

L&J Turkey Farm in Ovid

by Deb Price

There is a Pasture to Plate Turkey Farm located in rural Ovid. Founder and CEO, Paul Williams started his layer farm in his backyard over 30 years ago. In honor of his late brother, Leonard and sister-in-law, June, he named his business L&J Turkey Farm. The couple were his best friends and biggest supporters. "The two of them always had an open door, a helping hand and hearts full of love they shared with everyone," explained Paul.

Paul's passion for the poultry industry has spread to his children, their spouses and children. Today, they have come full circle and care for a farm of their own again right here in rural Ovid, located at 1379 N. Vincent Road, formerly owned by Mike and Carolyn Stevens. Taking huge inspiration from their grandparents, the family believes in focusing this farm on old fashioned, pasture-raised farming with Christ at the center of it all.

On Monday, March 11th, the farm received 1,000 turkey chicks from a hatchery in Canada. The tiny, fuzzy chicks were placed in a climate controlled barn with food, a vegetarian diet consisting of high quality, non-gmo corn and soy bean meal containing minerals and nutrients and water. Paul's, daughter and her husband, Sylvia & Drake Campos, along with their two little girls, help with the overseeing of the little chicks, checking them every two hours, to make sure all is well from hatching and the long trip from Canada. "Once the chicks arrive, the chores at the farm greatly increase, it's all hands on deck," explained Sylvia.

The poult hens are kept in a nice, warm portion of the barn for two to three weeks. Their area to roam is expanded inside the barn until they are released into a prepared forage pasture once they are about 5-6 weeks old. At approximately 13-15 weeks after hatching, the end of May, this batch will be ready for butchering, which is done onsite.



1,000 tiny poults settling in to their new environment.

her husband, Drake, are now teaching their two daughters the family business.

The farm is offering an Easter Dinner Special, Smoked Turkey Halves for \$10.00 pound. Orders can be placed by calling 517-919-0324 or by emailing them at landjturkeyfarms@gmail.com. You can also check them out on their website at landjturkeyfarms.com



(L-R) Paul Williams, Drake & Sylvia Campos along with daughters, Aurora and Lilith.

The pasture to plate turkeys that are raised on the farm offer NON GMO products for sale year round, including, Whole Turkeys, Ground Turkey, Smoked Turkey Breasts, Smoked Half Turkeys, Bacon, Breakfast Sausage and several flavors of Brats. L&J also sell their products at Horrock's, Phillips Orchard and Food For Living.

"We are a family focused farm, committed to producing high quality, natural food. We have been blessed and believe it is our responsibility to give back to the community," explained Sylvia who has been at the right hand of her Dad since she was just a little girl. She along with

Elsie Village Council

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, March 10, 2024. The highlight of the evening was

Dr. Brook Wooley, chair of the Elsie Dairy Festival, reported that the festival will be held July 11, 12, 13, avoiding the Fourth of July weekend. Further updates were given. Vendors will be moved to one space near Hero's Park. 3-on-3 basketball will be returning and will be held at Ovid-Elsie High School; a corn-hole tournament will also be part of the festival. There will be an improved children's day and parade. There are new members added to the Dairy Festival committee with exciting ideas. There will be a carnival with a few changes, there will be a special needs children's event as well.

Officials took formal action to approve the 2024-2025 Budget. A notable change is the water bill will increase from \$70 to \$75 dollars per month for minimal use, there was no change to the trash service. After brief discussion the budget was approved and will take effect April 1, 2024.

Elsie Police Chief Bryce presented the monthly report. The department conducted 3 traffic stops, and five citations. In addition, activities for the month of February included suspicious situations, larcenies, agency assists, and missing person. Door hangers were left at several locations throughout the village regarding multiple blight issues and citations will be issued to those who do not comply.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, presented the monthly report. The Village is on track and working with Consumers Energy on the light installation at the village park, at an approximate cost of \$8,000, the deed for the park was found and verified with the Clinton County Register of Deeds. The dangerous structure complaint is still in progress, 101 E Main Street. The Village is working with Clinton County Building officials and the property owner are working towards a resolution.

Ken Harris, the developer working on the former Elsie Junior High building, was not awarded the first round of grants. However, he is moving forward with the project and the deed for the property will be transferred to Mr. Harris soon.

On a related topic, Clinton County Catalyst may have a business owner interested in a downtown store front. They are also working with BNM Trailer sales on an expansion project.

Grinnell reported that he met with the LEAP representative and found that there is a Small-Town Grant Program with a focus on the downtown areas. The available funding is a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$25,000. Officials were asked to consider possible downtown improvements to include in the grant.

In addition, asphalt companies have been contacted regarding the work in Elsie this summer. West Main Street from main break, in front of 402 E. Main Street apartment's parking lot from 202 N Park Street, W. Oak to N Knowlton St. from main break Pine /Str. Between 1st and 2nd Street (repave the entire block).

Grinnell further reported that he had met with Morton Contracting regarding developing a master plan for Hero Park. The first action will be the placing memorial blocks by Memorial Day 2024. The final plan will include renderings of a "future look" at the park that may include lighting and shrubs.

Grinnell attended the Michigan Association of Code Enforcement Officers; it was very beneficial and provided recommendations for streamlining some of the codes and violations. An Ordinance Committee meeting will be set to discuss possible changes.

Grinnell recently attended Motor Carrier training where he made contact with a community that had purchased a set of scales and decided they did not have a use for them. The Village of Elsie purchased the scales for \$5,000, which was a considerable savings. It should be noted that the cost of scales is usually between \$12,000 to \$14,000.

Next, officials received a proposal from State Bank for Village finances. The Village has had a good relationship with Journey Credit Union however, a larger institution can provide more and expanded services. State Bank is very knowledgeable with BS&A software. The closest branch is Chesaning. Discussion followed. Officials took action to move village funds to State Bank, approved.

New panels for water/sewer are installed and working. Pump one is tripping the breaker and pump two has a leaking seal, both are in service and water service has not been interrupted. Repairs are underway.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of special reports Dairy Festival, and 2024-2025 budget; and the minutes of the February 13, 2024 regular meeting were approved. Next officials reviewed the financial reports and passed expenditures totaling 97,926.49.

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Social



Fifth Generation: This family gathered recently to celebrate a great-great grandson's 5th birthday and captured this Fifth Generation Photo. Pictured here (l-r) are, Landen Kramer, Emma Kramer, Colette Kramer, all of Bannister, Carol Smolka of Henderson and Dorothy Martina of Ashley.



