

How We Voted in the Primary Election

The 2024 Michigan Primary Election was held on Tuesday, February 27th. Listed here is how we voted as a whole in Clinton, Gratiot and Shiawassee Counties. Also listed by City, Village or Township is the breakdown on the Ovid-Elsie Schools Operating Millage Proposal.



CLINTON COUNTY:

10,836 of the 63,994 registered voters (17%) either voted absentee, early or at the polls.

Republican Party Ballot: President

Donald J. Trump 5,334

Nikki Haley 2,160

Uncommitted 188

Democratic Party Ballot: President

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. 2,562

Uncommitted 410

Proposals:

Road Millage Renewal Proposal: Yes 482 No 230

Ovid-Elsie Operating Millage Proposal: Yes 597 No 532

The breakdown: DuPlain Township Yes 224 No 211

Greenbush Township No 3 Yes 1

City of Ovid Yes 112 No 74

Ovid Township Yes 232 No 220

Victor Township Yes 28 No 24

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY:

Registered Voters 50,659

Republican Party Ballot: President

Donald J. Trump 6,888

Nikki Haley 1,977

Uncommitted 269

Democratic Party Ballot: President

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. 3,743

Uncommitted 505

Ovid-Elsie Operating Millage Proposal Yes 266 No 260

The Breakdown: Fairfield Township Yes 74 No 50

Middlebury Township Yes 172 No 159

Owosso Charter Twsp Yes 5 No 2

Rush Township Yes 8 No 7

Scoots Township No 29 Yes 20

GRATIOT COUNTY:

Registered Voters 25,697

Republican Party Ballot: President

Donald J. Trump 3,248

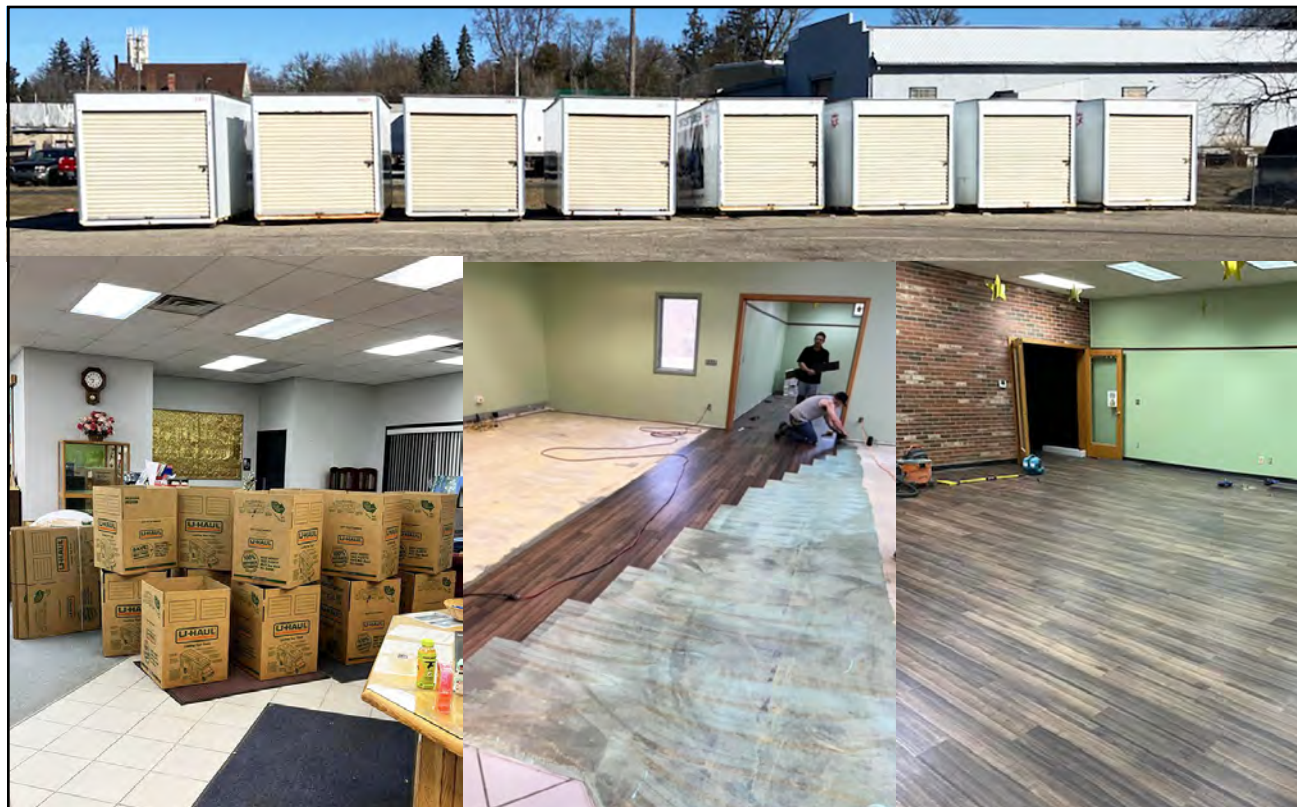
Nikki Haley 946

Uncommitted 121

Ovid-Elsie Operating Millage Proposal No 43 Yes 29

The breakdown: Elba Township No 41 Yes 27

Washington Township Yes 2 No 2



Ovid Public Library Renovation Project: In early February, the Ovid Public Library began a huge renovation project. All of the libraries contents were placed inside storage pods which were then moved across from City Hall. The project includes new flooring and fresh new paint on all the walls. Watch for details on the reopening of the library.

It's Off to States for O-E Wrestlers & Bowlers



On Thursday, February 29th members of the Ovid Area Middlebury Fire Department and Police Department provided an escort through downtown Ovid for the seven OE Athletes Competing at States.

