

Elsie Dairy Festival a Success



Car show organizer, Kathy Adair (Pugh), her family and a host of volunteers put on a very successful fund raising car show during the Elsie Dairy Festival. Forty-five cars were on hand for festival goers to enjoy. The proceeds from the show are going to the "Sherbert Foundation", a foundation set up by Adair in honor of her parents, Shirley and Norbert. Thru that foundation, \$1,000 will be given away each year to a high school senior in Ovid-Elsie, Owosso or Corunna High School to further their education. Kathy and her team have agreed to put on another fund raising car show during the Saturday, September 7th Carriage Days event in downtown Ovid. Watch the Meridian Weekly and facebook for more information in the next couple weeks.



Richard Easlick Best of Show
1981 Chevrolet Scottsdale

Pictured l-r: Princess Chloe Kioski, Richard Easlick, Raelene Easlick and Queen Jamie Houska



Rick Losey Queen & Princess Choice
1969 Pontiac GTO

Pictured l-r: Princess Chloe Kioski, Rick Losey and Queen Jamie Houska



The Midway was put on by Family Fun Tyme Amusements. Parade Marshal Dwight Nash waves to the crowd during the parade. See pages 4 & 5 for more festival memories. Photos by Dawn Levey



Ovid Mural Project

Have you heard the news? The mural project committee is excited to be working with the talented St Johns artist, Tracie Davis and planning for Ovid's first mural to be painted on the south wall of Corner Carousel located at the corner of Main and Clinton in downtown Ovid.

This project will be transformational for Ovid: creating a memorable feature in the downtown area for photo-ops, attracting visitors; beautification and improvement projects. The theme of the mural is Celebrating Ovid. It will display prominent businesses throughout Ovid's history, local organizations and city landmarks.

Support is needed from the community. Donations in any amount are being accepted. Three Leadership level gifts, Platinum (\$1,000 or more), Gold (\$500) and Silver (\$250) are also being sought and will be recognized with donors name on the wall and social media recognition.

Questions about donations can be directed to the following project members: Holly Hibbard, 989-666-2215 or by email allsmileshkh@aol.com, Janell Keebler, 517-420-4448 or by email janellkebler@gmail.com, Mary Thompson, 989-666-5489 or by email marythompsonls@yahoo.com, Becky Williams, 989-666-7384 or by email williamsrk17@aol.com

The community is invited to participate in painting the mural during the Carriage Days Festival on Saturday, September 7th after the parade until 3pm.



Social

St. Johns Lions Club Garage Sale

submitted by Cheryl Hickey

The ST. JOHNS LIONS CLUB is holding a GARAGE SALE on JULY 25 & 26. It runs from 9 AM to 4PM at 803 Randy Lane in St. Johns. Stop by to see our collection of toys & games, pictures, books, dishes & kitchen utensils, jewelry, holiday & seasonal decorations, tools, household items, office supplies, sporting goods and lots more!

All proceeds from this project go back into the community!

Free Garage Sale

The Ashley United Methodist Church will be holding a "Free Garage Sale". Yes! Everything is free on August 10th, 9am-5pm at the church, 112 N. New Street, Ashley.

Ashley UMC will have lots of stuff to give away along with backpacks filled with school supplies for the kids along with ice cream for everyone.

Come and check it out. Can't beat the bargains.

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Annual Potluck Picnic for RBW Class of 1963 and 1965

submitted by Janet Chick

The Annual Potluck Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 24th, 2024 & our 60th Diamond Anniversary

We Welcome the RBW Class of 1963 and the Class of 1965 to join us again this year.

Arrive at 12:00 at the St. Johns City Park, Main Pavilion.

Bring a dish to pass.

All paper products will be furnished.

Bring your lawn chairs, if you prefer to set outside of the Pavilion.

Any Questions: Contact Rick Knight at 989-224-8944 or Kay Atkinson, Class of 1964



Czechoslovak Harvest Festival, August 4th

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

The public is invited to the annual Harvest Festival on Main Street in Bannister, on Sunday, August 4, 2024. This event seeks to celebrate and preserve old world heritage and traditions of harvest time in Czechoslovakia. A dinner consisting of breaded chicken, ham, dressing, dumplings and cabbage, potatoes and gravy, kolache and all the other trimmings will be served from 11:30 AM until 2:00 P.M. Adult dinners will be \$15, children under twelve \$5, and preschoolers are free. Chairman, Tom Bradley, reports that opening ceremonies begin at 2:30 PM as costumed participants march onto an outdoor platform carrying decorated rakes, wreaths and scythes. Traditional dances and songs will be performed by members of the Bannister ZCBJ Czechoslovakian Folk Dancers under the direction of Diane Bradley. There will be free drawings for children's bikes, as well as drawings for teen and adult prizes.

The YELL! group will host free games for children following the program. A dance will begin at 4:00 PM with music by Virgil Baker and Just 4 Fun Band with Frank Moravcik from Cleveland. The beer tent will open at noon and food will be available throughout the day. Admission is FREE.

Also scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 4th, at 10:30 am is a Heritage Mass at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister. The Mass remembers and honors the Czech and Slovak founding fathers of St. Cyril's as well as all the ethnic groups that make up the parish. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes representative of their own nationality.



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Nethaways Celebrating 55th Anniversary

Chris and Dixie Nethaway of Ovid celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 19, 2024.

The couple were married at the United Church of Ovid on July 19, 1969.

They have two children Kelley (Bob) Nixon and Norman Nethaway. One grandson Austin Nixon.

SDA Community Services New Hours

submitted by Patsy Towar

The Adventist Community Services, 1400 S. Oakland St., St. Johns has new hours.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free Give-Away Days

submitted by Patsy Towar

Adventist Community Services Free Give-Away Days! August 12-15, 10a-2p for 3 days! Clothing for all ages, household items, knick-knacks, shoes, etc. 14000 S. Oakland St., St. Johns in the Multi-Purpose Building to the left of the church. All are welcome!

Victor Township Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of the Victor Township Board July 9, 2024

A Special Meeting/Workshop of the Victor Township Board to hold an Emergency Services Workshop to discuss ambulance service providers and processes available to the township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 5:30 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a roll call of board members in attendance:

Present: Conklin, Prange, Willoughby, Fickes. Absent: Townsend
14 Citizens in attendance

Motion by Willoughby to approve the July 9, 2024 special meeting agenda. Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: Emergency Service Work Session

Representatives were present from LSW, Mercy, and CAAS ambulance services. All 3 entities provided fee schedules/information for their units. Fickes met with Clinton County central dispatch today. The board discussed Level of Agency Licensure, State Law protocols and Advanced Life Support. The board agreed to continue working toward obtaining additional information in providing the best coverage for Victor Township residents.

Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Lianne Prange, Clerk
6843 E. Alward Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848*

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CANDIDATES

Jennings West is Incumbent for Ovid Township Supervisor

Jennings C. West is seeking reelection as the Supervisor for Ovid Township.

Mr. West, 81, has been married for 16 years to wife Rita. They share seven children, along with several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A former police officer, West studied for two years in law. He owned his own trucking company, drove truck for Wal-Mart, and is a former Twp. Trustee.

The biggest issues facing the voters of Ovid Twp., he says, " ... are the MESA Emergency Service Authority, Clinton Transit, and the RESA renewal millage on the November ballot.

"Roads and bridges are also a concern. We also have two new township trustees that will be elected to the board this fall."

As the current Supervisor, West also serves on the Fire Department Board, on the Area Ambulance Service Authority and the County Drain Commission Board. "I am available to the public," also noting he regularly attends various meetings around Clinton County. Roads remain a priority, with West working both with the County Board and the Road Commission.