Thank You ALL



Thank you to my family, friends, neighbors and community for my Surprise 80th Birthday Party. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, gifts and the part you played in helping me celebrate my birthday.

A special thanks to Heidi & Mike Loynes; Francine & Bob Garcia; Norm Hyatt and Yoshimi & Jacky for your part in planning the party.

Love, Tencha Garcia



Teddy (Joshua Snyder) was diagnosed with end stage renal failure in Nov. Unable to work, we want to help with medical bills and everyday expenses. So family and friends are throwing a benefit to help him out.

March 23, 2024
4pm-8pm
ZCBJ Lodge #225

Hog Roast Dinner
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Elsie Historical Society to Meet

The Elsie Historical Society will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, March 25th at 7 pm at 145 W. Main Street in Elsie. Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar for a workshop meeting to be held on Saturday, April 13th beginning at 10 am. For more information, call, 989-862-5846



Wildlife Habitat Workshop March 23

submitted by Donna Kanan

OWOSSO - The Shiawassee Conservation District is offering a Wildlife Habitat Workshop on Saturday March 23, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The event will be held at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds Community Center located at 2900 Hibbard Road, Corunna. It is free to attend. RSVP is requested to the Conservation District office by March 18.



Creating and maintaining healthy wildlife habitat on your property can be fun and rewarding. This workshop is an opportunity to learn about management options and conservation programs available to you. Highlighted topics include making wetlands suitable for ducks, pollinator habitat with a focus on conserving bees, conservation planning, Farm Bill conservation programs, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

Speakers from Ducks Unlimited and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will join the Shiawassee Conservation District, including members of the Pollinator Task Force's "Bee Squad". They will be bringing bee samples collected from their surveys at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.

For more information, RSVP, or to request special accommodations, please contact the Shiawassee Conservation District at (989) 723-8263 ext 3.

Inspired Women Network Free Online Webinar Offers Financial Literacy Tips for Achieving Career Goals

submitted by Ruthann Large
Owosso, Mich.—

Inspired Women Network (IWN) programming continues with a financial literacy webinar 12-1 p.m. March 21. Women and Wealth: Preparing for Your Future, a free, online-only event, teaches attendees about creating financial goals and how they can lead to professional success and help prepare for unexpected life events.



Whether they're just starting a career or business and figuring out how to save, or for retirement, this event helps women embrace unique financial opportunities in their lives.

The event includes a panel moderated by Andrew Reger, RICP of Edward Jones. The panelists are accredited financial counselors, certified plan fiduciary advisors and chartered retirement planning counselors. Panelists include:

- Patricia VanLuven, AFC
- Kelly Schluckebier, CPFA, CRPC, Schluckebier Hood Wealth Management Group - Stifel
- Audrey Salander of Edward Jones

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

"IWN events offer women valuable educational resources and networking opportunities, whether they've been running their own businesses for many years or if they are just starting their professional careers," says Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce Interim Executive Director Ruthann Large.

Upcoming IWN events include Champions for Change April 24, Spring Social Hour May 22, and the Chamber Annual Dinner and ATHENA Leadership Award Celebration June 13 at the Z Hall in Owosso. All upcoming events are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Locations will be announced soon on the IWN Facebook page.

Register for Women and Wealth: Preparing for Your Future at shiawasseechamber.org or by contacting the chamber at 989-723-5149 or ehaska@shiawasseechamber.org. IWN is generously underwritten in part by an anonymous donor.

ELBA TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING

The Elba Township board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 March 26th at 7:00 PM. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 109 S. Oak St, Ashley.

This notice is posted in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCL 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Elba Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5 days notice to the Elba Township board.

Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Elba Township Board by writing or calling the following:

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Obituaries

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Kaye Frances Freeman

Kaye Frances Freeman, age 73, of Owosso, MI, passed away peacefully in the hands of her loving family on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Kaye was born in Saginaw, Michigan on September 14, 1950, the daughter of Howard and Anna Caroline (Kopta) Mavis. She graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, MI with the class of 1968 and earned a Floral Degree from LCC. Kaye enjoyed gardening and created floral arrangements for all occasions for her family and friends.

Kaye devoted her entire life to her boys and their families. She loved to give gifts to those she loved. She was a fabulous cook and her food was central to every family gathering. Her home was a place where everyone felt welcome.

Kaye lived life to the fullest extent. Everyone who truly knew her; knew she had no filter. However, her passion in life was to serve others. As a caregiver, she impacted many families selflessly putting others before herself.

Kaye's family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice RN Danielle, and Kathy, Kayla, Kristy, Desiree, Abby, and Beth for their compassionate care during her last days.

She is survived by her beloved dog Bella, three sons: Brian (Kari) Freeman, Kevin (Ginny) Freeman, and Jason (Jennifer) Freeman; two step-sons: Michael (Susan) Freeman, and Steven (Kathy McGonagle) Freeman; seven grandchildren: Chelsea (Spencer) Bouchard, Austeen (Dylan) Heeney, Dylan (Brianna) Freeman, Cameron (Aspen) Freeman, Collin Freeman, Corrie (Connor Kirby) Freeman, and Brian Freeman II; four great-grandchildren: Callie, Finn, Brennan, Braxton; and expecting a great-grandson in August; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Joann Chmiko, and four brothers: Leonard Slavik, Harvey Mavis, Leon Mavis, and Dale Mavis; and beloved niece Denise Dotson.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. Burial has taken place at Lakefield Township Cemetery, Merrill, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Shiawassee Humane Society, 2752 W. Bennington Rd., Owosso, MI 48867. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Larry Arthur Curtis

Larry Arthur Curtis, age 83, of Ovid died on Monday March 11, 2024, after a short battle with leukemia.

Larry was born on January 12, 1941, to Arthur and Neva (Moore) Curtis at home in Victor township. He attended Ovid High School where he earned his High School diploma. Shortly after graduating he proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis aboard the submarine USS Chivo. Later on, Larry worked at Sealed Power in St. Johns where he retired in 1995. On September 19, 1964, Larry married the love of his life, Judy Rhody. Together they raised their three wonderful children and enjoyed over 50 years of marriage.