Talan Parsons, Cole Workman, Haley McClung, Maddie Miller, Kaia Spiess, the five OE wrestlers, headed for Detroit for weigh-in with state finals on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd at Ford Field.

Bowlers Gage Wiktorowski and Brayden Gruesbeck will compete in state singles this weekend at Jax 60 in Jackson.

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Holy Family Fish Dinners

submitted by Cindy Broome

On March 8th, the "Holy Fryers" will be preparing your favorite fish dinners. Menu includes: COD fish -- Fried & Baked, cheesy potatoes, French fries, baked beans, tropical salad, coleslaw, green beans, corn, dinner roll, pickles, condiments, choice of dessert and drink. To keep everyone safe, we will serve you.



The final one of the season will be March 22nd! Dinner starts at 4:30 and runs until 7 pm (or until the food is gone!). Dine in or order a Take out Meal!

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

Make your plans to join us!

'Jesus and Me' A Country Gospel Trio Will be at United Church of Ovid

submitted by Sue Casler

On Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am Worship Service, 'Jesus and Me' a Country Gospel Trio will be at the United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid



"Jesus & Me" is a woman's gospel trio that enjoys sharing Jesus through their music. They have been blessed to be singing together for 26 plus years. The desire of their hearts is to share the message of God's Love and Salvation through praise and testimony. They have sung for many churches, organizations, banquets and ladies' functions throughout Michigan and Ohio. they go wherever God Leads them.

Their trio is Marlena Harvey plays guitar, violin and sings, Brenda Lab plays washboard, piano (learning dobro) and sings and Jan Oliver plays guitar and sings. they love Harmony!

United Church is excited to have this group of women come share their talent and love of the Lord.

Everyone is invited to come and be Blessed.

Alexia Gilbert Named Memorial Healthcare February EOM

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Alexis Gilbert, a receptionist at Memorial Healthcare Gastroenterology for being selected as our February Employee of the Month. Alexis has been employed at Memorial Healthcare since November 2021.

According to her nomination, "Alexis works tirelessly as an integral part of her team. She consistently exhibits dedication and commitment to the patients and employees of Memorial. Alexis always goes the extra mile to understand what patients need and works to resolve them even if it means taking time from her break or lunch. Alexis takes on extra work and is seen as a go to for all things related to reception. She has been described by her coworkers as having a "get it done" and "do it well" attitude. Alexis frequently excels at the additional responsibilities she takes on and offers suggestions to make processes more efficient. Alexis is a great example for her team!"

Alexis lives in Owosso and has three fur babies, Nike, Hank, and Max. Her hobbies include: doing nails, and sitting outside. An interesting fact about Alexis is that she has broken almost every one of her fingers. Alexis' goal or dream is to be selected as Employee of the Year. She would like to be remembered as a good person who is happy. On being honored as Memorial Healthcare's Employee of the Month, Alexis is quoted as saying, "Thank you to my office co-workers for making every day enjoyable!"



Alexia Gilbert

OE Class of 1974 Meeting

submitted by Sue Casler

The Ovid-Elsie Class of 1974 will be having a 50th class reunion planning meeting on Monday, March 11 at 5:00 pm at the United Church of Ovid, 131 West Front Street, Ovid. Everyone is invited to come and help with the planning.

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March to the Beat of Recycling

submitted by Ellen Link

Technically it's not spring yet but you may as well get a jump on it by starting the springtime clean-out-and-recycle binge that usually erupts with the daffodils. As usual we'll be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (March 5 and 19), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (March 9 and 23), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. If you're new to recycling, we ask that you check out our recycling guidelines below as regards sorting your materials—the folks behind you in line will be grateful, as will we. Our 30+ year existence is due to the clean "product" we are able to deliver to vendors.

Last November I invited anyone—including students—who is interested to consider becoming a volunteer with the GLR. What I neglected to mention is that volunteering needn't just be at our recycling collections. We're considering a variety of ways we might contribute to our area's sustainability, like holding repair clinics that would definitely benefit from special skills you might have, setting up a freebie/reuse corner or conduit, or some other possibility that we just haven't thought of. We'd love to hear your ideas on how we can improve and grow.

Latest hot tip on recycling: Pet Supplies Plus accepts all brands of flexible plastic pet food and treat bags, across all species, purchased from any retailer.

Mid-Michigan residents can start preparing for the special recycling collections that sprout every spring, for which we will include more details next month. Shiawassee County will hold its Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Sat., May 11, 8 am to noon at Perry City Hall; no appointment is necessary. Clinton County's Clean Community Event on May 4 will accept electronics (fees apply to TVs & computer monitors only), household hazardous waste, and car & light truck tires (limits apply). The location will be given upon registration; you can create an account on CivicRec here (<https://secure.rec1.com/MI/clinton-county-parks-recycling/catalog>) or call 989-224-5186 to register for an appointment. And Recycle Rama 2024, open to everyone, is happening on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Ingham County Health Department. Participation is free except for e-waste (TVs, computer screens).

What we accept, clean and separated: Newspaper and phone books; tin and scrap metal, separated from aluminum; corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard; mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books; plastics— #1 bottles and jars (clear and transpar-

ent green and blue only), no clamshells (bakery and produce containers); #2 (rinsed milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid color bottles and jars, seam on the bottom—no motor oil containers); and #5 (food cups, tubs and lids, e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.); non-corroded household batteries; glass bottles and jars only (all colors), caps and lids removed—no windows, mirror panes or drinking glasses; electronics; televisions (\$10-20) and monitors (\$5-10), the fees dependent on type and size (call or check our website); Brita water filters; denim (no more than 5% spandex, zippers and metal buttons removed); dental products; empty inkjets; plant/nursery containers; and hearing aids (batteries removed). We're also now a drop site for old eyeglasses for the Laingsburg Lions Club. We do not accept polystyrene (Styrofoam®) or plastic bags (return to grocery store).