Jones is Candidate for Ovid Township Clerk

William Keith Jones, a retired General Motors Manager, is running for Ovid Township Clerk.

Jones, a 29 year resident in the township, is married to wife, Cathy. They have a son, Josh and a daughter, Britany. He has 42 years experience in management. Fifteen years at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft and 27 years at General Motors. At GM, his expertise was in business risk management, dangerous goods management coordinator, new projects and department manager. He also served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps for seven years.

"We need integrity, transparency and commitment to the township and to its tax paying residents by board members," he explains. "We need proper utilization of township funds in support of the future of the township, ensuring that contracts for services to the township are fairly and that follow-up verification is complete to ensure that requirements are met."

He continues, "The township board works for the tax paying residents, not the other way around. Taxes collected are tax payers' monies, and should be used to maintain, improve and provide new services for the township residents."



BeGole Seeks Re-Election to 71st House District Seat

Brian BeGole, former Sheriff of Shiawassee County, is seeking reelection to the Michigan House of Representatives' 71st District seat.

Mr. BeGole and his wife, Tammy, have nine children. The 54-year-old state legislator earned an Associate Degree from Lansing Community College and is a graduate of the Mid-Michigan Police Academy. Previously, he had 32 years experience in law enforcement.

"The big issues facing our voters are inflation and the higher cost of living, election integrity, immigration and border security, China's increase in American land purchasing and manufacturing, and the Second Amendment."



BeGole claims endorsements from the Michigan Farm Bureau (100% voting record), Right to Life, Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners (A+ rating), National Rifle Association (A rating), and an excellent conservative voting record from C-PAC.

Criner Announces Candidacy for Ovid Township Supervisor

Gary Criner, age 56, has announced his candidacy for Supervisor of Ovid Township.

Mr. Criner is married and holds an associate degree in Applied Science. He is also trained as an EMT (B) and as a Fire Officer III class.

He is employed as an events and amenities specialist at Michigan State University Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU).

Criner has 20-plus years of experience in public service as a First Responder. He has previously served as an Ovid Village Trustee.

"The biggest issues facing township voters are the transparency of all office holders, and the renewal of millage proposals for essential services," he explains.

"I will be working toward what's best for our community and township."



Incumbent Plugger Seeking Re-Election in Ovid Township

Claudia Barrett Plugger is seeking her third term as Ovid Township Clerk, and is running under the Republican Ticket.

Claudia has lived in Ovid Township most of her life. She grew up on the Eger farm and helped her grandparents in their many farming activities through the years. She lives on a parcel of this family farm. She is a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, attended college in Florida and Lansing Community College. She has been married to Mark for 47 years.

Claudia worked for the State of Michigan in the Environmental Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office before pursuing her career in court reporting. She has been a free lance court reporter for 42 years. Her experiences include State of Michigan contracts working for several judges. She also has her own travel business.

She attends the Church of the Living Word in Ovid Township. Through the years she has enjoyed being involved in several church activities such as girls' clubs, youth ministries, and organizing fund raisers to name a few. She was a Hospice volunteer with Memorial Healthcare, and is a two-time cancer survivor.

Since becoming Clerk of Ovid Township in 2016, Claudia has administered many Elections, and has attended Election Security Workshops. Claudia is a member of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC), Clinton County Township Officers' Association (CCTOA), Capitol Area Municipal Clerks Association (CAMCA), and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Currently she is the President of the Clinton County Township Officers' Association (CCTOA). "I'm very proud of the relationships I have formed with Michigan Clerks, through these Associations," she explains.

She continues to be dedicated and committed with integrity to serve Ovid Township, and is looking forward to a positive campaign. She feels she is the best candidate for this position, and hopes that you will take her years of experience and service into consideration, and would like your vote in the November General Election.



Wolf is Running for Ovid Twp. Trustee Seat

Kurt Wolf, 35, is a write in candidate for a trustee seat in Ovid Twp.

Mr. Wolf, age 35, is engaged to Michaela Ann Burnham. Together they have 4 children: William (15), Bethanie (14), Reed (4) and Rose (one).

He holds a Bachelor's Degree of Science majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife through the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. His undergrad concentration was in conservation with a primary focus on wildlife.

Kurt is employed as the Executive Director, Clinton Conservation District in St. Johns and as owner/operator of Precious Treasures Childcare in Ovid Twp.

"I have worked in Clinton County since 2014 and have lived in Ovid Twp since 2017. My work experience is heavily related to agriculture in the community with a focus on outreach, budgeting, and grant writing. I have sat on several committees' and interact with Townships and County Boards daily," he explains. "Some of the largest challenges facing voters in Ovid Twp. this year are the county-level decisions that effect Ovid Twp. residents.

"Ovid is a large agriculture community and inflation has had a large impact on all residence. Engaging with County Boards to protect individual rights will be a big issue in the future. County ordinances are being reviewed and revised. These ordinances need to protect landowner rights and surrounding community needs. We are losing farmland every day and there is no replacing it once it is lost. It is important that all of our Townships communicate and work together on issues that need to be addressed. I am willing to make those connections and attend those meetings so Ovid Twp. is at the table and not on the menu."

Wolf continues, "I am not a career politician. It has taken me several years to get settled into the community of Ovid and at this time I am confident in my ability to serve the public with their needs. I would like to serve these needs by securing outside funding to supplement the Ovid Twp. budget. I feel that I will be a great asset in writing and securing financial improvement grants that can be used to assist the community without an increase to taxpayers.

"There has been a large influx of Inflation Reduction Act through federal funding and I want to help Ovid Twp. receive those grant dollars. If you have any questions, or would just like to know me as your neighbor, please feel free to call or text my personal cell at (586) 921-3013."



Ovid Township Proposal Emergency Services Millage Renewal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by and the Township be authorized to levy not to exceed 2.25 mills (\$2.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of seven (7) years, 2024 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for all purposes authorized by law for emergency services; the estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2024 is approximately \$202,852.28?

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Photos by Dawn Levey, Deb Price and Elsie Dairy Festival Committee Members

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Ranger Tool & Equipment Auction #2

The following items will be sold at public auction from the Ranger Home Farm located at 8813 S. Crystal Rd Carson City, MI. 48811 From Carson City travel west on M-57 3 miles to Crystal Rd, then south on Crystal Rd 1 mile to sale site. Watch for Pioneer Auction signs!

Saturday, July 27th @ 10 a.m. Sharp!

Tractor/Equipment

Ford 4000 loader tractor, 2WD, 3378 hrs, diesel eng, 4 speed trans w/ H&L range, 2 outlets, 540 pto, 3pt, new set of 16.9R30 tires, comes w/ Ford loader
Deutz D5506 2WD tractor, ROP, 3835 hrs, diesel air cooled eng, 4 speed trans w/ H&L, 1 outlet, 540 pto, 3pt, new set of 16.9-30 tires, comes w/ 8' front mounted snow blade w/ hyd lift
Bobcat 743 skid steer 4537 hrs.
Kubota eng, runs and operates good, material bucket and pallet forks

Man Lift/ Excavator

Calavar Man Lift model 37A, 2WD, 20' lift, 300 capacity, platform and ground controls, Onan gas eng, hydro drive, stored inside but needs work
1950's P&H cable excavator, rough but good project

Auto/ Trailers

1977 Ford F350 Custom Pickup, standard cab, long box, 2WD, 41171 miles, straight 6 cyl, 4 speed manual trans, box side storage, nice straight old truck



