



The Summer Reading Program kicked off with a visit from Owosso Speedway management and drivers brought their race cars for the kids to check out.

Ovid Public Library Activities

Our Summer Reading program is underway. Last week was our first week and we had lots of participation! From story hour, to bubbles, chalk and racecars from the Owosso Speedway, it was a very fun-filled week. We would like to thank the Owosso Speedway for bringing some cars and also Amanda Maurer and her two daughters Abby and Kate who brought their mini wedges. They autographed pictures and gave out candy to the kids.

Next week we have more fun activities planned. On Monday, June 17 we will have Children's Story Hour and Craft at 10:30. We will be reading some Eric Carle books and making an Eric Carle themed craft. At 1:00 on Monday will be the Adult Book Club. If you enjoy reading and are looking for some suggestions for some new books or authors, come and join us.

Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 we will have a junior activity. This week we will be playing bingo. This activity is geared towards kids 8 and up. (don't worry, there will be a bingo day for younger kids next month!).

Wednesday, June 19 is our Children's activity day. We will be planting some seeds. This activity begins at 10:30.

OE Student Athletes Join in Community Service Events:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ovid Memorial Post 8964 was joined by members the Ovid Elsie High School Athletic Counsel and Athletic Department to place flags at Maple Grove Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. The veterans, students, and coaches worked together to ensure all veterans in the cemetery had a flag during this weekend of remembrance. The members of the VFW ask everyone to take time this weekend to remember the sacrifices made to ensure that we can enjoy the freedoms we exercise everyday, not just on this beautiful, extended weekend.

Many of the same athletes, community members and even some littles took part in the 4th



Annual Spring Clean-Up at Gumaer Park on Sunday, June 2nd. Lots of raking, picking up sticks, pulling of weeds and painting of picnic tables was accomplished by the group. A light lunch was enjoyed by the volunteers after the work was completed.



Abby Maurer shown with a young fan and her Mini Wedge she races at Owosso Speedway.

Ovid City Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

OVID – The regular meeting of the Ovid City Council was held Monday, June 10, 2024. Officials addressed a variety of issues including to purchase cell phones or not for city officials. In the end the consensus was there would be no advantage to purchasing individual phones for officials.

The attorney presented an update to the golf cart ordinance, the state law states carts cannot be on the road ½ before sunset and ½ before sunrise, this law supersedes a local ordinance. Action was taken to be available for public review. In addition, officials addressed a proposed vegetation ordinance amendment specifically addressing the property between the street and the sidewalk, who maintains the property. Homeowners and residents are required to cut the grass. Next, a proposed street openings referring to driveway approach and lawn extension, ordinance amendment. Both will also be made available for public review.

Police Chief Lisa Rousseau presented the Ovid Police Department monthly report and added to the printed report MICOL mandatory training each department will receive up to \$500 per full time employee. This is a month of training opportunities. Recommended that the City Ovid develop a vision mission statement and goals that would benefit the employees of the city. The chief requested assistance from Bill Lasher and Larry Ordway to address the lack of communication and ability to work together between the Ovid Police Department and the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department. Rousseau noted that a member of the Ovid Police Department will be on scene of all fires within their jurisdiction.

Next, the Department of Public Works reported to the city council. A water valve was requested for the sewer system, and for discharge of sewer, and was approved. A tree bid was received for the cemetery to take care of the storm damage, \$5925, which was also approved. A request for commercial water purchase by the contractor for on the M21, a Consumers Energy project. Up to 1,000 gallons every other day. The request was denied until a policy is developed. Finally, the request to replace the light pole on N. Main Street, approximately \$6736, this will be turned into the insurance company with a decision at the next meeting.

Public Comment – Joseph Kioski was present to update officials on his work at Gumaer Park for his Eagle Scout project. He requested a city timeline on the tree removal and the types of trees to be replanted. It was noted that City has approved removal, still considering which trees to replant. The types of trees will be at Kioski's discretion with input from MSU Extension. Bids for tree removal were addressed later in the agenda. Kioski would also be installing a memorial bench and requested a location for the bench. It was noted that 170 trees will be removed.

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Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular monthly meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Numerous updates and action items were presented for approval.

Shane Grinnell, village manager, presented a report of his activities. Road paving will begin June 21, 2024 pending on the weather. The tree removal project in the business district has been completed and four benches have been delivered and will be installed before the Elsie Dairy Festival.

The final walk around and inspection has been completed with Consumers Energy and the Village lighting in the park. Within the next seven to ten days the project should be completed.

Memorial Day remembrance was a success. There were no complaints regarding Riverside Cemetery and the preparation prior to Memorial Day. A special thanks was expressed to Kaden Huss and the DPW crew for a great job grooming for the holiday.

Starting in July Tim Farr from Capital Catalyst and Shane Grinnell will be setting up a regular meeting schedule to bring business owners, community groups and businesses together to update opportunities with grant writers and availability to help get projects kicked-off. The meeting will be scheduled one hour prior to the regular council meeting every other month. Participation by village officials is encouraged.

Mr. Randy Redmer, the lagoon project representative, will be present at the next regular council meeting to update officials on the status of the project. A packet was provided regarding the possible road improvements that will need to be made. It was noted that improving the current driveway designation is the most cost effective and would meet the needs of the project. The investor will work with the village regarding hours of operation and park usage.

The L-4029, 2024-25 tax request was presented for approval. The request was approved unanimously.

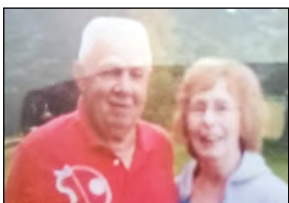
Code enforcement is underway addressing blight issues. Seven residents were given written notice regarding blight concerns.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce presented the Elsie Police Department monthly report. The department conducted eight traffic stops resulting in one citation. Complaints have decreased from last month with a total 53 calls for service. Police activity for the month of May consisted of child abuse/neglect, criminal sexual conduct, identity theft and several suspicious situations.

