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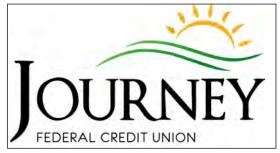


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Journey Federal Credit Union Expands, Adds Multiple Counties to Service Area

submitted by April Steele
SAINT JOHNS – Journey Federal
Credit Union (JFCU) announced the expansion of its charter to cover eight Michigan counties thanks to recent approval from the National Credit Union Administration. The announcement means JFCU can now serve residents of Clare, Clinton, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Montcalm, Osceola, and Shiawassee Counties with its homegrown, innovative approach.



'Our charter expansion represents

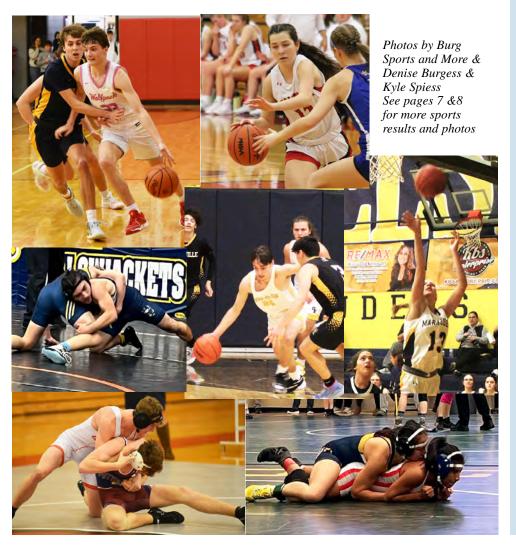
not just a milestone but a giant leap forward in our mission to serve our communities," said Jeffrey Kusler, CEO. "We are now able to provide our exceptional banking services to a much larger and diverse member base, eliminating geographical barriers that may have existed

JFCU's growth comes after several member and community-focused enhancements. These include adding an online banking portal, enhanced accessibility, and a focus on employee wellbeing. As a result, member satisfaction has steadily increased, providing a unique local banking option to mid-Michigan.

"At JFCU we are thrilled with the new opportunities this expansion brings," said Roger Sosebee, Board Secretary and Treasurer. "The team has worked hard to make JFCU special, through our local commitment and member focus. It is an honor to bring that approach to new communities across mid-Michigan."

Interested residents and employees of JFCU's service area can visit journeyfcu.org/join to learn more about the benefits of being a part of our journey.

Local High School Sports in Full Swing



Laingsburg Chief of Police Honored with **Legislative Tribute**

LAINGSBURG — 75th District State Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou has presented a legislative tribute to Laingsburg Police Chief Dan DeKorte, in honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

'Today, I presented a legislative tribute to the Laingsburg Chief of Police, Dan DeKorte. For the last 40 years, Dan has dedicated his career to serving the people of Michigan. On Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, I was honored to show Dan my appreciation for his service," Tsernoglou explained. "Dan has been an invaluable member of the community."

DeKorte started his police career in 1984 with the Newaygo County Sheriff Department. In 1985, DeKorte became an East Lansing police officer and served the area for 30 years before becoming the Laingsburg police chief.



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - The organizational meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held prior to the regular meeting Monday, January 22, 2024

Officials took annual action to elect the board officers: Eric Jones president; Joshua Miller, vice president; Dr. Brooke Wooley, secretary; and Mary Thompson, treasurer. All

were re-elected to retain their positions.

Next, officials took action to establish the 2024 meeting schedule. The majority of the meetings will be held the third Monday of each month. However, the February meeting is slated for February 12, 2024 thus eliminating the need for a special meeting. And one additional exception is the June meeting, which will be the fourth Monday of the month.

In addition, depositories and signatures remain the same for 2024, credit/debit card authorization also remain the same. Public notices will continue to be posted by the superintendent's administrative assistant. A new item was designating the superintendent to sign all contracts and to accept all employee resignations presented in between regular board

Dr. Wayne Petroelje, superintendent, reported that January is School Board Appreciation month, each board member was thanked for their dedicated service.

KARLE DELO, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, updated officials on the Ovid-Elsie Reading curriculum. Elementaries have been using Journeys for a very long time, change was evaluated. A consideration is to continue without support or to upgrade the platform. The process overview was presented for consideration. After reviewing options Bookworms appears to be a good fit for Ovid-Elsie students. Bookworms is evidence-based, designed for individualized instruction, authentic texts, flexible PD options, open education options and designed by an educator. Still ironing out details, a proposal will be brought to officials at a later date.

Next, the OE Board finance committee presented an update. The committee met January 15. The members are: Dr. David Huff, Mrs. Mary Thompson and Mr. Josh Miller. The committee reviewed the revised budget that will be presented at the February meeting. The good news is the budget is better than anticipated.

Next. Dr. Petroelje and Dr. Brook Wooley presented the LiveBinder, digital venue for board documents, update. The board meeting, agendas, minutes, and enclosures will be backed up. Additional items will be archived on the LiveBinder.

Brian Powel, Ovid-Elsie High School assistant principal, updated officials on the status of the Ovid-Elsie Sex Education Advisory Board. The nine-member board is made-up of the following individuals: Brian Powell, supervisor; Melissa Jones (staff), co-chair; Becky Williams (parent (, co-chair; Father Anthony Brooks, clergy; Matt Barnum, clergy; Estrella Starn, parent; Jilliane, parent; Madalyn Bushard, student; Jerry Snyder, education and Sierra Howes, educator. Representing parents, students, clergy and staff. The goal of the curriculum is to provide students the information to make informed healthy decisions.

Petroelje encouraged board members to attend the Tuesday, February 27, 2024 countywide board meeting and dinner at the Clinton County RESA Reservations are required and were directed to contact the superintendent's administrative assistant.

The non-Homestead millage renewal will be on the February 27, presidential primary ballot. It was stressed that this is not a tax increase or a new levy but a renewal and that this action is taken every ten-years, The millage generates approximately 1.075 million dollars annually for the school district. Informational meetings will be held Monday, February 12, 4:00-6:00 pm at Leonard Elementary School Library and Tuesday, February 14, 4:00-6:00 pm at EE Knight Elementary School Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

Officials accepted with regrets the retirement of Jim Staley, custodian, effective

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Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Hosts Strawberry Sale

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

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www.MemorialHealthcare.org/Foundation. Payroll deduction is available to all eligible Memorial Healthcare employees. Order forms are available in the Four Seasons Gift Shop. A

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Holy Family Fish Dinners

submitted by Cindy Broome

TIME FLIES and it's almost time for those famous HOLY FAMILY FISH DINNERS!

Yep, starting Feb. 9th, the "Holy Fryers" will be preparing your favorite fish dinners. Menu COD fish --Fried & Baked, cheesy

potatoes, French fries, baked beans, tropical salad, coleslaw, green beans, corn, dinner roll, pickles, condiments, choice of ssert and drink. To keep everyone safe, we will serve you.

