



Laingsburg Robotics Team Headed to World Championship

submitted by Melissa Kramer

Red Thunder Robotics, Laingsburg High School's FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team, has qualified for FRC World Championship for the first time in its seven-year history. At the State Championship, the team finished 12th in their division. The captain of the fourth alliance selected Red Thunder as a member of their team for playoff matches. The alliance of Nerd Spark #9312 (Innovate Albion), The Gearheads #1189 (Grosse Pointe Public Schools), and Red Thunder Robotics #7166 fought hard in the playoffs but fell short of reaching the division championship match. Red Thunder Robotics finished their season ranked 87th out of 513 teams. But it wasn't match play that secured their first trip in team history to the World Championship, it was earning the State Impact Award – the most prestigious level of recognition at the FIRST robotics competition in Michigan.

"FIRST Robotics is different from any other varsity sport in that to win, teams must collaborate with one another. They must share the best attributes of their robot with other teams and strategize how to apply the best combination of talents to the challenge," says mentor Brad Kramer. "There is no other sport in which teams will get together in advance of a competition and openly share their designs, software, and game strategy. Yet, in this process, relationships are built, networks are established, and everyone gets better."

Not only was this team of 24 students competing on the game field with their robot, but they also were competing for one of five State Championship Impact Awards, having won the district title at their first event (Kettering University District Event #1). This award honors the teams that best represent a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST. "These students are becoming the leaders of the future," says head mentor, Melissa Kramer. "Not only do they spend 20-plus hours a week for 13 weeks working to build, program, debug, and drive their robot, but they also give back to their community by serving dinners alongside our Laingsburg Lions Club, reading STEM books to kindergarten classes, partnering with our Girl Scout troops to inspire and empower young women, and in their words, 'Be good people.' This team has logged 1,500 volunteer hours in the past year, with several students running their own FIRST robotics teams at the younger grades."

Within the last eight months, this program has flourished in Laingsburg, resulting in the creation of 19 teams K-12, a staggering 1,050% growth rate. Approximately 10% of the greater Laingsburg youth were involved in a Wolfpack Robotics team in the 2023-24 school year.

Red Thunder is not stopping with growing this extracurricular within its own community. They are actively supporting Bath Elementary STEM teacher Tracy Grennell, who will begin a robotics program for 2nd through 5th graders in the fall of 2024. Additionally, when the team learned that another local FRC team lost its head mentor in the middle of its build season, they immediately decided to help Ovid-Elsie's Marauderbots finish a robot which would be ready for their first event, while working to improve their own robot design and debug software.

Wolfpack Robotics, Laingsburg's K-12 robotics program, includes students, mentors, coaches, families, and sponsors. They focus on more than just robotics competition; they focus on developing creative problem-solving skills, leadership, communication, community service, and most importantly a sense of belonging and self-confidence.

In addition to the team's success, sophomore Sophia H. was selected by judges as a Dean's List finalist. The students who earn FIRST Dean's List Awards are exemplary role models for their teams and communities. They spread the importance of STEM education as well as the Core Values and mission of FIRST while also having achieved personal technical expertise. Sophia will advance to the World Championship with 13 other representatives from Michigan and several hundred across the globe to compete for one of ten FIRST Dean's List Winner awards.

Red Thunder and Wolfpack Robotics would not be possible without support from its generous sponsors: Laingsburg Education Advancement Foundation, Pro-MEC Engineering Services, Inc., Ford Motor Company, Gene Haas Foundation, Dowding Industries, IDC Corporation, Toyota, Great Lakes Fabrication and Machining, General Motors, Baker College of Owosso, HexArmor, 911 Construction, Midwest Bus, T-Mobile, Halligan Electric, Meiers Lombardini Lemanski Insurance, Lakeshore Employee Benefits, Consumer's Energy Foundation, and Mid-Michigan Animal.

For more information on how to sponsor Red Thunder Robotics or provide a donation, please visit www.team7166.com.

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Officials addressed a number of issues. The Elsie Police Department is focusing on school safety and having a presence at E.E. Knight Elementary School.

The Elsie Police Department is focusing on "School Safety" and policing. March 15th the Elsie Police Department attended the annual countywide school safety meeting where the annual school safety information policy agreement was signed and documented. The department will continue to train all school officials on AVI due to a commitment to school safety and Clinton County. In addition, on March 18, 2024 the Department attended the annual career day at EE Knight Elementary. The 5th graders were able to participate in Motor Carrier activities. The students were able to utilize their math skills and learned the proper formulas on how to weigh a motor vehicle. The Elsie DPW participated in the event.

In other actions the Elsie Police Department conducted five traffic stops resulting in two citations, and forty calls for service. Police activity for the month of March included medicals, suspicious situations, trespassing and civil disputes.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, updated officials on the transition to State Bank. Training will take place prior to the transfer of funds. Code enforcement, still working on the issue at 101 E Main, the building has been sold and the public will see improvements over the next few months. Ken Harris will be in the Village soon to begin the Elsie Junior High School project. Asbestos abatement will begin soon.

Morton Contracting will be installing the memorial bricks at Hero Park, the project will be completed prior to Memorial Day. Three more statues will be installed soon, WWI, and Navy. Officials acknowledged James Hyland for his continued support of this project.

Additional ongoing activities within the Village include the semi-truck scales have been certified, and stamped. Tree removal will soon begin in the downtown area. Benches will replace the trees, red benches that match the current picnic tables.

The proposed sewer processing center proposal is moving forward. Investors will meet with the Village manager April 10, 2024 to do a site visit. Additional information will be available in the near future. There is the possibility the center will be operational the end of the summer of 2024.

Paving bids were addressed. Grinnell noted that it is getting harder to get bids for small municipalities. In addition, the Village will also be working with the Clinton County Road Commission on a number of jobs. Three quotes were received and after reviewing the quotes officials opted for Smith's Paving at a cost of \$57,270. The areas include four areas where there were main breaks and Pine Street. Sidewalk quotes will be addressed later.