For further details on recyclable items and other useful info, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. New volunteers of any age are always welcome. Working together, we'll create a sustainable future in our own backyard.

It's That Time of Year Again...

Ashley Schools Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024 or Dec. 1, 2024 with waiver are eligible for Kindergarten!



Questions: Please call the School at (989) 847-4000 Mrs. Kristen Ringle Secretary

Documentation Needed: Child's Original Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency (parent/guardian photo ID)
- Immunization Record/Health Appraisal

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Ashley District Library at 6:00pm

Parent Only Event

Online Registration Available at ashleyschools.net

Ashley Pre-School Registration For 2024-2025 School Year



Tuesday, March 12, 2024
6 p.m. at the Ashley District Library
104 N. New Street, Ashley

PARENTS ONLY Event

Children are invited to the open house in the fall
Visit www.michiganpreschool.org to begin the application process

Questions?

Contact Ms. Combs, Early Childhood Director at (989) 847-4000 Ext. 1004

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If your child turns 5 after September 1, 2024, but before December 1, 2024, you may sign a waiver so they may attend kindergarten next year.

If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K at LEO or EEK, please note that you will still need to register them for Kindergarten.

By submitting the enrollment packet does not guarantee your child a spot at Leonard Elementary. Once all documentation is completed a placement determination will be made.

Leonard Elementary | Ph: 989-834-5029 | 732 N. Mabbitt St. Ovid | Email: Leonard@ovidelsie.org

Shirley Baese

Shirley Darlene Baese, age 95, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2024, in Fenton, MI. She was a resident of Grandpas' Assisted Living House.

Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan. A Memorial Service will be held in the near future.

Shirley was born in Uhrichsville, Ohio on April 1, 1928, the daughter of Vayne M. and Amy Byrl (Hicks) Lockwood. She graduated from Dansville Agricultural School in 1946. On February 29, 1952, she married James Versil Baese in Elsie, Michigan. Versil passed away on December 6, 2013.

Shirley worked at Universal Electric for several years and enjoyed driving school bus for Ovid Elsie Schools for 24 years. She was an active member of the Elsie First Baptist Church. Shirley was a seamstress and enjoyed baking and decorating cakes for all occasions. She loved and will be remembered for her homemade pies and fruitcakes. She also loved her cats. Shirley and Versil had enjoyed traveling all 50 states and three memorial trips to Italy with the 10th Mountain Division.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2013. She is survived by her daughter Geri Kay and Tom Hallin of Howell, MI; two grandchildren: Rebecca Smith Hallin and Timothy Hallin; great-grandchildren: Layla Hallin, and Evelyn Smith; sister Joy Goodman of Portland, MI; brother Lowell Lockwood of Elsie, MI; sisters-in-law Carolyn Lockwood of Elsie, MI; and Wanda Lockwood of St. Johns, MI. She is also survived by many sisters and brothers-in-law as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Barbara Townsend, brothers: Jack Lockwood and Larry Lockwood.

Memorials may be made to Elsie First Baptist Church. 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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Laingsburg United Methodist Church

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517-651-5531

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Minister:
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Obituaries

Laura Maureen Teed

Laura Maureen Teed, age 72, of Ashley, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2024, it is quite possibly the hardest thing to do when you are faced with announcing the passing of your wife, mother, grandmother, and sister due to cancer. Laura was a fighter. She fought cancer for nearly 3 years after receiving a Stage 4 diagnosis in May of 2021, defying all expectations.

Laura was born in DeLand, Florida on October 21, 1951, the daughter of Clifford Ellsworth and Juanita Eileen (Monastere) Tittle. She married Samuel J. Teed on July 12, 1975, at DeWitt Community Church.

Laura was small in size, but her heart was big. She loved deeply and fully, and her kindness was evident and available to everyone she met. She spent her life caring for others and making others know how much she cared; her own children, the children of others, and the sick and elderly. She loved caring for others and was never above the humblest task that could be of service to someone else. One of the hardest things she faced in her illness was being the one that others cared for. She greatly enjoyed cooking for others, which was her love language. She was very dedicated to her church, Lansing Pilgrim Holiness Church and committed to the children she picked up and taught in Sunday School. Laura's family was very important to her, especially close to heart were her grandchildren. She had a love for dogs and tending to her houseplants.

Her family knew she was suffering in her last days and weeks, although she barely said a word about that to anyone. Although there is peace in knowing her suffering has ended it is hard to say goodbye. The sting of grief and numbness of reality are deep when coping with the loss of someone who was so great, compassionate and precious. The hope is always for more time together but that is not for us to decide. Now and forever, she will remain, where she has always been, in the hearts and love of her family and in the loving hands of God.

She is survived by her husband Samuel Teed; daughter Juanita Ramos; daughter Rebekah and Michael Dickman; son Timothy Teed and James Wilson; grandchildren: Parker, Callie, Evangelyn, and Kevin; sister Pat Doyle; and sister Mary Tittle; and numerous honorary grandchildren. Laura was preceded in death by her parents; sister Carol Joiner; and brother Gary Tittle.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI on Monday, February 26, 2024, with Rev. Brian Brown officiating. Burial has taken place at Collier Cemetery, Ashley, MI.

Memorials in Laura's honor may be made to Lansing Pilgrim Holiness Church Independent and mailed to 8687 E. French Road, Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



Guidance regarding Form 1019, Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation, and Property Classification

Not less than 14 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the assessment notice shall be mailed to the property owner.

Property taxes are calculated based on the Taxable Value (Line 1). State Equalized Value is the Assessed Value multiplied by the Equalization Factor, if any. State Equalized Value must approximate 50% of market value.

The Taxable Value number entered in the "Change from Prior Year to Current Year" Column, does not indicate a change in your taxes. The change in your tax bill is estimated above Line 1.