Dinners will be served on Feb. 9th, Feb. 23rd, March 8th and the final one of the season on March 222nd! Dinner starts at 4:30 and runs until 7 pm (or until the food is gone!). Dine in or order a Take out Meal!

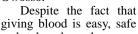
After much discussion, we have decided to NOT raise prices! It seems like everything is going up, but we will hold the line and the price of the dinners will remain the same as last year: adults \$16, children 6 to 12 years old \$8, and kids under 5 eat for free.

Make your plans to join us!

Memorial Healthcare Hosts Blood Drive February 2

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Memorial Healthcare will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, February 2 from 10 am to 3:45 pm at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 Street, King Owosso.



and takes less than one hour, only 5 percent of eligible Americans donate blood. To donate, one must be healthy, at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more

Healthy donors are the only source of blood so if you've been putting off being a donor, now is the time. To schedule an appointment, please contact Lyn Freeman at (989) 729-4818, by email lfreeman@memorialhealthcare.org or on the American Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org. Walkins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred.

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Library News

Adventures at the **Elsie Library**

submitted by Ann Trierweiler Happy New Year to one and all. The Elsie Public Library has started 2024 with a Winter Reading Bingo Challenge. This contest is open to all ages. Check in at the circulation desk for your bingo card. Let that card help you map out a winning reading list of books. Once you have read your 5 books that line up bingo fashion, return the card to the circulation desk. We will keep it and enter your name into a drawing for a prize. Hurry on in and get your books. The challenge ends on February 29th.

Our book club members had a good time discussing "The Authenticity Project". We are looking for more avid readers to join us on February 8th at 6PM. The book we are currently reading is "All the Light We Cannot See". We have more copies of this book available at the circulation desk as well as a copy of the questions to be discussed. We would love to see

Please note, we are now alternating story and craft time on Saturdays at 11:30AM with the Popcorn Matinee. The matinee is a free movie and popcorn event also at 11:30AM. Our next movie, Dumbo, will be shown on February 10th. Please watch our Facebook page for all updates, including library closings due to weather.

OVID TOWNSHIP **Public Notice of Budget Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ovid Township Board will hold a budget hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall. 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI, to discuss the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting." (MCL 141.412)

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk Ovid Township





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Moolenaar Introduces Legislation to Support Michigan Farmers

Congressman John Moolenaar introduced the Supporting Farm Operations Act (H.R. 7046), which will address the high labor costs facing Michigan farmers. The bill would freeze the wage rate for migrant farm workers, known as the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) at the level that was established in 2023 until end of 2025. The wage requirements set for these employees are determined by the Department of Labor.

"Michigan farmers grow and raise food for Michigan residents and people around the world. My legislation ensures they will continue to have a reliable workforce and can make ends meet while growing the food we need. I am proud to introduce the Supporting Farm Operations Act and will continue my work to advocate for the more than 11,000 farmers living in Michigan's Second District," said Moolenaar.

"Michigan farmers who rely on seasonal guest workers need a stable and predictable wage structure to be able to keep supplying consumers with a safe and afford food supply that's grown on our soil. We applaud Congressman Moolenaar and his colleagues for introducing commonsense legislation that allows for a pause while Congress comes up with a long-term solution. Michigan farmers are counting on Congress to act swiftly and provide some much needed relief," said John Kran, National Legislative Counsel of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"This bill will help provide farmers, ranchers and growers utilizing the H-2A visa program with needed wage certainty and stability as they head into planting season. It is also important to note that it would clarify how primary job duties are determined and would more accurately reflect the realities of on-farm work, where pitching in on multiple tasks as needed is often the norm," said Chuck Conner, President and CEO of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. "I would like to thank Congressman Moolenaar and Congressman Newhouse for their leadership on this issue. We look forward to working with him and other members on next steps on needed modernization and reform to the H-2A program and the stabilization of the existing agricultural workforce."

"Out-of-control labor costs are already dampening domestic fresh produce production, so we know that additional increases would have a devastating impact on the entire supply chain," said Cathy Burns, CEO of the International Fresh Produce Association. "Congressman's Moolenaar's commonsense legislation freezes AEWR increases for two years, giving

immediate relief and enough certainty for our industry to perform while Congress works on broader reforms that will bring stability to our labor force and long-term food security for our nation."

"On behalf of our growers across the nation, the U.S. Apple Association thanks Representative Moolenaar for understanding their predicament and taking this action. We call on all Members of Congress to support this effort. Bringing stability and common sense to the H-2A program will be the only way family farms can keep pace with the costs and regulatory burdens they face in producing America's favorite fruit," said Jim Bair, President & CEO of the U.S. Apple Association.

On January 1, 2024 the Department of Labor increased Michigan's AEWR for the tenth consecutive year, to \$18.50 per hour, an increase of \$1.16 per hour from December 2023. This rate is the fourth highest in the nation.

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

A public accuracy test for the Presidential Primary Election to be held February 27, 2024 will be conducted on Tuesday, February 6, 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

Public Notice Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Victor Township Election Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 6:30 pm. at the Victor Township Hall located at 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848.

The purpose of this meeting is to appoint Election Inspectors, Election Inspector chairpersons, and Receiving Boards for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 48 hours' notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the Clerk at the address or telephone number noted below This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (The Open Mee Meetings Act), MCLA

41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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City of Ovid Special Meeting January 19, 2024

Open Special Meeting:

Mayor Lasher called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call of Members Present:

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

Other in Attendance- Susan Tomasek-Swan-Clerk, Lisa Rousseau- Chief of Police, Scott Gould- City's Attorney

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

Public Comment: Opened 6:01 pm Closed 6:01 pm none

Meeting Purpose:

Union Contract:

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to convene into close session for the purpose to discuss the City of Ovid Police Department Union

Contract. Council Member L. Perrien second the motion. **Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted AYE:** M. Perrien, E. Brown, W.

Lasher, M. Olger, L. Perrien, L. Ordiway

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NAY: none

Absent: E. Starn Motion carried

Council went into Close session at 6:02 pm

Council left close session at 6:44

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to accept the Union Contract with the addition MCOLES certification in Article II. Council Member L. Perrien

supported the motion.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted AYE: M. Perrien, E. Brown, W.

Lasher, M. Olger, L. Perrien, L. Ordiway Upon Roll Call vote the following voted NAY: None

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted NAY: No Absent: E. Starn

Motion Carried

Adjournment-

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

Carried on a voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Tomasek Swan City of Ovid Clerk

Groundhog Day February 2nd!!

CLINTON COUNTY 2024 EQUALIZATION

01/03/2024 3:56 PM

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SEC.211.34A OF THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOLLOWING ARE THE TENTATIVE RATIO AND TENTATIVE MULTIPLIERS TO BE APPLIED TO THE ASSESSED VALUES OF EACH CLASS OF PROPERTY IN EACH UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CLINTON COUNTY TO ACHIEVE COUNTY EQUALIZED VALUES FOR 2024.

