

Progress in Action Within City of Ovid

by Deb Price

The City of Ovid is approximately one month into a 2 year contract with Montgomery Excavating along with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineers to complete a 9.8 million update to the water system. This major project includes: The Installation of 25,500 feet of water main (originally installed in 1954) will be replaced with 8 inch (previously 2 and 4 inch) and 10 inch (previously 6 inch) PVC pipe. Sixty-one new Fire Hydrants (\$378,200), Six hundred and fifty-eight new Smart Water Meters (\$328,365), approximately eighty-five Service Lines (into homes with galvanized pipes with no cost to homeowner) and a new Filter Media in Iron Removal Plant (\$113,532). 75% of the projects cost (7.4 million) was procured by a grant, the City of Ovid is responsible for 25% (2.4 million) which will be paid back from self-supporting funds, meaning, revenue generated from user charges for the expenditures of the system, namely, the water and sewer rate increase that went into effect in January of this year.

So why does the city streets look so torn up? The answer is there are multiple projects going on simultaneously. Consumers Power is just finishing up a gas line project and Frontier is installing new Fiber Optic Internet & Phone Lines. Projects that made sense to do at the same time as the Water Service Line Replacement.

The City of Ovid is seeking residents cooperation and permission to allow the Superintendent and or his agents (Montgomery Excavating) entry into your homes basement in order to identify only those homes that have galvanized piping from your water meter to the main water line. All existing galvanized pipes MUST be converted to either PEX, copper or PVC in order to hook up to the new system. The cost for this is covered within the project, no homeowner will be charged. So if you get a knock on your door asking permission to gain entry to your basement, please allow that request. If you have any questions or concerns, call City Hall at 989-834-5550 or DPW Superintendent of Public Works, Rich Simpson at 989-666-8695.

Lastly, the City Council, DPW and Montgomery Excavating workers are asking for resident patience as this huge project advances. Once this project is completed, all affected properties and city streets will be returned to normal. Watch the Weekly for further updates.



Pictured here (L-R) Grace Mario, Bridgette Cook, Marsha Brandon, OD, Megan George and Office Manager, Andrea White.

Laingsburg Eye Celebrates 25th Anniversary: On March 22, 1999, Laingsburg Eye Care opened their doors in downtown Laingsburg. A used door placed on sawhorses served as a temporary reception desk until the ordered one arrived. One of the first patients to walk in was so happy there was optometry services in town together with dental and medicine, "Now all we need is an Orthodontist," they exclaimed.

"I have appreciated the patient loyalty. It feels like the community wants to do business locally and keep the town relevant. I also have appreciated the team I have worked with and how they've become friends. I love the way this community supports causes like the food bank and the drives that we seasonally coordinate," explained Dr. Brandon

In Celebration of their Anniversary, Laingsburg Eye Care is offering in stock or ordered Sunglasses at 25% Off now thru March 31st.

Ovid-Elsie Area School Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, March 18, 2024. It was an evening of multiple reports and updates.

The first report was presented by Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht, Clinton County RSEA superintendent, an update official on the requested Special Education Millage. Noting that currently Clinton County is one of lowest, regarding millage, designation for Special Education. The millage question will be on the August 6, 2024, and is for a renewal of .2605 mills and the Headlee restoration of .0517 mills for twenty years. It was further noted that there has been an increase need for services. Generates \$803,000 annually, providing services for 1,400 students throughout the county, 201 students are served in the Ovid-Elsie District. Currently Ovid-Elsie receives \$76,256, if the millage passes OE will receive an additional \$65,658 annually.

Ms. Jen Branch, Career Education Director, presented the CCRESA vocational course update. CPI /CTE performance continues to be exemplary and above Statewide averages. Clinton County had the highest graduation rate between the 53 vocational programs statewide. The program always hosts an annual college night, manufacturing day, career expo, and March 14, 2024 Pave Your Own Path...event was held. CCRESA partners with the Capital Region technical early college program, forty-three Clinton County students participated, seven from Ovid-Elsie. Genevieve Hills, Ovid-Elsie senior, Video/Audio Production, student presented for the Board.

Chris Winter, OE Athletic Director, introduced The Thomas Memorial Foundation and a grant request for AEDs. At the beginning of the year there was a goal to improve emergency response for the athletes and staff. A grant was applied for through the Thomas Memorial Foundation and was granted a second AED unit for the program. Mary and Jonathan Smith lost their son at age seventeen Thomas Noah Smith, an AED was not available at the school. There have been fifty-three AEDs provided, the foundation also provides cardiac screening for students.

