

## Laingsburg Seniors Sign to Compete at the Next Level

In a couple weeks, the Laingsburg Class of 2024 will graduate 80 students, out of those graduating seniors, 10 students have signed Letters of Intent to compete in athletics at the college level. On Tuesday, May 7th, parents, grandparents, friends, classmates and coaches were in attendance to witness and celebrate the occasion.

Zander Woodruff signed with Lansing Community College to play basketball with the LCC Stars. He is the son of Coy & Jenny Woodruff. Brynn Wilson signed with Alma College to play volleyball as a Scottie. She is the daughter of Todd & Holly Wilson. Elliott Wilsey signed with Grand Valley State to play football for the Lakers. He is the son of Troy & Michelle Wilsey. Isabella Strieff signed with Lansing Community College to play volleyball for the LCC Stars. She is the daughter of JJ & Heather Strieff. Ty Randall signed with Grand Valley to play baseball for the Lakers. He is the son of Todd & Tracy Randall. Desire Knoblauch signed with Muskegon Community College to play soccer, She is the daughter of Vern & Charman Knoblauch. Callie Clark signed with Lansing Community College to play volleyball for the LCC Stars. She is the daughter of Shane & Angela Clark. Jack Borgman signed to compete in the track program at Lansing Community College. He is the son of Brian & Stacey Borgman. Ashley Bila signed with Central Michigan University to play softball for the Chippawas. She is the daughter of Brian & Lisa Bila. Jackson Audretsch signed with Northwood University to play football with the TimberWolves. He is the son of Kristy & Andy Hagerty.



Zander Woodruff with  
parents Coy &  
Jenny Woodruff



Brynn Wilson with  
parents Todd &  
Holly Wilson



Elliott Wilsey with  
parents Troy &  
Michelle Wilsey



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Charman Knoblauch



Callie Clark with  
parents Shane &  
Angela Clark



Jack Borgman with  
parents Brian &  
Stacey Borgman



Ashley Bila with  
parents Brian &  
Lisa Bila



Jackson Audretsch  
with parents Kristy &  
Andy Hagerty

## City of Ovid Forges Ahead on Master Plans

by Karen Anderson, Local Correspondent

The City of Ovid Master Plan and the Ovid Parks and Recreation Master Plan are both in the process of new and future developments. In conjunction with the Spicer Group, Saginaw MI, coordinated by Mike Daly-Martin, with expertise in development and assessments, the City of Ovid has created a Planning Commission Board. The Committees are excited to forge ahead with plans for the improvement and ideas for the City of Ovid.

The Planning Commission Board includes Lori Ally, President, Michelle Soliz, Vice President, Melissa Jones, Secretary, Eric Starn, Council Member Representative, and Danielle Collins. Several interested citizens and Jacklyn Hutchenson, Economic Development Services for Clinton County were in attendance at the first meeting held on April 29, 2024.

Hutchenson presented several available Grant applications for small towns and city improvements. She has agreed to help with the logistics of submitting appropriate applications and obtaining the requirements. Discussions included the agenda goals and the time frame for a successful progression of the plans. The first objective is to set up a survey for the public to

have input.

A survey was presented for review. On May 6th the committee made corrections and additions to present it to Spicer Group to publish the survey document. There will be access to the survey on [www.ovidsurvey.com](http://www.ovidsurvey.com). Community Facebook page and Posters with a QR code that can be scanned.

There will be an announcement forthcoming if an individual would like a hard copy or assistance completing the survey. A time will be scheduled and announced to meet at the Ovid Library and a volunteer will assist you in completing your survey form.

Watch for City of Ovid posters placed around town at local businesses to scan your survey code. Your opinion will be reviewed and greatly appreciated.

The DNR requires the Parks and Recreational Plan to schedule a Public Hearing. A notice will be announced within 15 days prior to the Public Hearing.

The projected date for the final plans is January 10, 2025, at the regular City Council meeting for the City of Ovid. Watch for future announcements and articles for the ongoing progress of the plans.

## Williamston Community Schools Teacher Chosen as Michigan Finalist for Presidential Teaching Award

submitted by Conni Crittenden

Becky Durling, a Young Fives teacher at Discovery Elementary in Williamston, has been selected as a Michigan Finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Durling, a teacher with the Williamston Community Schools for 20 years is now a national finalist to receive a PAEMST award, the nation's highest honor for U.S. K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teachers. The awards program is administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

State nominees represent the most outstanding teachers Michigan has to offer and serve as both a model and an inspiration to students and fellow teachers.

"Teaching STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) with my Young Five students is an amazing experience because it is all around us. We may be on a walk and discover ants and want to start reading books to find out more. We can be out in our garden trying to engineer a way to keep the rabbits away from the lettuce. Every STEAM experience with my students feels exciting and sparks their curiosity, imagination, and deep thinking," says Durling.

"Ms. Durling is a distinguished, passionate, and dedicated educator, and lifelong learner," says Discovery Elementary Principal Cassie Pfander. "Her love for students and teaching is evident in the Young Fives program she has been instrumental in building at Discovery Elementary and in her work throughout the building, district, and educational community. Ms. Durling is a true academic leader and an asset to Discovery Elementary, Williamston, and the educational community." As a state nominee for the national award, Durling will be recognized at the 2024 Michigan Science Teachers Association Awards dinner later this year.

Each year, a national committee of prominent mathematicians, scientists, mathematics/science education researchers, district level personnel, and classroom teachers recommends up to 108 teachers to receive PAEMST awards. Up to two teachers—mathematics or science—from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Territories as a group (comprising American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and schools operated in the United States and overseas by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) receive the award. Teachers who are selected as PAEMST awardees receive a trip to Washington, D.C., where they attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities. They also receive a \$10,000 award from NSF, a Presidential certificate, and join an elite cohort of award-winning teachers who can influence state/jurisdiction and national STEM teaching.

Becky is a 1998 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School and the daughter of Harold and Vivian Durling of Elsie.



Becky Durling

# Social

## Attention O-E Grads From 1965-1985

A planning committee is working on a reunion for all Ovid-Elsie graduates from 1965-1985. We are asking all classes that have a website on Facebook to please share it with us, so we can put the reunion information on their particular site.

We are inviting any classmates from 1965-1985 who may have time to join us for a meeting of the minds on Tuesday, May 14th at 12:00 noon in Ovid at Eatery 121.

Thanks in advance.

Kella Carter, [kellajeanc@gmail.com](mailto:kellajeanc@gmail.com)  
Carolyn Long, [ckwlong@yahoo.com](mailto:ckwlong@yahoo.com)  
989-277-4826

### Sciota Township Board Shiawassee County, Michigan

#### NOW ACCEPTING AUDITING BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR RECORDS

The Sciota Township Board is accepting 4-year bids to audit the township fiscal year records. Sealed bids are due to the township clerk no later than Friday, June 7, 2024, by 4:00 pm. (drop-box available in driveway). Please contact the township clerk with any questions.

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
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## Retired School Personnel to Meet

*submitted by Peg Zink*

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 510 Mabbitt Rd., Ovid, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our speaker is Earl Wolf with a presentation on Monarch Butterfly Migration. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to [rzick5039@gmail.com](mailto:rzick5039@gmail.com) or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, May 10, 2024 by noon.

## Elsie Historical Society to Meet

The next meeting of the Elsie Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, May 15th at 7pm at 145 W. Main Street (East Entrance of Library, look for the Blue Flag). Every one is welcome. The Historical Room is Open to the Public every Wednesday from 1pm-5pm.

## Portrait Painting with Philip Ruehle

*submitted by Linda Ruehle*

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be offering another Portrait painting 6 week series with Artist/Instructor, Philip Ruehle, MFA. Sessions will be held on Fridays, May 17 - June 28 (no class on May 24). 10AM - 1PM.

Explore the challenging, yet rewarding genre of portrait painting with your choice of oils or acrylics. A special focus will be placed on anatomy, color theory, and various painting methods and techniques. Each class will consist of a demo and one-on-one instruction. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso.

The classrooms are handicap accessible. Pre-registration and payment required. Call the Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for registration or more information. The cost is \$175 for a SAC member and \$185 for a guest. An annual adult membership is \$40 and a senior annual membership is \$35. There is a supply list posted on the website at [shiawasseearts.org](http://shiawasseearts.org)

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## Special Board Meeting

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a special board meeting in the Middle School Media Center, before the scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Please visit our website at <http://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/> for up-to-date meeting information.