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Social**Butler 60th Anniversay**

On Thursday, June 20, 2024, Jim and Jeanne Butler will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. The St Johns couple were married on the 20th of June in 1964 at St. Cyril Parish in Bannister. They have two children, a son, Scott (Shelby) Butler of Charlotte and a daughter, Christy (Jeff) Smith of Cheyboygen. They have been blessed with 5 grandchildren, Jeffery, Kadie-Jade, Nikolas, Adrianna and Cassie.

**4 Generations**

On March 7, 2024, Lucas James Yartym was born in Spencer, New York. Proud Great-Grandparents from Ovid are David & Sharon Zell, Grandparents, Tina Zell & the late Robert Tompkins of Spencer, N.Y. And Parents, Jackie Tompkins & Nick Yartym, also of Spencer, Nwe York.

Save the Date

The class of 1965 and the Class of 1963 will be having their reunion on August 24th, at the St. Johns City Park, Main Pavilion at Noon.

More Information to follow as we get closer to the date.

Please spread the word to "ALL" your Classmates

**Elsie
Historical
Society to
Meet**

The next meeting of the Elsie Historical Society will be held on June 19th at 7pm at 145 W. Main Street (East Entrance of Library). Everyone is welcome. The Historical Room is open every Wednesday from 1pm-5pm.

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**10th Annual
W.A.R. is
Coming to
Elsie**

submitted by Brian
Valentine

The Elsie American Legion Post 502 is hosting the Annual Warrior Appreciation Rally (W.A.R.) on Saturday August 3, 2024, at the Elsie Village Park from 9 AM to 4 PM. This FREE event is to gather our men and women that serve the public whether it is the local Police, Fire Department, EMS or County Sheriff Department, Michigan State Police, and the United States Military, which all are planning to attend, provided no emergencies arise. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For additional information, email Commander Brian Valentine at elsiepostcommander@gmail.com



City of Ovid cont’ from front...

Melissa Schutt, representing the Clinton County Transit updated officials on the happenings of the Blue Bus. It was reported that use in the City of Ovid has increased by 40%, there is a very flexible schedule regarding ridership and serving the community. Currently Ovid City residents utilize transit 74% use for work, 6% medical, 20% for shopping and recreation. Growth has increased at a greater rate than anticipated, so the service is stepping back and surveying community needs. Renewal of mileage for Clinton County Transit is on the August 5, 2024 state primary ballot. More information can be found on the bluebus.com website. A huge thank-you extended to officials for their continued support

A meeting with the engineer and contractors regarding the water project will take place Tuesday, June 11, 2024, with the major focus the schedule of the project. The City of Ovid will be represented by the DPW Director, the mayor of the city will not be present and did not designate another official, which prompted debate. No action taken.

New business included the adoption of the millage rate resolution 2024-09. Approved by roll call. A second resolution was adopted, Consumers Energy 2024-10 and agreement for light pole on M21 apartment.

Two issues regarding the water project were presented for discussion and approval. Payment #6 for the water project which was approved. Next addressing unpaid vendors and invoices from the water project. Mayor Bill Lasher presented two invoices that should be paid from water project funds and then reimbursed to the city by the contractor, Montgomery. The total of both is approximately \$20,000. If necessary, the

city will take the money from the water project bond.

Cell phone for council members a request for additional information was made by councilman Lyle Perrien, at a previous meeting. This is a very basic flip phone, \$12.00 per month with limited data. The discussion included that either an official phone or a personal phone can be included in a FOIA request. No action taken to purchase for city officials.

The tree bids, 170 trees need to be removed at Gumaer Memorial Park, the bid was awarded to Above All Tree Service, in the amount of \$17,500. Noting that three bids were received ranging from \$17,500 to \$52,000.

The Planning Commission presented a quote to upgrade Boyer Park, which is located in the business district. The quote prompted discussion. Officials wanted more details and want to see a rendering of the proposed \$20,000 project. Officials opted to hold off until July, and requested that the committee come back with additional information.

Val Vail-Shirey, Clinton County Commissioner, District 1, reported that the stand-alone battery storage ordinance did not pass the commission. The next meeting of the Commission is June 25, 9am. County employee wage increases was approved. The Planning Commission meeting is slated for Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm, at the Court House. The continued feedback from the City of Ovid is appreciated.

Monthly action was taken to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes with corrections, monthly financial reports and expenditures. Officials took formal action to approve budget amendments as requested. Summer tax preparation is underway, as well.

Memorial Healthcare Offers Diabetes Education Program

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso—Memorial Healthcare Diabetes & Nutrition Education specializes in helping patients manage Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational Diabetes. Our team provides diet counseling for weight loss or weight gain, kidney disease, gastrointestinal disorders, and other specialized disease focused nutrition plans.

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Services are provided by Registered Dietitians (RD) and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (CDCES). Reimbursement is available through Medicare, Medicaid, and several HMO and private insurance plans. A provider’s referral is required by most insurances.

To learn more about these services, please visit MemorialHealthcare.org.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR FOR ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ASHLEY, MICHIGAN.

DATE OF MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024
PLACE OF MEETING: ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MEDIA CENTER 104 N NEW ST
ASHLEY, MI 48806
HOUR OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.
PRINCIPLE OFFICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
PHONE NUMBER: 989-847-4000

A COPY OF THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE AT 104 N. NEW STREET, ASHLEY, MI.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Amanda Bradley-Dodd
Secretary, Board of Education

OID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm at 8989 Colony Road, Elsie, Michigan, Information Center, the Board of Education of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District’s proposed 2024-2025 budget. The Board may not adopt its proposed 2024-2025 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2024-2025 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administration Office, 8989 Colony Road, Elsie, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Brooke Wooley, Secretary



Calling All Ovid-Elsie Graduates

Whether you graduated decades ago or recently, we are getting ready for the first ever Ovid-Elsie High School All School Reunion. Do not miss this special occasion to reconnect with old friends, have some great laughs, forge new memories, share life experiences, and celebrate the enduring spirit of Ovid-Elsie High School.