Riverside Cemetery clean-up was slated for Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9 am.

Chris Ornes, Department of Public Works, is in the process of completing his first discharge, all is going well. The lift station west of the village had issues so a new 7.5 hp pump was purchased, the second may need to be rebuilt or replaced soon. It was recommended that a spare be available onsite. On the average the pumps have been lasting 2.5 years.

Next, the mowers were brought up to the workshop to be prepared for the mowing season. The John Deere is leaking oil, and the tires are not in good repair. It will not hold up for commercial use. It was recommended to replace the mower; the mower is in the 2024-25 budget.

Jason Freeman, presented the Elsie Fire Association insurance proposal for \$18,334. This would be a \$250 deductible; the current deductible is simply too high. The previous deductible was \$5,000. Intense discussion followed. One vote in opposition, Sam Frink.

Val Vail-Shirey, County Commissioner, reported that the commissioners took action to pass the Solar Ordinance, wind will be addressed at the April 23, meeting. The Clinton County Fair Grounds are getting some needed updates, and the prosecutor's office is getting a remodel. Labor issues are being addressed positively with the Sheriff's Department and 9-1-1 dispatch. Millages up this year include the Clinton County Transit and 9-1-1.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Elsie Area Fire Department liability insurance proposal and cemetery clean-up, the minutes of the March 12, 2024 minutes, and the monthly financial reports. Officials approved expenditures totaling \$97,161.93.

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Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

We have started April with a bang. Our new contest is a design your own bookmark event. The challenge for our contestants is to illustrate the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library". As always, there is a limit of one entry per artist. The deadline for bookmark entries is April 29th. Please consider entering. We cannot wait to see your creations. Please check with the library for rules and regulations. Judging will begin on May 1st and the winners will have their bookmark posted in the paper, and they will also be available to all library patrons during the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

Our children's programming for Mondays in April will be Story Time on April 15th and April 29th. We will have the very popular Music and Motion on April 22nd. All Monday programs begin at noon.

The library board will be meeting on April 17th at 7PM. The public is welcome to attend.

Book Club members will be starting their new book, The Nurse's Secret by Amanda Skenandore. This is a historical fiction set in the 1880's. A young woman is accepted into the Bellevue hospital's school of nursing. Her secret threatens to upend all she has achieved at Bellevue. Please consider joining us. We have books at the front desk for all book club members. A list of questions about the book is also available at the desk. Our group meets at 6PM on the 2nd Tuesday (May 9th) of the month. Hope to see you there.

Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction at United Church of Ovid

submitted by Sue Casler

A Chili Cook-off is being planned on Saturday, April 20, at 4 pm. The night will sponsor good food, a silent auction, and a fun time with purpose for a great cause: To help support Summer Church Camp Scholarships (a wonderful and life changing experience for young and old).

Along with our chili contestants, we will have hot dogs for our non-chili eaters. A large silent auction will add to the fun!

To sign up your chili recipe call the church office (834-5958). Due to Health Food regulations, we are offering the use of our licensed kitchen for you to come and prepare your chili in. Kitchen will be open during office hours Wed. & Thurs (9am - 12noon). We'll save an electric plug just for you!

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Obituaries

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Jane Marie Setterington

Jane Marie Setterington, 65, of Mooresville, North Carolina, formerly of Ovid, Michigan, passed away with family by her side on Saturday, April 6, 2024, due to respiratory illness.

She was born on April 2, 1959, in Michigan, to the late Elmer and Patsy Simko. Jane loved gardening, crafts, motor-sports, and decorating for holidays, especially Christmas. Most of all, Jane loved spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her father and mother-in-law, Don and Evelyn Setterington; two sisters-in-law, Diane and Norma Setterington; brother-in-law, Brian Setterington and fur babies, Stinky, Sally, and Suki.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Setterington, Sr; son, Wayne Setterington, Jr. and partner, Kelly Guerrero, daughter, Melisa Hier and husband, Chad, daughter, Nichole Setterington and partner, Taylor Hearne, son, Todd Setterington and wife, Renee, son, Adolfo Gustavo, son, Craig Setterington and wife, Cheryl; brothers, David Simko, Tom Simko; sisters, Sue Giroux and husband, Al, Patty Schacht and husband, Bob, Linda Caraway, Dina Howe and husband, Chas; grandchildren, Rachel Verrelli, Kylie Setterington, Madison Setterington, Ryder Hearne and Serena Hearne; her favorite niece, Aimee Cox, and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends.

A visitation was held on Friday, April 12 from 1:00-2:00 PM, with a service following at 2:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Setterington Family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.



Stefan A. Mikulka, III

Stefan A. Mikulka, III, age 82, of Elsie, MI, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at his home.

Stefan was born in Carson City, Michigan on November 30, 1941, the first born of Stephan (Steve) and Marie Emma (Marton) Mikulka, Jr. Steve graduated from Ashley High School with the Class of 1960. He worked for Lear Corporation in Elsie, and other small factories around Michigan. Steve's final years of work and retirement were at Ogihara, an auto parts manufacturer in Howell, MI.

Steve enjoyed getting together with family for holiday meals. He especially enjoyed the board games afterward. Steve was also an avid Harley Davidson rider, and loved playing Euchre and other card games.

He is survived by his daughter Laurie (Donald) Hulett of Alabama; sons: Greg Mikulka of South Dakota and Damian Mikulka of Arizona; his siblings: Kathryn (Ron) McNeill, Patricia (Thane) Belen, and Betty (Ken) Drewyor. He is also survived by grandchildren: Michelle and Andrew; great-grandchildren: Jayce, Aiden, Lilyanne, and Alaina. He is also survived by several nieces, and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Marie, and his brothers: Luke Mikulka and John (Darlene) Mikulka.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. with Kathleen Krancich officiating. Burial will take place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, MI. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024 from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with family present 2-4 and 6-8 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, may be to St. Jukes Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or any Veterans organization in his memory. Online condolences can be sent to smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Lone Wolf Update

It has only been a week since media sources across Michigan released the story about a gray wolf being shot and killed in southern Michigan this last January.