During his life Larry enjoyed many days in the field hunting as well as many days on the water fishing with his family and friends. He loved to travel and go camping in his fifth wheel. Oftentimes you could find Larry enjoying a cup of coffee in the morning with his friends at the Ovid Cafe. Some of his most cherished times came when he was around the bonfire with his beloved family.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Loren (Jodi) Curtis of Bay City, Roxanne (Grant) LeDuke of Ovid, and Bryan (Michelle) Curtis of St. Johns; grandchildren Rachel (Jake) Kramer, Mitchell LeDuke, Tyler Curtis, and Katelyn Curtis; sister, Beverly Crowell; brother-in-law John Coffman; sisters-in-law Marilyn Curtis and Pam (John) Pfeifauf.

Along with his wife he is preceded in death by his parents, siblings Lorna Coffman, Robert Curtis, and Rosemary Stevens.

A memorial service was held on Saturday March 16, at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St Johns, MI 48879

Memorial contributions in Larry's name are encouraged to be made to the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Dept where he served as a volunteer firefighter.



"I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ."

— Galatians 1:11-12

God is the origin of the gospel. It is His plan of salvation for all people. It's not a guess by people on how to reach God, but God initiated. Because of this, there are several things that we can know about the gospel:

1. It is perfect. As God's creation, the gospel is therefore perfect.
2. It will never fail. Since the gospel is perfect, this means that it will never fail. When you believe in the gospel, God will forgive you of your sins and bring you into a personal relationship with Himself. Always. 100% of the time.

In the Psalms it says, "...you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.... Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.... Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name."

— Psalm 9:10b, 27:10, 119:132

3. It cannot be improved on. Since the gospel comes from God and so is perfect and will never fail, this also means that it cannot be improved on.

Hence Paul's words in Galatians- "If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!"

— Galatians 1:9

People try to improve on the gospel all the time. They may not see it as such, it depends on the person. But through the years there have been many "improvements" made to the gospel, which of course, makes it to be no gospel at all but a false gospel that cannot bring anyone into a relationship with God.

Those "improvements" can take the form of baptism, church membership, doing more good works than your bad, the combination of going to church regularly and not smoking or drinking, and so on.

But God's gospel needs no improvement. No additions are necessary and in fact, they actually destroy the one true gospel. Faith alone is God's gospel. Faith that Jesus is fully human and fully God. That He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the full payment for all of your sins.



Religious Thoughts

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Finalists for \$50,000 Put Your Town on the Map Competition

JACKSON, Mich. March 13, 2024 — The Consumers Energy Foundation announced today the top 10 finalists for the Put Your Town on the Map Competition, which will provide \$50,000 in grant funding for three projects to help small communities in Michigan grow and thrive.

“The Consumers Energy Foundation has been proud to sponsor this competition since its inception, as every year we’re able to provide funding for placemaking projects that enhance Michigan’s small towns as great places to live,” said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. “With dozens of project entries, selecting only 10 finalists was difficult, but we’re excited to learn more about these projects from the community members most passionate about them.”

Communities with fewer than 10,000 residents had until Feb. 15 to apply. The finalists are:

- Au Gres (Arenac County) for Kinder Platz Park “old fashion” transformation
- Bellaire (Antrim County) for a community year-round garden project
- Coopersville (Ottawa County) for a community outdoor fitness park
- Dimondale (Eaton County) for a village history art mural
- Imlay City (Lapeer County) for a public interactive art and audio display
- Napoleon (Jackson County) for a heritage trail project
- Rogers City (Presque Isle County) for a public art sculpture
- Saranac (Ionia County) for a covered community concert pavilion
- St. Johns (Clinton County) for community artistic benches
- White Cloud (Newaygo County) for downtown planter boxes/benches

The finalists, selected by the Consumers Energy Foundation and the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), will make their pitches at the Small Town and Rural Development Conference, which will take place April 29. The top three winners will receive grants worth \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

Consumers Energy started the competition in 2019. In 2023, grant dollars were awarded to Fennville to install bilingual community wayfinding signs, Reed City for the Crossroads Recreation Connection, and Harbor Beach to expand community gardening.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan’s largest energy provider. The Foundation contributes to the growth and strengthening of Michigan communities by investing in what’s most important — our people, our planet and Michigan’s prosperity. In 2023, the Consumers Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, its employees and retirees contributed more than \$11 million to Michigan nonprofits. For more information, visit www.ConsumersEnergy.com/foundation.

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.

Public Input Meetings for Clinton County Parks and Green Space

submitted by Penny Goerge

The Clinton County Parks and Green Space Department is updating two plans to set the near and long-term vision and plan of action for the four (4) Clinton County parks, recreation, and open spaces:

#1: Parks and Green Space Comprehensive Parks Master Plan (20-year plan)

#2: 2025-2029 Parks & Recreation Five Year Plan (5-year detailed plan)

Both plans will help shape how you enjoy Clinton County’s beautiful outdoor amenities. Clinton County is asking for your insight to help shape the future vision for our outdoor parks, recreation, and open spaces. As we are hosting five (5) public input meetings around the county.

Meeting dates and times include:

March 12th at 6:00pm – City of DeWitt Community Room

March 13th at 2:00pm – Clinton County Courthouse – Board of Commissioners Boardroom

March 13th at 5:30pm – Bath Library

March 19th at 6:00pm – Riley Township Hall

April 3rd at 6:00pm – Ovid Township Hall

If you have questions please contact Kyle Thornton, Parks and Green Space Coordinator, 989-224-5128, thorntonk@clinton-county.org.

The County has three county parks (Latoff Landing, Francis Motz County Park and Clinton Lakes County Park) that are open and developed and recently purchased a fourth in 2023 on Pratt Road in Riley Township that has not been developed. All are free of charge to use for both county residents and non-residents. Three of the parks have or will have a lake with a beach, swimming, fishing and non-motorized boating as well as hiking/walking trails and universally accessible facilities. Latoff Landing includes a small parking area and kayak/canoe launch.

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Rep. BeGole Honors Retiring Owosso Charter Township First Responder

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole (right), of Antrim Township, recently presented a state tribute to Battalion Chief Michael Thornburg of the Owosso Charter Township Fire Department in appreciation of his 51 years of service as he enters retirement. Thornburg joined the department in 1972, beginning as a firefighter and eventually serving as an assistant engineer, engineer and assistant chief.

"The life-threatening tasks firefighters face demand courage, preparation, commitment and knowledge," BeGole said. "We are incredibly thankful for all that Chief Thornburg has provided in his service to our families and this community. He has also trained hundreds of firefighters over the years – helping to provide protection and security for countless more homes, businesses and lives.