When: Sunday, July 14th , 11:30 to ?
Where: Elsie Legion Hall
What: \$25 for luncheon-served at 1:00
\$5 to visit without luncheon

Have you seen the information on the Facebook pages for Ovid and Elsie? It is the hope that those who are still in the area can connect with friends/relatives outside the area. We also would like to put this information on the different class Facebook sites. It would be great if someone from each class, who has your reunion information, could please contact us with your Facebook site name and anything else that you might have to help get the word out.

In addition, we are trying to figure out a way to have people respond and pay online. Any help/suggestions/ or just setting it up would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carolyn Long or Kella Carter, as soon as possible, so that we can find the best way to do this and reach as many Marauders as possible.

The next planning committee meeting is :
Saturday, June 1st – 10:00 at the Topsy Cow in Elsie. We would love to have more people join us.

Our committee keeps growing. More people equals more fun and less to do. You can do as much or as little, whatever works for you. Please contact either of us with any ideas or help that you might have for this reunion. Thank you in advance.

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Obituaries

Laurence Jack Kelley

Laurence "Larry" or "Coach" Kelley, age 78, loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2024, surrounded by family.

Larry was born in Hastings, MI, to Jack and Beatrice (Trowbridge) Kelley. He graduated from Central Michigan University and then pursued his lifelong work as a coach, educator, and school administrator.

Together, Larry, and his wife Deb, enjoyed their cabin up north, traveling, and wintering in North Carolina near their grandchildren. Larry loved to cook, play all sports involving a ball, and (in his later years) jogging.

Larry is survived by his wife of 56+ years, Deborah (Turner) Kelley; his sister, Janice Kelley; his daughters, Jacke (Jamie) Kovicak and Shannon (Barbara Saba) Kelley; and exchange daughter, Alessandra (Josep Valdellou) Di Mariano; granddaughters, Riley and Avery Kovicak; grandson, Tyler Kovicak; and exchange grandchildren, Dídac and Sophia Valdellou Di Mariano.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack; and mother, Bea.

A celebration of Coach's life is planned for early fall, date to be determined.

Those wishing to express their sympathy may consider a contribution to Hospice of Michigan online at <https://www.hom.org/donate/>, or the Concussion Legacy Foundation online at <https://www.classy.org/give/312896#!/donation/checkout> or by mail at 361 Newbury Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02115.

Arrangements were entrusted to Nelsons Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. www.carebynelsons.com



Richard Walter Bakita

Richard W. Bakita, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, teacher, coach, and community leader, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2024, in Rockford, MI, surrounded by his loving family. Born on January 29, 1941, in Elsie, MI, Richard's journey through life was marked by an unwavering commitment to his family, education, and community service.

Richard's life was a tapestry of love and dedication. He celebrated 60 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Sue Bakita, and together they raised a family that was the center of his world. Richard was a devoted father to Keary Thomas (Jamie Lynne) Bakita and Bret Joseph (Jen Beth) Bakita. He took great joy in his role as a grandfather to Micayla Lynne, Abigail Lee, Nicklaus Joseph, and Madelyn Mae Bakita, imparting wisdom and creating memories that will be treasured forever.

He is survived by his siblings, Jeanne (Jim) Bakita-Butler, and sister-in-law Dorothy Bakita. Richard was a guiding light in the lives of his family members and extended relatives, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and kindness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Steven and Mildred Bakita, his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann (Gerald) Passmore, and brothers, Stephen Bakita and Thomas Bakita, who now welcome him with open arms.

Richard's professional life was as impactful as his personal one. He began his career as an educator and was deeply committed to the growth and development of young minds. His passion for sports led him to become the first community school director for Rockford Public Schools, where he left an indelible mark on the programs he led and the lives he touched. Richard was a natural leader who with his dear friend Harvey DeGood started the "78er's" a 7th and 8th grade Rockford football program, shaping the future of many young athletes.

Beyond the classroom and the playing field, Richard was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed golf, water and snow skiing, and playing softball. His love for cards brought him many evenings of joy and camaraderie with friends. Richard was also a proud member of the Lion's and Jaycee's, where he furthered his commitment to community service.

Richard's love for horses and horseback riding was yet another facet of his rich life. As a long-time member and volunteer at the Rockford United Methodist Church for over 50 years, his faith and dedication to service were cornerstones of his existence. He coached all levels of football and baseball, finding great satisfaction in being part of a team and celebrating the accomplishments of his players.

Among his many achievements, Richard was especially proud of the two holes-in-one he scored at Silver Lake Country Club—a testament to his skill and persistence on the golf course. These moments were not merely personal triumphs but shared joys with his friends and family, who always rooted for him.

Richard's life was a reflection of his belief in the power of community and teamwork. His legacy is not only in the numerous programs he established and the countless individuals he mentored but also in the love and unity of his family. Richard W. Bakita's memory will be held dear by those who were fortunate enough to know him, and his spirit will continue to inspire future generations.

As we bid farewell to Richard, we celebrate a life well-lived, a path well-traveled, and a man well-loved. His was a life that truly made a difference, and his memory will be cherished in the hearts of all who knew him. Richard W. Bakita's journey on earth has ended, but his story will live on through the lives he touched and the community he helped build.

Funeral services for Richard will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, June 24, 2024 at the Rockford First United Methodist Church, 159 Maple St NE, Rockford, MI 49341.

Richard's family will greet relatives and friends from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341.