Initial reports left readers and listeners with far more questions than answers. The situation has become even more unclear this week with details about the carcass being confiscated from the taxidermist for DNA testing and a criminal investigation conducted by the DNR's law enforcement division. Regardless if an endangered species was mistaken for another predator that was fair and legal game there is still a very large elephant in the room. What was this gray wolf doing in Calhoun county and are there any more out there? What are the suspicious circumstances surrounding the need for a criminal investigation? This story is far from over...

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submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Join Hands Day is a national volunteer day that brings youth and adults together to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects. The program unites more than 70 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies in the United States and Canada. Locally, the day is organized and coordinated through the Bannister ZCBJ Lodge. Students and adults from the community work together to sew needed items for Hospice and Home Health Care patients throughout central and lower Michigan. This year volunteers will meet at the Bannister ZCBJ Hall on Saturday April 27th to put together lap robes, clothing protectors, neck pillows, catheter bag covers and hand pillows. Everyone (members and non- members) are welcome to help with these projects even if you don't sew. Help is needed with ironing, stuffing pillows, making gift tags, cutting batting, etc. If you do sew, you are welcome to bring your own sewing machine or we have a few extra machines that can be used. Please come anytime between 8am and 4pm if you would like to help. A potluck lunch will be served at noon. Last year more than 600 items were made for local patients.

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Of course it has been another busy day and I've had a problem with trigger fingers on my left hand. It would appear that I have forgotten how to ease out those beggars. What threw me was that the cause was merely holding a series of register tapes while doing a bit of bookkeeping. Granted I had spent over an hour running tallies and totals. I was darn near finished when the cramping started. Must be that I'm doing many bodily functions incorrectly. The message that I keep getting from myself and others of concern is that I need to slow down. In all honesty, I have slowed down so much that I fear that if I go any slower I will definitely falter. As in trip over my feet daily, stub my toes and blacken my nose. I'm figuring out how to use different implements to improve my functional status. I made a quick trip to Lansing to have a picnic in the park with my friend Sandy. (Prudence was also in attendance). Now I wish that I was more like her, Sandy not Prudence. She trims trees, does domestic wiring, all around handy person and very mechanically inclined. Of course like all of my friends she is intelligent and has good common sense. I have been well blessed. Pru is one of my blessings because of her unconditional affection and loyalty.

Business was slow today at MG's Perx & Pastries which did give us time to refill our show case. We went through a batch of cookies, a batch of old fashioned apple donuts, a batch of biscuits and half a batch of cinnamon rolls. Diane makes the donuts and added raspberry filled fried pies this morning and I made up another batch of double chocolate chip cookies. We had to replenish our egg supply because of all the omelets and breakfast sandwiches that were ordered. Thus I had the time to work on the bookkeeping and drink coffee. And field questions from some of our patrons. Life is good.

When I finally made it home at four this afternoon I took a nap, it lasted for two hours, I must have been tired. Then Prudence and I picked up branches from the yard and added them to the burn pile. I also had a few broken boxes that needed to be ignited. Fortunately there was no wind. It was glorious out there. I hated coming back into the house but I did have a few more chores to be addressed. That being a sink full of dishes and a batch of clothes for the washer. After which I changed into one of the marvelous caftans that Therese had created for me. The mellow yellow and white one is made of very soft t-shirt material, it is so comfy and cool, wearing it makes me feel spoiled. The black and white one is elegant. I plan on wearing them all summer long in the garden because they are so breezy and should help me stay comfortable. That is my hope. Thank you Therese. Now I need to find a large floppy hat to ease sunburns.

I've talked about the 'owl people', I was fortunate enough to finally see one of the short horned owls for myself. I turned right on Taft off from Woodbridge and there on the south side of the road sat one of the owls in a singular tree. It was a beauty, and I sat there for about twenty minutes before I moved on. It was still there when I left the area. Of course I didn't have a camera with me and the critter was on the north field of the Glowney farm. I will probably never have another close encounter with the owls and be able to take their picture. Such is life.

I am thrilled, tickled pink with purple polka dots... All but one of the cats have been successfully neutered. Whose-it is scheduled for 7:30 AM on April 27th to be given his shots and neutered. It is also the Saturday that the free community breakfast will be held in Elsie until noon and MG's will be closed. Thanks to Karen's cleverness I will be able to capture the critter. Using catnip works very well. I do hope that the weather will be dry that Friday when I get home from the shop. Possibly I will be able to plant some dill in my garlic patch if there is no rain. Oops, I almost forgot that I need to pick up the co-op order and also another therapy session. May your days be filled with new discoveries and wonderful possibilities. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2024

Response to Hubbard Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Clinton County resident Theresa Hubbard has a biased opinion when it comes to renewable energy in the state of Michigan. Perhaps she has a solar, wind lease or is a relative of one that does. Or, her opinion is based on her affiliation with the Clinton County Democratic party. For her to say farmers do not have rights when it comes to ordinances being placed by local governments on the regulations of zoning for large scale utility renewable energy projects, is incorrect. Ordinances are created to secure proper placement for all types of zoning. They do not prohibit these projects, as suggested by Hubbard.

In response to her recent Letter to the Editor in the Meridian Weekly, Hubbard is warning residents to not sign the petitions being circulated by the Citizens for Local Choice coalition, a non-partisan group of volunteers who are working to restore local control of renewable energy projects back from the state to local government where it belongs.