Brush Hog SM60, 3pt, side mounted pto, 60" cutting width, 540 pto
3pt, 6' brush hog, 540 pto
3pt, 5' brush hog, 540 pto
JD 3pt, 7' sickle bar mower
MF 3pt, 7' sickle bar mower
Ford 3pt, 3 bottom blow
Ford 3pt, 10' disc
3pt, 6' field digger
JD 3pt, 5 row cultivator
3pt, 14' tine weeder
2- single spring tooth drag sections
2- flat rack hay wagons (needs deck work)
3- 3pt back blades 6', 6', and 8'
10' drop seeder
Liquid manure spreader, rough
Walling hyd driven, rear mounted cement mixer
27' hay elevator w/ electric motor
David Bradley 10' grain trailer w/ wooden frame
4" water pump w/ Wisconsin gas eng.
500 gallon sprayer w/ 10' boom, 540 pto pump
Shop built 3pt HD log splitter w/ Old cork screw style wood splitter, 540 pto



Early 70s Ford LTD, 4 door, no motor, no trans, rough but some good body parts
32' drop deck semi trailer, 13' platform, needs deck work
8'x 20' tandem axle semi dump trailer, rough
6'x 8' single axle HD dump trailer w/ 540 pto pump
6'x13' tandem axle skidsteer trailer
4'x 7' single axle trailer w/ 24" sides

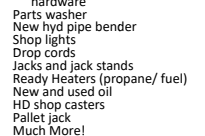
Snow Mobiles/ Fishing

2- 1973 Scorpion 440 Super Stinger snow mobiles w/ helmets
1972 Moto-Ski Capri 292 snow mobile
Single and double snow mobile trailers
12' aluminum boat w/ trailer Mercury motor
16' aluminum canoe
Minn kota trolling motor
Hornelite outboard motor
Evernude Mate outboard motor
Fishing poles and nets

Shop Tools

New Miller Diversion 165 tig welder w/ tank and cart
Miller Matic 250 mig welder w/ tanks and cart
Lincoln LN-25 mig welder
Lincoln 250 AC/DC arc welder
Miller Extreme 375 plasma cutter
Acetylene torches w/ tanks
Rolls of new mig wire
Containers of new welding rod
Welding table and tooling
Approx. 100 lb anvil w/ stand
Saylor Beall 80 gallon commercial air compressor
Air tools (impacts, drills, and grinders)

Air hoses and reels
Potable air tanks
Logan Lathe, 24" table, 5" swing, HD cast table
Duracraft metal cutting band saw
Duracraft Floor drill press
Large and small belt sander w/ mounted router
Ryobi chop saw
Pedestal grinder
Large selection of name brand hand tools
Large selection of name brand power tools
Large tools for heavy equipment
Budget 4 ton chain fall
Other chain falls and come along's
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Parts washer
New hyd pipe bender
Shop lights
Drop cords
Jacks and jack stands
Ready Heaters (propane/ fuel)
New and used oil
HD shop casters
Pallet jack
Much More!



Lawn & Garden

JD 317 riding mower, Kohler 20hp eng, hyd lift 46" deck, rear hyd
JD 112 riding mower w/ Kohler eng, 46" deck
Magnum 2000KT Zero turn mower, Kohler 20hp eng, 72" front mounted deck
GE E15 electric riding mower, 24v, 42" front mounted deck
Ditch Witch 1230H walk behind trencher, 48" chain, gas eng.
Walk behind trencher, 48" chain, Wisconsin gas eng.
24" front tire tiller w/ Briggs 8hp eng.
48" steel lawn roller
48" lawn sweep
New Predator 212cc side shaft eng.
Multi fuel oil tanks
Fuel cans
Garden hoses and reels
Weed trimmers
Garden tools (shovels, rakes, hoes, etc)
Log chains
Wheel barrow
Snow fence

Antiques

Original 45" x 59" vintage kitchen hutch w/ glass doors
Original 46" vintage corner hutch, bottom storage
Piles of barn wood stored inside
Wooden MMPA milk and soda crates
Milk cans
Wash sink
Coleman lanterns
True Temper brush axe
Hand tools
Brass torches
Cattle dehornor
Ice tong
Signs
Mason jars
3- Schwinn bicycles
Milking stanchions
Large antique chainsaw
Approx. 100 lb anvil w/ stand

Miscellaneous Items

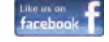
9- 12" I beam 12', 14', and 16' long
4- 4' x 8' x 16' large work pads
6- 12' garage door panels w/ track and hardware
13' corn crib
14' grain bin
4" and 6" tile
Clay tile
8- 18" x 7" tile roll centers
Tractor draw bars
Tractor parts
Old implement parts
Old dozer and excavator parts
Rolls of large HD aluminum and copper wire
Tons of welding stock
Assorted pipe
Tons and tons of scrap iron
Plastic and steel 55 gallon barrels
Ford truck parts (hood, doors, grill, drive train)
70's Ford roll bar
Motorcycle parts
Onan and Wisconsin engines
3'x8' moving cart
Fuel tanks (good and scrap)



Auctioneers Note: This is the second and final auction for the Ranger family. Large assortment just like the first but much larger. Auction will take place rain or shine and will room indoors if needed. Two rings so please bring a friend to assist in bidding. Loader available sale day and Monday morning the 29th from 9am to 11am. Thanks in advance and we look forward to seeing you at the auction! Jason
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Obituaries

John James Houska

John James Houska, age 79, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, July 13, 2024.

John was born in Elsie, MI, on August 16, 1944, the son of Joseph and Mildred (Fornusek) Houska. He was a graduate of Elsie High School with the Class of 1962. On May 5, 1979 he married Rosemary Fabus at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister.

John was an avid gardener and a lifelong farmer. Farming was dear to his heart. John played the accordion in his earlier years and loved polka music. Spending time with his grandchildren brought him the greatest joy. He was a member of the ZCJB Lodge in Bannister.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary Houska of Elsie, MI; son Jason and Michelle Houska of Elsie, MI; daughter Marcie Houska of East Lansing, MI; grandchildren: Jordan Quinn, Alex Taphouse, Dominic Houska, Joanna Scott, and John "Jack" Scott. John was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mildred Houska, his brother Joe Houska, and his granddaughter Ashley Taphouse.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 10, 2024, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Please, join us for a dinner/open house at the ZCJB Lodge, Bannister, MI, from 1-4 P.M. following the service.

Memorials may be made in John's honor to the ZCJB Lodge. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



David Michael "Dave" Beno

David Michael "Dave" Beno, age 67, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, July 12, 2024.

David was born in St. Johns, MI on July 24, 1956, the son of Joseph John and Anna Theresa (Fabus) Beno. Dave was a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School with the Class of 1974. Dave married Kathy Maynard on September 12, 1987, in St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister.

Dave owned and operated Dave's General Repair for over 40 years. His customers were a second family to him. He enjoyed spending time at Crystal Lake, fishing, and hunting. Dave loved cooking and entertaining for friends and family. Saturday mornings were spent with his wife going to the market, breakfast, and grocery store shopping. Dave's infectious personality and sense of humor brought joy to all and he will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife Kathy Beno of Ovid, MI; 3 children: Kaitlyn Beno and her fiancé, Jared Mentink of Eaton Rapids, MI; Kessey Beno and her significant other, Darius Scott of Canton, MI; Michael David Beno and his fiancée, Courtney Kusnier of Portland, MI; grand-animals: Chezi, Yaeger, and Rosie; 2 brothers: Joseph Beno, Jr. and Fred Beno both of Elsie, MI; sister Janet Beno of Haslett, MI; in-laws Robb and Mary Lou Maynard of Elsie, MI; brother-in-law Ron and Sarah Maynard of Elsie, MI; sister-in-law Carol and Rick Kusnier of Elsie, MI; and brother-in-law Ricky and Christine Maynard of Kentucky and nieces and nephews, cherished friends: Rick Kusnier, Randy Bowles, and his fellow lake family. Dave was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI on Friday, July 19, 2024 with Rev. Fr. Andizej Boroch presiding.