To honor Richard, memorial contributions may be directed to Corewell Hospice, 750 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or the Rockford United Methodist Church, 159 Maple St NE, Rockford, MI 49341.



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Editorial

Jones Family Express Gratitude to the Community

Letter to the Editor,

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude to our wonderful community for the overwhelming support and generosity our family has received following our daughter's accident. In a time of immense challenge and uncertainty, the kindness and solidarity shown by friends, neighbors, and even strangers have been a source of enormous comfort and strength.

The outpouring of support has been truly heartwarming. From the thoughtful cards and messages that have lifted our spirits, to the meals that have nourished us when we were too overwhelmed to cook, to the generous financial contributions that have eased the burden of medical expenses, every gesture has made a significant difference in our lives. We also want to thank the wonderful school community, the gifts, donation of leave time, and all the words of encouragement are beyond generous. We have been moved by the extent of your kindness and by the many ways you have reached out to help us.

We are particularly grateful for all the ongoing support as Mady continues her recovery. The road to healing is long, but knowing that we are not alone on this journey gives us great hope. The love and encouragement we receive daily remind us of the incredible strength and compassion within our community.

To everyone who has supported us in any way, please know that your generosity has not only aided in our daughter's recovery but has also reinforced our belief in the power of community. Words cannot fully express our appreciation, but please accept our heartfelt thanks. Your kindness has made a lasting impact on our lives, and we are forever grateful.

With sincere gratitude,
Eric, Melissa, Madyson Jones & family



Rep. BeGole Hosts Walking Tour in Owosso as Major Local Construction Projects Nears

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole (center), of Antrim Township, joined state Sen. Sam Singh, of East Lansing, to hosted a walking tour with local business owners, elected leaders and officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation on Monday, May 20. The tour encompassed parts of S. Washington Street in Owosso, as well as the bridge over the Shiawassee River, and included an engagement session where local business owners shared their concerns with MDOT about how planned construction starting next summer could impact their livelihoods.

"Upgrading our local infrastructure is obviously a huge plus, but it's important to small business owners across our communities that their livelihoods aren't disrupted when traffic and accessibility is impacted with a road closed for months at a time," BeGole said. "This was an important opportunity for people to deliver feedback directly to officials who are going to help oversee these projects. These conversations go a long way so there aren't misunderstandings later from a lack of communication, and this was very beneficial for the community. I appreciate the various groups who came out so we could have these conversations."

BeGole represents Owosso as part of the 71st House District.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I'm sure that I'm not the only person that is noticing all of the changes that seem to surround us on a daily basis. I have been arguing with myself about doing the St John's Farmer's Market. My mind is definitely on the willing side, my body not so much. I have a couple of tumors that need to be removed to give me more mobility. I believe that they are benign. That in and of itself is a good thing. It's just that I'm getting tired of jumping through the hoops to get them taken care of... Yup, I'm either whining or bitching. No doubt after all is said and done I will also spend more time with psychical therapy. To this day, I'm still amazed that my body managed to bend and twist so well. And yet I could still hobble...

I hate to say this but my garden is not all planted yet. Partly because my friends keep bringing me more plants and seeds to add. This was going to be a downsized version of what I normally plant. It has become more of an upsurge in size. If it rains again today I will have to postpone the additions. Hopefully the winds will dry out the dirt so that I can get into the garden and plant. Margie just brought me over another nine squash plants that need attention. I told her that I would probably put them behind the old granary where the compost was spread. There they will be able to cover the ground without covering my other plants.

I've been hearing rumors about Deb Price. She is not retiring at this time, I asked her. In September she may be sporting pink hair because she is a survivor. I believe that there will also be a small tat involved with her celebration of life. Give the lady kudos, she has earned them, she is a persistent cancer warrior. May God bless her with continued good health.

I had the twins, Jake and Brody on Tuesday to help be catch up. I was amazed at how much we got done. Mostly I supervised and they worked hard. My Catalpa trees have been trimmed up so that I don't get brained as I mow under them. The rest of the trees located in the front and back lawn have been weed wacked so that they look quite tidy. We also dug up about eight snowball bushes and trimmed up the big bush so that I can mow around it more easily. These young men also dug up the burdock that was trying to hide under the elderly lilac bushes in my back yard. I made them goulash from scratch served with shredded cheddar. They didn't drink milk, but were happy with tap water even though I was out of ice. I enjoyed chatting with them and promised them that next time I would make sure that I had some ice on hand. I will also try to have a dessert for them. I understand that one of their favorite meals is spaghetti. I wonder if they would enjoy it if I made it into a three cheese casserole?

Tomorrow I need to fill a couple of special orders. Sally called me earlier in the week to get a couple of loaves of onion bread. This morning Julie sent her hubby up to the shop to order two dozen chocolate chip cookies for Saturday morning. It was a good morning and fortunately no more wing nuts had flown off. Hopefully we can find the correct sizes needed for our flag poles. Someone decided that it was funny to take them, I wish that they would please return them.

Just spent fifteen minutes decluttering my desk while I waited to speak with some one at Sparrow to schedule my MRI. Most aggravating questions concerned any metal implants that might be a problem. I would think that telling them that I do not have any shrapnel or metal implants would have answered the question. So far I have been blessed and have not needed any implants, was not on the front lines in a policing action or military involvement, have not had any broken bones nor do I have any heroic tendencies that could put me in harms way. I did promise to remove my earrings before having the MRI done. It has been a long road and I will be happy when I've finished walking this one. On wards and Up wards. May God bless you with compassion and understanding. Have a wonderful week.

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Obituaries

Sandra Joyce "Sandi" Daggett

Sandra Joyce "Sandi" Daggett, age 73, of Elsie, MI, passed away with her family by her side on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the University of Michigan-Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI.