	Agricultural		Commercial		Industrial		Residential		Timber-Cutover		Developmental		Personal	
Township or City	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor	Ratio	Factor
BATH CHARTER TOW	43.99	1.13662	51.40	0.97276	49.10	1.01833	43.60	1.14679	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
BENGAL TOWNSHIP	47.10	1.06157	48.27	1.03584	47.93	1.04319	45.93	1.08861	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP	51.24	0.97580	51.92	0.96302	52.08	0.96006	45.40	1.10132	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
DALLAS TOWNSHIP	48.58	1.02923	47.81	1.04581	48.49	1.03114	45.04	1.11012	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
DEWITT CHARTER TW	43.83	1.14077	51.13	0.97790	52.64	0.94985	45.13	1.10791	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
DUPLAIN	44.17	1.13199	47.74	1.04734	49.56	1.00888	45.14	1.10767	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EAGLE TOWNSHIP	49.83	1.00341	54.23	0.92200	49.73	1.00543	45.86	1.09027	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
ESSEX TOWNSHIP	47.11	1.06135	46.75	1.06952	47.89	1.04406	45.57	1.09721	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
GREENBUSH TOWNSH	46.81	1.06815	53.57	0.93336	46.97	1.06451	45.53	1.09818	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
LEBANON TOWNSHIP	49.47	1.01071	48.29	1.03541	49.13	1.01771	44.41	1.12587	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
OLIVE TOWNSHIP	47.74	1.04734	48.55	1.02987	50.13	0.99741	44.95	1.11235	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
OVID TOWNSHIP	46.77	1.06906	49.88	1.00241	49.55	1.00908	45.71	1.09385	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
RILEY TOWNSHIP	49.81	1.00381	48.89	1.02270	N/C	N/A	42.76	1.16932	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
VICTOR TOWNSHIP	46.90	1.06610	48.30	1.03520	52.01	0.96135	44.46	1.12461	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
WATERTOWN TOWNS	53.47	0.93510	53.15	0.94073	49.49	1.01031	46.55	1.07411	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
WESTPHALIA TOWNS	46.95	1.06496	53.97	0.92644	49.62	1.00766	45.82	1.09123	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF LANSING - CL	43.83	1.14077	48.92	1.02208	47.32	1.05664	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
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CITY OF DEWITT	50.00	1.00000	48.27	1.03584	49.49	1.01031	46.09	1.08483	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF SAINT JOHNS	N/C	N/A	46.28	1.08038	46.36	1.07852	46.34	1.07898	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EAST LANSING/INGHA	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A
CITY OF OVID	49.00	1.02041	48.31	1.03498	47.37	1.05552	45.04	1.11012	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF GRAND LEDG	N/C	N/A	47.34	1.05619	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/C	N/A

Obituaries

Sharon Marie Donaldson

Sharon Marie Donaldson, of Ovid, died on January 21, 2024 at Sparrow Hospital after suffering a stroke and heart attack last week.

Sharon was born on September 21, 1944 in Ovid, Michigan, the tenth of thirteen children born to William Joseph and Ida Mae (Jones) Wreggelsworth. She graduated from Ovid High School and enjoyed working as a realtor and bookkeeper. Known for her fierce and independent nature, Sharon found joy in the simplicity of life - she was an avid gardener, an enthusiast of knitting and loved to bowl and play bingo. Most of all, Sharon enjoyed spending time and playing boardgames with her children, grandchildren and great-grand-

She is survived by her four children, Terri (Chris) Counseller, Bruce (Patti) Donaldson, Jodi (Chris) Stanton and

Vicki (Kevin) Schafer; grandchildren, Chelsea (Brennan) Rottman, Jimmy (Merissa) Godoy, Danielle (Michael) Johnson, Kevin (Joey Giaccotto) Mills, Makenzi (Aaron Anthonis) Donaldson, Chloe (Jared) Welty, Kaiden Shepard, Jillian & Joey Jaiman and Ava Stanton, Madilyn & Camille Schafer; great-grandchildren, Konor, Baylee, Adelaide, Aubrey, Katie, Claire, Porter and Westin; as well as many extended family members and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ida (Jones) Wreggelsworth and thirteen siblings, Harold Wreggelsworth, Earl Wreggelsworth, Betty Wreggelsworth-Southwell, Paul Wreggelsworth, Dorothy Wreggelsworth-Gilson, Kenneth Wreggelsworth, Bessie Wreggelsworth, Edwin Wreggelsworth, Gene Wreggelsworth, William Wreggelsworth, Francis Wreggelsworth, Gary Wreggelsworth and Carol Wreggelsworth-Luft.

A private celebration will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Lung Association or to the COPD Foundation.



The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home. Keck-Coleman Chapel.

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. Pastor: JD Paik

Barbara Jean "Jean" Sovis

Barbara Jean "Jean" Sovis, age 89, of Ovid, MI, passed away Monday, January 22, 2024, at her home.

Jean was born in Owosso, MI on March 6, 1934, the daughter of Melvin Buck and Dorothy (Woodward) Buck. Jean graduated from Ovid High School with the Class of 1952. She married Tony Sovis on June 28, 1952. Tony passed away April 26, 1996. She married Frank Dudash, Sr. on September 8, 1999. Fritz passed away on April 18, 2017.

Jean loved to travel, visiting Canada, Mexico, Florida, out west and trips to Nebraska for the Polka Festival. She did enjoy bowling and playing golf after her children were grown, later she took up bicycling and rode on many long bike rides. Jean worked at the library in Elsie, she was active in the literacy campaign for children and volunteered her time at Memorial Healthcare. Jean and Tony were members of St. Cyril Catholic Church in Bannister, later she and Fritz remained members of the church and most recently she was attending Chapin United Methodist Church.



She is survived by her daughter Mary Ann Reid of Portland, MI; daughter Barbara Vanderhoof of Elsie, MI; son David and Audrey Sovis, of Ovid, MI; 6 grandchildren: Emily (Matt) Wies, Butch (Nicole) Vanderhoof, Jon (Nicolle) Reid, Christopher (Stephanie) Reid, Stephen (Taylor) Sovis, and Tony (Ashley) Sovis; 14 great-grandchildren. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, siblings: Raymond Buck, Virginia Mcleod, and Melvin 'Murl' Buck who all grew up in Elsie.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI on Friday, January 26, 2024. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

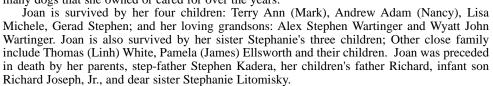
Memorials may be made to Memorial Healthcare Hospice or Shiawassee County Humane Society. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

Joan J. Theriac

Joan J. Theriac, age 86, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Joan was born in New Lothrop, MI on June 21, 1937, the daughter of Dan and Anna (Hnilca) Walta. She married Richard Joseph Theriac of Vincennes, Indiana in 1956. Joan met Richard at the Matthews Building in Owosso, MI where she worked for the credit bureau as he worked in an insurance agency. Their wedding portrait was photographed by acclaimed Owosso artist Felix O. Schlag, who was commissioned to design the Jefferson nickel in 1938. Joan spent her married life in Owosso as well as in Vincennes, IN.