State Equalized Value is the Assessed Value multiplied by the Equalization Factor, if any. State Equalized Value must approximate 50% of market value.

IF THERE WAS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP on your property in 2023, your 2024 Taxable Value will be the same as your 2024 State Equalized Value.

IF THERE WAS NOT A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP on your property in 2023, your 2024 Taxable Value is calculated by multiplying your 2023 Taxable Value by 1.05 (Inflation Rate Multiplier for the current year). Physical changes in your property may also increase or decrease your Taxable Value. Your 2024 Taxable Value cannot be higher than your 2024 State Equalized Value.

The Taxable Value, the Assessed Value, the State Equalized Value, the Property Classification, or the Transfer of Ownership may be appealed by filing a protest with the Local Board of Review. Protests are made to the Board of Review by completing a Board of Review Petition Form. A Petition Form may be obtained directly from the local unit or from the Michigan Department of Treasury's website at www.michigan.gov/taxes. Click on the "Property Taxes" box, select "Forms and Instructions," then click on "Board of Review" to obtain a "Petition to the Board of Review," Form 618 (L-4035).

The denial of an exemption from the local school operating tax for "qualified agricultural properties" may be appealed to the local Board of Review. The denial of an exemption from the local school operating tax for a "homeowner's principal residence" may be appealed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by the filing of a petition within 35 days of issuance of this notice. The petition must be a form approved by the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which are available at www.michigan.gov/tax-trib.

Filing a protest with the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further appeal valuation and exemption disputes to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and classification appeals to the State Tax Commission. Properties classified Commercial Real, Industrial Real or Developmental Real may be appealed to the regular March Board of Review or to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by filing a petition by May 31. Commercial Personal, Industrial Personal, or Utility Personal Property may be appealed to the regular March Board of Review or to the Michigan Tax Tribunal by filing a petition by May 31 if a personal property statement was filed with the local unit prior to the commencement of the Board of Review as provided by MCL 211.19, except as otherwise provided by MCL 211.9m, 211.9n and 211.9o.

The petition must be a form approved by the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which are available at www.michigan.gov/taxtrib. To claim a PRE, complete the "Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit" (Form 2368) and file it with your township or city of the year of the claim. A valid affidavit filed on or before June 1 allows an owner to receive a PRE on the current year summer and winter tax levy and subsequent tax levies so long as it remains the owner's principal residence. A valid affidavit filed after June 1 and on or before November 1 allows an owner to receive a PRE on the current winter tax levy and subsequent tax levies so long as it remains the owner's principal residence.

Claudia Barrett Pluger,
Clerk, Ovid Township

Editorial



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TAX SEASON SEEMS TO BRING OUT THE TAX SCAMERS

Dear Andy,

Last week I received a frightening phone call with a recording that said I must call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about a mistake in my tax filing and if I did not call the number I would be in big trouble. The recording said I could have criminal charges brought against me and that the cops would be at my door within 24 hours. I called them back immediately and they knew my address and information about me. They wanted my bank account number to set up a payment plan. I think it was a scam and I was so upset I just hung up on them. I could not figure out what I could have done to owe \$2,000 to the IRS. I am retired on a fixed income and live alone. Andy, what should I do?

Scared about my tax debt

Dear Scared,

I am so sorry you were a victim of a Tax Scam call. You did the right thing by hanging up on them. First of all, the IRS does NOT call tax payers who owe money for any reason! They would send you a notice in the US mail; then you should give the letter to your CPA or agent who filed your taxes. They will know what to do and if it is official. Scams can come via US mail, too. The IRS estimates that over \$65 million has been lost in the last five years by telephone scammers. Report IRS Scam calls to TIGTA at 800-366-4484. Or go.usa.gov.

Scammers often use an area code or 800 numbers that look official or your area code so you will answer, thinking it might be important. They typically use language that sounds urgent or threatening. For example, telling you the "Cops" would be at your door within 24 hours. If it was an official call from a Law Enforcement Agency, they would use the term "Police Officer". Even when you receive calls from someone whose title or business sounds official or it sounds like a good cause, you still need to be careful. ALWAYS ask for a phone number or address for the organization asking for contributions, over the telephone. Then, Google or verify the number to confirm they are legitimate. NEVER give out your Social Security number or Banking information to unknown callers. Unless it is a call you initiated and you know exactly to whom you are speaking regarding your personal information.

March and April are prime months for Tax scammers. Often scammers call claiming they will file your tax information immediately and guarantee a Big Tax refund and that it can be done over the telephone. DO NOT DO IT! You are allowed to file for a tax filing extension...but not with a tax scammer and never over the telephone. Contact your local tax agent or CPA if you are late in filing, they can file an extension for you. Local Libraries often invite Tax experts to help individuals or families file their taxes, if a person has low income or cannot afford a professional. Also, Most Tax professionals have a sliding scale charge for filing depending on your financial situation.

And, most importantly...to our fast paced society who believe everything is urgent, a little techy advice. If it is important the caller will leave a message. You are not obligated to answer a phone call if you do not know who is calling. If you are not set up message service, ask anyone under the age of 30. They can help. Andy

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The Weekly Sportsman
by Dan McMaster
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Frost Seeding

If you have a small burned out food or attractant plot consider rolling the dice the month of March with a frost seeded clover plot. The concept is simple and cheap as you broadcast clover seeds on top of the soil using a handheld or tractor mounted spreader. Mother Nature helps with soil contact and moisture every morning as frost and frozen topsoil warm up and soil particles are moved around at the most microscopic level. Sometimes it doesn't take and the clover seed is just added to the soil's seed bank and will germinate later in the season. The advantage of using this method is that it prevents soil erosion from early tillage and uses very little resources to prep the seedbed.