In November 2023, the Michigan legislature passed legislation that strips away local control of wind, solar, and battery energy storage systems (BESS). It was then signed by Governor Whitmer. This law is known as Public Act 233, which allows for the siting and permitting of these renewable energy projects from local communities to the unelected three member bureaucrats on the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Hubbard fails to mention that the MPSC is appointed by the governor and the commission regulates the utility rates by DTE and Consumers Energy. Under the governor's clean energy act, Michigan is projected to be solely dependent on solar energy production by 2040. Renewables are "intermittent" energy sources that rely on current fuel sources such as natural gas and coal which are currently being phased out. Increases in utility bills are expected, with higher costs passed on to you, the ratepayer.

Michigan residents need to decide if this power grab by the state is acceptable or not. PA 233 undermines a cherished Michigan right - local control of land use decisions.

Please sign the petition to place the question of returning local control back to the people of Michigan on the November 2024 ballot. Make YOUR voice heard!

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Attention Greenbush Township Residents & Cemetery Lot Owners

It's Spring clean-up time at the Eureka Cemetery. Your help is needed in removing your grave blankets and other decorations. There are trash barrels available and also the large disposal pit on the north side of the cemetery. Our maintenance worker would appreciate your assistance in helping to keep the cemetery in tip top shape. For more information please call Ramona Smith at 989-224-6197. Thank you in advance for your help.

Greenbush Township Clerk
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Making BIG Decisions

Dear Andy,

For the past 5 years I have been running my own business in my home state, so my parents could have more grandparent time. It has been working out nicely and I know my parents have enjoyed having me closer to home, as well as developing the stronger bond they have made with their granddaughters.

On Spring break last week with my family, I had the opportunity to spend several days with some friends I previously worked with for nine years in Florida. The company has made some outstanding changes and improvements with new owners. I have met the new owners who have offered me a position with opportunities that would enrich my life, as well as my daughters. The job is seasonal, due to the intense summer heat in Florida; the position starts in September and runs through May. We can still spend our summers in Michigan and my family can visit any time or holidays. The logistics of making the transition are doable for me and I intend to accept the job.

The new owners have invited me to work at a 10 day event next week. I could budget the time and the money. My clients would not be neglected while I was gone and I would need to make a few appointment changes. However, I am concerned about my 9 year old daughter taking that much time off school, if I brought her with me OR leaving the responsibility to others to care for her while I was gone. My parents said they would be available to meet the needs of my daughter for the 10 days I was gone. The oldest daughter, who is college age, said she would also help.

I have considered all the pros and cons; the pros win. But, I feel uncertain about rescheduling my clients and returning to Florida when we just got back from a vacation in Florida. I feel like I should be getting things in order to make the move at the end of August. What to do? What do you think I should do? Practical Single Mom

Dear Practical Single Mom,

Understandably, when you are a single mom, there are so many other people and situations to take into consideration before making a wise decision. You sound very sensible and cautious. I may be a little more impulsive but I think I would be inclined to take the 10 day experience to see if it is really what I want to do before taking the big leap at the end of summer. Ten days can go fast with a Grandpa and Grandma and a 9 year old. You would have the opportunity to embrace the job without worry of your daughters' care. You can Face Time or Skype every day. Children are resilient and do not have the same concept of time as adults. The time will go fast.

The Florida business must sincerely appreciate your skills and talent by giving you an opportunity to test the waters... prior to the actual big move. Also, being with friends for a few days over vacation is not the same as actually working the job or adjusting to the "positive" changes with the new owners. Your areas of expertise must truly be appreciated. I would say GO FOR IT! Take the 10 day Job! Hop on a Flight! Say Yes! You may have some doubts, which might have you run for a pint of double chocolate chunk ice cream; but be brave, take destiny into your own hands.

Only you can weigh the pros and cons of making short-term decisions and making big moves. Following your instincts and listening to your inner dialog of work ethics and obligation will not only indicate how courageous you are in making a decision, but you will also reap the rewards you are meant to have in life.

Deciding to take the 10-day opportunity could help bolster your confidence in finalizing the big decision of relocating. BE BRAVE FOR THE LIFE YOU WANT AND DESERVE! Feel the reward of overcoming fears. Take a chance and know that taking risks always pays off. My best advice is to make the decision based on your values and instincts. As soon as you make the decision one way or the other without - however, but, or worries, you'll know you made the right decision.

One of the greatest aspects of making a decision, you can always make another decision to change the last decision. Andy. Send your questions to: ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com



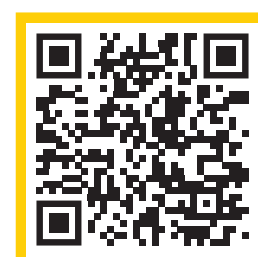
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Basket Weaving Workshop

submitted by Linda Ruehle

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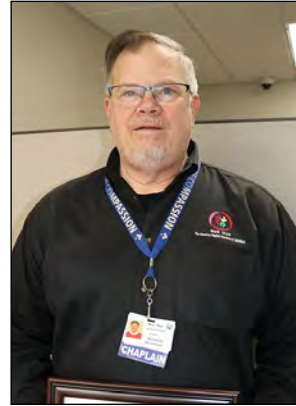
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Rev. Ray Stawser Named Memorial Healthcare March Employee of the Month

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Ray Stawser, a Spiritual Counselor for the Memorial Healthcare Hospice department for being selected as our March Employee of the Month. Ray has been employed with Memorial Healthcare for 14 years.

According to his nomination, "During this time, Ray has devoted his time to help patients of other departments. Ray has stepped into multiple roles that service our community including bereavement coordinator, leading support groups, and more. He truly takes the time to lend a listening ear to anyone who needs it. He has been described as wise, funny, kind, caring, and a bright light to those who need it. Ray is gifted at comforting patients and their families in the hardest of times."

