

The Bearded Barber Opens in Downtown Ovid

by Deb Price

There's a new barber in town. St Johns resident, Ryan Mallory, opened his shop on Wednesday, July 10th in downtown Ovid. The location on West Front street has been a place for families seeking salon services over the decades. But last Wednesday it opened up as a barber shop, something that has been missing since Evelyn the barber closed and entered into retirement.

Mallory was born and raised in Vestaburg, a small town similar to Ovid. He graduated from high school there in 1997 and is a graduate of Lansing Barber College. After graduating from barbershop school, he worked in a shop in Grand Ledge. "There is a military training facility there and I got to cut the hair of a lot of military personal and police officers. I got real good at those tight cuts," he explained. His most recent work experience before deciding to open his own shop was with Ford Motor Company in their Marketing & Website Departments.

Once Ryan rented the shop from his new landlord, Dr. Hoffman, he and his wife, Jenny and daughters, Myah, Gracie and son, Eli went to work remodeling the space. The shop is open for walk-ins only on Tuesdays, 8am-6pm, Wednesdays-Fridays, 8am-5pm, 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 8am-noon and closed on Mondays, as tradition. Also as tradition, payment for services are cash only. "Rather than give a credit card company a percentage of my business, I will gladly donate to community causes instead," he said.



Eddie Stewart was the first customer at the Bearded Barber Shop on July 10th

The prices for services are Haircuts, \$18 (includes head shaves), \$17 for seniors age 62 or retired and \$9 for beard trim.

Eddie Stewart was Mallory's first customer at 8am on July 10th. When I entered the shop to capture a photo of Ryan's first customer, Eddie said "Hi Deb, I haven't had a haircut since May, been waiting for this guy to open." Ryan would like to invite you to stop in and say hello. "I have been blown away by the reception I have received by the community. People have stopped by during the remodeling process

to welcome me to town. I am excited to become a part of the community," he explained.

Ormes Retires as Elsie Fire Department Chief

It is with great emotional sentiment that we are announcing the upcoming retirement of Fire Chief Christopher Ormes. Chris will begin enjoying his retirement on August 1st, 2024.

Chris began his career with the Chesaning Fire Department in 1994, along with receiving his MFR license the same year. Chris went on to obtain his EMT license in 1997.

In 2001, Chris joined the Clinton Area Fire Rescue where he served as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain until 2007.

Chris joined the Elsie Area Fire Department in 2006 as a Firefighter, was promoted to Lieutenant in 2010, and was then promoted to Fire Chief in 2013.

Please join us in thanking Chris for his many years, countless hours, and personal dedication to the fire service, as well as the residents of the communities in which he has served! Chris, may you enjoy a well earned retirement!

The Elsie Area Fire Department invites you to meet with, personally thank, and say farewell to Chris at 3pm on Sunday July 28th at the Elsie Area Fire Station.

The new rank structure of the Elsie Area Fire Department upon Chris's retirement will be announced at a later time.



City of Ovid Receives Small Town Enhancement Grant

submitted by Jaclyn Hutchison

LANSING— The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is thrilled to announce the recipients of its Small Town Enhancement Grant, a new initiative that fosters smart requested growth in rural communities through smart projects requested by the community that is focused on revitalizing public gathering spaces. This program is the latest strategy for LEAP's strategical regional plan.

"Small rural community, mainstreet and agriculture assistance are a key part of our broader regional strategy," shared Bob Trezise, president and CEO of LEAP. "LEAP is known for its larger projects, but we pour a lot of resources into supporting small businesses and rural communities, in important ways. We want everyone in our three-county region to take pride in where they live and work, that's quality of life, and that adds up to more investment and jobs and reasonable but necessary population growth, which we all need. The ripple effects of our Small Town Enhancement program are important.

In partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), which provided the funding, LEAP's new program awarded six grants to communities across Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. The projects include business improvements, community beautification, and creating new community gathering spaces. The selected 6 communities are: the Village of Vermontville, Dimondale, Stockbridge, Leslie, Maple Rapids and Ovid.

Small Town Enhancement Grant Roadshow took place on July 9-11 City of Ovid

In the City of Ovid, installing new banners along Main Street in the downtown area will enhance the visual appeal and support local businesses.

"I'm grateful that LEAP is dedicated to investing in local communities to make them wonderful places to live, work, and play," says Eric Starn, city council member of Ovid. "You might not think much about something like signage, but the importance of visually creating a shared celebratory experience as a community cannot be understated. This is just one of the many steps that the City and Planning Commission are taking to make the residents of Ovid feel proud to drive through these streets, and it makes visitors feel welcome."

Location: Main St, Ovid, MI

"The MEDC is proud to celebrate the places that make our state great and support the vibrancy of small towns throughout the Lansing area through the Small Town Enhancement Grant Program," said Michele Wildman, chief place officer of Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "On behalf of the MEDC, congratulations to the grantees. We look forward to seeing the impact these projects have on further strengthening the economic vitality of their communities."



Members of the Ovid Planning Commission, County officials, LEAP representatives Ovid City Council members pictured here accepting the \$11,000 grant from LEAP.

Elsie Dairy Festival Pageant and Talent Show Winners



Talent Winners Brooklyn Helt and Jayden Ellis



Queen Jamie Houska and Princess Chloe Kioski

Sewing/Sowing Bee

The Sewing/Sowing Bee organization is looking for donations and volunteers to help the women of South Asia by making re-usable menstrual kits.

Drop in anytime on Sunday, July 14 from 9am-9pm at the Assembly of Yahweh, 1017 N. Gunnell Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI.

Donations of supplies requested but not necessary.

Sewing machine/serger; scissors/cutting board; Flannel, cotton and PUL material in dark colors. Women's underwear one-gallon ziplock bags.

Breakfast and lunch provided.

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The internship program is open to college students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about our country's legislative process and the day-to-day operations of a Congressional office. Opportunities are available immediately in Caledonia and Clare, and are available for the fall in Washington D.C.

Internship responsibilities in Caledonia and Clare include answering phones, meeting with constituents, helping constituents when they need assistance with federal agencies, attending district events and meetings, drafting Certificates of Congressional Recognition, and monitoring the latest news developments throughout the district, amongst other tasks.

Intern responsibilities in Washington D.C. include conducting tours of the U.S. Capitol, researching federal legislation and assisting legislative staff. Interns will also have the opportunity to attend legislative briefings and congressional hearings on Capitol Hill.

All internship applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, resume, and any specific legislative issues or areas of interest. Applications should be submitted by the close of business on August 2, 2024. College credits are available per school requirements.