Sandra was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 4, 1951, the daughter of Owen F. and Mary (Valuch) Wingle. She graduated from Ashley High School with the Class of 1969 and earned a Bachelor Degree from Central Michigan University. Sandi was a Speech Therapist for Gratiot - Isabella RESD for 42 years. On August 6, 1983, Sandra married Edward P. Daggett at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Ithaca. They have been married for forty-one years.

Sandi loved mysteries, word games, trivia, and dogs. She was an excellent cook and baker. She enjoyed sharing her creations, skill and recipes with many. Sandi loved to read and delighted in passing on her love of books to her grandsons. She and Ed often attended plays and concerts together.

Sandi is survived by her husband Edward, son Stan Daggett of St. Johns, daughter Katherine (Joshua) Harvey of St. Johns, grandsons: Emerson and Nathan; siblings: Mary (Keith) Peters, Richard Wingle, and Frances (Christopher) Kimball; sister-in-law Mary Ellen Wingle, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Owen Wingle, sister-in-law Sally Wingle, and nephews: Tim Wingle, and Mark Wingle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 17, 2024, with Rev. Fr. Raj Bandaru officiating. Burial will take place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, MI. Visitation will be held 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. with a Rosary prayed at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

- PUBLIC NOTICE -

Clinton County Department of Waste Management, under the direction of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, has officially filed the Notice of Intent to begin the new Materials Management Plan (MMP) process.

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners has voted to create a single county plan per the state of Michigan's requirements and guidelines - [Section 11571(7)] as part of the amendments to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended which became effective in March 2023.

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Ola Holiness Camp Meeting

submitted by Jerry Drummond

Ola Holiness Camp Meeting will be held June 16th – June 23th at 7 p.m. Each Evening.

The camp is located at 7212 S Bagley Rd. (US-127), Ashley, MI 48806 (½ mile North of M57 US127 intersection).

This is the 106th year for Ola Camp. Camp meeting is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and enjoy fellowship of other Christians from our community.

The speaker for this week is Reverend Eddie Phillips, who has served as an evangelist in various denominations. Our worship leader is Pastor Doyle Perry, who has pastored in our area and is presently pastoring at the Indian Nazarene Church in Mount Pleasant.

You can check us out on facebook at Ola Camp Ashley MI. Dress is casual and the atmosphere is peaceful.



Saline Fiddlers Make Their 4th St. Johns Appearance

submitted by Bill Tennant

Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, America's premier youth fiddling show band from Saline, Michigan, astounds audiences every time the group takes the stage. The musicians, all from Saline High School, present an energetic and polished show that features a diverse range of music from American folk, fiddle, bluegrass, jazz, western swing, and Celtic traditions. Spirited vocals and Appalachian step dancing combine with the instrumentals to create an unforgettable live performance.

The widely acclaimed Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic's history includes more than 1,500 performances in the majority of the states in our nation. The group has been honored to perform three times at the White House and twice on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, as well as at a State of Michigan's Presidential Inaugural Ball.

Annual summer tours have spanned the United States from the east coast to the west coast, down south to up north, and have also included performances in Canada and tours in Europe. Each year the group performs 50-60 times, generally donating a third of their annual schedule to community service events.

Bill Tennant, concert series founder, says, "We feel incredibly fortunate to once again welcome these young musicians to our summer concert series here in St Johns. I know you will be as impressed with their talent and showmanship – they have a passion for what they do which shows through in their performance."

The "Concert in the Park" series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. New this year is a third sponsor for each concert as the Shell Committee is starting a fund-raiser for a much-needed addition to the back of the Shell for performers to use and for additional storage. Al Chadwick has graciously donated to the building fund this summer, for which we honor him with this special recognition.

The concerts are open to the public free of charge – donations are graciously accepted. The Lion's Club food trailer will be available this year and as always, all concerts are presented every Wednesday rain or shine.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, St Johns - bring a chair or blanket and enjoy! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Six Marauder Sackers Lead O-E Postseason Honorees

OVID-ELSIE -- A fourth place, 7-6 league finish has ended with six Marauders honored for their baseball exploits for 2024.

The season included an assault on the Marauder record books by junior slugger Jake Bowen.

Bowen, along with standout outfielder and leadoff man Lance Wiktorowski, led the Marauder honors, both selected to 1st Team All-MMAC. Bowen was also named to the All-District team.

Wiktorowski, a sophomore, hit .350 with a .467 on-base percentage, tying Bowen for the team lead in hits with 35. He also led the Marauders with 18 steals and 32 runs scored as the consummate table-setter at the top of the order.

Bowen just missed a mind-boggling .500 hitting season, settling for a .486 mark (35 hits, 72 at-bats) with a glittering .684 on-base percentage. The Marauder slugger blasted 10 doubles and a pair of homers while driving in 18 runs.

O-E's pitching staff was led by an outstanding season from junior Corbyn Janes. He finished a tough-luck 5-4 with a 2.64 ERA, striking out 71 in 55 innings pitched. Janes' team-leading season led to 2nd Team All-MMAC honors.

Honorable Mention All-MMAC honors went to:

-- Javen Belill, a junior outfielder, who batted .369 with 18 hits, 20 RBI and 16 steals.

-- Caven Mortinsen, a senior outfielder, who batted .226 with a .323 ABP. His season featured 19 hits, 12 RBN and 8 steals.

-- Gage Wiktorowski, a junior infielder a speedster with 16 steals, .290 BA on 29 hits with 14 RBI.

The 2024 Marauders finished 12-19-1 overall, with a 4th place league finish behind Chesaning (14-0), Lakeville (11-3) and New Lothrop (10-3). Rounding out the MMAC race was Durand (4-9), Montrose (4-10), Mt. Morris (3-11) and Byron (1-12).