"We owe him a debt of gratitude for his remarkable service and selflessness, and I hope he and his family enjoy the same security and well-being he provided for others for decades."

BeGole is in his first term serving the 71st House District, which includes Owosso Township.



Rep. Filler honors St. Johns Volunteer

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler recently presented a state tribute to Alan Nelson, who is retiring after 18 years of owning and operating Sunfire Wireless in St. Johns. Nelson has contributed to the community in numerous ways, including with the Rotary Club, the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, and as an executive committee member of the St. Johns Soap Box Derby. He also served on the St. Johns Board of Education for 15 years. For years, Nelson has shown his dedication to honoring members of the military, especially those lost in service to their country. Nelson lost a son himself, and paid homage to those in service through his Wall of Honor, which hung at his store. Nelson also has a traveling version of the wall, which he takes to community parades.



City of Ovid Regular Meeting March 11, 2024

Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor Pro Tem M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

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

Guests- There were guests present; some of the guests were Liza Kusnier-Treasurer, Lisa Rousseau- Chief of Police, Scott Gould- City's Attorney, Doug Scott- Rowe Engineering, Carl Hyzer, Kelly Howard, and Dan Kinney.

Agenda

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

Carried on voice vote.

Minutes

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve February 12, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular meeting minutes as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Invoice/check register

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve invoices/checks register from February 14, 2024 through March 12, 2024. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Public Comment: Opened 7:04 pm Closed 7:08 pm

Treasurer's Report

Council Member L. Perrien made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by the treasurer. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Attorney's Report

Solar ordinance- A motion was made by Council Member E. Starn to place a moratorium on applications for wind and solar in the city of Ovid for 180 days. Council member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Police Report

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to support a show cause hearing on High St. address. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

DPW Report

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve the purchase of line locator RD 7200 and TX-10 with accessories from C&S Solutions for an amount of \$5,963.69 with \$2,000 coming from Water Fund and remaining balance, \$3,963.69 from Sewer Fund. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Report Approval Motion

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to approve the reports from the Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

New Business

a. 2024 Biennial Bridge Agreement- Council Member E. Brown made the motion to enter into the 2024 Biennial Bridge Inspection Agreement with Rowe Engineering for a total of \$800 (\$400.00 per bridge with a total of two bridges) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign the agreement. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

b. Rowe Engineering-Doug Scott Regarding Bridges and Lagoons

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to enter into the 2024 Bridge Funding Application agreement with Rowe Engineering for a total of 1250.00 (\$625.00 per bridge with a total of two bridges) and authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign the agreement. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

c. Youth Center-Carl Hyzer

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to extend meeting 30 minutes. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

d. Direct Deposit- Council Member E. Brown made a motion to offer Direct deposit as a method to receive paycheck. Council Member L. Perrien supported the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

e. J&J Hardwoods- Council Member E. Brown authorized J&J Hardwood invoices payment for tree removal and to amend the budget by increasing Local Street Fund tree trimming expense line by \$15,000 for a total budgeted line item of \$18,000. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

f. Election Needs: Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to move \$3,371 from Health Insurance expense line to election supplies expense line. Council Member E. Brown supported.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member M. Olger made the motion to approve purchase of 2 Election Inclusion Franklin Voting booths and 1 laptop for election use. Motion was supported by Council Member L. Perrien.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member E. Starn made the motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Council member L. Ordiway seconded.

Carried on voice vote.

g. Moon Dust and New Backstop for Ackley Field Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the purchase of Moon Dust for Ackley Field not to exceed \$3,000. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

h. Ethics Ordinance Council Member E. Starn made the motion to place the Ethics Ordinance out for public review. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Boards and Commissions

a. Charter Review Commission – Mayor Pro Tem M. Perrien appointed the following members to the Charter Review Committee: Pat Serviss, Dr. Michael O'Bryant, Becky Soliz, Michelle Soliz, Patti Stewart, Mark Holley and Jackie Garcia. Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to approve the Mayor Pro Tem appointed members of the Charter Review Committee. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Adjournment-

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

Carried on voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm

*Respectfully Submitted by
Liza Kusnier
City of Ovid Treasurer*

Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch at United Church of Ovid



The United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., will be having an Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch on Saturday, March 23, 11:30 am.

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It's Just a Dog

Dear Readers,

Thank you for the responses from a recent column entitled: "When is a good time to say goodbye to your dog?" I received several notes... One said, "It's just a dog!" I guess some people might not feel as emotional when it comes to death of a pet. However, several others sent a list of helpful readings, and Pet Loss Support Hotline numbers. We have certainly touched a meaningful and sensitive subject.

Pets are a major part of family dynamics for most pet owners. Pets typically do not live as long as humans so occasionally we are forced to face end of life decisions, sooner than expected. Those types of decisions should not be taken lightly. Decisions for the life of any of kind should be faced with meaningful understanding and peace. Of course pets cannot tell us what they want, so the decision lies with the human family members.

One of our readers sent poem, in response to "Just a Dog!"... "From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog, or "that's a lot of money for just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog," gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think "It's just a dog," then you will probably understand the phrases like "just a friend," "Just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "just a dog," I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment."

"I hope others can understand that it's not "just a dog," but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a woman." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," ...just smile - because they "just don't get it!" -Author Unknown-

Readers: This made me think of times I have heard, "it's just grandma," "it's just a kid," or "it's just Uncle Bob." And, a lot of other "it's just..." So, Let's just be more understanding of others. If you have lost a pet recently or need some healing ideas, go to www.humananimalbondtrust.org or www.petcar-ing.com. Or email Ask_Andy@aol.com I will send you the list of websites, books, and readings that were sent to me from some of our readers. If you are seeking some loyal companionship visit your local Human Society for adoption of a pet to enrich your life. This is a good time of year to start looking to adopt a pet from your local Human Society. Big birth months in the Spring, Answered by It's Just Andy @ ask_andy@aol.com.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

More than a tad bit wet this afternoon. The grass is getting greener and growing. Shortly the mower will be entered into service. This means that there are going to be many weeds to be pulled. Seeds to be planted. This is the beginning of another spring. Yes, there was snow this past weekend but it is gone now. Flowers are blossoming, the trees and bushes are rushing to bud and to welcome spring. Oh, I almost forgot to tell you about the bald eagle that was sitting in the top of my honey locust tree on Tuesday. No, I didn't get to see it and Kenny didn't get a picture but he did notify me of the occurrence. Nope, I'm not missing any of my felines and Miss Prudence hasn't been threatened. She has picked up a few of her feline friends' habits. As in Pru enjoys sitting upon the deck rail as she views her kingdom even though it is populated with numerous cats and many of them were dropped off. And yet, bathing in the sunshine is a habit that all of my critters enjoy. Myself included.