For more information and to apply for an internship, visit Moolenaar.House.gov/internships.



Annual Michigan Rushers Football Memorial Picnic Continues

submitted by Arthur Wainwright

The annual Michigan Rushers Football memorial picnic was held for the 30th year in honor of the first professional football game played in Shepardsville in 1895. The event has decreased in size from 1995 when memorial football games were played. Now the celebration consists of a pot luck gathering. This year attendance was around 75.



Owosso's SUMMER Praise! Concert Series Continues

submitted by Lynn Webster

Following Sunday's opening concert with Justified Quartet, Owosso's Summer Praise! concert series continues this Sunday evening with Sylacauga, Georgia's Griffith Family. The concert site is the First Church of the Nazarene, 1865 S. M-52 at 7:30 p.m.

Tony and Julie Griffith are a husband-and-wife team who are joined by their four children, who travel with them. Daughter, Jaidyn, sings with them, and is joined by son, Caleb, the group's drummer. They started 10 years ago. They are joined by Payton and Allen.

The family sings regularly at Dollywood, Silver Dollar City, and on the main stage of the National Quartet Convention.

An offering will be taken for the group. A large part of the financial support comes from our "patrons." If you contribute \$50 or more to help us with SUMMER Praise! you can send your check to Lynn Webster, 814 E. Oliver St., Owosso, MI. Checks MUST be made out to Owosso-Area Ministerial Association, our sponsors.

United Church of Ovid Vacation Bible School

submitted by Sue Casler

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Clinton County and Frontier Have Been Awarded a ROBIN Grant to Expand Fiber Broadband Service

submitted by Penny Goerge

St. Johns – The State of Michigan, as part of the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) grant program, has selected the joint application of Frontier and Clinton County for a fiber expansion project within the County in the amount of \$14,975,732.31. The Clinton County Board of Commissioners selected Frontier as the vendor for a public-private partnership in January of 2023 to pursue State ROBIN grant funding. The County’s Broadband Infrastructure Development Project will provide fiber-to-the-home broadband service to 3,297 households in grant eligible locations in Clinton County along with additional locations not eligible under the grant.

“Expanding broadband internet access to unserved areas of the County was the identified priority of the Board of Commissioners.” Said Bob Showers, Chair of the Board of Commissioners. “The need for reliable, high-speed internet service is essential for business opportunity and educational access in the 21st century economy and Clinton County is pleased to have partnered with Frontier to expand their network to provide this essential service in Clinton County.”

Based on the competitive proposal submitted by Frontier, broadband services would be expanded in three service areas; Central (including Riley and Olive Townships); East (including Ovid, Victor and portions of Bath Township) and West (including Lebanon, Essex, Greenbush, Duplain, Dallas, Bengal and portions of Westphalia and Eagle Townships).

“We’re proud to partner with Clinton County to build the critical digital infrastructure that will connect their residents today and well into the future,” said Veronica Bloodworth, Frontier’s Chief Network Officer. “The grant funding we were awarded is another step in Building Gigabit America and will allow us to connect homes and businesses to the digital society for generations to come.”

The project will provide affordable service to the County with a low-income option of 100M/100 Mbps (download/upload) service offering for \$29.99 per month. Other households can take advantage of speeds of up to 5/5 Gbps (download/upload) for \$139.99 per month.

The County’s matching funds of \$2,436,097 from County Rescue Plan funding and a \$7,970,752 investment provided by Frontier, bring the estimated total project cost of \$25,382,590.



Mary Perrin and Chief Lisa Rousseau judge the Junior “Chopped” contest at the Ovid Library on July 10

Ovid Library News

On July 10th the Ovid Library the Junior Activity was our own version of Chopped. The kids were given four ingredients that they had to use and ‘pantry’ ingredients that they could add to make a creative dessert.

Thanks so much to Mary Perrien and Chief Lisa Rousseau for graciously agreeing to be our judges and to all who participated. It was a fun day!



CACS Celebrating 60 Years of Community Action

submitted by Becky Zemla

Shiawassee County Capital Area Community Services, Inc. (CACS) announces an Open House will be held on August 9th at 1845 Corunna Ave., Owosso from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please join them in celebrating 60 years of Community Action!

There will be cake and punch and give-aways available! If you have any questions, please feel free to call 989-723-3115.

NOTICE CITY OF OVID RESIDENTS

Candidate packets are now available at the City Office for the November 5, 2024 General Election for the following seats:
(3) seats for a Four-year term for City Council
(1) seat for a Four-year term for Mayor
(9) seats for a Three-year term for Charter Commission

The deadline to file required forms to the City Clerk's office is by 4 P.M. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk
City of Ovid

MAIN STREET CLOSURE FOR PAVING

Attention City of Ovid Residents and Business Owners
Tuesday, July 16th 2024 and Wednesday July 17th 2024

Main Street will be closed for paving!

Please plan a different route on these days.

Businesses on Main Street can be accessed by the side streets.
The City of Ovid appreciates your understanding and patience during this phase of the watermain project.



Middlebury Township Election Commission Meeting

To the residents of Middlebury Township: Notice is hereby given of a Election Commission Meeting on July 16, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Middlebury Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment For the August 6, 2024 Primary Election

To the qualified electors of the Middlebury Township, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the February 27, 2024. Testing is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st at 8:00 a.m. at the township hall at 7627 E. M-21.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan electronic law.

Jamie Aldrich, Clerk
Middlebury Township

Duplain Township August 2024 Election Information

DUPLAIN - The public accuracy test of election equipment for Duplain Township will be held Thursday, July 18, 1 pm, at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W. Main Street, Elsie.
Office hours prior to the August 6 election are slated for Saturday, August 3, 8a-Noon and Sunday, August 4, 1p-5p.

If there are questions call 517-927-6258.

OVID TOWNSHIP Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 6, 2024, Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 2 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the Election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Claudia Barrett Pluger,
Clerk, Ovid Township

Obituaries

Dorothy Joanne Galehouse

Dorothy Joanne Galehouse, age 90, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024.

Joanne was born in St. Louis, Michigan on March 21, 1934, the daughter of Rollin and May (Morford) Earegood. Joanne married Dirk Duane Galehouse on September 14, 1952, at the Elsie United Methodist Church. Joanne retired from the Shiawassee County Courthouse as a clerk after many years. She was talented artist and made beautiful painting she shared with family and friends. She volunteered many hours at The Dorman Gallery in Elsie. She was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her nephews: Lawrence and Kathy Earegood of Rockford, MI; Leland and Nenita Earegood of Shepherd, MI; Mark and Julie Earegood of Reed City, MI; and many great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dirk, her brother Robert (Connie) Earegood, and sister-in-law Delores Earegood.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, with Pastor Mona Kindel officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI at a later date.