The Weekly Sportsman recommends sticking with just clover seeds, however, good results can be obtained with cereal grains like rye and oats. Red clover should be planted at 6-8 pounds per acre and white or ladino clover at 2-3 pounds an acre. Try a blend by using a ratio of 2:1 red to white or ladino clover. Spend some extra money and mix the seed in some inoculant to increase the odds of success and many even use a roller or cultipacker to help with additional seed contact.

Worst case scenario you are out a few bucks and an afternoon of early spring exercise! Make sure to catch the Weekly Sportsman Report every Friday at 3:00 p.m. on WOES 91.3

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Thank You Community

Letter to the Editor:

The Staff at Capital Area Community Services in Shiawassee County would like to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have been involved in Walk for Warmth this year. The numbers of people who took the time to collect pledges and then walked; the credit unions and bank that donated their time and support: Team One Credit Union, Frankenmuth Credit Union; LAFCU and Horizon Bank, the churches: Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church who have supported the Walk over the years; clubs and organizations who demonstrated unstinting support through members walking and collecting pledges. To all of those volunteers that took their time to collect donations. The Meridian Weekly who provided wonderful coverage; and the great team of volunteers who willingly gave of their time.

\$3960 in donations have already been generated within this community thanks to the kindness and caring of 45 Walkers who participated in our 34th Walk.

The success of Walk for Warmth, and ultimately, those assisted by Capital Area Community Services in Shiawassee County is contingent upon the support of this Community. Thank you for showing your support this year.

We look forward to seeing you next year!

Rebecca Zemla
Shiawassee Service Center Manager,
Capital Area Community Services
Staff: Brenda & Karen



A Little Common Sense
by Crystal Mitchell

Have you ever had a craving for a specific food? Just filled up on a bread and butter pickle sandwich made on rye with a slice of Black Forest ham and a slice of baby Swiss cheese. It was yum and satisfied my craving. Yes, I made the pickles and used Mom's recipe and I'm pleased that that combination still hits the spot. It is hard to explain how crunchy the pickles are because the slices actually look a bit limp but have this marvelous crunch. I usually make them every other year so that I don't have to raise the cucumbers every year. This year will be a smallish garden, maybe twenty pepper plants and twenty tomato plants max. A few zucchini plants, a row of red beets and a row of kohlrabi. However, this might change a bit if I can get young Mr Joe to work with my compost piles. If that happens I will also put in some winter squash behind the shed. That will still leave me with garden rows that are six feet apart and easy to use the rototiller. And yes, I will have room for flowers too.

I got to meet our local conservation officer this week. He stopped to see if I thought that my home or buildings were being threatened by the ditch fire. I was in the process of filling a couple of five gallon buckets with water and putting them and my shovel into the back of my pickup. He offered to call the fire department for me if I thought it was necessary. I told him that it wasn't, but also told him that I was going down Mason Road and parking on the east side, and put my flashers on. I then was going to pour water in front of the fire and use the shovel to disengage the flames. That is exactly what I did and yes it worked well. I had already put out the flames on the southeast corner of the corn field before the young officer showed up.

The shop was closed today due to illness. That croupy crap that is going around that showcases runny noses, sore throats, and lots of nasty body fluid from the lungs. Lots of coughing too. I had to make a run up to Dalis to the Rescue in Alma to drop off one of the cats to be spayed. Little Miss Lily had been used by Tripper aka Thomas and I didn't plan on having a bunch of kittens. I have appointments in mid-March for Tripper, Pitts, and Whose-it to be neutered. Then all the extras that have been dropped off except for the long haired white cat that is unapproachable will be no longer able to multiply. Shortly I need to zip back up to Alma to pick up Miss Lily and pay for her surgery.

Next move for me to make is to relieve my house of the numerous spider webs that are draping all over the baskets on the room beams. I noticed that the stove pipe is covered in dust which means that the shelves also need to be dusted. Country roads fill our country homes with lots of dust. Maybe if I would take the time to brush the dirt into my flowerpots I wouldn't need to buy potting soil. Just kidding but it might get me into the transplanting mode. It would appear that sooner then later I need to get it done.

It almost time for Prudence and I to make the run up to Alma to pick up Miss Lily. My guess is that she may be a bit dopey and not be too thrilled to see me. She will need to spend another day in the house before I let her go back outdoors. She will have her privacy and full run of the bathroom until I get out of work tomorrow. Then if she is up to it, I will put her back outdoors. Nice thing about being young is that as a rule you heal well. No doubt she will be hissing at me and venting her ire on me. It will probably take her a couple of days to revert back to her sweet self. Such is life. All and all February has been an outrageously expensive month for me. From start to finish I've had unexpected expenses, that being said I was blessed with the needed funding to accomplish the paying of all expenses. The last one was a mere twenty-five dollar additional charge for Miss Lily. She had been pregnant and it was noted on the veterinary bill. May your blessings be numerous. God bless you.

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Senior Spotlight



Seniors Can Backstroke Their Way to Improved Health

Exercise provides a number of measureable benefits for people of all ages, including older adults. Swimming is one exercise that may be especially beneficial for seniors.

Many people learn to swim in childhood and sharpen that skill as they get older. Though swimming devotees may get in the water for fun rather than fitness, this popular, joyful and relaxing pastime may be the ideal exercise for seniors looking to improve their overall health, particularly because it is very low-impact.

Because the water provides buoyancy while swimming, there is little risk of injury and minimal strain on the body. Water exercises, including swimming, work all the muscle groups, so it can be a complete exercise, says American Senior Communities. Swimming also is a great cardiovascular exercise that can strengthen the heart muscle and improve lung function and endurance. Because it lowers blood pressure and improves circulation, swimming is a great way to get the heart pumping.