Diane and Brent are both teasing me because another one of my readers came into MG's this week and ended up taking a selfie with me. He was gleeful that he got to meet me before his wife did and he needed the photo to show her. I must apologize to my readers. I'm bad with names and have to meet someone at least three or four times and keep repeating their names to get them to stick in my memory. That being said, I usually remember faces but not always. What can I say? I do not have a photogenic memory. I be human.

This morning I had to grate the five pounds of carrots that I peeled yesterday. I did get that done and measured them out to freeze. Our carrot cakes take three cups of grated carrots, so the five pounds gave us the enough to make six carrot cakes. The freezer is getting filled with shredded carrots. Boring?! But necessary, it also has the fruit made to make cherry pies, blueberry muffins, banana muffins, and apple muffins. I now have sourdough starter in my fridge...I plan on making that beautiful bread this weekend. I've also had a request for light whole wheat bread which I will probably be doing this week.

I seem to have physically over done it this week. I believe that it had to do with carrying a couple of fifty pound bags of flour into my house. Since I had been so lazy this winter I haven't kept my strength up as I should have. So it took a bit more out of me to navigate the steps and deck to get the flour into the kitchen. Oops, not quite there...the bread flour is sitting on the desk in the living room. This coming Wednesday I will be evaluated to see why my left leg is being a great irritation to me. Yes, I will be starting physical therapy. Hopefully I will have a couple of sessions a week, though I would be happier if it were three a week. I do expect the therapy to work. I'm tired of being gimpy. Such is life. May your days be filled with humor and laughter. May God bless you and keep you safe.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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West Virginia Rifle

About a month ago, the Weekly Sportsman found himself in Morgantown watching a co-ed collegiate rifle match at West Virginia University before catching a plane ride home. Not knowing what to really expect prior to watching the WVU Mountaineers take on the Kentucky Wildcats, the Weekly Sportsman did some background research. The Weekly Sportsman has heard over the years that WV Rifle, that is what locals call it, is a pretty top notch program and if you are aspiring to be an Olympian or a National Champion then this is where you go to college after high school.

First let's talk about the sport itself; standing position firing 60 shots fired with .177 air rifles and lead pellets at 10 meters and also 60 shots fired with a small bore rifle with .22 LR ammo at 50 feet. There are both individual and team winners with air rifle and small bore rifle along with aggregate champions. Both air rifles and small bore rifles used are usually manufactured by Walther, Anschutz, and Feinwerkbau. The price range of these precision lead throwing instruments is around \$8,000 but require an additional \$2,000 in accessories. From ear protection and glasses to shoes there is an entire outfit that is designed to hold the shooter steady not to mention making the shooter extremely sweaty. Just like regular firearms the barrels on these shootin' irons can be finicky but most shooters use Lapua for .22LR and RWS for pellets.

The match the Weekly Sportsman attended had twenty shooting stations and was positioned inside an indoor track at a field house. The team has a smaller range for practice and the Colosseum next door can be used for very large matches like the NCAA Championships.

Country music was playing on a loudspeaker and some bleachers were set up for those wanting to watch and attendance was very minimal that Saturday morning as most spectators appeared to be parents. The interaction between coaches and athletes and spectators was very interesting. There was no yelling or making excuses. The score is the score. A product of 3-4 hours shooting per day.

Now for the program... What makes WV Rifle the top in the nation? Last weekend they were runner up to a National Title which means they have 19 titles and 11 second place finishes.

That means on average every year there is a 67% chance they will be either first or second in the country. They also increased individual championships this last weekend bringing that total to 30. Not to mention that they have produced over 30 Olympians. What is the winning formula? Is it coaching? Their head coach Jon Hammond is an Olympian himself and competed on the WV Rifle when earning his Master's Degree. Is it recruitment? All WV Rifle shooters are from out of state including Natalie Perrin from Coopersville, Michigan. Is it the culture and pride of the Mountaineer spirit? Whatever it is, it continues to work!

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Rep. Filler Welcomes St. Johns Student for State Capitol Visit

submitted by Christina Doerr

State Rep. Graham Filler this week welcomed St. Johns High School senior Ella Schafer to the state Capitol. Ella is active with the Youth Action Committee and seeks to improve her high school and community by volunteering. She was a national semifinalist for the Ronald Reagan scholarship. Next year, she plans to attend Hillsdale College, where she will be joining the swim team.



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Spring Farm Section

Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter Members Receive Multiple State Recognition

Submitted by Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter Reporter, Danica Bancroft

On February 28th, 29th, and March 1st, the Ovid-Elsie FFA traveled to the campus of Michigan State University for the 96th Michigan FFA State Convention. The FFA Chapter and its members brought home numerous awards. Ovid-Elsie FFA is proud of the hard work by its members and that was rewarded at the 96th Michigan FFA State Convention.

Individual members were recognized during the Convention week. Willow Evans, Cassidy Harris, Dominic Kline, and Abby Thelen received the highest honor given by the Michigan FFA Association, the State FFA Degree. Several Ovid-Elsie FFA members received the Michigan FFA Outstanding Junior Award for meeting the requirements set by the Michigan FFA Association. Those members include: Harris Evans, Jamie Houska, Corbyn Janes, and Trinity Ziola. Ovid-Elsie FFA members received recognition for their high academic achievement. Juniors receive silver and seniors receive gold level status. Corbyn Janes was awarded Silver (junior grade level), and Willow Evans, Dominic Kline, Brayden Leland, and Abby Thelen were honored with the Gold (senior grade level) award for academic excellence.

Danica Bancroft, Abby Thelen, and Trinity Ziola were chosen to represent the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter as a delegate to the State FFA Association. These members traveled to the Michigan Capitol in Lansing with other FFA members from across the State, to meet with Michigan legislators. They also had the opportunity to vote on the 2024-2025 Michigan FFA Association State Officer Team. The delegates also delivered pop taps to the State FFA Association's community service project which takes that money and donates it to the Ronald McDonald House.

Multiple members recognized for the state proficiency awards in each of their respective SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) areas, Willow Evans and Cassidy Harris both received a silver award for their proficiency in Diversified Livestock. Abby Thelen received a gold award for Diversified Livestock and Joshua Miller earned gold for Fiber and Oil Production. Cassidy Harris also was recognized as the State Winner in Swine Entrepreneurship.