Memorials may be made to The Beno Family for his future grandchildren. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Pastor Phillip Rogers

Laingsburg United Methodist Church

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Worship Service: 10:30am
Pastor:
Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid
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Minister:
Pastor Kendra
Holcomb-Densmore
Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street
Pastor: Zella Daniel
Sunday Worship 11:15am

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Worship Service 10:00am
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Pastor: JD Paik

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Pamela Kaye Fowler

Pamala Kaye Fowler, a longtime resident of Lansing, died peacefully on July 4, 2024 after a brief battle with cancer. She was 79 years old.

Pam was born on December 5, 1944 in Owosso, Michigan, the sole child of George and Irma Fowler. She was a 1963 graduate of Ovid High School, earned her associates degree from Lansing Community College and a bachelor's degree in urban development from Michigan State University. Pam worked for the Lansing State Library for the Blind, drove the Shiawassee County Book Mobile, worked for the City of Lansing, worked for the Physically Impaired Association of Michigan and for Lansing Community College.

Pamala was the embodiment of ambition and independence, crafting a life for herself that was filled with purpose and joy. Her involvement in various organizations and causes was a testament to her zest for life and her commitment to making a difference.

She held the position of President of Volunteers of America in Lansing, was an active member of the Red Hat Society, and played an instrumental part in the organization of the Capital City Riverfest in the late '80s, a weekend she looked forward to all year long. She was a dedicated member of her church, Grace United Methodist Church in Lansing. Her hobbies included needlework, sewing her own clothes, artistic flower design, and refurbishing items. Pamala was always busy and involved, a testament to her outgoing and fun nature. She was a fervent advocate of fun, a word she cherished and embodied in everything she did. She enjoyed attending MSU football games, and she cherished time spent watching her family's sporting and dance events. Some of her favorite times were planning, decorating for and hosting the Fourth of July party on Higgins Lake. Pam always prioritized her small, tight-knit family. She was a beacon of strength, resilience, and independence, constantly striving to create a fulfilling life for herself and those around her.

She is survived by her aunt, Lois Curtis as well as many generations of cousins who loved her dearly; her Red Hat society friends, Ovid class of '63, her church friends and many others. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11 AM at McGeehan Funeral Home, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns. Friends may visit the funeral home from 10 AM until the time of the service. A luncheon will follow. Her ashes will be interred privately at Oak Grove Cemetery, Owosso.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Volunteers of America or to Grace United Methodist Church, Lansing.

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"If righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly (Galatians 2:21)."

Henry Colcord, is a name you should know, believe me. He managed Charles Blondin who walked from the United States to Canada for the very first time...on a tightrope...strung over Niagara Falls! Blondin was the greatest funambulist in 1859!

That first crossing was 165 years ago. Charles did it many times...backwards, at night, stopping to take a picture, doing flips (backwards), with a bag over his head, pushing a wheelbarrow, and he even carried a stove on his back and cooked an omelet (that he lowered on a rope to the passengers on the Maid of the Mist boat 160 feet below)!

When Lincoln ran for President in 1860, Harper's Weekly depicted him in a cartoon as Blondin over Niagara Falls carrying a slave on his shoulders. This mockery was based in truth because Henry Colcord actually did this on Blondin's shoulders...more than once!

On one occasion a wide-eyed boy witnessed Blondin and Henry's jaunt. The King of the Rope saw him and said, "Do you believe I could do that with you?" The stunned boy could only nod. "Hop on," Charles said, "and I'll carry you across too." The boy backed away. "Not on your life!" He believed in the Frenchman, but he didn't put trust in him.

Nowhere is this gap of comprehending genuine faith more vast than in what you do with Jesus Christ. Without an eternal, saving trust in His death and resurrection (compared to a head nod belief to an historical fact), you are not truly seated on His bloody shoulders. Trust is a heart thing and it means action. Belief is a head thing, safely tucked away.

There's another chasm, a gorge that separates us from God, and it's wider than the 1,110 feet Blondin strolled. "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear (Isaiah 59:2)." We "believe" we can ford this spiritual Grand Canyon by our good deeds, but...

Isaiah 64:6 says, "All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment." Our Sunday best is like my mechanic's overalls, soaked by three decades of grease and oil. He'd never wear that to a wedding, but that's exactly what we do in our pride, thinking we're pretty good underneath the grime. God would welcome us to Heaven, right? But Matthew 22:1-14...

"Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.'"

They made excuses, attacked his servants, and proved unworthy...so he invited strangers.

"But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Seems harsh, but this intruder was soaked in oily pride. He had insulted the king. "I'm my own man and I will do what I please. I don't need your approval. I'm good enough without your clothes." He thumbed his nose at the king's generosity and his sovereignty. You are that man, if you think you're good enough without God's provision of His Son.

This intruder believed he was fine, but he was not dressed properly (Isaiah 61:10). The boy "believed," but was unwilling. Henry (and Lincoln's slave) knew they were helpless and just stepped out in genuine faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). They heard His invitation, "Hop on and I'll carry you...(on) a cross." They got it...the Kingdom of Rope has a kind King.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Good morning to all of you. It looks as if we will have another comfortable day, where working in the yard and garden won't be a "sweat fest". It should just be a matter of adding a bit of stress to our muscular structure. Yes, one will ache a bit from pulling weeds but there should be a good deal of satisfaction in getting the job done. Funny how Mother Nature adds the fulsome aggressive growth of weeds to the mix. My tomatoes and peppers are also thriving even though they are having to work hard at thriving. It seems as if I just get them weed free and it starts to rain just enough to keep the garden off limits and then the sun's energy helps the weeds jump up and cover the earthy bare spaces. The organic squash is hip high and filled with huge orange blossoms. I'm counting the days until I can pick my first ripe tomatoe.

My birthday was yesterday and the kids gave me the day off. I actually slept in until 6:40 and then just eased through the day. Prudence was thrilled to have unfettered lap space for the first four hours and only had to leave her cuddle space when I made a pot of coffee while feeding the cats outside. I sat down in the recliner with "Enigma" in my hands and Pru on my lap... I spent a cozy morning sipping coffee and turning pages. Yes I had to pet my pup to keep her happy. Then out to the garden where I pulled out one potato plant and one yam plant while pulling out lots of tall hardy grass... and my back is protesting this morning. Fortunately for me, Miss Noah is coming over Saturday afternoon to remove the rest of the weeds. She is one of my blessings.

At 3:30, Diane and Brent picked me up to take me out for a Birthday dinner. "Ouback" off Canal in Lansing was our destination. I wanted a blooming onion and a medium rare sirloin steak. Off course I enjoyed it immensely. We stopped at Horrock's to pick up a few fresh veggies and fruit. Then off to the farm for the angel cake confection that Diane had made for me. It was delicious. And she is another of my blessings... Brent is too.

It has been a celebration week for me, which started last Friday afternoon when I had a very chatty lunch with Pam and Connie on the patio at the Road House in St Johns. I had a good visit but short one with Therese in Laingsburg on Saturday. Next was dinner with Karen at the Middleton Diner on Sunday afternoon which I believe is under new ownership now. On Monday morning Prudence had an appointment with the groomer in Alma and I got together with Robin at Petticoat Junction for breakfast. Robin and I had a great gabfest. Of course we laughed a lot which is normal when exchanging stories.