In 2013, McKinney hit a buzzer beater at MSU's Breslin Center to send Laingsburg to the State Championship Game, with a 52-50 victory over Negaunee. It ranks as perhaps the biggest bucket in school history.

Laingsburg Grad McKinney Announced as New Girls Basketball Head Coach at O-E

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder athletic department has announced Shaun McKinney as Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach.

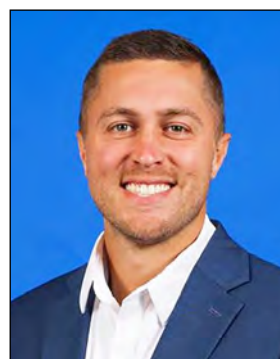
Explained O-E Athletic Director Chris Winter, "Coach McKinney's background, passion for leading and experience really resonated with our hiring committee during our search. His vision for the program and ability to connect with student-athletes makes this an extremely exciting time for O-E girls basketball. Coach McKinney has spent time in championship programs and has played for a state championship as a player. This is the kind of culture we want for all of our programs. We cannot wait for him to get started with our girls this summer."

McKinney comes to O-E most recently after serving as the Director of Basketball Operations at Middle Tennessee State University. He also served as a graduate assistant for Michigan State Womens Basketball as well as serving on the coaching staff at Grand Valley State and Olivet College.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University. Shaun had an extremely successful high school career at Laingsburg High School, including a runner-up finishing to Flint Beecher in the 2013 MHSAA state championship game.

Said McKinney, "I want to start by thanking Mr. Winter and the Ovid-Elsie community for the opportunity to lead the girls basketball program. I am looking forward to coming back to the area and help continue the success they have experienced over the last few years and lead the program to new heights. I'm excited to get to work. Go Marauders!"

McKinney takes over for the retired Ryan Cunningham, who guided a very successful program over the course of two decades. Cunningham had been a part of the Marauders girls basketball program since 2006. As a head coach, he collected over 200 wins along with three consecutive MMAC and District titles, and one Regional championship.



Shaun McKinney

Village cont' from front...

In addition, several multi-jurisdictional investigations have been conducted this month with Saint Johns Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff Department, Ionia County Sheriff's Department as well as Child Protective Services.

Finally, truck traffic has increased and several semis have been stopped and advised to not only slow down, and to also be considerate of the community. There have been complaints about the noise, Bryce recommended that the village consider an ordinance to deter Semi's use of their "jake brakes."

Elsie Dairy Festival planning is wrapping up with a number of changes to accommodate additional parking, more to come after the Thursday, June 13 meeting. Dairy Festival plans for events have been scheduled and organized,

Christ Ormes, Department of Public Works, reported that the lift station pump one has been installed, there is a quote for an additional lift pump \$8,000. It was noted that the department is only getting two years out of each pump. Inspections are taking place regarding lead and copper pipes, 20% of unknowns must be hydro-vac with checks made annually and must be completed by October 2024. A contractor will be contacted regarding current cost per household and reported at the July meeting. The drain near the village park is being survey to find where it is plugged.

Val Vail-Shirley, District 1 County Commissioners, action was taken to increase employee salaries at the county, and the stand-alone battery storage ordinance failed with a four to three vote. Noting that it takes five to pass an ordinance.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of the proposed lagoon project and the L-4029 tax request, May 14, 2024 minutes, and the financial reports. Officials approved expenditures totaling \$92,625.91.

Duplain Church of Christ Blood Drive

On June 27th from 12:00pm - 6:00pm, Duplain church of christ, 5565 E. Colony Rd., St. Johns will be holding a blood drive.

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Annual Piano Recital



On Thursday, June 6, 2024, Mrs. Sue Palen hosted a piano recital at her house on Taft Rd. Ovid, MI. Students chose two songs to perform plus some even did a duet!

Those taking part in the back: Libby Rucklos, Reagan Gothop, and Charlotte Latimer. Front row: Wyatt Boots, Addison Reha, Clara Kibby, Skylar Horvath and Olivia Potter.



On Friday, June 7, 2024 another piano recital was held at Sue Palen's house on Taft Rd. , Ovid, MI for the remaining students. Back row: Elijah Doyle, Grayson Thelen, Aubrey Smith and Sue Palen.

Front row includes: Rachel Ladiski, Emmie Smith and Mike Tribley. Those students not able to attend included: Lily Bates, Aidan Lutz, Kaytriel Darling, Alivia and Alerica Peters, Macyn Orth, and Michael and Brooklyn Lott.

Sports

High Flying Tokar Sets New Personal Best

DAVISON -- The 2nd annual Champion of Champions meet was held at Cardinal Stadium in Davison on June 8, 2024, and for the pole vaulting community, it was a great showing of the best in the state.

The state champions of Division 1, 2, and 3, along with other top performers made the trip to Davison for the showdown.

The field was full of 15 foot jumpers on Saturday with Ray Weatherington from Walled Lake, Chase Battani from Almont, Sam Vesperman from Grosse Ile, Reece Emeott of East Kentwood, and Ovid-Elsie's Tryce Tokar all clearing 15'0.

Emeott was able to clear 15'6 on his first attempt. Tokar, switching to a larger pole, took all 3 chances to finally get it on his 3rd attempt. Weatherington, Vesperman, and Battani allied bowed out and were unable to clear 15'6.

Tokar and Emeott both broke and now share the stadium and meet record with jumps of 15'6. They both had three attempts at 15'9 but were unable to clear the bar. At that height, Tokar was clearing the bar by good margins but just couldn't avoid bumping the bar off either on the way up or when coming down. Because Emeott cleared 15'6 on his first attempt, he was declared champion of the meet.



Tryce Tokar making a 15'6" pole vault at the Champion of Champions meet.

Grosse Ile holds off 'Cinderella' O-E for second straight regional title

WILLIAMSTON -- Ovid-Elsie's upstart girls soccer team took on a traditional Michigan powerhouse and pushed them to the limit. In the end, Grosse Ile secured a 4-2 victory, ending O-E's story-book post-season run.