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



Charles Edward Beavers

"When I come to the end of my journey, and I travel my last mile. Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only my smile."

Charles Edward Beavers, formerly of Laingsburg, passed away July 6, 2024.

Charles was born in Lansing on May 30, 1948 and attended Laingsburg High School. He graduated from MSU with a degree in History and Education.

After the death of his father in 1977 he, along with his brother Don, and his sisters took over the daily operation of the family owned Pine Hills Golf Course in Laingsburg. Today the course is owned and managed by his nephew, Greg Beavers.

Chuck and wife Christine moved to East Lansing, residing in their home that was within walking distance of Spartan Stadium. They had season tickets to the football games and would be joined by friends and family at "their" tree on the banks of the Red Cedar. Chuck loved hearing the Spartan Marching band coming across the bridge and starting up the fight song as they approached the stadium.

Also known as Chas to many friends, he managed many golf outings and raffles for charities. He was the keeper of the football pools in the fall and in March he could be found with his friend Tom going crazy over the first few days of March Madness. Many weekend meals were shared with their friends along with hilarious games of Trivial Pursuit and Charades. Besides Spartan football he cheered on the Red Wings and saw his Cubs finally win the World Series.

In January of 2009 Chuck suffered the first of two strokes resulting in aphasia and paralysis. Through therapy, strength training and daily exercise he was able to find a level of independence. A second, more serious stroke in 2015, made his journey more difficult but he did not give up the fight. He could sit on the deck in the fall, wrapped in blankets, listening to the game on the radio and hear the cheering, or moans, from Spartan Stadium.

He loved watching historical documentaries especially those by Ric Burns. He greeted each morning with a smile and a wink and while he was now confined to a wheelchair. He was up everyday and continued working with a therapist and trainer. He enjoyed watching his young grandchildren, three who were born after his first stroke. When they learned to walk they became the "pushers of the wheelchair" and, while their Poppy was a little different, he was always showered with hugs and kisses.

Over his lifetime Chuck had many roles and his friends and family will have different memories. But for those of us who were a part of the last chapter of his life we saw a strength of character emerge that was the defining years of his life. He faced his challenges with a smile or a kiss, never taking his frustrations out on others. He was a very sweet, kind and loving man who is greatly missed.

The family would like to thank Justin, who was not only Chucks strength trainer for over 12 years, but a friend and confidante. He kept Chuck on his feet even through the Covid years when the gym was closed. We were very fortunate to have him in our lives.

Special thanks to our friend Tom, who called Chuck and helped him relearn and speak the cities and nicknames of NFL teams. What a joy it was to hear Chuck speaking in those early months even if it was to make a wager. And our old and dear friend Bill, the best man at our wedding 42 years ago. He brought cherry pie and strawberry milkshakes to Chuck, two of his favorite food groups.

For all the strangers we have met on this journey who held a door, gave a high five, spoke words of kindness and encouragement -- never underestimate how meaningful these gestures were to Chuck. There are so many people over the years that we cannot thank them all but as the days go on and memories return you are in our hearts.

Chuck is survived by his wife Christine Goodrick Beavers; his daughter and son-in-law, Lyn and Jeffrey Bowling and their children Bradley and Lyndsay Bowling; his daughter and son-in-law Holly and Joseph Corr and their children Xavier, Ellison and Caris. He is also survived by his sister Edith Watts, his sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Lynn Cortright, and his brother and sister-in-law Donald and Ingrid Beavers.

He was predeceased by his parents Edward and Arlene Beavers, and his sister Helen Highfield.

A memorial service is pending.

Contributions in Chuck's name may be made to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906. Over the years he gave a home to many four-footed friends who miss him and the treats he would share.



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Monica Lynn Sutton

Monica Lynn Sutton, age 65, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

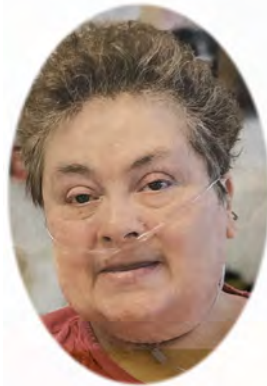
Monica was born in Owosso, Michigan on June 26, 1959, the daughter of Lloyed Denzel Sutton and Glenda Jean (Richards) Magers.

Monica enjoyed ceramics, coloring, and crocheting. She liked cooking and family get-togethers. Her nieces and nephews were the joy of her life and she loved them unconditionally. Monica's faith was very important to her and she loved reading daily devotionals and scripture.

She is survived by her mother Glenda "Jean" and David Magers of DeMotte, IN; sisters: Ruth and Arlen McGinnis of Elsie, MI; Lisa and Timothy Daniels of Elsie, MI; Becky and Chris Ishii of California. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Lloyd, her sisters: Lloydine "Maggie" "Marie" Savery and Lorrie Lab.

Cremation has taken place and a time of visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 5-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Susan Kay Helt

Susan Kay Helt, age 71, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, July 15, 2024, with Pastor JD Paik officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

Susan was born on December 24, 1952, the daughter Julian Elery and Mary Lu (Swarthout) Perrien. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1971. On February 19, 1971, Susan married David James Helt Sr.; they were married twenty-two years prior to his passing.

Sue enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, and University of Michigan Wolverines. She liked to play Euchre, Bingo, and Scratchers.

She is survived by three sons: David James (Polly) Helt Jr., Steven (Janae) Helt, and Mark (Melissa) Helt; ten grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death her parents, husband David, and her sister Diane Perrien.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6520 North Andrews Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Summer Is Run for All Ages

Dear Andy,

The Summer is just passing so quickly. My four elementary-aged children are growing up too fast. It's July already and it will be time to go back to school soon. We don't have a lot of money but I would like to make some happy memories for our children. Do you have any affordable fun ideas?

Loving Mom

Dear Mom,

You do not have to have a lot of money to take advantage of the FREE activities in our area. Most libraries have summer programs. Some have a 3-D printer. Taking them to the library can be a big adventure. Help them find a book at their age level. Read it on their own or out loud to everyone. Have them draw a picture describing an event in the story they just read. Find a short book to read to them. Kids always enjoy that with mom. Praise them with compliments of encouragement.