Joshua Miller, Clayton Powell, and Gavin Williams won the state Demonstration Contest with the demonstration: Sap to Syrup. Additionally, Morgan Ryder performed a vocal and guitar solo during the 5th session for the Michigan FFA State Convention.

The chapter is very proud of all of the accomplishments of its members.



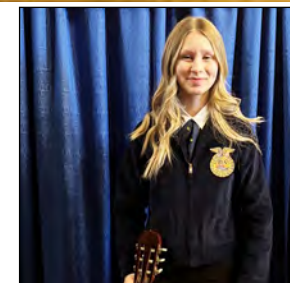
Delegates L to R: Trinity Ziola, Danica Bancroft, Abby Thelen



Proficiency Awards Recipients L to R: Abby Thelen, Cassidy Harris, Willow Evans, Joshua Miller



State Degrees L to R: Abby Thelen, Cassidy Harris, Willow Evans, Dominic Kline




Talent performer:
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Outstanding Juniors L to R: Jamie Houska, Corbyn Janes, Harris Evans and Trinity Ziola.



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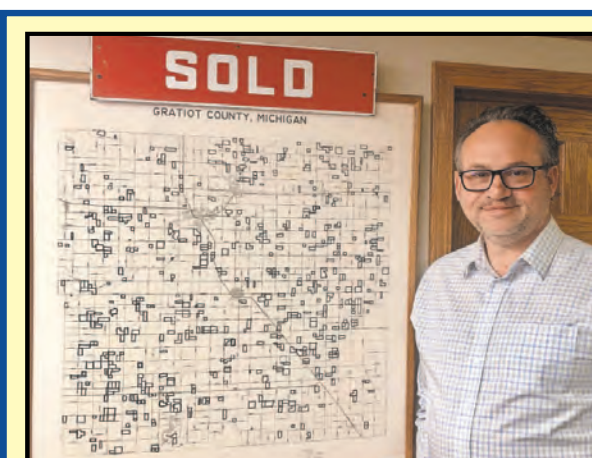
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Agricultural technology, often referred to as "AgTech," is playing an increasingly bigger role on modern farms, and that role is evident when examining AgTech startups' growing access to venture capital. Data from PitchBook and the National Venture Capital Association's PitchBook-NVCA Venture Monitor, a quarterly report on venture capital activity in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, indicates that AgTech startups received \$6.1 billion in VC investments in 2020. That reflects a nearly 60 percent increase in investment over 2019. Weaknesses in the agricultural and food supply chain revealed during the pandemic undoubtedly drove some of that investment. Widespread recognition of a need for improvements within the agricultural sector so it can meet the demands of a global population that the United Nations estimates will increase by two billion people by 2050 also likely contributed to the considerable rise in VC investment in AgTech startups.



(l-r): Clay Powell, Joshua Miller, Gavin Williams

Ovid-Elsie Wins 2024 Michigan FFA Demonstration Contest

submitted by Tracey Hoffman

EAST LANSING— The 96th Michigan FFA State Convention witnessed a showcase of talent and expertise as teams competed in the Demonstration Contest. The finals, held from February 28 to March 1, saw finalists from across the state vying for top honors after advancing through district and regional levels.

The Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter emerged victorious as the winners of the 2024 Michigan FFA Demonstration Contest with their demonstration on processing sap into maple syrup. The winning team, consisting of Joshua Miller, Clay Powell and Gavin Williams, delivered an exemplary demonstration that captivated the audience and impressed the judges.

In an intense face-off on the Wharton Center main stage in front of 1,500 spectators, the first runner-up, the Montague FFA Chapter, discussed the process of making wooden bowls.

GreenStone President and CEO Travis Jones, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Tim Boring and Michigan Farm Bureau Interim Administrator served as on-stage finals judges for the contest.

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Dairy Business Builder Grant Now Accepting Applications

submitted by Chelsea Lewis-Parisio

LANSING - The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) is accepting applications for its Dairy Business Builder Grant opportunity with eligibility for Michigan companies. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) joined the federal DBIA program in September 2022. This grant aims to encourage small- to medium-sized dairy farmers, entrepreneurs, and processors in the Midwest to pursue projects such as dairy farm diversification, on-farm processing, value-added product creation, and efforts to market dairy products for export.

"Michigan's dairy industry provides nutritious foods produced and processed locally while making a significant economic impact across our state," said MDARD Director Tim Boring. "The DBIA program will help local businesses within the dairy industry to advance while increasing sustainable practices."

Since the creation of the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, the DBIA has administered over \$13 million in funding to 129 dairy farms and businesses within the Midwest service area. Reimbursement grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to different dairy businesses after a competitive review process.

During previous rounds of funding, six Michigan companies received \$2.4 million in grants and recently three more Michigan companies were awarded funding including Protein Pints in Grand Rapids, Cream Cup Dairy in Bear Lake, and Semifreddo, LLC in Hart. Previous award recipients can be found here.

Applications for the grant will be accepted until April 3, 2024. Award announcements will be made in late May 2024.

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Spring Farm Section

MDARD Provides Funding to MSU Extension

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is proud to further its partnership with Michigan State University (MSU) Extension by helping to accelerate the progress being made through the Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock (ERAIL) Program. Over the next three years, through a grant of over \$460,000, MDARD is funding twenty-five ERAIL training sessions, eight new ERAIL trailers, and the purchase of equipment to outfit those trailers—all with the goal of helping local communities better respond to incidents involving livestock.

Every year, millions of animals are on the moo-ve. Over 200,000 trucks transport livestock to Michigan from other states and Canada as well as move animals within the state. Unfortunately, there will likely be an accident involving one of these vehicles at some point in time, and those responding to the incident cannot solely rely on kind-hearted cowboys who are willing to lend a helping hand—or lasso. Responders need to be equipped with the appropriate tools and training to best evaluate the situation, coordinate solutions, and handle the affected animals.

"When livestock are part of an accident, the situation becomes much more complex," said Brad Deacon, MDARD Emergency Management Coordinator. "This is an important investment for our first responders and the Michigan livestock industry."

The ERAIL Program is a comprehensive training and response program spearheaded by MSU Extension in partnership with MDARD and with additional support from Michigan Pork Producers Association, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Michigan Commercial Beekeepers Association, and Michigan Beekeepers Association. Through a multi-layered approach including trainings with hands-on learning opportunities, the establishment of a fleet of specialized emergency response trailers, and individual consultations, the program serves to educate and prepare first responders to assist in any emergency involving livestock.