The special board meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. to review the Shiawassee RESD General Fund 2024-25 General Fund Operation Budget.

The regular board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public. Persons with disabilities, who may need special accommodations, may contact the Superintendent's Office at 517-651-2705 before the board meeting.

Board meetings are open to the public. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

## Historic Plow Day at DeVries Nature Conservancy

*submitted by Jessica Hickey*

DeVries Nature Conservancy is hosting a Historic Plow Day event on Saturday, May 18 from 9am to 3pm at 2635 N. M-52 in Owosso. The public is invited to bring a chair and picnic and watch horse teams plow a field the old-fashioned way, without any motorized equipment. There will also be a talk on the Carriage Makers of Mid-Michigan at 11am in the Carriage & Sleigh Museum on site, as well as guided nature walks throughout the day. Visitors will also be able to take a horse-drawn wagon ride while the horses are available. This event is free to attend. For more information, call DeVries at (989) 723-3365.

## Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on "Multiple Sclerosis"

*submitted by Dianna Vsetula*

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Thursday, May 23rd from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.

The topic of this educational presentation will be "Multiple Sclerosis" and will be presented by Dr. Jeanie Cote, a Neurologist at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience.

This presentation will be held in the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 W. King Street, in Owosso. Doors will be open at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at [RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org](mailto:RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org). RSVPs are due by Friday, May 17th.

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## The Cook Family Foundation Annouces UM Scholarship Recipients

submitted by Yvette Collard

The Cook Family Foundation continues to support the best and brightest students to attend the University of Michigan. From nine high schools in the greater Shiawassee area, 36 students have been awarded scholarships to the University of Michigan. This year, the scholarships awarded by the Foundation, the University of Michigan, and others totaled over \$659,500.

“It is great to get to honor and celebrate with these outstanding students. They’ve worked hard, and certainly deserve it!” said Foundation President, Paul Cook at the annual scholarship recognition reception held April 30 at the Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts. “We are excited and confident these students will go on to great things.”

Quinn Skarich of Owosso High School was awarded the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship, one of the highest accolades in the greater Shiawassee County region. This scholarship, recently endowed by Bruce and Jacqueline Cook after their recent passing, provides four years of undergraduate tuition to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, with a value in excess of \$65,000. An additional 35 students have received scholarships from the Cook Family Foundation, ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000.

Quinn is the daughter of Corbin and Dr. Nicholas (deceased) Skarich. Quinn is the valedictorian of her class at Owosso High School. In addition to being a top student – she has taken 6 AP courses, is the president of the Youth Advisory Committee of The Shiawassee Community Foundation, the Drum major of the Trojan Marching Band, the Captain of the Quiz Bowl Team, and active with the National Honor Society and International Club. Quinn is a Shiawassee Scholar, a program that the Foundation operates with the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District to support academically promising students through their high school careers.

Quinn has a strong interest in biology and medicine and is thinking about a career in Dentistry.

In recognition of the Foundation’s original benefactor, the Donald Cook Scholarship was awarded to two students this year: Haley Munson of Durand High School and Jorja Napier of Owosso High School. The Donald Cook Scholarship, endowed by the Cook Family Foundation, is awarded by the University of Michigan to a student attending the College of LS&A and is worth \$20,000. Donald Cook was a 1924 graduate of the University of Michigan who established the Foundation with his wife Florence-etta in 1978.

Haley Munson is a top ten student at Durand High School. Her parents are Loren Munson and Krystal McKinnis. In addition to being an outstanding student, Haley is an accomplished artist, a choir member of the Durand Madrigals and on-stage with the Drama Club. She plans to study Psychology at the University of Michigan.

Jorja Napier is the Valedictorian of Corunna High School. Her parents are George Napier and Kimberly Watson. In addition to being a top student – she is dual enrolled in college courses –

She is a successful athlete and has been a leader on her basketball, soccer, volleyball, and track teams. She is a Shiawassee Scholar. She intends to major in Chemistry and is considering a career in Medicine.

Another special event was the awarding of the third Kuhlman Family Scholarship, funded by UM alumni, Dr. Paul and Kit Kuhlman. The third recipient is Brody Webb. Brody is a top ten student at Perry High School. His parents are Stephen and Audrey Webb. Brody has played six varsity sports and is captain of the Rambler Soccer team. He is also captain of the quiz bowl team, and band president. He is also a Shiawassee Scholar. Brody intends to major in biology at UM with plans to become an optometrist.

The Kuhlman Scholarship is administered by the Cook Family Foundation, but funded by the Kuhlman Family. The benefactors are University of Michigan graduates, as are their chil-

dren, Matt and Kimberly. “A couple of years ago we decided to fund a scholarship to a local deserving student, and thought who better to help us navigate a scholarship to our alma mater, than my lifelong friend, Bruce Cook,” said Dr. Kuhlman, when asked how the scholarship came about. (Sadly, Bruce Cook passed away in 2023.)

Of the 36 scholarship recipients from the nine area high schools honored, six are valedictorians and three are salutatorians of their class and eighteen of them are Shiawassee Scholars from the eight high schools that are within Shiawassee County. Scholarship winners include, from Byron Area High School: Thomas Harris, Alana Riddell, and Mason Stark; from Chesaning Union High School: Makenzie Hall, Haylee Luft, Phoebe Malek, and Jeana Travis; from Corunna High School: Alex Granville, Claire Milton, Jorja Napier, Lillia Reid, Jude Suchyta, and William Walter; from Durand Area High School: Abigail Beland (2023 Graduate), Genavieve Bell, Madeline Bias, Julia Burk, Megan Dear-Marme, Avery Gilson (2023 Graduate), Kendall Hall (2023 Graduate), Haley Munson, Jacob Shankster, and Raegan Taylor; from Laingsburg High School: Jaylei Kramer; from New Lothrop High School: Emma Bishop, Liliana Bruff, and Colton Symons; from Ovid-Elsie Area High School: Mason Ritenburg; from Owosso High School: Rajvinder Kaur, Elijah Morgan, Karissa Potter, Kira Riedsema, Quinn Skarich, and Sierra Wright; from Perry High School: Madison Reeder, Calena Stevens, and Brody Webb.

With these awards, the Foundation has now helped more than 900 students attend the University of Michigan.



(l-r): Haley Munson Tom Cook, the Executive Director of the Cook Family Foundation; Quinn Skarich and Brody Webb

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2009, a certain Fixed Rate Mortgage was executed by Geraldine M. Garofalo and Roland J. Garofalo, as mortgagors, in favor of MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A., as mortgagee, which was recorded September 8, 2009 at Instrument No. 5148441, Clinton County Records; and, WHEREAS the mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the “Secretary”) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and, WHEREAS the mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, through mesne assignments as documented by a Corporate Assignment of Mortgage, dated March 30, 2015 and recorded May 26, 2015 at Instrument No. 5228370, Clinton County Records; and, WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that both mortgagors are deceased and the property described below is not the principal residence of at least one surviving Borrower; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of April 19, 2024 is \$296,080.90; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary’s designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on August 25, 2020 at Instrument No. 5297055, Clinton County Records, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. local time, the real property located in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, the below described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Lot 45, Northway Hills No. 2, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 29, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as: 12813 Houghton Dr. Tax Parcel No: 050-375-000-045-00 The sale will be held at the Clinton County Circuit Courthouse, which is located at 100 E. State St., Saint Johns, Michigan. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$299,440.36. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, their pro rata

share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling \$29,940.40 [10% of the Secretary’s bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier’s check, made payable to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$29,940.40 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he/she/they need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier’s check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale, as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall

be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier’s check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The mortgage cannot be “reinstated” prior to sale, as the event triggering acceleration was not a default in payments. Payment of the entire outstanding balance of the mortgage debt is required to stop the foreclosure. The “outstanding balance” includes amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if the debt under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs, posting costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to the sale. Date: April 22, 2024 Heide M. Myszak Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND SS. On this 22nd day of April, 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for Oakland County, appeared Heide M. Myszak, Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to me personally known and being duly sworn did say that said instrument was signed and did acknowledge the same to be her free act and deed. Name: Carolyn A. Hanna Notary Public, Macomb County, Michigan Acting in Oakland County, Michigan My Commission Expires: 2/5/2025 Drafted by and when recorded return to: Michelle K. Clark (P55841) Trott Law, PC 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Trott # 516582L01 (4-28) (5-12)



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(l-r) - Olivia Dysinger, Clayton Juhas, Carson Litwiller, Chase Kral, and Gibson Jason.