Ray lives in Saginaw with his wife who is also a pastor, two children, and three grandsons. His hobbies include: playing golf, traveling, singing, yard work and carpentry. Ray's highest level of education is a Masters of Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His goal or dream is to continue to serve God and to travel to Europe in 2025. Ray's personal outlook is faith/spirituality is the key to true and lasting joy. He would like to be remembered as someone who is joyful, compassionate, faithful, and a good Christian leader. On being honored as Memorial Healthcare's Employee of the Month, Ray is quoted as saying, "I am blessed to be part of a great team and a growing visionary organization!"



Rev. Ray Stawser



You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis



(l-r): Michael Bancroft, Clayton Fruchey, Tyler Bancroft, Joe Bancroft, Phillip Rogers, Tava Kvalevog, Evan Gillespie, Claire Fruchey, Josiah Rogers, Jolene Nash, Lydia Rogers

Elsie First Baptist Church

This past Sunday, the service at First Baptist Church of Elsie was led by the youth/young adults. The youth/young adults each shared scripture passages, served communion and shared personal stories of their faith. This was a very special day not only for the church but for these individuals. If you'd like to watch the service you can view it on YouTube at Elsie First Baptist. You can also join us each Sunday at 9:30.

Fairfield Annual Roadside Clean-Up

submitted by Carolyn Long

It's that time of year again to clean up our roadsides! Fairfield Township residents and any others who would like to participate are invited to come to the Fairfield Township Hall Saturday morning April 20th around 9:30. You will be given garbage bags and gloves if needed. Roads will be assigned and you will all be invited back to the hall at 12:30 for a lunch provided by the township board. The dumpster will be delivered to the hall on Friday April 19th and won't be picked up until the 29th.

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Pictured above are Laingsburg Mayor Jeff Geasler (far left) and LBCA officer Ed Tyler (far right) holding the ribbon. Then, L to R are Beth Lange, Jen West, Kayla Schaffer with her son Jack and baby Chloe, Molly Wiegel, John Liskey, Rhonda Rhine, Ashton Morris, Connie Hinton, Cheryl Sickles, (center with scissors) Lisa and Tom Jelenek, Christina Baynes, Gwen George, Hannah Sebenick, Julie Cooper, Heather Strieff, Leah Esch, Shawn Ragsdale, Justin Horvath, Gail Geasler and Roy Liskey.

Connexion Opens in Downtown Laingsburg, Offering Tutoring Services to Community Youth

LAINGSBURG -- The community dream of Tom and Lisa Jelenek came to fruition last week, with formal ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the tutoring center they have dubbed "The Connexion."

A large gathering of Connexion board members, volunteer tutors and the founders were on hand with officials from the City of Laingsburg and the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA).

Under the direction of executive board member Heather Strieff, the center opens this month to 16 students from 1st to 4th grade from Laingsburg Elementary School, who will receive one-on-one educational help, particularly in math and reading. Thus far, 10 volunteer tutors -- including teachers, former teachers and National Honor Society students from the Laingsburg Community Schools -- have signed on to help the learning ship set sail.

The Jeleneks had the vision and foundation to open the adjoining property, The Clothesline, in the western half of the downtown development several years ago; a business with a goal to provide high-quality, gently-used clothing to the community at low cost and to those in need for free. The eastern half of the property -- known locally as the former Field Drug Store -- was in need of major renovation and has sat vacant for many years while improvements progressed.

It found a tenant when community volunteers recognized a need for an educational boost to young students. Explained Rhonda Rhine, a teaching lead at The Connexion and a third grade teacher at LES, "So much of a young person's self-esteem is tied to their ability to learn. We want to be here to help."

Lisa Jelenek, herself a retired teacher from LES, said "... education is so important. Tom and I are elated to have this group of people come together for such an essential goal. Community benefitting community."

Calling All Artist of All Ages

submitted by Sara Danford

Laingsburg Public Library is hosting a miniature art exhibit with a theme of "Reading is Magical" for the month of May. For a cash donation of \$5 entrants will receive a 4"x4" canvas and easel from the library, which is located at 255 E Grand River Road in Laingsburg. Submissions are due by April 29th, divided into four age groups, and will be juried by art professionals and public vote. Age groups are divided as follows: K-3rd grade, 4th-7th grade, 8th-12th grade, and post high school / adult. Winners will be announced, with prizes, the weekend of Laingsburg Lion's Spring Festival, which coincides with Memorial Day. Please call Sara with any questions or concerns at 517-614-0968. Pick up your canvas today and HAVE FUN!

Dementia Caregiver Series

submitted by Christine Histed

The Dementia Caregiving Series is an in person 3-session series ideal for those caring for a person with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. It assists with reducing caregiving stress by providing useful tools and information. It is recommended to attend all 3 sessions, but it is not required. Anyone is welcome to register, including professional caregivers and/or individuals simply interested in learning more about dementia.

This series will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, MI from Thursdays, May 9 -- May 23, 2024 at 12:30 -- 2:00 pm

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Matter of Balance is an interactive workshop which aims to reduce fall risk, increase physical activity, and reduce the fear of falling in older adults. The workshop includes exercises to improve balance, strength, coordination, and stability.

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Sports

Marauder Tennis Girls Slam Past Owosso, Winning 7 or 8 Matches

OWOSSO -- Facing the first of three matches away from Ovid-Elsie, the Lady Marauder tennis team opened its 2024 season with a convincing 7-1 victory over the host Trojans.

At first singles, Jollee Swender defeated Ginger Golombisky of Owosso, 6-2, 6-0. At #2 singles, O-E's Ellyanna Carman def. Rebekah Starr, 6-0, 6-0.

Owosso broke through for its one win at third singles, with Lauren Collard def. Jenna Tomasek, 6-2, 6-1.

Kaia Spiess bounced back for the Marauders at #4 singles, downing Jodie LeDressay, 6-4, 6-1.