Joan was a founding member of the Ovid Historical Society, and an active member of that group through the 1990s. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, including many family trips with her grandsons. Joan was fond of the many dogs that she owned or cared for over the years.



Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, January 29, 2024. Burial will follow the service at Fairfield Township Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday from 11:00 A.M. until the time of the service.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. Memorial donations can be made to Capital Area Humane Society. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

Jerry Lee Sherwood

Jerry Lee Sherwood, age 75, of Hartsville Tennessee, passed away Sunday, January 14th, 2024, at the American House Memory Care in Lebanon, TN. He was born June 21st, 1948, in St. John, MI.

Jerry served his country faithfully in the United States Navy and was very proud of being a Golden Shellback when he appeared at the equator on the USS Hunley in 1971. He also received the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal in 1972. Jerry graduated from Ovid Elsie Highschool, class of 1967. He retired from General Motors in Lansing, MI after 30 years of service. Jerry was an avid hunter, fisherman, boater, and accomplished woodworking crafts-



Jerry is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Rhonda Lynn Sherwood (Lewis). He is also survived by his children; Christopher

(Mary) Sherwood of St. Johns, MI, and Carrie (David) Arkle of Hartsville TN, Grandchildren; Samuel Sherwood, Noah Sherwood, Jackson Arkle, and Marin Arkle; many Nieces, Nephews, and dear Friends.

Jerry is predeceased by both parents, Samuel and Nellie Sherwood; brothers, Robert and Walter Sherwood, as well as his twin sister, Jane Wilson.

No services are scheduled at this time, but a celebration of life will be held on June 1st, 3-6pm at 1321 S. St. Clair Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879.

Donations can be made to Hunters Against Hunger. https://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org/

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

On Tuesday, I remembered why I like wet snow so much. The weather is a great deal warmer and one doesn't get frost bite as the snow is shoveled. Granted, my muscles yell halt before I'm finished but I can breath and not gasp for the bitter arid air. My lungs aren't sentenced to breathing the harsh arctic air. Also the child in me enjoys the occasional snowball and becomes wishful, I'm known to actually start making snowmen, even finish them especially if Isabella is visiting me. I know, how very juvenile of me. Anyway, I have an open space at my front door and by my west deck steps. I may or may not get more shoveling done this afternoon.

I'm learning how to operate a pizza oven with the baking stones and how to care for one. Diane ordered one after we discussed making breakfast pizzas. I was having a hard time fathoming how one is made. Now that I understand the process it all makes sense to me. I have kudos to pass onto Diane because I had a good conversation with Russ while shopping Jennifer's store on main street in Elsie. Russ found our breakfast burritos to be yummy but the breakfast pizzas are his favorite. And all this after I admitted that his was the first one that I had made by myself without use of the pizza oven. So ya know that it is an awesome product. Diane gets the best ideas, and applies them well, her food is awesome and her decorating is tops. That's another blessing that I get to share with others.

I think I may have mentioned how I slipped on ice last Monday and ended up under the front of my pickup. Scooting out was an interesting process. Not being badly hurt was a blessing, an ongoing one. This Tuesday I had a swollen ankle, not hard like I would have expected. It was more like I had a very soft cushy pillow wrapped around my left ankle. I could still walk with some discomfort but no great or stabbing pain. So I walked and planned on calling my doctor to get an appointment, I called for an appointment on Wednesday morning at eight. I was in shock when I was able to get in at one that afternoon. So I gimped into the office and was again surprised when I only had to wait about fifteen minutes before I was taken to the examination room. Yes, it was my lucky day. I had to take my shoe and sock off and of course explain what I had done that may have been the cause. The doctor just snapped my ankle back into place, it was a bit out and by Wednesday evening after shopping and running errands I got home by five and settled on the recliner with my foot up. Thursday morning the swelling was gone, which is good because I very busy at MG's Perx & Pastries. I had a few stops on my way home and made it to the recliner by two in the afternoon. Still a bit of discomfort but no swelling, that is a blessing. Now if I could just become energized it would be amazing.

Just a historical note here. The first time that I had a breakfast burrito was back in the mid-seventies.

It was called a breakfast sandwich which at the time I had had a hard time wrapping my mind around. I was living out in Arlington, Virginia at that time. I had never heard of a breakfast sandwich. I could only visualize two slabs of homemade bread, toasted, and filled with bacon, tomatoes and maybe some lettuce with a bit of Miracle Whip on it. A bit of melted cheddar and it would be a wonder to behold and ingest. What I got was a scrambled eggs with cheese and bits of bacon wrapped in a soft taco no salsa or sour cream. It didn't have any taters in it and very little cheese. I like our version much better. Of course that was almost fifty years ago and maybe I'm suffering from brain fog. (I don't think so)

Can you believe it, I'm actually more balanced since my ankle was put back into alignment. No swelling after a busy day standing around on cement floors. It was another day filled with chatting with interesting people and laughing. I promised Sally Ann that I would let the sweet Sally lady from Owosso know that she hopes to see her Saturday providing that her Aunt Marge comes over for some breakfast burritos. May your days be filled with simple blessings.

God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2024



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Submit them to: ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop question off to: Meridian Weekly P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

IT IS TIME...

Dear Andy,

When is the appropriate time to take the Christmas Tree and all the decorations down? My kids want to keep it up. I think they are waiting for Santa to leave more gifts. Dad of four under 10 years of age

Dear Dad.

Great question. Answer: It is time! According to safety regulations regarding real or artificial trees, it is time. Unless you have family that is planning to celebrate Christmas sometime in January. Surveys have revealed that 54% of trees come down the day after Santa's sleigh heads back to the North Pole.

I know of some who keep their tree displayed and make it into a Valentine's tree, then a St Patrick's with the family Irish keepsakes. At that point, might as well leave it up for celebrating Spring. OR...you could let each child keep one decoration displayed to remind them of the Winter....perhaps a snowman decoration. After all, we didn't have much of a "White Christmas".

Some just take down the indoor decorations and keep the lights on for a while. It has been fun to see the lights left on snowy fences and trimming around the outside. Makes the dark winter night driving more pleasant. After all, it has been too cold to go out and fight the elements just to pack it away until next year. Might as well enjoy it while we can. I am sure the electric company doesn't mind.

At the beginning of the new year, when you get the place cleaned up of the wrapping, boxes, bulbs, door mats, dishes, and the hundreds of other Holiday stuff, it feels so good to do an early Spring clean-up. It is time to pack it away. Only 330 more days until next Christmas.

Happy and Safe New Year. Send your questions to ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com.

P.S. Dispose of your real trees properly in compliance with your township regulations.



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Cottontails 4 Cancer

If local small game hunters didn't get their fill this weekend with the hunting contests sponsored by the Shiawassee Conservation Association and the Ashley Sportsman's Club then there is always next weekend's 3rd annual Cottontails 4 Cancer rabbit hunting fundraiser.