Tuesday I spent most of my time up at MG's Perx & Pastries. I had a special order for two dozen oatmeal pecan cookies and two dozen chocolate chip cookies with only one cup of chips per batch. I also made three loaves of onion bread and two loaves of plain white bread. I left my house a 7:00 AM and didn't get back home until about 3:30PM. I first stopped at the shop to get butter out of the fridge for the cookies and then went to Owosso to Allen Paper for donut bags. Then to the bank in St Johns to check on the money lost in the ATM machine. Picked up some supplies and headed back to MG's to get the baking done. It took me longer then I had expected but I did all on my 'to do list'. IT was a good day.

I wore some new slip on shoes yesterday afternoon and I'm regretting it this morning. They are attractive but lack support. At my dotage I should know better. My friends wear them and tell me how wonderful they are, me they just make wonder... I am glad that I wasn't foolish enough to try wearing them at the shop all day. I would be aching from the lack of support while walking the cement floors. I had some neighbors stop by on Wednesday and they enjoyed their omelets and were happy to be there as I removed the cinnamon rolls from the oven. It was another good day.

May your days be filled with good friends, family and kind acquaintances. Good neighbors are also a great blessing. My God bless you especially in these 'wonky' times.

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Editorial

Response to Dear Critics, CatholicVote Article

Letter to the Editor:

I had written another editorial in response to the June 30th Meridian Weekly statements of five area citizens (which included Gail Wadell), but the Dear Critics, Catholic Vote article exposed a deeper flaw with many Americans.

I attended and graduated from a Catholic school. We were taught yearly about the crusades throughout high school. Every year we would be told next year, we will begin with present day history. It never happened. Now today as this article shows the push in this organization is to bring those older crusades back! This is not what this country was founded upon.

If the promotion of that article are implemented, it will make the unrest of Northern Ireland during the late 1960's to 1998 look like kindergarten battering.

The aspect of having someone like Trump pushing the button is even more repulsive. Those who are supporting him better review the 2025 doctrine and consider the results that will take place on their family and friends.

The 2025 Project is a right wing operative produced by the Heritage Foundation. It is roughly 1,000 pages, so don't just read the headlines, the meat and potatoes will be what kills you.

Bill Kline

Middlebury Township



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Prairie Dog Poetry

The most recent cover of Sporting Classics(June 2024) was just sitting there on the magazine shelf at Barnes & Noble and the Weekly Sportsman's eyes kept going back to two items on the cover. The first was the teaser question about "A 22-CALIBER FOR DEER?" and the second was a beautiful picture of a Hawaii axis deer. Once in hand, another teaser became visible... PRAIRIE DOG POET. The Weekly Sportsman made a quick judgment of the magazine by cover and immediately invested a \$10 bill.

It isn't very often that literary work is composed about subjects like woodchucks and prairie dogs. Artwork is even harder to acquire but there are a few pieces out there. The two page poem titled IN THE HEART OF WYOMING was written by Adam C. Trawick after returning from a hunting trip to Casper Wyoming sponsored by Hornady to shoot some of their ammunition. The poem is not graphic and both the prairie dog and the hunter appear both as noble creatures interwoven together on the vast beautiful landscape. As a matter of fact if a non prairie dog hunter read this poem and then went to the prairies to watch the "ballet" as it is so beautifully described they would probably be horrified. Yes, prairie dog shooting or hunting can be quite graphic and maybe even horrific to some, but it takes a deep comprehension that this practice actually benefits the whole landscape by reducing the pressure on native grasses, preventing disease among the colonies or dog towns, provides much needed food for other species, and not to mention stimulating the local economy.

The Weekly Sportsman has been to Wyoming and hunted the prairie dog. It is an incredible way to learn a rifle and ammo's capability and a shooter's skill level, however, this new poem certainly does make one remember a little more clearly how beautiful the open expanses are and the majesty of the mountains. Regardless of your experience or skill level with shooting prairie dogs this poem is definitely worth reading.

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Laingsburg Pancake Breakfast & Classic Car Show

Laingsburg Working Together Sponsors

submitted by Cathy Provines

The Laingsburg Business & Community Association (LBCA) and Looking Glass Community Outreach (LGCO) have joined together to become Laingsburg Working Together in order to make the pancake breakfast and classic car show another great event. We would like to thank our loyal sponsors of this combined event for making this possible.



Pancake Breakfast in Laingsburg Goes Zero-Waste

submitted by Ellen Link


Laingsburg's annual Pancake Breakfast, held 8 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of July by the Laingsburg Business Community Association, is getting an eco-friendly remake this year! The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers will be working to make it a Zero-Waste event, with the aim of reducing, recycling and composting as much as 90 percent of the waste generated by the breakfast. We're flipping tradition on its head and serving up sustainability with every stack!

How will this be accomplished? GLR and the LBCA chose to use My Green

Michigan (<https://www.mygreenmi.com/>) products and services to make this eco-friendly event a reality. My Green Michigan provides convenient and effective solutions for recycling food wastes through composting. They believe that food scraps are a valuable resource that should be turned into compost and used to nourish our gardens, farms and landscapes. They are also a source for purchasing certified compostable products and have partnered with other suppliers who sell the finished compost and other soil products. Find out more on their website.

So, come and enjoy delicious pancakes (as well as a car show and entertainment) while contributing to a healthier planet! The GLR will have a table at the breakfast event and would be happy to address your questions on recycling, composting, or other environmental topics. And don't forget to bring your refillable mug or water bottle. Together, we can make a significant environmental impact and set a new standard for community events. For more information, visit the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers website or visit us on Facebook.





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Have Fun at the Pancake Breakfast



Pancake Breakfast on Main Street

Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) is hosting its 59th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday July 27th from 8 am to 11 am in downtown Laingsburg. Cost is free but donations are greatly appreciated!



Wolfpack Soccer Alumni Invited to Play in Feature Game

LAINGSBURG -- August 10 will be the date, says veteran Wolfpack coach Natalie Elkins, when LHS will host an Alumni Soccer Game at the Wolfpack Sports Complex.

The contest, open to all male and female alumni, will kick off at 10 a.m.

Come enjoy some great soccer action.



Looking Glass Community Outreach Classic Car Show

submitted by Cathy Provines

The Pancake Breakfast/Classic Car Show is coming soon. The Laingsburg Business & Community Association is hosting its 59th annual pancake breakfast Saturday, July 27th from 8 am to 11 am in downtown Laingsburg. Come have breakfast like a community family. Go stroll our community to see an awesome classic car show and visit our storefronts.

Saturday, July 27th will be the 22nd year that Looking Glass Community Outreach has hosted a Classic Car Show in Laingsburg. The Show is located right next to the Pancake Breakfast on Main Street in downtown Laingsburg.

Schedule:

- Registration begins at 8:00 am (same as the Pancake Breakfast) Trophies and plaque ceremony at 1:00 pm, next to DJ stand.
- Goodie Bags will be given to the first 75 cars that register – The first 50 bags will include a dash plaque.
- A donation of \$10 for each car entered will go to the Looking Glass Emergency Relief Fund.
- There will be a drawing for door prizes that have been donated by area auto parts stores.



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Vail-Shirey is Incumbent Seeking Return to Clinton County Commission

Val Vail-Shirey has announced her re-election bid for a seat as a Clinton County Commissioner.

Val is married, has four children and 12 grandchildren. She holds a B.A. degree from Spring Arbor College.

Retired from her work with the Michigan Legislature, she is a business owner as a consultant and is a farmer. In addition to her current County Commissioner post, Vail-Shirey is a former Township Trustee and Supervisor. She was a legislative consultant for over 30 years, working with state and federal legislation.