In the doubles matches:

-- No. 1 - Willow Evans and Hailie McCreery, Ovid-Elsie def. Addison Collard and Olivia Scrimger, Owosso, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

-- No. 2 - Evaley Swender and Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Charlotte DeWeese and Lillian Pumford, Owosso, 6-2, 6-3.

-- No. 3 - Autumn Baczkiewicz and Ava Anderson, Ovid-Elsie def. Cassidy Jones and Gabrielle Dalley, Owosso, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

-- No. 4 - Jolene Hebler and Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Vada English and Megan Hemenway, Owosso, 6-0, 6-1.

Lady Wolves Keep Shutting Teams Out; Sweep CMAC Twinbill at Fulton

FULTON-MIDDLETON -- Laingsburg's varsity softball team opened defense of its 2023 CMAC championship with a twinbill clubbing of the host Pirates here April 8.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack moved to 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the circuit, with 16-0 and 16-1 romps.

The opener went five innings, LHS scoring 3 in the top of the 1st, 4 in the 2nd and 4 in the 3rd to bust the game open. The Pack pounded out 17 hits, including safeties from Ashley Bila (3-for-3), Savvy Stirn (2-for-3, two RBI), Bella Latuszek (2-for-4, two RBI), Addyson Buchin (2-for-3, two RBI), Peyton Stahr (3-for-4, 3 RBI), Ella Merrell (1-for-2 with a walk), Harper Strouse (1-for-4, two RBI), Alaina Asher (2-for-4, two runs scored) and Alayna Merrell (1-for-3, two runs scored, one RBI).

Buchin fired a one-hitter, striking out 12 and walking none to pick up her 2nd win of the young season.

After three consecutive shutouts, the Wolves finally coughed up a run in the second game. Armed with a 15-0 lead, Stahr rolled to the pitching win, striking out six and walking one over three innings.

Buchin drove in four runs in support of Stahr, with Bila, Stirn, Latuszek, Stahr, Strouse and Makenna Johnston all adding hits as Cheadle chalked up his 881st career victory.

Top-Rate Ovid-Elsie, Laingsburg Girls Soccer Teams Battle to 1-1 Draw

OVID-ELSIE -- In the season opener between two of the area's top-rated girls soccer teams, Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg ended in a 1-1 draw here April 4.

Despite playing short-handed and numerous players stepping up to play in unfamiliar positions, " ... we demonstrated resilience and determination," Marauder coach Jerome White.

Seniors Ava Bates and Evalyn Cole led the Marauder effort, with Bates making 8 saves and Cole scoring O-E's only goal with a striking shot from 30 yards out.

Laingsburg's goal came when leading scorer Desire Knoblauch rang a shot off the post, then beat Bates by scoring off her own rebound.

Joy Antcliff made 7 saves in goal for the Lady Wolves. "Our team possessed well and played very well together -- with freshmen starting in our first game out," explained Wolfpack coach Natalie Elkins. "O-E is a great host -- we love the opportunity to play them."

Explained White, "Our high work rates across the board were key to securing the draw."



Evalyn Cole scores only goal for OE in season opener against Laingsburg

Lady Marauders Open MMAC With Doubleheader Sweep of Durand

OVID-ELSIE -- The Lady Marauder varsity softball team began its 2024 season with a strong start. O-E racked up 15 runs on 6 hits and 4 walks in a 15-0 MMAC whitewashing of Durand.

Junior Jamie Houska led all hitters with 2 at bats, 3 runs scored on 2 hits and an RBI. Mercedes Grieder and Maddisyn Miller led the team in RBI with two apiece.

Kaitlyn Fry got the start in the circle with 1.1 innings pitched, 3 strike outs and 1 walk. Grieder finished the game for the Marauders pitching 1.0 innings, 2 strikeouts and a walk, earning her first varsity pitching win of the 2024 season.

Coach Rachel Winter's Marauders won the second game of the double header, 16-1, to sweep the Lady Railroaders. Grieder pitched game two as well, getting the win with 3.0 innings pitched, striking out 4 and walking 2. Junior Olyvia Coon led all hitters in game two with 3 at bats, 3 runs scored on 2 hits, and 4 RBI.

MHSAA Announces Spring 2024 Post-Season Dates

EAST LANSING -The 2023-24 prep spring sports campaign culminates with postseason tournaments, as the championship schedule begins with the Upper Peninsula Girls & Boys Golf and Boys Tennis Finals during the week of May 27 and wraps up with Girls Soccer, Baseball and Softball Finals on June 15.

Here is a complete list of winter tournament dates:

-- Baseball: Districts -- May 23-June 1, Regional Semifinals -- June 5, Regional Finals, Quarterfinals -- June 8, Semifinals -- June 13-14, Finals -- June 15.

-- Golf: LP Boys Regionals -- May 27-June 1, UP Girls & Boys Finals -- May 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 or June 1, LP Boys Finals -- June 7-8.

-- Girls Soccer: Districts -- May 22-June 1, Regionals -- June 4-8, Semifinals -- June 11-12, Finals -- June 14-15.

-- Softball: Districts -- May 23-June 1, Regionals -- June 8, Quarterfinals -- June 11, Semifinals -- June 13-14, Finals -- June 15.

-- Tennis: LP Girls Regionals -- May 15-18, UP Boys Finals -- May 29, 30, 31 or June 1, LP Girls Finals -- May 31-June 1.

-- Track & Field: Regionals -- May 16-18, Finals -- June 1.

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Sports

Marauders Sport Top Finishers Across the Board at Fowlerville Track Invitational

FOWLERVILLE -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity track teams turned in top performances across the board, competing in the annual Gladiator Track and Field Invitational here April 5.

"It was cold, but a great day," said veteran coach Doug Long. "We found out a few things about what our team is capable of doing."

Battle Creek Harper Creek won the team title with 150 points, followed by Chesaning 109, Olivet 97, Tecumseh 59 and O-E 52.