This event will take place on Saturday February 3rd and all proceeds will be donated to the Peter's Sunny Day Foundation. This foundation was created by the family and friends of Peter Kurncz IV to honor his legacy by supporting the families of children bravely fighting cancer. The mission of the foundation is to create more 'Sunny Days' for the families with more time spentmaking precious memories and less time spent dealing with worries and stress. The foundation works to offer reprieve from the demands of everyday life for parents while giving the children much needed distractions from their battle with cancer in the form of gifts and special experiences.

The entry fee per two man team is \$50 and includes t-shirts and entry tickets to many firearm raffles. Top three winning teams will be determined by weight and will receive a percentage of entry fees. Weigh-in time will be at 3:00 p.m. and drawings following at 5:00 p.m. This will all take place at 4633 Essex Center Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879. Any questions, along with pre-registration, please contact Chris Goodnecht 517-490-4310 or Pat VanCamp 517-490-4079. Tune in every Friday at 3:00 p.m. to WOES 91.3 FM for the Weekly Sportsman Radio Show.

To the Qualified Electors of Fairfield Township

The Presidential Primary election will be held on Tuesday February 27th , 2024. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Vote at Township Hall located at the corner of Henderson and Vincent Road

Absentee ballots are available by calling Clerk, Carolyn Long at 989-277-4826.



Editorials are welcome.

250 words or less.
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Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed Board Minutes from January 9, 2024

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given. Attendance: Roll call: Conklin, Prange, Willoughby, Fickes. Absent: Townsend 12 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Fickes to approve the agenda. Seconded by Willoughby, All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the December 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the January 9, 2024
Treasurer's report. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.
Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to disburse the
December, 2023 bills (Paid January 9, 2024). Seconded by Prange. All in
favor. Motion carried. Checks# 28981-29004 in the amount of

Motion by Willoughby to disburse December, 2023 payroll and related payroll expenses. (Paid January 9, 2024) Seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13027-13035 in the amount of \$10.113.21

Victor Township Planning Commission: The next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission will be February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.

Unfinished Business:

Broadband: The ROBIN grant challenge process provided additional funding opportunities for applicants that were not awarded funds in initial grant awards. The challenge process for this second round has ended. MIHI announcement will be released soon and show final batch 2 awards. Emergency Services (Ambulance): Members of LSW Ambulance and Clinton Area Ambulance were present to discuss services to Victor Township residents

Conklin moved to send letter of recommendation to LSW Ambulance that their first responder units respond to priorities 1 and 2 only when dispatched to Victor Township. Seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried. Victor Township is continuing to work with MSU Extension in planning a public meeting on the subject of providing ambulance services for Victor Township residents.

New Business:

Victor Township Policy and Procedures:

Prange moved to make changes to policies and procedures as follows:

- Under Township Facilities item 8.9, Hours of Business: Change from 2:00-5:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Under Office Holidays item 8.10: Add Columbus Day
- Under Facility Use Rules item 8.26:

Remove item# 11 regarding Township Phone

Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: The board will hold a budget workshop to discuss the 2024-2025 budget on January 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Lianne Prange Victor Township Clerk



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The Common Factor



by LeeAnna Woods Licensed Therapist, Reiki Master and Owner of Healing Feather Wellness www.HealibgFeatherWellness.com (810) 339-0260

Most illnesses begin from one common factor that every single person has. In some cases, this common factor has been the cause for major health issues and even death. So, why is it being ignored and thought of, as an everyday thing, when every person has it in some form, including you.

Is this because it's so common in our lifestyle and society, that we choose to overlook our very own health. Or is it because this common factor, which creates such problems in our health, affects each one of us so differently. From having physical rashes, headaches, ulcers, or even a heart attack, to creating emotional distress, depression, anxiety, and even mental exhaustion, this common factor creates problems in people's lives in multiple ways, and eventually attacks the body.

It typically starts with body muscle tension increasing, which can cause physical pain and discomfort, then increases to more issues from there. Sometimes, people even lose their ability to hold onto their own faith in the creator and begin to feel lost in a sea of doubts.

The good news is that there is help that anyone can utilize if they simply choose too. Of course, they'll need to make this a priority in their life in order to maintain the benefits and keep the issues of the main factor at bay. This might take some retraining of the way one thinks, but after a couple of sessions, the proof alone, will be enough for continuation with care.

The reason for needing to think differently about the type of care needed is because we're raised to believe that anything which feels good is a luxury and luxuries are only for the rich. But that's completely wrong thinking here and is not true. Your health is not something to hold lightly nor is anything that helps keep you healthy.

The major factor of health problems today is the different levels of stress in someone's life. Having the levels of stress increase every day and not taking any action to lower them or even try to prevent them, are why people have so many issues with their health.

When stress is ignored and left unattended, it builds internally, and eventually becomes a permanent foundation for health problems to occur, from mild symptoms, to chronic, to even death. It's definitely not something to play around with, especially when the body gives us warning signs.

The best way to fight against stress is by lowering the level. Changing the endorphins in the body, increasing blood flow and circulation, lowers the levels of stress and reduces tension within the body. This requires the relaxation of tightness in the muscles along with releasing trigger points throughout the body to lower stress and remove tension. The most effective way to utilize this is through massage therapy.

A licensed massage therapist is trained to find the critical areas where attention is needed and knows the techniques to

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work the muscles, fascia, soft tissue, and more, to improve the quality of health for the body.

Now the issues won't be fixed by one, sixty-minute session, after all, think about how many years it took to get to this degree of issues. However, you should definitely be feeling better afterwards. The key is to stick with the care. Each time, the massage will help more. The worse you are when you start, the longer it'll take for you to get better.

A good massage therapist will be able to assess your severity and help you set up a care plan designed of how often you need to be worked on to get to a maintenance routine of once a month. Which is the minimum that everyone should be receiving massage therapy, but in some cases every other month is done. Bi-monthly sessions are mainly scheduled due to the person's finances, but anything is better than nothing, while continuing to become worse every day.

Another important thing to consider is which massage therapist to use. Obviously, looking up reviews should be top on the choosing list. Asking others (family and friends) where they go, can provide a list of names for looking up reviews and reading the bios about the therapist, although you can also search the internet too. Pick one that resonates with you even if you're not sure why and try them for an hour session. You can always try a different one if you don't like them for some reason. I always recommend finding a place and therapist that you feel comfortable with, because if you're comfortable, you'll relax, and the more you relax, the more benefits you'll receive from the sessions. But, once you do find a good massage therapist, stick with them, because they'll continue adding upon the work, they're doing with you and your particular

Start the new year with self-care for yourself to have a healthier life. Also, remind yourself that just because massage feels good doesn't make it a luxury, it's a lifestyle for better health!