## Ashley FFA's Forestry Team at State Skills Contest

submitted by Amber McAllister

On Friday, April 19th, the Ashley FFA's Forestry Team participated in the State Skills Contest at MSU.

The Forestry team placed 3rd in the state with a gold ranking. Extra mention - Ashley FFA also took an agronomy and floricultural team that competed as well.

submitted by Piper Brewer

The Shiawassee Arts Council, celebrating its 52nd anniversary in 2024, awarded \$2,600 in scholarships to 28 students at the Annual SAC Scholarship Show & Competition held May 5th at the Arts Center. A record total of 160 students from nine area schools - Owosso, Corunna, New Lothrop, Ovid-Elsie, Perry, Durand, Morrice, Laingsburg, Byron and one home-schooled student participated in the show.

\$600 Janis Kazen Senior Award was presented to Corunna senior, Linda Hill, by Maureen Gilna. The award, which is given in memory of local artist Janis Kazen by her family, is granted to a graduating senior who plans on pursuing art at a college or university.

Two \$250 Walt Lawrence, Jr. Photography Awards were presented to Laingsburg sophomore, Aiden "Nexten" Platte and Perry Freshman Rylee Kue

Two \$150 Arlie & Rosemary Edwards Award were presented to Byron junior Myleigh Rohner and New Lothrop junior Grace Wendling. This award and the following award were established by the family of the founders of Edwards Sign & Screen Painting.

\$150 Michael Kovich "Caught My Eye" Award was presented to Perry junior Amelia Oxley

\$100 Molly & Trevor Morris Award was presented to Owosso senior Crystal Davis

\$100 Tom & Terry Svrcek Award was presented to New Lothrop senior Elif Arikon

\$100 Shiawassee Artists' Guild Award was presented to Durand sophomore Hailey Betts

\$100 Director's Choice Award was presented to Selena Arbogast, Ovid-Elsie freshman

\$75 Karen Stadler Award was presented to Owosso senior Katelyn Gunther

Two \$50 Jerry Power Awards were presented to Owosso senior Winston Hoag and Durand senior Melissa Flores. The family established the award in memory of pastel artist, Jerry Power.

Two \$50 Bethany Lardie Awards were presented to Morrice senior Ella Wyzga and Perry junior Cha Vang

Two \$50 Tom & Terry Svrcek Awards were presented to Perry senior, Makayla Sroufe and Owosso junior Katelyn Gunther.

Two \$50 Shiawassee Artists' Guild Awards were given to Corunna senior Annalee Brown and New Lothrop sophomore



Director's Choice Award was presented to Selena Arbogast, Ovid-Elsie freshman

Kelsey Kohlmann

Two Judge's Awards were presented to Ovid-Elsie senior Audrey Johns and Corunna senior Emily Wolfe

Nine \$25 Friend of the Arts Awards were presented.

Ace Barrett, Perry junior

Kloe Carpenter, Ovid-Elsie junior

Eve Hickey, Home School senior

Averi Lamrouex, Corunna junior

Carter Palacio, Owosso junior

Sophia Reyes (Velvet), Owosso junior

Birdie Thaczyk, Owosso senior

Hannayh Thomas, Morrice sophomore

Maryn Kisser, New Lothrop senior

For 52 years the Shiawassee Arts Council has offered scholarships to talented young art students. Since the establishment of SAC in 1972, over \$94,000 in scholarships and awards have been granted to provide students in grades 9-12 with recognition and financial assistance in their artistic growth.

Many thanks to the show sponsor John & Jeannette Smith, the award sponsors, the high school art teachers, SAC board and staff, parents and to the show chairperson and SAC Art Education Director Linda Ruehle and SAC Assistant Art Education Director Cora Walby. The professional judge, who resides in Saginaw, reviewed the work on originality, creativity, technical skill and presentation stated, "I was very impressed with the talent displayed and it made my job of jurying very difficult."

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*submitted by Ellen Link*

A group of approximately 15 people, including students and adults, are posing for a group photo. They are standing in front of a large, colorful display board titled "2019-2020 Student Council". The board is covered with various drawings, posters, and photographs. The group consists of several young women in the front row, some holding books or posters, and several adults standing behind them. The setting appears to be a school hallway or a display area.

"We believe that education is key to fostering a deeper understanding of environmental issues and inspiring action," said a spokesperson for GLR. "By providing these books to LCS libraries, we hope to empower young minds to become advocates for a sustainable future." The GLR plans to follow up with a similar book donation to Laingsburg's public library.



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## Asst. Fire Chief Terminated

The Elsie Area Fire Association held a special board on May 1st. At that time it was decided to terminate Assistant Chief Shane Grinnell from his duties with the Elsie Area Fire Department.

*Editors note: I reached out to Fire Board Chairman Craig Green last week to ask for an update on the issue. This is what he sent.*

## Consider Signing the Citizens for Local Choice Petition

Letter to the Editor:

Citizens for the Local Choice, a nonpartisan group of Michigan residents, is gathering signatures with hopes of placing the question of returning local control of large scale utility renewable energy project regulations on the November 2024 ballot.

Registered voters are being asked to sign the petition so they will have a say on whether the state maintains control or it is given back to the local communities. Your signature is not a statement of support for or against renewable energy. It simply is giving voters the right to choose - one of our most sacred rights as a free society is the ability to be able to vote on an issue.

In November 2023, the Michigan legislature passed legislation to strip local governments of the right to regulate large scale utility solar, wind and battery energy storage system facilities. The governor signed the legislation into law known as Public Act 233, which gave the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) the power to approve such projects.

Public Act 233 will become effective on Nov. 29, if it is not repealed by the ballot initiative. Renewable energy ordinances that have been enacted by your local county, townships and municipalities, will be null and void.

If local ordinances are more restrictive than the state mandates, energy companies can bypass local governments and work directly with the MPSC. Either way, the state has the final say over the sitting and permitting of these projects.

Under state mandates, setbacks from your property line will be lessened, making them more intrusive. Noise control over these projects will become non-existent. Residents living by the 1,900 acre Assembly Solar project in Shiawassee County constantly hear noise on a daily bases from inverters. Wildlife is being trapped within the facility. Drainage problems are common on non-participating properties because of this project.

Battery energy storage systems can be built on as little as 10 acres. Lithium battery energy storage systems are highly flammable, and fires can release toxic fumes.

Projects will be commissioned for a period of 25 to 40 years, with surrounding property values declining yearly. Local realtors say clients do not want to buy homes near renewable energy projects.

Ask yourself, do you and your family want to live a few hundred feet from these projects? Or, would you allow your local government to regulate these projects in areas that are suitable for wind, solar and battery energy storage systems.

Think about it before you say "no" when approached to sign a petition.

Orlin Stringham, Ovid

## The Castellows Invade the People's Republic of Ann Arbor

Earlier this spring, country music's sister trio the Castellows from Georgetown, Georgia performed at downtown Ann Arbor's The Blind Pig and the Mr. & Mrs. Weekly Sportsman were there. Known as a must stop for many music tours, the Blind Pig has hosted a wide array of new artists over the years including 10,000 Maniacs, Pearl Jam, Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana, and R.E.M. Tickets for the Castellows were purchased either last November or December from the Blind Pig for the paltry sum of \$12 a piece. But before further discussion about these huntin' and fishin' southern country farm girls let's talk about pre-concert food.

Although purposely arriving more than ninety minutes prior to doors opening the Weekly Sportsman was worried about the line because all tickets were general admission. There wasn't a soul insight but a large passenger van and trailer were spotted near the entrance with Tennessee plates. Castellow flyers were taped all over and the Weekly Sportsman snagged one off the windshield of the van. Figuring there was plenty of time to eat dinner, the search was on for some food that was not hippie-dippy, small portioned, farm to table, vegan, non-gmo, and overpriced food. Just by chance, within a few blocks of the Blind Pig, was the Earle which features country cooking from the provinces of France and Italy prepared by Chef Jason Buquet. Just like never judging a book by its front cover you should never judge a restaurant by its facade or lack thereof. After walking under scaffolding and entering a brick office building an elevator ride was required to the basement. As the doors open you become translocated to a dimly lit multi-level restaurant with walls covered in varying patterns of used wine corks. Just imagine the stories those corks could share of first dates, birthdays, anniversaries, graduation celebrations, and just plain gatherings of friends. Being presented with a two sided paper menu it would seem easy to make selections but that was not the case. It would take at least over twenty five dinner visits to properly explore the menu.