"To best protect animal health and welfare, local responders need the experience and equipment to properly handle the situation and not create further safety risks to the animals, staff, or general public," said State Veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM, MS, DACVPM. "The trailers and training provided through the ERAIL Program helps build a foundation for preparedness, strengthening an area's capacity for an effective response."

The program trains responders in critical aspects of farm animal behavior and the characteristics of livestock trucks as well as promotes the acquisition of specialized response trailers stocked with portable gates, handling equipment for various types of animals, safety equipment, and other tools to help with livestock in an accident.

"So far, MSU Extension professionals have taught more than 700 first responders throughout Michigan how to react after a traffic crash that involves animals," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "Proper animal handling—whether it's two horses or 500 pigs—is imperative for keeping both animals and people safe on the roads."

To date, the ERAIL program has placed three fully equipped response trailers in Branch, Jackson, and Otsego counties, with more to come as program continues. In 2023, the current trailers were deployed twice to help manage incidents.

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FFA State Convention

submitted By: Olivia Dysinger

The Ashley FFA Chapter proudly represented our community at the 96th Michigan FFA State Convention held on the campus of Michigan State University Feb. 28 - March 1st. With 7 members in attendance, our Ashley students joined over 2,500 total members and guests from across the state's 127 FFA chapters for an exciting and motivating three days.

At the convention, attendees immersed themselves in a variety of activities, including Leadership Development Events, recognition ceremonies for outstanding achievements, engaging presentations from motivational speakers and networking opportunities with peers from different parts of Michigan.

CONTESTS

Job Interview: Gavin Malek, 11th Grade- Gavin participated in mock job interviews, demonstrating his knowledge and skills related to a specific agricultural career. Gavin placed Silver (6th Place).

DEGREES

Outstanding Junior Degrees: Lee Follett and Gavin Malek, 11th Grade- Both received recognition for their exceptional leadership and involvement in FFA activities.

State FFA Degrees: Logan Drummond- Logan received the highest degree awarded by the state FFA organization, recognizing his significant achievements and leadership in agriculture.

Academic Excellence: Clayton Juhas, 12th Grade- Received gold for his remarkable achievements in the classroom and has maintained at least an average 3.5 GPA.

National Chapter and Superior Chapter: The Ashley FFA- Received for outstanding growth and dedication.

Delegates: Gavin Malek, 11th Grade and Gibby Jason, 10th Grade - Served as delegates, voting on constitutional amendments, electing the 2024-2025 State FFA Officer team and recognized



Olivia Dysinger, Gibson Jason, Gavin Malek, Lee Follett, and Robert Kral



Gavin Malek - Silver - Job Interview



Logan Drummond - State Degree



Clayton Juhas - Academic Excellence Gold



Lee Follett and Gavin Malek - Outstanding Juniors



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Bella Strieff 2nd Team
Ella Merrell Honorable Mention
Callie Clark Honorable Mention

Three Lady Wolves Represent Laingsburg on All-CMAC Team

LAINGSBURG -- Three seniors have been recognized for the winning season compiled by the Wolfpack girls basketball team in this year's rugged Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

Bella Strieff, Ella Merrell and Callie Clark led coach Doug Hurst's Wolfpack to a 13-11 finish, 9-9 in conference play.

- Strieff, a 5'11" senior, was a three-year varsity player, averaging 5.3 pts. 8 rebs, one assist, 1.1 blocks and 2 steals per contest. "Bella was a force to deal with inside the paint," said coach Hurst. She was voted to the 2nd team All-CMAC.
- Merrell, a 5'6" senior guard was also a three-year varsity player. Per contest, Ella averaged 7.1 pts., 3.2 rebs., 1.2 assists and 2 steals. "Ella improved her game on driving to the hoop," explained Hurst. She received Honorable Mention plaudits.
- Callie Clark, a 5'5" senior guard enjoyed two seasons on the varsity, averaging 6 pts., 3 rebs., one assist and 2 steals per outing. "Callie became our deep threat on 3-pointers," said Hurst. She was also named Honorable Mention All-CMAC.

Gruesbeck, Wiktorowski Place in Top 50 of Michigan Bowlers

JACKSON -- Brayden Gruesbeck and Gage Wiktorowski brought home Top 50 places from the MHSAA prep bowling State Finals.

Rolling at J-Max 60 Lanes, Gruesbeck finished 39th in a field of 56 with scores of 165-191-138-168-162-216 =1040 total.

Wiktorowski placed 52nd, rolling 111-211-160-144-169-149=946 total pins.

"It was another solid season," said veteran O-E coach Matt Fabus. "We're only losing two seniors -- Grace Goetschy and Matt Vanderhoof -- and the outlook looks very strong for next year."



Evalyn Cole Conference Player of Year, 1st Team
Ava Bates 1st Team
Braeden Tokar 1st Team
Hailee Campbell 2nd Team
(l): Lilian Bates Honorable Metnion
(r): Ellyanna Carman Honorable Mention

Cole is Conference Player of Year; Six Lady Marauders Represent Ovid-Elsie on All-MMAC Squad

OVID-ELSIE -- No fewer than six Marauders have been honored for a championship 19-3 season compiled by the Ovid-Elsie girls basketball team.

Coach Ryan Cunningham's Lady Marauders repeated as Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) champs after an impressive run through league play. For the senior class, they earned three conference titles, two district titles, and a regional championship through their basketball careers at O-E.

Evalyn Cole, Ava Bates, Braeden Tokar, Hailee Campbell, Ellyanna Carman and Lilian Bates led the Marauders all season in a balanced attack. Who you going to stop when all six are coming at you?

- Cole was the MMAC's top honoree as 1st Team All-Conference and Conference Player of the Year. She averaged 12.3 points, 5.4 assists and 4.8 steals through the 22-game campaign.
- A. Bates was named 1st Team All-Conference after averaging 12.8 ppg, 1.8 assists, 3 steals and nearly a blocked shot per contest. She was also second on the team in rebounding with a 4.1 average.
- Tokar joined her teammates on 1st Team All-Conference, averaging 9.4, 3.7 assists and 2.4 steals per outing.
- Campbell was a 2nd Team All-Conference honoree. Hailee scored 7.3 ppg, backing it up with an average of 2.1 assists and 3 steals per game. She led the Marauders in rebounds at 5.2 per contest.
- Carman was selected Honorable Mention All-Conference. Ellyanna averaged 4.7 ppg, 1.5 assists and 1.8 steals.
- L. Bates was also voted Honorable Mention All-Conference with an average of 3.7 ppg and 1.2 rebounds per contest.