Check out concerts or FREE movies in the Laingsburg Park at dusk, on Wednesdays or a FREE bouncy house at Lake Lansing Park on Friday. And, a FREE County Beach with a lifeguard. Small park in Bath on a fishing lake, next to an ice cream shop. In St. Johns there is a FREE Splash Pad and a FUN park open every day of the week. Go for a hike and have a scavenger hunt. Make a list of things to find. Have them decorate a small paper lunch sack. Then have them pack a picnic.(may need supervision) Take them to the ice cream shop. Visit a local Farmers Market. Limit their spending by having them each do a job at home and pay them \$2.00 or whatever you can afford. Then let them pay for their own treat. Farmers Market Day: St. Johns and Owosso are on Saturday, Laingsburg is on , Bath on Tuesday. Check your community page in your hometown to see what days they offer.

When you limit TV, kids can find a lot of adventures on their own. In the day of electronics, kids need a beak....dig out the board games and play with them. Play school. Let your children take turns being the teacher. It could get them thinking again. Working on math problems, do a science experiment in the kitchen. Make a treasure map, taking counted steps on a trail for each child; at the end of the hunt have a special surprise just for that child.

There are adventures in your own backyard. too. Have them find several stones to paint, line them up to create a caterpillar. Use a marker for eyes. They can make lady bugs, frogs, and stilly critters. Have some theme adventures. On Taco Tuesday have a Mexican hat Dance and Tacos for dinner. Turn on the music and just dance. Run the sprinkler. Just be involved.

Challenge your children to use their imaginations. Just enjoy watching them play and grow. Don't forget the Sunscreen and Bug Spray. Have fun. Andy. ask_andy@aol.com



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This has been another interesting week. I had an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon who viewed things as I do. No need to cut and poke around because I am functional and am not hooked on pain pills. That could change in the next ten to fifteen years. I can wait. Of course I still have some discomfort and hope to be able to start walking again. My goal is four miles a day. I do hope to meet my goal before winter gets here this year. I do mean 2024.

Ya know, how the road is paved?! I also know and wonder how it affects me from time to time. Such as last Sunday morning. I had been up early and made a small batch of white bread to be used for communion. At nine I delivered it to church. I then went home and made a mistake by sitting down in my recliner. And I relaxed, this of course pleased Miss Prudence. She climbed up into my lap and snuggled down for some 'me time'. I woke up at 11:52 in the late morning. I had missed communion and church. I felt a bit guilty.

Did I mention that it has also been a bit hectic around here? Extra baking for the Dairy Festival and the extra work involved in having everything ready for making the breakfast burritos. IT is a toss up between our biscuit and gravy and our breakfast burritos when it comes to pleasing our customers. It was pleasing to hear from out of towners how much they were looking forward to having one of our breakfasts.

Yesterday while serving our customers was extra busy because we were in the process of changing out our air conditioner and adding a new under the counter refrigerator. There was a lot of joshing and joking going on with our regulars but we did keep Brent hopping. Laughter is a good and lasting part of our environment. It is one of those blessings.

During the festivals it does get a bit frantic at times. Like folks seem to believe that it is okay to park behind the street barricades. However, they do take exception when being informed that they are blocking other folks from leaving the parking lot to go home. Usually they appear a bit disgruntled when asked to move their vehicles. Makes me wonder what they would do when they returned to their vehicle and found

the barricade moved up within touching distance... Just so those folks who have been working since six can leave. Just a thought.

I know that this is short today, but I too am a bit frazzled. Much happens on a daily basis and at times it is a bit hard to stay on top of everything. I do get a wahoo for getting all of the lilacs, forsythias, and snowball bushes moved from my home to their new homes. The last one left yesterday morning, so now I can get another task tuned up.

Time to leave for the shop. So much to do. May God bless you with purpose and may you be blessed with the ability to keep going. Everything is short and sweet this week. God bless.

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Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? 10 You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! 11 I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you."

- Galatians 4:8-11

Paul in this section lays out the damaging effects of legalism. Here are the descriptive words he gives:

Slaves. Weak. Miserable. Enslaved.

Not a pretty picture is it?

But that's what happens when we become legalistic. And the legalism can take two forms:

1. As a non-christian, trying to do good works in order to earn salvation.

2. As a Christian, trying to earn God's love, favor or approval through good works.

In either case, legalism is not God approved.

Legalism robs us of our joy in the Lord that we should have. Legalism is very cruel to whomever is under its bondage. For the more a person tries to do good works and perform religious rituals to please God, the more inadequate he or she feels. That person may feel like he or she is failing God. So, the person tries to do more in hopes that she will be found "good

enough," trying to reach some imaginary goal in her mind. But the person can never reach that goal, and the vicious cycle continues on, leading to more despair.

A couple of ways to either get out of legalism or to not enter into it in the first place is to remember that we receive salvation by grace, and not by works, and that God's love for us is always at the maximum. No matter how you live, or what you do, God will never love you any less.

Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Since God loves you as a sinner and sent Jesus to die for you, He can't love you any less when you do sin. God loves you even when you are at your worst.

The key to life is relationship; a personal relationship with God. This is entered into by faith alone in Christ alone. Life is not about rules and performance and do's and don'ts, but from living a life with God and letting everything else flow out from there.

As Jesus says, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

- John 17:3



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Did You Know?

Homeowners with an eye on home improvement projects should know that kitchens and bathrooms tend to be the most costly rooms to renovate. An affiliate of the National Kitchen and Bath Association told Architectural Digest in 2023 that kitchens and bathrooms require the most labor-intensive renovations, which contributes significantly to the high costs of such projects. Labor is indeed a significant cost when renovating a home, as the Construction Labor Market Analyzer indicates labor cost percentages in construction are between 20 and 40 percent of the total budget of a given project. The final cost of any renovation project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including the square footage of the room being remodeled and the materials homeowners choose. However, homeowners looking for less costly renovations may want to consider revamping their dining rooms and closets, each of which are projects that can make a difference and tend to require a less significant financial commitment than projects like kitchen and bath remodels.



Did You Know?

Planning plays an integral role in the home improvement process, and it's perhaps a more time-consuming component of renovations than homeowners realize. According to the "2024 U.S. Houzz & Home Study" from Houzz Research, homeowners spent almost twice as much time planning their kitchen renovations in 2023 as it took for the projects to be completed. The researchers behind the report found that the average time spent planning a kitchen renovation in 2023 was 9.6 months, while the building took 5.1 months. Additional projects featured a similar disparity between the time to plan and the time to build. For example, homeowners spent 8.1 months planning living room renovations, which then took an additional 4.1 months to complete. Even smaller projects like closet renovations required ample planning (6.5 months) that more than doubled the time required to complete the project (3.1 months).