"Electing individuals that are dedicated to serving the people of the district and the county is a big issue facing voters," she says. "I have demonstrated my desire and ability to listen to my constituents, determine the best way to handle issues and deliver results.

"A prime example is the development of the wind / solar / battery storage ordinances. The renewable energy (solar and wind turbines) questions are very hot issues and emotions run high. As the Commissioner representative to the planning commission, I developed the Citizens Advisory Committee (that includes) a member of each township (10) and 6 citizens to work together to formulate the best possible ordinance to protect our citizens and yet allow for private property rights.

"Clinton County now has the best renewable energy ordinances in the State of Michigan.

"Learn more about the candidates from the candidates, and vote wisely."



Hinojosa is Challenger for Shiawassee County Prosecutor

Robert Hinojosa has announced his candidacy for Shiawassee County Prosecutor.

Hinojosa, 51, is married and has four children. A private practicing attorney, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State University, and his Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School.

He has 10 years of experience as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Shiawassee County and Lapeer County, and has served as the Chief Assistant Prosecutor in Iron County.

"During my time as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, I received a commendation for excellence from the Michigan State Police. Most recently, I have spent the last four years in private practice. I have enjoyed the opportunity to start up and run a small business while gaining firsthand business experience," he explains.

When asked the biggest issues facing voters in this election, Hinojosa says, "The biggest issue facing our community is the lack of leadership provided by Incumbent Prosecutor Koerner. This lack of leadership directly impacts the safety of our community. The lack of leadership manifests itself in three intolerable ways. The first being there is constant and excessive turnover in his office.

He continues, "This constant turnover has led to a backlog of unprocessed criminal warrants. This backlog frustrates the efforts of our dedicated law enforcement professionals who protect our community. The second effect caused by the lack of leadership is there is a lack of communication for victims of crimes. The current Prosecutor is so out of touch with victims of crime that phone calls and email requests for information about their cases go unanswered. This is unacceptable and the community deserves better. The final effect resulting from the lack of leadership is that the Shiawassee County Prosecutor's Office, under Koerner's direction, no longer protects the children of the community, as Koerner chose not to represent the Department of Health and Human services in Abuse and Neglect proceedings. Instead, he gave up the contract to be privatized. This leaves the most vulnerable children of our community at risk.

"The other important issue to address is the method in which criminal cases are handled. To avoid going to trial, Koerner has personally offered "sweetheart" deals to repeat sexual predators. These deals are out of touch with the values of our community and our society."

Hinojosa makes the following statements:

"I promise to restore justice to Shiawassee County by 1) holding criminals accountable for their actions 2) restoring the protections our children deserve 3) restoring the rights that victims of crime deserve and 4) restoring your voice as a citizen."



Hanses Seeking Re-Election to Clinton County Drain Commission

Phil Hanses has announced his re-election bid for Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

Mr. Hanses, age 61, is married and has two children. He holds an associate degree in Business and has been with the Drain Commissioner's office for 39 years, the last 19 as Drain Commissioner/

"Just like everyone, one of the challenges I face with my work as Drain Commissioner is rising costs," he explains. "Costs for contractors, labor, and materials have risen significantly over the past several years. We always look to find the most cost-effective ways to get county drain maintenance done. The Michigan Drain Code limits the amount that my office can spend annually for maintenance. With the increased costs, it is simply more difficult to get needed work completed.

"If they come to fruition, large-scale wind and solar projects will present a challenge to my office to protect the county drains. We are fully prepared to meet those challenges and protect the drainage rights of county residents. With respect to drainage, landowners could have their own challenges with such projects. Much of the farmland in the county has their own private drainage infrastructure installed to increase productivity of the land. These projects, especially solar projects, have a high potential to disrupt these systems that can have lots of unintended consequences to landowners.

Hanses continues, "There is a clear difference between candidates in the Republican Primary election for Drain Commissioner. I have nearly four decades of working on and managing the nearly 1100 mile county drain system. My opponent has little experience that would be relevant to this position. I've been Drain Commissioner since 2005 and started working in the drain office in 1985. I have an in-depth knowledge of the drainage network and the processes to maintain and improve this network.

"In my years here I've learned that no other job can prepare a person for all the responsibilities of this position, which is why I believe experience in this office is so important."



Fickes Announces Candidacy for District 1 Clinton County Commissioner

Nicole Fickes, age 46, has announced her candidacy for Clinton County Commissioner, District 1.

Mrs. Fickes is married and has three children. She holds a Bachelors and Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University.

Employed as an engineer trained to solve problems with cost-saving solution, she is a former Victor Township Trustee. Her experience includes the Clinton County Broadband Taskforce and the Victor Township Planning Commission.

As a Medical Device Design Engineer and Product Manager for Stryker, Fickes has developed, validated and launched minimally invasive spine products requiring FDA clearance. "I have worked with top doctors and hospitals nationwide to manage multimillion dollar product line innovation, marketing, sales support, production quality and distribution," she explains.

"The biggest issues facing Clinton County voters are:

-- The complacent "business-as-usual" leadership with a focus on big enterprise while smaller communities continue to struggle.

-- Supporting rural farms and small businesses to protect their independence and prosperity for growing our rural economy.

-- Preserving property owner rights, farmland, and citizen safety as new land uses, such as wind and solar, continue to evolve.

-- Strengthening emergency services, especially in rural areas, to alleviate cost increases, workforce shortages and rising call volumes to best serve our residents."

She continues, "Clinton County has the land, people and communities to lead this region in rural prosperity. It is time we work together to define our future instead of defend it. Our voices and collaboration can transform our vision into reality."



Scott Koerner Looks to Retain Shiawassee Prosecutor Post

Scott Koerner, age 53, is seeking re-election to his Shiawassee County Prosecutor post.

Mr. Koerner is married to wife Kelly. Their family includes daughter Kaitlyn and son on Zachary.

He holds a B.S. in Business Administration Grand Valley State University, and a Juris Doctorate from John Marshall Law School in 1998.

The elected Prosecutor for the county been in the practice of law for over 25 years, and began at the Shiawassee County Prosecutors office in May of 2018 as an assistant prosecutor. In April of 2020, Koerner was appointed by the Honorable Matthew Stewart as Prosecutor following the retirement of Deana Finnigan, then successfully ran for election in November of



2020 as a Republican against my current opponent who ran as a Democrat, "... who is now running as a Republican," Koerner explains.

"In Shiawassee County, the biggest issues in our county are clearly the rise of domestic violence, sexual crimes and the increasing drug epidemic. Whenever a senior or a child in our community is harmed, our whole community suffers.

"One thing that people do not realize is that victims do not want to always testify. To combat this, we are going to spend more time building a culture where advocates for victims will be placed our most vulnerable at for forefront of protection."

Koerner continues, "Sexual crimes have been non-stop. Whenever there is a CSC 1 where there is enough evidence for a mandatory minimum of 25 years in the Michigan Department of Corrections, we are not offering any plea bargains.

"The one thing that needs to be addressed in greater detail is the methamphetamine epidemic. Many people feel that meth is a victimless crime but nothing can be further from the truth. What society has learned is that the drug crisis has created a domino effect that has led to crimes against our children, our elderly and our community. The legislation offers something called 7411 to keep a drug conviction off one's record but what we have seen is that the legislation is not in touch with the community. If with stop the drug crisis, we protect all the other aspects. Meth has come into our community from other counties.

"If you come to Shiawassee to deal drugs, you will end up in prison."