Tim Ormesbee, Ovid-Elsie Middle School principal, gave his annual updates and highlights from the middle school. The building recognizes Students of the Month and Marauders of the Month and Staff Marauder of the Month. Matt Grandstaff, continues the song writing collaboration with County Music Hall of Fame; and Bryan Wertz received a science grant. Electives have been expanded with the addition Videography, Budgeting, Agri-Science 2, Creative Arts, Statistics and Sports. The Middle School presented "Legally Blonde" which was very well supported by the community. Band continues to grow, as does drama, and vocal music. A performance was presented by trio Sierra, Luella, and Averie. Members of the Student Council were present to talk to the board members – the student group has sponsored, assemblies, spirit week, dance, holiday workshops, student rewards, fundraising, volunteering at OE elementary schools, and help out with Parent/Teacher conferences.

Next, Ormesbee identified the areas of focus for school improvement including central idea, reading strategies, and curriculum review. The school is also focusing on improving communication with parents regarding events, attendance, academics and celebrations.

Followed by Ms. Rachell Parsons, Special Education Director, presenting the special education updates and highlights. The district partners with CCRESA. 16% of OE students have IEPs, student enrollment might be decreasing, however, special education services are increasing. Increase in need for teachers and time with students. CCRESA participates in evaluating sessions and providing staff training including teachers and the para-professional staff. The department will be piloting new programs to work with the elementary kiddos. There are true celebrations in the growth of students. At the high school there is a peer-to-peer program for support socially and academically. Also, at the high school there is a student café that it ran by the students.

On a related topic Tracy Somers, celebrated a student Steven Phillips who is a mentor with the foreign exchange students and the incoming freshman.

Carla Perrien and Bill Ehlert, representing the transportation department, presented the updates and highlights of the department. Officials were presented an overview of the equipment owned by the transportation department. Bill Ehlert reported that the district has 28 buses, 26 regular route, two special needs, 18 are full time, 1 special need bus that is full-time. Of the fleet 24 diesel buses, 4 gas buses and 200,015 miles have been traveled. O-E services Ashley Community Schools six buses as well. The transportation department is looking at a digital routing system to replace paper pencil format. Finally, the State Police inspection for 2024 will take place in the near future.

Dr. Wayne Petroelje, superintendent, presented his report. Traffic signage for the school zone will be placed on Hollister and Colony near the high school and middle school, reduced speed from 55 mph to 45 mph during designated school hours. The change will be effective April 1, 2024 and will be an enforceable speed zone.

The 2024-25 school calendar is in progress, the dates that are firm are teachers report August 19, 2024, with students first day August 21, 2024. A thank-you to the community for passing the millage renewal.

Dana Blank updated officials about the Washington DC 2024. Students participating include April 3-5, 2024 three days and two nights. This year 53 students and parents participating. Plans are in process for the 2026 trip.

Under agenda item "Board Comments" Dr. David Huff complimented the OE Middle School students on their play "Legally Blonde", it was awesome. It was amazing. Huff recommended that everyone attend the upcoming presentation of "Footloose" by the high school.

Monthly action was taken to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting, the financial reports and the meeting agenda

**ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD
MEMBER VACANCY**

Ashley Community Schools Board of Education is seeking candidates to fill a vacant board seat through December 2024. Interested persons must be a resident and registered voter of the Ashley School District and are asked to submit a letter of interest and qualifications for the position no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 4, 2024.

Ashley Community Schools Central Office
PO Box 6
Ashley, MI 48806

Following a review of the submitted materials, the Board will conduct interviews with selected candidates on April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 989-847-4000, ext. 1000 with any questions.

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Elsie Holy Week Services

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Holy Week services slated for Elsie United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main Street, include the following. Thursday, March 28, 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service; Friday, March 29, Good Friday Service United Church of Ovid this is a combined service with Elsie and Shepardsville United Methodist churches; Easter Sunday sunrise service 7 am followed by breakfast and Easter Service at 9:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Elsie First Baptist Church, 163 W Main Street, Holy Week services. Good Friday Service will be held at noon, Friday, March 29, 2024 and the Easter Service at 8:30 am, one service. Again, all are welcome to attend.

**Easter Week at United Church
of Ovid**

submitted by Sue Casler

Palm Sunday – March 24, 11:00 am – Worship Service
Maundy Thursday – March 28 @ 6:00 pm -Worship Service
Night of Prayer and Communion.
Good Friday – March 29 @ 6:00 pm - Worship Service
United Church of Ovid and Elsie UMC worshipping together at United Church
Pastor J.D Paik & Pastor Bryan Simon sharing the pulpit
Easter Sunday – March 31
8:30 am – Sunrise Service
9:00 am – Easter Breakfast
11:00 am – Worship Service
Invite a neighbor and friend to come worship at
United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid

Library News

Ovid Library Reopens

After a long month, we are finally (mostly) done with our renovation. We reopened on Monday, March 18. Make sure to come in and see what we have done. We will be planning a small "Grand Reopening" in the next few weeks so be sure to watch the paper for more information.

Our hours for the upcoming Easter holiday are as follows:

Closed Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30. We will reopen on Monday, April 1 (no fooling!)