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Elevate the Backyard Experience

Chances are no one wants to replicate the side effects of the global pandemic anytime soon. Despite all of the upheaval it brought to so many people's lives, there was at least one silver lining to the pandemic: a newfound appreciation for backyards and other outdoor living areas. Back in 2021, OnePoll, on behalf of the landscaping company TruGreen, found survey participants reported spending 14 hours outside every week, which marked a three-hour increase than before the pandemic hit.



Outdoor spaces like patios, decks, yards, and even front porches remain popular places for homeowners and their loved ones to congregate. Various studies have shown that those who spend more time outside in nature have lower levels of stress, anxiety and depression. Being outside is strongly associated with improved mental and physical health. Homeowners who want to maximize the potential of their outdoor spaces can look to these ideas to take backyards up a notch or two.

Establish a gathering spot

A well-designed yard has one or more dedicated gathering spots, particularly areas that enable comfort underfoot. Homeowners can give consideration to hardscape that enables individuals to spend time outdoors without standing in soggy or buggy situations. Whether they're traditional decks, platform decks, concrete or paver patios, or areas separated from the lawn with pea gravel or another type of rock, homeowners can make the yard more useable through these spaces.

Invest in an outdoor cooking area

Grilling, smoking and even making brick oven pizzas outdoors is a major component of backyard entertaining. Outdoor kitchens can increase the convenience of prepping, cooking and serving food outdoors. Grills and other cooking gear can be built into weather-resistant counters and cabinetry.

Install a pergola

A pergola or another structure is the perfect way to add privacy to a gathering spot and create more shade and weather protection when Mother Nature does not want to cooperate.

Think beyond the summer season

When making backyard improvements, homeowners can incorporate ideas that make the yard more functional during different seasons. For example, a fire pit or outdoor fireplace can be a spot for making summer s'mores or sipping mulled cider in the fall. An enclosed three-season room offers the opportunity to see nature and enjoy it without bearing the full brunt of chilly temperatures.

There are many ways homeowners can enhance the functionality and appeal of their backyards.

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New Exhibit at Shiawassee Arts Center

submitted by Piper Brewer

The Shiawassee Arts Center opens a new exhibit featuring artwork by Anthony Cairo of Lansing, Lisabeth Curnow of Holt, and the 2b Photographers Group of Lansing. The exhibit, which runs July 9 through August 25, is sponsored by Mrs. Edgar Brown. The public is welcome to attend the 'Meet the Artists' reception Friday, July 12, 5-7pm.

Anthony M. Cairo, a traditional artist living in Lansing, Michigan, received his BFA from Kendall College of Art and Design in 2015 with a focus on drawing. After graduating he apprenticed under the Michigan Capitol Master Decorative Artist in 2017, learning traditional oil painting techniques. Today he works as the lead Decorative painter at the Michigan State Capitol, and a nationally awarded landscape painter. His work has been featured in Southwest Art and Plein Air magazine. He explains, "The complex and endless beauty of the natural world is my greatest influence. I still find magic in these spaces, and they have become my greatest teacher. As a Michigander, my love of plein air painting, backcountry backpacking, and quiet areas without human traces provide regular sources of inspiration."

Lisabeth Curnow, an award winning watercolor artist and instructor, is president of the Mid Michigan Art Guild (MMAG), active member of Lansing Women Artist Collective (LWAC) and Great Lakes Plein Air Painters Association (GLPAPA). Her work has been included in exhibits throughout Michigan, including the Mackinac Island Art Museum, Crooked Tree Gallery Traverses City, and number Mid Michigan Galleries.

2B Photographers, a special interest group of the Michigan Garden Clubs District 2B, was launched by Sue Wittick in February, 2018, for garden club members to develop skills, practice techniques, display their work, share ideas, and critique images related to photography. The group meets monthly September through May. Currently, the group is facilitated by Melinda Pope, who states, "As photographers who are also gardeners, we strive to show nature in colorful and creative ways. Our photos convey our deep appreciation for the botanical. Creatures of the garden are often found in our images. Photography allows us the immediacy of the moment and the excitement of a new bloom or a new day".

The Shiawassee Arts Center, celebrating its 52nd anniversary in 2024, is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso and is open to the public, free of charge, Monday through Friday 10-5pm, weekends 12-3pm. The Arts Center features the art-

work of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieseke Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. SAC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts. For more information 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.



Anthony Cairo



Lisabeth Curnow

Fly2K Nashville's Top '90's - 2000's Tribute Band to Rock the Stage at St. Johns' Concert in the Park on July 17th

submitted by Bill Tennant

Nashville based band, Fly2K, is a premiere tribute band performing the hits of the 90s - 2000s! This fun-loving group has high energy, dance-infused performances that showcase the most beloved pop, rock, hip-hop and R&B hits from that time period.

Band members include Rachel Thompson Mitchell, and Bear Mitchell, who are St. Johns natives, (Go Redwings!) and are thrilled to return to the William E. Tennant Performance Shell to blast these nostalgic songs from the past. Bear and Rachel last played on this same stage, nearly 20 years ago, when it was first built and they were in high school! This concert will take place on Wednesday, July 17 in the beautiful St. Johns City Park starting at 7:00 p.m.

"I've been trying to get this band up to St. Johns for years," said Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. "They all had regular jobs that kept them from taking a week off. They're doing more touring now and made it happen. It will be fun seeing them perform after all these years - after watching them grow up here in our community."

Fly2K has headlined festivals like Nashville's Oktoberfest, and rocked casino stages like Hard Rock Cincinnati. Fly2K is currently playing a Friday night residency on Nashville's famed Broadway, and tours the country, bringing back nostalgic vibes from the 90s and 2000s. Performing songs from artists like: Britney Spears, Outkast, Blink 182, Beyoncé, NSYNC, Dr. Dre, Spice Girls, Shania Twain and so many more, fans can't resist moving to their music. The band delivers a nonstop, high-energy performance that keeps the crowd dancing all night long!

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. We want to thank Pauli Ford for their donation to the building fund and their sponsorship of this amazing concert.