~Best of Health & Positive Energy, LeeAnna Jakus Healing Feather Wellness Saint John's, MI. (810)339-0260

Nominations Sought for Hometown Health Hero Awards

submitted by Chelsea Wuth

LANSING -The Michigan Public Health Week Partnership, a collaboration of 12 organizations working to increase the visibility of significant accomplishments in public health, is seeking nominations of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to preserve and improve their community's health for its annual Hometown Health Hero awards. Hometown Health Hero awards are presented every spring as part of Michigan Public Health Week, April 8-14. Award recipients will be honored at a reception Wednesday, April 10, in the Atrium of Heritage Hall in the State Capitol Building.

Michigan Public Health Week is observed as part of National Public Health Week the first week of April to recognize the contributions of public health and to highlight issues that are important to improving the nation's health. Each year, the American Public Health Association develops a campaign to educate the public, policy makers and health care providers about issues related to that year's theme.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from Michigan.gov/mphw. Completed nominations should be sent to Jim Koval via email at kovalj@michigan.gov or faxed to 517-335-8392 by Wednesday, Jan. 31.



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Sports



Wolf Grapplers Keep Momentum Going With Runner-Up Finish at NHS

NAPOLEON — Laingsburg's red-hot start to the 2023-24 prep mat season continued with an impressive runner-up finish at the annual Napoleon Wrestling Invitational.

Coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack was 2nd out of 18 teams at NHS totaling 184.5 team points, behind Bronson High (217.5 points) and ahead of the host Pirates (152.5) points.

None of the Wolves managed to capture an individual firstplace finish, however. Instead, the team accumulated its points with placings up and down the lineup.

Ethan Schneeburger (106 pounds), Cooper Mund (113) and Marlon Graham (120) had the best individual showings. Each finished second in their weight class. Seth Sivak and Wyatt Stanfield finished third at 175 pounds and 215 pounds, respectively, while Bryce Smith placed fourth at 157

Dano Winans was fifth at 126, and Garrett Matthews (138), Troy Matthews (144), Martin Meyers (150), Jack Borgman (165) and Alex Forcier (175) all placed sixth.

Lady Bears Go 1-1

by Ashleigh Shaw

Drummond lead her team in a loss to the Pirates from Fulton last week. Drummond scored 12 and had 4 points rebounds, Marissa Brady scored 6 points and had 7 rebounds and Karissa Brady scored a bucket and nabbed 6 Ellie Drummond rebounds. "We got off





Marissa Brady

to a poor start defensively, giving up 24 points in the first quarter and that proved to be too much to overcome" said Coach Shaw. The Bears loss 66-24.

In a non-league matchup, the Lady Bears traveled to Akron Fairgrove where they took on a young team, but cam out on top 50-10. "We put in a good effort early in this game, we were able to play strong defense and force turnovers, this led to us being able to score a lot of easy buckets in transition" stated Coach Shaw. Marissa Brady paved the way with 15 points 5 rebounds and 7 steals, her sister Karissa Brady came next with 14 points and 5 rebounds, Ellie Drummond scored 9 points and added 3 steals. Paige Larsen scored 8 points grabbed 8 rebounds and had 4 steals, Savanna Denman and Sophia Wirt both added a

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Ashley Boys Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley traveled to Merrill to take on the Vandals in a league matchup last week. The Bears played a solid first two quarters but struggled to score having the result be a loss 56-34. Carson Litwiller scored 12 points and had 9 rebounds, Robert



Kral had 8 points and 5 Carson Litwiller

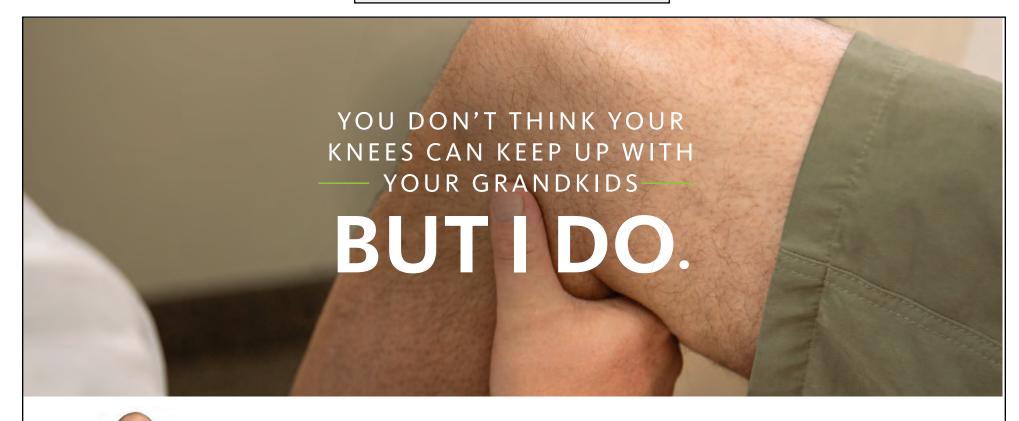
rebounds and Chase Kral chipped in 6 points.

The team also took on a solid team from Fulton losing 62-20. "Fulton is a well-balanced team with good shooters" exclaimed Coach Sourek. Ashley couldn't keep up with the fast pace scoring of the Pirates. Litwiller also lead this came with 12 points and 9 rebounds, Gibby Jason scored 2 buckets and had 7

Ovid-Elsie Boys Dominate Winless LakeVille, 64-31

OVID-ELSIE - Coach Canyon Walker's Ovid-Elsie Marauders had little trouble with Otisville LakeVille in MMAC boys basketball action here, dominating the Falcons 64-31 for their second consecutive triumph of 25 or more points,

Ovid-Elsie stood 7-3 and in second place in the MMAC at 6-1 following the action.



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Sports

Marauder Bowlers Take on DHS Railroaders

FENTON -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity bowling team was in action against Durand at Fenton

The Lady Marauders fell to the Railroaders by a 28-2 count. The girls got scores from Alexah Heckman 101-106, Kyra Peyton Holmes Pupava 122-117 and Brooke Pugsley 121-153. and

Leading the O-E boys in a 20-10 victory over Durand was Peyton Holmes 157-168; Collin 126: Matt Vanderhoff 140; Gage Wikdopowski 165-184; *Alexah Heckman* Brayden Gruesback 166-





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Kyra Pupava

164; and Devyn Pugsley 246-182.

Coach Matt Fabus' Marauder keglers take on Corunna at Riverbend Bowl on January 27, starting at 1 p.m.

Wolves Run to 28-5 First **Quarter Lead, Remain Unbeaten at Bath**

BATH -- Laingsburg's varsity basketball blitzed the Bees with a 23-point first quarter advantage, then sprinted to another CMAC basketball victory here.

We were a little sloppy offensively at times, but we had a good run to take a 28-5 lead after the first quarter," said coach Tim Beebe in explaining his team's initial onslaught.

Bradlee Uhlmann led the hosts with 8 points -- as none of the neighboring Bath players were able to break into double figures. It was 45-18 at halftime and 66-29 entering the final period as LHS moved to 10-0 overall, 8-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

Oh. It was also the Wolfpack's 35th win in their past 36 games. They kept their rating at #3 in the state intact.