The Weekly Sportsman selected a beet and goat cheese salad along with duck breasts while Mrs. Weekly Sportsman opted for a dinner salad and a four cheese penne. The boneless duck breasts were sauteed to medium rare and served in a pan sauce with creme de cassis, strawberries, pears, and currants. The side vegetable was a potato turnip puree. This was some of the best duck the Weekly Sportsman has ever experienced and probably only second to an entire roasted duck glazed with marmalade and hot sauce prepared for a wild game dinner many years ago. The Four Cheese Penne was made especially for the cheese and pasta lover and didn't disappoint as the noodles were tossed with a bechamel cream sauce, with four cheeses (Pecorino Romano, Gorgonzola, Fontina and Gruyere), and then finished off with bread crumbs. This



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

## Editorial

entree will fill you up quickly but you won't be able to stop from finishing it because it just tastes so wonderful. While the Earle was just by chance stumbled upon it will surely be visited many times over on future visits to the People's Republic of Ann Arbor.

Now back to the young sister trio from Georgetown, Georgia who were farm raised and homeschooled by their mother when she wasn't working as an emergency room nurse. Their father serves as a local judge. Castellows is their band name and was also a great grandmother's maiden and was chosen as a way to honor her. Their real last name is actually

Balkcom and Eleanor and Powell are the oldest, and are triplets with their brother, while Lily is the youngest. Eleanor plays the guitar, Powell is on banjo, and Lily sings as lead vocalist and backup guitar. When performing together their voices harmonize into an incredible sound.

Their music is good and they have talent whether doing covers or writing and performing their own songs, however, the Weekly Sportsman is most impressed with their willingness to openly talk about their Christian upbringing on a cattle farm and love of family. These country girls are the real deal from driving John Deere's, riding their horses, baling hay, fishing, and hunting with a bow from a tree stand. During every concert, just like Uncle Ted, they ask if there are any hunters out there or if last season was any good. That night in Ann Arbor the crowd erupted and they followed with their song I Was Born With a Shotgun In My Hand. Although it was spring break, it is almost hard to believe that the Castellows were in and out with the liberals being none the wiser.

-WS

I thought that maybe I would tell you about how quickly your options change... This morning I was at the shop at six. First I parked the pickup in front of the shop so that I didn't need to cross the street carrying a large bag of groceries, a purse, and two gallons of cider. Yup, it was a heavy load and me, being a bit lazy chose to do it by following the path of least resistance. Of course I then needed to put the vehicle into the parking area. So time that I re-parked it I had been in and out of the pickup three times. Normally that would not be a problem, but this morning it actually created one. Through physical therapy I have been getting into the truck a different way, that is supposed to keep my hip and leg aligned correctly. Changing the manner in which you do something is a mind buster. I have been entering the truck the same way for over five years and now I have to remind myself to do it a new and better way. I halfway dropped into my old way until I realized that that was a path that I should not tread. Habits can cause much irritation.

Diane sent me on my way at ten, so I stopped to see Mr. Taylor about tilling my garden again this year. Of course I also managed to get it scheduled for Brent and Diane's also. If the weather permits, they will be done this Saturday. Translation, if we can avoid any more rain for the next couple of days then the clay can be tilled without turning into cement. It is great soil for growing my garden providing that the soil cooperates and is dry enough. Only time will tell. I then headed for home and the task of mowing the yard. I mowed and it greatly improved the overall appearance. I still need to trim around the trees and the ditch banks. Good thing that I have a decent weed wacker...too bad it is not done my remote control. Makes me wonder if I could get it to be grandchild controlled? The yard also needs to be raked fortunately for me I made a quick trip to Laingsburg and picked up the lawn do-hickey that picks up grass as you pull it around with your rider. I also got to have a cup of coffee with Therese and a short gab session. (We ladies did manage to get it into the back of my Silverado. Yes, we had to use a shovel to complete the process).

This is the first week that I could sleep in three days in a row. What a novel experience! Plus I didn't have physical therapy until Wednesday afternoon. During the experience Kelly talked me through it and of course added a few more exercises. Only two sets of ten, twice daily. I think that I'm still supposed to be doing the dozen with the same expectations. I don't think that I'm being blond... Any who, she used this new device on my left leg. It reminded me of a scraper that is used to remove flesh and such from hides to cure them. Luckily for me, the edge is smooth and not sharp. And I did feel a bit abraded when she was finished. Good thing that lotion was first applied before the scraper was used. Hopefully it also removed any dry skin and a few white hairs in the process.

Barb and Larry came down Tuesday afternoon. Larry drove the 'Bobcat' and Barb was the escort. While we ladies chit chatted, Larry went out behind the tool shed and scattered the wood chips and compost piles into a nice layer over the yellow clay that appears there. So now I'm ready to have my compost worms shipped. I'll put them out across this level and cover them with grass. They will aerate the ground well and help it to become richer and easier to work. To me, this is exciting and makes me feel a bit progressive. Actually a very nice rich green, good for both the ground and the atmosphere.

Enjoy the simple things, work with them and not against them. May God bless you with the insight that helps you view all of the interesting possibilities. Widen your view. God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2024



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Class of

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O-E Honor Students



**Rian Kirby GPA: 4.39**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Dave and Nicole Kirby  
Rian plans to attend Northern Michigan University to study Secondary Education



**Rachel Spitzley GPA: 4.39**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Duane and Dana Spitzley  
Rachel plans to attend MSU to study Journalism and Fashion Design and Apparel



**Jollee Swender GPA: 4.36**  
**Salutatorian**  
Parents: Gabriel and Kiersten Swender  
Jollee plans to attend MSU to study English & Women and Gender Studies



**Mason Ritenburg GPA: 4.29**  
Parents: Mike and Barb Ritenburg  
Mason plans to attend UofM  
Undecided on Study



**Braeden Tokar GPA: 4.29**  
Parents: Jason and Nicole Tokar  
Braeden plans to attend MSU-Lyman Briggs to study Undergraduate Degree in Biology



**Willow Evans GPA: 4.27**  
Parents: Eric and Shannon Bonga  
Willow plans to attend University of Olivet to study Psychology



**Emma Holley GPA: 4.26**  
Parents: Clare Holley and Mark Holley  
Emma plans to attend Michigan Tech to study Applied Ecology & Environmental Science



**Carson Wertz GPA: 4.23**  
Parents: Bryan and Angela Wertz  
Carson plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study Information Technology



**Kaia Spiess GPA: 4.21**  
Parents: Kyle and Marie Spiess  
Kaia plans to attend University of Hawaii at Hilo to study Kinesiology/Exercise Science



**Hailee Campbell GPA: 4.17**  
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*by Macklemore feat. Kesha*

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## Fourth Annual Shiawassee Triathlon “Shi-Tri” On May 19th

*submitted by Brianna Carroll*

OWOSSO – The fourth Shiawassee Triathlon (Shi-Tri) is set to commence on May 19th, 2024, through the combined efforts of the Fitness Coliseum and Friends of the Shiawassee River. The mission of the Shi-Tri is to promote community fitness and to support the Friends of the Shiawassee River. Proceeds from this year’s event will go toward improvements to help everyone Care for, Share, and Enjoy our treasured Shiawassee River. This year, the event expects to draw nearly 350 athletes who will combine community healthy lifestyles with responsible usage of our natural resources.

The Shi-Tri is a Run/Paddle/Bike Triathlon beginning and ending in Downtown Owosso with the route traversing along the beautiful Shiawassee River. Participants begin with a 3.8-mile run/walk from the Fitness Coliseum (210 S Water Street, Owosso, MI) to McCurdy Park in Corunna along the James Miner Trail. From there, athletes will take to the water in kayaks or canoes, paddling 3.5 miles toward Owosso, and exit the river just before the intersection of S. Water and Washington Streets. The third and final leg of the event will have participants biking a 9-mile loop through Owosso’s city streets and country roads back to the triathlon’s starting point (Fitness Coliseum).