Bring a chair or blanket - visit the Lion's Club Food Trailer - the concert takes place rain or shine. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated and needed to support the series each year.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, and enjoy an evening of music you won't soon forget! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Fly2K Band members Rachel, vocals and dance, Bear, bass, rap and band leader, Turi, vocals, dance and trumpet, Cooper, keys and engineer, Jeff, guitar and Ryan drums





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Sports



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Loners in the Wilderness Series

Have you ever wondered if you could just walk away at a moment's notice and slip undetected into the wilderness whether that be a deep forest, mountain range, or shipwrecked on an island? Maybe not even that remote... could you disappear into the mid-Michigan countryside and survive without detection? Could you disappear with nothing but a knife and a small Altoid

tin survival kit or maybe even a pre-planned hidden cache of supplies waiting for you? What does it take to last more than days or a few weeks compared to months and years? The Weekly Sportsman is often intrigued with printed stories about individuals who seem to have incredible physical stamina and mental strength along with usually some sort of outdoors knowledge. They disappear for long periods and with very little contact from the outside world and emerge usually in relatively good health. Although a few have their tale told postmortem and some may suffer an increased level of mental illness when re-entering society as we know it. Regardless, their stories of survival are excellent reading material that often finds the reader questioning his or her own ability to survive such conditions.

It's very hard to say when the Weekly Sportsman really

became interested in stories of survival. Middle school was definitely the formative years with reading Daniel DeFoe's Robinson Crusoe, watching Red Dawn in August of 1984 at the Outer Six despite being two years under age for the first PG-13 rated movie, and last but not least reading an article about The Ridgerunner Wild Bill Moreland in the September 1987 issue of American Survival Guide. Somewhere in that timeline, Rambo: First Blood Part I was viewed on VHS which only fueled the fire and along with years of learning survival skills in Boy Scouts. In the last one hundred years many have gone to the wilderness to become loners and escapees from society. Some by necessity because they were terrorists or criminals on the run whereas others have sought peace and an inner need for silence and solitude. Ironically, by the means and need to survive, many often became criminals if they weren't already.

In the next few months, some of these characters will be featured providing readers with information on what it takes to just walk away from society and become a loner in the wilderness. The Weekly Sportsman wants to make it very clear from the beginning that the purpose of writing about these individuals is not to honor their extreme political or religious beliefs or to give attention to their crimes committed. Some are outright terrorists and murderers and deserve to remain incarcerated for their life. Limited information on such details will be given and only for background relevancy. The focus will be on the skills and fieldcraft used by them to remain undetected and survive for such a long period of time. Readers can learn by their mistakes and successes and what is efficient and what is not in a real survival situation. (For instance, have you ever thought of

taking acorns, soybeans, kernels of corn, and grain berries like rye or wheat and boiling them together to make a gruel which is then dried and pounded into a pancake or snackbar to be grilled over open flame? There will be very few examples of hippy dipping foraging of greens for a salad on public land and instead offering more on the side of how to grill North Carolina salamanders on a stick over a small fire.)

These columns will be part of an ongoing project eventually compiled and published at some point. A few will be very short and some probably multi-part columns because the amount of information varies on each individual. Hopefully there will be something in each story for the readership of this column.

-WS

Seven Local Thinclads Help Headline Shiawassee All-Area Boys Track Team

OWOSSO -- No fewer than seven male thinclads from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg help headline the 2024 All-Shiawassee Area Track Team.

The annual honor squad was recently announced, as named by the Owosso-Argus Press.

Corunna's Tarick Bower was individually honored as the male Track Athlete of the Year. The Cavaliers, led by Bower, finished as the Division 3 runner-up, agonizingly close to their 2nd straight MHSAA State Championship. Berrien Springs nipped the Cavs for the title, 40-38.

2024 All-Area

Boys Track Team

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Tarick Bower, Corunna, Sr.: Breaking the Cavalier 100-meter dash record that had stood for 29 years at 10.77 and setting it again at 10.74 just 11 days later, Bower accomplished a goal he had since he was a freshman. Finishing third in the 100-meter dash at the MHSAA Division 2 State Meet, Bower added a second-place showing in the long jump, an event that he previously broke the Corunna record in as a junior and extended to 23 feet as a senior.

He was an All-State finisher in four events.

FIRST TEAM

Middle Distance: Clay Powell, Ovid-Elsie, Jr. Placing second in the 800-meter run in the Marauders' regional at Bath High School on May 17, Powell ran a then-personal best time of 2:01.71. Qualifying for the Division 3 state finals with this effort, he took his performance to another level against the best competition, running a new personal-record time of 1:59.91 and finishing ninth on June 1 in Kent City, just seven-hundredths of a second away from eighth place and an All-State finish.

Field Events: Tryce Tokar, Ovid-Elsie, Jr. Clearing the exact same height he did as a freshman in 2022, the Marauder star is now 3 for 3 in MHSAA pole vault state championship attempts. Soaring over 14 feet, three inches as a freshman, Tokar eclipsed 14 feet, 8 1/4 inches in 2023 before matching his 2022 height here as a junior. Also competing on Ovid-Elsie's 4x100-meter relay team, Tokar was the Marauders' lone medalist at the MHSAA Division 3 State Meet and bested the second-place pole vaulter, Bath junior Luke Skidmore, by three inches.

SECOND TEAM

Long Distance: Noah Devereaux, Laingsburg, So. Coming home fourth in the 1,600-meter run at the May 17 regional and eighth in the 3,200, Devereaux qualified for the Division 3 state meet in both events. Tops among all sophomores, he finished 17th in the 1,600 at states at 4:42.54 and was 10th in the 3,200 at 9:48.7. Achieving the feat at the Davison Twilight Classic on May 10, Devereaux owns a personal-best time of 4:33.11 in the 1,600 and 9:44.17 in the 3,200, which came at the Shepherd BLUEJAY Invite on May 3.

Field Events: Mitchell George, Laingsburg, Jr. The area's top high-jumper this year, George saved his best for last, placing fifth in the state in the D-3 finals in Kent City with a mark of 6-feet, 4-inches in his signature event. George previously placed second in the regional round, clearing a height of 6-feet-2. He was first at the Greater Lansing Honor Roll Meet of Champions with a mark of 6-0.

HONORABLE MENTION

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Ordinance No. 143
Golf Carts Amended

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 143, SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND SEC.13-140 Operation of golf carts on city streets.
THE CITY OF OVID ORDAINS:
SECTION 1: That the Code of Ordinances, City of Ovid, Michigan, is hereby amended to read as follows: **(p) A golf cart shall not be operated on city streets during the time period from one-half (½) hour before sunset to one-half (½) hour after sunrise.**
SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.
A motion was made by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger at a regular city council meeting on the 8th day of July 2024 with a quorum of members present.
Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn
Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: None
ABSENT: L. Ordway

Susan Tomasek Swan
City of Ovid Clerk
Full Ordinance can be obtained from the city office at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI

City of Ovid
Chapter 28- Street, Sidewalks and other Public Places
Article II: Street Openings and Obstructions

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE CHAPTER 28- STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; ARTICLE II: STREET OPENINGS AND OBSTRUCTIONS.
THE CITY OF OVID ORDAINS:
SECTION 1: That section 28-25 Definitions of the Code of Ordinance, City of Ovid, Michigan is hereby amended to read as follows:
The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
City right-of-way means the lawn extension and sidewalk adjacent to a property within the street right-of- way as well as the street, curb to curb.
Lawn extension the portion of any street right-of-way that is not paved or intended for traffic.
Street means all of the land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, alleys and boulevards in the city, and includes lawn extensions and sidewalks and the area reserved therefore where the same are not yet constructed.