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David Sell Announces Candidacy for Victor Township Trustee in 2024

David Sell, age 47 and a current Victor Twp. Planning Commissioner, has announced his candidacy for Victor Twp. Trustee.

David is married and is a small business owner, and has attended college.

"The biggest issues facing the voters are equitable and complete access to high-speed fiber-optic based broadband, and my goal is for 100 percent connectivity for all homes in Victor Township.

"We need preservation of rural charm and green spaces. We also need refurbishment and improvements to the Township Hall, grounds and facilities."

Sell continues, "I am fiscally conservative and will be an advocate for best use of township funds, with a fiduciary eye on spending such that we maximize benefits to our community."



Victor Twp. Trustee Race Includes Maggie Sayles

Maggie Sayles has announced her candidacy for a trustee position in Victor Township.

Mrs. Sayles, 61, has been married to Bob Sayles for 30 years. Their family includes daughter Dr. Kelly Carbary, son Robby Sayles, a CTE instructor for heavy duty diesel mechanics, daughter-in-law Cora Sayles, a preschool instructor, and granddaughter Lainey.

Maggie is a graduate of Bay City Westen High School, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Political Science/Public Administration from Michigan State University. She is retired from State of Michigan, where she was a manager in reemployment and unemployment programs. "I has a passion for workforce development and education and training," she says.

Previously elected as a trustee in Victor Township, Sayles was forced to resign due to Hatch Act and being paid with federal funds. She is currently serving on the Laingsburg School Board (20 years) and the Shiawassee RESD board (5 years), and was appointed to the Clinton County Planning Commission two years ago.

"National issues are dominating all elections this fall," she says. "I will focus on local concerns which is what township level is all about, not partisan politics. The township has been running well and I wish to continue the progress. Currently the board is looking at how to best provide emergency services if a plan is not in place by November, I will be part of the solution looking at a hybrid system that is efficient and affordable.

"Currently Victor Township is one of ten in Clinton County that follows all planning and zoning administered by the county. It may be time to look at having our own ordinances that suit our area better and are governed by local priorities. I want to get the younger generation interested and involved in what happens in the area, not just complaints, but solutions."

Maggie continues, "I will not be putting out yard signs only because it is an expense I do not want to incur. This year will bring a new supervisor and two new trustees to the board. The other two running for trustee are also good choices and I do not doubt any one of us will get the job done. I have always felt called to serve and will do my very best for all the residents of this wonderful township."



Pesch Announces Candidacy for Victor Township Trustee Seat

Nathan Pesch has announced his candidacy for a trustee seat in Clinton County's Victor Township.

Pesch, 39, is married and has three children all under the age of 10. He is a financial planner and small business owner after earning a bachelor's degree. "While I have little political experience, I own and operate two small business, and served in the Marines.

The upcoming election has several big issues, he believes, but he wants his aim to remain local. "I want to focus on our township. Some areas we can work on are infrastructure, improving Victor Township grounds, and ensuring we are good stewards of this area for the next generation," Pesch says. "Some places to focus on are high-speed internet for all residents, softball fields on Victor Township grounds, and educating residents on government-funded programs to return areas to native grasses/wildflowers to help boost wildlife/fight invasive plants. I would also like to hear what the Victor Twp residents perceive as issues and let them decide what we should do with our township."

Nathan continues, "I grew up in Victor Township and came back here to raise my family. I think a strong community plays a massive role in developing our next generation. I would like to give back and help continue what was started long before me."



Victor Township
Clinton County, Michigan
6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848
Proposed Board Minutes from July 9, 2024

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Attendance: Roll call: Fickes, Willoughby, Conklin, Prange. Absent: Townsend.

16 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment:

• Fred Boling, Bath Township, read a letter opposing the recommended revisions from the County Planning Commission on commercial and private dog kennels. He stated he has a personal interest in this ordinance because his neighbor across the road, in Victor Township, has a dog kennel and he has been subject to dogs barking on many occasions.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Willoughby to approve the July 9, 2024 agenda. Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the June 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the July 9, 2024 Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to disburse the June 2024 bills (Paid July 9, 2024). Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 29128-29152 in the amount of \$22,258.09

Motion by Willoughby to disburse June, 2024 payroll and related payroll expenses. (Paid July 9, 2024) Motion seconded by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13083-13091 in the amount of \$12,126.31.

County Officials: Val Vail-Shirey, Clinton County Commissioner, gave a report on the County Planning Commission's Public Hearing to be held on July 11, 2024, to discuss proposed revisions to 12 County Ordinances. The Commissioners conducted a wage study on all County employee wages and made adjustments in wages when necessary.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Proposed Planning Commission's Minutes from June 25, 2024 placed on file. The Land and Water grant application needs more information. The Planning Commission asked for more information on PC-11-24 MA rezoning issue so they can advise the township board of their decision. The next Planning Commission Meeting will be August 6, 2024.

LSW (Fire): Fickes attended the meeting. The sale of the 1995 Ford Utility Fire Truck is pending.

Maintenance & Facilities:

Maintenance Report: Security cameras are being installed. Motion by Prange to approve an additional \$1,200 in costs to complete this project. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cemetery Report: The Cemetery mapping and verifying is ongoing.

Estimates are being obtained to purchase a sign for Stilson Cemetery

Unfinished Business:

Emergency Services (Ambulance): The board continued discussion regarding ambulance services in Victor Township. All 3 Ambulance providers were at the special meeting held at 5:30 p.m. Prange to review the Ambulance resolution of May 2, 1995 with MTA and give report at the August 13, 2024 regular business meeting. The Board discussed conducting a township survey regarding ambulance service.

New Business:

ZC-04-24 VR Application for a variance. Motion by Fickes to ask the Clinton County Planning Commissioners to postpone making a decision on this application until the Victor Township Board can review additional information regarding this request. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

PC-11-24 MA (OR 205-24) Application for Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning). Motion by Willoughby to ask the Clinton County Planning Commissioners to postpone making a decision on this application until the Victor Township Board can review additional information regarding this request. Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinances: Motion by Fickes to request the Clinton County Planning Commission revisit the issue of private dog kennels in the County Ordinance. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Conklin to not strike the private dog kennel item from the proposed revisions to the current County Dog Ordinance. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Clerk will send a letter to the Clinton County Building Official and Zoning Administrator regarding the above motions.

Public Comment:

• Andrew Wisswasser spoke up and stated that since Commissioner Vail-Shirey, in his opinion, has a conflict of interest in the dog kennel issue due to the fact that her son has the kennel referred to in the first public comment, she should recuse herself from voting on the revisions of the County Dog Ordinance amendments.

• Commissioner Vail-Shirey stated that she will ask the Planning Commission to allow her to recuse herself on voting on A. OR 206-24 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments (Public Hearing) #7 An amendment to Commercial Kennel sections 2.2. She also produced documents she had received from a Clinton County 911 FOIA from Bath Township Police, Clinton County Sheriff, and Michigan State Police Departments pursuant to the complaints made against the kennel in question and noise complaints made against Fred Boling. She asked that these documents be part of Victor Township records. No objections were made and the documents were accepted and placed on file with the minutes. Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Prange. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Victor Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting systems to be used in the August 6, 2024 State Primary Election on July 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Victor Township Hall located at 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848. This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

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**City of Ovid
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2024**

Open Public Meeting:
Mayor Lasher called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Roll Call:
L. Ordiway- Absent, L. Perrien, M. Olger, B. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn
Guests- There were 12 guests present

Agenda
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the agenda with striking Boyer Park under Planning Commission. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote

Minutes
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve June 10, 2024 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote

Invoice/check register
Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve invoice/check register from June 12, 2024 through July 9, 2024. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote

Open Public Comment: Opened: 7:03 pm Closed: 7:07 pm

Mayor's report

Treasurer's Report
Council Member L. Perrien made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by the treasurer. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote.