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

March is Reading Month and we are continuing to celebrate with our favorite Sesame Street friends. Our "Find the Yellow Rubber Duck Contest" is still going on. Remember to look for him. If you find him, let the librarian know so your name can be entered for the prize drawing. The contest ends March 30, 2024. Big Bird will be featured on Saturday, March 23rd and Cookie Monster will be our March 30th friend. Come join the fun this Saturday at 11:30.

Our children's programming for Mondays in March will have the very popular Music and Motion on March 25th. Story Time on April 1st has a hungry bunny theme. The craft for that day will be a homemade stuffy bunny. All Monday programs begin at noon.

The March meeting of the book club will be on April 11th at 6PM. The book is still available at the library if you need it. Discussion questions are also available for interested readers.

Remember the groundhog said we will have an early spring. Think gardening, think free seeds, think "I can get those at the library".

Your library is one of your community resources. Need information on recycling? We have it. Want a fun program for your children? We have them. Looking for a new author to read? We can help you find one. Want a movie to watch? We have them. Come in and talk to us. We are happy to help.

LBG Lions Easter Egg Hunt

The Laingsburg Lions Club is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at McClintock Park beginning at 10am. Thousands of eggs filled with candy will be available for children to find. Ages 0-5 will be given a 5 minute head start. Bring the kids and enjoy a morning of fun in Laingsburg.

S.A.L. Steak Dinner

Mark your calendar for the Laingsburg Sons of the American Legion, Clare Burt Post 248, steak dinner to be held on Saturday, April 13th. The dinner will begin at 3pm and the menu will consist of steak, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and dessert. The Post is located at 1240 E. Grand River, Laingsburg. All are welcome.

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Obituaries

Kimberly Anne "Kim" Audia

Kimberly Anne "Kim" Audia, age 59, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, MI.

Kim was born in Owosso, Michigan on November 10, 1964, the daughter of Burton and Sandra (Smith) Case. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1982. After graduation Kim accelerated in the professional world and took the Lansing Title world by storm, devoting many years to TransNation Title where she retired from in February of 2023.

Kim loved her family something fierce. She married the love of her life Joe Audia on May 9, 2015, at Roma's in Owosso. Kim's 9 grandchildren were her world. When she wasn't traveling in Michigan or spending time at her second home in Arizona she loved to be outdoors planting flowers or enjoying the sun.

She is survived by her husband Joe Audia of Ovid, MI; her children: Nicole and Pete Salava of Ovid, MI; Nathan and Malerie Russell of Fowler, MI; Tasha Belill of Morrice, MI; John Audia and Chelsea Potts of Morrice, MI; her parents Burton and Sandra Case of Ovid, MI; her sister Karen Case, of Eureka, MI; grandchildren: James and Cooper Salava, Wellston, Sutton, Chandler, and Hollis Russell, Julian, Rosie, and Faith Belill along with their father Dustin; brothers and sisters-in-law: Catherine and Joe Lorio, Sarah and Tom Petrilli, Mario and Ronnie Audia, and Tina Audia. She is also survived by her uncle Clayton "Skip" and Jolyn Case; aunt Pat Purvis; niece Ashli Friesorger; nephew Justin Friesorger; great -nephew Levi Friesorger; close friends Steve and Vonda Gibson; the father of her children Kevin and his wife Teresa Russell and Teresa's children: Donielle and Brian Shute and Curtis and Grace Heinze; and also many cousins. She was preceded in death grandparents: Clifford and Helen Smith, Theo and Joe Purvis, Clinton Case, aunts: Sally Frederick and Betty Case, uncle Jody Purvis, in-laws John and Rose Audia, and brother in law Tony Audia

The family would like to thank the amazing nursing staff at Sparrow Hospital on 4 and 5 West (Jess, Staci, Shane, Megan, Alli, tall Jess, Becky, Miya and so many more) as they made her long hospital stays much more pleasant and now they are an extension of Kim's family.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Thursday, March 21, 2024, with Pastor Jeremy Wittwer officiating. Burial will take place at Middlebury Township Cemetery, Ovid, MI at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the family for an account that will be set up at Journey Federal Credit Union in Ovid for her grandchildren's future college fund. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan



Frank Sefl, Jr.

Frank Sefl, Jr., age 73, of Ashley, MI, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Sparrow Carson Hospital, Carson City, MI.

Frank was born in St. Johns, Michigan, on October 13, 1950, the son of Frank and Theresa (Slamka) Sefl, Sr. He graduated from Ashley High School with the class of 1968, and joined the Army National Guard soon after. Frank married Terry Butcher on October 4, 1980, in St. Louis, MI, and they were blessed with forty-three years of marriage. He retired from General Motors in 1999, after more than thirty years of service. After his retirement, he worked and maintenance for Ashley Care Center, Country Friends, and Rosewood AFC.

Frank was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed sharing the outdoors with his family, especially his grandchildren, who referred to him as "Papa." Frank had the ability to fix anything and many counted on him to help fix their projects. He had the gift to talk to anyone he met, including people at the coffee group. Frank coached girls' and boys' basketball, softball, and baseball for many years. He coached his children and grandchildren and was very involved with their activities. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing softball in many country leagues.