SECTION 2: That the Code of Ordinance, City of Ovid, Michigan is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered Section 28-40 Private Improvement of city right of way, lawn extension, which section reads as follows:
The owner of a parcel of land that abuts a city street or right of way, who intends to utilize any portion of the city right of way for anything other than a lawn extension as required by Sec. 14-85, shall attain a permit as per Sec. 28-28 to improve said space. "Improve" shall mean any investment of labor, material(s) and/or the removal of material such as soil as to change the use to anything other than a lawn extension, including but not limited to vehicular parking or to modify surface water drainage. Any use or improvement by a property owner abutting a lawn extension is not a use by right, nor a perpetual use by permission if approved by the city. The city may demand the removal of any improvement or demand the cease and desist of a use which the city deems to be improper at its sole discretion. Any approved improvement or use by the city may be revoked at any time, for any reason, at the sole discretion of the city. The city shall not be responsible for any investment cost of the improvement by the owner nor responsible for any approved improvement cost which is subsequently ordered to be removed by the city, nor for any damages caused to the improvement by the city. The owner shall be responsible for the cost the city experiences for removing an improvement if he/she fails to do it themselves. An owner that makes an improvement or use of the city right of way or lawn extension, whether approved or not, shall indemnify the city against any harm or loss stemming from the improvement or use.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.
A motion was made by Council Member M. Perrien and supported by Council Member E. Brown at a regular city council meeting on the 8th day of July 2024 with a quorum of members present.
Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn
Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: None
ABSENT: L. Ordway

Susan Tomasek Swan
City of Ovid Clerk
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Elsie Village Council Proceedings

submitted by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Officials were updated on the proposed waste disposal project.

Chuck Meek, representing Eden Lakes LLC lagoon proposal, updated officials on the status of the project. This will be a waste disposal site that could be located and utilized at the current lagoon site for waste disposal. This proposal is two-fold one, excess capacity for septic waste disposal, with some alternations to the current plant and make into a revenue generator, two) an opportunity to create a research and study facility where innovation and advanced technology come together that could benefit others with tax advantages. These are possibilities for converting the site into a revenue generating site. Grants are being sought to off set some of the costs. Funding and stake holders are being sought both in the public and private sectors.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce reported that Officer Crooks is getting accumulated to the Village of Elsie and will be schedule regularly to patrol the community. Police activity for the month of June included suspicious situations, assisting area agencies, fraudulent activity and warrant arrests.

In addition, the Elsie Police Department conducted three traffic stops resulting in two citations. Blight concerns are addressed on a regular basis, three problem properties have been addressed with progress being made. Two citations were issued at the Elsie Dam and new no trespassing signs have been installed on both sides of the dam. Complaints have decreased with officers responding to 47 calls.

Chief Bryce further reported that the department was asked to standby the Talon Jones funeral by the family. “It’s truly amazing how are village always comes together as a family in times of need and for that we are blessed to earn the trust of the community yet once again.”

Shane Grinnell, manager, reported that road paving has been completed, noting that the weather did not cooperate very well. The big junk day is July 20 Village residents only, no commercial dump off is allowed. Ken Harris has fenced off the entrances to the school during the Dairy Festival to avoid trespassing efforts. Trees downtown have been removed and sections replaced with cement. Four new benches have been purchased and will be installed prior to the start of the Dairy Festival. Lights in the park have been installed. Starting in August, the 2nd Tuesday, 6 pm businesses will meet to discuss opportunities for the Village of Elsie and promote the businesses. Next, new street signs have arrived and the “Welcome to Elsie” signs have arrived all will be installed very soon. The old signs will be put up for auction on a designated municipal site.

Under the topic of new business Brook Wooley, co-chair of the Elsie Dairy Festival updated officials on the Dairy Festival. All things are a go. The festival will have new events and activities plus the activities that have been successful in the past.

To wrap up the evening Tom Frink, village president, is requesting that a meeting with all municipalities involved with the Elsie Fire Association Board to discuss the current fire contract and how it relates to the building and insurance. The goal would be to resolve ongoing concerns. Tensions were very high. Shane Grinnell, village manager, commented that he must be part of the discussion and in the loop regarding the transmission of communications. Intense discussion pursued.

Monthly action was taken to approve the agenda as presented, the minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting, and financial reports. Expenditures totaling \$95,040.42 were approved by officials.

10-Minute Play Festival at LCC

submitted by Paige Tufford

LANSING— Original student work is the focus of the second production in the Summer Stage Under the Stars Festival. The 10-Minute Play Festival, running July 24-28, will present workshop productions of six original scripts written by LCC students and directed by LCC theatre alumni.

The scripts were written by students enrolled in the Introduction to Theatre course during spring semester 2024, taught by theatre faculty, Andrew Callis and Blake Bowen. This workshop approach allowed directors and actors to

focus on the development of the script, its characters and the process of collaboration in presenting original work.

Plays being featured are:

The Egg by Ignatius Arleth, Delivery Dilemmas by Kylie Fowler, Gone West by Daisy McGuire, The Right Way by Leiana Mireles, Hot Sauce in Da Fridge by Chandler Donelson and Hidden Riches, Hidden Lies by Amelia West.

Alumni directors: Samantha Hall-Leonhardt, Stefan Lee, Doak Bloss, Mak and Kallie Marrison, Molly Sullivan and Iris Raine.

Performance dates: July 24-28 @ 7 p.m.

Location: LCC Outdoor Amphitheater (In the case of inclement weather, performances will move to the Dart Auditorium.)