Attorney's Report

Police Report

DPW Report
Report Approval Motion
Council Member L. Perrien made a motion to approve the reports from the Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote

New Business
a. Pay App #7 Approval
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve payment and authorize Mayor Lasher to sign documents for Pay application #7 in the amount of \$609,647.00 for the watermain project. Council Member M. Perrien supported the motion.
Carried on Voice Vote.
b. Office Furniture
Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve purchase of office furniture for the front office area not to exceed \$5,000 and pay it from Capital Project Fund. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.
Tetherball
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve 2 tetherballs to be placed in Gumaer Park by Ed Arthur. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.
Council Member E. Brown moved to allow Ed Arthur install 3-disc golf baskets. Council Member M. Olger supported. Carried on Voice vote.
c. VFW Stone Headstone cleaning
Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve VFW member Mr. Hunter to clean the headstones at Maple Grove Cemetery and for the city to compensate him for the materials used to clean the headstones. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote.
d. Promoting Seasonal Part-time worker to Full time
Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve Ed Turk to full time DPW position contingent upon a positive (clean) background check and a signed contract for repayment of CDL license with a starting pay of \$1.00 less than the fulltime DPW position with CDL. Council Member M. Olger supported.
Carried on Voice Vote.

Old Business:

Golf Cart Ordinance
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt and place the amended Golf Cart Ordinance out for publication. Council Member M. Olger supported the motion.
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: Ordiway

Vegetation
Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adopt and place the amended Vegetation Ordinance out for publication. Council Member L. Perrien supported the motion.
Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: E. Starn, M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, M. Olger, L. Perrien
Upon roll call vote the following voted No: None
Absent: Ordiway

Street Openings and Obstructions
Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to adopt and place the amended Street Openings and Obstructions out for publication. Council Member E. Brown supported the motion.
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: Ordiway

Adjournment-
Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.
Carried on voice vote
Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

*Respectfully submitted by
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Elsie and Ovid-Elsie All School Reunion: A Memorable Gathering

submitted by Kella Carter

The Ovid-Elsie community came together for a heartwarming All School Reunion that brought alumni from various graduating classes from Elsie High School and Ovid-Elsie High School back to their roots. The event, held this past weekend, was a resounding success, filled with laughter, reminiscing, and a delicious spread catered by the local favorite, Country Spice.

The event was masterfully hosted by Kirk Baese and Kella Carter, who kept the crowd entertained with their engaging MC duties. Their energy and enthusiasm set the tone for an afternoon of joy and celebration.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the trivia game designed to jog the memories of the attendees. The game featured questions spanning several decades, testing the participants' knowledge of Ovid and Elsie history and significant events. It provided a fun and interactive way for everyone to reconnect with their past and each other.

This reunion was particularly special as it marked the first gathering of Elsie High School with Ovid-Elsie High School to continue the long-standing Elsie High School tradition. The event allowed old friends to reunite, new friends to meet, to share stories, and create new memories. The atmosphere was filled with nostalgia and a strong sense of community, reminding everyone of the unique bond shared by the Ovid-Elsie communities.

Attendees expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to reconnect and the effort put into organizing such a successful event. As the afternoon came to a close, many were already looking forward to the next reunion in two years, eager to continue the tradition of celebrating their shared history and enduring friendships.

There was an information sheet passed out about a service on how to get more attendance at your own graduating class reunions. They would not do the whole all school reunion but work by class. If you would like that information, please contact Kella Carter on FB Messenger.

For more updates on the next reunion in 2 years, stay tuned to our community FB pages. Or, if you have any idea on how to get the word out further to our friends and how to pay online please contact us. If you would be interested in having some fun getting together on the planning committee for next time, please contact Kella Carter or Carolyn Long on Facebook Messenger, so they can contact you when it is time to do it again.

Down East Boys Return to Owosso

submitted by Lynn Webster

The North Carolina based quartet, The Down East Boys, will return to Owosso for the fourth time when they are featured in SUMMERPrise! at the First Nazarene Church, 1865 S. M-52 at 7:30 p.m. Since their beginning in 1985, they have recorded more than 20 albums and had five #1 songs in The Singing News.

Because of the Nazarene VBS event planning, the July 28 concert will be held at the Owosso Church of God HUB, 2100 N. M-52, and feature Jenison's Skylight Quartet.

On Aug. 4, the Ohio group, Soul'd Out, will be featured back at the Nazarene church.

On Aug. 11, Stronghold Quartet, a very popular mid-Michigan group will close out the series.

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



Toppermost to Appear in St. Johns on July 24th During Their Michigan Tour

submitted by Bill Tennant

The "Beatles" are back! Toppermost, one of Michigan's most popular Beatle Tribute Bands, now based out of North Florida, will be performing many of the band's favorite hits from 1962-1970 for an unforgettable evening of just plain fun entertainment. This special tribute concert will take place on Wednesday evening, July 24th starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

In 2007, four Michigan musicians decided to put together an authentic tribute show, spreading their love of the Beatles to others. Their show was an instant hit. Toppermost has performed over 1000 shows to many thousands of Beatles fans. They combine acting and musicianship as they strive for authenticity, thoroughly engaging their audience. Fans of all ages love the Beatles, one of the most popular bands of all time.

"Toppermost, one of our most popular groups, first starting performing here in St. Johns back in 2012," said Bill Tennant, chair of the series committee. "Having them back again this year is special - as is their closing number 'Hey Jude!' This will be an evening you will thoroughly enjoy."

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 has started 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 Butler Financial Group for their donation to the building fund and their sponsorship of this incredible concert.

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 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.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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 21, 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): Donald J. Ells, an unmarried man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Date of Mortgage: May 10, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 14, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$80,247.83

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 7 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at a point 493 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 1, thence North 275 feet, thence West 105 feet, thence South 275 feet, thence East 105 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 3851 E Walker Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879-9056

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: July 21, 2024

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 28, 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 Nathan Hoard and Shawn Hoard, to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2014 and recorded October 27, 2014 in Instrument Number 5220735 Clinton County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 55/100 Dollars (\$119,178.55).

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 vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 28, 2024.

Said premises are located in the Township of Bath, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, T5N, R1W, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 26, thence South 86 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds East, 1321.75 feet to the Northeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 26, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 850 of the Clinton County Records; thence South 03 degrees 33 minutes 24 seconds West, 1320.38 feet along the East line of the West 1/2 of the

Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26 to the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 26, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 851 of the Clinton County Records; thence continuing South 03 degrees 33 minutes 24 seconds West, 20.65 feet along said East line to the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 26, recorded as Document No. 5086591 of the Clinton County Records; thence continuing South 03 degrees 33 minutes 24 seconds West, 330.00 feet along said East line to the Point of Beginning of this description, thence continuing South 03 degrees 33 minutes 24 seconds West, 148.50 feet along said East line, thence North 88 degrees 22 minutes 56 seconds West, 1326.19 feet parallel with the South line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26 to the West line of said Section 26; thence North 03 degrees 40 minutes 12 seconds East, 148.51 feet along said West line; thence South 88 degrees 22 minutes 56 seconds East, 1325.90 feet parallel with said South line to the Point of Beginning.

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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: July 21, 2024
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Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of CHAD MICHAEL RINGS
Date of Birth: April 15, 1986

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, CHAD MICHAEL RINGS, Died on May 25, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Donna J. Robertst, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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(07/21)

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.

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: \$334,673.26 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: 07/14/2024 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 318621

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