The Marauders' top finisher was again junior Tryce Tokar. The two-time Division 3 pole vault champion won the event again Friday, with his vault of 14 feet besting nearest competitor Nixon of Chesaning by more than 1 1/2 feet.

Tokar also helped the Marauder boys to third-place finishes in the 4x200- (1:39.28) and 4x400-meter (3:44.32) relays, pairing with Bruce Thornton, Jamison Custer and Clayton Fruchey in the former; and Custer, Clay Powell and Travis Milner in the latter.

Other top finishers for the Marauders included:

- Milner (Fr.), 4th, 400-meter run, 55.54
- Powell (Jr.), 2nd, 800-meter run, 2:10.12
- 3rd, 4x800-meter relay (Milner, Josh Miller, Custer, Powell), 9:03.65
- Milner, 3rd, long jump, 18-6
- Jessica Kozlowski (Jr.), 5th, 100-meter hurdles, 18.37
- 5th, 4x100-meter relay (Kozlowski, Kyla Washburn, Samantha Snider, Braeden Tokar), 58.04
- 5th, 4x400-meter relay (Audrey Bensinger, Tava Kvalevog, Kaia Spiess, Rachel Spitzley), 4:49.09
- 2nd, 4x800-meter relay (Spiess, Clarissa Baese, Piper White, Bensinger), 11:22.78.

Lady Orioles nip Marauder thinclads; O-E boys roll in 2024 dual meet opener

OVID-ELSIE — Ovid-Elsie's boys track team rolled to an easy, while the Lady Marauders were nipped by a mere 5 points in the 2024 dual meet opener here April 10.

Morrice scored a 59-54 win in the girls' competition, while O-E won 12 of 15 events in the boys competition, cruising to a 113-23 romp.

For coach Doug Long's male Marauders, first places were logged by: Owen Long - 100 12.03 and 200 24.90

Travis Milner - 400 53.46 and LJ 19'5.75"

Clay Powell - 800 2:19.95

JD Miller - 5:22.46

James Kelly - 3200 11:56.26

4x100 Relay - Tokar/Lover/Long/Fruchey 48.04

4x200 Relay - Tokar/Travis Milner/Long/Fruchey 1:35.98

4x400 Relay - Rasch/Marshall Leavitt/JD Miller/Powell 4:14.19

4x800 Relay - Travis Milner/Hunter Bates/JD Miller/Powell 9:46.61

Brock Spitzley - DS 114'8"

Jeremiah Stewart - HJ 5'2"

Tryce Tokar - PV 14'6"

2nd Places:

Clayton Fruchey - 100 12.08

Tryce Tokar - 200 25.35

Clay Powell - 400 54.46

JD Miller - 800 2:24.14

James Kelly - 1600 5:32.81

Jeremiah Stewart - 3200 13:04.84

Jackson Custer - 110H 19.32 and 300H 49.20 and LJ 16'6"

Trey Milner - SP 35'8"

Clayton Fruchey - HJ 5'0"

And 3rd Places:

Wyatt Lover - 100 12.13 and 200 25.74

Nolan Rasch - 400 59.57

Jeremiah Stewart - 1600 5:51.86

Mitchell Gonzalez - 3200 13:35.02

Alex Wright - 110H 21.02

Brock Spitzley - SP 35'5.5"

Trey Milner 88'11"

Anthony Silva - LJ 15.11.75"

For coach Nick Hufnagel's Lady Marauders, winners included:

— Audrey Bensinger, So., 400-meter run, 1:09.21

— Kaia Spiess, Sr. 800-meter run, 2:51.01; 3200-meter run, 14:18.88

— Piper White, Jr. 1600-meter run, 6:18.74

— Jessica Kozlowski, Jr. 100-meter hurdles, 18.13

— Samantha Snider, Sr., 13-11 3/4.



Jessica Kozlowski won the 100 meter hurdles against Morrice on April 10th.

Marauder Sackers Open 2024 with 12-6 Conquest of Durand

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid- Elsie's varsity baseball team doubled up the Durand Railroaders, winning 12-6 in the Marauders' home opener.

Coach Mike Loynes' Marauders got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Brody Howard doubled, scoring one run, Corbyn Janes drew a walk, scoring one run, Caven Brooks drew a walk, scoring a run, and Brayden Leland doubled, plating two runs.

Ovid-Elsie adding two runs in the second. Brooks doubled, making the score 7-0.

Jake Bowen homered to left field, scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth for O-E.

Janes earned the win for the Marauders, surrendering one hit and five runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out nine and walking five. Freshman Howard threw two innings of zero-run ball for O-E in relief.

Brooks went 2-for-3 at the plate as they led the team with five runs batted in. O-E accumulated nine walks for the game. Javen Belill, Lane Wiktorowski, and Jake Bowen led the team with two walks each.

Durand bounced back in the nightcap to nip the Marauders, 4-3.

Wiktorowski shows sharp eye, Bowen a quick bat as O-E slugs past Dansville, 8-6

DANSVILLE -- Lance Wiktorowski showed a strong eye at the plate, as he walked three times while leading O-E to an 8-6 non-league varsity baseball victory at Dansville.

Mike Loynes' Marauders built a 6-run lead in the fourth inning and then held off a Dansville charge. The host Aggies closed the gap by scoring on an error, a single, a single, a fielder's choice, and a triple.



OE slides into a win against Dansville

O-E jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning when Jake Bowen singled, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs.

The Marauders added two runs in the second inning when Bowen singled again. Bowen went 2-for-3 on the day.

Bowen earned the win for Ovid-Elsie on the mound. The righty allowed four hits and two runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out four and walking one. Caven Brooks collected the save.