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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on April 10, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kelly C. McCarron, a married man and Lisa M. McCarron, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Company
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: May 27, 2009
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 3, 2009
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$99,772.53
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 440.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 495.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 440.00 FEET TO SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH 495.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Common street address (if any): 6565 W Herbison Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-7834
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: March 10, 2024
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on April 10, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kevin E. Pfeifer, married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 21, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$71,058.93
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: The South 100 feet of Block N, Village of Ovid, Township of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Deeds, Page (s) 367, Clinton County Records.
Common street address (if any): 319 East St, Ovid, MI 48866-9585
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: March 10, 2024
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on April 03, 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): Andrea Bretz and Steven Bretz, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Date of mortgage: May 26, 2021
Recorded on May 28, 2021, in Document No. 5310550, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Four Hundred Six Thousand Seventy-Eight and 43/100 Dollars (\$406,078.43)
Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 45, Geneva Shores, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as 1250 S Geneva Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820
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 foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

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 a.m. on April 3, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One and 52/100 Dollars (\$70,481.52); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands

and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, described as beginning at the/ Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northerly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Number: 010-160-000-030-01 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: February 23, 2024 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on APRIL 3, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Vaclavik, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for People's Choice Home Loan, Inc., It's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2006 and recorded June 20, 2006 in Instrument Number 5101858 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for the benefit of People's Financial Realty Mortgage Securities Trust, Series 2006-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One and 39/100 Dollars (\$43,171.39).

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 venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 3, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Village of Ovid, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, except the West 3 feet and Lots 9 and 10, Block 11, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 367, Clinton County Records.
221 East Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866

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

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

Dated: March 3, 2024
File No. 24-001822
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE 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 a.m. on April 3, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on October 17, 2019, by Scott A. McNalley, a married man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on October 21, 2019, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan, in Instrument Number 5285079; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six and 63/100 Dollars (\$127,466.63); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at

10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OLIVE, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Commencing at the East quarter post of Section 24, Town 6 North, Range 2 West, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence West 660.00 feet along the East and West quarter line, thence North 0 degrees 16 minutes 12 seconds West 598.0 feet, thence East 660 feet to the East line of said Section 24, thence South 0 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds East 598.0 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 3801 Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848 Tax Parcel Number: 110-024-100-026-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: February 21, 2024 FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Benjamin J. Price FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Attorneys for Mortgagee of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253 (03-03)(03-31)

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 27, 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): David Chapko, Married Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Date of Mortgage: June 18, 2020 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 3, 2020 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$127,848.29 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7 and the West 1/2 of Lot 8, Kay-Marie Subdivision, Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 1, Clinton County Records. Commonly Known as: 229 W Elm St., Elsie, MI 48831 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and 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 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: 02/25/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 318506

(02-25)(03-17)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

FILE NO. 24-32126-DE
In the matter of Craig Lynn Boettger
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Angela Bennett and Tori Ruekert
whose address(es) are unknown and
whose interest in the matter may be
barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: Angela Bennett and
Tori Ruekert
Intent to request Informal
Appointments of Person
Representative (form PC557)

Tina Lynn Boettger
224 1/2 N. Clinton Ave.
St. Johns, MI 48879

(03/17)

STATE OF MICHIGAN 29th Judicial Circuit - Family Division CLINTON COUNTY

CASE NO. 24-31707 - NC

TO ALL PERSONS, including:
(specify non-custodial parent's name
here, if applicable) whose address is
unknown and whose interest in the
matter may be barred or affected by
the following:

TAKE NOTICE: Jared Alton Carroll
has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held
on May 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the
4th floor Clinton County Courthouse.
To change the name of Jared Alton
Carroll to Julia Vera Carroll

(03/17)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Craig Lynn Boettger
Date of birth: 01/11/1967
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Craig Lynn Boettger,
died on October 2, 2023.
Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate
will be forever barred unless presented
to Tina Lynn Boettger, 224
1/2 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns, MI
48879 named personal representative,
or to both the probate court at
100 E. State Street, St. Johns,
Michigan 48879 and the named personal
representative within 4 months
after the date of publication of this
notice.

Tina Lynn Boettger
224 1/2 N. Clinton Ave.
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 292-7477

(03/17)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 24-32125-DE
Estate of Edith Juel Schroeder
Date of birth: 06/22/1941
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO
CREDITORS:
The decedent, Edith Juel Schroeder,
died on December 18, 2023.
Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate
will be forever barred unless presented
to Renee J. Gibson, named
personal representative, or to both
the probate court at 100 E. State
Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879
and the named personal representative
within 4 months after the date of
publication of this notice.

Renee J. Gibson
9435 South DeWitt Rd.
DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 517-7100
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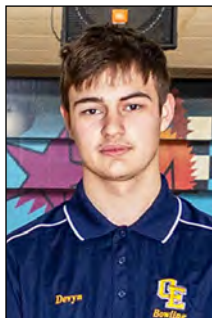
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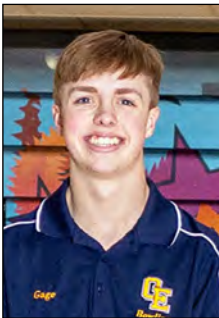
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Marauder Bowlers Honored with All-MMAC Selections

OVID-ELSIE -- Matt Fabus was named the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) Coach of the Year and four of his Marauders received All-MMAC bowling awards in post-season voting by the league's coaches.

Devyn Pugsley was selected to the All-MMAC Boys 1st team, while Brayden Gruesbeck and Gage Wiktorowski were honorable mention picks.

Brooke Pugsley was selected to the All-MMAC Girls 2nd team. All receiving coaching honors were Terry Burlingame, Jr. of Durand and Randy Miller of Montrose.



Coach Matt Fabus
Coach of the Year



Laingsburg Bands Bring Home Perfect '1's' from District Festival

OWOSSO -- Bands from the Laingsburg Community Schools brought home perfect scores from the annual MSBOA Festival here March 8. Both the High Symphonic Band, and the 7th/8th Grade Band, received all ones for their performances, under the direction of Tom Cousineau. Both bands did an "amazing" job with their formal performance, and with sight reading.



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