A gentle, 30-minute swim can burn up to 200 calories, which is more than walking. A faster swim can burn calories more quickly than running or cycling. However, since water supports up to 90 percent of the body's weight, this activity will put less stress on muscles and joints while one is exercising.

Individuals with mobility issues or arthritis pain may find that swimming helps relieve discomfort and improves range of motion. Again, because the water is doing much of the work holding up the body, it will take the stress off of joints, helping a person to feel better while stretching and moving gently in the water.

Even seniors who don't know how to swim can still reap the benefits of water exercise. Walking in shallow water, or using a kickboard to stay above the water can be effective. Using foam dumbbells or even pushing and pulling one's arms through the water can serve as a great resistance exercise that builds strength.

Swimming and additional water activities are great ways for seniors to stay in shape. As always, individuals should speak with their doctors before beginning any exercise regimen to ensure that it is safe.

5 Common Identity Theft Scams

Consumers can never let their guard down when it comes to identity theft. Personal information is much more accessible in an increasingly digital world. Consequently, instances of identity theft and consumer fraud continue to grow.



- The Identity Theft Research Center (ITRC) reported a record number of data compromises in the United States in 2021, amounting to a 68 percent increase over 2020.

- The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Network received more than 5.7 million reports of fraud and identity theft in 2021.

- In Canada, there are 12 victims of identity theft per every 100,000 residents and 52 victims of ID fraud.

- Many North Americans have been victims of COVID-19-related fraud, including scams involving fake testing, vaccines and treatments, and charities.

The FTC says identity theft is when someone uses your personal or financial information without your consent. Commonly stolen data includes addresses, credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security numbers, or medical insurance numbers.

Though thieves can gather information by intercepting it through digital channels or simply by stealing mail or going through trash, many times people inadvertently share personal information with scammers themselves. Here's a look at five common scams.

1. Phone scams

Phone scams may involve telemarketers trying to sell you something in exchange for personal information given over the phone, as well as people impersonating government agencies or credit card companies. "Please confirm account information" or "We'll need your financial information to process" are some of the phrases these scams utilize. Never give out personal information over the phone unless you've confirmed the individual you're speaking to is legitimate.

2. Text links

The Pew Research Center says 81 percent of adult mobile phone users use text messages regularly. Scammers utilize text messages to try to gain information. The text includes a link to a site that will request personal information. Do not respond to such texts and avoid clicking on the links.

3. Phishing emails

Phishing emails look like they are coming from legitimate sources, but they often contain malware that can infiltrate computers and other devices to steal identity data. Phishing increased during the COVID-19 lockdowns as more people were working from home, according to the ITRC.

4. Medicare card verification

Older individuals long have been targets of criminals. Seniors are now being called, emailed or even visited in person by scammers claiming to represent Medicare. Perpetrators of this scam offer new services or new chipped Medicare cards in exchange for verification of Medicare identification numbers. Medicare numbers should be carefully guarded, and seniors should keep in mind it's highly unlikely Medicare representatives will contact them in this way.

5. Data breaches

It's not just a home computer or phone breach you need to worry about. According to ARAG Legal, security experts indicate many major companies are being breached. By the time it's discovered that data was stolen, your personal information, which usually includes credit card numbers, email addresses and home addresses, has been circulating for some time. While it's impossible for private citizens to prevent this type of data breach, a credit monitoring service can alert consumers if their information shows up where it seemingly doesn't belong.

Identity theft is an ever-present threat and consumers must exercise due diligence to protect their personal information.



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Lady Marauders Wrap up 3rd-Straight MMAC Title, 67-34 Over Chesaning

CHESANING -- The Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders wrapped up conference play Friday night with a 67-34 victory over Chesaning here February 23.

Ovid-Elsie clinched their third straight undefeated conference championship, and improved to 18-2 on the season with two games left before District play.

The Marauders opened the game with a 21-7 first-quarter surge and followed it up with a 14-7 second-quarter to lead 35-14 at the half. Chesaning picked things up in the third quarter, but O-E still outscored the Indians 20-13 before finishing them off with a 12-7 fourth quarter.

"I thought we did a nice job defensively again tonight, especially in the first half," said veteran coach Ryan Cunningham. "They made a bit of a run in the third quarter but we were able to answer it with some nice offensive sets."

Braeden Tokar had a team-high 14 points to lead the Lady Marauders but it was the play of Alyson Moore and Ellyanna Carman that caught the attention of Cunningham.

"Carman was all over the place in the first half with 11 points and then Aly got hot. I've been talking with her lately about just catching the ball and shooting and tonight she did just that," noted Cunningham.

Moore finished the game with 13 points which included going 4 of 4 from behind the arc. Carman also finished with 13 points.

"That is the great thing about this team," added Cunningham. "We are not made up of one or two players, we are a team. Nobody cares who gets the credit as long as we put a notch in the win column. These kids are genuinely excited for each other when they do well."

Tokar also added 5 assists and 2 steals while Carman added 5 rebounds and 6 steals. Hailee Campbell scored 9 points, grabbed 6 rebounds, handed out 5 assists, and collected 6 steals while Evalyn Cole added 7 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists, and 5 steals. Dannika Campbell chipped in with 6 points, Tava Kvalevog 3 points, and McKenzie Keck 2 points.



#21 Ellyanna Carman making 2 with her layup. Photo by Denise Burgess

Ovid-Elsie Girls Double-Up Genesee Christian Cager, 62-31

GENESEE -- The Ovid-Elsie Lady Marauders traveled to Genesee Christian for a non-conference match-up with the Soldiers. Ovid-Elsie came away with a 62-31 win to improve to 19-2. Genesee Christian fell to 11-9.

Senior Ava Bates had a team-high 16 points to pace OE and added 3 rebounds and 3 steals. Fellow seniors Evalyn Cole (7 assists, 6 steals) and Hailee Campbell (4 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals) scored 13 points and 12 points, respectively, and Braeden Tokar finished with 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 6 assists.