Zander Woodruff again led the red-and-white with 32 points. Ty Randall scored 9, Max Powers 6, Jackson Audretsch 6, Aiden Maddaloni 5, Dom Garcia 3, Vance Klont 3, Cam Ballard 2, Lucas Matthews 2, Greg Stewart 2, Mitchell George 2 and Logan Holm one in Laingsburg's balanced attack.

OVID TOWNSHIP Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 2 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the Election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk Ovid Township

CITY OF OVID PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE For The Presidential Primary, February 27, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chamber located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk City of Ovid 989-834-5550

Marauder Tank Team Travels to Haslett Swim Invitational

HASLETT — The Marauders from the Ovid-Elsie varsity swim team traveled to Haslett to compete in the annual Viking Swim Invitational here January 20.

Karl Dahlke's Marauders totaled 47 points in a field that included other local teams from East Lansing, Williamston, Haslett and St. Johns — in a most Class A-B field. Jackson won the meet with 343 points, followed by Holt 287 and E. Lansing 264. Blake Hetherington of Jackson led the field by garnering

Carter Hebeler, a senior, led O-E with an 8th place finish in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.64). In the same event, Jolene Hebeler was 31st (1:29.38) and Lilliana Kennedy 32nd (1:29.79).

Jolene Hebeler was 24th in the 500 freestyle (6:43.85). Lilli Kennedy grabbed 41st place in the 100 free (1:17.09)

d Colton Sempstrott 43rd (1:19.50). In the 100 fly, Audrey Bensinger turned in a time of 1:22.22

22nd place, and David Lohr was 24th in 1:34.84 O-E finishers in the 50 freestyle were Pau Gifre 44th (:30.66), David Lohr 49th (:31.42), Kaia Spiess 55th (:33.50),

Michael Rinehart 63rd (:39.64), Adadlynn Roberts 64th (:39.77) and Noah Hufnagel 66th (:41.77).

Bensinger and Spiess clocked 31st-32nd, respectively, in the 200 IM in 2:57.11 and 3:23.86.

Cheyenne Kline 32nd (2:49.28) and Sempstrott (3:05.96) were O-E swimmers in the 200 freestyle.

The relay teams finished as follows: 200 free relay, 21st, 2:04.98; 200 medley relay, 11th, 2:22.09; 400 free relay, 25th (5:13.99).

Maruader Wrestlers in Corunna to Start MHSAA **Distict Mat Action**

OVID-ELSIE — District tournament action is right around the corner for local wrestling teams.

Division 3 schools Chesaning and Ovid-Elsie will begin districts on Feb. 7, with the Indians traveling to Birch Run and the Marauders to Corunna.

New Lothrop will host the Division 4 District 218 tournament on Feb. 8.



Ovid-Elsie Wrestlers bring home some hardware from the Ithaca Invite on Saturday, Jan. 20th. (l-r): Hunter Hufnagel, Chandler Hart Butcher, Ryker

Parsons, Talan Parsons, Cole Workman and Trey Milner. Photo by Kyle Spiess



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Showcase: Lady Marauders Stay Red-Hot,

The Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders made the most out of their invitation to the Cadillac Showcase as OE downed the Petoskey Northmen, 49-47.

In a game that saw six lead changes and Ovid-Elsie up by as many as 10 points, the game came down to some clutch free throw shooting in the final seconds.

We didn't get to the line the entire game until the final minute," said Marauder coach Ryan Cunningham. "This game had a playoff-type atmosphere and it was everything that we wanted in a non-conference match-up."

Petoskey (8-4) took a slight 6-4 advantage after the first quarter but OE put together a 16-11 run in the second to lead 20-17 at the half. After a 17-15 advantage in the third, the Northmen would battle back with a 15-12 fourth-quarter surge of their own including a buzzer-beating three-pointer to close out the game.

We were able to build a pretty good lead but they just kept hitting shots," added Cunningham. "Tokar and Bates were clutch down the stretch knocking down some key free throws.

Ava Bates was named "Player of the Game" after knocking down 14 points and grabbing 3 rebounds while Evalyn Cole added 13 points, 6 assists, and 3 steals. Braeden Tokar had another all-around great game with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists, and two blocked shots. Ellyanna Carman chipped in with 4 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists while Tava Kvalevog (2 steals), Hailee Campbell (5 rebounds. 3 assists, 2 steals), and Lily Bates each added 2 points.

Ovid-Elsie shot 51.3% from the floor including 60% from behind the arc while Petoskey shot 45% and 43.8%, respectively. The Lady Marauders converted on 3 of 4 attempts from the foul line while the Northmen hit 4 of 6. Ovid-Elsie was able to collect 13 steals on 19 turnovers and handed out 17 assists on 20 made baskets. The Lady Marauders also won the rebound battle, 21-14.

We were very intentional during practice this week and shifted our focus to taking better shots and hitting the glass," said Cunningham. "The loss to St. Pat's caused us to rethink some things and I believe that we have 'righted the ship' so to speak. If we continue to play this focused, we are going to be tough down the stretch.'

Rep. BeGole: Governor **Skipping Over Major Problems Michigan is Facing Amidst Spending Spree**

submitted by Dennny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, today said many proposed initiatives within Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's State of the State address will create further affordability concerns for people, instead of easing the stress on their budgets.

Whitmer laid out plans for two years of free community college for all high school graduates, \$1.4 billion in housing earmarks, additional green energy incentives and other costly, big government ventures. These plans come on the heels of a state budget for the current fiscal year that spent over \$80 bil-

"If you look around the country, states that are growing and having success have lower taxes, more limited government and less red tape," BeGole said. "The governor laid out a bunch of loose ideas and talking points to grow government's role in our lives. But it contained no substance, all aspirations, and someone will eventually have to foot the bill. In many cases, it's going to end up being hardworking people and small business owners across our communities.

With a current 54-54 split in the House, BeGole said it is critical to pursue reforms that can generate broad support and address problems workers and families are facing. This includes lower taxes, dedicated local road funding, shoring up student performance through stronger education standards, and reforming a beleaguered Unemployment Insurance Agency that has let down individuals seeking benefits they were owed and squandered billions of dollars through fraud.

"The governor seems more concerned about paying for community college for everyone than third graders being able to read," BeGole said. "There are real issues facing people and their families every day, and I'm hopeful we can start working to solve them."

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, 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 pur-chaser 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 Sixtv-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,

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 period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: 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 Ave Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI01147-1

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, HELEN I, STUDER, who lived at 706 South Lansing Street, St. Johns, MI 48879 Died on December 22, 2023 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the STUDER FAMILY TRUST within 4 months after the date of publica-

Brian C. Studer 4065 Deer Run Trl. Holly, MI 48442 (248) 245-3299 Susan Studer 402 Creeping Brooke Circle DeWitt, MI 48820 (517) 881-1350 Wieber Pratl Law, PC John E. Wieber P28441 201 E. State Street St. Johns, MI 48879 (989) 224-9449

tion of this notice.