Admission: Free.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY 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 August 14, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Joli A. Collett Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: January 20, 2022 Recorded on January 21, 2022, in Document No. 5320904, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Ninety-Two and 21/100 Dollars (\$226,092.21) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 7, Chateau Hills, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 2, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as 1738 Sunnymede Ln, Lansing, MI 48906 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NINE AND 68/100THS (\$118,009.68) DOLLARS including interest at (4.375%) percent per annum along with attorney fees and costs as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof; **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the date and time stated above, the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, and all other legal costs, charges and expenses including the said attorney's fee, also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect their interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows: **TOWNSHIP OF EAGLE, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN**, described as follows: **THE WEST 1 / 2 OF LOT NOS 1,6 AND 7, BLOCK 15, VILLAGE OF EAGLE, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 52 OF DEEDS, PAGE 453, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 13723 W. GRAND RIVER HWY., EAGLE, MI 48822** The redemption period shall be SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

KAREN L. ROWSE-OBERLE (P41893) ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE 24525 HARPER AVENUE ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080 (586) 777-0770 Dated: 6-16-2024

(06-16)(07-14)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Carol L. Witt Living Trust Date of Execution: May 22, 2008
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, CAROL L. WITT, who lived at 3741 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt, Michigan 488720
Died on May 20, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Carol L. Witt Living Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FOX FAMILY TRUST
Date of Execution: November 14, 2013
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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Died on June 3, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Fox Family Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

William J. Fox and Thomas L. Fox
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No: 24-32244-DE
Estate of
AGNES C. SCHOMISCH,
Date of Birth: January 11, 1925
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
AGNES C. SCHOMISCH,
died on May 22, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Christine A. Witt, 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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These are just a few of the emails I have received in recent days.

I’m not surprised.

Some CatholicVote members are divided over whether Trump deserves our support.

Nearly everyone agrees that voting for Biden is impossible. He’s a senile and incompetent stooge of the woke Left, and an avowed enemy of everything we hold sacred as Catholics. Four more years of Biden would be catastrophic.

Yet many CV readers remain conflicted over Trump, given his well-known personal and policy flaws. Our critics include many friends and supporters.

And they deserve a response.

You may not agree with me. But it’s simply not true that we are blindly supporting Trump, or that we are ignoring or even applauding his manifest flaws. We have never celebrated or excused his obvious shortcomings. Our enthusiastic support for him has always been in spite of his faults, not because of them.

We will always be Catholic first.

But something much bigger is afoot. And we all know it.

Today we face a political movement that seeks to destroy our entire way of life.

2024 is no longer just about Trump.

2024 is also not just about Joe Biden. Or Republicans. Or Democrats. Neither was 2020 for that matter.

Following Trump’s shocking victory in 2016, the progressive Left declared open war on our way of life. They were outraged because they had been expecting their permanent majority to arrive. After 8 years of Barack Obama, their long march through our institutions to transform America, and humanity itself, was well underway.

And then 2016 happened.

Don’t believe me? Look around you.

What do you see?

Not too long ago, we at least pretended to esteem things like the Declaration of Independence, our National Anthem, our motto “In God We Trust,” and our Judeo-Christian ethos. Not anymore. Americans today no longer respect and share anything resembling a common cultural heritage. Remember when Nike was scolded for having a Betsy Ross flag on their shoe? How about when Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the National Anthem?

Today nearly every major university faculty, mainstream media outlet, and large corporation believes that the entire foundation of the country is rotten to its core and must be replaced and remade. They think the entire country needs an extreme makeover, and not the kind offered on HGTV...

Just a few months ago we were lectured that the time-honored claim that our “rights come from God” is the problem!

How easily we forget that our cities were looted and burned, only to be told these “peaceful protests” were legitimate and justified. Or that nearly half the country agreed that their fellow citizens should be fined, confined, or imprisoned for refusing COVID vaccinations. Yes, 48% of your fellow citizens believed jailing Americans for refusing an experimental vaccination was necessary.

Millions of illegal immigrants are now flooding our country. Dangerous criminals, terrorists, human traffickers, and suspicious migrants from places like China are flagrantly breaking our laws, and infiltrating our country every day, while decent hard-working Americans cannot afford to buy a house or raise a family.

And then people wonder why the younger generation is no longer getting married, having children, or going to church.

Traditional concepts of morality, family, marriage, children, religion, and even biology are now deemed offensive. We have the lowest birthrate in our nation’s history. Our churches are closing by the thousands. Suicide rates, anxiety, depression, and loneliness are soaring.

Our children (and military) have been reduced to social experiments, with parades and drag queen pornographic shows promoting the chemical and surgical disfigurement of young children now subsidized by you and me.

Meanwhile, when they aren’t calling for the genocide of the Jewish people, angry mobs on college campuses and elsewhere are tearing down our statues, and canceling their opponents, or jus-

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tifying the use of the power of government to hunt down and punish their adversaries.

Pro-life protestor? Straight to jail.

And the latest?

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Now they plan to throw him in jail for a dispute over a paperwork violation — which rightly should only be considered a misdemeanor.

HERE’S THE KEY: the remaking of our country is not happening by accident.

The most radical and once unthinkable ideas, such as trans surgeries on 7-year-olds, anti-white racism, and the full weaponization of the government against your political opponents are no longer fringe ideas of the radical Left reserved to the teachers’ lounges at Berkeley. They are the fully baked plans of our entire ruling class – and the proud platform of Joe Biden and his Democratic Party.

People need to wake up and realize that Ilhan Omar and AOC are not some outliers. The mainstream Democratic Party holds these same opinions unanimously.

Donald Trump is not the problem.

They hate Trump because he is standing in the way of everything they are implementing and hoping to accomplish. For them to succeed, they are counting on feckless Beltway Republicans – as well as Christians panged with persistent guilt over obvious Trump flaws – to withhold support for him.

What’s worse, they apply a standard to Trump (moral decency!), that they refuse to apply to themselves, luring many good people into thinking they have no choice but to stay silent... or apologize for anything that resembles support for Trump – in essence, anything that resembles opposition to their dark agenda.

So where does this leave us?

It’s simple: a vote for Joe Biden is a vote to destroy America.

A vote for Trump is a chance to hold back the coming catastrophe, build reinforcements, and reawaken in our people a desire to change course.

There’s a reason millions of working-class voters are flocking to Trump. And it’s not because they love or excuse his moral flaws. It’s because they understand what far too many of our preening citizens and leaders refuse to acknowledge — they understand the stakes of this election.

Perhaps a nuclear conflict or war with China would prompt fence-sitters to reconsider their doubts.

Or maybe a knock on the door from the FBI would provide some needed clarity.

It’s not Trump using us.

It’s us using Trump.

Because we must.

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P.S. Maybe I persuaded some of our skeptics. Maybe not. Regardless, we are not slowing down.

We’ve got an election to win. And a country to save.

And we definitely need your help to make it happen.

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