The loss ended the Marauder season after they had fought to their deepest run in school history: the Regional Finals. "Fought" isn't a strong enough word, not after incredible back-to-back heart-stoppers over Williamston and Eaton Rapids to reach the Regional pinnacle. It was the first-ever regional final appearance for Ovid-Elsie, who last week clinched the program's first district title.

Grosse Ile (15-2-5) has now won back-to-back regional championships and three such titles in the last eight seasons .

The Red Devils jumped to a 1-0 with just over eight minutes to go in the first half when Mallory Botten sent a cross-field pass into the box to set up Cassidy Eblin, who slipped it past Ovid-Elsie goalkeeper Ava Bates.

Just before halftime, the Marauders scored on a literal last-second free kick on net from some 30-plus yards out, when Hailee Campbell slipped one past the outstretched hands of Devil keeper Monica Arndt, under the crossbar and in.

The Marauders nearly took the lead t in the 47th minute of the second half. A turnover deep in their own zone led to Grosse Ile committing a foul in the box to award Ovid-Elsie with a penalty kick. The Devils, however, dodged a huge bullet as Campbell, who scored the goal for the Marauders just before halftime, sailed her PK attempt high above the crossbar, keeping the game even at one goal apiece.

Botten, late in the 58th minute sent one out in front to Aubrey Korody, who navigated a shot past a charging Bates to reclaim the lead for Grosse Ile, 2-1.

Korody netted her second of the game along with Ella Gatti for Grosse Ile for the eventual winning two goals in the 2:00 of regulation time. The Devils' game plan worked, clogging up the middle and cutting off passing lanes.

Grosse Ile advanced to the D3 state semifinal round to face a familiar playoff foe in Detroit Country Day, who needed a shootout to outlast Flint Powers Catholic 1-0 in their regional title match on Thursday.



Hailee Campbell scored a 30 yard goal during the match up with Williamston.

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Lilian Bates moves the ball down field during the Williamston game.

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Rep. BeGole Bill Creates New State Firearm Designation

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, issued the following statement after standing up for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners throughout the state, as well as in Shiawassee, Genesee and Saginaw counties, with the introduction of House Bill 5792. The plan names the AR-15 as Michigan’s official state firearm:

“Millions of people across the country and thousands in Michigan own an AR-15. This distinction recognizes these law-abiding gun owners who are often vilified just for having a firearm as a hobbyist or to keep their homes and families safe.

“In addition, many police agencies in Michigan use AR-15 platform rifles to keep our communities safe. As officers retire, they often continue to use this rifle as civilians because of its practicality, versatility and reliable track record.

“More and more often, AR-15 owners are ostracized and criticized for their perfectly reasonable and legal decisions to possess a firearm. That’s just not right.

“I believe this recognition will go a long way in removing that stigma, which is creating an environment for laws and bills that erode our Constitutional protections, increase government overreach, and ultimately make us all less safe.

“I will continue to stand for our Second Amendment rights and with responsible gun owners in the House, while fighting against measures that seek to infringe on those rights.”

Michigan would join 10 other states where a state firearm has been designated: Alaska, Arizona, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

MDARD Announces Public Input for 2024 Rural Development Fund Grant Guidelines

submitted by Chelsea Lewis-Parisio

LANSING - The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) today announced a public input opportunity for the Rural Development Fund Grant Program. To ensure effective program priorities, MDARD is asking for public input by emailing your comments to mda-grants@michigan.gov by 5 p.m. on July 13, 2024.

The grant funds, established by Public Act 411 of 2012, are aimed to promote the sustainability of land-based industries including food and agriculture, forestry, mining, oil and gas production, and tourism. Currently established priorities include infrastructure development, workforce training, business development, and rural capacity building that benefits rural communities.

“The Rural Development Grant Program focuses on supporting the rural communities and businesses within Michigan by encouraging the promotion of sustainable industry practices,” said MDARD Director Tim Boring. “This grant program allows many communities to establish stronger businesses and create more opportunity within their communities.”

Eligible counties include those with a population no greater than 70,000 residents or micropolitan statistical areas. Preference was given to projects in Marquette County. All interested parties may visit www.michigan.gov/mdardgrants for more information on Rural Development Fund grants and to review the 2024 guidelines.

All public comments may be submitted to mda-grants@michigan.gov until July 13, 2024, at 5 p.m. with the subject line of Rural Development Public Comment. The input received will be presented to the Rural Development Fund Board, as they develop the 2025 program guidelines.

For more information on this and other MDARD grants, visit www.Michigan.gov/MDARDGrants.



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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON COUNTY, starting promptly at 10:00 A.M., on JULY 17, 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. 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE – A mortgage was granted by MONTGOMERY JOHN-SON, a single man, Mortgagor(s), to PORTLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, 9077 CHARLOTTE HWY, PORTLAND, MI 48875, Mortgagee, dated OCTOBER 6, 2017, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, and State of Michigan on OCTOBER 10, 2017, in INSTRUMENT NO. 5259160, which was assigned to NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, LLC, 975 N. MAIN ST., SUITE D, FRANKENMUTH, MI 48734, by Corporation Assignment of Mortgage dated OCTOBER 6, 2017, and recorded on OCTOBER 13, 2017, in INSTRUMENT NO. 5259342, of Clinton County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of ONE HUN-