(01-28-24)

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 IN CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Clinton County who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township or City Clerk; the office of the appropriate County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township or City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, February 12, 2024

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following:

Bath Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
14480 Webster Rd., P.O. Box 247, Bath, MI 48808	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
517-641-6728	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Bengal Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
6586 W. M-21, St. Johns, MI 48879	Saturday, February 24th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
989-640-4750	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Bingham Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
2057 N. Lansing St., St. Johns, MI 48879	Sunday, February 25 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
989-403-8468	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Dallas Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.
563 N. Elm St., Fowler, MI 48835	Saturday, February 24 th 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25 th 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
989-307-0356	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
DeWitt City Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
414 E. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
517-669-2441	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
DeWitt Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
1401 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
517-668-0270	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Duplain Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
145 W. Main St., Elsie, MI 48831	Saturday, February 24 th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and Sunday, February 25 th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
517-927-6258	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Eagle Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
13600 S. Bauer Rd., Eagle, MI 48822	Saturday, February 24 th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and Sunday, February 25 th 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
517-526-7548	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Essex Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
5111 Findley Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
989-307-0425	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Greenbush Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
1883 E. French Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879	Saturday, February 24 th 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
989-224-3993	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Lebanon Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
14234 W. Kinley Rd., Fowler, MI 48835	Saturday, February 24 th 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
989-593-2193	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Olive Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
1400 W Pratt Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820	Saturday, February 24th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
517-275-0006	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Ovid City Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI 48866	Saturday, February 24 th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
989-834-5550	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Ovid Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI 48866	Saturday, February 24th 1:00 pm - 5:00 and Sunday, February 25th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
989-834-4830	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27th from 7 am - 8 pm
Riley Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
7110 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
517-819-6132	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
St. Johns City Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
100 E. State St., Ste. 1100, P.O. Box 477, St. Johns, MI 48879	Saturday, February 24 th 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
989-224-8944	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Victor Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848	Saturday, February 24 th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and Sunday, February 25 th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
517-651-2094	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Watertown Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
12803 S. Wacousta Rd., Grand Ledge, MI 48837	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
517-626-6593	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
Westphalia Twp Clerk	Regular Business Hours: By Appointment
13950 Pratt Rd., PO Box 429, Westphalia, MI 48894	Saturday, February 24 th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
989-587-3411	Election Day, Tuesday, February 27 th from 7 am - 8 pm
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MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$36,800,000

MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL 1.1487 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

FULTON SCHOOLS:
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL 3 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Clinton County Clerk's Office, 100 E. State St., Ste. 2600, St. Johns, MI 48879, 989-224-5140. A sample ballot may be viewed at www.mi.gov/vote.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the clerk's office.

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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 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 DESCRIBED PROPERTY SHALL BE AT ALL TIMES EXTENDED TO AND TOUCH THE WATERS OF ROUND LAKE. 6019 Twin Oaks Drive, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848 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 th 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

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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 record ed 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

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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Foreclosure Advertisement

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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 dur-

ing 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 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

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Notice of Foreclosure 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 promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 28, 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Ernest J. Rompf and Deirdre A. Rompf, husband and wife, and Terri Severson, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 18, 2005 Recorded on August 22, 2005, in Document No. 5086089, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Thirty-Two and 92/100 Dollars (\$194,032.92) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, T5N, R3W, except commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 31, thence West 2635 feet to the North 1/4 corner of Section 31, thence South 1048 feet, thence East 2353 feet, thence North 524 feet, thence East 282 feet, thence North 524 feet to the beginning, and except beginning on the East line of Section 31, T5N, R3W, at a point 524 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section 31, T5N, R3W, thence South 374 feet on the East line of Section 31. T5N, R3W, thence West 282 feet, thence North 374 feet, thence East 282 feet to the point of beginning, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, Commonly known as 16170 Wacousta Rd, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 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 pursuant 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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Memorial Healthcare January EOM

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

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Healthcare Home (l-r): Abbie Majzel, Vice President, Talent Health for being Management; Kimberly Raup, RN, Home selected as our Health Manager; Nicole Cramer, RN; and J a n u a r y Megan Smith, Chief Nursing Officer/Vice Employee of the President of Patient Care Month. Nicole has

been employed at Memorial Healthcare since October 2018.

According to her nomination, "Nicole is an important part of the foundation of the Home Health department because she is reliable, consistent, and a well-rounded clinician. Nicole keeps a cool head during crisis and can be counted on if anyone ever has a question in the field. She always closes the loop of care, making sure her patients are safe and all needs are being addressed. Nicole is a dedicate employee by being timely, thorough, consistent on her charting, and showing great quality care by regularly following up on her patients' needs. Nicole has been called a rock star nurse, parent, and friend, always giving 100% to each of her roles."

Nicole lives in Perry and has three children. Her hobbies include: running, exercising, coaching, and watching my kids play sports. An interesting fact about Nicole is that she coaches her kid's basketball and soccer teams. Nicole's personal outlook is, "I love taking care of people and to choose joy in life every day." She would like to be remembered as a good friend and a kind and reliable person.

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On being honored as Memorial
Healthcare's Employee of the
Month, Nicole is quoted as saying, "I am very honored to be
Employee of the Month. I love
my job and my co-workers are
the best!"

Performing Arts Night at The IQhub

submitted by Sue Kadlek

The IQhub is excited to host a Performing Arts Night on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This event coincides with Art Explosion 4.0, sponsored by Mercantile Bank. Art Explosion 4.0 has over 40 artists, along with numerous student artists, who have submitted art pieces to this exhibit. The special Performing Arts Night will highlight other forms of local art by various groups as well.

People who attend will be treated to performances by the St.

People who attend will be treated to performances by the St. Johns High School Orchestra, Choir and Theatre groups. These groups are known for their remarkable performances, and this is a great opportunity for the community to see the talented students and staff the St. Johns High School has to offer.

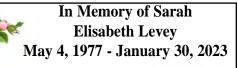
Alissa's Dance Elite will have many of their dancers perform in the center of the AgroLiquid building. Alissa Munger is the owner of Alissa's Dance Elite (formerly Bohaty's School of Dance) and has 35 years of dance experience. Alissa's Dance Elite is celebrating their 10th season of serving the youth of St. Johns and surrounding communities in offering dance instruction. The IQhub is privileged to have those students showcase the incredible dances they have learned through hard work and dedication.

And, to finish off the night, the Mint City Singers will be performing. The Mint City Singers is a community-based vocal music ensemble for singers from Clinton County and its surrounding communities. It is designed for people who love to perform a wide variety of choral music and provides individuals the opportunity to enrich their lives and our community through group singing. Their music will be a lively addition to the Performing Arts night and a great way to conclude the special evening.

Along with the performing groups, people will be able to view the many mediums of artwork displayed in the IQhub for Art Explosion 4.0 and vote on their favorite pieces. Visitors

will have access to the entire IQhub museum as well and be able to learn more about agricultural history, exploration and innovation.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and join the IQhub for a night of Performing Arts! Admission is free, although museum donations are gladly accepted. For the latest information. follow us Facebook www.facebook.com/iqhub or website visit our www.iqhubag.org.



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