Frank dedicated a great deal of his time to Ashley Fire and Rescue not only as a firefighter, but as a medical first responder, lieutenant, and captain. He also looked forward to volunteering his time at the North Pole Express. He was a member of the Ashley Sportsman Club, served as a school board member for Ashley Community Schools, a member of parish council at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, and was part of the ZCBJ Lodge #225.

He is survived by his wife Terry Sefl; his children: Cheryl and Tom Fabus, Bryan and Jenny Howe, Kris Sefl and fiancé Chris Gallagher; his grandchildren: Thomas and Kaley Fabus, Katie and Patrick Baker, Emily Fabus, Madi and Nick Burlingame, Karlie Howe, Kennedy Bearden and fiancé Kline Brown, Raygan Moore, and Autumn Gallagher; a special nephew and godson Kevin Fabus. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Marcella Fabus, and his niece Theresa Fabus.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Friday, March 22, 2024, with Rev. Fr. Raj Bandaru presiding. Burial has taken place at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to Ashley Fire and Rescue. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Join O-E Community Chess Club

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE- Starting April 8, 2024 the O-E Community Chess Club will meet at the Elsie United Methodist Church, 160 W Main Street, Elsie, 6pm-9pm. All ages are welcome to participate. For more information contact John Elliott at JOHNEL-LIOTT103@GMAIL.COM

Elsie Historical Society to Meet

The Elsie Historical Society will hold a business meeting 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

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Obituaries

Clarence V. Dell

Clarence V. Dell of Laingsburg, MI, passed away peacefully at the age of 78 on Saturday, March 16, 2024. He left behind a legacy of love, laughter, and generosity, which will be remembered by those who had the pleasure of his company.

Clarence was born August 27, 1945, in Lansing, Michigan to James Clifford and Alice Pauline (McCarry) Dell. He graduated from East Lansing High School, Class of 1963. He immediately entered the United States Navy in June of 1963 during the Vietnam Conflict. He served with great distinction, earning the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Clarence returned home upon his leave to marry the love of his life, Kathleen on November 12, 1963, in East Lansing, Michigan. They were blessed with a house full of children over the years that followed. Clarence found work as a firefighter with the City of Lansing, Station #1. He served the Lansing area faithfully for 25 years and was a member of Local 421 in Lansing. He retired from the Lansing Fire Department as a Battalion Chief. He and Kathleen enjoyed many years together, singing karaoke, playing the guitar at jamborees, and traveling to visit historical monuments; a favored past-time as he was a bit of a history buff. Free time might be spent reading or watching documentaries about U.S. History. Upon his retirement, he and Kathleen continued to enjoy the simple things in life. Clarence had always enjoyed the serenity of the outdoors. They loved their family gatherings where they could spend more time with their favorite people, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clarence is survived by his children; Sherri (Sandy) McCord, Jim (Michele) Dell, Debra (Alfred) Greenwood, William Dell, Valerie (José) James, and Patti (Chip) Davis, his fourteen cherished grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom brought immense joy to his life; he will be lovingly remembered by his brothers; Rodger (Sandy) Dell, Pat (Norma) Dell, and Tim (Carol) Dell, his brother-in-law, Dale Brown, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins with whom he made an indelible mark upon.

He was preceded in death by Kathleen, his wife of 60 years, his parents, his brother, James W. Dell, and his sisters, Roberta Dell-Gadaletto and Debbie Dell-Brown.

A funeral service to honor and celebrate his life were held at on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at House of Prayer, 9974 Old M-78, Haslett, MI 48840. Pastor Nick Dell, one of his grandsons, will officiate. Interment will take place at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the American Legion Post 248 in Laingsburg or to a charity of your choice.

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences may be shared at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com.



Caroline Alice Pierce

Caroline Alice Pierce, age 85, of Ovid, MI, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024, at her home. This very special and sweet lady went home to be with her Lord and Savior.

Caroline was born in Jackson, MI on October 30, 1938, the daughter of Clarence Kitson and Helen Myrtle (Kushmaul) Longstaff.

Caroline graduated from Leslie High School and went on to obtain her RN at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Caroline worked as an RN at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso and retired from there in 1994.

Caroline married Bruce Pierce on May 14, 1961 in Bath, MI. They were blessed with 57 years of marriage prior to Bruce's passing on March 9, 2019. Caroline enjoyed reading, music, horses, cross stitch, camping and gardening. Caroline and Bruce enjoyed time spent with family at their cabin in Harrison. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren held a special place in her heart and she loved spending time with them. She was a member of Middlebury Methodist Church and UMW where she also was the organist and choir leader for many years. She was also on the board of trustees and taught summer school at the church.