The race will begin at 8am at the Fitness Coliseum parking lot with an awards ceremony commencing at approximately 12:30pm back at the same venue. The event has several competitive categories including 1st Place Overall Male, 1st Place Overall Female, 1st-3rd Place Relay Team, 1st-3rd Place: Youth (under 18), Men 18-29, Women 18-29, Men 30-39, Women 30-39, Men 40-49, Women 40-49, Men 50-59, Women 50-59, Men 60+, Women 60+, making this an event that provides inclusion for all. As in years prior, local Owosso Business, Darker Manufacturing Co. - will be handcrafting the medals for our



winners!

This event relies on the efforts of many, calling on more than 100 community volunteers – both the day of the event and the day before. Race officials additionally encourage spectators to join in on the fun by cheering on race participants along the route! So, even if you are unable to participate as an athlete this year, there are still plenty of ways to get involved. Further details on the whole event may be found at the Shi-Tri website at [www.shi-tri.com](http://www.shi-tri.com).

The race organizers would also like to extend their heartfelt gratitude this year’s sponsors – without whom this event would not be possible: Presenting Sponsor: Young Owosso; Run Sponsor: Norm Henry Shoes; Paddle Sponsor: RWI Manufacturing; Ride Sponsor: Great Lakes Ebikes; Swag Sponsor: Home Field Michigan Real Estate Consultants; Experience Sponsor: Shiawassee Health & Wellness; Fit & Fun Sponsor: Parson/Dedic Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo; Fuel Sponsor: Byk-Rak LLC; the Shi-CHAMP Sponsors: Merit Laboratories, Inc., REMAX of Owosso, Team One Credit Union; and the Shi-TRIBE Sponsors: Crest Marine, American Recycling Center, Inc., Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership, Great Lakes Family of Companies, and Shiawassee Health and Wellness

## Elsie Dam Update

*submitted by Dawn Levey*

Elsie – As the community is aware the Elsie Dam failed in August of 2023, leaving township officials with very few options and a public safety concern. Officials put their focus on applying for grants as applications became available. After review and consultation with the Dam Safety Regional Engineers as well as additional Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy partners, officials were notified that the project submitted for Elsie Dam has been selected for funding through the 2024 Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program! The determined award for Elsie Dam is \$1,200,000. The total project is two million dollars, Duplain Township officials are optimistic that the remainder of the funds needed will be made available through pending grants that have not been announced.

Duplain Township officials are asking residents to be patient as this project gets underway. Dam removal is the focus however, several studies and engineering designs must be completed prior to the construction. In addition, care must be taken to protect the Federally endangered species, the Snuffbox Mussel and the State protected Slipper Shell and Black shell mussels.

The park will remain closed until the project is completed.



## Carriage Days Updates

Plans are now being made for the September 7, 2024 Carriage Day event. The family friendly one day event will offer something fun for everyone. The committee will meet this Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm at Ovid City Hall and would like to invite anyone and everyone to come and share in the planning.

Plans for the one day event include an early morning 5K Run/Walk (a perfect fund raising opportunity for a team or organization), parade, kiddie tractor pull, arm wrestling tournament, arts&crafts vendors, awesome inflatables for kids (young and old), car show, bingo and several food trucks.

There’s room for more, if your group or organization would like to get involved please attend the May 15th meeting. Some other ideas include a free throw contest and a cake walk, both funded by raising opportunities. If you cannot make the meeting, email [ovidcarriagedays@gmail.com](mailto:ovidcarriagedays@gmail.com) with feedback. Vendor applications are also available by reaching out by email or pick up at the Weekly office.



## Exchange Student Program Growing at OE

Exchange students from all over the world attend Ovid-Elsie High School each school year. They live with local host families, attend school and participate in after school activities and sports. Most students arrive in August and return home in May of the following year. The program is growing, OE had 5 students last year, 7 this year and will be accepting 10 next year. Students come here to improve their English, get

a degree from a US high school and experience life in the US. For most, it is a dream come true. They are part of the school community. Francesca, from Italy, was on the basketball team, Gabriel, from Brazil, had a lead roll in the spring play, Pha, from Vietnam, was on the wrestling team and Pau, from Spain, was a Marauder football player. Exchange students have come from Spain, Thailand, Hong Kong and France over the past couple years.

For many of the exchange students, life here in the states presents many differences. “Everything is so different here. I can have time to play a sport and time to hang out with friends,” explained Pha. “The food is really different here, we don’t eat much cheese, kids here eat a lot of cheese,” explained Napat who comes here from Thailand. “I really like how the school works. In Brazil, we stay in the same classroom all day and here we walk to different classrooms. Also, people here like to hunt, we don’t have that in Brazil, at first that seemed odd, but I don’t think that anymore,” explained Gabriel.



For the prom photo, from left to right: Pha from Vietnam, Francesca from Italy, Emmanuela from Italy, Gabriel from Brazil, Ovid Student, Napat from Thailand, Uyen "Annie" from Vietnam.

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## Lady Marauder Shine at Cougar Tennis Invitational

LANSING -- The Ovid-Elsie girls tennis team traveled to Lansing Catholic on Saturday, May 4th for the Cougar Invitational.

Ovid-Elsie dropped their first dual match of the day 2-6 to Jackson Lumen Christi. The lone wins came at first singles with Jollee Swender winning 6-0, 6-3 and Kaia Spiess at 4th singles with a 7-5, 6-0 win over her opponent.

The Lady Marauders then topped Lansing Christian in the second dual match with a 7-1 win. Jollee Swender won 6-3, 6-1 at first singles, while 2nd singles Ellyanna Carman defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-0. 3rd singles Jenna Tomasek had an amazing comeback to win 3-6, 7-6, 10-4 in the third set tie break. The first doubles team of Willow Evans and Hailie McCreery cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 win and the 2nd doubles team of Mikayla Bashore and Evaley Swender won 6-2, 6-2. Ava Anderson and Autumn Baczkiewicz topped their 3rd doubles opponents 6-1, 6-1 and the fourth doubles team of Jolene Hebler and Lauren Phillips won 6-1, 6-0.

In their final match of the day Ovid-Elsie suffered a close loss to Lansing Catholic 3-5. The 2nd doubles team of Mikayla Bashore and Evaley Swender won in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 while the third doubles team of Ava Anderson and Autumn Baczkiewicz rallied from behind and won 3-6, 6-2, (10-8) in the third set tie-break. Jolene Hebler and Lauren Phillips won again at fourth doubles 6-3, 6-2. Placing 2nd place for Ovid-Elsie from Left to Right 3rd Doubles Autumn Baczkiewicz, missing is her partner Ava Anderson, 4th Doubles Lauren Phillips and Jolene Hebler, 3rd Singles Jenna Tomasek, 1st Singles Jollee Swender and 2nd Doubles Evaley Swender and Mikayla Bashore.

### Ovid-Elsie Girls Tennis Team Shuts Out Cavaliers in 8-0 Romp

CORUNNA -- Ellyanna Carman, Jenna Tomasek and Kaia Spiess rolled to straight-set wins, and Ovid-Elsie's girls tennis Marauders rolled to a 8-0 victory over the non-league Corunna Cavaliers.

Match by match results:

Singles: No. 1 - Jollee Swender, Ovid-Elsie def. Hailey Lake, Corunna, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1. No. 2 - Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie def. Samantha Bruckman, Corunna, 6-3, 6-0. No. 3 - Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie def. Sierra Smith, Corunna, 7-5, 6-1. No. 4 - Kaia Spiess, Ovid-Elsie def. "G" Gerlande Bellegarde, Corunna, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: No. 1 - Hailie McCreery, Ovid-Elsie - Willow Evans, Ovid-Elsie def. Kyr Middleton, Corunna - Caty Janicek, Corunna, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-3. No. 2 - Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie - Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Ashlyn Bemke, Corunna - Kenadie Croskey, Corunna, 6-4, 6-1. No. 3 - Autumn Baczkiewicz, Ovid-Elsie - Ava Anderson, Ovid-Elsie def. Maddie Wright, Corunna - Hailey Strachan, Corunna, 6-1, 7-5. No. 4 - Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie - Jolene Hebler, Ovid-Elsie def. Gracie Brandt, Corunna - Alissa Spigelmyre, Corunna, 6-0, 6-1.