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No: 24-32227-DE Estate of ROBERT DENNIS HELMAN, Date of Birth: March 29, 1944 TO ALL CREDITORS: ** NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROBERT DENNIS HELMAN, died on March 27, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michelle Helman, 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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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 July 10, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Timothy W. Kocher, a married man and Victoria J.C. Kocher, his wife, who executes this mortgage for the sole purpose of waiving her Dower Rights Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender’s successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, NA Date of Mortgage: February 11, 2004 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 18, 2004 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$86,275.26 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 10 and 11 of William G. Leland’s Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44 of Clinton County Records Common street address (if any): 1151 Hannah Ave, Lansing, MI 48906-6818 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: June 9, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on July 10, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Erika Phan, Married Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Cross Country Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: Flagstar Bank, NA Date of Mortgage: June 24, 2022 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 6, 2022 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$328,567.93 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 275, Hawk Nest Condominium, City of East Lansing, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the Master Deed dated January 8, 2003, recorded January 10, 2003 in Instrument No. 5015889 and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 5025073 and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 5061832 and Third amendment to Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 5080152 and by Fourth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in instrument No. 5224518 and by Fifth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 5226580, as amended, Clinton County Records and designated as Clinton County Condominium Plan No. 30, together with rights in General common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended. Commonly Known as: 695 Phoebe Ln., East Lansing, MI 48823 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee’s attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 06/09/2024 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 318621

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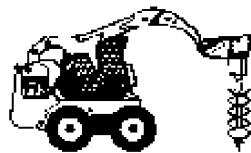
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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at 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 JUNE 26, 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 Sherry L. Miller, an unmarried woman, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2009 and recorded June 9, 2009 in Instrument Number 5144964 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 Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine and 84/100 Dollars (\$83,429.84).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JUNE 26, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Bingham, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

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

Dated: May 26, 2024
File No. 24-005747
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary 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 JUNE 26, 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 Cesar Del Bosque Ortiz and Vlinda Del Bosque Ortiz, husband and wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004 and recorded December 27, 2004 in Instrument Number 5071773 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCH1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven and 10/100 Dollars (\$102,697.10).

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Dated: May 26, 2024
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Said premises are located in the Township of DeWitt, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: June 2, 2024
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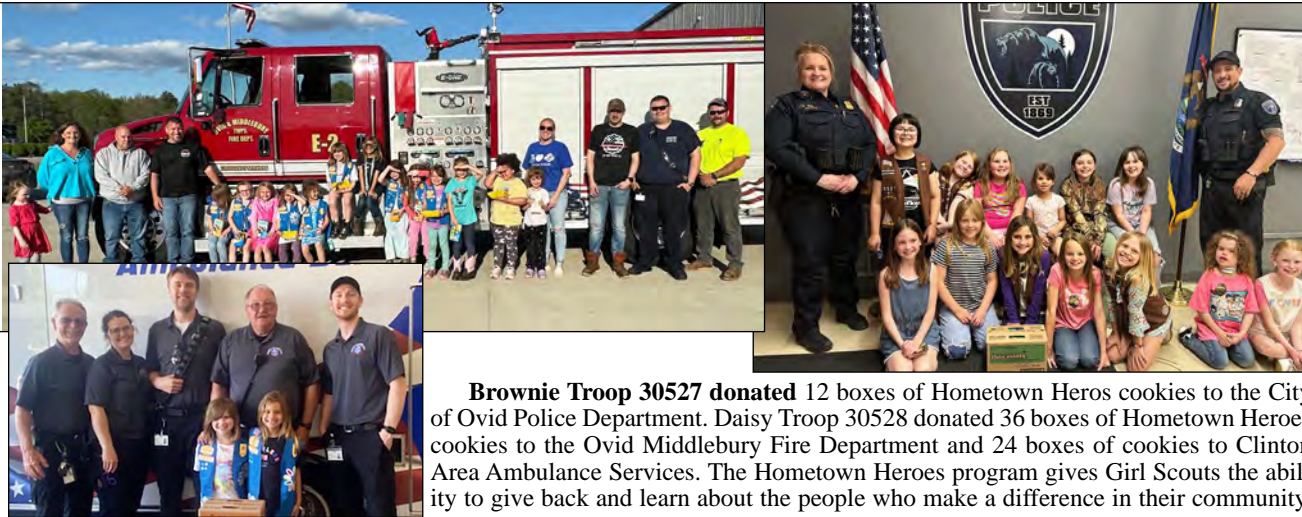
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UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Awards Scholarships to Local Students

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, MI – University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to nine Clinton County high school students who intend to pursue higher education in a health-related field.

The funds for these scholarships have been generously donated by benefactors of UM Health-Sparrow, including the Merten and Geraldine Whyman Health Careers Scholarship Endowment Fund, established in 1986 for Clinton County students pursuing health-related curriculums, and the Clinton Physician Impact Fund, dedicated to advancing students in the Clinton community.

The scholarships are being awarded with the hope of supporting the graduates in achieving their goals and, in turn, encouraging them to assist UM Health-Sparrow Clinton's highly skilled team members in their efforts to provide leading-edge and compassionate care, close to home.

2024 UM Health-Sparrow Health Care Scholarship recipients for Clinton County are:

- Isabella Dankert, of DeWitt, who plans to study neuroscience at the University of Kentucky.
- Bridget Nobach, of Portland, who plans to study health administration at Ferris State University.
- Sophia Pellerito, of DeWitt, who plans to study nursing at Michigan State University.
- Ella Schafer, of St. Johns, who plans to study biology at Hillsdale College.
- Katelyn Thelen, of St. Johns, who plans to study exercise science at Adrian College.
- Aaron Thomas, of DeWitt, who plans to study biomedical engineering at Hope College.

2024 UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Physician Impact Fund Award recipients are:

- Parker Beebee, of St. Johns, who plans to study public health at Saginaw Valley State University.
- Nathan Klein, of St. Johns, who plans to study statistics at Michigan State University.
- Lily Sackrider, of St. Johns, who plans to study biology at Hope College.

For more information on UM Health-Sparrow Health Care Scholarships, go to UofMHealthSparrow.org/Scholarships.