Caroline will be remembered as a caring, loving and kind wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her children: Mike and Linda Pierce of Ovid, MI; Kathy and Phil Thelen of Ovid, MI; and Steve and Cheryl Pierce of Owosso, MI; grandchildren: James Pierce of Ovid, MI; Jessica Pierce of Ovid, MI; Cody Thelen of Ovid, MI; Jake and Amber Thelen of Elsie, MI; Dillon and Jaclyn Thelen of Ovid, MI; Kyle and Kiana Pierce of Owosso, MI; Katelyn and Jerry Miller of Ionia, MI; Brianna Pierce of Owosso, MI; Brittany and David Sanchez of Las Vegas, NV; great grandchildren: Hudson and Olivia Thelen, Carter Thelen, Chanel and Jerry Miller, and Abrina Owen. She is also survived by her brother David and Maria Longstaff of Grayling and sister in law Carolyn Donahue of Bath, and many cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Helen Longstaff, husband Bruce, and granddaughter Susan Pierce.

A special thanks to Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, Heart to Heart Hospice and Respite Care of Shiawassee County for their wonderful care and compassion.

A celebration of life will take place at Middlebury Methodist Church, 8100 West Hibbard Road, Ovid, MI from 1 to 4 P.M. on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Memorials may be made to the Middlebury United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Herman (Herm) W. Kaufman

Herman (Herm) W. Kaufman passed away March 18, 2024, at Hazel Finley in St. John's, MI, surrounded by family. Herm was born May 19, 1947, to Walter (Jr) and Edith (Baese) Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by his Parents; sister, Hazel Ann Kaufman; and daughter, Trudy Sue Ann Rogers.

Herm is survived by daughter, Kari (Dan) Dickenson; son, Kore (Candace) Kaufman; son-in-law, Darren (Tammie) Rogers; stepson, David (Stefanie) Syers; sister, Rebecca (Becky)



Kaufman; 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; and beloved Prince.

Herm was honored to have many friends and family around him through his 76 years. He wanted to thank the friends and family that helped him so much in the past year as his health deteriorated.

Per his request, there will be no funeral or memorial. He chose to donate his entire body to science. Donations, in his name, may be made to the Colony School House Fund.

David "Bruce" Beane

David "Bruce" Beane, age 65, of Ashley, MI, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, at Sparrow Health Systems, Lansing, MI.

Bruce was born in Lansing, Michigan on June 16, 1958, the son of Ralph Barnard Beane and Janet Elizabeth (McColly) Hulbert. Bruce graduated from Harry Hill High School in Lansing with the class of 1976. Bruce married Juleann Baese on July 5, 2005, on Anini Beach at sunset in Kauai, Hawaii.

Bruce retired from General Motors (Fisher Body) in 2006, after 30 years of service. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed many golf trips with friends and family visiting several states. He excelled in Taekwondo earning his black belt and many awards. In younger years Bruce enjoyed fishing and he was a faithful Michigan State Fan. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy for 5 years. He was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the American Legion in Elsie.

He is survived by his wife Juleann Beane of Ashley, MI; son Christopher and Tianna Beane of Ithaca, MI; step-daughters: Nichole and Craig Frye of Owosso, MI; Kristyn King of Owosso, MI; Erika King of St. Johns, MI. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, his brother Robert Beane of Atlanta, GA; mother-in-law Marcella Baese of Elsie, MI; and many brothers and sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Elizabeth White, and father-in-law Gale Baese.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, with Rev. Fr. Raj Bandaru presiding. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Owosso, MI at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Elsie American Legion Post 502 or K of C Council 13349, Bannister, MI. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Obituaries

Bonita Jean "Bonnie" Heibeck

Bonita Jean "Bonnie" Heibeck, age 95, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Bonnie was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 25, 1929, the daughter of Donald and Neva (Hettler) Pope. She graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School with the class of 1947. Bonnie married Ronald Benjamin Heibeck on June 14, 1947; they were blessed with 67 years of marriage prior to his passing on December 10, 2014.

Bonnie was a nurse's aide at Clinton Memorial Hospital for 6 years and retired from Clinton County Intermediate School District (Clinton County RESA). Bonnie loved her Lord and Savior, family, her dogs, home, church, and music - especially playing her violin at church. Bonnie also enjoyed sewing, quilting, shopping and her flowers. She was a member of Pilgrim Global Methodist Church, Farm Bureau, MARSP, and Eastern Star. She was also a member of the Dulcimer Club, Maple Twirlers Square Dance Club, played with Mint City Jammers and the Shepardsville United Methodist Church Worship Team.

She is survived by her children: Candice (Jim) Pierson, R. Scott (Lee Ettinger) Heibeck, Judith (Stuart) Hazle, and Mark (Barbie) Heibeck; her grandchildren: Dwight (Anne) Pierson, Chad (Amy) Pierson, Scott Jr. (Kendra) Heibeck, Sterling (Kalena) Heibeck, Sean (Rebecca) Heibeck, David (Bridget) Hazle, Rebecca Ramirez, John (Jessica) Hazle, Jason (Molly) Heibeck, Jamie (Theron) Miller, and Britney Heibeck; 29 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and sister-in-law Francis Halitsky. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald, her parents, father and mother-in-law, brother Dean (Martha) Pope, and many other family members.