### Lansing Catholic hands O-E netters just 2nd loss, 5-3

LANSING -- The host Lansing Catholic Cougars escaped with a hard-fought 5-3 victory over Ovid-Elsie's girls tennis team, handing the Lady Marauders just their second loss on the 2024 campaign.

Match by match results:

Singles: No. 1 - Anna Riehl, Lansing Catholic def. Jollee Swender, Ovid-Elsie, 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 - Mariana Prieto, Lansing Catholic def. Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 - Abby Frank, Lansing Catholic def. Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie, 6-2, 6-2. No. 4 - Aubrey Bruch, Lansing Catholic def. Kaia Spiess, Ovid-Elsie, 6-0, 6-3.

Doubles: No. 1 - Grace Currie, Lansing Catholic - Annabel Teitsort, Lansing Catholic def. Willow Evans, Ovid-Elsie - Hailie McCreery, Ovid-Elsie, 6-3, 6-3. No. 2 - Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie - Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie def. Ava Hudson, Lansing Catholic - Lily Rule, Lansing Catholic, 6-3, 7-6 (3). No. 3 - Ava Anderson, Ovid-Elsie - Autumn Baczkiewicz, Ovid-Elsie def. Layla Corbit, Lansing Catholic - Kaitlyn Kennedy, Lansing Catholic, 3-6, 6-2, 10-8. No. 4 - Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie - Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Haven Topham, Lansing Catholic - Lauren Escojido, Lansing Catholic, 6-3, 6-2.

### Durand nips Ovid-Elsie for 2024 MMAC girls tennis title

CHESANING -- The Ovid-Elsie girls tennis team traveled to Chesaning on Tuesday, May 7th for the MMAC Tournament. The Lady Marauders came up just short of the championship losing to Durand. Chesaning and Mount Morris were third and fourth respectively.

The Marauders all earned first and second team honors.

Earning 1st team

MMAC Honors: Jollee Swender at 1st Singles – She beat Chesaning 6-0, 6-2 in her first round and then topped Durand 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the second round. She won by default against Mount Morris. Kaia Spiess at 4th Singles – She beat Chesaning in the first round 6-0, 6-1, topped Durand in her second round 6-3, 6-4 and then had a 6-0, 6-0 win over Mount Morris in her final match of the day. Jolene Hebler and Lauren Phillips at 2nd Doubles – The only had one match of the day against Durand in which they won 6-1, 6-1. dropped their first dual match of the day 2-6 to Jackson Lumen Christi. The lone wins came at first singles with Jollee Swender winning 6-0, 6-3 and Kaia Spiess at 4th singles with a 7-5, 6-0 win over her opponent

Earning 2nd team MMAC Honors: Ellyanna Carman at 2nd Singles – She dropped her



*Ovid-Elsie Tennis Team finishes 2nd in MMAC*

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first round match of the day against Durand 4-6, 2-6, but bounced back with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Mount Morris in the 2nd round and a 6-0, 6-1 win over Chesaning in her final match of the day. Jenna Tomasek at 3rd Singles – She had a first round win of 6-0, 6-0 over Mount Morris and a 6-0, 6-1 win in the second round against Chesaning. She lost her final match of the day to Durand 2-6, 3-6. Willow Evans and Hailie McCreery at 1st Doubles – The pair won their first round match against Chesaning 6-3, 6-1, but were defeated by Durand 1-6, 5-7 in the second round. They topped Mount Morris in the final match 6-0, 6-1. Mikayla Bashore and Evaley Swender at 2nd Doubles – the duo won their first two rounds 6-1, 6-0 against Mount Morris and 6-2, 6-0 versus Chesaning. Durand took the win in the third round with a 1-6, 1-6 loss for the Lady Marauders. Ava Anderson and Autumn Baczkiewicz at 3rd Doubles – they started out with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Chesaning, but fell to Durand 3-6, 7-6 (4), 1-6 in the second round. The duo finished with a strong 6-0, 6-0 win over Mount Morris.

### Lady Marauder tennis team keeps the good times rolling at Christian

LANSING -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity tennis team kept the good times rolling, nipping the Lansing Christian Pilgrims in non-league action on May 9.

The wins was highlighted by three clutch wins in the four doubles events for O-E.

Match-by-match results:

Singles: No. 1 - Jollee Swender, Ovid-Elsie def. Avery Hartzler, Lansing Christian School, 6-2, 6-0. No. 2 - Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie def. Leah Klan, Lansing Christian School, 6-0, 6-3. No. 3 - Juliet Ivkovich, Lansing Christian School def. Jenna Tomasek, Ovid-Elsie, 6-4, 6-4. No. 4 - Isabella Stephenson, Lansing Christian School def. Emmylou Blaha, Ovid-Elsie, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: No. 1 - Willow Evans, Ovid-Elsie - Hailie McCreery, Ovid-Elsie def. Sophia Nielsen, Lansing Christian School - Emma Maher, Lansing Christian School, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 - Evaley Swender, Ovid-Elsie - Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Leecy Dittmer, Lansing Christian School - Semarah Loggins, Lansing Christian School, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 - Madeline Seifferlein, Lansing Christian School - Claire Haviland, Lansing Christian School def. Autumn Baczkiewicz, Ovid-Elsie - Grace Remenar, Ovid-Elsie, 6-3, 5-7, 1-0 (7). No. 4 - Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie - Jolene Hebler, Ovid-Elsie def. Layla Izzat, Lansing Christian School - Allison Luginbill, Lansing Christian School, 6-0, 6-0.

## Ashley Baseball

*submitted by Ashleigh Shaw*

The Bears have struggled to get wins so far this season, sitting at 2-8 overall. The season started with a doubleheader against Farwell where Ashley took the loss in a close game with a score of 12-10. Gavin Malek took the loss. Offensively Chase Kral had a big night with 4 RBI. The second game was called due to darkness.

Ashley was able to secure their first win of the season against Vestaburg winning a close one in game one with a score of 8-7. Carson Litwiller got the win from the mound striking out 6 and walking 4. Litwiller also chipped an RBI along with Gibby Jason who hit in 2 runs. Game two was pitched by Robert Kral, who took the loss, 7-3. Kral pitched 4 innings striking out 8 and walking 2. Gavin Malek, Robert Kral and Ryder Yelsik, had the RBIs for the Bears.

Webberville gave Ashley the second win of the season with a score 14-10. Clayton Juhas pitched the win, striking out 8 and walking 3. Malek and Kiefer had big nights with 3 RBI a piece while Juhad, Litwiller, Jason, R. Kral and Yelsik all had an RBI each.

A tough loss game from the neighboring Pirates from Fulton, 22-5 in game one of a doubleheader. Litwiller took the loss. Malek went 1-4 with 2 RBI and R. Kral, C. Kral and Kiefer each had RBIs. The Bears also took a loss in game two losing 16-1, where R. Kral took the loss, giving up 7 hits, striking out 2 and walking 3.

The Irish came and took two games from the Bears winning 18-1 in game one and 15-0 in game two. In game one, Litwiller took the loss giving up 10 hits, 1 walk and 3 strikeouts. Litwiller and Malek had the lone hits for the Bears. R. Kral took the loss in game two, striking out 1, giving up 5 hits and walking 4. Litwiller had a double in the game and Jason chipped in a single.

### Bears Split with Comets

The Ashley baseball team won game two in a doubleheader league matchup this week. Game one was pitched by Gibby Jason, who pitched 3.67 innings giving up 11 hits and striking out 6. Carson Litwiller had the only hit for the bears, a double. The final score was 15-2. Game two was a different story though, as the Bears scored 8 runs and only gave up 4 to win the game. Robert Kral got the win, pitching 6 innings, striking out 4 and giving up 8 hits. Offensively the bats heated up for Ashly as they had 9 hits in the game. Carson Litwiller had 3 hits, Clayton Juhas had 2 hits and R. Kral, Gibby Jason and Michael Kiefer each had a hit.



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## Baseball Wolfpack Keeps it Rolling in CMAC with Twinbill Sweep of Pilgrims

LANSING -- Laingsburg stayed on top in the CMAC baseball race with a doubleheader sweep over the Lansing Christian Pilgrims, 4-1 and 12-7.