Gage Wiktorowski and Bowen each collected two hits. Overall the Marauders showed a strong eye at the plate, tallying six walks for the game. G. Wiktorowski, Corbyn Janes, and L. Wiktorowski each stole multiple bases as Ovid-

Elsie collected 9 stolen bases in game one.

O-E, now 2-0 on the young season, was down 3-10 in the game two when the game was called due to visibility.

Wolfpack Sackers Whitewash Morrice, Move to 2-0 on Season

MORRICE -- Laingsburg's promising 2024 baseball season opened with a doubleheader whitewashing of Morrice.

Dodging raindrops and inclement weather, as is the custom for spring baseball in mid-Michigan, coach Todd Randall's club romped to 20-0 and 10-0 victories over the Orioles.

Dom Garcia and Elliot Wilsey were big hitters for Laingsburg.

Wolfpack Soccer Girls Make It 2-Straight With Big Win Over Perry

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg's girls soccer team rolled to its 2nd-straight win, staying the young CMAC race with a 6-0 thumping of league rival Perry.

Now 2-0-1 -- the only blemish a season-opening tie at Ovid-Elsie -- the Lady Wolves got a big offensive night from Addison Elkins. Payge Woodworth slotted a ball though to Elkins for the first goal, and the rout was on.

Elkins furthered the scoring on an assist-through to Woodworth, then a corner to Callie Clark with a well aimed ball to the low corner for a score.

The Ramblers committed two penalties on handballs, Elkins making them pay with two penalty-kick scores. Clark then assisted on a corner to Addison Rusz who tipped it to Woodworth for the crash score.

The Wolfpack JV girls win in a 20 minute half, 4-0 over Perry.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE/TRUST ESTATE
Elizabeth M. Jaehnig; Date of birth:
July 2, 1939 TO ALL CREDITORS: *
The decedent, Elizabeth M. Jaehnig,
who was domiciled at
3500 Coolidge Road,
East Lansing, Michigan 48823
died on March 12, 2024.
There is no personal representative
of the decedent's estate to whom
Letters of Authority have been
issued. Creditors of the decedent
and/or the ELIZABETH JAEHNIG
REVOCABLE TRUST DATED
AUGUST 4, 2016 are notified that all
claims against the estate will be for-
ever barred unless presented to:
John M. Jaehnig 975 Sonesta
Avenue NE, Unit 106 Palm Bay,
Florida 32905 within 4 months after
the date of publication of this notice.

Davis Crocker P86555
Attorney for the ELIZABETH
JAEHNIG REVOCABLE TRUST
DATED: AUGUST 4, 2016
SHEA Law, PLLC
26100 American Drive Second Floor
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 354-0224

(04/14)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

FILE NO. 24-32157-DE
Estate of Judy Ann Slocum,
Date of birth: February 26, 1944
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO
CREDITORS: The decedent, Judy
Slocum, who lived at 9520 West
Moss Road, Essex Township, MI
48835 died on February 21, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are noti-
fied that all claims against the estate
will be forever barred unless pre-
sented to Tracy Redoutey named
personal representative, or to both
the probate court at 100 East State
St. 4th floor. St. Johns, MI 48879
and the named personal representa-
tive within 4 months after the date of
publication of this notice.

Tracy Redoutey
1300 Theodore St.
Lansing, MI 48915
Matthew Samuels (P80546)
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
BY ADVERTISEMENT.** Notice is
given under section 3212 of the
revised judicature act of 1961, 1961
PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the fol-
lowing mortgage will be foreclosed
by a sale of the mortgaged premises,
or some part of them, at a public auc-
tion sale to the highest bidder for
cash or cashier's check at the place of
holding the circuit court in CLIN-
TON 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 prop-
erty. A potential purchaser is encour-
aged to contact the county register of
deeds office or a title insurance com-
pany, either of which may charge a
fee for this information. **MORT-
GAGE INFORMATION:** Default has
been made in the conditions of a cer-
tain 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 docu-
mented 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 mort-
gage 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 fore-
closure sale under Chapter 32 of the
Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pur-
suant to MCLA § 600.3278, the bor-
rower 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 peri-
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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 informa-
tion, 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

(03-24)(04-14)

**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 auc-
tion sale to the highest bidder for cash
or cashier's check at the place of hold-
ing the circuit court in Clinton County,
starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on
May 1, 2024. The amount due on the
mortgage may be greater on the day of
sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale
does not automatically entitle the pur-
chaser to free and clear ownership of
the property. A potential purchaser is
encouraged to contact the county reg-
ister of deeds office or a title insurance
company, either of which may charge
a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis
Lane Anderson, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Independent
Mortgage Co. South MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any):
Independent Bank
Date of Mortgage: February 6, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: March
1, 2006
Amount claimed due on date of
notice: \$45,590.29
Description of the mortgaged prem-
ises: Situated in Township of Ovid,
Clinton County, Michigan, and
described as: All that part of the South
1/2 of the North 1/2 of Block "P" lying
between the North 50 feet and the
South 78 feet thereof, Village of Ovid,
Clinton County, Michigan, also
except; Beginning at a point on the
East line of Block "P" 50 feet South of
the Northeast corner of the South 1/2
of the North 1/2, running thence South
30 feet West 110 feet, North 30 feet,
East to point of beginning, Village of
Ovid, township of Ovid, Clinton
County, Michigan
Common street address (if any): 315
N West St, Ovid, MI 48866-9695
The redemption period shall be 1 year
from the date of such sale, unless
determined abandoned in accordance
with MCL 600.3241a.
If the property is sold at foreclosure
sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised
Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to
MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be
held responsible to the person who
buys the property at the mortgage
foreclosure sale or to the mortgage
holder for damaging the property dur-
ing the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a
military service member on active
duty, if your period of active duty has
concluded less than 90 days ago, or if
you have been ordered to active duty,
please contact the attorney for the
party foreclosing the mortgage at the
telephone number stated in this notice.
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Date of notice: March 31, 2024
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