Funeral Services will be held at Pilgrim Global Methodist Church, St. Johns, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 25, 2024, with Pastor Andy Croel officiating. Burial will take place at South Bingham Township Cemetery, St. Johns, MI. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Pilgrim Global Methodist Church, 2965 West Parks Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Spring Farm Section

Reducing Soybean Planting Rates Can Improve Profits

by Mike Staton, Michigan Progress

Michigan soybean producers have consistently identified planting rates as the highest priority topic to evaluate in on-farm replicated trials. Producers wanted to evaluate the effect of low planting rates on soybean yield and income.

The two factors driving the increased interest in reducing soybean planting rates are seed cost and white mold. To help Michigan soybean producers make planting rate decisions, the Soybean On-farm Research Program conducted a total of 67 on-farm replicated trials from 2015 to 2021.

Nearly half of the planting rate trials were conducted in Tuscola and Sanilac Counties, so the Thumb area has been well represented.

Four target planting rates (80,000, 100,000, 130,000 and 160,000 seeds per acre) were compared at all but one location, where the lowest rate was not included. Stand counts were taken to determine the actual final plant stands at each location in all years.

None of the varieties planted in the trials were straight-line or thin-line plant types, and a complete seed treatment was used at 52 of the locations.

Because we conducted the trials over seven years, we learned how the planting rates performed over a range of growing conditions. Planting and emergence conditions were nearly ideal in 2015, but they were much more challenging in the following years as evidenced by the average stand loss.

Statewide record yields were achieved in 2015 and 2016, and nearly again in 2021. However, lower yields occurred in

2017 because of excessive early rains and a lack of rain in August and September. Yields rebounded in 2018 but fell again in 2019 because of planting delays and dry weather in August.

The figure below shows the average yield and income for all 67 locations. When all 67 sites were combined, the yields from the highest two planting rates were nearly identical, and they beat the 100,000-seeds-per-acre planting rate by 1 bushel per acre and the 80,000 rate by only 2.7 bushels per acre.

The 100,000-seeds-per-acre planting rate generated the most income, while the 160,000-rate produced the least income.

Two of the trials — Sanilac in 2015 and Saginaw in 2018 — were infested with white mold showing that reducing soybean planting rates can also be an effective management practice for reducing yield and income losses from white mold.

At both sites, the lowest planting rate produced nearly \$90 per acre more income than the highest planting rate. The figure below shows how planting rates affected white mold in the 2018 Saginaw location. This site was planted in 30-inch rows.

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MDARD Announces Request for Proposals

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) from minority-owned food and agriculture businesses and supportive organizations looking to increase capacity initiatives. In this phase one RFP, businesses should be looking to increase capacity initiatives in business plan development, grant management training, partnership development, and financial investment planning.

This initial phase of grants will help build capacity and readiness for the next round of grants that will be offered directly to minority-owned food and agriculture businesses in Michigan. This reimbursement grant program aims to provide eligible organizations up to \$50,000 in funding. Phase two will be launched later in 2024.

"We must upgrade our bipartisan economic development toolkit so we can keep bringing supply chains and good-paying jobs home to Michigan," said Governor Whitmer. "With this new opportunity from MDARD for minority-owned food and agriculture businesses, we can continue diversifying one of our most vital industries and ensure anyone can 'make it' in Michigan. I urge organizations to submit proposals so we can get resources out the door quickly and start creating opportunities across Michigan."

"As I continue to meet with food and agriculture businesses across our state, I routinely hear the need for capacity-building opportunities for our smaller businesses," said MDARD Director Tim Boring. "Thanks to the Governor's bipartisan budget, this investment in our minority-owned businesses provides a critical avenue to expand their customer base and create good paying jobs while increasing their footprint within our thriving food and agriculture industry. At MDARD, we're dedicated to furthering new economic opportunities for agricultural businesses and demonstrating they can 'Make it in Michigan.'"

The requirements for project funding include:

Capacity Building – New, enhanced, or scaled fellowship programs or community-based internship programs, development of training curriculum, and leadership development programs.

Development Readiness – Activities that prepare minority-owned business owners to establish key properties for development or investment, including the development of business plans, project development studies, grant writing,

grant management, financial management, and more.

Partnerships and Planning – Activities including development of plans and implementation activities that build readiness for future projects, collaborative initiatives, development, and investment for applying for grant funding.

Eligible applicants for this grant funding include tax-exempt organizations/non-profits, including community foundations and statewide associations, private/for-profit businesses, economic development or foundations, federally recognized tribes, and educational institutions.

To apply for this grant, visit www.michigan.gov/mdard-grants and click on the Minority-owned Food and Agriculture Business Grant tab for the program guidelines and a fillable Word document form.