The Wolfpack squeezed out the 4-1 win with 10 hits, a walk and taking advantage of two Pilgrim errors. A combined, brilliant pitching effort by Mio Garcia and Everett Rodriguez resulted in a two-hitter, the Pilgrims finally able to punch a cross a single run in the 6th winning. But then, coach Todd Randall's Wolves were armed with a 4-1 lead, thanks to RBI by Dom Garcia, Elliot Wilsey and Liam Esch. Dom Garcia, Wilsey, RJ Garcia, Jack Audretsch and Esch all hit safely for the red-and-white.

Cam Ballard, Dom Garcia and Rodriguez teamed up to pitch LHS to the 12-7 triumph. The combined on another two-hitter, though LC took advantage of 8 walks and 4 Wolfpack errors. The Pilgrims struck a 6-3 lead with 5 runs in the top of the 4th, before Laingsburg battled back with 7 runs in the bottom of the same frame.

LHS was aided by 7 Pilgrim errors, and got big RBI games from Ty Randall (4) and Rodriguez (3). Randall, Wilsey, RJ Garcia, Audretsch, Rodriguez and Esch all supplied the Wolfpack hits. Esch also drove in a pair of runs in the victory.



## Laingsburg, Olivet Girls Soccer Teams in 1-1 Non-League Draw

OLIVET — Hitting the road Saturday for a postseason tune-up with non-conference foe Olivet, the Laingsburg Wolfpack came away with a 1-1 draw.

Callie Clark converted Laingsburg's lone goal.

"We play these more difficult teams, at higher divisions than us to prepare for postseason play," Wolfpack head coach Natalie Elkins said, "And the girls are getting their act together. We out-shot and out-possessed. Just need the shots to be a little more accurate."

### Wolfpack soccer girls run past Bath's Fighting Bees, 7-3

LAINGSBURG -- The Lady Wolves rolled to a 4-1 lead at the half, then held off Bath the rest of the way in a 7-3 CMAC girls soccer victory.

"We got a little too confident and sloppy on defense at the beginning of second half. But my girls always come back. They don't quit trying -- which I love about them," said veteran LHS coach Natalie Elkins.

First half goals came from Desire Knoblauch -- just 3.5 minutes in -- on a solo score. Payge Woodworth tucked in a rebound, before Samantha Gutzman tallied off a free kick. Callie Clark scored on a rocket from the left side.

In the second half a floor pass from Kendal Hoard to Woodworth ended in a goal. Knoblauch scored again on a free kick. Knoblauch assisted on the final goal with a cross to Woodworth.

Addison Elkins was a defensive stalwart on Bath standout Aubry Torok, who was kept out of the scorebook.

## Lady Wolfpack Squeezes out 8-5, 13-8 Non-League Wins Over Lakewood

LAINGSBURG — Returning to their home diamond for a non-league twinbill, Laingsburg's varsity softball team rolled to a non-league sweep of Lakewood Lake Odessa.

The brooming left coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack with a 21-1 record as prep softball teams enter the 2024 homestretch of their regular seasons.

Game 1 went all 7 innings. Addyson Buchin pitched the win, allowing 7 hits and two walks while fanning 7.

The Wolfpack hitters were Ashley Bila, Savvy Stirn, Bella Latuszek, Buchin, Peyton Stahr, Harper Strouse and Alaina Merrell. LHS jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead and never trailed, putting the contest away with two runs in the bottom of the 6th.

Stirn, Latuszek, Buchin, Stahr and Merrell all drove in critical runs for the Wolves.

LHS broke open a tight game in the nightcap with 8 runs in the top of the 7th, snapping a 5-5 tie. The rally made a winner of Buchin, who tossed an 8-hitter, striking out 4 and walking one.

Latuszek and Buchin each plated three RBI, and Merrell and Strouse each drove in a pair of runs. Stirn, Latuszek, Buchin, Stahr, Strouse, Makenna Johnston and Merrell recorded the Laingsburg hits; Buchin led them with a 4-for-5 effort at the plate. Alayna Asher drew a pair of walks to aid the Pack offense.

### Lady Wolves score 28 runs in shutting out U.P. foe Rudyard

LAINGSBURG — A rare Saturday doubleheader welcomed Rudyard from the Upper Peninsula ... and turned into a rout. Laingsburg rolled to 28 runs in romping past the Bulldogs in back-to-back games Saturday, 16-0, 12-0.

For LHS, game two was the 19th win in 20 outings this season.

Game 1 lasted three innings. Addyson Buchin pitched the first two innings, allowing no baserunners and striking out two, and Peyton Stahr pitched the third and final frame, striking out one.

The Wolfpack's first four hitters combined to go 9 for 11 at the dish. No. 2 hitter Savanna Stirn was a perfect 3 for 3, scoring three runs. Leadoff hitter Ashley Bila hit two triples, knocking in three, and scored twice. Bella Latuszek was 2 for 2 with a walk and three runs and Buchin knocked in four from the cleanup spot.

Ella Merrell also had two hits and two RBI. Harper Strouse had one hit and two RBI.

In Game 2, Skylar Stiff started and went five innings for Laingsburg, giving up one hit, walking none and striking out eight.

Coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack collected 10 hits. Latuszek and Stahr had two apiece, with one of Stahr's being a home run. Latuszek scored three times and had one RBI. Stahr scored twice with two RBI. Buchin went 1 for 3 with four more RBI.



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# Sports

## Wolfpack Boys, Girls Rack Up Points at Williamston Track Invite

WILLIAMSTON -- The Laingsburg HS track boys ran 14th, the girls 13th at the annual Mitch Lutzke Track and Field Invitational here.

The Clio Mustangs won the boys event with 94 points, edging out DeWitt 69 and the host Hornets 66.

East Lansing won the girls competition with 85 points, nosing out DeWitt 78 and Capital Homeschool 73.

The Wolfpack boys got a 9th place finish from Logan Robinson in the 400 m final :54.89; 15th from James Foltz in the 800 m final 2:15.08; 30th from Foltz in the 1600 m final 5:12.25; and 19th from Felix Ramirez in the 3200 m final 11:51.8.

In the relays, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Marty Meyers, Sequin and Jack Borgman ran 7th in the 4 x 100 (:45.62); 9th from Sequin, Caceres, Mitchell George and Garrett Matthews in the 4 x 200 (1:37.27); 7th from George, Caceres, Matthews and Robinson (3:45.94); and James Pratt, Robinson, Ramirez and Foltz, 10th in the 4 x 800 (9:29.10).

Troy Matthews was 30th in the shot put (35'8"), Shaun Mills 17th (tie) in the discus (111'4"), George 3rd in the high jump (5'11"), Dano Winans 3rd in the pole vault (11'6") and 27th in the long jump (16'5").

On the Lady Wolfpack side, Hailey Magley placed 30th in the long jump (12'5.75"); Mallory Woodbury 9th in the high jump (4'7"); Hailey Mahoney 25th in the discus (70'8"); Ella Mohny 18th in the shot put (27'8.25" for a personal best); Bella Strieff 7th in the shot put (31'4.5" personal best); Samantha Lapinski 16th in the 100 m hurdles (:19.89); Emily Rathka in the 1600 m (5:48.13); Evelyn Logghe 8th in the 800 m (2:39.53); Jayden Foltz 33rd in the 400 m (1:16.11 personal record); Mallory Woodbury 26th in the 200 m (:31.59); and Kyleigh Luna 11th in the 100 m dash (:13.82).

In the relays, the Lady Wolves got finishes from Evelyn Logghe, Jayden Foltz, Hazel Burley and Emily Rathka 6th in the 4 x 800 (11:14.22) and Kyleigh Luna, Strieff, Sophie Freeman and Abby McNeil, 10th in the 4 x 100 (:55.35).

### Laingsburg track girls best Bath; Wolfpack boys fall to Bath, Fowler

BATH — The Laingsburg girls track and field team notched a win over host Bath at a CMAC Tri-meet Wednesday 83-53. The Wolfpack was not able to match the meet's other participant, however. Fowler outpointed Laingsburg 111-51.

On the boys side, Laingsburg was unable to grab a win vs. either team, falling to the Eagles 114-48 and the Fighting Bees 103 1/2-60 1/2.

Laingsburg's only event wins on the day came in the boys 4x800-meter relay, where James Foltz, Logan Robinson, Felix Ramirez and Noah Devereaux ran in 9:03.71, and in the girls 3200-meter run, where Emily Rathka was unopposed.