"It was a small, hot gym with a big, loud crowd," said O-E coach Ryan Cunningham. "It had a very tournament-like atmosphere which is what we need going into districts next week."

Ovid-Elsie built a small first-quarter lead of 14-9 and added to it in the second quarter 10-8 to lead 24-17 at the half. But it was the third quarter (16-4) that made the difference while the Lady Marauders closed the game out with a 22-10 fourth quarter.

"We struggled defensively in the first half," said Cunningham. "They have a lot of movement in their offense and it kept us on our toes. We made a few mistakes but we were able to talk things through at halftime and make some good adjustments. The 7-0 run we had coming out of the locker room certainly helped."

Ellyanna Carman scored 5 points and grabbed 4 steals while Lily Bates scored 4 points, Tava Kvalevog added 3 points, and McKenzie Keck two points to round out the scoring for Ovid-Elsie.

Ovid-Elsie shot 50% from the floor on the night including 9 of 19 from behind the arc (47.4%). The Soldiers held a slight rebounding advantage 21-16 but the Lady Marauders were able to collect 19 steals on 32 GCS turnovers. Ovid-Elsie also handed out 21 assists on 25 made baskets.

Thursday's finale against Napoleon was canceled due to some injuries in the Napoleon program. Ovid-Elsie is looking to pick up a game, but if not the next action will be in districts this Wednesday night at Ithaca against the winner of the New Lothrop-Ithaca winner.



#33 Ava Bates off the injury list and back on the court shooting her 3's and handling the ball. Photo by Denise Burgess

Sports

Tribe Completes Record-Setting, 22-0 Season with Tight Win Over O-E

CHESANING -- Chesaning's much-ballyhooed basketball offense wasn't at all the key to keeping its undefeated season going here February 23.

No. It was the Indians' tough matchup-zone defense, and an opportunistic eye at the free throw line, that proved to be Ovid-Elsie's undoing.

The Marauders dropped a 61-51 MMAC decision in the final game of the regular season -- but it wasn't without a tough fight. "I was really proud of our guys," said 1st-year coach Canyon Walker. "It was a tough game in a tough place to play."

Chesaning moved to 22-0 in its record-breaking, MMAC (14-0) championship season. O-E fell to 13-9 overall, 11-3 in conference play ... with two of those league losses to the Tribe.

Forced to lean on the outside shot against the Tribe's tough zone defense, O-E battled to stay close. A 7-point swing in the second quarter -- stoked by free throws and a technical foul on the Marauder bench -- paved the way for a 29-19 Indian lead at halftime.

Knocking down five 3-pointers, senior Gunner McCreery tallied a game-high 24 points for Ovid-Elsie. Bruce Thornton joined him in double-digits with 12.

Hitting those outside shots, O-E cut the edge to 7-33, with 2:22 remaining in the third quarter. Ovid-Elsie pulled within three, 41-38, into the final stanza.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Walker's charges were hoping to play for at least a share of the league title here. Chesaning kept winning, while the Marauders dropped a MMAC tilt at Durand. All of which set the stage for the post-season, with O-E traveling right back to CHS for District play.

"This was a good warmup for us," Walker said, looking forward to District action. "The atmosphere here will be electric all week long."



#4 Bruce Thornton fighting his way to make a shot. Photo by Denise Burgess

Rematch With Indians Takes Just One Week

CHESANING -- A much-anticipated rematch with unbeaten Chesaning -- on the Indians' home floor -- took just seven days to come to fruition for Ovid-Elsie's boys basketball team.

First-year coach Canyon Walker's Marauders (14-9 overall) punched their ticket to the District Finals at CHS with a slug-fest, 42-34 victory over New Lothrop. Their reward was a third shot this campaign at unbeaten Chesaning.

Walker -- falling short of predicting a rematch, but making his anticipation known -- had said it would be an electric atmosphere for MHSAA District play at Chesaning, just after the Marauders dropped their regular season finale, 61-51, on the Tribe's hardwood.

A third victory in a season over fellow MMAC conference foe New Lothrop isn't unheard of ... but isn't easy to do, either. In a ruggedly-tight defensive battle, Tucker Loynes and Tryce Tokar led the way for the Marauders with 10 points apiece, with Hunter Bates and Gunner McCreery each adding eight points.

In ending the Hornets' season at 10-14, the Marauders battled -- literally -- to a 9-3 lead after one quarter, 18-14 at halftime. O-E opened the third period on a 9-0 run, which proved to be NL's undoing.

Planning pays in retirement



Personal savings are key to living comfortably

Michael doesn't see himself living on the beach when he retires, but he'd like to vacation there with his wife. He worries he isn't saving enough in the 401(k) account he has at work, but he isn't sure what more he can manage with two kids, a mortgage and credit cards.

Michael faces two dilemmas: Saving enough money for a comfortable retirement, and making those savings last his lifetime. Like most Americans, having money in retirement may depend on part-time jobs, personal savings and tax-advantaged retirement savings accounts.

A financial representative can help people like Michael understand their options, such as 401(k) and 403(b) plans, annuities, and individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

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Sports

Lady Bears Split the Week

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley hosted Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart in a conference game last week where one of the top teams in the league, the Irish won the game, 64-25. “Sacred Heart was about to use strong defensive pressure to control the game” said Coach Shaw. Karissa Brady scored 9 points, Savanna Denman had 6 points, Marissa Brady scored 6 points and had 6 rebounds and Ellie Drummond scored 3 points and had 5 rebounds.