The fillable Word document form must be submitted to mda-grants@michigan.gov. Proposals for this grant will be accepted until 3 p.m. EST on April 18, 2024. Applicants will be notified of award status in May 2024.

For more information about eligibility requirements and criteria for this grant, visit www.Michigan.gov/MDARDGrants.



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Keep Townships in Charge of Renewable Energy Projects

by Carl Bednarski, Michigan Progress

Last November, Michigan citizens witnessed an unprecedented Lansing power grab when the Legislature passed House Bills 5120 and 5121 — legislation that removed zoning jurisdiction from local officials in siting decisions of utility-scale wind, solar and energy storage projects.

The legislation, signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, became Public Act 233 of 2023, effectively transferred zoning decisions from local control to the three-member Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), who coincidentally are appointed by the governor.

Despite overwhelming opposition to the blatant legislative maneuvers, proponents viewed the “Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act” as the crown jewel to meeting Whitmer’s goal for Michigan to utilize 100% clean energy by 2040.

To put that into perspective, renewable energy accounted for 12% of Michigan’s total in-state electricity generation in 2022, most of it from wind, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration — with less than 1% generated by seven utility-scale solar farms that came online that year.

According to MPSC Chairman Dan Scripps, reaching the 2040 energy goal will require an estimated 209,000 additional acres of farmland for wind and solar generation to achieve even 60% of energy from renewable sources.

Even though the legislation doesn’t technically take effect until November, renewable energy developers are already operating outside of the townships, knowing full well they can proceed full speed once the statewide siting standards take effect.

Michigan Farm Bureau aggressively opposed the legislation last fall, with more than 2,100 members responding to an MFB action alert, sending more than 4,200 messages to lawmakers opposing the legislation.

MFB member-developed and approved policy has long supported the township government system and the belief that local elected officials are best positioned to evaluate renewable energy project locations while considering community variables in ways that state-level authorities cannot.

Last December, voting delegates reaffirmed that policy at MFB’s annual meeting, approving land-use policy that supports, “acknowledgement of the diversity and uniqueness of each community in our state. We believe that land-use decisions are best made by local communities, including planning and

zoning decisions for energy siting and mega-site development. We oppose preemption of local zoning for these purposes.”

Based on that policy, Michigan Farm Bureau became the first organization to publicly support a ballot proposal launched by “Citizens for Local Choice.”

The volunteer-based, bipartisan coalition is seeking a ballot initiative to repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023, which stripped away local control in siting large-scale utility projects.

Since then, the Michigan Townships Association has also voted to back the ballot initiative in their ongoing commitment to restore local authority for how Michigan communities choose to plan and zone for utility-scale renewable energy facilities.

In fact, a poll commissioned by MTA found more than 87% of Michigan citizens agree that permitting for utility-scale renewable energy should remain at the local level. The results were overwhelmingly bipartisan as well, with 85% of Democrats, 91% of Republicans and 84% of independents supporting local control.

The issue at hand is not about whether you support or oppose large-scale wind and solar projects. It’s about whether you support local control — and ultimately respect the local decision-making process and the rights of landowners.

In the pursuit of large-scale “clean energy” projects, it’s essential that Michigan strike a balanced and reasonable approach — one that respects a 186-year legacy of private property rights and township control.

A one-size-fits-all approach under MPSC will not serve the best interests of Michigan’s rural communities.

Since the Michigan Board of State Canvassers has approved language for the petition, the coalition has 180 days to collect a minimum of 356,958 valid signatures from registered Michigan voters. However, to be on the 2024 November ballot, those signatures would have to be submitted by May 29.

The Citizens for Local Choice website offers a wide range of available resources in support of the effort to put the power back in the hands of locally elected officials. In fact, MFB used those resources at a number of our county and state-level events, including our recent Young Farmer’s Leaders Conference and Lansing Legislative Seminar.

If this ballot initiative is not successful, we should all be asking ourselves, “What’s next?”

If state legislators and Whitmer can successfully dictate statewide zoning standards that allow developers to supersede local control for utility-scale wind and solar projects, it will be the equivalent of signing a blank check for future heavy-handed legislation in pursuit of political agendas.

As Farm Bureau members, I urge you to actively engage in this ballot initiative.

Through MFB’s statewide footprint, your involvement through signature gathering and local informational meetings will be instrumental in getting this initiative successfully placed on the November ballot.

Bednarski is president of Michigan Farm Bureau.



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Wolfpack Places Six Cagers on All-CMAC Honor Team

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg’s Wolfpack dominated all-league basketball voting, placing two players on the prestigious 1st Team of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC)’s annual honor squad.

In all, six Wolves earned All-CMAC honors as coach Tim Beebe’s ‘Pack roared to the conference championship with a perfect 22-0 regular season record.. They set a new LHS record for wins over two seasons, matching their 2023 mark at 25-1.

That’s right. That’s a 50-2 mark over the past two years — something that may never be duplicated in Wolfpackland.