Wolfpack second places were notched by Gary Sequin in the 100 m, Leandro Dolega-Caceres high jump; Jack Borgman in the pole vault, Evelyn Logghe in the 800 m, Sophia Schlaack in the shot put, and Lilli Morrill in the long jump.

In the relay events, the Lady Wolves received runner-up finishes in the 4 x 800 (Logghe, Hazel Burley, Jayden Foltz, rathka) and in the 4 x 100 (Scarlett Ruhf, Maivey Strouse, London Foster, Camille Hayes).

Third places for the Wolfpack were turned in by the boys 4 x 100 relay (Carter Klont, Evan Porubsky, Hunter Stahl, Josh Marble; Shaun Miolls in the discus; Kendall Michels in the girls pole vault; Mallory Woodbury high jump; Sophia Hughes shot put; Logghe 1600 m; Foltz 800 m; and Morrill in the 100 m dash.



Marauder junior Audrianna Lukas advances the ball in a big MMAC win over the Byron Eagles. Photo by Denise Burgess

## Lady Marauder Soccer Secures Shutout Win Over Byron Eagles, 7-0

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's girls varsity soccer team secured a 7-0 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference(MMAC) victory over Byron at O'Donnell Field on May 2.

Seven different Marauders found the back of the net while Ava Bates (1 save) and Sarah Newman (3 saves) combined for the shutout.

Next up for coach Jerome White's Marauders was Portland's Spring Sports Carnival tournament on Saturday with Waverly, Haslett and Portland.

### Lady Marauders rack up 1-1 record at Spring Carnival tourney

PORTLAND -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity girls soccer team competed in the Portland Spring Carnival Tournament and finished with a 1-1 result.

In the morning match, the Marauders defeated Lansing Waverly 4-0. Goals were scored by Evalyn Cole, Lily Bates, McKenzie Keck, and Hailee Campbell.

In the Championship match, O-E came up just short, falling 2-1 to Haslett. Cole got the equalizer late in the first half, but the Marauders could not hold on, as Haslett scored with just under 2:00 remaining. Sarah Newman performed admirably in goal, filling in for Ava Bates. Dannika Campbell held the back line together while playing every minute of each match.

Another tough week was on the horizon as coach Jerome White's Marauders traveled to conference rival Montrose, before hosting Senior Night against Durand on Thursday, and then faced a home match opposite Fenton.



Madison Thornton is heads up with a header vs. Lansing Waverly -- a 4-0 win for the Lady Marauders. Photo by Jody Thornton

## Ovid-Elsie Boys, Girls Power to Track Wins at Annual Lions Club Invitational

OVID-ELSIE — The Marauder boys accumulated 200 points over the course of the annual O-E Lions Club Track and Field Invitational, besting runner-up Hemlock by a margin of 96. The O-E girls also won the six-team invite, by a score of 165-130 over the Lady Huskies from Hemlock.

Boys' team scores were coach Doug Long's Marauders 200, Hemlock 104, Dansville 97, Fulton-Middleton 29, St. Charles 24 and Vestaburg 19.

In the boys' 4x100, Tryce Tokar, Bruce Thornton, Owen Long and Clayton Fruchey teamed up to win in :45.82 seconds. In the 4x200, Long, Jamison Custer, Thornton and Tokar finished in 1:36.41.

Cohen Brown won the shot put for the Marauders, with a heave of 40-feet, 3-inches. Brock Spitzley finished second with a personal record toss of 38-feet, 8-inches. Spitzley also won the discus with a mark of 122-feet, 1-inch. He was followed in the event by Cole Workman (116-8, a PR) and Trey Milner (106-11, a PR).

Jeremiah Stewart won the high jump (5-4); Chaycen Thornton won the pole vault (9-0); and Travis Milner won the long jump (17-9 1/2).

On the girls side, the Marauders won all four relays, plus the long jump.

In the 4x100, Hayley Bashore, Kyla Washburn, Samantha Snider and Braeden Tokar finished in 54.83 seconds. In the 4x200, Macey Bennet swapped in for Bashore, and the team finished in 1:57.86.

The 4x400 saw Audrey Bensinger, Tava Kvalevog, Laila Hoch and Rachel Spitzley come home in 4:38.18, and the 4x800 saw Spitzley, Kaia Spiess, Clarissa Baese and Bensinger finish in 11:00.14.

### Marauder male track team sweeps tri-meet, remains atop MMAC heap

NEW LOTHROP -- The male Marauder track team swept a tri-meet in MMAC action, improving to 13-1 overall and 6-1 in conference action.

Team scores were O-E 108 New Lothrop 21, O-E 108 Lakeville 27 and O-E 92 Durand 41.

First place victors for the Marauders were: Travis Milner - 400 :54.56. Clay Powell - 800 :209.65. Jackson Custer - 110 hurdles :19.17. Alex Wright - 300H 46.34 PR Cohen Brown - shot put 39'8". Brock Spitzley - discus 124'10". 4 x 100 Relay - Tryce Tokar/Bruce Thornton/Owen Long/Clay Fruchey :46.00. 4 x 400 Relay - Tryce Tokar/Wyatt Lover/Clay Fruchey/Clay Powell 3:48.59. 4 x 800 Relay - Jonas Obling/James Kelly/JD Miller/Travis Milner 9:35.04.

Marauder runners-up: Owen Long - 100 :12.05. Tryce Tokar - 200 :24.08. JD Miller - 800 2:12.21 (personal record). James Kelly - 3200 11:45.07. Hunter Bates - 110 hurdles :20.45. Brock Spitzley - shotput 38'6". Chaycen Thornton - pole vault 10'6". Travis Milner - long jump 18'5".

The Ovid-Elsie girls forged a 2-1 record, falling to the host Hornets 81-56, but besting Durand 106-22 and Lakeville 94-33.

First place winners for the Lady Marauders were: Clarissa Baese - 800 2:42.49 and 1600 m 6:05.87. Jessica Kozlowski - 100 hurdles :18.29. Samantha Snider - long jump 14'4.5". 4 x 400 Relay - Braeden Tokar/Tava Kvalevog/Laila Hoch/Rachel Spitzley 4:37.84. 4 x 800 Relay - Rachel Spitzley/Clarissa Baese/Audrey Bensinger/Piper White 11:18.56.

Lady Marauder runners-up: Audrey Johns - 100 hurdles :19.50. 4 x 100 relay - Haley Bashore/Kyla Washburn/Samantha Snider/Braeden Tokar :54.87. Audrey Johns - high jump 4'8" and pole vault 8'0".



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Case No: 24-32194-DE

Estate of

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TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DARRELL L. PENNINGTON, died on March 1, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Neil W. Goodman, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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(05/12)

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

CASE NO. 24-31812 - NC

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

**TAKE NOTICE:** Claire Susan Mariano has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on July 1, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the 4th floor Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State St. St. Johns, MI 48879 To change the name of Claire Susan Mariano to Claire Mariano-Sergus

(05/12)

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

Case No: 24-32199-DE

Estate of

GERALD ALLAN MYERS,

Date of Birth: September 12, 1937

TO ALL CREDITORS: \*\*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GERALD ALLAN MYERS, died on March 16, 2024.

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Angela Myers  
503 S. Lansing St.  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
(989) 292-4013

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Law Offices of Benjamin T. Vader, PLLC ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW Lawyers Benjamin T. Vader Nicholas Pittman Alexia P. Vader Katherine DeLaura May 2, 2024 VIA EMAIL outcountynotices@legalnews.com Legal News Publishing, LLC 1409 Allen Dr. Troy, MI 48083 RE: TERRY C. CANFIELD TRUST- Notice to Creditors County: CLINTON To whom it may concern: Enclosed is a Notice to Creditors, Decedent's Trust and Estate, for the Trust and Estate of TERRY C. CANFIELD. Upon publication, please indicate the exact date of publication and return to our office an Affidavit of Publication and a copy of the death notice. Thank you. Sincerely, THE LAW OFFICES OF BENJAMIN T. VADER, PLLC Laurie A. Lopez Legal Assistant to Benjamin T. Vader Enclosure(s)

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To All Creditors: Notice to

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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MAY 22, 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 Matthew L. Sedore and Tracy Sedore, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2013 and recorded November 20, 2013 in Instrument Number 5208678 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, N.A. as Successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One and 77/100 Dollars (\$103,441.77). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is

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