In the second game of the week Ashley took on Akron Fairgrove in a non-conference matchup. Ashley dominated most of the game winning 53-25. The Lady Bears had two ladies who put up double-doubles, Ellie Drummond who put up 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Karissa Brady who scored 10 points and had 11 rebounds. Other scorers were Marissa Brady with 8 points and 6 steals, Savanna Denman with 3 points, Peyton Rohn, Adalyn Polash and Paige Larsen all scored a bucket as well. “We put in a strong defensive effort together in the first half to get out to a nice lead that we were able to maintain throughout the second half” stated Coach Shaw.



Karissa Brady



Savanna Denman



Marissa Brady



Ellie Drummond

Wolfpack Ends Perry’s Basketball Season in Methodic Fashion, 69-55

LAINGSBURG -- With its third victory over their neighboring CMAC foe this season, the host Wolfpack knocked the Perry Ramblers out of post-season basketball festivities.

“Perry is one tough team,” said LHS coach Tim Beebe immediately following the contest. “We knew we’d be in for a tough game.”

Even so, the Wolves kept their unbeaten season alive at 23-0. The Ramblers went home with a 13-11 final mark.

The Pack, characteristically, got rolling early. They jumped to a 12-4 advantage and never looked back, getting double-figure scoring from some welcome places. Mitchell George opened the home team scoring with back-to-back buckets and finished with 14 points for the contest. Cam Ballard added 10 points for the hosts ... and it was the area’s leading scorer, Zander Woodruff, who led all point-producers with 29 points for the night.

“We came out and got down to business,” said Beebe. “We had a lot of guys contribute -- not just scoring but distributing the ball. It was a good team win.”

Laingsburg led 39-26 at halftime, then advanced the advantage to 57-41 into the final period.

Jack Audretsch, Ty Randall and Aiden Maddolini also scored for the Wolves, who advanced to Friday’s District Final opposite Stockbridge (18-6), a 66-28 victor over Leslie (9-15) in the other District Semifinal.



Cam Ballard



Zander Woodruff

2023-24 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 111 held at: Breckenridge High School, 700 Wright St., Breckenridge, MI 48615			
Girls Basketball			
Ashley			
March 4 5:30 p.m.		March 6 5:30 p.m.	
Saginaw Nouvel Catholic		Saginaw Michigan Lutheran	
			March 8 7:00 p.m.
Vestaburg			
March 4 7:00 p.m.		March 6 7:00 p.m.	
Merrill		Breckenridge	

2023-24 MHSAA DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 82 held at: Perry High School, 2555 W. Britton Rd., Perry, MI 48872			
Girls Basketball			
Dansville			
March 4 5:30 p.m.		March 6 5:30 p.m.	
Leslie		Bath	
			March 8 7:00 p.m.
Perry			
March 4 7:00 p.m.		March 6 7:00 p.m.	
Laingsburg		Stockbridge	

2023-24 MHSAA DIVISION 3 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT NO. 81 held at: Ithaca High School, 710 N. Union St., Ithaca, MI 48847			
Girls Basketball			
		Ovid-Elsie	
	March 6 5:30 p.m.		
Ithaca			March 8 7:00 p.m.
March 4 5:30 p.m.			
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Marauder Bowlers

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Coach Matt Fabus’ Lady Marauders earned a 9th place Regional finish, while the boys were 10th.

Qualifying for the State Finals in Jackson were Brayden Gruesbeck, 4th overall, with scores of 182-188-206-162-180-224 for an 1,142 total; and Gage Wiktorowski, 5th, 235-224-135-146-197-194-1,131 total pins.

Devyn Pugsley finished 17th, 170-164-144-168-170-180-996 total. Collin Julie was 54th, 112-96-121-134-146-134-743 total. Matt Vanderhoff took 55th place, 14106-127-129-123-100-731 total. Peyton Holmes was 58th, 111-156-72-94-144-110-687 total.

A total of 61 boys and 55 girls made the State Finals field.



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submitted by Pat Courter Jorae

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Ovid Township March Board of Review

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Appeals will be heard:
Monday, March 11, 2024
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Thursday, March 14th
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To Schedule an Appointment call (517) 204-3752. The Board of Review will accept letters of appeals until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Road, St. Johns, MI 48879

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Greenbush Township

Agricultural	46.81	1.06814	Commercial	53.57	.93335
Residential	45.53	1.09817	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	46.97	1.06450	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Essex Township

Agricultural	47.11	1.06134	Commercial	46.75	1.06951
Residential	45.57	1.09721	Developmental	NC	N/A
Industrial	47.89	1.04405	Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

Beth Botke
Assessor

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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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

(03-03)(03-31)

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., Its 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
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(03-03)(03-24)

Victor Township 2024 Board of Review

The Board of Review will meet on the following dates for the purpose of hearing 2024 assessment appeals:

Wednesday, March 13th
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Thursday, March 14th
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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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(02-25)(03-17)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 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 20, 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 Timothy S. Droste to Fifth Third Bank (Western Michigan) dated August 12, 2005 and recorded September 1, 2005 as Instrument No. 5086724, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$18,853.00. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RILEY, COUNTY OF CLINTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 4, 700 FEET, THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 4, 650.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH WEST LINE OF SECTION 4, 700 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE, THENCE WEST ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE 650.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, RILEY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Permanent Parcel Number: 130-004-200-020-00 Said property is commonly known as

5303 S Forest Hill Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 12 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: 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 COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: February 8, 2024 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 23-33448

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(Left-Right): OE FFA advisor Tracie Hoffman, students Gavin Williams, Josh Miller, Clay Powell and Elsie Lions President Rick Jones presenting the check.

Elsie Lions Club Donation to Ovid-Elsie FFA

submitted by Richard Easlick

At the Elsie Lions Club meeting on February 26th, the Ovid Elsie FFA did a presentation on the process of making Maple Syrup, they did a fantastic job of explaining the process in detail from start to finish!

The Elsie Lions Club presented them with a \$500 check.





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