Senior running mates Zander Woodruff and Ty Randall both made the 1st Team. Woodruff, a 6’2” wing / slasher, averaged 32.1 points per game as the Lansing area’s leading scorer. He knocked down 74 three-pointers on 41% accuracy behind the arc and was 85% at the free throw stripe. Zander also averaged 6.6 rebounds per outing.

Ty Randall, a 6’3” power forward averaged 9.3 ppg and 4.4 rpg. An excellent inside passer, he assisted at 4.2 per contest. With an excellent outside shot, he hit at a 45% clip behind the arc.

In addition, seniors Vance Klont, Cam Ballard and Jack Audretsch, and junior Mitchell George, were selected to the Honorable Mention team.

Klont, a 5’10” guard, was a sparkplug all season for the Wolves, hitting for a career high 13 points in a CMAC game vs. Saranac and always a danger to hit a three-pointer. He was also a defensive sparkplug in the backcourt.

Audretsch, a 6’1” forward, averaged 6.4 ppg, 5.9 rebounds per outing -- and most impressively, hit 73% from the floor within 2-point range.

Ballard, a 5’10” guard, quarterbacked the Wolfpack offense all season, He averaged 7.0 ppg and knocked down 31 trifectas with 43% accuracy behind the 3-point line.

George, a 6’3” inside man, averaged 7.5 points per contest and 3.9 rebounds. His 74% field goal accuracy led the Wolfpack inside 2-point range.



Ovid-Elsie High School honors art students completed a design for the 2023-2024 pilot season of MDOT’s Paint a Plow Program. It incorporated the safety message, “Don’t rush in ice and slush.”

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 24, 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 INFORMATION:** Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Isabelle Cleland, a single woman, whose address is 103 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., being a mortgage dated August 26, 2013, and recorded on September 10, 2013 with Document Number 5206059, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 17, 2015 and recorded on June 7, 2016 and given document number 5241751 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX AND 11/100 DOLLARS (\$81,026.11). Said premises are situated in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6 and the East 1/2 of Lot 8, all in Block 3 of Avenue Addition to the Village of St. Johns, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 103 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. **THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** **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.** Dated: March 24, 2024 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5538

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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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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 24-32111-DE

Estate of Diane Marie Boughton

Date of birth: 11/20/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Diane Marie Boughton, died on January 14, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tammy M. Hite, 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.

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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
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Jacqueline D. Miller Revocable Trust NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Jacqueline D. Miller, whose date of birth was June 22, 1937, who lived at 13622 Grace Drive, Eagle, Michigan 48822, died on March 1, 2024. Currently there is no Personal Representative for a probate estate of the Grantor to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the grantor/decedent are notified that all claims against The Jacqueline D.Miller Revocable Trust, will be forever barred unless presented to co-trustees, Michelle L. Pelicos and Mark E. Miller, or to the Gallagher Lawn Firm, PLC, Attn: Craig S. Gerard, at 6025 N. Hagadorn Road East Lansing, Michigan 48823, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Craig S. Gerard P66855 The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC 6025 N. Hagadorn Road East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 853-1510 Michelle Pelicos, Co-Trustee 420 White Pine Blvd. Lansing, MI 48917 (727) 642-7052 Mark E. Miller, Co-Trustee 4460 Waterside Drive Oakland Park, FL 33309 (517) 256-5523

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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

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kevin E. Pfeiffer, 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
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Name(s) of the 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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Funding includes improvements to the sanitary sewer distribution system at the wastewater treatment Lagoon and the replacement of the force main from M-21 to the Lagoon.

A copy of the project plan for the CWSRF is available for review at the following location:

City of Ovid City Hall; 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866

A public information meeting regarding the sanitary sewer system improvements will be held at 7pm on April 8, 2024, at the City of Ovid City Hall; 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866. This meeting will be a public informational meeting where information on the proposed project will be presented and the city will take any public comments or concerns.

Any comments regarding this application can be submitted in writing to:

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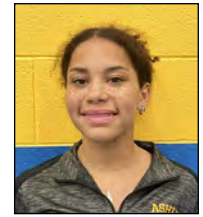
The Ashley Girls Basketball team had two players nominated for the honorable mention all-league team this year. Those two young ladies are both freshman, Ellie Drummond who averaged 11.7 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game and Karissa Brady who averaged 9.3 points, 7.8 rebounds and 2.7 steals a game.

Two boys were nominated from the Bears as well, Carson Litwiller and Joie Fabus. Litwiller averaged 10.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game, while Fabus averaged 9.8 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. Both players were selected to the honorable mention all-league team.

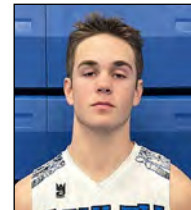
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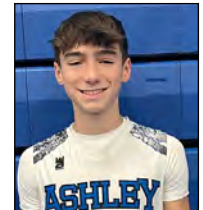
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