," McKenna said.

Eventually, Davis was able to reunite Matilda with David's son, but not before performing one more act of kindness.

And then I had everything he needed for the dog," she said. nurse Jodi Davis's house.

"Honestly, Matilda's reaction was the best. Her tail was just wagging nonstop. She was so excited, and he was equally excited that she was cared for.'

While thankful for the compassionate caregivers at Sparrow, McKenna is looking forward to healing and returning home to his brave four-legged loved one.

For more information on Sparrow's compassionate caregivers, go to Sparrow.org.



"I was able to give him an extra cage to keep the dog in. Matilda (black lab in center of photo) relaxes at Sparrow

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